

Our big Lightning regatta is held in May and draws sailors from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Canada and all over Michigan. It really is wonderful sailing out of this site.

Our fleet is young in years since reactivation as well as the age of its active sailors! We also have two Michigan District Officers in the fleet.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 47 **Lake Erie District** **Sailing on Silver Lake** **Perry, New York**

Fleet CommodoreDavid Nasca
Vice CommodoreDave Copestick
Fleet SecretaryLora Grinder
Fleet TreasurerCraig Nobbs
Fleet ChampionDavid Nasca
Runner-UpMark Grinder

* Bill Neal	Sea Adler	6983
Jay Hackemer		7398
* C. Scott Degolyer, III	Just Say No	7949
* Ronald A. Nash		9620
Michael Humphrey	Maggie-Ray	9739
* David Nasca	Chase	9845
* Ira Johnson		10318
David Copestick		12688
John Adrian	Sail Naked	13628
* Paul Malone	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd	Whinger	13948
* Mark W. Grinder	Speedy Devil	14672
* John Humphrey	Illusion	14719

We had another great sailing season on Silver Lake, although most Sundays this summer we would have liked to have had more wind. We are consistently seeing a good turnout and competitive racing and hope to have a couple of new members next year. We also have many young crew and hope to get them involved in a youth sailing program next summer.

Results from our 1999 summer racing schedule:

Memorial Day Series:	1	Mark Dadd
	2	John Humphrey
	3	Scott DeGolyer
July 4th Series:	1	John Humphrey
	2	David Nasca
	3	Mark Grinder
Labor Day Series:	1	Mark Grinder
	2	Scott DeGolyer
	3	Mark Dadd

We hosted 18 Lightnings at our annual Harvest Regatta in September. We finally got our wind (did we ever!) on Saturday. Ten of the 18 capsized at some point that day - some more than

once. Being the good hosts that we are, Silver Lake boats accounted for most of the capsizes. It blew around 20 with stronger gusts and monster wind shifts - made for great spectating! The dinner Saturday night was great fun as always. Sunday things were a little tamer, and to no one's surprise, Tom Allen Jr. won the regatta again, this year with Larissa Cox and Dave Copestick as crew. Matt Simpson from Toronto finished 2nd with his hot-shot crew of Trevor Wallace and Dan Sprague. Skip Wilday from Cuba Lake (another perennial trophy winner here) finished 3rd with Greg Buckley and Jamie Phillips.

And finally, our congratulations to our commodore, Dave Nasca, and his bride, Gail Hoffman, on their wedding this summer. All the best to them!

Lora Grinder

WASHINGTON D.C. FLEET 50 **Dixie District** **Sailing on the Potomac River** **Washington, District of Colombia**

Fleet CaptainDave Pyle
Fleet SecretaryNabeel Alsalam
Fleet TreasurerNancy Fehrle/Frank Gallagher
Fleet ChampionStuart White
Fleet Runner-UpFrank Gallagher

* Robert Astrove		0
* Roger M. Theis		0
* Allan Rogers	Little Bit	3343
Tim Rinaman		7294
Rick Pelasara		9003
* Jeffrey Storck	Hawkeye	10215
* William Timothy Elam	Speculation	10643
Paul Maher		10681
* George Saroch	War Horse	10800
David Menotti		11288
* Justin Morris	Many Excuses	11369
* James Dillard		11369
* Harry Keith III		11767
* Patrick McGee	Swill Dog	12081
* David A. Pyle	Ms. Caroline	12126
* James Dillard		12741
* William Armstrong	Shamrock	13306
* Frank Gallagher		14019
* Edgar D. (Ted) Hunting	Hold The Mayo	
& Joe Warren		14037
* Nabeel Alsalam		14096
* Red Fehrle	Moon Shadow	
& Amy Devine		14100
* Joseph G. Anderson	Puff White	14207
* David A. Pyle	Greenwing	14266
* Mark Keane	Thumbs Up!	14363

* Carl Muska		14366
* Stuart White		14479
* Joseph G. Anderson	Puff	14521
* John R. Butler	Beedobeat	
& Roger Wright		14592
* James Dillard	No More Excuses	14627
* Dan Dressel	The Missing Piece	14880
Mike Arnold		(Life)
Frank Gentile		(Life)
Nancy Gilbert		(Life)

Fleet 50 experienced another great year of Lightning sailing on the Potomac River just south of the Reagan National Airport at the Washington Sailing Marina. This year's program was especially diverse. Activities ranged from informal fun racing on Wednesday evenings during the summer to more serious competition on Sundays during the spring and fall. Pleasure sailing, cruising - yes, on a Lightning - and more were also mixed in.

The well oiled racing team of Stuart White, Sondra White, and Kurt Raidy clinched the coveted 1999 Fleet 50 Championship on the last day of racing edging out Frank Gallagher and his irregular crew - Helen Morris and Steve Dutcher toward the end of the season - were Runner-Up. Nabeel Alsalam's team of Michael Gildea, Brian Hung, and Scott Bradford stole third from Jim Dillard/ Nelson Pemberton with Dave Thompson on the last day, also. John Butler who is always fast but could not sail as regularly as the others was 5th.

Before summarizing our diverse activities this season, several people deserve special mention. Nelson Pemberton, who normally is crew for Jim Dillard, took over the helm when Jim jumped ship, and did extremely well. Not only did he sail well, he came out for almost every fleet 50 race. This year also saw three almost new skippers really jump into our racing activities with gusto. They were Pat McGee, Paul Maher, and Jeff Storck. Joe Warren did a great deal to bring in new crew by working the alumni list from the J-World Sailing School. Some of the new members this year who crewed regularly for our skippers were Kay Vakerics, Michael Gildea, Brian Hung, and Scott Bradford. John Hart and Susan Kaufman could always be counted on to help run race committee.

FLEET 50 ANNUAL MEETING: The season began in February with a winter social and short business meeting hosted by Saundra and Stuart White at their home in Arlington, Virginia. Over thirty skippers, crew and family members enjoyed a delicious meal coordinated by Linda Pyle and Sondra White.

"DOC" GILBERT POTOMAC CUP REGATTA (May 1-2, 1999) attracted stiff competition from our East Coast fleets. Twenty-two boats participated in heavy, boat busting winds on both days. Phil Grotheer from Severn Sailing won the event with Dick Hallagan of Newport, NY, second. The Riverton fleet brought five boats and provided tough competition. Others who travelled a long way to come were Jack Jones who came from Henderson Harbor, NY and Chandler Owen from Nashville, TN. Chandler was sailing 11737, Doc Gilbert's boat. Frank Gallagher managed the best Fleet 50 performance with a 10th place finish. Nabeel

Alsalam started the first year of a planned 3-year stint as Regatta Chairman.



Nabeel Alsalam, Michael Gildea and Brian Hung get ready to douse the spinnaker at the Potomac Cup.

SPRING SERIES: The Potomac River Sailing Association, our home club, conducted fifteen races over a six-week period. Participation was sporadic with the exception of Dillard, Alsalam, and Gallagher. Team Dillard, Pemberton and Thompson won the series with team Alsalam, Gildea, and Hung second.

PRSA SUMMER: On Wednesday evenings in July and August we had informal short races in the lagoon-as many as 6 or 7 each evening. The races put a premium on good starts and staying clear of the 20+ Albacores, Interlakes and Hamptons who joined us. The weather was beautiful and the winds light. Paul Maher, Nabeel Alsalam, Jeff Storck, and Dave Pyle were frequent participants.

ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP (ACC): Eleven Fleet 50 skippers competed among the 59 Lightnings that came to Annapolis, Maryland. Jim Dressel had two 2nds and ended up 6th. John Butler started off slowly but had a 5th on the second day.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Frank Gallagher, Nabeel Alsalam, and Dave Pyle coached Special Olympics sailors in fun races on six Tuesdays in July and August. These sailors are truly special. One blind sailor learned to steer the boat by the feel of the wind on his cheek-a skill that would make us all better sailors.

DILLARD INVITATIONAL CRUISE: Jim Dillard continued his long-standing tradition of overnight cruising and exploring rivers around the Virginia and Maryland area. During the last three days of August three Lightnings cruised from Lewisetta, VA near the mouth of the Potomac River 40 miles up-river to the Route 301 Bridge. The boats pulled out a few days before hurricane Cindy passed through.

LEUKEMIA/PRESIDENT'S CUP: Team John Butler, Skip Hirsch, and Tom Mack turned in the best Fleet performance and

ended up third, losing the tie-breaker for 2nd place overall. Team Stuart White, Sondra White, and Kurt Raidy were 3rd in the Leukemia Cup after the first day of racing. Phil Grotheer from Severn Fleet won both Regattas. Fleet 50 was proud to participate in this large fleet sailing event, which raised in excess of \$30,000 for the Leukemia Society.

RACING SEMINARS: This year several racing seminars were held under the leadership of our Fleet Secretary, Nabeel Alsalam. The first one was a dry land demonstration of spinnaker technique, the second a video tape discussion of starting techniques followed by an on-the-water practice session. The third was a lee-ward mark rounding discussion followed by on-the-water practice. Handouts were provided and new skippers Paul Maher, Jeff Storck and Pat McGee participated regularly. Improvements in boat speed were evident in the fall series.



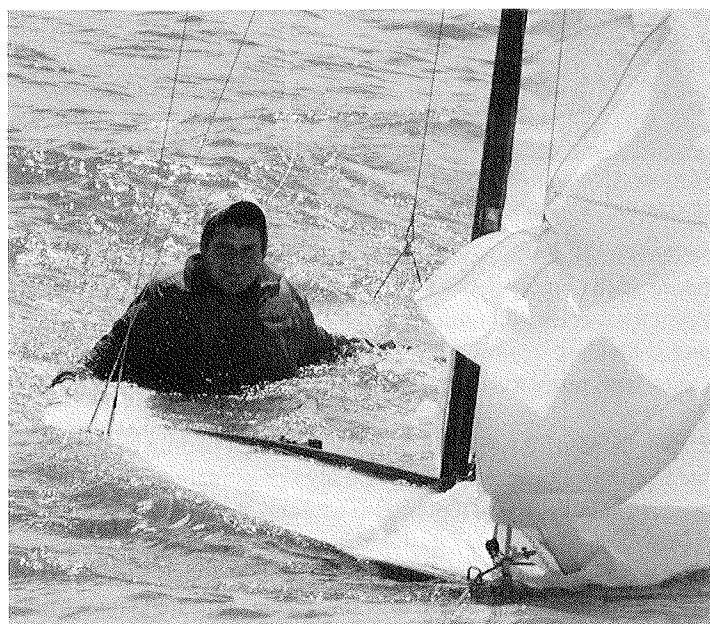
Jim Dillard, Justin Morris, and Nelson Pemberton at the Potomac Cup.

Taking turns at the helm they sailed almost every Fleet 50 race over the 1999 season.

especially for this regatta. Also, traveling were the Stuart White, Sondra White, and Kurt Raidy team. Pat McGee brought his boat and a couple of rookie sailors. After a season of light air regattas, this heavy air regatta was a test of endurance.

BLUE NOSE REGATTA: Dave Pyle with crew, John Hart and Robert Franke from Green Bay, Wisconsin traveled to Lake Hancock in Nashville, Tennessee the first weekend in November. New challenges on how to race in very light and patchy breezes very close into shore were experienced. Dave's 11th place finish on Sunday boosted him to 24th out of 40 boats.

SAILORS FOR DILLARD: One of our members took some time off from racing to get reelected as one of Northern Virginia's State Delegates. Eight of our Fleet members manned the phones one evening in October to spread the word on how much Jim had done to improve the environment and schools. He won another two-year term.
Nabeel Alsalam



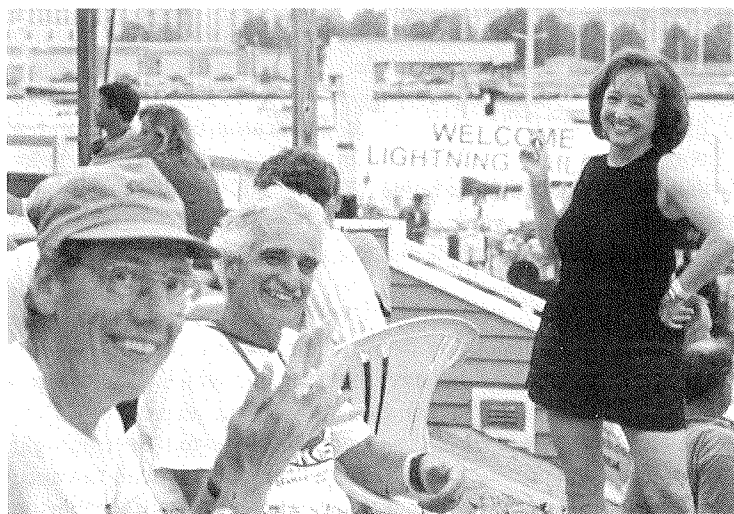
New skipper, Pat McGee, went for a cold swim in early May at the Potomac Cup and he kept coming back for more!

PRSA FALL SERIES:

Nineteen races were held on six Sundays from September to October. Great warm and sunny weather with relatively light winds surprised us all. Participation gradually increased during series ending with 8 boats in the final race. Stuart White had great boat speed throughout the series and won most of the races. Nelson Pemberton didn't miss a race and finished second. The competition was fierce with Frank Gallagher and Nabeel Alsalam tied for third place on points.

SOLOMAN'S INVITATIONAL: Team Dave Pyle, Kay Vackerics and Susan Kaufman, team Stuart White, Sondra White, and Kurt Raidy, and team Nabeel Alsalam, Michael Gildea, and Scott Bradford took time out for a weekend of racing in the wide open waters at the mouth of the Pautuxent River on the third weekend in September. At the end of Saturday's racing Stuart White was tied for first place. Stuart received a trophy for fourth place for the series.

BORDERLINE REGATTA: Three skippers without crew- Gallagher, Alsalam, and Maher-got together to form a syndicate



Joe Warren, Nabeel Alsalam, and Kay Vakerics relaxing on the deck at the Severn Sailing Association and waiting for the party after action at the ACCs.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB FLEET 51

Michigan District
Sailing on Lake St. Clair
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain Paul Nagel
Fleet Champion Peter Wenzler
Runner-Up Tom Vickers

* Paul Nagel	Estralita	
* & Mark Paul Nagel		835
Dick Drew	Nokamis	
John Stofflet		12022
* Robert E. Lee	Bolt Walker	12178
* Robert G. Brower		13388
Richard Kretchmar	Cold Pizza	13488
* Paul Nagel	Lithium	
* & Elena Nagel		13571
Lawrence Ramaekers	Important Business	13998
* David Piech		14042
* Rick Romer	Traf	
* & Joe Romer		14436
* Rick Rothenbuler		14519
* Mike Delano		14543
* Robert Brower	Hole In One	14652
* Tom Vickers	Ticket	14774
* Peter Wenzler	Cool James	14778
* Mike Williams	Assisted Suicide	14856
* H.J. Cawthra	XI	(Life)
Jim Hackett		

1999 was an interestingly transitional year for Fleet 51. Larry bought Jeff's boat from Bill. Paul married Elena (the weekend of Districts - now she's the skipper). Joe got engaged to Bonnie (is Rick or Renee the skipper now?). Peter sailed his new boat, and Bob ordered his. And through all this, Vice Commodore Tom sailed all of the races. And won a lot of 'em.

There were Lightning starts at the local keel boat regattas, there were drifts, close finishes, and this year no one turtled (that is, no Lightnings turtled). And, now there is a red boat to go along with the yellow one.

The October Lobster Roast set new (higher) attendance records. Our club regattas saw a very good mix of finishes. No one boat truly dominated the others. And although some crews usually finished at the top, there were few blow outs. Fleet 51 is getting tough on the race course.

1999 Over-all Champ-
Peter "it's not green anymore" Wenzler 14778
1999 Runner Up-
Vice Commodore Tom "T.V." Vickers 14774

We're ready for 2000. See ya on the water.

Please come and join us for our "F-course" starts and the late-season Icebreaker regatta. And try us out for a Sunday or Wednesday race.
Paul Nagel

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB FLEET 53

Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Fenton
Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain Kevin Nickels
Fleet Champion Sunday George Nickels
Fleet Champion Wednesday Kevin Nickels

* John Kopko Jr.	0
* John R. LeFevre	11520
Herman Nickels	13751
Bob Ruffli	13808
* Roger S. Anderson	14024
* Carl Pohly	14242
* George H. Nickels	14448
* David Nickels	14741
* George H. Nickels	14743
* Kevin Nickels	14756
* Colin Park	Comedy Central 14870
* Kevin Nickels	14899
* George H. Nickels	14953

Lake Fenton is a unique little lake due to its shape. Although the lake is three miles long there is a large island that separates the wide, top one third of the lake from the rest of the area. This does hinder our ability to run really large regattas. What LFSC has done to answer this is to develop a Team Race event. Our record is 40 boats-ten four boat teams. Although we have not seen numbers like that since the seventies we are still at it and putting on a great event. We have changed the format. It used to be that the various fleets in the region would put there best teams forward through intraclub qualifying. We now have people wanting to join in that do not have enough fleet members for a team. We ask everyone to come on over and we seed the teams upon arrival based on last years performance at Districts and regattas. People seem to enjoy the new format- you are no longer sure ahead who is going to win! A challenge was put out to all participants to try and bring one boat with them in 2000.

We have a new addition to the club this winter. We now have a lifting hoist. No more wear on the Bearing Buddies! Our fleet is picking up a few here and there and we try to keep them going. We've started getting some of the newer ones to travel to some regattas and they now know how much fun that can be! Right Bob?

We are happy to have David Nickels back in the boat for last season and look forward to the new boats that are joining next summer. Every time we get Hermie Nickels out is a treat for all. He still is the fastest boat in the lightest air!

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB FLEET 54

**Michigan District
Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan**

Fleet Captain Michael Roualet
Fleet Secretary Joyce Von Drehle
Fleet Champion Mark Whatley
Runner-Up Jim Allen

* John H. Ostrander		0
* Joel Thurtell	Plug Nickel	?
* Paul T. Von Oeyen		842
* Hank Callahan	Flip	7959
Bruce T. Lessien		8479
* Michael Browne-Procaskey		9168
* Edward A. Diakow		9393
Gregory J. Harris		9584
Nazir Kasi		10803
Eugene U. Bego		11065
* Andrew Monique		11107
* Robert C. Kramer		11107
* Mark Allen		11138
* David Novak	Girls Rule	11537
Ronald R. Newman		11844
* Joel Thurtell	Mean Time	12548
* Ronald G. Palmer	Apres Ski	12708
Melvin G. Bleitz		12756
* Eric S. Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
* Max M. Clixby	Wee Heather	12959
* James Furlong	Pier Pressure	12977
* Robert Meyer		13107
* Ralph G. Hashoian		13121
* William Roberts	Eib 1	13283
Michael Mitchell		13378
Fred P. Thompson		13451
* Stephen R. Braski		13468
* Robert W. Shaw		13545
* John Crowther		13606
* James R. Bowers	!	13789
* Simon Brewerton		
& James Prokup		13859
* Dennis McCarthy		13937
Gary E. Stephens		13937
* Norman Burns		13985
* Paul T. Von Oeyen	Phantasy	13995
Dennis Hafley		14031
* Diana Fernando	Chaos	14049
* Trish Szydzik		14054
* Edward G. Woods	No Clue	14097
* Gregory Tarrant	Cutting Edge	14105

* Gerald Engelman	Blitzen	14117
* James M. Mick		14126
* Bruce J. Finsilver	Quick Silver	14144
Gerard P. Gray		14177
* Jim Zwolensky		14215
* Mark Whatley	Jean	14220
* Andre R. Dubel	Ditto Head	14280
* Bruce Henderson	Summer Wind	14282
* Robert Meyer	Red Lightning	14282
* Dennis McCarthy	Lane Lady	14333
* Kevin Lewand	In The Groove	14390
* Stuart M. Feldman		14408
* Michael Roualet		14439
* Joseph L. LaPalme	Lightning Bug	14457
* Thomas Klaban	Allegro	14464
Stephen Handelman		14477
Michael Hecker		14511
* William B. Noll		14515
* Bob Padilla Thunder		14563
* Ryan Flack I Am . . .		14567
* Henry C. Borchardt	Gangrene	14590
* Wallace P. Smith	Gator	14601
* Salo J. Korn	Rosinante	14604
* William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	14641
* Dr. James McCoy	Dr. "J"	14690
* John Greenstreet		14724
* Paul A. Sobotka		14746
* Louie Nickels	Sybil	14755
* Richard F. Beaubien	Renaissance!	14767
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha	14778
* James R. Bowers	Excelsior!	14789
* Jon Bennett	Fly Honey	14800
* Jim Allen		14807
* Charles C. Hess		14842



* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14851
* Richard Bukowsky	Sizzlin'	
& Traci Bukowsky		14854
* John Garrison		14870
Clarence L. Johnson, Jr.		14909
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha	14919
Brenda S. Donaldson		14920
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14941
* Robert H. Mathers		14970

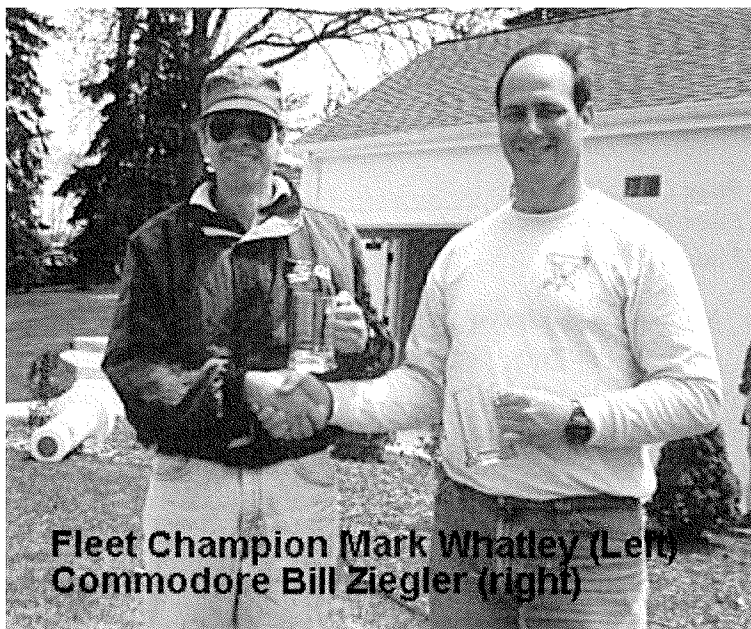
The 1999 Sailing Season was another fantastic season at Pontiac Yacht Club. Even the dog days of summer had satisfactory winds the entire summer and almost all race days were completed with ease.

The racing program at Pontiac includes a weekly Wednesday and Sunday Series for the spring, summer, and fall. This year we enjoyed record numbers of sailors on the line, frequently with over 30 boats at the Wednesday series. Thirty one boats qualified to be scored for the Summer Series. Twenty one boats qualified for scoring on the overall Wednesday series. The fall series had a record 41 boats qualify for scoring in the Wednesday series.

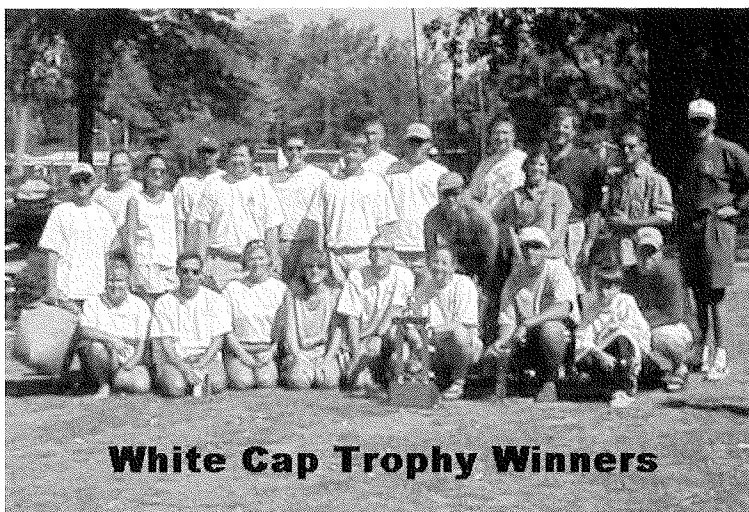
The competition is tough, and a big congratulations to the series winners. The overall Wednesday series winner is Charlie Hess. The overall Sunday series winner is Mark Whatley. Congratulations also go to the mini series winners Charlie Hess (Spring Wednesday), Mark Whatley (Spring Sunday), Joel Humphrey (Summer Wednesday), Bob Shaw (Summer Sunday), Bill Ziegler (Fall Wednesday) and Bob Mathers (Fall Sunday).

Every year the Commodore holds the Commodore's Challenge club regatta where the crew and skippers change positions. This year's winner is Rachel Ziegler. Second place position was taken by Elizabeth Sabotka.

The Fleet Championship was held September 26. Second runner up is John Garrison (14870), runner up Jim Allen (14807) and the 1999 Fleet Champion Mark Whatley (14220).



**Fleet Champion Mark Whatley (Left)
Commodore Bill Ziegler (right)**



White Cap Trophy Winners

The annual invitational Whitecap Regatta is always held the weekend following Labor Day. This year the winds and weather cooperated to produce 2 great days of racing for the 39 boats. The racing was tight, but in the end 1998 winner Sean Fidler defended his title.

This year Pontiac Yacht Club is in its third year of rebuilding the instructional sailing program. In the summer months, an adult sailing class is held over two 4 week periods on Tuesday nights, offering a beginner and intermediate sailing class. Lightning sailors donate their time and boats, crewing in their boats for the student skippers. The beginner class teaches basic sailing techniques and concepts. The intermediate class begins teaching advanced sail handling and some racing concepts. This has proven an excellent opportunity for local people to learn about sailing, and some even join the club and purchase boats. For the younger skipper, the club has purchased 8 Optimist prams for teaching junior sailors. Two US Sailing certified instructors were hired to run a summer long series of weekly classes. This year's program was a great success, and plans are underway for the year 2000 instructional sailing program.

The club enjoys having a large dock to support the sailing program at PYC. The dock serves to berth the race committee boats and 46 Lightnings on boatlifts (the other 25 Lightnings in our fleet are stored in a drysail land area). The last rebuild of the dock was in 1971, making the wood decking nearly 30 years old. This fall we started a three year program to rebuild the dock decking with a plastic decking, eliminating the need for painting and board repair. Nearly 200 feet of the main dock decking has been built for next spring's dock in day. We are very excited about no longer needing to paint the dock. Further reports will follow on the durability of the new decking.

The Sunday racing series at PYC usually fields fewer boats as some sailors prefer to attend the many invitational regatta's held throughout the season at the Michigan District Fleets. Some of us even made it to the Pymatuming Spring regatta in Pennsylvania (another "PYC", this regatta is now on my must go list). Ten boats attended the Michigan Districts (Jim Allen, Diana Fernando, Mark Whatley, Bob Shaw, Jerry Engelman, Ryan Flack, Richard Bukowsky, Jon Bennett, Charlie Hess, and Tom Klaban). Five went on to the North Americans (Jim Allen, Diana Fernando, Charlie Hess, Bob Shaw, and Richard Bukowsky). We were very proud of the hardware we brought home this year, and are already making plans for Annapolis. See ya' there.
Mike Roualet, Fleet Captain

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FLEET 59

Lake Erie District
Sailing on the Niagara River
Grand Island, New York

* Calvin H. Schmiede	Sea Porsche	13944
* Calvin H. Schmiede		14580

No report.

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET 62

Southern District
Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

* Larry Frost, Jr.	FF	12335
* John P. Buziak	Seasaw	13621
* John R. Marion	Slick Willy	14344

No report.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 69

Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Walt Kramel
Vice Captain Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.
Secretary Dana Blumberg

Robert G. Quinsey		3621
* William Zabriskie	The Fox	9057
Clyde Taylor		10310
George Miller		11415
* Dean S. Cady	Rampage	11442
* Christopher Schorse		11888
* Christopher Schorse		13225
Ronald J. Darling		13225
* Sue Herzfeld	Second Wind	13430
* Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.	Little Grey Cells	
& Clare L. Fiorenza		13794
* Thomas M. Slate	Quarenciar	14162
* Walt Kramel		14388
* John H. Esser	Sans Souci IV	14400
* Robert A. Franke	Reality Check	
* & Amy Simonsen		14555
* William G. Faude		14740

The 1999 sailing season started early with several boats traveling to District regattas. Others took the opportunity afforded by the gorgeous spring weather to get out on Lake Michigan early in May and do some tuning and get some helm time in before the official racing season began.

Fleet 69 again sailed our season series on Wednesday evenings inside the breakwater in Milwaukee Harbor. Milwaukee Yacht Club race committee did an outstanding job of setting up competitive windward-leeward courses and were ready to go when we got out there each week. The weather cooperated beautifully this season, and we rarely missed a week of racing due to conditions. Fleet participation, on the other hand, was a different story.

Early in the season we saw good fleets of boats out on Wednesday evenings, but by August we were lucky to have enough boats to race. We had the usual rash of reasons, which we will work on steadfastly this winter to resolve. Participation showed in the results listed below.

We ran the 52nd (or was it the 53rd?) annual P&T Regatta this year in conjunction with the Milwaukee Grand Prix Regatta. What a blast! Here were fifteen Lightnings going out to their race circle, sailing through the fair weather gap, vying for space with 65 other boats from 30 to 70 feet. The racing was intense, the wind cooperated, the lead changed after each race, and we got all the races in. What could be better. Oh yeah - the party. By being part of the Grand Prix regatta, we also enjoyed the benefits that only a party of 300 or more can muster (Beer, rum-punch, great bands, and an awesome cookout). The out-of-town boats that sailed this year had a great time and promised to bring more of their compatriots next year. We'll see.

Winter now brings fleet building time again, we are actively looking for boats for three skippers, and one or more fleet members are buying new boats for next season.

Results:

1st	Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.
2nd	Mac Slater
3rd	John Esser

RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY FLEET 70

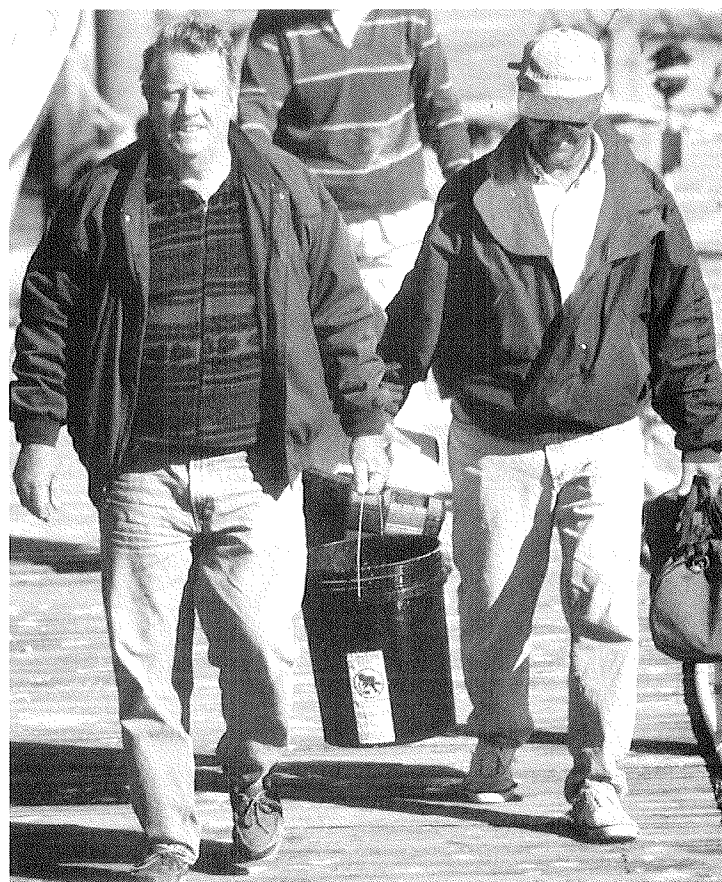
Metropolitan District
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Ted Duffy
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Mary Huntsman
Fleet Champion Sandy Huntsman

Michael & Kathryn Plosica		9539
Cary & Pat Zackman		9984
Rick VanHemmen		10249
* Wolfgang H. Haugk		10249
* Ed Landis		
& Judy Landis		10458
* William Jaeger	Blesk	10626
* Monmouth Boat Club	Club Boat	10787



Bill Paladeau	11007
* Carl D. Broadbent, Jr.	12060
Bob Hutchinson	12499
* Dale Barney	
& Valarie Barney	12783
Ardwin Libman	12868
* Carl D. Broadbent, Jr.	13333
* Patrick E. Corr	Silver Spoon
& Patrick F. Corr	13386
* Dale Barney	13743
* Edward Landis	Fleeting Glance 14043



When on RC, Sandy was heard to say, "I was too watching the line!" we didn't know he meant FISHING LINE!



Jack, Bill and John practicing for Ecuador.

* Ted Duffy	14175
Dave & Koorleen Minton	14276
* Jack Huntsman	14342
* Jon Schwartz	14450
* Henry O'Hern, III	Joker 14482
* David Watts	14492
* Bill Clausen	14495
* Alfred C. Morton	Blue Haven 14539
Frank & Brenda Mergenthaler	14634
* Wolfgang H. Haugk	14727
* Henry O'Hern	Magnum Force
* & Paul (Sandy) Huntsman, Jr.	
* & Mary W. Huntsman	14852
* Ralph F. Wilson	14882
* Jack Huntsman	14922

The season started out with a bang at the Long John regatta. Thirty-four boats came from as far away as Montreal Canada. The wind was great and the water was cold (I can vouch for that). It came down to the last race with Brian Taboada taking first, Dave Watts second and Dick Hallagan third. As usual there was a great dinner and party after the racing on Saturday.

It was a quiet year for the traveling boats, although Jack Huntsman made it to the North Americans and the Worlds in

Ecuador. Jack sailed with his son John all year with great results. They teamed up with Stacey Worely to finish 13th in the North Americans and with Bill Fastiggi of Shore sails to finish 5th in the Worlds.

The Districts were sailed at Nyack Yacht Club this summer and as was typical for many weekends this summer on the east coast, there was no wind. One very light air race was run over the two day event and local sailor Judy Hanlon emerged victorious. The Atlantic Coast Championship was the next major regatta of the summer, and it was held in Annapolis at Severn Sailing Association. Unfortunately I missed it. I'm told it was a great time with good sailing and an even better party. Jack Huntsman made it down there with his son John and Greg White to finish fourth.

Back at the club it was a long hot summer with big brother rationing out the water and Mother Nature rationing out the wind. Ralph Wilson prevailed in the light air summer series. The lightning sailors also had a strong showing in the bridge race series with Ralph finishing first and Sandy Huntsman in second. This year the Lightning fleet won the Monmouth Museum Trophy for the largest fleet in the Fall Series. The fall series was closely contested with Sandy beating out Ralph in the last two races. Our fleet also hosted a great barbecue and the Labor Day cocktail party. Thanks to the fleet members who volunteered to help out with the parties and the regattas. See you next year.

Fleet Captain for 2000 is David Watts.

Ted Duffy

Fleet Captain

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET 71

Ohio District

Sailing on Lake Erie

Cleveland Yacht Club, Rocky River, Ohio

* Bill L. Buckles		
* Jack Mueller	Game (Grandpa And Me)	
* & Mrs. Janis Stevens Mueller		9653
* Walter Sellars, M.D.	Newfie	14191

No report.

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA FLEET 73

Colombia District

Sailing on Lake Tomine

Bogota, Colombia

* Manuel Isaza		14241
* Loreana Jacob	Jubilee	14536
* Santiago Uzcategui T.		14700
* Mauricio Valenzuela		14801
* Luis Felipe Castillo G.		14805

No report.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET 74

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Lake Decatur

Decatur, Illinois

* Mark Paoli		11044
* Richard Chamblin		11218
Matt Berg	Sponge	12540
* Bill Stringer	Tanstaaf	12974
Sue Badorek	Last Chance	13059
* Greg Florian	DF	13308
* Gary Peck		13726
* Robert W. Ohlsen	Bobs Last Boat III	14012

No report.

NYACK BOAT CLUB FLEET 75

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River

Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain	Joan Hurban
Fleet Treasurer	Stephanie Mayo
Fleet Recording Secretary	Howie Rinehart
Fleet Corresponding Secretary	Bob Sengstacken
Fleet Champion	Paul LoGerfo/Bob Sengstacken
Fleet Runner-Up	Gary Hurban

* Ceasar Lipert		7248
* Daniel Parietti		8252
* James P. Wolfe	My Three Esses	10224
* Eric Beck		10389
* Lawrence Decker	Still Married	10620
* David Surman	Flashpoint	10784
* Daniel Parietti	Shamrock	11143
* Jed Kwartler		11416
* William Donelan	Grease	11583
* Richards Jarden	No Frills	12045
* J.P. Mann		12166
* Ceasar Lipert		13810
* Gary S. Hurban	His	14073
* William G. Cook	Fat Chance	14140
* Rio Gordon		14140
* Eric Beck		14277
* Joan A. Hurban	Hers	14482
* Stephanie Mayo	Special Effects	14484
* Arthur Spielvogel	White Lightning	14565
* George McDonnell	White Lightning	14565
* Kathryn Connell	Ruffian	
* & Paul Connell		14714

* Judy Hanlon	Thistle	14781
* R. Robert Sengstacken		
* & Paul Logerfo	Dog	14888

The 1999 season contained three series, three local regattas and three open regattas. Remarkably, top honors were won by six different skippers: Paul Connell, Judy Hanlon, Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Paul LoGerfo, and Bob Sengstacken. And we had fun, even if it wasn't all smooth sailing! Here are some highlights.

The Beck Family took up sailing in a big way, deserving an award for the most people on a Lightning. They became a great source for spare crew. It required the efforts of none other than Bill Cook to lure a Carman into a Lightning, and the one in question was Bobbie Carman. Every once in a while, Will Donnellan's travel schedule allowed him to finish very near the top. Kathy Connell repeated her domination of the Women's NA's, plus took second in our Summer Series. Her hubby Paul won the Fall Series, and between them they kept the Munns involved, on the way to a third for the season.



Fleet Co-Champion Bob Sengstacken sailing with the big Dogs on Lake Carlye.

Gary Hurban ran his boat up on some abandoned pilings, and very nearly sank - good thing it was the power boat! He did better in "His" boat, coming on strong at the end, closing to just two points from the Championship. For our Fleet Captain Joan Hurban, it was a year of Big Cups. She won our Club's coveted Guy Moulton Cup at the July 4th Regatta, and she won the US

SAILING Women's Championship, the Adam's Cup. Then, she wore eye-catching augmentation to her physique in the Halloween race! George McDonnell seems to have retired to the more mellow pace of our Sonar Fleet. JP Mann upped his rating to: "Contender." He won Most Improved; watch out for him, especially when he has Art Spielvogel crewing.

Mark Keane resigned from the Club after being accused of abandoning Larry Decker ashore, during an otherwise friendly cruise. We miss Mark, but we think we've kept his boat in the Club, perhaps as a substitute for Larry's bionic arm. In our scoring system, attendance counts, and Stephanie Mayo paid heavily. But, she still finished third overall in the "B" Fleet. Paul LoGerfo did an outstanding job on the barbecue, in addition to repeating as co-Champion. Maybe this is like brain surgery, after all. Speaking of co-Champs, didn't we see Bob

Sengstacken doing spinnaker drills as his fleet left the starting line? More than once?

We were glad to see Howie Rinehart's daughters Jolie and Ellen join him so often. When Judy Hanlon could attend, she made her mark. She is our District Champion, and she and Ron McCormack co-skipped to first in the "B" Fleet again this year. Art Stahl produced and directed another fine Awards Brunch, now moves to new challenges. We hate to see Chris Kelly leave, but we applaud Dan Parietti's perseverance: Still going- Also, Dan was deeply involved in hosting our regattas. Rod Johnson completed eight years of work on "The Endurance" to make it to the starting line - in the last race! Welcome back, Rod, hope to see more of you next year.

We host two fun regattas that have been running over 25 boats each: please join us for the Magnus Pederson in early June, and the Last Blast in mid-October. We sail on the widest part of the river, the Tappan Zee.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB FLEET 77

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario

Rochester New York

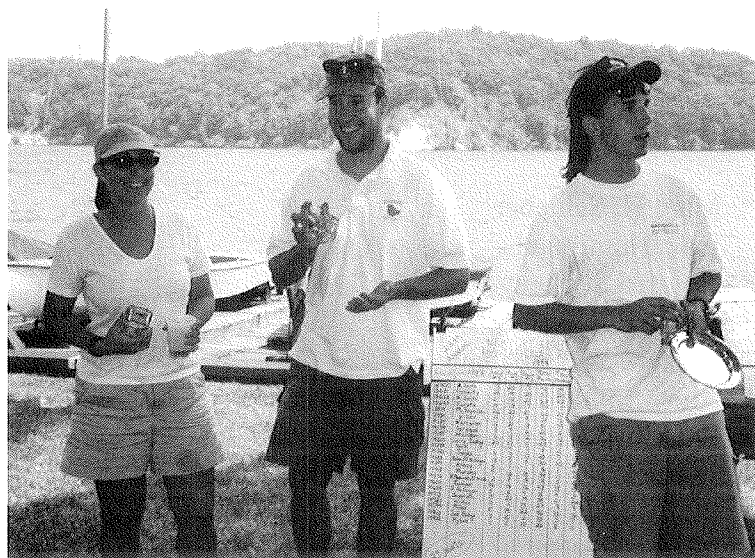
Fleet Captain John Atkins
 Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney
 Fleet Champion Dr. Robert Jamison
 Fleet Runner-Up John Atkins

* Marc H. Schieber	Willow	470
Dale Hamilton	Quest	11051
* Howard Stickney	Cookie Boat	11074
* Wilmer R. Wright		12215
* Richard W. Hallagan		12355
* Andy Smith	Windswept	12400
* William W. Farmer III	Hawkeye	12423
* James I. McIntosh	Misty	13080
* Richard Doherty	Irish	13081
* R. Neal Smith	Stealth	13082
* Daniel Koretz, M.D.	Honky	13697

* Alan R. McReynolds	Obsession	
* & Logan McReynolds		13815
* Leland G. Atkinson	Comfortably Numb	14185
* Richard W. Hallagan		14255
* Mark Sertl	Lucky Too	14298
Philip Lange	Mambo Wa	14367
* John H. Atkins	Plan B	
* & Chad H. Atkins		14397
Robert Crum	Holy Cow	14522
* Dr. Robert Jamison	White Cap II	14605
* Richard W. Hallagan		14655
* Richard W. Hallagan		14855

Fleet 77, sailing on Irondequoit Bay, started racing the second weekend of May with an average of 6 boats on the line. Of the 17 Lightnings in the Club, 11 raced at least one race during the Spring Series. The Spring Series consisted of ten races during the months of May and June. Dick Hallagan won the Series with 6 first place finishes. Logan McReynolds with his sister Erin and Billy Stewart as crew took second in the Series. John Atkins with son Matt and Paul Moszak as steady crew took third. Intermixed in with the Spring Series were not only Fleet 77's annual Celebration of Spring Regatta but also two other District Regattas. It seems when the District Regattas were held that there were insufficient boats left at the club for fleet racing.

Fleet 77's Celebration of Spring Regatta was won by fleet member Mark Sertl. Chad Atkins led most of the regatta until the last race when he not only hit a mark but also had one of his crew fall out of the boat. My thanks go out to all the club and fleet members that pitched in and made the regatta a class event. My special thanks to Al McReynolds, Regatta Chairman, Eva Smith for coordinating the dinner while we were on the water and Marcia Mephram for having breakfast set out each morning before anyone arrived.



Toby, Gunner and Chad picking up their hardware-2nd Place Newport Regatta.

The Summer Series averaged 5 boats per race over an eleven race series, with 12 different Lightnings participating. Bob Jamison with his crew of 40 years (at least that's what he said) Marcia Mephram and Ray Schmidt won the Summer Series. Landy Atkinson sailing with his wife Debbie and son Ryan took second. Neal Smith took third in the Summer Series. It was great to see both Neal and his brother Andy participate on regular bases through out the year.



Logan McReynolds with crew Brittani Lashaway and Erin McReynolds with their First Race flag at Junior North Americans.

During the summer, Fleet 77 again hosted a Junior Clinic with 11 juniors participating. The Junior sailing programs throughout the district look forward to this each year, as this is the only one of its kind that introduces juniors to one design boats that are actively raced in the district. My thanks go to all those who have so generously donated the use of their Lightnings for the past three years, without which this event would not take place. Speaking of juniors, Logan McReynolds (age 13) continues to improve, as witnessed by his 2nd place Spring Series finish. Logan skippered many of the District Regattas with his crew of Erin, Billy Stewart and at times Billy Healy and Brittani Lashaway (Fleet 42). They finished 3rd in the District Junior Championships, 3rd in the Sears Cup Area Quarterfinals and 7th at the Junior North Americans.



Marcia Mephram, Bob Jamison and Ray Schmidt receiving their Summer Series awards from John Atkins

After winning the first race Bob Jamison won the Fall Series, with some of the best sailing of the year. Of course credit has to go Marcia and Ray for keeping Bob on course. John Atkins took second place and Al McReynolds took third.

The Championship Series, encompassing the 32 races of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series, was won by Bob, Marcia and Ray. Congratulations to the three for the most consistent finishes throughout the three series. John Atkins with his assorted crew (Matt being back to college for the Fall series) was the fleet Runner-Up. The McReynolds Family (extended) of Al, Logan, Erin and Billy took third in the Championship series.

I again wish to thank Howard Stickney, Fleet 77's treasurer, for keeping the Fleet Captain (me) inline, the finances of the fleet solvent and especially the weekly updates of the racing scores, no easy task with the high point scoring system that we use.

John Atkins

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 85
Connecticut/Rhode Island District
Sailin on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound
Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Franz Edson
 Fleet Treasurer Barbara Vann

* Dave Frazier		0
* Bill Shore		0
* Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.	Baby "Makes" III	7170
* David M. Peterson	Woody	10801
* Barry Buehler	Ugly Fuzzy	11784
* William A. Sebestyen		12069
* Paul O'Neill		12786
* Christopher J. Vann		14055
* Tom Emch	Chao	14289
* Donald R. Barrett	Imp Baby	14417
* Franz R. Edson	Hazardous Duty	14419
* Bill Healy	Dixie Chick	14927

The Niantic Bay Yacht Club season started in March at the Southern Circuit. We were well represented with three boats and seven Fleet 85 members: Chris Vann with Norm Peck and Franz Edson, Tim Healy sailing with Brother Bill, Dave Peck crewing for Ched Proctor, and Tom Emch crewing for George Fisher. Tim and Bill finished third overall (winning Miami), Ched and Dave finished sixth overall (with a second in Miami). Chris only sailed in St. Pete, where he would have done much better had he not missed two races harassing the nurses at the St. Pete Hospital. Chris recovered quickly, however, and won the Lightning 50-50 that evening!

Next on the agenda was the Early Bird, which was won by Bill Healy sailing with Dave Peck. Chris Vann, sailing with brother Lenny, came in seventh. The Governors Cup was held in early

June. The top Niantic Bay boat, finishing second, was the team of Bill Healy (skippered Saturday) and Dave Peck (skippered Sunday). The Districts in Madison were well represented by Niantic Bay sailors: Chris Vann sailing with wife Barbara and son Mike, Franz Edson, Don Barrett sailing with wife Donna and long-time friend George Weidemann, Bill Healy sailing with Dave Peck, Tom Emch sailing with his son Spencer, and Bill Sebestyn. The top NBYC finishers were Bill Healy 1st, Tom Emch 6th, and Don Barrett 10th.

Bill and Dave then went on to the Atlantic Coast Championship in Annapolis, where they finished fifth. Tom Emch also attended the ACCs crewing for George Fisher. Bill Healy and Dave Peck continued on to the North Americans where they finished 7th. As part of his tune-up for the Worlds, Don, Donna and George Weidemann went to the Fall Classic at Cedar Point and came in first. The Worlds showcased the talents of NBYC sailors: Tim Healy sailing with brother Bill in third, and Don Barrett sailing with Donna and George in 21st.

Back in Niantic, the Memorial Day series was won by Bill Healy, 2nd was Don Barrett, and Franz Edson finished third. Don Barrett won the Independence Day series, Chris Vann finished second. Chris Vann went on to win the Labor Day series, with Don Barrett a close second and Franz Edson third.

Local Rock Star Dave Peck has rejoined the fold and bought another Lightning, so we are all looking forward to an even more competitive 2000. See you at the Governors Cup in June.

Franz Edson

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB FLEET 90
Pacific Northwest
Sailing on English Bay
Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada

* William H.D. Rimmer	Ipsus	8465
* Matthew Henley	Rocket	11645
* R.H. Pearce	Liisa	13289
* George McLaughlin		13685

No report.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET 102
California District
Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor
Redondo Beach, California

Fleet Captain Wendell Harter
 Fleet Secretary Mike Boswell

* Mike Boswell	Seafever	11373
* Bert Winther		13117

* Mike Boswell	Ferrel Bogen	13467
* Bruce Yaeger		14206
* Wendell Harter	Paddlin' Madelyn IV	14263

This year's racing season began with the traditional California Lightning Circuit hosted by the Mission Bay Lightning Fleet in San Diego Waters; March 28 - April 2, 1999. Fleet 102 was again represented by Wendell Harter, whose performance was less than spectacular. He is still working on getting familiar with his new boat.

Our fleet hosted the California District Championships this year. It had the local benefit of capturing the interest of King Harbor Yacht Club members in the Lightning Class.

Regarding activities of other Fleet 102 members, Mike Boswell shares ownership of a boat with Fred Chandler, who is active in the San Francisco Lightning Fleet. The result is that Mike has been crewing with Bert Winther. Bert has shown much improvement in the later races of the 1999 season. Bruce Yaeger plans to be more active in the coming year. Our race schedule has been relatively light during this year. Mike and Dick Brewer of MBYC participate in most of our races; this has made it possible for Lightnings to race as a class in several of the local regattas.

The fleet's annual Christmas party was held at the home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB FLEET 104 **Central Atlantic District** **Sailing on Barnegat Bay** **Barnegat Bay, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain Chris Larsen
Fleet Secretary Bill Dacosta
Fleet Champion Curt Morton
Runner Up Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia

* Harold Koehler		9250
* Harold Koehler	Puck	9539
* William E. Dacosta	Elusive	12957
* Harold Koehler		13053
* Robert F. Hoffman	Fuzzy Blues	13710
* Dr. Robert T. Morrow	Men-At-Work	13782
* Ronald K. Kiss	No Excuses	13897
Anthony M. Ventimiglia	Spirit	
& Eugene Ventimiglia		13955
Christian Larsen	Peggy	13965
* John C. Morton	Gunsmoke, Too!	14539
* William A. Scott	4-Carat Diamond	14635
* Matt Reiser		14833
Dr. Donald A. Cooper		

The enthusiasm of our sailors continues to run high as reflected in the good fellowship, cooperation and high spirits seen on the water as well as in the yard before and after racing. A bit disappointing this year were the number of qualifiers for the summer championship series, our premier series. A potpourri of circumstances, among them family obligations and the like, kept a number of our sailors from competing in a sufficient number of races to qualify. Although boasting a 13 boat fleet only 6 boats were able to make the qualifying cutoff and only 2 others were among the nonqualifiers. At the time of this writing we are also bracing for several losses of boats over the winter season. A number of boats will or have already been sold out of the fleet and a couple of the previous owners are planning to make the transition to other classes.

Curt Morton was the clear winner of this years championship series. Curt sailed brilliantly during the summer and deservedly captured the fleet championship. Way to go Curt!! The lead was hotly contested throughout the 10 weeks of the series which led to some very interesting and enthusiastic racing. The wind gods smiled on us again this season with only one race having to be canceled due to extremely heavy wind conditions. YES sometimes there is too much wind even for the Lightning! But the afternoon was salvaged with warm fellowship and cold beer! The competition for the second spot was even more keen with Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia going toe-to-toe with Ron Kiss. The two of these sailors duked it out on the water all summer. Anthony ultimately prevailed in securing the runner up spot. Ron finished third overall on the series. Joining in each week were Bob Morrow, a past fleet champ three times over who finished in the fourth spot. Chris Larsen finished the season in the number five berth. Bill "Mr. Lightning" Dacosta closed the summer season in the number six berth. Gary Gerrold and Bob Hoffman sailed as well but were non-qualifiers.

The sailors were on the water and the wind gods smiled favorably but of course without the enthusiasm of our great race committee each week we sailors would be "...all dressed up with no where to go!" Our terrific race committee headed by Vice Commodore Harold "Hotch" Miller set some great courses and ran a smooth and exciting series. Of course Hotch could not have done it alone and as always we Lightning sailors at LYC owe a significant debt of gratitude to those who worked with Hotch including Barbara Jost, Trudy DiFrancesco, Peg Larsen, Joyce Johnson, Joyce Rodgers and Janet Malzone. Good radio communication between the race committee and the club house as well as with the patrol boats is of critical importance for the safety and smooth running of the whole show and again our hats are off to the folks who run the radios from the club house including Mary Ann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertakos and Penny Hahn.

Our racing program would not function as well as it does if it were not for the folks who also give of their time and effort to patrol the courses so we racing sailors can do our thing in safety. The lightning sailors of this fleet say a special "THANKS" to Andy Johnson, Jack Henderson and Ray DiFrancesco.

On September 26th Fleet 104 held its annual picnic. The event was begun early with a two race series held prior to the picnic itself. The weather was super for sailing on Barnegat Bay - gone