

summer participating in every event from the Southern Circuit to the North Americans. Peter Hall and crew from Pointe Claire (Jay Deakin and Jamie Allen) were equally active with their eyes set on the World's in Ecuador. Valerie Tardif will be attending as well with the Spragues from Toronto. Good luck to all.

Alain Boucher and Chantal Leger were very active attending all the regional events and the Canadian Open. Tony Staples, Valerie Lavigne and Scott Collins stayed close to home, with some notable travels mainly to Vermont and to the Canadians (top Canadian). Mark Osterman and crew (Jane Lalonde and Michel Richard and Christian Deserres) were locally active when Mark was not in China(!).

We are hosting the Canadian Open 2000 July 1-2nd. We invite all sailors and families to attend and promise lots of cold Canadian beer and warm French Canadian hospitality. Come to Montreal and experience a wonderful event! Our districts are tentatively scheduled for the weekend of June 24th. Please come to both events and stay the week (especially those from Thunder Bay and beyond!)

Our Web site is up and running: <http://rstlyc.qc.ca/lightning/> and will be updated frequently this winter.

Congratulations to Peter Hall for winning the St. Lawrence Districts and thanks to all those "out of district" who attended our events. Chantal Leger was the fleet's "Crew of the Year."



Peter Hall and crew practicing for Ecuador

SAGINAW BAY FLEET 216

Michigan District
Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Terry Hart
Fleet Secretary Chris Jacobson
Fleet Champion John McCree
Runner-Up Matt Princing

* Terry Hart		5437
* Matthew D. Princing	DOF	9705
* Matthew D. Princing	Dinosore	12512
* James Peters	Halcyon	13385
* Rick Allen	Flicky Wick	13758
* Terry Hart	Hart Beat, RIP	14009
* John Johnson	Teko	14022
Blair Moulthrop		14048
* Larry Peters, Jr.		14077
* John Waechter	Score One	14087
Clark Howell	Zipper	14103
* John McCree	Sleeper	14323
* George Peet	Hot Dog Man	14503
* Chris Jacobson	Fastidiots	14577
* Terry Hart	Hart Beat II	14603
* C.A. Pinkerton		14616
* Justin Dey		14703
* James Schofield	Shuss Boomer	14775
* Tom Niles	Ms. Guided	14819
* Joe Dissette	Carousel 34	14933
* Matthew D. Princing	Scars & Scrapes	14937

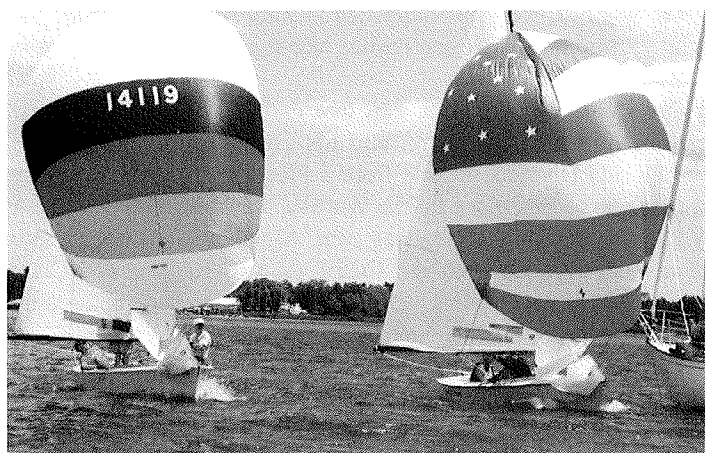


Fleet champion John McCree

The 1999 sailing season on Saginaw Bay can only be described as a big success. Fleet 216 not only hosted there own successful regatta, but we were responsible for bringing Lightning racing back to the beautiful Tawas Bay area. Along with two great regattas's Fleet 216 welcomed new members and four new boats.

Fleet racing is held every Wednesday night from mid-May to mid-September, weather permitting. Racing was again close this year with the fleet racing 35+ races. First place went to John Mcree and crew sailing *Sleeper*; second to Matt Princing and crew sailing *Scars & Scrapes* (16 bullets), and third went to Chris Jacobson and crew sailing *Fastidiots*. Following are the annual fleet awards:

Einstein Award - Joe Dissette
 1+1=2 Award - Chris Princing
 M*A*S*H Award - Terry Hart
 Welcome Back - Jim Peters
 Duct Tape Award - Ryan Little
 Crew Award - Hart Beat II
 Most Improved - Scars & Scrapes.



Close finish at Fleet 216's Tawas regatta.

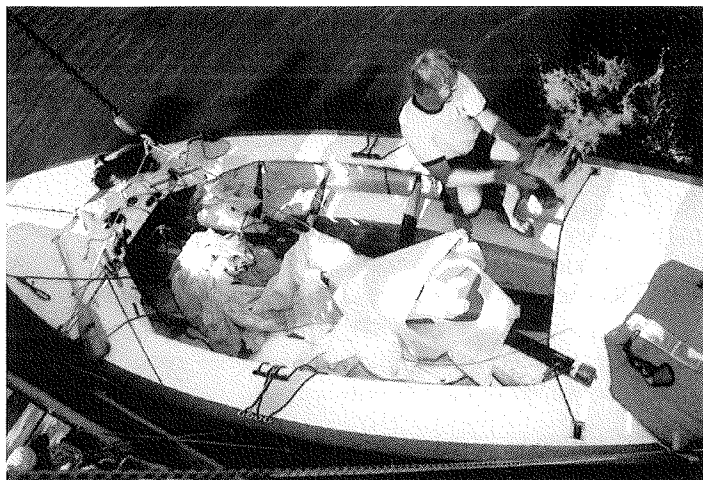
For the first time in 12 years a Lightning Regatta was run out of the Tawas Bay Yacht Club. Thanks to the help of Fleet 216 it went off without a hitch. This former site of the Lightning North American's is one of the most beautiful places in the world to sail. The racing was held in early July with winds in the 10-knot range. Fourteen boats showed up to sail (there are no local boats anymore, or fleet). Colin Park, Karen Park, and Bill Thomas were this years winners followed by John McCree, Dave Corcoran and Gus Dey in second and Dave Decker, Jerry Decker and Allison Decker (1st regatta) placing third.

Two weeks later we held the Bay City Lightning Regatta. We had 17 boats, winds for 5 to 60 knots, 12 boats capsized in the river on the way in and did I mention the STORM. On the way in from racing on Saturday the US Coast Guard came to our rescue as 12 out of 17 boats capsized in winds gusting over 60 knots. Then came the hail, gumball size! It took about 2 1/2 hours after the storm to retrieve all the boats and equipment strewn about and make sure everyone was all right. Amazingly no one was hurt. Racing did continue for the boats still in one piece, First place went to Jim Allen, second to Chris Princing, and third to Colin

Park. Unfortunately Terry Hart, who had to replace his boat after the tornado the year before got a whole in the new one!

With 1999 winding down, Fleet 216 is looking forward to the summer of 2000. I am sure we will see more close racing, gain more close friends and over all enjoy our boats more than ever. Smooth Sailing.

Matt Princing



Fleet member dealing with the carnage after the Saturday storm at Bay City Regatta. Notice the confusion in the cockpit plus the lack of a mast (broken) and only part of the boom (broken too).

HENDERSON HARBOR FLEET 225

Central New York District
 Sailing on Lake Ontario, Hendrson Bay
 Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain Jack Jones
 Fleet Secretary Richard Matarese

* Leonard Montague	May Day May Day	10712
* Leonard Phillips		13011
* Richard Matarese	Fata Bella	13232
* John Boxberger	The Pit	13834
* Bradford A. White	White Lightnin	13894
* John Treadwell, II	Runaway	14192
* Richard Grissinger	Footloose	14254
* Jack Jones	You Bet I'm Chicken	14321
* Leonard Phillips		14411

Fleet #225 enjoyed another fun-filled summer, which combined exciting Sunday afternoon racing on beautiful Henderson Harbor, with laid back Tuesday evening family dinners at a number of cottages along the Harbor shore. Some of the more successful skippers this past season included Jack Jones, winner of the Spring and Summer Series; John Treadwell, winner of the Fall Series; Canaan Leonard, winner of the Appleblossom race; John



1999 Junior Champion Team from Henderson Harbor
Fleet #225

Allison Stevens, Hunt Treadwell and skipper John Boxberger

Boxberger, winner of the Barnes Memorial race; and Dick Grissinger, winner of the Frostbite race.

A major highlight of the season was the winning of the 1999 Junior North American Championships by three fleet members—John Boxberger, skipper with Allison Stevens and Hunt Treadwell as crew. We (I) am hopeful they'll be giving lessons to the rest of us this season!

Richard Matarese

BISCAYNE BAY FLEET 226

Florida District
Sailing on Biscayne Bay
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain Dominic Marsden
Fleet Secretary Mary McCullough
Fleet Treasurer Alix Shaw
Fleet Champion Eamonn DeLisser
Runner-Up John Rouse

* Danielle Septembre	Sam I Am	10700
* Larry Ames	Glockenspiel	11702
* Michele Duplaga		12050
* Stephen Getzoff	L- 190 Octane	12064
* Andy Waks		13010
* David S.Brayer	Eclair Bleu	13779
* Dave Helmick	D-Mon	13858
* Randy Clee	Hi Voltage	13861
* Onofre Torres	Rum Runner	13983
* Steve Witherspoon		14001
* Frank Atkinson		14062
* Dominic Marsden	Bloody Hell	14066

* John Rouse	Turbo Dog	14084
* Jeff Shaw	Steam Driven	
& Alix Shaw		14212
* Dave Kurtz	Bullet	14399
* Jon Ewing	Free Beer Yesterday	14374
* Fay Regan	Booby Trap	14708
* Eamonn DeLisser	Main Squeeze	14809
* Bill Mauk	Mach II	14866
* Stuart DeLisser		0

What a fantastic year of sailing here on beautiful Biscayne Bay. As Fleet #226 soars into the new millennium we have new members, new boats, a new champion and new enthusiasm.

And it's no secret that this place is one of the best sailing grounds in the whole world — just ask World Champ Peter Hall, or Argentina's Hector & Hugo Longarela or any of the Southern Circuit Pros who dropped in on us.

Yes, everyone wants to sail Biscayne Bay. Take our latest guest Joe Buczkowski who drives down from St Mary's, Georgia or Peter Wenzler, who just happened to park his boat here for the winter, from Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

There's only one problem. . . . that makes it tough to win one especially when Jeff Linton and his crew drop by to capture the Florida Districts in June from a Fleet of 21. Jeff, of course went on to second place in The World's. Or how about the ILCA V.P. and Assistant Measurer Jim Alman who whipped into town and stole off with the CGSC Annual Regatta and Chris Young Memorial Trophy. Jim, from St Petersburg is the only skipper to have won this one four times.

However, it's not just the visiting competition that makes Biscayne Bay such a raging place to sail, and it's not just the weather. We have a bunch of sailing stars of our own.

Bill Mauk finished fourth in the World Masters Championship, second behind NA Champion and Pan Am Games gold medallist Andy Horton in the New England Districts and 18th in the NA's. Not bad!

Dave Helmick with son Davey & young Daniel Gross finished 5th in the President's Fleet at the NA's and has looked strong all year. Dave is back with his fourth Lightning.

Eamonn DeLisser took the Fleet Championship in convincing fashion and led the charge "on the road again" with victory at the Davis Island, Tampa Thanksgiving Regatta and finished a close runner-up to Linton in the Florida Triple Crown (a four-event series). Eamonn sails with wife Heidi and insurance agent Kim Kolisch. Always handy to have one of those around. Oh, and an insurance agent!

And talking of wives, Dominic Marsden found the best way to keep your foredeck crew is to marry her. So now Karol is pregnant with their newest crew member sometime in May!

John Gochberg returned to the scene for a few races during a



break from his Olympic Soling campaign. Welcome back John - it's tougher in the Lightning Class!

And young Kelly Bayer is boatless again after co-owner and skipper Michele Duplaga married an island man and took off to the Abacos in the Bahamas. Life's tough.

One of our other women skipper's Danielle Septembre starred in her own movie "Hunt for Red Septembre" when she took her boat submarining early in the season. Up periscope Danielle! And finally Fay Regan and Carol Ewing found themselves on top with a stunning one-two finish in Race I of the Chris Young Memorial.

So while the century winds down a new millennium of Lightning sailing dawns and suddenly up like a lark pops Randy Clee. You see "Skillet" is never one to miss a party and having spent the summer in Michigan he's back to party on through our hardy winter on the bay.

Which reminds me. Did anyone else see Fay Regan steal that "super-soaker" prize from our Sandbar Party? Lady Lightning needs a lesson from Lady Manners in that department.

Dave Kurtz with his blue "Mullet" together with Jim Bigham, Steve Horowitz, Steve Perry and Andy Waks all made the giant leap up to Lightning sailing this year from PHRF and Steve Witherspoon is back with son "Spike" (something to do with that hairstyle!).

By keeping everything up and running Stuart DeLisser has become the Fleet 226 Fixer-Upper. Which is probably a good PR move since brother Eamonn seems to bust'em as fast as Stu can fix 'em!

It's been said that Stu's next project will be a full-size bar in Larry Ames' 11702. And we always wondered why Larry kept such regular crew?

Fleet Finishes:

Fleet Champion	Eamonn DeLisser
Runner-Up	John Rouse
Third Place:	Bill Mauk
Fourth Place:	Dominic Marsden
Fifth Place:	Jon Ewing

Our CORINTHIAN TROPHY (You know, the big Lightning in the display case) went to Jon Ewing. Of course, Jon needs to rent a Ryder truck to take it from the party to the engraver's and back to Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Congratulations Jon!

MOST VALUABLE CREW was awarded to Kim Kolish - as we all know she made every decision for the Master Rasta since he's completely incapable.

MOST IMPROVED SKIPPER went to Larry Ames whose sailing has not changed much but he's not spilling his drinks like he used to.

Dave Helmick won our SPORTSMANSHIP award. Now he just has to fix it after I snapped off the base while shaking up raffle tickets!

It must be pointed out that although Dave Kurtz and the crew of "Mullet" carry off our GOLDEN BUCKET award this year, Dave did not in fact capsized the most times — he just stayed down longer!!!! (That must be a bumper sticker?)

And last but not least the DROWNED RAT TROPHY was awarded posthumously to Suzette Cruz (actually, she's still alive somewhere and in hiding). You see Suzette jumped out of John Rouse's boat no less than four times last year. Twice in one race, and once before the start). She even beat John who fell in once. But then no one noticed that one DID THEY?!!!!!!?

So now you can wipe the slate clean of all those misdeeds and inappropriate maneuvers and get ready for a new year of Y2K Lightning Sailing — Biscayne Bay Style.

Our special thanks go to Heidi and Eamonn DeLisser for hosting such a wonderful party and to all our fleet members who participated. By the way, has anyone seen Skillet today? The "Beer Warbler" was last seen perched on one of our coolers looking very guilty.

So come on down to Biscayne Bay for a visit. And while you're here why not sail the Southern Circuit. You never know, you might run into Tom Allen Jr at the BBQ grill or Bill Faude dancing topless to an African Beat! Or you might meet someone really famous.

Mary McCullough & Dominic Marsden

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 228

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on the Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain John Haiges
Fleet Secretary Caroline Hoedemaker

* Paul L. Alberti	Discovery	9628
Peter Kahana		10494
* Gary Swangler	Zone	10956
* Maury Benbow	Smidge	11519
Josh and Tom McCulley		12140
* Gary Birnhak	Air Ball	13624
* Seth Hunter		
* Janet Hunter	Kestrel	14139
* Hugh J. Hutchison		14214
* Paul J. Hecht	Kestrel	14360
* John Townsend		14408
* Caroline Schneider-Hoedemaker		14634

* Robert C. Bush	
* & A. Sterling Bush	14654
* Allan M. Crew	Toodle-Oo14699
* John Haiges	14771
* Mark C. Schneider	14840
* Peter R. Denton	Ultimate Pressure II14890
* Richard Moyer	14942

Our 1999 sailing year started with an impromptu meeting at Mark and Cindi's home (thanks for the hospitality), where to our delight we found that John Haiges and Lisa had gotten engaged! This of course started the year out with a buzz of excitement. I believe they are to be married in 2000. We had a successful meeting and planned for an exciting year: Wednesday night sailing, Sunday Clinics and regatta travelling.

We still emphasized our Wednesday series, but added some "Sunday sailing" in a "clinic" type format to work on raising the level of all of the sailors in the fleet. It seemed to help promote the fleet's "togetherness" as people enjoyed helping one another. But of course this made our Wednesday night racing all the more intense. Since Riverton is located in an urban area right outside Philadelphia, sailing during the week is very popular. Mark took the first series (consistency pays!), followed by Bob and then Peter.

Hugh won the second series followed by Allan and then John. John H. and Peter ended up with 1 and 2 overall with Hugh close in third. All in all it was a very successful series with 12 active boats participating.

The fleet traveled all up and down the East Coast again this year, and as usual could be found in bunches together at the local regattas. Caroline went down to the Southern Circuit again, but didn't come back with quite as many stories or a new boat this time.

Seven boats went to the districts and two went to the NA's (both were in the Blue series-congratulations to Bob and Gary S.). Sterling took a shot at the Women's. Six boats went to the ACCs etc. etc. etc.

We had two home regattas: Governor's cup (Caroline won this one), and then the Fall Windup (Mark took that one). We look forward to hosting the districts in the spring.

It seems to becoming a feature of the local regattas to have a match against Nyack since they also travel in large bunches. I am pleased to say we ended up 4-2 this year. Nyack won the NA's and Nockamixon regattas, but we took the 2 Nyack regattas, the ACC's and Barnegat Light regatta. We will miss Bob Bush's participation and assistance in these challenges but wish him the best in Rochester.

Come join us if you are in the area. The club is located on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware River, and is housed in an old passenger steamer station sitting out in the river just north of the Tacony Palmyra Bridge.

SALAMIS FLEET 251

Greece District
Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain N. Carageorgiou
Fleet Secretary T. Bonas

A. Lagathas	Mesis	4636
* Stelios Bonas	Cloack	10996
* A. Dimou	Renata	13968

Our fleet members participated in the Pastrikakia race organized by the Naval Cadet Academy.

The members of our fleet will participate in the 2000 Europeans and in the World Youth Championship to be held in Greece.

We expect to add two new boats to the force of our fleet.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET 252

Central New York District
Sailing on Keuka Lake
Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain Brent Gillette
Fleet Secretary Eileen Loh-Fontier
Fleet Champion Brent Gillette
Runner-Up Pete Cunningham

* Rowland Stebbins, III	7-11	12711
Paul Schnipelsky	The Other Woman	13816
* Brent Gillette		14119
* Peter M. Cunningham	Ballyhoo	14221
* James E. Staunton	Mangy Moose	14256
* Mike Kalinich		14368
* Debbie Koop		14416
* Leon Fontier	Electric Lady	14431

1999 . . . another terrific sailing season on Keuka Lake. Like the prior year, it was hot and sunny, but this time we almost always had enough wind for club races on Sunday. The majority of the time it was light wind conditions, but as long as it's enough to move a Lightning, we're happy. This season also brought the reappearance of some dear old faces to the fleet. Barry Brogan's work is keeping him year round in Lake Saranac, so you no longer see him on our fleet roster, but he did join us for the Champagne Regatta and a couple of club races later on in the season. It reminded us how much we miss him the rest of the year.

Paul Schnipelsky returned from a 10-year stint in England. His "Other Woman" had been waiting faithfully for him all those years in the KYC boatyard, and Paul dusted her off and jumped back into club races. Jim Staunton returned with Mangy

Moose, and apparently his year off didn't cause him to miss a beat; he placed third overall for the season, just behind Pete Cunningham. Brent Gillette, meanwhile, ended up the season as Fleet Champion. This was Brent's third season in our fleet, and he has moved steadily from third place, to runner-up, to first. He apparently doesn't believe in regressing, or even keeping the status quo, so we're all wondering what he's going to do in the year 2000. His placing sixth at the Districts in Ithaca may be a hint of what's to come.



Fleet #252 Skippers (left to right) Leon Fontier, Jim Staunton, Brent Gillette, and Debbie Koop relax after packing up the boats.

We also have a first for Fleet 252: a female skipper. Debbie Koop from Branchport purchased Bob Cole's boat and joined us this year. Over the last few years, you may have met her at regattas when she crewed for Jim Staunton. She must have learned a lot from Jim, as she placed well in club races. Debbie also was the area "E" qualifier for the 75th Adams Cup race. The qualifier was held at the Buffalo Canoe Club, and then Debbie and crew traveled to Milwaukee for the race, from whence she returned with the Sportsmanship trophy. We're proud to have Debbie as part of our fleet.

We hope some of you will join us next year for the Champagne Regatta. Participation has been growing steadily over the years (this year we had 21 Lightnings here), which made for great competition, and an even better party. Leon Fontier is still part of our fleet, so the likelihood that we'll have handcrafted pewter trophies again is good.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB FLEET 253

Dixie District

Sailing on the Susquehanna River Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Secretary Fred Bush

* Carol Park		0
* Holly Miller		11582
* Starling H. Mikell, III	Debstar	12941
* Kenneth C. Kuzdro	Sneak Attack	13218
* Frederick S. Bush	Double Whammy	13813
* Charles F. Noble	Starthrower	14156

Fleet 253 had another year of growth in 1999, adding two new skippers. And we hosted our first open competition in several years — a "first annual" Susquehanna Yacht Club Sweet Corn Regatta.

We began the year as usual with a delegation manning the Lightning "booth" for a day at Atlantic City's Sail Expo, and then aided the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in presenting a springtime Learn to Sail course at the clubhouse for the 26th year in a row. And to cap the start of our 45th year as a fleet, we joined in a gala party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our club. Our Wednesday night racing began at the end of May and, for a change, we were blessed with decent wind almost every week. We were able to get in lots of races with a variety of skippers enjoying wins over the course of the season. We don't keep records very well, but the consensus is that Fleet Captain Star Mikell probably won the most.

Early in the year Tom Dexter and Anita Blackaby and sons showed up with Lightning Bug and Tom proved that he had been paying attention while crewing as a youngster in Nyack on the Hudson. He was competitive in our fleet from the get go and even won a few races before the end of the season.

In July, Pete Pundt dropped by, said he had done a lot of Lightning sailing in an earlier life in Rochester, N.Y., and showed his experience whenever he could borrow a boat for the evening. He announced at the end of the season that he was definitely buying a boat, and the latest report is that he somehow has purchased two. Talk about enthusiasm.

After some goading from our Dixie District about lack of hospitality, we scheduled an open regatta to coincide with the club's annual August corn roast, and delightedly welcomed seven visiting boats to add competition to the fourteen-boat regatta. We had lots of sweet corn and just enough wind for three races. Locals and visitors alike agreed the Sweet Corn Regatta was a success worth repeating. The racing trophies went to:

1. Allen Crew of Riverton, N.J.
2. Carl Muska of Elk Neck, MD
3. Charlie Noble of our fleet. (Way to go, Charlie!)

For now, the docks are out, the hoists down and the boats tucked away, but Fleet 253 is looking forward to even better racing and fellowship in the new Millennium!

Fred Bush

BURT LAKE FLEET 254

Michigan District
Sailing on Burt Lake
Cheboygan County, Michigan

Commodore Stan Smith
Vice-Commodore Craig Bickley
Secretary/Treasurer Ann Swayze
Fleet Champion Clark Swayze
Runner-Up Gary Street

Sally Fraser	12890
John Beery	13909
Gary Street	13969
* Jeff Leland	14023
Stu Cheney	14505
* Clark Swayze	14770

(We do try to get our members to pay ICLA dues!)

Lightning racing in Fleet 254 in the summer of 1999 was very competitive with virtually all of the races being decided by only seconds. Stu and Guy Cheney in 14505 and John Beery in 13909 both had outstanding performances on the days they were able to compete, but sadly both were unable to compete in several races. That left defending champion Gary Street in 13969 battling Clark Swayze in 14770 for the 1999 trophy. In the final analysis three close races with a total differential of 41 seconds made the difference between for these two closely matched boats.

In the club's annual 4th of July Holiday Daggerboard Regatta Sunfish racing is getting more competitive every year. This year honors went to Eric Kennedy; Guy Cheney was second and Stan Smith took third. But experienced skippers were put on alert—Kennedy's young son Marc was only a few boat lengths behind for a 4th place finish over-all.

Ann Swayze

CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET 257

Southeastern District
Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake
Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain Robert E. Harkrider Jr.
Fleet Secretary Richard F. Mayne

Howard Davie Estroff	9398
* Nancy Klemann Sproul	Hot Flash 9468
* Thomas L. Schroeder	Jr Boat 10810
* Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.	12489
Gilbeert Klemann	Interpid 13190
* Richard Mayne	No Excuses 14127
* Sharon Harkrider	Boonoonoonoos 14532
* James A. Harris, M.D.	Lunchmeat 14701

* Robert E. Harkrider, Jr. 14889

The Clark's Hill Fleet # 257 hosted the Southeast District Championships May 21, 22, and 23, this year. The turnout was small for a Districts, but a good time was had by all. We started out Thursday night with the traditional Hamburger cook-out for early arrivers at Bob and Sharon Harkriders.

Early Friday, we did the weigh in and rigged for the racing. We were able to get Six races in over the three days, giving us a throwout. Bob Harkrider beat out Jim Harris by two points with Pierce Barden third, followed by Sam Booke. The junior boat skippered by Josh Putnan was fifth.

Teams headed by Bob Harkrider and Jim Harris/Connie Harris went to the North American's, at Lake Carlyle.

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB FLEET 262

Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

* Mike Osborne		0
* Harry K. Whitver		10191
* Bill Killebrew		11480
* Mark Rankin		13769
* Bruce Richards	Airborne	13957
* Bradford Currie	Chance	14000
* Cully Ward	Kat's Kradle	
* & Jim Ward		14116
* Anne Beesley	Reprise	
* & Fred W. Beesley, Jr.		14533
* Robert G. Hempel	Wildebeest IV	14571
* Jerry Fertig		14588
* Dr. Robert Cotton	Airborne	14645
* Bill Killebrew	Taylor	14680
* William Hofmeister		14706
* Frank L. Kelly, Jr.	Spirit	14748
* Tony Reed		14849

No report.

YACHT CLUB LA PUNTA FLEET 265

Peru District
Sailing on Callao
Callao, Peru

* Augusto Navarro	Camotito	13367
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No report.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 266

Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain Terry Burke
Fleet Secretary Dan Moriarty
Fleet Champion Dan Moriarty
Runner-up Gerry Paoli

* Robert G. BurrIDGE		0
* Denny Heisler		0
* Jerry Valli	Chaos	8144
* Steven G. Bailey	Frances	12029
* Rob Zerban	Gumby	13273
* Greg Florian	D.F.	13308
* Marc Schillebeeckx	Pamperito	13870
* Linus J. Portman	Misty Lee	13892
* Arthur Merdinian	Warlock	14089
* Daniel Moriarty		14118
* John Abramson		14165
* Glenn Grummon		14204
* Matt G.S. BurrIDGE	Liquid Diet	14229
* John D. Folwell		14260
* Tobi D. Heisler	Snakewake	14636
* Terry Burke	Top Flash	14766
* Eric Bernstein		14798
* John Huhn		14828
* Gerry Paoli	Evil Hoochie	14901

It is hard to believe that 1999 is over, looking back now, the year seems like a blur. This year was Fleet 266's biggest year ever. The Fleet's successful hosting of all the North American Championship events was the result of efforts of many people within and outside of the fleet . . . but we are getting ahead of ourselves, lets first start at the beginning.

Fleet 266's season started out with our annual Mid-Continent Regatta held on the first weekend of May. This year, the regatta attracted 28 Lightnings. Good times were had by all on this unusually warm weekend. Three good races were sailed on Saturday, but the winds never came out of the barn on Sunday. Matt Fisher with own Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein crewing won the event. Skip Dieball out of Chicago followed by Matt BurrIDGE, David Stix, and Bill Faude rounded out the top 5 finishers.

This year, the fleet broke the Carlyle Sailing Association tradition for scheduling the Spring, Summer, Fall and Fleet Championship series. Previously, each and every Sunday would include a Spring/Summer/Fall race in the morning followed by the Championship race in the afternoon. This year, the Spring/Summer/Fall series were scheduled for both Sunday races when the fleet had RC duty or when major regattas occurred.

The Championship series was scheduled to attract the greatest

amount of fleet participation and to avoid racing this series in the dog days of summer. The number of schedules races for each series remained about the same; however, as expected participation in the championship series was stronger than normal and less than normal for the other. Part of the lack of racing in the non-championship series was do to the fact we were good at choosing the Sundays with wind for the championship races where as the other series lost many races due to lack of wind. The fleet also experimented with a handicapping system to provide a more level playing field for racing. Details about this handicapping system can be found at out web page (<http://home.earthlink.net/~topflash/>). The handicap results were not official, but they were interesting.

Dan Moriarty once again was on top of his racing skills and is the Fleet 266 Champ. The main contest was between Gerry Paoli and Terry Burke for 2nd and 3rd place. Terry was in second for most of the season, but Gerry had a very strong finish and surpassed Terry on the last Sunday scheduled for championship races. Gerry also won the Spring and Summer series followed by John Folwell in both series. John returned to Fleet 266 this year after he was banished for several years to Devils Lake Michigan.

Fleet members attended numerous regattas this year. Dan and Rick crewed with Matt Fisher at several regattas including the Ohio districts, Annapolis's Frigid Digit, Chicago's Red Flannels and are with Matt at the Worlds as I am typing this report. Numerous fleet members attended the Districts sailed on Lake Arkabutla in Mississippi which was won by fleet member, Matt BurrIDGE. Tobi Heisler crewed at several regattas but took her own boat to sail at the Red Flannels and the Bluenose (where she won a race! 17th overall)...she let her dad Denny borrow the boat to race the districts and the NA's. Also at the Bluenose was Arthur Merdinian 7th, Schillebeeckx 19th and John Sepanski (from the CSA Snipe fleet) 25th.

Fleet 266 fleet member had good showing at the North American's events. Felicia Bamer (from CSA's FS fleet) was second in the women's event. Ronn Frerker crewing on Jim Ward's boat finished 2nd followed by Adam Beckman in 9th and Titou in 10th. Lal BurrIDGE with his son Matt and Jim Carson were 6th in the tightly contested Master's Fleet. Matt BurrIDGE tore his Achilles tendon after the last race of the Masters. Such an injury would put most people out of action, but not Matt who finished 8th in the NA's in spite of being over the line in Race 1.

Matt paid dearly for sailing, with post regatta surgery, and is now on the mend to start sailing again next season. Gerry Paoli made his first appearance in the Blue Fleet along with former fleet member Ken Kniepman (with his brother Mark and sister Kathy). In the President Cup were Terry Burke (8th), Marc Schillebeeckx (9th), John Huhn (20th) and Denny Heisler (24th).

Lightning Fleet 266 would like to thank all the members of Fleet 266, CSA, and the Mississippi Valley District who volunteered at the NA's. The fleet would especially like to thank those helpers who came from out of town just to help out running this event. These people include Hank and Esther Callahan, Bill

Cabrall, Marty Mulhern, Jay Limbaugh, Dean Cady, and Sandy Huntsman.

Fleet 266 is now waiting out the winter month and look forward to seeing all of its friends on the first weekend of May (the 6th and 7th) for the 2000 Mid-Continent Regatta.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB FLEET 270

Indiana District
Sailing on Geist Reservoir
Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain Kenneth McGinity
 Fleet Secretary John Leath
 Fleet Treasurer Andy Harmon
 Fleet Champion Joe Lassaux

* Steven D. Hayes		8679
* John B. Leath	No Excuse	9050
* Kenneth D. Woods		11203
* Peter J. McGinity	Sundance	13489
* Michael R. Franceschini		13657
* John B. Leath	L'Eclair Rouge	13954
* Dr. Edwin Fineberg	Make It So	14349
* Joseph A. Lassaux	Sundance II	14359
* Dr. Walter B. Tinsley, Jr.	Win-Some	14537
* Paul Vos	Winsome	14537
* Kenneth D. Woods		14610

This year, our Fleet experienced a mild resurgence as some younger sailors got more active and started to challenge the old timers. It was a dry season throughout the Midwest and Indianapolis was not spared. Our lake dropped almost eight feet below the pool level as water was drawn off to satisfy water needs for the City.

This didn't stop our racing programs though! With a good bit of yankee ingenuity, the Fleet and other Indianapolis Sailing Club boat owners adapted to continue racing on schedule.

Attendance was down again this year for our annual Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open on the first weekend in May with 12 boats. With the North Americans scheduled for Lake Carlyle, Illinois in August, many top Lightning sailors opted to attend their Spring Regatta as a tune-up. We were able to get four races in on Saturday in a 10 knot breeze but had no wind on Sunday morning. Jim Davis with crew Chris Davis and John Heagy from Fleet #42 on western Lake Erie won with four firsts. Second place went to Jeanne Ehrenberg with crew Tim Shambrook and Jim Hagen from Fleet #5 in Chicago. Joe Lassaux from the home Fleet #270 with daughter Michelle and Frank Wilder as crew took 3rd place for the highest finish ever by a local boat. Joe and crew again this year have the honor of being Fleet Champion for 1999.

Three local boats, John Leath, Mike Franceschini and Pete McGinity, traveled 100 miles north to Lake Wawasee for the

Indiana Districts in June, and Mike returned again in early October for the Hoosier Fall Regatta. John Leath, his crew daughter Jennifer Leath, and Scott Jeffers made their way to Carlyle Lake for a little experience at the big time, the NA's. Early results in the qualifying races were encouraging. When the wind picked up, things changed.

All during the season, Fleet members enjoyed the Fleet deck at the Club for socials after the Sunday races and participated in all the Club Regattas and socials ending with a Christmas Dinner-Dance at the prestigious Columbia Club in downtown Indy which the Fleet hosted.

Now that the North Americans are moving to Annapolis MD in 2000, we look forward to many more Lightning sailors for our 2000 Indy Open on May 6th & 7th, 2000. Again for the Year 2000 season we hope to encourage more Fleet 270 members to travel to the multitude of away Regattas available to us in the great Midwest.

John Leath

Fleet #270 Champion Joe Lassaux with daughter Michelle in Sundance II



LAKE MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB

FLEET 273

New England District
Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

* Michael Adams	Sunday Punch	11401
* Walter Colantuono	River Blues	11740
* Nick Mercier	Annie Oakley	11885
* David Adams		11885
* John K. Webb	Banana Split	12455

* John Dika	Glory	12723
* Joe Ray	Bloody	13602
* Maurice L'Heureux, Jr.	Quick Silver	13828
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick	Shenanigans	14060
* Joseph P. Celia		14180
* Norman G. Deyett		14273
* William Berry	Amarcord	14442
* Kenneth A. Carlson		14553
* Thomas H. Chase	Sally	14584

No report.

DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 274

Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Arkabutla Reservoir
Hernando, Mississippi

* Ken Davis	Garfield	9791
* Crit Currie, Jr.		11496
* William N. Baxter, III	Disco Lemonade	11999
* Richard R. Ranta	Metrognome	12082
* H.C. Dunathan		12397
* Batton Kennon	Between Silence & Light	12505
* Herbert Cochrane	Wet Paint	13258
* Jere Fones		13483
* Michael D. Porter	Coyote	13700
* Frank Bermel	Dutch Helm's Disease	13966
* Joseph A. Kelly	Jill E.	14171
* Roy W. Robbins	Sho Boat	14270
* Lynn A. Jones	Leap Frog	14338
* W.N. Baxter		14357
* Crit Currie		14488
* Crit Currie	Rebel Devel	14666

No report.

CLEARWATER BAY FLEET 277

Central Canada District
Sailing on Lake of the Woods
Clearwater Bay, Ontario, Canada

* Gus Campbell	U-Bet	11711
* Malcolm Crooks	Bluenose IV	14451
* Mike Couture		14878

No report.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB FLEET 279

Central Canada District
Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

* James W Colquhoun		7270
* Chris Bailey	Zamboana Too	11009
* Mark Sandberg		11387
* Richard Walsh		12755
* Bob Maki	Natural Gas	13115
* Kurt Broll	Frenzy Free	13180
* William Evans	Blue Max	13267
* Brian Cox	Virago	13587
* Innes Martin	Zugzwang	13589
* Jim Cameron	Tba	14507
* Ross Bailey Nellie		14612

No report.

CHEQUESSET FLEET 280

New England District
Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor
Wellfleet, Massachusetts

* Eric H. Cutting		9714
* Robert Dickens Smith	C Cleff	10795
* Stafford Frazier	Nike II	11096
* W. Stuart Nickerson		11379
* Eric H. Cutting	Winds Will	14310

No report.

COLUMBIA FLEET 283

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

* John A. Sanford	An' Son	8497
* Gary Kokstis		10731
* Kevin Stravers		11879
* Dave Mountford	Orangutan	13476
* Dave Webber	Brain Donkey	13680
* Gerald L. Neuburger	Whelp A	13788
* Don Bewley	Spook	13837
* John DeBenedetti	Foam Heads	13896
* Randy Anderson	Frenzy	13949
* Terry Busby	Sly	13961
* Roger Hicks	Roaring Forties	14040

- * Douglas S. Hickman Hippo Thunder 14079
- * Philip F. Parshley Humahumanukunukuapua'a 14288
- * Philip P. Parshley Humuhumanukunukuapua'a 14288

No report.

PARTHENON FLEET 286
Greece District
Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Yacht Club of Greece, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet Captain George Andreadis
 Fleet Secretary Andrew Sinopoulos

- * Konstantinos Merentitis 0
- * Andrew Sinopoulos 7569
- * Akis Tsarouhis Carolou
- * & Martha Paraskevaku 9963
- * Costas Limberakis 10037
- Stratis Andreadis Crinis IV 11334
- * Alexander Andreadis Alexander 11459
- Nicolas Cralis Cradonelis 13801
- George Vardaxoglou Goumas
- * & Nicholas Vazakas
- & Marios Paraskevas
- & Markos Raptis 13981
- * Andrew Sinopoulos 14211
- * George Andreadis Crinis VI 14264
- * Costas Merentitis Vlangalis
- & Michael Coulianos
- & Elias Manolakis
- & Stelios Sotirou 14377
- * George Andreadis Crinis VIII
- * & Stratis Andreadis 14544

Fresh out of the Lightning Sailing School of our Yacht Club (which now numbers 60 people), the following members of our fleet trailed their boat to Murten, Switzerland; Vazakas Nikos, age 20, Paraskevas Marios, age 20, and Hatzilakos Giorgis, age 18. They finished fourth in the event and they enjoyed traditional fine Swiss hospitality.

Our fleet, together with the Yacht Racing Club of Athens will organize both the 2000 European Lightning Championship from 25-30th of June and the 2000 Youth World Championship from 3-8 of July.

We look forward to meeting Lightning sailors from all over the world. We hope to ensure that they will have both a good sailing and social time!

LAKE CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET 301

New England District
Sailing at Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain Patrick Zachary
 Fleet Secretary Bill Fastiggi
 Fleet Champion Dave Gorman
 Runner-Up Patrick Zachary

- * Peter Tourin Wind Harp 7829
- * David Lansky Thesis Interruptus 8033
- * Edward Guild Two Boys 10846
- * Patrick Zachary Whatnow 13888
- * Mark Gardner The Big Scream 14050
- * Edward J. Ziemer Zoom 14297
- * Robert Smith Robert Y Lea 14438
- * Kurt Kling Apple 14446
- * Richard N. Fastiggi Ciao 14480
- * Donald C. Brush, Jr. Wild Goose 14640
- * Michael L. Huffman Creature Of Habit 14644
- * David P Gorman Blind Faith 14758
- * Janice Lange Southern Cross 14876
- * Andrew Horton 14926
- * Bill Fastiggi 14958

Wow what a year!!! We had some great sailing, great fleet accomplishments, and great individual accomplishments of some of our fleet members.

Our season got off to an early start for 3 boats from our fleet. Andy Horton, Heather Rowe, and Bill Fastiggi, Don Brush, Tim Ambrose, and Paul Gutwin, and Dave Gorman, Rick Villamil, and Valerie Tardif all headed south for the Southern Circuit. The Horton/Fastiggi/Rowe team led off the year by winning the Deep South Regatta and finishing second overall for the circuit.

We began the local season by hosting a series of three sailing clinics for the local sailing community, organized by Pat Zachary. Don Brush, Bill Fastiggi, and local weatherman Gib Brown each spoke about different aspects of weather, strategy, and tactics.

Our fleet racing got off to a strong start on Memorial Day and continued on through the season. The scoring was difficult this year with so much close racing, a lot of skipper and boat changes, extra boats from other fleets, and great competition. Guests who visited our fleet races included Nick Mercier, Peter Hall, Ray Harrington, and Al Boucher.

Our Spring regatta was won by Peter Hall, followed by Tony Staples, Don Brush, Colin Park, and Al Boucher. We had 18 boats, and some perfect early season sailing with 5 great races on Saturday. Sunday saw winds in the 20-35 knot range so racing was cancelled for the day. For almost as long we can remember, we only ended up with one day of sailing at the spring regatta.

We also hosted the New England Districts this year, along with the District Women, Junior and Masters Championships. The womens championship had great competition with 5 boats and incredibly tight racing. Joan Shannon, Kika Bronger, and Marcy Milton edged out Ann and Kate Brush, and Lea Ann Smith on a tie breaker with Heather Rowe's team and Chantal Leger's teams tied for third one point behind the leaders. The Masters Champion was Fritz Horton sailing with Stu Nickerson and Lisa Brauer, edging out Dick Fastiggi, Rick Fastiggi, and Kurt Kling. Dave Adams of Massabesic won the Juniors with Bretton Gardner in second place.

For the Districts, the local team of Andy Horton (with Heather and Bill) defended his district title, followed by Bill Mauk and his visiting Florida team, then Don Brush, Stu Nickerson, and Peter Coleman.

Andy, Bill and Heather won the gold medal at the Pan Am Games. Andy then followed that up by winning the NAs at Lake Carlyle. Bill tried his hand at the tiller for a change and finished 2nd in the qualifiers and 10th in the Blue Fleet, Don with his team of Rick Fastiggi and Lea Ann Smith finished 20, and Dave Gorman made the blue fleet and finished 26. Dave is certainly the fleets most improved skipper this year.

This fall we hosted our first annual "Leaf Peeper" regatta in early October. The final regatta on the NED schedule, it drew 15 boats and was won by Alain Boucher of Montreal. It was a sweep for the Canadians as Peter Hall/Jamie Allen finished second and Dave Sprague was third. Heather Rowe borrowed a boat and teamed up with Lea Ann Smith and Kika Bronger finishing fourth (top local boat), followed by Dave Gorman in fifth.

Other Fleet Highlights were Mark Gardner and Patrick Zachary finishing 1,2 at the Bow Lake one day. Ed Ziemer won the Thursday night series again this year, having won every time this decade! Pat Zachary also won the New England District Circuit Championship.

The fleet championship was very hard to figure out this year with so many different skippers sailing different boats, etc. In the end, Dave Gorman won the fleet championship with Patrick Zachary in second. Congrats Doc! All in all it's been a fantastic few years for our fleet. Next year promises to be even better with a few more new boats and continued activity. If you are in the Lake Champlain Region - come sail with us.

Bill Fastiggi

COWAN LAKE FLEET 303

**Ohio District
Sailing at Cowan Lake
Near Cincinnati, OH**

Fleet Captain Ken Irwin
Fleet Secretary Mike Kemp
Website - <http://w3.one.net/~kirwin/>

Ron Fergeson	Red Alert	9489
Robert Staab, Jr.	Gypsy	10013
* Ron Millard	We're Here	10687
Richard Niemeyer	Blue Thunder	11368
* Paul S. Back		11144
* Jim Young	Entropy	11507
Dave Boehm		12321
Don Bruck		12412
Chris Mercer		11672
Bill Landis		13275
* Clark Shingledecker	Starlight Express	13502
* Michael H. Brock	Prince Charming	13601
* Bill Young	Coot	13719
* Dick Pugh	Figment	
* & Jeff Pugh		14110
* Ken Irwin	Adernalin	14216
* Dr. Stephen Weeber	Phoenix	14287
* Mike Kemp	Joker's Wild	14867
* Mike Brock		14925
* James Taylor		

No report.

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

* Markku Paloma		14269
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No report.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET 314 Dixie District Sailing on the Sassafras River, Maryland

Fleet Captain Howard Edson
Fleet Secretary Dave Horne
Fleet Champion Ted & Jim Ganley
Fleet Runner-Up Al Mast

* Robert B. Horne	Doc's Boat	9391
* Robert B. Horne	Great Pumpkin	12381
* Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	12710
John D. Farquhar		12964
* F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D.		13926
* Howard S. Edson	Etc.	14218
Ted Ganley		14265

- * F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D. Sassy Canary 14648
- * Alfred B. Mast Master Blaster 14651

A different format was tried this year, with much success. Instead of sailing one series of sixteen races (as last year) or two series of eight races each (as in 95% of previous seasons), we decided to sail four series of four races each. Each series winner would be awarded one of the four perpetual Lightning trophies. What a cost conscience idea; as a side benefit was reduced award expenses at the end of the season.

Jim Hopkins won the first series and took home the Doc Walbert Cup followed by Jim Ganley and Bob Horne in second and third. Al Mast won the Buss Neff Cup, with Jim Ganley again in second and Howard Edson in third. Al won the Skippers Cup for the third series with Jim Hopkins and Ted Ganley in close pursuit. Al and Jim both finished with 81/2 points and Ted had 9. We had to go to the fourth level tie breaker to declare Al the winner. The final series was again won by Al (Commodores Cup) with Ted Ganley and Jim Hopkins placing second and third.

The Summer Bay Race was won by Howard Edson, followed by Ted Ganley and Tom Hopkins in second and third respectively. The Fall Bay Race was won by Ted Ganley with Al Mast in second and Tom Hopkins again in third.

The James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Trophy went to brothers Ted and Jim Ganley, Jr. Although they didn't win any of the four series, they shared skippering duties well enough to earn the Champion Trophy with consistent top-three finishes the entire season. In the seven seasons since the inception of this Trophy, the Ganley boat has won it four times.

The fun award of the season is the BUTT Award (named after the business end of an old mast, not of an old Skipper). Only one remarkable feat occurred this year that warranted consideration. Al Mast asked his wife, Lynne, to hold the painter while he prepared the boat for the morning races. Unfortunately, Lynne grabbed the wrong line, allowing Al to drift away. (Hey Al.....maybe it wasn't an accident!) Fortunately for Lynne, this occurred out of view of the rest of the fleet. Unfortunately, Al couldn't resist sharing this with the rest of the fleet, assuring once again that no one is protected from earning the "Butt".

This season's annual Banquet was once again held (close to) the water at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club. This year's Banquet included a special theme, "Night of the Commodores" in honor of our 40th Anniversary. Although the Kentmore Park Sailing Club was founded in 1958 and the Sassafras Lightning Fleet 314 was chartered in 1959, the first actual sailing season began in 1960. The night included a recap of the founding members and former Commodores, and then concluded with the inaugural presentation of the Forrest R. Schussler Award for Outstanding Service to the Kentmore Park Sailing Club. This award was donated by Marie Schussler in honor of Forrest, a founding member and our first Commodore. The award, to be presented each year by the

Commodore, was presented to Chuck Voorhees, our dedicated Race Committee Chairman for his many years of reliable service to our Sailing Club.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION

FLEET 325

Dixie District

Sailing on Rehoboth Bay

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Fleet Captain/Secretary Dave Racine

* Rehoboth Bay Sailing	Bobo	9527
* James W. Greenwell	Loretta	10226
* Carl Robinson	Liberty Call	11028
* Rehoboth Bay Sailing	Mal de Mer	11540
Turtle Marshall	Turtle	12160
* Carl Robinson	AWOL	12616
Barry Pierce		14207
Christopher Raubacher		14566

For the past several years, Fleet 325 has had only minimal Lightning activity. We have held the Delaware Governors Cup Invitational regatta in June each year, but sometimes without any fleet member participation. However, sailing at RBSA is not dead. It has just shifted to our other fleets. The Sunfish fleet continues to be quite active and the Hobie fleet has supported two major, 40 to 60 boat, regattas each year. We also have a newly formed Catalina 25 fleet of 7 boats, that are enjoying cruising and racing activities together.

The happy news is that we are showing signs of growing Lightning activity. RBSA owns one good competitive Lightning that is being sailed by John and Jamie Dolan, and Jim Greenwell has expanded his sailing into the competitive arena. I have just procured an older, but once excellent boat, and hope to have it in competitive condition by spring. Chris Raubacher and Barry Pierce have both purchased very competitive boats and expect to be active in our fleet.

We look forward to next year with hope that our increased activity will interest even more sailors to join us, and Lightning Fleet 325 will once again be a real competitive force.

Dave Racine

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET 326

Michigan District

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay

Traverse City, Michigan

* Michael Fisher		7007
* James K. Lewis		10889
* Paul C. Davis	Holey Cow	13932
* R. Garret Demarest, III	Spirit	14460

No report.