

JYVASKYLAN FLEET 328

Finland District
Sailing on Lake Paijanne
Jyvaskyla, Finland

* Antero Westerlund	Melanie	12479
* Samppa J. Salminen	Nikea	14364

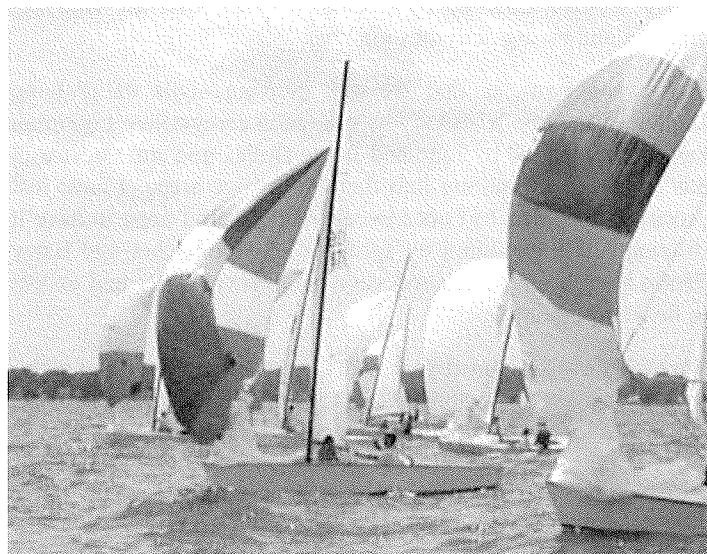
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SEVERN RIVER FLEET 329

Dixie District
Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer
Fleet Secretary Jonathan Guth

1999 was another memorable year for Annapolis-based Fleet 329. Sailing out of Severn Sailing Association (SSA) on the scenic Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. Fleet 329's annual schedule of regattas, including the ever-popular TESOD (Tuesday Evening Summer One-Design), was punctuated this year with the 60-boat Atlantic Coast Championships July 24th -25th, and the 44-boat Frigid Digit October 16th and 17th. Those who attended the ACC's will no doubt remember the great dinner and party held at the SSA clubhouse, just a small precursor to the festivities being planned for next year's NA's.



Local John Guth amidst a pack downwind at 1999 ACC held at Severn.

And speaking of NA's, the planning has indeed been underway, spearheaded by Fleet-Captain Phil Grotheer. Fleet 329 will be ready to host a week to remember next August! So start making plans now to qualify and attend one of the biggest and best NA's held in this millennium.

In addition to the club schedule, several Fleet 329 skippers and crew hit the road a good bit this year, travelling to many different regattas both in and out of the Dixie District. These included the

Southern Circuit, the Potomac Cup, District's at Deltaville's Fishing Bay YC, the Delaware Governor's Cup at RBSA in Dewey Beach, the Solomon's Island Invitational, Washington's President's/Leukemia Cup, the Borderline, and NA's, among others.

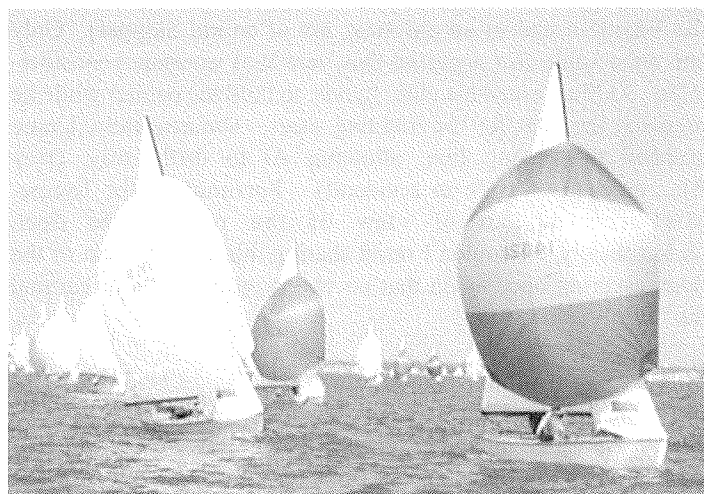
As for the Fleet itself, 329 currently has about 20 active and semi-active members, including several new additions this past season, and numerous Annapolis-area hotshots thinking about jumping into the class for next year's busy season. If you want to find out more about Fleet 329, see photos and results of the big regattas we held this year, or find information about the 2000 NA's, please visit the Fleet web site at:

<http://www.clark.net/pub/ssa/Classes/Lightning.htm>.



above- 60 boats came to SSA for the ACCs in July to pick up some local knowledge for the 2000NA's.

below- ACC winner, Ned Roseberry in 14821 and SSA's own Phil Grotheer in 14881 lead the pack downwind.



The following are several articles written by Phil Grotheer during the season about several of our more notable regattas.

ADAM'S CUP QUALIFIER'S: This past weekend was one of the best two days of sailing we've had in a long time. The format for Lightnings was a little different with the women's qualifiers being sailed at the same time. Two women's teams ended up competing for the CBYRA region. Cap Pin with crew Jen Norwood and Gwen sailing Sean Carroll's boat and Joanna

Byron and crew sailing Mike Beaver's boat 14566. They sailed five races on Saturday and four Sunday. They were tied for points going into the last race which ended up being the tiebreaker. Our regular fleet of 11 boats kept a close eye on the women because it was such a great match race. Cap (or Capucine) and team went on for the win and will be representing CBYRA in the area C's in New Jersey in a month or two from now. Congratulations to both teams for some great sailing. Neither one of the teams have had much time steering Lightnings and did a great job sailing fast.

MD GOVERNORS CUP: The regular fleet had 11 boats. 5 races Saturday and 3 Sunday were sailed. Several DC boats showed up (Gallagher, Anderson, Alsalam) and Chris Raubacher showed up Sunday with his new boat. I'm telling you - watch out for Chris and team! They will be fast this season. We used to chase him around the race course a few years back before he sold 14156. Grotheer came out on top this weekend with Jon Guth second and Jamie Brickell third. The breeze held from the N to NE all weekend at about 10 to 15 knots. Everyone thought the breeze would poop out on Saturday but it never subsided. The cloud cover kept all the motorboats away and we didn't have to worry about sunscreen all weekend. What a great time. Oh yeah - the party was great too. We cooked burgers and dogs on the grill after the races Sunday and hung out until dark.

ACCs: The Annapolis Lightning Fleet out of Severn Sailing Association put on a wonderful regatta the weekend of July 24th and 25th - the Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships. The Lightning is one of the worlds most competitive one design classes, and also attracts some of the nicest people you will ever meet. The ACC's this year went down as legendary status, with a fleet of 60 boats and one killer after-race party on Saturday night. The ACC's is usually one of the biggest mid-season travelling regatta for Lightning sailors. It is also a great tune-up for the North American's which usually follows by about two to three weeks. Ned Roseberry with crew Ched Proctor and Dorsey Roseberry from New York won the event with 16 points (2 bullets included). Second went to Connecticut's own Brian Hayes with crew Carter Utzig and Annapolitan Lesley Frymier. Third went to SSA's own Phil Grotheer with crew Sean Carroll and Nat Coughlin. Sean Carroll holds the current Lightning Junior World Championship title which he won in Salinas, Ecuador last fall. Lightning regattas of this magnitude are always a who's who in competitive sailing. There are always a bunch of sailmakers, pro's and high ranking amateurs that travel the circuit each year.

SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332

New England District
Sailing on Big Squam Lake
Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Dave Closson
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Dwight Gertz

* Stephen Corzilius 5639

* Bob Hanson	Junge	7944
* Brad Eaton		8268
Art Cunningham		9829
Dan Egan		10212
* Robert W. Sengstaken, Jr.	Mountain Thyme	10320
* Will Abbott		10555
Marty Riehs, Jr.		10724
* David D. Closson	Go-Mo-Shun II	10732
Bill Elmore		12509
* Jack Russell		12859
Jerry Grossman	Super Shuttle	13101
* Wallace E. Ackley		13382
Allen Whatley		
& Christian Whatley		14033
* Douglas R. DeCluitt		14247
* Wallace E. Ackley		14814
* Ed "Two Fleets" Michels		14950
* Dwight Gertz	Jumbo II	TBA

Fleet 332 had its busiest season in 20 years. Although our backwoods operation still looks pretty primitive compared to life in the great yachting centers of the world, we now have a "home base," for the first time in our history, an encouraging influx of new blood, and a blossoming relationship with our hosts at the Squam Lakes Association.

Our "wilderness renaissance" was recognized early in 1999 when the United States Sailing Association included a chapter describing our somewhat laissez faire management style in the new edition of the Class Management Handbook. It was flattering to see our slow growth from three boats to 14 over the last 15 years attributed to our "fun first - rules second" credo.

The sailing season is spread over 10 Sundays from the 4th of July weekend through Labor Day. We suffered from two rain-outs but managed to complete enjoyable July and August series. Attendance ranged from 4 or 5 boats early in the season to 8-10 in August when the vacation season was in full swing. Although the father and son Whatley team was clearly the best on the lake, a scan of the fleet roster reveals that nearly everyone had at least one really good race.

Particularly pleasing to all of us was the performance of new members and old members sailing new boats. Art Cunningham, an experienced Snipe sailor, imported #9829 from Massabesic and immediately began to sail the boat t upwind very well. As soon as he gets some more exposure to the uses of that big, third sail in the front of the boat, he will be a threat to all of us. Art is also traveling to regattas which most of us don't have the time to do. We appreciate his efforts to support our neighbor fleets. Doug DeCluitt, a veteran Thistle racer back home in Texas, kicked off a wave of newer boat buying when he appeared with #14247 and promptly showed us that Texans know how to sail. Wally Ackley imported #14814 and proved that a boat that is 100 pounds lighter can really help a skipper. Finally, Ed Michels

appeared for his annual vacation visit from North Carolina with the first really new, just out of the box, Lightning seen in this fleet since forever.

Ed was so fast with this boat that he left vapor trails in his slip stream. As the first snow fell on the White Mountains in October, we gained another new member as long time local super crew Will Abbott bought #10555 from Dwight Gertz.. Will is the Executive Director of the Science Center of New Hampshire at the Squam Lakes which leads us all to worry that his staff 's continuing research out on the lake will provide him with some secret local knowledge that will leave the rest of us in his wake. This forces Dwight to look for a new boat and requires Jack Russell to train another crew member. The cycle continues.

The highlight of our season was a 16 boat turn-out, in spite of a gruesome weather forecast, for our annual regatta. The threatened deluge held off until after Saturday's races and was gone by Sunday morning. Allen Whatley worked with visiting hot shot race committee chair Harry Mattison to squeeze five races out of some typically squirrely Squam conditions. The lake looked beautiful full of spinnakers. Georges Peter from Annisquam MA, warming up for the World's in Ecuador, won the regatta while locals Christian Whatley and Dwight Gertz took 2nd and 3rd.

The second best sight of the year was the Around the Lake Race, sponsored by the Squam Lakes Association. A colorful menagerie ranging from Windsurfers to a Prindle Cat flew to the other end of the lake and back in record time with beam winds of 15 knots. The Whatley crew came in 9 minutes behind a first-to-finish Hobie Cat and upheld the Lightning fleet's honor by taking first place on corrected time by 14 seconds.

We finished our season with the traditional awards dinner at Jack and Betty Russell's beautiful new home on the lake. Allen and Christian Whatley received the Fleet Championship, the award for best Lightning in the Around the Lake Race, and the July series. Dave Closson was second for the season, just nosing out new member Art Cunningham. Dwight Gertz sneaked past the Whatleys for the August series and also won the Closson Cup for the best score in the last three races of the season. The Fleet Spirit award was given to Bobby "Hollywood" Sengstaken.

Everyone went home filled with the realization that we have a good thing going on our little mountain lake and that we will want to work to preserve it.

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB FLEET 335

Central Atlantic District
Sailing at Barnegat Light Yacht Club
Sailing Waters include the southern end of the
Barnegat Bay
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain John Demming
Fleet Secretary Bill Clarke



Start of a summer "heavy air" race at Barnegat Bay

* David P. Kunz		11221
* David P. Kunz		11550
* David P. Kunz		12556
* Justin Monnig		13772
* Hal Pote	Rastamohican	13876
* John Faus	Dalai-Rasta	14350
* William S. Clarke	Hot Pepper	14489
* Paul B. Wood		14650
* John Demming		14787
* David P. Kunz	Latitude Attitude	14850

Lightning Fleet 335 started the year early with its now traditional mid-winter meeting held this year at the home of our new Fleet Captain, John Demming and his wife, Stephanie. With the presence of a large number of the sailors and crew from the Fleet, plans were made for an extensive sailing season both at home and at regattas away from our home Club.

Sailing began on June 12 and continued through September 4 with a total of 27 races sailed. Again this year John Faus took



Close finish.-Fleet #335

away the first place prize for the summer series with John Demming second and Bill Clarke third. The Faus' boat crew included Mac DeTuro and Clay Shaner while Stephanie Demming and Andy Demming were in the second place boat. Joe McGinnis and Jeff Alvino were the crew in the Clarke boat.

The Annual Regatta was held on August 28. The members of Fleet 335 awarded prizes were Clay Shaner, first (sailing the Faus boat), John Demming, second and Bill Clarke, third. Fleet 335 welcomed the participation of Lightning sailors from the other three Lightning fleets on Long Beach Island.

September 3 was the Lightning Fleet cookout and bash. With better than 25 people attending, everyone pitched in and all had a good time. John Demming was reelected Fleet Captain for 2000. The Pumpkin Bowl on October 30 set an attendance record with 13 boats from six fleets participating. First place was taken by Jack Elfman (winning the tie breaker), second by John Faus and third by Hugh Hutchison.

Planning is underway for another really great season of Lightning sailing in the year 2000. Another mid-winter party is scheduled for early 2000 and we expect increased sailor participation to result from more advance planning.

GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338

Central New York District

Sailing on Galway Lake

Galway, New York

Fleet Captain Jim Dickson
Fleet Secretary Jim Millard
Fleet Champion John Korkosz
Runner-Up Jim Millard

* James Dickson	Baby Doll	12115
* John S. Orton	www.chaos.com	12130
* Dale H. Brown		12636
* R. James Millard	Huggie	13655
* John Korkosz	Dead Meat	14328

The 1999 season saw long time fleet champion Jim Millard dethroned by John Korkosz. John was only able to make a little more than half the races since he also races a Snipe off the lake at regattas. But, he was able to win a majority of head to head matches when on the lake.

Willard Kohler bested Maury Gardner for third place. New member John Orton and octogenarian Jim Dickson battled it out for fifth.

The summer was marked by unusually heavy air races in July with August bringing a softening change to our small no motor boat pond. Jim would like to thank John's wife, Laurie, for her cool head in helping rescue the crew when he managed to flip his boat prior to a July race. Downwind jibes should not be done in 25-knot gusts when you aren't paying attention. The Dunkin

Doughnut, awarded to those who most unintentionally wash the inside of their boats, was returned to its home on Jim's camp wall.

LAKE LANIER FLEET 348

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Lanier

Flowery Branch, Georgia

* David S. Smith		0
* Martin R. Zonnenberg		0
* Thomas W. Wynn		11149
* Edward Heller	Live Luff Laugh	12849
* Thomas W. Wynn	Razorback	13729
* Robert S. Skorupski		14902

No report.

HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET 353

Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir

Columbus, Ohio

* Gregory Fisher	Still Crazy	10860
* Ehmann J. Miller	The Goldie Marie	12015
* Matt Fisher	Ladies Choice	14045
* George Fisher		14345

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FLOTTE MURTENSEE 358

Switzerland District

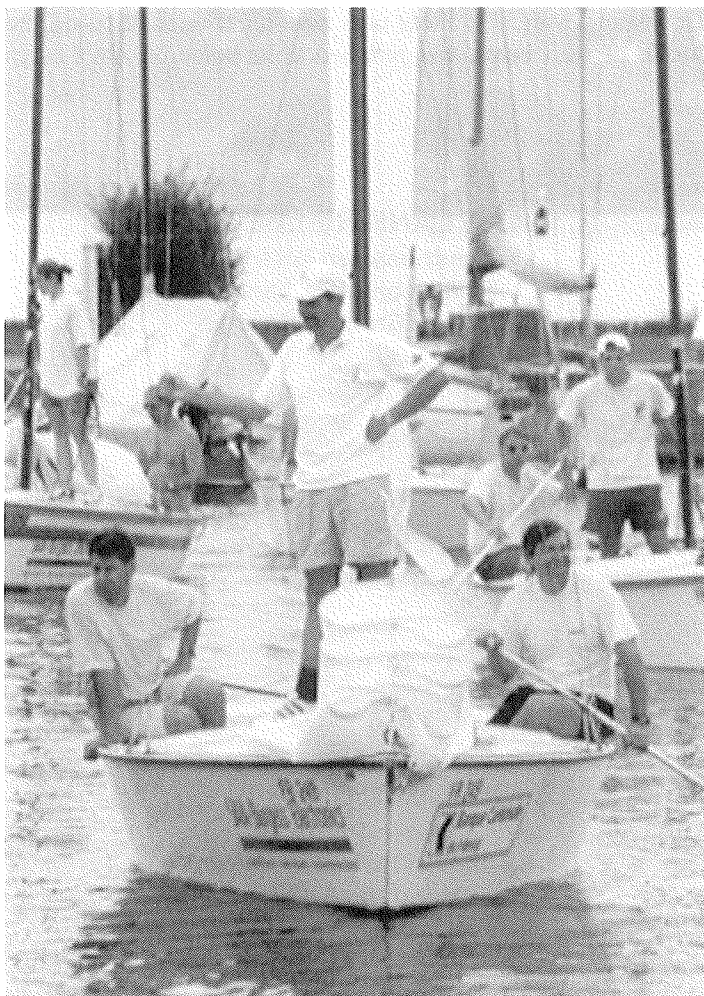
Sailing on Lake of Murten

Switzerland

Fleet Captain Urs Wyler
Fleet Secretary Walter Durr

* Daniel Fischlin	Damafimo	10899
* Hans-Peter Schmid	Milan	13692
* Urs Wyler	Meltemi	13790
* Jacques Perret	Santa Fiamma	14530
* Peter Graf	Karhu	14664

Die Saison 1999 stand ganz im Zeichen eines Grossanlasses. Der Segelclub Murten und die Lightningflotte 358 Murtensee fuhren vom 29. Juli bis 4. August 1999 die 47. Europameisterschaft der Lightningklasse durch. Es nahmen 22 Boote aus Finnland, Italien, Griechenland und der Schweiz



absolvieren. Dank der tatkräftigen Unterstützung unserer Landcrew konnten alle Teilnehmer und Gäste am Schweizer-Nationalfeiertag zu einem unvergesslichen Abend in den Garten der Familien Durr zu einem kastlichen Nachtessen mit anschließendem Feuerwerk eingeladen werden. Die Meisterschaft musste nach 4 gesegelten Läufen beendet werden. Europameister wurde zur Freude aller Murtener wie im Vorjahr die einheimische Mannschaft Wyler, Durr, Durr mit nur einem Punkt Vorsprung auf das italienische Boot mit Noto, Alagna, Alagna und einem weiteren Murtenerboot mit der erstmals auf einem Lightning segelnden Mannschaft Huter, Pfister, Di Biase. Die Medaillengewinner
Der Europameister 1999 Wyler, Durr Durr

teil. Nachdem der Wind den ganzen Juli hindurch recht stark geblasen hatte, so kam das grosse Hochdruckgebiet gegen Ende Juli genau Über der Schweiz zu liegen, legte hier eine Pause ein und verharrte bis zum Ende der Meisterschaft. Dies hatte zur Folge, dass wir mit wenig und relativ schwierigen Windverhältnissen zu kämpfen hatten. Trotzdem konnten dank der zielstrebigsten Arbeit der Wettfahrtleitung genügend Laufe durchgeführt werden, um eine gultige Meisterschaft zu



Urs Wyler leading the race



Happy trophy winners!

CATAWBA YACHT CLUB FLEET 365
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Wylie
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain Ron Wright
Fleet Secretary Richard Lake Johnson

* Richard Lake Johnson	Sarah	9085
Chase Saunders		10869

* Ronald K. Wright	Sleuth	11241
* Richard Lake Johnson	Kushie Butterfield	11553
* William C. Campbell, III	Sassy	11897
* Ronald K. Wright	Sleuth	13838
* Wayne Ingersoll	Connecticut Yankee	13941
Chip Arnett		14620

Fleet 365 had an active 1999 season.

The club's annual Spring Series was won by Bill Campbell, III. Bill and his dependable crew of Bill Campbell, II sailed such a great program, that by the end of the series they were able to forego the final race day.

Also in the spring, the fleet sponsored the fourth annual Catawba Regatta, the season kick-off race for the Southeastern Lightning District. Jim Harris, of Augusta, sailed a great come-from-behind race four on the second day to edge out Sam Booke for first place. Richard Johnson won the fourth race to take the highest club finish. The regatta was featured on the front page of the June "Flashes".

In 1999, Fleet 365 ventured out onto the road for the first time in several years as Ron Wright, Richard Johnson, and Tom Martin sailed in the District Championships at Augusta in May. Later in the summer, Wright, Martin and Mike Prater traveled to Wilmington, NC and participated in the Carolina Yacht Club's Southeastern Regatta.

Fall brought the second Lightning series of the year at the fleet's home course on Lake Wylie. Wayne Ingersoll who joined the fleet in late spring, sailed his first full series. Ingersoll, Ron Wright, and Bill Campbell battled neck and neck all season until Ron finally broke through for good to win the series. The fall series was dubbed the "hurricane series" as Hurricanes Floyd and Irene affected two of our race weekends.

The fleet hit the road again in the fall as Wayne Ingersoll traveled to Kerr Lake for the Borderline Regatta.

The fleet's goals for 2000 are continued growth, an active club series, and increased participation in the Southeastern District series.

Ron Wright, Fleet Captain

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET 372

California District

Sailing on San Francisco Bay

Point Richmond, California

Fleet CaptainFred Chandler
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerMichael Molina
Fleet ChampionMichael Molina
Fleet Runner-UpScott McBurney

* Michael A. Molina		9169
* Fred Chandler	Seafever	11373
* Elissa Hall	Elusive	12337
* Fred Chandler	Feral Bogan	13467
* Dave Larz Anderson	Crusader Rabbit	13626
* Bruce B. Arnold	Peppermint Patty Too	13783
* Peter Beecher	Maniacal	13869
* Michael A. Molina	Double Happiness	14305
* David A. Gallup		14681

As much as Paul Cayard and Dawn Riley solicited our Fleet to help them race those funny boats down in New Zealand, we had to say no, we preferred to sail our favorite square dinghies in "the best place on earth".

It's no secret, San Francisco Bay provides us with a variety of sailing conditions, there is never a day you can't go sailing. You want 20+, you sail on the circle; you want 15-18, you sail in South Hampton; you want 10-15 you sail in Keller's Cove, get the picture. Don't know the places, come visit.

First and foremost, we welcome aboard four new skippers, Dave Anderson, Peter Beecher, Fred Chandler, and Ashley Tobin. Four of the five new boats, (yes, I mean four of the five, Fred had two), were purchased from our sister fleet in San Diego. While we don't like "stealing" boats, they were crying to go sailing. Dave inherited his boat from his father and is learning the joys(?) of boat ownership. He has two of his nephews, Chris and Sam crewing/learning with him and what the crew lacks in weight they make up for in antics.

Peter purchased Elissa's new boat, and hasn't spent a weekend away from it yet, sort of. Peter timed his triple bypass with the boat repair and they were back out sailing in five weeks. I think the boat took longer to recover than Peter. Fred, well you all know Fred, has been sailing forever. Originally from the Santa Monica Fleet, he relocated to the Bay Area for a job and is great addition to our fleet. Ashley is an accomplished 505 sailor and wanted a more family friendly boat and fell in love with the Lightning during Adam Cup Semi-Finals in 1997. Can anyone blame her? Ashley, husband Jim Watters, daughter Lindsey and the newest addition son Toby, were out sailing in every Beer Can Race.

While most of the other fleets have their boats tucked away for the winter, our season is just starting again. Richmond Yacht Club hosts the Small Boat Midwinters for San Francisco Bay from December through March and the turnout is rarely less than 130 small boats, ranging from El Toro and Optimists, up to the 49er. We managed to get seven of our nine boats out during the 1998-1999 series. The winds were characteristically light for the time of year and the current strong, so it allows us to work on our luck. February's races were blown out, but the other three months provided us with fun races. Overall - Mike won, Elissa was second and Scott was third.

Our next fun event is the Circuit in San Diego during Easter break. While I am unable to participate in this incredible event,

I need a different career or we could get April 15th moved, I am told it is a wonderful week of sailing. I believe them, they keep going back year after year after year. For the full report see May's Flashes.

Back on the Bay, after April 15th, we didn't have a lot of regattas, but sure did get a lot of sailing in. The fleet rallied behind Elissa, Janice and Amy (aka Whale Whacker, Hummingbird and Chick) and their Adams Cup campaign, and were out there every weekend drilling them. While we didn't keep the cup in San Francisco, we felt we had a successful event. We finished seventh overall and had a wonderful time. We can't thank the fleet enough for all that they did.

The nicknames? Whale Whacker-story too long for this column. Suffice it to say the Whale won, the boat, an Express 27 DIDN'T sink, but was in for substantial repairs for three month and I still sail on the boat and got invited back to do the Coastal Cup in 2000. Hummingbird-ask Bill Faude, but it is beyond appropriate. Chick-well, is just fits.

We headed up to Klamath Falls for the Fourth of July Regatta. The boys come down from Portland and we have a blast. It is always a well-run regatta and we get to sail in all conditions, from 0 to 25 in a matter of the lunch break. Fred was sans bateau, so he sailed with Peter. Peter blew-up his spinnaker and for a brief moment, it was "on-fire". The babes whimped out of the second 25 knotter, and decided for hot showers instead. Mike sailed flawlessly and brought home the honors.

Our finale was the PCC's at Richmond. For the first time in years, the local boats out numbered the visitors. We tried to wear down our out of town guests with the party but to no avail. Our own Ashley gracefully accepted the second place trophy after the committee originally awarded her the first. She corrected them on their scoring. Outstanding sportsmanship.

In conjunction with the PCC's we celebrate our anniversary. Our fleet is 35 years young. While we have yet to experience the 20 to 30 boat fleet that the East Coast fleets savor, we have survived overwhelming challenges of hot new fast boats that are introduced each year. But as any avid Lightning sailor will tell you, those are just fads.

On a sad note, Scott, Michele and Taylor moved to Boston for a new job. Scott pumped an incredible amount of energy into our fleet and his companionship will be sorely missed. We know they are doing well, and wish them the best of luck. Don't forget about the reunion at Annapolis, guys.

We had our share of bad luck this year, the details of which I am deliberately leaving out of this report, but we are a much stronger fleet for it.

Our officers for the year are Fred, Elissa and Mike, Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.

Elissa Hall

Elusive - Lightning 12337

DOUGLAS LAKE FLEET 374

Michigan District
Sailing on Douglas Lake
Cheboygan County, Michigan

* David O. Peters Shrub 12754

No report.

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET 387

Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan

Fleet CaptainMatt Dahline
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerLarry Koster
Fleet ChampionMatt Dahline

* Jim Spurr		6228
Dave Vietti Baka		10366
* George F. Siegle	A1A	11205
* John LeFevre		11520
Dennis Dudley	Do-Rite	12888
Mike Moody	Omits	13254
* Neil Harrison	Sukevay	13279
Blaine Severin	Pi-Rat	13344
John Fishbeck	Evergreen	13730
Bob Chronister	Bananas	13903
* Roger Anderson	Minwahsin	14024
* Matt Dahline	Fastidiots	14133
* Fred Hull	Hull Speed	14147
* Larry Koster	Fubar	14267
* William S. Davidson	Shibumi	14294
* Ron Marshall	Ohm	14447
* Terrill L. Kleiman	Bliiksemstraal	14468
* Patrick Dolan	Imagine	14511
* George F. Siegle	Fins	14760

LSC Commodore Pat Dolan won the first race on April 25th to open the 1999 sailing season. He was the fleet's most active skipper and sailed in 37 races.

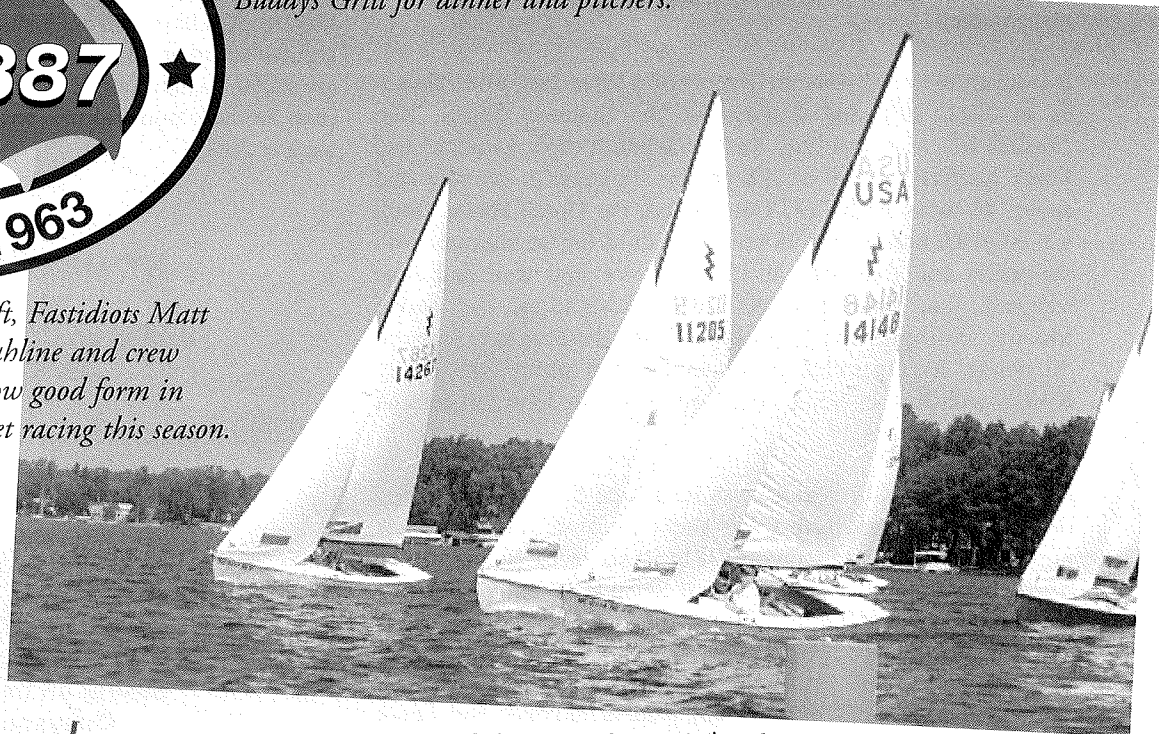
The Spring - Fall series is two sessions: Spring is April 25th through May 30, Fall begins after Labor Day through October 10th, with 22 races total. Throwouts begin after 9 races are sailed. The "Fastidiots" with Matt and Andrea Dahline, crew Frank Northrup, took first place honors at 86 points. They had six 1st places finishes in 12 races. Ron and Jane Marshall, with Bob Hill, aboard "Ohm" sailed 17 races, four 1sts, for 77 points. In 3rd place, one point behind, we find George and Ann Siegle with Gil Chesbro on "A1A". They had four 1st place results in 14 races.



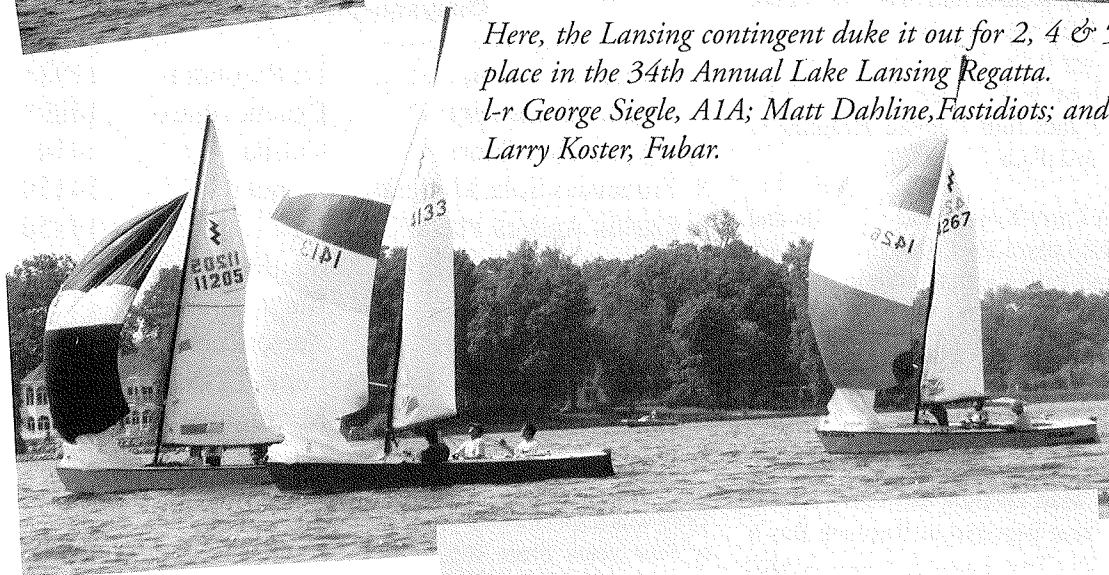
Great racing in the center of the Michigan mitten!

Our 34th Annual Lake Lansing Regatta (below) featured active starts and close contests, good wind, our famous barbecue lunch and a huge crowd at Buddy's Grill for dinner and pitchers.

Left, Fastidiots Matt Dahline and crew show good form in fleet racing this season.

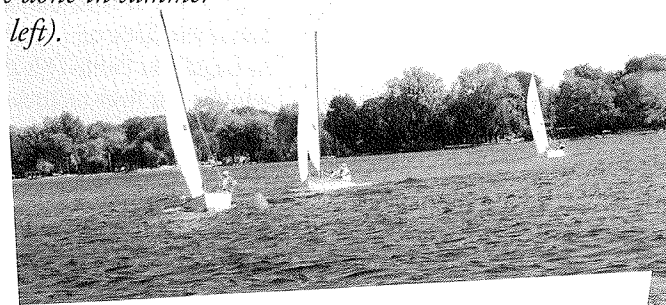
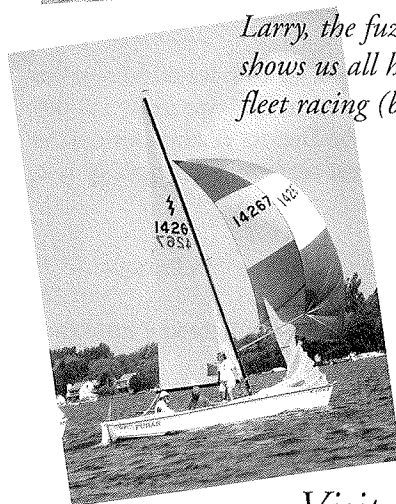


Here, the Lansing contingent duke it out for 2, 4 & 5th place in the 34th Annual Lake Lansing Regatta. l-r George Siegle, A1A; Matt Dahline, Fastidiots; and Larry Koster, Fubar.



More fleet racing with Neil Harrison, the club's treasurer (above) and Pat Dolan and crew in "Imagine" below.

Larry, the fuzzy faced guy in FUBAR shows us all how it's done in summer fleet racing (below, left).



Above, George Siegle and crew, in the lead aboard A1A, plane on a screaming reach in an early fall fleet race.



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Skipper Pat Dolan with "Imagine" placed 1st three times in 17 races for 72 points and 4th for the series. "FUBAR's" fuzzy faced skipper, most times with Rachel Mills and Tom Rasmussen, sailed 13 races, with four 1sts and 60 points for 5th place overall.

It is tough to beat 7 wins in 12 races plus three 2nd place finishes in June, July and August for the Summer Series. The "Fastidiots", Matt Dahline, Andrea Schmidt (now Dahline) and Frank Northrup, finish at 108 points. "Imagine", the boat that sailed 20 races with LSC Commodore Pat Dolan aboard, took six 1st place finishes for 98 points. In third for the summer with 94 points and four 1sts in 12 races, we find Ron and Jane Marshall, their crew Bob Hill. A newcomer to the fleet, Mike Moody, sailing "Omits", placed 4th for the Summer Series at 70 points, having sailed in 13 races. Fifth place finds Larry Koster, with Rachel Mills, Tom Rasmussen or John LeFevre, at 44 points in 9 races.

Fleet 387's Annual regatta was held June 5 & 6. The Happy Boat (14148) from North Cape Yacht Club on Lake Erie, just north of Toledo, Ohio, scored a 1st in all six races. Skipper Mike Thomas, with brother Bill and Matt Selan were the very happy crew. I can hear Mike telling his dad Stever, "We threw out a 1st place finish!"

Lansing's Matt Dahline, fiancée Andrea Schmidt and Frank Northrup sailing Fastidiots (14133) received 2nd place honors. They also won the "Ye Olde Silver Platter" the second year in a row for being the top finishing local boat. Saginaw Bay's John Johnson with daughter Jennifer and Tom Reinike returned to Midland with Teko (14022) and 3rd place.

Lansing's FUBAR (14267) with Larry Koster, Rachel Mills and Tom Rasmussen placed 4th. Gull Lake's Be Calm (14712) with Tom Hudson, Barb Gillespie and Paul Karl take the tie breaker for 5th place. Also tied for 5th is Lansing's A1A (11205) George and Ann Siegle with Gil Chesbro.

Five Lansing skippers attended six out-of-town regattas in 1999. Pat Dolan sailed at the Indy Open and at Pontiac's White Cap regatta. Matt Dahline and George Siegle headed north to Tawas Bay Yacht Club's regatta. Matt Dahline and Larry Koster were among the 12 of 17 boats that capsized at Saginaw Bay's "luv" regatta STRIKES AGAIN. Two Lansing boats, Koster and Siegle, were at Higgins Lake Boat Club's invitational regatta. George and Ann Siegle were at the Pontiac White Cap regatta. Mike Moody sailed at Devils Lake the following weekend.

Lightning sailing interest is still strong at Lake Lansing. Roger Anderson joined LSC and the fleet this fall with 14024, (it had been idle for a couple years). George and Ann Siegle bought 14760 from Pontiac Yacht Club's Bob Shaw. Commodore Pat Dolan sold his 14511 at the Pontiac White Cap regatta. Terry Kleiman sold his 14468 to LSC's Blaine Severin. Mike Moody, also of LSC, recently purchased Fred Hull's 14147.

Watch out for Blaine, Mike, George and Ann in 2000. Also, keep an eye on Pat Dolan and Terry Kleiman, as each has a new boat on order.

Make plans to attend Fleet 387's regatta Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4, 2000. The first of two races begin at noon on Saturday. The sailors come in for a delicious barbecue chicken lunch break following the 2nd race. Winds and weather permitting, we will have two more short races. At 10 AM Sunday morning, we schedule two more back-to-back races. If 6 races in total are sailed, we have a throwout. Mike and Bill Thomas, the Happy Boat brothers from North Cape Yacht Club, say that they will be back in 2000.

ST. MARY'S FLEET 400

Ohio District

Sailing on Grand Lake St. Mary's
St. Mary's, Ohio

* Addis L. Katterheinrich Adam's Rib 8441

No report.

SALINAS YACHT CLUB FLEET 405

Ecuador District

Sailing on the Pacific Ocean
Guayaquil, Ecuador

* Miguel E. Plaza, Jr.	La Ratona	11928
* Miguel Plaza Merino	Desencuentro	14099
* Juan Carlos Plaza P.	Culilla	14145
* Francisco Sola Medina	Samuel	14150
* Carlos Andres Plaza	Gato	14150
* Sebastian Meira T.	Saudades	14379
* Santiago Romero	Barst	14389
* Paco Sola Tanca	Zorro Loco	14541
* Santiago Romero Barst	Pepto Bismol	14673
* Jaime Santa Cruz Vial	Marraqueta	14674
* Carlos Lecaro	Garufa	14676

1999 was a spectacular year for our fleet and our club. After twenty four years Fleet 405 hosted the Lightning Worlds and this caused great excitement among all members.

The sailing season started early in January with weekend regattas and attendance of 8 boats on average. In May we made the trip to Lago San Pablo (Fleet 447) for the District Championships, in which our fleet members had a great performance finishing 1, 2, 4 and 7. Results follow:

District Champions: Jaime Santacruz con Enrique Granja y Gabriela Vela;

Runner-ups: Juan Santos con Rafael Lecaro y Ernesto Escobar;

Fourth: Paco Solá Jr. con Roberto Campoverde y Juan Carlos Casal;

Seventh: Juan Santos Jr. con Santiago Romero y Miguel Mardonez.

In July Ecuador went to Winnipeg for the PANAM Games. Our Lightning team was Gastón Vedani skippering, Juan Santos and Rafael Lecaro, they finished 7 after a very tough and competitive series.

In August our fleet traveled again, this time to the North Americans in Lake Carlyle. Carlos Luis Lecaro skippered, Paco Solá and Jimmy Pazmiño crewed. It was a major accomplishment to have qualified to the Blue Fleet, in which we finished 17.

From June to November we never stopped sailing/training in Salinas in preparation for the Worlds. Regattas were run every weekend with trophies to the top three. We also organized the "Copa del Recuerdo" (local Masters), which rejoined a very competitive and friendly group of veteran Lightning sailors who, for two days, relived all their anecdotes and great times spent in the Lightning class.

The winners of the regatta were Aparicio "Curro" Plaza with Miguel Plaza Jr. and Jose Manuel Gonzales. Runner-ups: Alberto "Polvora" Maspons with Paco Sola and Juan Carlos Casal. Third place: Lacho Plaza with Juan Carlos Plaza and Eduardo Arosemena. The consensus of the participants is that this should be a yearly event.

The intensive training program finished with the National Championships which saw a fleet of 19 boats, a record showing since at least 15 years. After a very tough series of 10 races Miguel Plaza Jr. with Jose Manuel Gonzales and Juan Baquerizo became the new champions. Runner-ups: Juan Santos, Rafael Lecaro, Arturo Iturralde. Third place: Juan Carlos Plaza, Eduardo Arosemena, Chalo Vargas.

The sum of all regattas was also valid for the Copa Francisco Sola Franco. This year Juan Santos, Arturo Iturralde and Rafael Lecaro became the winners, showing excellent consistency in what was a very long program.

And finally what we had all been waiting for arrived: Salinas was the host of the First International Masters Regatta and the Twentieth World Championships.

The Masters saw great competition and a strong local fleet led by Paco Sola Sr. who came back to sailing Lightnings after a five year break. The winner had to come out ahead in the last race of the series, and after a nerve wrecking showdown, it was Jack Elfman who got the gun, Tom Allen Sr. came in second and Paco Sola third.

The Worlds was next. We had teams from Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Chile, United States, Switzerland and Ecuador for a total of 45 teams. Suffice it to say that Tito Gonzales, Claus Engels and Pablo Barahona came up with the well deserved first place after a tight series in which they sailed almost flawlessly.

The other winner was the Salinas Yacht Club which was on top of the event and ran like clockwork to bring us a regatta that will be hard to forget. Thanks to the Board of Directors and to all the personnel of the club for their hard work. A special mention to

Diners Club and American Airlines who were our official sponsors who have been supporting the Lightning Class for quite some time.

And finally the year came to an end. Our fleet is ready for new challenges, the first of which will be the South American Championships in April, in Salinas. Again! We'll see you there.

Have a great year 2000.

HIGH ROCK FLEET 415

**Southeastern District
Sailing on High Rock Lake
Lexington, North Carolina**

* George Howard	Rain Maker	10354
* Aldred K. Warren, III		10386
* Nathan Varner		10728
* William W. Pleasants		12336
* Pell Kennedy		13931
* Gordon P. Kellogg	Special K II	14044
* Frank Mills	Patricia Ann	14248
* Richard Simpson	Blitzen	14432
* Sam L. Booke III		14702
* Carter Utzig	Maybe	14947

No report.

LA PINTA FLEET 424

**Peru District
Sailing on Bay of Callao
Lima, Peru**

* Francisco Ayulo	No Speaking	12825
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No report.

GREATER CHARLESTON FLEET 429

**Southeaster District
Sailing on Charleston Harbor
Charleston, South Carolina**

* William R. Sloger, Sr.	Wasabi	11771
* Leonard Krawcheck		14935

No report.

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB FLEET 430

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey

* John J. Parker	Flower Child	13380
* Howard M. Solomon		13649
* Erik T. Hostvedt	Blue Streak	14014
* Andrew Skibo	Pink Panther	14415

No report.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 431

Long Island District
Sailing on Shinnecock Bay
Southampton, Long Island, New York

* John V.H. Halsey	Windy Too	11071
* James Ledogar	Slug	12123
* Arthur M. Reid, Jr.		13874
* Robert G. Shewan		14074
* Tim Rumph		14138
* Tim Rumph Fulmen		14157
* Richard E. Warren		14560
* Bruce Hendry		14679

No report.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB FLEET 435

Texas District
Lake Ray Hubbard
Heath, Texas

Fleet Captain Sylvan Newman
Fleet Secretary Vernon Goldberg

Sylvan Newman		10937
Vernon Goldberg	Andros 3	13238
Robert Thomas	Pandora	13311
* George R. Hatfield	Making Hay	13691
* Paul Foerster		14817
* Richard C. Guinan, Jr.		Life
* John S. Schneider		Life

Fleet 435 is in a virtual state of remission. Our once mighty fleet, numbering over 40 boats as recently as the mid-80's, is now reduced to only four members. The ravages of a transient society, old age, and the relatively high cost of the Lightning, have served to deplete our ranks to only the oldest and stoutest of hearts. However, we are actively soliciting new - and younger - members and hope to provide a more upbeat report next year.

Vernon Goldberg

PALMETTO FLEET 440

Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Murray
Columbia, South Carolina

* Kenneth E. Peters	Mod Mid	13123
No report.		

FOND DU LAC FLEET 442

Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Winnebago
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Mike Elmergreen
Fleet Champion Sue Dorscheid

* Sue Dorscheid	Escape	
* & Michael Elmergreen		13617

This year started off with an exciting new twist. The Lighthouse Regatta, which is always held the first weekend of June, joined forces with a neat new scow class called the I20. This is an M20 with a carbon sprit and an asymmetrical chute. The combined class regatta was a great success and it seems to have a good future.

Seventeen Lightnings participated along with 14 of the brand new I20's. Each class had its own start on a weekend that had lots of wind with a few thrills and spills. The veteran Lightning sailors faired well in the heavy air with only a few mishaps while the scows had several spectacular capsizes as their owners got used to the new rig. Skip Dieball won the regatta easily with 2 firsts and 2 seconds. Bill Faude was second followed by Ric Larson.

The summer series featured a great shoot out between Big Sue Dorscheid's Lightning and a hot I20 sailor that joined our Tuesday night mongrel fleet which races under Portsmouth handicap. The pair traded firsts all season long as they handily out-sailed the rest of the fleet. The I20 won the early season while Big Sue took the late season. The overall championship had to be decided by a committee because it fell into a gray area of the local rules. The I20 ended up the winner by a tiny fraction of a point.

We had a good turnout this year as we averaged nine boats per race. We always had 2 and sometimes 3 Lightnings on the line. There are a ton of 16 foot M and MC Scows that are having some great battles. We seem to be on a little upswing in the daysailor racing fleet while the big boat fleet is waning. Come and sail on the largest inland lake in Wisconsin. Bring your Lightning to race or to cruise. It's the perfect size lake for adventurous cruising in a Lightning with many fun destinations. Please come and join us.