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Cedar Point	Lake Davenport	Salinas
Chautauqua	Lake Fenton	Santa Monica Bay
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Clearwater Bay	Leatherlips	Sheboygan
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Fishing Bay	Milwaukee	Temple Reef
Galway Lake	Muna	Toronto Bay
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Greater Charleston	Niagra	Valkeakoski
Guanabara	Ocean City	Wake
Hallwiler	Orient	Western Lake Erie

#### SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB FLEET 1 Central New York District Sailing on Skaneateles Lake Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captain: . . . . . John "Mick" Barnes Fleet Secretary: . . . . . . . David Penfield

* David Penfield		39
* Michael Yates	Acme	378
Bill & Alan Bartlett		2743
Gordon Potter		6614
* Daniel Feruson	The Fighting Lady	8899
Linus Walton	Empress	9136
* Jeff Youle		10188
Kirk Reynolds	Wild Goose	10355
* Bent Thomsen	Jolle	10679
* John Barnes	Allegra	10705
* Frank Haas	Blitzen II	11154
Dick Lynch	Roamin with Brohman III	12031
William C. Bourke	Thunder Ann	12174
* David M. Hayes	Ensayo	12210
* Christopher C. Kuhns		12690
* Skaneateles Country C	lub	13330
Hendrix TenEyck, Jr.	Wag	13677
Chris/Gary Kuhns	Ego Tripped	13900
Peter Swartz		14631

Skaneateles Fleet 1 is alive and well. This year we hosted the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta putting 19 Lightnings on the line. The second One Day Regatta saw 20 boats at the start.

For those who attended the 60th you might like to know that we kept our weather string in tact with rain on Saturday and no wind on Sunday for the Centrals. Our one day was good, no rain and light winds. We got in 5 races with Jed Dodge and Dick Hallagan going head to head with Jed emerging victorious.



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The highlight of the racing season was the All Lake Regatta. We mustered up 7 Lightnings at the start, all from our lake. Fleet 1 was represented by Peter Swartz and Mick Barnes at most of the District Regattas. Mick had the pleasure of turning the helm over to his grand daughter, Brie Barnes-Derusha, age 13, for her first Lightning District Regatta. Brie did quite well on the up wind legs but her Grandfather could not hold it together with good spinnaker work, a major handicap for the poor girl.

Next year will be another active year, S.C.C. will host the Lightning Districts on July 21 and 22, 2001 as well as the 3rd Annual One Day Regatta on the 8th of September 2001. In order to encourage more boats we will be using the hull number handicapping system for both of these regattas. A concerted effort is being made to get more local participation in our interclub bi-weekly Sandbagger series. The S.C.C. Sail School 2000 used their Class Lightning in their adult classes as well as youth classes and are actively seeking an additional Lightning for the Sail School. The Sail School has greatly altered their curriculum and goals. The School hosted 127 youths and 20 adults this past year and are looking to increase interest in the Lightning as a school boat, any donations that would help towards this goal would be greatly appreciated.

#### BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB FLEET 3 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain/Secretary: . . . Robert O'Brien

Philip R. VanDuyne, Jr. Thunder 177

\* Robert Adams 11980

A couple of old timers like Bob Adams and Bob O'Brien are keeping Fleet Three alive mostly for sentiments sake. We have only two lightning's at the Bay Head Yacht Club and neither compete. Unfortunately, most of the "hard core" lightning skippers are now in their 60's and have either retired from sailing, gone to powerboats or are sailing larger Cat boats, which require less crew.

With over a 110 kids in the BHYC sailing program, we are hopeful that lightning sailing may be revived. Unfortunately, most of these kids start out in opti's and go on to lasers or to a boat which require no or only one crew. Therefore, they do not learn the team work and skills necessary to organize and command a crewed boat such as the lightning.

I'm sure that we are not alone, but frankly we don't know what to do about it.

Best wishes for a successful sailing year.

#### LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB FLEET 4 Central New York District Sailing on Lake Delta Rome, New York

* Albert A. Adolfi, Jr.	Snow Bird	10725
Aaron Dewey		12720
David A. Winberg	Run-A-Way	13143

No Report.

#### CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB FLEET 5

#### Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain:	David Stix
Fleet Secretary:	Jim Fairman
Fleet Treasurer:	Steve Jenkins
Fleet Champion:	David Stix
Fleet 2nd Place:	Dennis Burke
Fleet 3rd Place:	Adrian Irving

* Skip Dieball		0
* Jeanne Ehrenberg		0
* Stuart Feldman		0
* Robert Almgren		0
* Victor Martincic		9010
Wayne Lown		10347
* Tom Hennessy	Wind On	10443
Dave Hernandey		10930
* John F. Tschanz	Wind Rose	11316
Bruce Thompson	Mjollnir	12395
Patrick McGuinnis	•	12650
Jon Schmid	Sky Blue	
& Tom Rogers	·	13259
John L. Walter	Showtime	13686
John Beery		13909
* Doug Steffenson	Hot Flash	14015
* Jim Fairman	Plan B	14065
* William Gibson	Pigs On Ice	14137
Peter Sherman	C	14337
* David Field		14433
* Robert K. Smither	Photon	14466
* Paul Wurtzebach	Dragon	14478
* Doug Nickel	Feeding Frenzy	14613
* Dennis A. Burke	Rayo	14844
* Adrian K. Irving	Dale	14847
* Hugo Carey Long		14895
* David W. Stix		14898
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Fleet 5 celebrated it's 50th anniversary this year with a terrific increase in local fleet racing participation. The fleet agreed to race exclusively on Sundays and selected race dates based on preseason race attendance commitments by the skippers. This meant fewer race dates on the calendar, but we matched our 1998 season high water mark for races run. All of them were well attended and blessed with favorable conditions.

In addition to that, our annual CCYC events: Hobelmann Regatta (  $Aug\ 5\ \&\ 6$  ) and Red Flannels Regatta ( September 23 & 24 ) complemented a busy Midwest District travel schedule.

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Steffenson	1st
Stix	2nd
Burke	3rd
Red Flannels Regatta top	finishers:
Bill Faude	1st
Skip Dieball	2nd
Jim Allen	3rd
David Stix	4th



Fleet 5 experiments with Chicago's ghost payrollers to get more boats on the line.

Dave Stix managed to win the Fleet Championship AND make impressive showings at most of the district and regional events. Paul Wurtzebach and Doug Steffenson represented Fleet 5 at the NA's.

During the "storage" months, Fleet 5 schedules a monthly bowling event that scores as a series for the winter. We invite participation from skippers, crew, spouses, kids, babies and fun seekers with all sailing backgrounds. Our winning 2000 season team included: Doug Nickel, Bonnie Hawkins & a mystery ringer.

Come join us in Chicago for terrific competition! Bowlers and sailors welcome.

- Jim Fairman

#### HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB FLEET 6 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Stratford, Connecticut

* Brian Hayes		0
* Shane O'Neill		0
* R. Neil Hayes	Woody	
* & Richard N. Haves, Sr.		10801

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#### ONONDAGA FLEET 10 Central New York District Sailing on Onondaga Lake Liverpool, NY

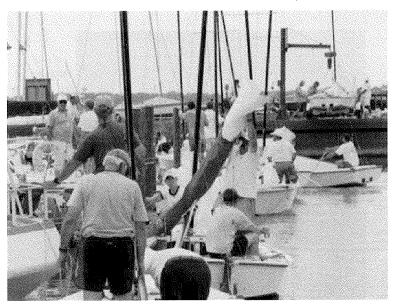
* Ron Nagy		0
* W. Craig Thayer		736
* W. Craig Thayer		8656
* W. Craig Thayer		8677
* W. Craig Thayer	The Cheese	10370
* W. Craig Thayer		11425

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From a fleet building and fleet racing standpoint, this was a less than stellar year for our newly reactivated fleet. Although Chip and Alice Melvin were regulars on the starting line, both Len Phillips and yours truly were usually missing. Len got a new job which kept him very busy, and I did not put my boat in the water this season. As a result, I did some crewing with the Melvins, and later in the year, with Pete Osborne, who purchased one of Len's "fleet", #14411. Unfortunately, Ron Nagy sold his boat in midseason for lack of crew, but promised to be available to crew for the rest of us. Finally, despite this being one of the best lakes for breeze, numerous Sunday afternoons disappointed us with spotty or non-existent wind, diminishing the turnout as well as the quantity of our regularly scheduled club races.







Shots from the Onondaga One Day Regatta.

On a much brighter note, this year marked our fourth year of hosting the "Onondaga One Day Lightning Invitational". As a result of some serious "bush beating" and pestering, we managed to have 25 boats arrive for the event, with two boats coming all the way from the eastern end of Long Island. It was a beautiful sunny day, but airless in the morning, forcing a postponement and an early lunch. However, about 1:00 the wind came in, providing us with a beautiful breeze of 8-12 for the remainder of the day. We sailed 5 short windward-leeward races with Bob Wardwell, now of Watertown, NY taking the top spot. Second went to Jed Dodge of Sodus, NY, and third to the co-skippering team of Dick Hallagan and Dan Pope from Newport (Rochester) YC. Bob Bush, now also relocated to our district, and Mark Grinder from Silver Lake (near Buffalo) rounded out the top five.

This year we pretty much had a tie for the trophy given to the person who travels the farthest. With both Malcolm Hendry and Mel Reid of Southampton YC the clear winners, the actual "Road Warrior" trophy was given to Malcolm based on the distance driven from his house. Both skippers also received \$20 in gas money as a part of the prize. Our entire group was entertained when a few of the details of their trip to the regatta were shared during the presentation.

This year our regatta falls on Saturday, August 25th, one week after the NA's, and a week before Labor Day weekend. If you would be interested in attending, please mark your calendar, and e-mail me at HYPERLINK:

thayer@dreamscape.com

for details. We are expecting 30 boats, and can provide housing or camping. There are also nearby motels. Hope to see you at OYC in 2001! *Craig Thayer* 

#### NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET 11 Metropolitan District At the end of the Navesink River, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: . . . . . . . . . Jon Schwartz Fleet Secretary/Treasurer . . . Mary Huntsman

\* William P. Clausen, III

Almost Perfect

14495

\* Jon Schwartz

Le Speu

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No Report.



#### BUFFALO CANOE CLUB FLEET 12 Lake Erie District Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain:	Brian Starck
Fleet Secretary:	Bob Starck
Fleet Champion:	Dave Starck
Runner-Up:	Jody Swanson

* Anne S. Allen		Life
Laird Robertson	USair	3951
* William E. Neal	See Adler	6983
* Charlie Nowak		9111
Ian Drullard		10356
Paul Niederlander	Electric Dreams	11117
William Weikert, Jr.		11126
Greg Flynn	The Rip City Express	11739
Ronald Allan Hughes		12445
* Clarence O. Jones, Jr.	Sea-O	12770
John L. Cosmann	Eye-Opener	13244
* Jody Swanson		13366
John A. Frank, III		
& John Frank, IV		13652
Alison Emblidge		13653
* Richard A. Aubrecht		
& John J. Beimler		14112
David E. Fretz		14195

* Edwin Roseberry, Jr.	Berry III	14261
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14262
* Warren Emblidge, III	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	14286
* Judith Walker	Vampira II	14291
* Brian Starck	Confusion3	14371
* Dr. Richard J. Buckley,	Jr. Catspaws	
& Pascal Buckley	•	14410
* Tom Allen, Sr.		14411
* Jody Swanson		14490
* John Swanson		
& Mary Dobmeier		14499
* Thomas M. Ward	West Wind	14502
* David Starck	Hotel California	
* & Thomas Starck		
& Larry Bone		14548
* William E. Neal		14569
* Kevin J. Robinson		
& Timothy Jehle		14572
* Tom Allen, Sr.	Atom	14611
* Jody Swanson		
& John Schimert		14678
* Lynn Mayer		14682
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14709
* Richard A. Aubrecht		14744
* Michael Vollmer	Daze Of Thunder Part Deux	14772
* Tom Allen, Sr.		14811
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14905
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14907
* Patrick Hylant		
& Marilee Hylant		14924
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14932

Fleet racing at the BCC consists of a number of series of "full-length" races interspersed throughout the summer on weekends. We also sail a summer-long Tuesday Night Series where we may have as many as five short races. This latter series, expertly produced and directed by Anne Allen, Jean Swanson, Joe Starck and their RC teams, is probably the fleet's most popular, consistently drawing 10-12 Lightnings every week.

By any measure, Dave Starck was "the man" in fleet racing this year. Dave won the Hussey, the Meyers, and the Tuesday Night series, as well as the coveted Lightning Club Championship. Dave also won the Past-Commodore's trophy for the best record in any fleet at the BCC. Ed Roseberry also sailed well this season winning both the Maccubbin and Fleet 12 series, while Brian Starck took the Thermis series and Bob Starck the Old Salts Regatta.

BCC competitors fared well this year in area regattas sponsored by Fleet 12, with Dave Starck winning both the Eby Invitational and the Lake Erie Districts, and Ed Roseberry the BCC Fall Regatta.

On the national level, Larry MacDonald Jr. won the Southern Circuit, with Tom Allen Jr. finishing 4th, Tom/Dave Starck 8th and Dave Sprague 16th. At this year's NA's, final results saw Tom Allen Jr. and Kevin Robinson in 16th and 27th places in the blue fleet and Tom Sr. the 15th green fleet finisher.

In 2001, we hope to steer some of our fine, young Junior sailors into Lightnings.

#### CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB FLEET 14 New England District Sailing on Casco Bay South Portland, ME

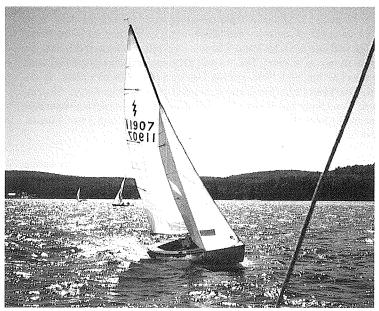
Ronald Smith	Bayou Cadillac	3814
Fleet 14 Centerboard Y.C.	·	10613
Stephen W. Purdy	Herb Stone	12328
Peter S. Merrill	Albert E. Moore	12359
* John Tozer	Mouette	13886

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# PAUPACK FLEET 16 Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain:	Sandy Scull
Fleet Secretary:	Bob Hall
Fleet Champion:	George Madel
Runner Up:	Heinz Kornmann

Jeane Bice, Jr.		8581
* Brian H. Williams	Mimsy	10301
Jeane Bice, Jr.		10518
Gene Baerenrodt		11082
* Achille Charles Scache	Haulin' Ash	11363
Sandi Scull	Halcyone	11907
Bill Jermyn		13617
* Heinz Kornmann	Windy	13638
* George Madel	Byken	14722



Finish line at PA Governor's Cup

photo by Gaye Williams

The sailing season starts with the Memorial Day Cold Duck Regatta, features a thee series club racing program, and culminates with hosting the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup regatta in mid-September.

This year brought growth to the fleet as young crewman, Ash Scache,

fledged to his own boat, under the guiding hand of veteran Cathy Schneider. Bob Hall joined the club this year, and with regular crew Barb Aston, was a challenging addition to the starting line.

The light winds of Summer 2000 plagued the fleet with several race days lost, but the other days of good wind and weather made up for them. The annual crew race, held Labor Day weekend, was won by Bill Madel, grandson of George, continuing the family tradition of tough sailing competitors.

The highlight of the season comes with undertaking the task of hosting the PA Governor's Cup regatta. About 20 boats from all over the east converge for two days of reliable winds and deep fresh water sailing (no currents!). The sailing conditions provided challenges for everyone, as Mark Schneider and Bob Bush simultaneously demonstrated their chute up/boat over technique, verifying to the rest of the fleet that flying a spinnaker on that leg was not recommended. Thanks, guys.

Visiting sailors are always welcome, and we are always jooking for new members.

Sandi Scull

#### BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB FLEET 17 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound at Bridgeport, Connecticut

Ralph B. Sperry	Arago	12739
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#### CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 19 Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Chautauqua Lakewood, New York

* Gordon S. Black, Jr.	Daisy 0
* Bud Kinney	7023
* James J. McDonnell	Blue Mac's 9332
* Doug Reid	Moxie
& Ken Reid	9402
Colleen Wright	Lightning Strikes Twice
& Charles A. Hodges	10156
* Andrew Hayward	Enchalada Picante 10338
Lyle T. Barkhymer	12601
Marnie Tolerton	Fledermaus 12614
* Heinrich Kutschke	H.E.K. 13605
Kathleen Kane	14311
Don Todd	14593

The 37th Annual Cornball Regatta was sailed on June 10 and 11 at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club. The standings were:

<ol> <li>David Sprague</li> </ol>	141741	Toronto Bay
2. Matt Simpson	14174	Royal Canadian Y. C.
3. Bob Starck	14371	Buffalo Canoe Club
4. Skip Wilday	14725	Cuba Lake Y. C.

<ol><li>Brad Currie</li></ol>	14666	Harbor Island Y. C.
<ol><li>Scott Warrener</li></ol>	14134	Port Dover Y. C.
7. Henri Kutschke	13605	Chautauqua Lake Y. C.
8. J. McDonnell	9332	Chautauqua Lake Y. C.

J. J. McDonnell

### INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 23 Ohio District Sailing on Indian Lake Russells Point, Ohio

* W.J. Limbaugh		0
* Jim Goslee	Captain America	7424
* Lowell P. Butler	Dragon Lady	9969
Robin Joslin		10585
John Greene	Anne Jo	11055
* James T. Young	Sails Call	11531
* James T. Young	Swee Pea	11777
Robert Curry	Dyed Blue	12049
* Franklin L. Terry	Mellow	12287
* Robert Clover	Wind Thief	12551
John Collier	Finally Blue	13189
Clark Shingledecker	Starlight Express	13502
William D. Young	Coot	13719
* John W. Timmermeister		13741
* Judy Creamer	No Fear	13747

Fleet 23, sailing on beautiful Indian Lake, had a slow year as we are trying to revive the racing program with the local boats. We opted not to have the Stumpbuster Regatta last year and featured a Fun Regatta on July 8 instead. Eight boats participated in a sail-around Indian Lake, visiting such party places as Cranberry's resort and the Moose Club for food and beverages. The weather was beautiful with light to moderatewinds, perfect for seeing Indian's sights. The day was highlighted with an antique wooden boat show that saw about a dozen older wood powerboats cruising around the lake. We were able to 'bar hop' with several of them. After sailing, a party was held at Jim Young's lake house where we all enjoyed a delicious pot-luck dinner.

Sunday was to be a racing day, but light winds and warm water made cruising and skiing in the Young brothers' power boats a fun option. Feedback was very positive and we are considering doing the same in 2001. Right now (Dec.) with ice forming on the lake, we are turning our attention to Iceboating!

Come sail with us next year. We look forward to seeing all of our friends again.

### LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB FLEET 25 Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Mohawk Sparta, NJ

Fleet Captain: Gail Mine	r
Fleet Champion: Rich Mine	ľ
Runner-Up: Don Okne	r

Hank Hitpas			8671
* Donald T. Okner		Tomato Sloop	11448
* John Marx		Ariba-Ariba-Andele	11565
Jim Di Paoma			11772
* Henry Jelinek		Sub-Lime	13160
William M. Beveridge		The Great Escape	13373
* Perry L. Anderson		Dreamer	13381
* Diethild Holbein		Meister Eder	13820
* William Warren	Sushi	14198	
Angela Hopkins		Wild Goose	14327
* Richard T. Miner		Hawkeye	14607



Waiting for the wind to come up and the rain to stop at Lake Mohawk Yacht Club.

Fleet 25, going strong for over 60 years, sailed a full 2000 season on beautiful Lake Mohawk in Sussex County, New Jersey. Our Spring Series began towards the end of May and we sailed 11 races through mid-July. Series standings were: 1st - Rich Miner with a 1.0 average; 2nd - Perry Anderson; 3rd - Don Okner; and 4th - Hank Jelinek. The Fall Series began in early August and we sailed 18 races through October 15th. Fall Series standings were: Rich Miner, 1st with a 1.0 average again; followed by John Marx, Hank Jelinek, and Don Okner. The Fall finishes were very close, with John Marx barely losing out to Rich Miner for 1st place (.125 points). Obviously, they sailed on different days. John is a sailor for all seasons – and boats – since he finished 1st in the Snipe class and also races his Laser when he feels like it. Guess it depends on who shows up to crew! The 3rd and 4th place standings in the Fall were very close too, with Hank beating Don by a few 10ths of a point. In the end, the Fleet Championship was awarded to Rich Miner for the 4th year, and Don Okner was Runner-Up. For those of you wondering what happened to John Miller, he's back! after a heroic bout with Lyme disease. but he'll be racing his Laser in 2001.



Gail sporting ner tasnionable lightning gear.

Fleet members are very active in Lake Mohawk Yacht Club activities. Rich Miner was Commodore, Ditti Holbein was Vice Commodore, Hank Jelinek was Rear Commodore, John Marx was Treasurer and Don Okner was Publicity Chair this past year. Perry Anderson and Gail Miner were co-chairs of the Junior Sailing Program, which teaches kids ages 10 - 14 on Sunfish for 6 weeks over the Perry was also summer. Assistant Treasurer. Bill and Connie Warren were in charge of the Club's trophy award celebration, and arranged a great Sunday Brunch at our beautifully remodeled Club facilities on the board-walk. We switched to a brunch (from a dinner-dance) last year, and found that families really liked it better.

Most of the special trophies awarded at the brunch went to Lightning sailors. Crew of the Year award went to Lorraine Oeters, who crews regularly with Rich and Gail Miner. Lorraine is our youngest steady sailor and perhaps the most enthusiastic. She is usually the first to show up on Sunday to help get the boats ready, and she is a terrific assistant instructor in the Junior Sailing program. Congratulations to Lorraine! Hank Jelinek won the John Myers Service Award, and Don Okner won the Ed Syracuse Sportsmanship Award; both were well-deserved. Congratulations Hank and Don!

Lightnings also dominated the Club's open handicapped regattas, which are scored using the Portsmouth system. The Gabor Cup Memorial Day Regatta was won by Rich Miner, with Don Okner taking 3rd place. The Marine Base Regatta held over the July 4th weekend was won by Bill Warren, with the help of his stealth crew, former Lightning Champion Bob Graham, who came out of retirement to help



Any day at the lake is something to smile about!

Bill sniff out the wind direction on a light and drifty day. Perry Anderson came in 3rd, but nobody else wants to remember where they finished in that race. However the Yacht Club party the next day, with a view of the fireworks over Lake Mohawk, was a grand affair to remember. And, finally, the Commodore's Cup, usually sailed on Labor Day weekend but postponed to Sept. 17th for better winds, was won this year eponomously by Commodore Rich Miner, with Don Okner taking 3rd place. The Commodore has to throw a cocktail party for the regatta, and the Miners enjoyed having all Club members to their home on Labor Day to celebrate – in advance.

Lake Mohawk is a beautiful place to sail. More often than not we have delightful breezes and clear, fresh water to sail on. Because our Lake is private and you must live here to be a Club member, our recruiting is limited. But our hospitality is unlimited and we welcome visiting sailors to stop by to talk or (preferably) crew on almost any Sunday afternoon from May to October. Weather permitting, we hold two races starting at 1:00 p.m. Look us up on the internet at:

webusers.warwick.net/~u1032068/lmyc.htm.

## Central Atlantic District Based on Little Egg Harbor Bay Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: John Teigland
Fleet Secretary: Franz K. Schneider
Fleet Champion: John Teigland

* Dr. Jody Robinson	Procrastination	10768
LEHYC	Spirit	11124
* John Teigland, Jr.	Cirrus	11666
* Franz K. Schneider, Jr.	Hornet	14348
* Caroline Hoedemaker	Phantom	14634

\* Mark Schneider Redemption 14840

There was a full program of club, interclub and regatta sailing for the Lightnings based at the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club this past summer.

Our program to introduce teenaged sailors graduating from our Optimist Pram program to Lightning sailing bore some promising fruits. Ian Todd, Frank Demmerly & Lindsay Minerva very ably represented Little Egg in the Sears Cup eliminations at Monmouth Boat Club. Sam Gilbert won the Labor Day trophy with Cassie Botti a close second.



Little Egg's Sears Cup Team

There were twelve boats from six different fleets at our Invitational Regatta on the weekend of August 12th. Rich Warren from the Surf City Yacht Club was first, Mitch Knatt from The Metedeconk River Yacht Club was second and Andy Temmi from the Surf City Club finished third.

A family oriented club, the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club has a strong dedication to sportsmanship as well as sailing excellence. Based on the southern tip of Long Beach Island we are blessed with an excellent deep water course, and a strong prevailing southerly breeze. Come and sail with us sometime.

## LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB FLEET 27 Ohio District Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir At Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain: Kurt Andrews
Fleet Secretary:
Fleet Champion & Crew: Kurt Andrews,
Zach Austin and Mike Mirarchi
Fleet Champion Runner Up & Crew:
Don Schregardus, Stan Fuller and Jose Ishern

* Charles Matthews		0
* Dennis W. Pope		0
* Chris Varvarosky		0
* John B. Haney		7502
* Ralph D. Powless		8234
Peter Burge		8559
* Ralph Zimmer		9498
* David Racine		11899
* George K. Hodge	Sone With The Wind	11982

Kirk Smith		12046
* Christina Hedrick	B.O.B. (Babes On Board)	12580
Andrew J. Sehulster	Lady Be Gooder	12787
Don Friswold		12797
* Ralph D. Powless		12895
* Jamie Diamond		13063
* Kurt Andrews	White Heat	13935
* Eric Brandt		14067
* Carl R. Clipp		14104
* Donald R. Schregardus	My Obsession	14395
* Charles D. Sheets		14743
* Daniel R Hertzer		14848
* Kurt Andrews		14897

The 2000 sailing season at Leatherlips started off cool, wet and rainy and stayed that way for most of the season. It was a good thing we received as much rain as we did. We needed to rejuvenate our reservoirs, as they were very low from the drought in 1999. If we had not received the rain, I don't think we would have been able to get our boats in and out of the river without damaging them! It was wonderful to see everything lush and green again. Our brown, river in Central Ohio is host to many species of wildlife and it is always pleasant to spend the day on, or near the river, whether sailing or watching the races.

Fleet member Dan Hertzer served as Immediate Past Commodore of



A calm but beautiful day of racing at Leatherlips

Leatherlips and Don Schregardus started his tenure serving on the board as Fleet Captain. Don will be Commodore in 2003 and will have the support of a growing Lightning Fleet to help with the many projects and repairs our rustic club requires.

Fleet 27 sailors were active this year both locally and on the District circuit. The Ohio districts circuit started with the Spring Classic in Pymatuning, PA on May 13 & 14. Dan Hertzer with crew Karla Varley and Cathy Hendricks placed 14th out of 39 boats. Eric Brandt placed 30th, with crew Josh Lehman & Stan Fuller. I heard this regatta was a wild weather ride and the Pymatuning group hosted a great party as usual.

The next Ohio district event was the Windshift Regatta hosted at our home waters on June 10 & 11. Fourteen boats competed. George Fisher from Hoover Yacht Club, with crew George Shea & Steve Callison placed first, and James Taylor from Cowan Lake Yacht Club, with crew Mike Kemp & Chris Dwyer placed second.

Leatherlips skipper Kurt Andrews with crew Zach Austin & Mike Mirarchi placed third. Other Leatherlips skippers to compete were: Eric Brandt with crew Scott Grahm, Josh Lehman, & Stephanie Thompson, placing 6th, Don Schregardus with crew Stan Fuller, & Judy & Jamie Diamond, placing 7th, Dan Hertzer with crew Jim Stone, & sisters- Cathy Hendrick & Christy Feig, placing 8th, Chris Varvarosky with crew Ed Auer and daughter Lauren Varvarosky, placing 11th. Coskippers Karen Johnson & Christina Hedrick with crew Ken Hartlaub,

Sandy Gill & Bruce Goodwin, placed 12th. Ralph Zimmer with crew Kristen Ossa & Jeff Mullenix placed 14th. Regatta's are always fun to host but the entire fleet is needed to work the event to ensure a good time for everyone. Fleet member and crew Cathy Hendricks had her entire family come to Columbus to help host this regatta. Cathy and her family members cooked, cleaned, took pictures and shopped for this regatta. Don Schregardus also contributed to a lot of the necessary work and Ralph Zimmer and Christina Hedrick cleaned the club after the event. The Leatherlips Comet Fleet provided Race committee in challenging, light and shifty conditions. Thanks to all for a great regatta!

Our next district event was the Ohio Districts hosted by the Fishers from Hoover Yacht Club in Columbus, during July. Unfortunately I cannot find any information on how everyone ranked in competition. I believe the skippers from Leatherlips who competed were: Kurt Andrews, Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer, and Don Schregardus. Dave Racine, (who still has not joined Leatherlips!!!), borrowed Chris Varvarosky's boat to compete. A number of Leatherlips crew attended. Some of them were: Zach Austin, Mike Mararchi, Cathy Hendricks, Stan Fuller, Jamie Diamond, Christina Hedrick, Lauren Varvarosky and Karen Johnson. The weather ranged from sunny and hot with no wind to sunny and hot with a lot of wind! The Fishers did a great job hosting the event and had a little help from Leatherlips and Pymatuning sailors for door prizes, beverages and snacks. It was a fun event and it was great to see a number of the Ohio District sailors gathered in one place.

The next event was the Harvest Moon Regatta hosted by Atwood Yacht Club in August. Unfortunately I cannot find racing results for this Ohio event either! From what I remember hearing there was little to no wind the entire weekend and there was possibly only one long, race completed. So, not much to mention here!

The Bare Bones Regatta hosted by Mansfield Sailing Club in Mansfield, OH was September 23-24th. Leatherlips sailors who competed were: Kurt Andrews with crew Zach Austin & Mike Mararchi, placing 3rd out of 12 boats. Don Schregardus with crew Stan Fuller & Jose Isern, placing 5th and Dan Hertzer with crew Terry Sowers and Cathy Hendrick placing 6th.

The Buckeye Snowball Regatta lived up to its name by providing a cold and snowy weekend on October 7 & 8 at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. I do not have race results or skippers who competed from Leatherlips, except for skipper Kurt Andrews who placed third. I expect that Kurt's crew were his usual crew of Zach Austin & Mike Mirarchi.

The final Ohio District event of the year was the Fall In Regatta hosted by Cowan Lake Yacht Club on October 21 & 22. Leatherlips sailors who competed were Kurt Andrews with crew Zach Austin & Mike Mirarchi, placing 2nd, out of 17 boats. Eric Brandt with crew George Auer & Josh Lenman, placing 8th. Don Schregardus with crew Stan Fuller & Paul Howald, placing 9th and Dan Hertzer with crew Cathy Hendricks and Terry Sowers, placing 12th.

Christina Hedrick was the only Leatherlips sailor to travel to Nashville, TN the first weekend of November to crew for the Bluenose Regatta. She was middle crew for Batton Kennon and his girlfriend Mary Summers on 12505. Batton and Mary are from Memphis and it was very interesting meeting the other southern gentlemen sailors from Memphis. Batton, Mary and Christina had one race where they placed 17th out of 45 boats. It was very exciting for them to have done that well in at least one race with all the "rock stars" at this regatta!

Locally Leatherlips skippers who raced this year were: Kurt Andrews, Eric Brandt, Carl Clipp, Jamie Diamond, Christina Hedrick, Dan Hertzer, George Hodge, Don Schregardus, & Ralph Zimmer.

Lightning skippers who qualified for year 2000 Leatherlips awards were:

Dan Hertzer for Spring Series Lightning A & B races placing first, and Don Schregardus taking second. Memorial Day Races resulted in Dan Hertzer placing first, Eric Brandt placing second and Don Schregardus placing third. For the Summer 1A series Don Schregardus placed first with Dan Hertzer taking second and for Summer 1B series Don Schregardus placed first. For the 4th of July series Kurt Andrews placed first with Don Schregardus taking second. For the 4th of July pursuit races, where the different club classes competed against each other, Don Schregardus placed 2nd out of 16 boats and Ralph Zimmer placed 8th. For Summer 2A series Eric Brandt took first and Dan Hertzer placed second and for Summer 2B series Don Schregardus placed first. For the Labor Day series Don Schregardus took first with Dan Hertzer placing second. And finally for the Fall A & B series Don Schregardus placed first. Out of 60 something possible races for the year the Lightning Fleet had 165 total starts. We are definitely a very active fleet and becoming more active each year.

Some of the Lightning buying and selling which occurred in 1999 & 2000 are: Don Schregardus bought 14395, My Obsession, from Paul Howald in 1999. Paul sold the boat with the stipulation that he would like to always be called upon to crew for Don and he crewed locally at Leatherlips and for the Cowan Lake Regatta in 1999 & 2000. It is nice to see Paul still active at the club. He has been a Leatherlips member for over 30 years. New Leatherlips member Jose Isern bought 13855, Double Nickel from Eric Brandt after Eric Brandt bought 14067 from Chris Varvarosky. Chris decided he wanted a 27 foot Catalina to go with his 22 foot Catalina and could not justify owning three holes in the water that you throw money into, oops, sailboats. We are sad to lose Chris at Leatherlips, but he has promised to continue crewing as he still finds Lightning's incredibly intriguing. Ralph Zimmer bought 9498, a very fast, old boat from Charles Matthews. Ralph had been leasing 12787 from Andy Schulster who has been in Australia for the last 3 years. Andy told me he might be selling 12787, Lady-be-Gooder. I have a feeling Andy may not be back to the US any time soon. I received a Christmas card from him with a photo of Andy and a really pretty girl on the front. He looked very happy and definitely not lonely.

Kurt Andrews sold 13935, White Heat to Tom Varley in Mansfield. Tom & Kay Varley presented White Heat to Karla for her 16th birthday at the Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta. Kurt had purchased 14887 in 1999.

Lightning repairs are always an ongoing process at Leatherlips. Christina Hedrick, 12580, Babes on Board, bought a new mast in 1999. Putting a new mast in an old boat proved to be very challenging especially when quality control issues plagued the new mast and boom. Zach Austin spent many hours helping her re-rig the boat in 2000, which proved to be a great help in improving race results when she finally got the boat to Leatherlips in August. Jamie & Judy Diamond had 13063 reglassed, repainted and re-rigged by late summer. The boat officially belongs to their 4-year-old son, Joey. Joey selected the bright yellow color and has named the boat Speedy. John Haney missed sailing his wooden, 7502 in 2000 as he spent the spring, summer & fall "getting a little bottom work done." He said that it is amazing how long a weekends work can take! Don Schregardus, 14395, said that with encouragement from his star crew, Stan Fuller, he bought new hiking straps, new sails and installed new rigging on his foredeck.

A few highlights this year were: Don Schregardus traveled to Lake Erie with his Lightning, to participate in the SteepleChase Regatta with his crew Stan Fuller & Jose Ishern. They competed against 16 catamarans and with flying the spinnaker from start to finish, finished fifth.

Stan Fuller and Jamie Diamond crewed with seven other guys from Alum Creek in Columbus at the Chicago Mackinaw Race in August. They sailed on a 30 something foot Catalina called Great Escape II. They said the weather varied from choppy and windy to dead calm. The nine men

on the boat rotated shifts of three every three hours. At the beginning of the race Great Escape II split from the fleet. Stan & Jamie said they thought they would end up the either the victors or the losers because of this decision and well, they ended up at the bottom of the fleet. They both said they had a great time and worked really hard.

The highlight that I thought was the best and the funniest was Jamie Diamond describing the crew and skippering technique on Speedy. Jamie says, "Joey (4 years old) has been good both trimming the jib and helming on downwind legs. He's got the hang of the steering, which is pretty good for a four-year-old. However, on the upwind he's frequently not strong enough to hold the tiller. If we get any kind of puff it just pulls him right across the boat (he only weighed 38 lbs this summer). We look forward to getting Joey out early in the spring (he has a wetsuit now) and maybe by summer we can start trying the spinnaker (That would require Joey to steer downwind so that Judy and I could set and take down the chute)." Well, there are no wimps on that boat!

Finally, the most important people on the boat! The crew: Zach Austin, Mike Mirarchi, Josh Lehman, Sara Head, Stephanie Thompson, Jose Ishern, Chris & daughter, Lauren Varvarosky, sisters - Cathy Hendrick & Christy Feig, Terry Sowers, Kristin Ossa, Jeff Mullenix, Stan Fuller, Lightning Class Sectary - Karen Johnson, Ken Hartlaub, Danny Cheung, Sandy Gill, Lynne Niederkorn, Liz Scholtz, Bruce Goodwin, Karla Varley, Scott Grahm, Judy, Jamie & Joey Diamond, Jim Stone, Ed Auer, Paul Howald & George Auer. I apologize if I left anyone out!

The sad news for our fleet is that Lightning Class Sectary – Karen Johnson moved her home and the class office to Murfreesboro, TN in October. I think we were all spoiled to have the class office in Columbus for the last 30 years or more. I will personally miss Karen and her son Evan very much. Karen has promised to return for the Windshift Regatta and the Ohio Districts to crew for me! Also Cathy Hendricks, star crew for Dan Hertzer, moved to Alexandria, VA. It was always wonderful to see Cathy at Leatherlips. She is such a fun, positive person and was a great addition to our fleet! We wish both Karen and Cathy well and boy, are there ever a couple of lucky fleets to be getting them!

Thanks to all for a great 2000 sailing season. *Christina Hedrick* 

### DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 31 Michigan District Sailing on Devils Lake Manitou Beach, Michigan

* David Laidlaw		0
* Peter C. Paullin		0
* Harry Teets		0
* Jack Beal		0
* Larry Niswander	X Spurt	197
* Richard E. Stanbridge	**	8381
Philip J. Reynolds	Red Carpet	
& James W. Reynolds		9650
Robert Douglas Carlisle	Rag Pup	10871
Richard B. Young, D.D.S.	~ ~	12051
Clyde J. Brasher	I Delight	12345
* Gary Marzolf	-	
* & Richard Foster	Doc-M2	
& Walter Magee		12506
* Hank Hodgson		12607
Dennis Marsh		12777

Dalant E. Davila		12777
Robert E. Doyle		13767
Charles L. Smith, M.D.	Sorry Charlie	13891
* Jeffrey W. Clemes	www.?.com	13959
S. Maxwell Smith	Haybales	14090
* Merrill Bales	Hay Bales	14301
* Hank Hodgson	TCB	14510
* Richard F. Elwell	Hot Flash	14540
* Richard Foster	Over Easy	14618
* Bruce Goldsmith	Model Citizen	14649
* Jeffrey C. Maludy, M.D.	Adrenalin	14810
* Dan Norton		14884

No Report.

#### TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET 33 Ohio District Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake Akron, Ohio

Charles Suter		10425
* Clem B. Shriver	Red III	11123
* Gregory Gray	Windebeast	13594
* Jerome Seppelt	Nittnay Lightning	13989
* Dale Jackson		14075

No Report.

#### METEDECONK RIVER FLEET 34 Central Atlantic District Based on the Metedeconk River Brick, New Jersey

Dilok, i	iew dersey	
* Djoerd Hoekstra	-	Life
* Bernie Beegle		0
* Richard Thomas		0
* William C. Bogardus Jr.		0
* Carol H. Kern	Zig Zag	6557
Robert Cowen		7082
* Metedeconk River Yacht Clu	ıb Club Tub	9852
* Robert G. Savarese		10952
* David S. Ruiter	Love It	
* & Stephanie Ruiter		11894
* Michael Hnatt		12209
* Mitchell Hnatt		13084
* Greg Kinzel		14008
* Jarrett Lynn	Sunshine Daydream	
& Dr. Robert Lynn		14450
* Ryan Dunn	Root Down	14525
* Brian Taboada	Jesus Built My Hot Rod	14589
* Mitchell Hnatt	Fuzzy Logic	14595
Keith Taboada	Roadmaster	14597
* Frank Conway	Crusader	14642
* Paul F. Gelenitis		14684
* Donald Brennan	Area 51	14692
* James G. Carson	Logic	14960

Close competitive sailing was the keyword for Lightning sailing for the Metedeconk River fleet, as a tradition of topnotch sailing continued in 2000.

As always, the fleet begins its season outside the Metedeconk, with Jim Carson, Mitch Hnatt and Paul Gelenitis attending the Southern Circuit, and finishing 12th, 13th and 14th respectively. Closer to home, at the Long John Regatta in Red Bank, New Jersey, Jim Carson continued to break in his new boat in style, finishing 2nd; Keith Taboada (3rd) and Brian Taboada (6th), and Mitch Hnatt (8th) also contributed to a fine Metedeconk showing (Greg Kinzel, Jarrett Lynn and Mike Hnatt also attended). The Central Atlantic Districts was held in Riverton, New Jersey in June. Six fleet members attended: Brian Taboada, Jim Carson, Mitch and Mike Hnatt, Paul Gelenitis, and Don Brennan. Brian fared the best (5th), while Jim, Mitch and Paul all finished in the top ten.

Fleet sailing was quite competitive with spring, summer and fall series all crowning different champions. Mitch Hnatt took honors in the spring, followed by brother Mike and father and son team of Don and Andrew Brennan. Paul Gelenitis reclaimed the summer championship series, reeling off a string of August race victories to eclipse the early lead of Mitch Hnatt. Mike Hnatt took third. The fall series was won by Greg Kinzel, with Jim Carson and Andrew Brennan following. Mitch Hnatt sailed a perfect series (won every race he was scored) to win the prestigious BBYRA championship, breaking Paul Gelenitis' recent strangle-hold on that title. Jim Carson (2nd), Bill Bogardus (3rd), Jarrett Lynn (5th) and Don Brennan (6th) also qualified for the series.

Metedeconk continued its strong regatta showing in the summer and fall, with eight participants in the New Jersey State Championship, held in Barnegat Light. Paul Gelenitis fared best (4th), with Keith Taboada (5th) and Jim Carson (7th) finishing strong. The Junior States were held at Metedeconk with club juniors Matt Glowacki and Courtney O'Conner finishing 1, 2. Brian Taboada (5th) and Jim Carson (13th) attended the Atlantic Coasts at Cedar Point, Connecticut. The North Americans in Annapolis had less Metedeconk participation than typical, with all three finishing in the Presidents Cup (Carson: 6th, Gelenitis 12th and Mike Hnatt 19th). Jim Carson finished 7th in the Masters and Andrew Brennan 10th in the Juniors. Later in the fall at Annapolis, in the Frigid Digit regatta, Jim Carson returned to take 7th, followed by Ryan Dunn (8th), Mitch Hnatt (9th) and Greg Kinzel (16th). Mike Buczkowski (6th) and Jim Carson (13th) still couldn't get enough, sailing the Borderline regatta in North Carolina in late October.

As Metedeconk enters the millennium, a metamorphosis is undergoing. The fleet has had a history of top notch achievements on the national regatta scene, which has led many of its best sailors away from Metedeconk's waters. The fleet remains strong however, reenergized by a series of second generation club members, led by new Fleet Captain Mike Hnatt. The enthusiasm and comradeship is very high. Though most of the fleet sailors are dominated by the 20 and 30 something types, local legends Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter are not to be trifled with, especially on a day were tactics are at a premium. Twelve different Metedeconk skippers sailed in regattas outside the club, the most in memory and a tribute to the interest in Lightning sailing within. Boats 11411 and 11800 are out of the fleet at last, after giving some 30 years of top racing. Only Dave Ruiter's 11894 and Mike Hnatt's 12209 remain from the vintage Lippincott mold which formed the basis of Metedeconk sailing and success for so many years. The page has turned but the future story appears to be better than ever.

## DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET 35 Texas District Sailing on White Rock Lake Dallas, Texas

\* Spencer McGowan

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Carl Lang Charles B. Ptaszek		10020 10069	* Dennis McLaughlin * William H. Weihe, Jr.	Sob	14340 14343
Ron Keimer		10009	* Justin Proctor	500	14365
* R. John Davis	Xanado	10211	* W. Terry Patrick	Second Childhood	14412
Carl E. N. Takle	Spray III	10285	* Dean N. Caley	Greased Lightning	14420
Ardis Good	Spray III	10811	* Martin Powell	Spice	14483
* John B. Waskom, IV	Hard Tack	10959	* Lud Lekson	Hang Tuff	14513
Ralph Bilnoski	Roadrunner	11118	* Thomas S. Petroski	Purple Moose II	14523
Rodney L. Wallace		11311	* Victor Maras	Hakuna Matata	
Mike Tankersley		11817	* & Marilyn Maras		14546
* Kevin Clark		12065	* John Woodall		14573
Wayne B. Catoe	See Ya	12975	* Nedra Lewis	Arete	
Willis McQueen		13100	* & G. Scotland Werley		14579
Bob Wenning		13248	* David E. Werley	Barometer Soup	14657
Henry Hermann		13644	* Robert G. Ruhlman		14751
* John B. Waskom, IV		13722	* David N. Vieregg		14885
* Scott Anderson		13953	* David Palmer	Is It Chaos?	14907
Clancey McKenna		14344	* Donald P. Courtsal	Cool	14914
* Scott Anderson		14817	* Herbert Jestel	Encore Pizzaz	14956
			* Ryan Ruhlman		
	No Report.		* & Robert G. Ruhlman		14957
			* John P. Borland		15000
			* John Werley		15015
PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET 36			* Garry Condon		15022
Ohio District			* Robert G. Ruhlman		15057

#### PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET 36 Ohio District Sailing on Pymatuning Lake Jamestown, Pensylvania

* Edward E. Werley	Caledonia	
* & G. Scotland Werley		6133
* W. Terry Patrick	Swift Justice	8635
* George Cummins	Holt-Blitz	9080
* Edward E. Werley	Kyushu Gypsy	9375
* Victor Maras	Changes Of Attitude	
* & Marilyn Maras		10527
* Robert Harrison	Downsizer	10878
* Douglas C. Blackburn	Highstix	11090
* Gordon Miller		11240
* Lud Lekson	La Biche IV	11278
* Robert Harrison	Hot Seat	11868
* Pamela Petroski		12884
* Bruce Sundman	Bruise Cruise	12972
* Martin Powell	Grey Ghost	13181
* Janis Gamer	Recess	13240
* James V. Martuccio, Sr.	Gone With The Wind	
* & James V. Martuccio, Jr.		13255
June Maltbie	Hot Canary IX	13465
* Matt Frymier	Relax	
* & Bridget Frymier		13608
* Thomas E. Katcher		13833
* Jonathan Dean	Syzygy	13905
* Leonard Ciccone	Rigmarole	14143
* Jeff Bodkin		14205
* Garry Condon	Sight Unseen	14222

Enticer

14285

Frank Thompson



Dave Werley, Jonette Werley and Greg Maras sailing the course at our Spring Classic.

Photo courtesy of Jackie Patrick.

Well, well, well...another year on the beautiful waters of Lake Pymatuning. Life can't get any better than what we, the members of PYC, experience on a weekend basis. Picture this: lush green vegetation surrounding the sky blue waters that have the ability to be calm and serene, as well as the potential to kick up white caps. Then imagine 10 to 15 Lightning's roaring up and down the starting line. Skippers putting on their game faces and sometimes mooning their opponents (yes, I've seen it happen). And then the gun sounds.... and off we go. Nothing else matters in the world but trying to get around the course and over the finish line in first place. After all, there are trophies at the end of the season! But more importantly, there is cold beer waiting under the pine tree! And that can only be surpassed by the friendly bantering that takes place and the feeling we all get knowing we are surrounded not only by



39 boats on the course at the Spring Classic.

sailors, our common thread, but also with dear friends. Also picture the beach, filled with kids playing their kid games (and maybe already deciding who their crew may or may not be later in life!). And the Juniors... playing their games as well but also starting to take this sailing thing seriously with the encouragement of the entire club.

You may see why it is hard for us all to go home on Sunday afternoon but it hasn't stopped some of us from traveling with our sailboats this past year. In the last yearbook, I mentioned that Rob & Abby Ruhlman with David Werley traveled to Ecuador for the Worlds in November of 1999, however, the article was sent before I knew the results and I can say on behalf of Fleet 36 that their 10th place finish was quite an accomplishment.



This year Jonette Werley drove her boat to a fourth place finish at the Women's Nationals with the competent help of Abby and Maegan Ruhlman as crew. Ryan Ruhlman with crew Bridget Boyle and Seth Young finished 6th at the Junior's National Championship. Other National news from Fleet 36 includes the making of the first cut by Rob & Abby Ruhlman and David Werley as well as John and Bertie Werley with Tim Borland in the qualifying series. Both teams did very well in the National Championship and John Werley was awarded Thermis Trophy for the best finisher as a first time Championship par-

Ryan, Bridget and Seth Lucky John Woodall with crew John and Bertie Werley.

Photo courtesy of Joan and Herb Jestel.

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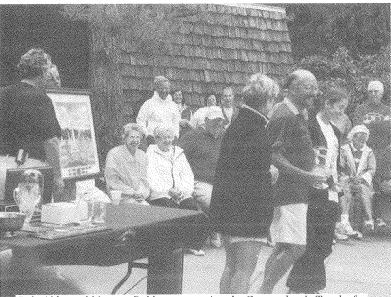
Photo courtesy of Jackie Patrick.

sailed in the President's Cup Championship, Ryan's first time, taking 14th place. Terry & Irena Patrick with John Woodall took 18th place in the Governor's Cup Championship, Terry's first time also. Congratulations go to these ambitious sailors.

We had several boats travel to Buckeye Lake with kudos going to Jack Borland with John and Bertie Werley as crew for taking second place in this year's appropriately named Snowball Regatta!

Back to club functions...there was a spectacular turnout for our Spring Classic back in May and those who came to sail did not leave disappointed. Not only was the sailing phenomenal, but the entertainment at Saturday Night's gala was, well.... unforgettable. The Trailer Trash band performed, once again, in their usual highflying fashion. Skip Dieball and crew sailed consistently and won that particular 39-boat regatta.

Next came the July 4th Open regatta which Sean Fidler and crew won with 19 boats on the line. Sean put forth the challenge to all Lightning sailors to bring their boats to PYC for the regatta in 2001 so that we can have more boats on the water than the Thistles!! Bring it on! The last regatta of our season was the annual Commodore's all boat club race. This year Rob, Abby and Maegan Ruhlman sailed their Lightning to a victorious race over the Thistles, J-22s, Lasers, J-Ys, Flying Scots and a catamaran.



Rob, Abby and Maegan Ruhlman accepting the Commodore's Trophy for the Labor Day all fleet regatta. Photo courtesy of Joan and Herb Jestel.