

We are happy to announce three new members to our fleet: Jeff Bodkin, Dave Viereg, and Doug Blackburn, which brings our fleet to a total of 40! Yeeha! New boats are arriving on what seems to be a weekly basis – the lucky guys are Herb Jestel, Rob Ruhlman, Jack Borland, John Werley and Garry Condon. It's quite exciting to see our fleet grow which only means more competition for this year's Championship winner, John Werley and the other top four: Dave Werley, Rob Ruhlman, Don Courtsal, Vic Maras/John Woodall team.

Come sail with us in one of our regattas – you are, most definitely, guaranteed a good time and the sailing can be very exciting!

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 43

Ohio District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake Columbus, Ohio

* Greg Fisher		10860
Dr. Karl Kumler	Laugh A Minute	13250
* Matt Fisher		14045
* George Fisher		14345

No Report.

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB FLEET 39

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River Chelsea, New York

* Michael B. Pike	Irish Mist	10796
* Edward Garber		11578
Jim Zambito		12873
William Muth	Ruptured Duck	12912
Jay H. Anderson	Skidaway	14182

No Report.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 47

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Silver Lake Perry, New York

* C. Scott Degolyer, III	Just Say No	7949
Roger Slade	Cirrus II	8004
Peter G. Humphrey	Passing Wind	9119
* Ronald A. Nash		
& Joyce Nash		9620
Mike Humphrey		9739
* David Nasca	Chase	9845
* Ira Johnson		10315
Gerald Walter		11501
David A. Copestick		12688
William G. Van Arsdale	Sea Serpent	
& Douglas F. Bliss		12788
* Paul Malone	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd		13948
* Mark W. Grinder	Speedy Devil	14672
* John Humphrey	Illusion	14719

No Report.

WESTERN LAKE ERIE FLEET 42

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB

Michigan District Sailing on Lake Erie LaSalle, Michigan

Becky Ganues		10024
* Ernest Dieball	Wimpy-12	
* & Dennis Dieball		10638
Craig Koschalk		
& Rick Rothenbuhler		10798
Brent Amburn		11806
* Dan Roshon		12810
David D. Soley		13412
* David Brace	Brace Yourself	13541
* Robert Rishel	Bolta	
John J. McNulty		13640
* Mike Thomas		
* & Stephen H. Thomas	The Happy Boat	
* & Bill Thomas		14148
* Craig Gabel		
* & George Sipel		14249
* Josh Kerst	Instant Karma	14519
* Jeffrey C. Maludy, M.D.		14710
* Jim Davis	Flash Over II	14779
* Britt Wadsworth		14818
* Jeff Hagman	Bud Lightning II	14824

No Report.

POTOMAC RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION'S FLEET 50

Dixie District

Sailing on the Potomac River Washington, District of Columbia

* William Armstrong		0
* Robert Astrove		0
* Roger M. Theis		0
Bud Roberts	Katchkela	850
* Allan Rogers	Little Bit	3343
Tom Capehart		7223
Timothy W. Rinaman	Windhawk	7294
Douglas A. Eagles	Lady Joyce	7996
Randolph G. Blass		9095
William G. Hodges		9685
Bob Wilbur		10215
* Frank Gallagher		10406
* Walter David Thompson		10745
* George Saroch	War Horse	10800
Dieter Grotheer	Fast N Loose	10814

Richard W. Griner	Fowl Play	11036
David E. Menotti	Bon Joy	11288
* Justin Morris	Many Excuses	11369
* & James Dillard		
* Benjamin Forman	Swill Dog	12081
* & Benjamin Good		
* David A. Pyle	Ms. Caroline	12126
* James Dillard		12741
Nancy Green Gilbert		12911
Kevin R. Kohn	Wind Flower	12928
& Andrea Kohn		12940
Thomas Gibbon		12962
Mladen Karcic	Rakija	13306
* Jeffrey Storck		13717
Brian Nester	Kwitchersniveln	13784
Sandler Passman		14019
* Frank Gallagher	Hold The Mayo	
* Edgar D. (Ted) Hunting		
* Joe Warren		14037
* Nabeel Alsalam		14096
* Red Fehrle	Moon Shadow	14100
* Patrick McGee		14187
* David A. Pyle	Greenwing	14266
* Carl Muska		14366
* Stuart White		14479
* Joseph G. Anderson	Puff The Magic Dragon	14521
* John R. Butler	Beedobeat	14592
& Roger Wright		14627
* James Dillard	No More Excuses	14880
* Dan Dressel	The Missing Piece	

Fleet 50 sailed from late March to early November. We had great participation and fun. And to cap it all off we showed strong growth!

Fleet 50's 2000 season started with the annual meeting and banquet in late January hosted again by Stuart and Sondra White. This was a



Many old friends came to celebrate Frank's 50th birthday at the Fleet 50 Annual Party in January. Back row: John Richardson, Nelson Pemberton, Frank Gallagher, Jim Dillard Middle: Mike Arnold, Joyce Dillard, Marge Richardson, Gloria Gilbert, Maryann Gallagher, Betty Gentile, Gesala Grotheer, Frank Gentile Front: Carol Arnold, Lynda Pyle, Dave Pyle, Ted Hunting, and Joe Warren

very special occasion as many old friends came to celebrate Frank Gallagher's half-century on this planet (and 36 years with fleet 50). The dignitaries included Fleet 50 lifetime members, Frank Gentile and Mike Arnold, Dieter and Gisela Grotheer, and John Richardson, a long time member of fleet 329 also attended.

Our Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup was held as usual on the first weekend in May. The winds failed us. While there was some wind on Saturday, it wasn't enough to fight the strong spring current. On Sunday we waited again and after a couple of abandonments, the RC got off a couple of light air races. While we felt badly for our friends who drive 8 plus hours to come each year (Jack Jones, Dick Hallagan, and Chandler Owen), we felt gratified by the level of Fleet 50 participation (16 boats). Fishing Bay's Ron Buchanan sailing with brother Bucky and Suzie Gilbert won the regatta. Fleet 50's Frank Gallagher was second and was awarded the perpetual Doc Gilbert trophy. Ted Hunting did very well finishing 5th. Stuart White and Jeff Storck deserve special mention. Stuart organized a filet mignon dinner for us, and Jeff used his own truck to pickup the gas grills on Saturday.

There were 16 races in the PRSA spring series. The team of Stuart White, Sondra White, and Kurt Raidy sailed every race and won the series with half the points of the next finisher. After Stuart was Frank Gallagher, Jim Dillard, the team of Nabeel Alsalam, Scott Bradford, Russell Roberts, and Steve Gregg (one point behind), the team of Paul Maher, Ben Kuykendall, and Elizabeth, and a tie between Joe Warren and Jeff Storck. Eleven boats sailed at least once in the series and seven qualified by sailing more than half. Nabeel tips his hat to Steve Gregg who improved the performance of 14096.

Since Dixie District's own Fleet 329 was hosting the North American Championships, there was particular interest in qualifying for this rare opportunity. So, nine of the 20 boats in the Dixie District Championships hosted by SMSA's Fleet 508 were Fleet 50 boats hopeful of qualifying. Then, 5 of these participated in the North American Championships in Annapolis.

Frank Gallagher sailed with Albacore hotshot Joanna Byron and heavy air specialist Skip Hirsh. They finished 8th in the Dixie Districts, missed the President's Cup fleet by a hair, and in the NAs, finished 9th in the Governor's Cup. The Stuart-Sondra White & Curt Raidy team finished 9th in the Dixie Districts but had trouble with the big air and waves at the NAs. Nabeel with the team of Scott Bradford and Russell Roberts are getting better and better and will soon be a force to be reckoned with. They finished 12th in the Governor's Cup.

John Butler had the crack team of Craig Huzway and Nancy Engel. Craig has freelanced for Jeff Storck, Nabeel Alsalam, and others during the season when John couldn't sail and won the "Best Crew" award for 1999 and is in high demand in the fleet. The Butler-Huzway-Engle team finished 16th in the Governor's Cup. Jim Dillard and Nelson Pemberton brought Gordon Kellogg up from Raleigh, NC



*Lightning Labs 2000 at Leesylvania State Park July 8-9
Left to right.*

Back row: Pat McGee, Craig Huzway, Nelson Pemberton, no hat, Scott Bradford, Carl Muska, unidentified-royal blue hat

Third row: Ben Forman, Ben Good, Joe Warren, Elizabeth Noe, John Hart, Mike Heisener, Ed Seyerlein, Jamie Brickell, Joe Anderson, unidentified-shirtless

Second row: Kimberly Brickell?, Jeff Storck, coach Bill Fastiggi, red hat, Susie Brickell, Frank Gallagher, Jill Williamson, Paul Maher (kneeling), Nabeel Alsalam Front row: Jim Dillard, Ted Hunting, unidentified-shirtless, Janet Bloomberg, Jeannette Little, Steve Little, Ben Kuykendall, unidentified-striped shirt

to complete the team sailing for the NAs. Jim was feeling slow early in the year, but he bought new sails and has paid a lot of attention to the rig tuning and it is paying off as can be seen from the fall series results.

The PRSA Leukemia/Presidents Cup kicks off the fall season after Labor Day. Of the 16 Lightnings competing, 12 were from our fleet. Winds on both days were light, 4 to 7 kts on Saturday from the Northeast and 0 to 7 kts on Sunday. The skippers who did the best were alert to the frequent wind shifts; much depended on being on the correct side of the starting line. Jamie Brickell from Fleet 329 won 3 of the 5 races in his new Allen #15016. Frank Gallagher was second but challenged Jamie all the way, rounding the last leeward mark just behind Jamie. Whoever made it to the finish first would win the regatta. Jamie went right toward the airport where thermals off the hot runways are reliable, whereas Frank had to gamble and went left. Jamie won. We were pleased that Don Behrens and Dave Meiser from the new Solomon's Fleet 509 joined us.

On July 1, we tried something new: a down-river cruise and picnic to historic Fort Washington, which is about 9 miles down the river from where we launch. The idea was to have a social event to include wives and friends who don't race with us. Five boats participated: Nabeel Alsalam, Paul Maher, Jeff Storck, Ben Good, and Dave Pyle. Joe Warren, the main organizer of the event, and Tony Vernon volunteered to tag along in a powerboat in case the wind died. On the way south we had a beautiful northwest breeze and a nearly two-hour spinnaker run. On the return, an unexpected breeze came up north of the Wilson Bridge making for a refreshing sail to the marina

In early July, Fleet 50 hosted the first Lightning LABS—a two day coaching session run by Bill Fastiggi. We learned how to tune our rigs

and practice racing strategy. Everyone learned something from the on-land spinnaker handling demonstration; we launched and practiced tacking and starting (in current). Back on shore, Bill led a chalk talk to review what we did well and not so well on the water. Jeff Storck was the organizer behind the event and must be credited for the idea of ordering ribs for dinner on Saturday.

Lightning Fleet 50 struck a deal with the PRSA Albacore Fleet. If they would run RC for our Potomac Cup each year, we would run RC for one of their regattas. This year we ran their North American Championships in Rehoboth on Columbus Day weekend. Six Fleet 50 members participated. Nabeel Alsalam was the regatta chair, Frank Gallagher was mark boat captain, Paul Maher was signal officer, Ben Kuykendall was recorder, and Pat McGee and Tony Vernon were rescue boat captain and crew. We ran seven races with mile-long legs over 3 days. One the final day we ran the seventh race in a 20-25 knot breeze. Only 11 of the 30-some Albacores ventured out but the rest got a real show from the shore of screaming planing reaches and death rolls to windward.

The Fall series consisted of 20 races. The team of Jim Dillard, Nelson Pemberton, and Carl Wilson won, but the racing was so close that going into our second to last Sunday one point separated first and second place boats, fourth and fifth were tied, as was seventh and eighth. After the Dillard team it was the Alsalam-Bradford-Roberts team, Frank Gallagher, the Forman-Goode-Cody team, and Pat McGee (only 1.6 points behind Ben and equally few ahead of Paul Maher). Jeremy Terr jumped on Nabeel's boat one Sunday and on Pat's another Sunday, and helped both have particularly good showings those days. Unfortunately for us, Jeremy has joined the Peace Corps and is heading to one of the "stan" republics in central Asia.

Twelve boats sailed at least once and 9 qualified. The Pat McGee

team sailed every race and the team of Paul Maher, Ben Kuykendall, and Elizabeth sailed or did RC duty in every race. The team of Joe Warren, John Hart, Emily Pavilon, and Tony Vernon battled it out with the team of Jeff Storck and Jill Williamson for seventh and eighth places; Joe squeaked out a one point margin for seventh. Congratulations to the team of Rick Welch, Cathy Bleakly, and Gigi McLaughlin who demonstrated much skill in this series after their skipper's very short time crewing for Jeff. Rick's experience in the Wednesday evening practice sessions really showed. New member Bob Wilbur also started sailing his boat late in the series. Unfortunately, Ben Adams and Brian Nestor's last Sunday race was marred by a collision with a submerged log, which put a nasty hole in their boat. However, Fleet 50 epoxy experts pitched in to help Ben fix it and the boat is all set for the spring.

As the season ended, it found Frank Gallagher as Fleet Champion, which is not new for him but is something he works hard to achieve each year. Nabeel Alsalam with Russell Robert and Scott Bradford were runner up. This is a great accomplishment for Nabeel's team as this was only his third year in the Lightning Class.



Fleet 50 Lightnings getting off the starting line. Ben Forman (12081) is way out in front. Pat McGee (14187) seems to be ruining Frank Gallagher's (14019) pin end start. I'm sure Jim Dillard (14627) is cursing his position.

Some of the Fleet 50 Lightning sailors just won't stop. For example, new skippers Jeff and Paul went to the Sweet Corn. Frank Gallagher, Nabeel Alsalam, Ben Forman, Paul Maher, Ben Kuykendall, and Bob Wilbur are sailing Lasers in a Frostbite series. Frank Gallagher just won the Hangover Regatta on New Year's Day. Pat McGee bought an Interclub Dinghy and with Jill Williamson will campaign her on the Severn River over in Annapolis.

In 2000, we matched the 1985 season with 19 boats participating in at least one race event. This strong showing was the result of a net increase of 5 new members. We look forward to another strong year and for several new boats to becoming regulars on the starting line. Rick Welch brought up #13460 from NC. Brian Nester and Ben Adams brought up #13717 from Texas. Bob Wilbur bought #10215 (Black Adder) from Jeff. Robin Krest moved to our area with #12712 from South Carolina. Their boat has an interesting flip-up rudder and a radially cut jib. Dave and Amy Mack moved from Michigan with their lovable but mush Mueller #13047, and Dave Thompson stopped crewing and bought #10745. Unfortunately, Dave Pyle, a 30-year member and fleet stalwart, moved to NC and will sail with the Wrightsville Beach fleet. We honored him at the Leukemia Cup with a lifetime membership.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB FLEET 51

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

Fleet Captain Paul Nagel

* H.J. Cawthra	XI	0
* Paul J. Nagel		
* & Mark E. Nagel	Estrellita	
* & Elena Futris Nagel		835
* Robert E. Lee	Bolt Walker	12178
Charles A. Adams	Spirit	12938
Richard R. Kretzschmar	Cold Pizza	13488
* David L. Piech		14042
* Joe Romer	Traf	14434
* Michael C. Delano		14543
* Elena Futris Nagel	Lithium	
* & Paul Nagel		14652
* Tom Vickers	Ticket	14774
* Peter J. Wenzler		14778
* Michael D. Williams	Assisted Suicide	14856
* Robert G. Brower		14982

Fleet 51's season began in our simple, usual manner. Mike and Pete went to Georgia and FLA, and several fleet members crewed. Local sailing began in April, with Crescent bouy regattas starting in May.

The Delano Clan (Mike, Gloria, and Mathew) were constants at the club. Mike is looking for more crew, so the Delano clan will add one in 2001. Mike and his Wednesday night crew took the Wednesday night series. Being on the water by 4pm, and being the last one out shows how hard work, dedication, and practice pay off. Mike tied with Pete for 3rd overall.

The Wenzler Clan of Peter, Melissa, Henry, and James (sometimes Uncle Matt) travelled often and successfully. Peter clearly was Fleet 51 travel champion. Pete tied with Mike for third.

Bob Brower litigated, Bob Lee saved a few more lives, and Mike Williams kept counting. Mike Bamford (another offshore racer-turned-Lighting Guy) purchased Jeff Patton's old boat from Paul (from Larry, from Murdock...). Rick Romer scribed for Crescent, and his bro Joe married Bonnie. What next?

Paul and Elena Nagel also needed crew, so they are expecting in 2001. In spite of it all, they managed to sail over 81% of the fleet races, win the Detroit Yacht Racing Association Lightning trophy, and be awarded as Fleet 51 Runner-Up.

And, in spite of his 'professional duties' as CSYC Commodore, TV and mad'am Betty sailed over 62% of the fleet events. And clearly walked away as Fleet Champion. The late season CSYC Fleet 51 Icebreaker was again held with premium sailing conditions. Held annually the first weekend of October since the 1940's, this regatta has been Fleet 51's district regatta since the 1990's. Usually, the breeze is fair to brisk, and the breeze is quite comfortable. The 2000 Icebreaker was no exception. Forecasts showed sun with breeze building to 25 knots each early afternoon. However, those seeing otherwise kept their crew weights down, and these folks took advantage of the 10-12 knots over the weekend. Taking bullets all day Saturday, Tom Vickers led the scoring from start to finish. Dave Decker second, Bill Ziegler third, Peter Wenzler fourth, and Diana Fernando fifth. Thank you to all who regularly attend this fantastic regatta.

2001 looks to be another exciting year at fresh, big water venue. New boats, new members. Fleet 51 plans to send teams to the Michigan Team races, and we are honored and excited to host the 2001 Michigan Districts.

Please join us during the holiday weekends (if u have time), and enjoy our open water.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul Nagel

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB FLEET 53
Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Fenton
Fenton, Michigan

* John Kopko Jr.		0
* Phil Rowan		0
* Paul Kachudas	Ti Hara	8590
* John R. Lefevre		11520
* Bob Ruffli	Waverunner	11854
Herman O. Nickels		13751
James Reach	Lapa Uila	13808
* Roger S. Anderson	Red Shift	14024
* Carl Pohly		14242
Suresh C. Gupta	Evergreen	14490
* David Nickels		14741
Gary & Cathy Smothers		14756
* Colin Park	Comedy Central	
* & Karen Park		14780
* Kevin Nickels		14899
* Timothy Coles		14955
* George H. Nickels		15032
* David Nickels		15041

It was the sad end to an era this summer in that it was the first year since owning a boat that Hermie Nickels did not put it in the water. Most of us in the Lake Fenton fleet have spent years learning from the Master. Herman is approaching his mid-80's and decided that there was just to big a potential for something bad to happen. Herm was usually around the club and usually watching from the dock so the teaching continues. The fleet decided to honor Herman in renaming the team race regatta for him. Herm was instrumental in the regatta even getting started.

Gary and Cathy Smothers are delightful new additions to our fleet. They got attracted to the Lightning as an easy day sailor and have expanded into some racing. Although not sure about the whole thing in the beginning, they are quickly becoming hooked. In two-handing the boat over Labor Day weekend they flipped, turtled and had the centerboard get wedge in the trunk! This did not deter them though, they quickly learned that you basically get a little wet and quickly dry off.

On Memorial Day, Tim Coles (David Nickels' son-in-law) beat Kevin & David by nearly a full leg in the second race. Kevin & David were very "supportive" to put it politely. But they taught him a few lessons of their own throughout the season. Tim was very timid in heavy air early in the season, but he progressed nicely regarding heavy air sailing and had several good races in the end of the season.

There are now so many Nickels and assorted Nickels relatives at the club I think we have a whole buck!

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB FLEET 54
Michigan District
Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

* John H. Ostrander		0
* Robert W. Shaw		0
* David Novak		0
* Joel Thurtell	Plug Nickel	0
* Paul T. Von Oeyen		842
* Joel Thurtell		6279
* Hank Callahan	Flip	7959
Bruce T. Lessien		8479
* Michael Procaskey	Griffin	9168
* Edward A. Diakow		9393
Greg Harris		9584
* Joel Thurtell		9900
Eugene Bego		11065
* Robert C. Kramer		11107
* Ryan Flack		11138
Robert J. Miller		11452
Ronald Newman		11844
* Ronald G. Palmer	Apres Ski	12708
Melvin G. Bleitz, Jr.	Luffer	12756
* Eric S. Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
* Max M. Clixby	Wee Heather	12959
* Beth Groesbeck		12961
* James Furlong	Pier Pressure	12977
* Robert Meyer		
& Gerard Dunn		13107
* Ralph G. Hashoian		13121
* William Roberts	Eib 1	13283
J. Michael Mitchell		13378
Ronna H. Ross	Flash Dance	13451
* Stephen R. Braski		13468
* Robert W. Shaw		13545
* John Crowther		13606
* James R. Bowers		13789
* James Prokup		
* & Simon Brewerton		13859
* Thomas Ervin		
* & Dennis McCarthy		13937
* Norman Burns		13985
* Paul T. Von Oeyen	Phantasy	13995
Lawrence E. Ramaeckers		13998
* Dennis Hafley	Blew Bajou	14031
* Diana Fernando	Chaos	14049
* Trish Szydzik		14054
* Edward G. Woods	No Clue	14097
* Gregory Tarrant	Cutting Edge	14105
* Gerald Engelman	Blitzen	14117
* William R. Van Sickle	LosLocos 2	14123
* James M. Mick		14126
* Bruce J. Finsilver	Quick Silver	14144
Glen Gray		14177
* Jim Zwolensky		14215
* Mark Whatley	Jean	14220
* Andre R. Dubel	Ditto Head	14280
* Bruce Henderson, M.D.		

* & Robert Meyer		14282	We sent competitors to all of the regattas locally and nationally in good numbers.
* Dennis McCarthy	Lane Lady		
* & Thomas J. McCarthy		14333	Pontiac expects to have another good turnout at the St. Petersburg Regatta in the Spring.
* Kevin Lewand	In The Groove		
& Robert Dymkowski		14390	See you in 2001!
* Michael Roualet		14439	
* Joseph L. Lapalme	Lightning Bug	14457	
* Thomas Klaban	Allegro	14464	
* Stephen E. Handelman	Shenandoah	14477	
* Michael Hecker		14511	
* William B. Noll		14515	
* Bob Padilla	Thunder	14563	
* Ryan Flack	Major Obsession		
& Ted Flack		14567	Stephan Zander Triskel 5637
* Henry C. Borchardt	Leaf	14590	
* Wallace P. Smith	Gator	14601	No Report.
* Salo J. Korn	Rosinante	14604	
* Andrew Monique		14628	
* William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	14641	
* Dr. James McCoy	Dr. J	14690	
* John Greenstreet		14724	
* Paul A. Sobotka		14746	
* Louie Nickels	Sybil		
& Bonnie K. Nickels		14755	
* Richard F. Beaubien	Renaissance	14767	Shari Braverman Arcturus 10392
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha!	14778	Edward W. Reckdenwald 10892
* James R. Bowers	Excelsior	14789	Donald W. Klingbeil Blitzkrieg 12008
* Jim Allen		14807	Peter Neyland, II Paranon 13829
* Mark Williams	Injection	14819	No Report.
* Charles C. Hess	Flash3	14842	
* Richard Bukowsky	Sizzlin'		
* & Traci Bukowsky		14852	
* John Garrison		14870	
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha	14919	
* Brenda Donaldson	Evermore	14920	
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14941	
* Jon Bennett		15010	
* David J. Evans	Red Rhino	15021	* Calvin H. Schmiede Sea Porsche 13944
* Mark Whatley	Jean	15047	* Calvin H. Schmiede 14580
* John Garrison		15048	No Report.
* Robert H. Mathers		15050	
* William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	15051	

LITTLE NECK BAY FLEET 55
Long Island District
Sailing on Little Neck Bay
Little Neck Bay, New York

HEWLETT BAY FLEET 58
Long Island District
Sailing on Hempstead Bay
Long Island, New York

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FLEET 59
Lake Erie District
Sailing on the Niagara River
Grand Island, New York

JAYHAWK FLEET 60
Central States
Sailing on Lake Shawnee
Topeka, Kansas

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET 62
Southern District
Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

2000 was another successful year for the Pontiac Yacht Club. The number of Lightnings on the club grounds increased to more than 70. There was a Wednesday night race in August that had 35 boats on the starting line, a new high.

Racing was held on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. The season was broken into three series for each day. Our winners were, overall Wednesday Night: Diana Fernando, Charlie Hess, and Mark Allen. Overall Sunday was won by John Garrison, Mark Whatley was also a winner.

Mark Allen also won our award for most improved. Joe LaPalm won our sportsmanship trophy. The Club Championship was won by Dick Beaubien in a surprise finish by one point over Charlie Hess.

Sean Fidler won the Whitecap also by one point over Charlie Hess.

The Commodore's Challenge Regatta, where crew get to skipper the boats was won by Kevin Thomas.

* John R. Marion		0
George C. Aucoin, Jr.	Zeus	10475
Douglass Wynne	Capt. Punch	10812
* Larry Frost, Jr.	FF	12335
Rod Branch	Lay Lady Lay	12340
Larry Frost, III		13130

No Report.

MAPLE BAY FLEET 64
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Maple Bay
Maple Bay, British Columbia

Darrell Welin	9782
Scott Smith	11283

No Report.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 69
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain:Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.
Vice Captain:Tom Morley
Secretary:Dana Blumberg

As we reported last year we were looking for boats for a few potential new fleet members. Did any of you notice the shortage of good used boats around this past year? Well, we sure did here in the Midwest! But through the outstanding effort of a few dedicated long-time lightning sailors we prevailed, and added two new members to the fleet. We also were the beneficiaries of some top-notch Lightning sailors who moved to town, joined our fleet and proceeded to win the season championship. We are not yet at the critical mass we would like in terms of fleet membership, but we sure do have a group of enthusiastic sailors.

Fleet 69 again sailed our season series on Wednesday evenings inside the breakwater in Milwaukee Harbor. As if our season wasn't short enough here in the upper Midwest, the weather was not at all cooperative this year. We still managed to get in over 25 races sailing one night each week. Those short 3-minute starting sequences and short W/L courses kept us on our toes. As usual, Milwaukee Yacht Club race committee did an outstanding job and were ready to go when we got out there each week.

Scheduling of district regattas is always difficult and this year was no exception. In addition to Lightnings many of the active skippers and crews also sail other one-designs and big boats. And with Lake Michigan in our back yard there is a lot to do within in the confines of our short summer. The weekends get used up quickly when you consider two Mackinac races, the Queen's Cup, the Hook, Chicago's Verve Cup and the NOODs, as well as the Harbor Springs, the 100-miler, etc. Not to mention one-design regattas. Squeezing in Lightning sailing is tough. Five of the Midwest District fleets are two hours or less away from Milwaukee, and with each hosting at least one Lightning regatta besides the District Championships there are no weekends left.

Congratulations to our fleet members who represented our fleet on a

higher level;
Bill Faude - Lightning NAs, John Esser - Lightning Masters, Martha Cushman - Adams Trophy.

Our club is in the midst of a two-year remodeling project. For the second half of this summer we reaped the benefits with the opening of the newly reconstructed Boathouse and the addition of a pool and hot tub. Its pretty cool to leave work at five o'clock, be on the race course a half-mile out from the club docks, race three or four races, put the boat away, grab a burger or brat and a beer and relax in the pool with your friends. You can still be home at a reasonable hour and be in "fine" shape for work the next day. We really expect that these new facilities will enhance our prospects for continuing to build our fleet into this new decade.

I have to end now, I am off to bowling, a monthly get-together to keep all of the sailors in contact over the loooong coooold winter months. (Thanks to Fleet #5 for the idea.)

Oh yeah, here are the 2000 season results...

1st	Steve & Martha Cushman
2nd	Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.
3rd	Mac Slater

Denny Bersch

RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY FLEET 70
Metropolitan District
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainDavid Watts
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerMary Huntsman
Fleet ChampionSandy Huntsman

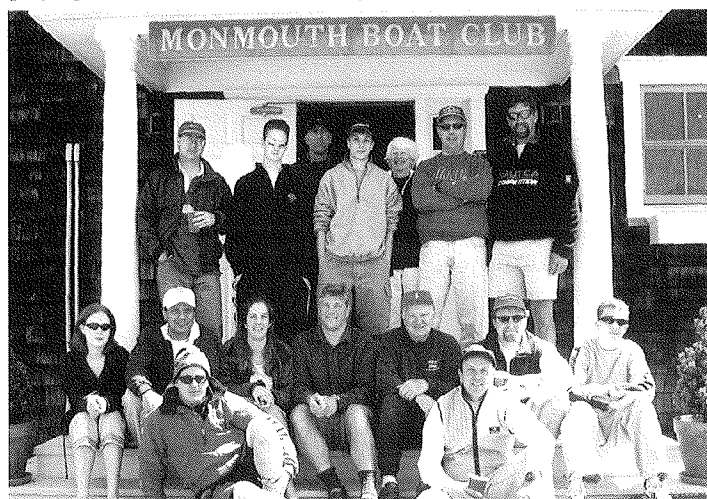
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Less & Judy Hathaway	0
Pat & Lori Payton	0
Kevin & Constance Madigan	8000
Cary & Pat Zackman	9984
Rick VanHemmen	10249
* Ed Landis	Fleeting Glance
& Judy Landis	10458
* William Jaeger	Blesk
* Monmouth Boat Club	Club Boat
Bill Paladeau	11007
* Carl D. Broadbent, Jr.	12060
Bob Hutchinson	12499
* Pat & Ada Mae Corr Sr.	Silver Spoon
* Marguerite Siegel	13386
* Dale & Valerie Barney	Little Boy Blue
* Ted Duffy	D.B. Cooper
Dave & Koorleen Minton	Ralph's Old Boat
* Henry O'Hern, III	Joker
* David & Lyn Watts	#9
* Bill & Maryann Clausen	Reject
* Alfred C. Morton	Blue Haven
* Wolfgang H. Haugk	
& Diane Mess	14727
* Jon & Holly Schwartz	Le Speu 2
* Henry O'Hern	Magnum Force

* Pat & Mary Corr, Jr.	14852
* Ralph F. & Pat Wilson	14882
* Jack & Pam Huntsman	14922
* Paul (Sandy) Huntsman, Jr.	Whine Time
* & Mary W. Huntsman	15052

Lightning Fleet 70 was unusually busy this year prior to the Long John Regatta. The highlight has to be the fifth place finish that Jack Huntsman earned at the Lightning Worlds in Ecuador with his son John, and Bill Fastiggi crewing for him. Jack's son John has grown (literally) into a great crew. Watch out juniors, it's only a matter of time before John starts taking the helm on a regular basis. He is already beating us "old" farts at the club. John also crewed for his cousin Rob Ruffus and advanced to the area finals in the Sears Cup.

Sandy Huntsman sailed to a 10th place finish in the 1st International Masters Championship last November in Ecuador with President Mary Huntsman and Jim Carson crewing for him. There is wide speculation that Sandy now holds the record for the oldest 3 person lightning crew ever assembled. Ted Duffy and David Watts co-skippered the Southern Circuit to an 18th place overall result, with Robert Watts crewing. At the ILCA winter meeting in St. Petersburg, FL, our very own Mary Huntsman was re-elected as President of the ILCA.

The Long John Regatta saw 25 boats participating, with the racing and party up to its infamous reputation. As usual we had a lot of wind and unfortunately the second day of racing was blown out. Bill Fastiggi took the title in 4 races followed by Jim Carson in 2nd and Keith Toboada in 3rd. Our fleet showed its dominance in the District with Jon Schwartz emerging as the 2000 Metropolitan District Champion followed by Jack Huntsman, Ted Duffy, and David Watts, in that order. The party after the first day of racing was of legendary proportions, which left a few of us praying to the river the next morning. .



Fleet #70 Long John Regatta Trophy winners.

Fleet 70 was certainly well traveled this year, and we had representatives in every major Lightning Regatta. Jack Huntsman took first place out of a fleet of 35 at the NJ State Championships. Also representing Fleet 70 we had Jon Schwartz co skippering with Keith Taboada (The Dream Team) finishing 5th, although we are told he took top honors at the party afterwards, Sandy Huntsman in 9th, and David Watts in 11th. The next regatta on the agenda was the Atlantic Coast Championships at Cedar Point Yacht Club. Unfortunately for Jon Schwartz, who was hoping to get some practice in before the NA's. There was no wind on Saturday and he had a previous engagement so could not race Sunday. He did manage to get practice trailing his boat. Ted Duffy sailing with the local Thistle hotshots, Brad & Kathy Thompson, finished 6th out of 52 and David Watts finished 18th.

We sent 3 boats to the North Americans in Annapolis. Jack Huntsman qualified for the Championship Fleet and finished in the middle. David Watts was in the President's Cup Fleet. In what is sure to be a Lightning trivia question, Jon Schwartz captured the Governors Cup title and became the first and only two time champion of the Governor's Cup (1977,2000). I need to mention that this feat was only accomplished after Jon received more letters than numbers in his qualifying finishes.

The club sailing was very competitive and we enjoyed all types of weather. In a fiercely contested summer series Ralph Wilson had to win the 8th and final race to snatch victory from Dale Barney. Sandy Huntsman captured the Fleet Championship for the second year running with his consistent sailing. A special thanks to the members who lent their boats to the NJYRA Sears Cup elimination's, Wolfgang Hauck, Ralph Wilson, and Sandy Huntsman.

David Watts

Fleet Captain

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET 71 Ohio District Sailing on Lake Erie Cleveland Yacht Club, Rocky River, Ohio

* Bill L. Buckles		0
* Jack Mueller	Game (Grandpa And Me)	
* & Mrs. Janis Stevens Mueller		9653
* Walter Sellars, M.D.	Newfie	14191
James Cunningham	Amine	14319

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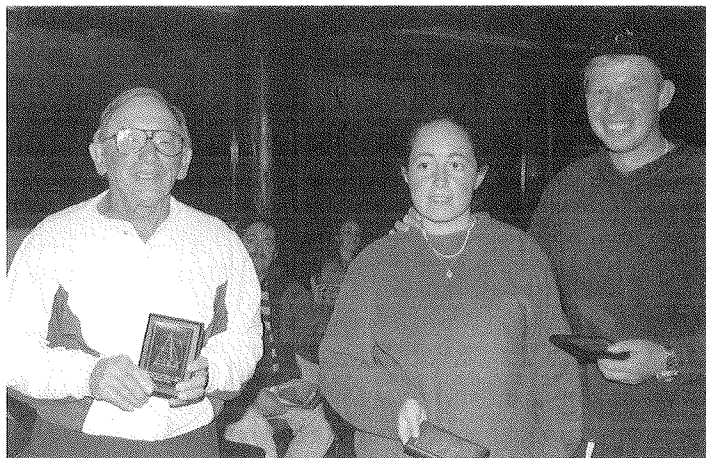
CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA FLEET 73 Colombia District Sailing on Lake Tomine Bogota, Colombia



Fleet #73 's "55 Year Regatta".



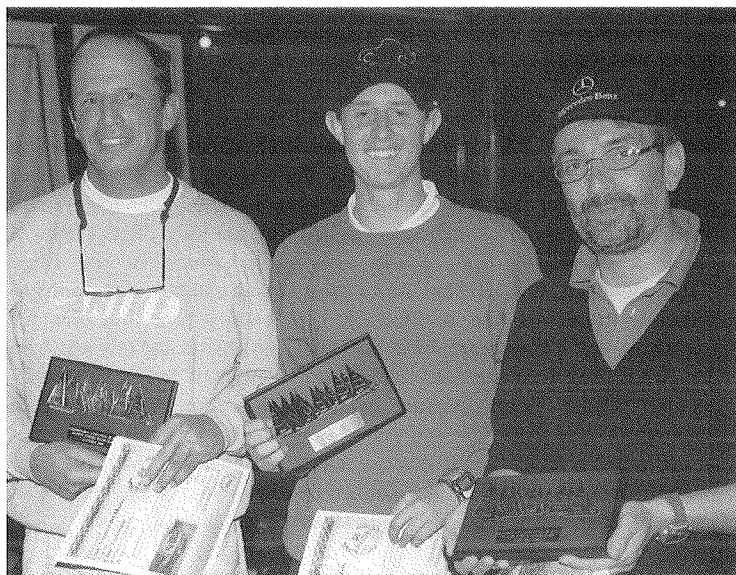
Fleet #73 "55 Year Regatta".



First Place Wooden Boat Fleet- Andres Hernandez with Vick Hernandez and Jorge Londono



55 Year Regatta- First Place Gold Fleet- Sebastian Higuera with Camilo Salcedo and Nicolas Deeb



First Place Silver Fleet- Mauricio Mutis with Javier Higuera and Camilo Escallon.

Fleet Captain Sebastian Higuera

* Manuel Isaza 14241

* Loreana Jacob	Jubilee	14536
* Santiago Uzcategui T.		14700
* Jochen Raute		14704
* Mauricio Valenzuela		14801
* Luis Felipe Castillo G.		14805

Please refer to Colombia District Report.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET 74
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

* Mark Paoli		11044
* Richard Chamblin		11218
Matt Berg	Sponge	12540
* Bill Stringer	Tanstaaf	
& William T. Eichenauer		12974
Sue Badorek	Last Chance	13059
* Gary Peck		13726
* Robert W. Ohlsen	Bobs Last Boat III	14012

No report.

NYACK BOAT CLUB FLEET 75
Metropolitan District
Sailing on the Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain: Bob Sengstacken
 Fleet Treasurer: Stephanie Mayo
 Fleet Recording Secretary: Dan Parietti
 Fleet Corresponding Secretary: Ann Beck
 Fleet Champion: . . . Paul Logerfo/Bob Sengstacken
 Fleet Runner-up: Gary Hurban

Mark Keane		0
*James P. Wolfe	My Three Esses	10224
*David Surman	Flashpoint	10784

*Jed Kwartier		11416
*William Donelan	Grease	11583
*J.P. Mann		12166
*Gary S. Hurban	His	14073
*William G. Cook	Fat Chance	14140
*Eric Beck	Flying Patio Furniture	14277
*Lawrence Decker		14363
*Joan A. Hurban	Hers	14482
*Nathan Little	Special Effects	14484
*Eric Kent		14492
*Daniel Parietti		14514
*Kathryn Connell	Ruffian	
& Paul Connell		14714
*Judy Hanlon	Kiss my Thistle	14781
*Paul Logerfo	Dog	
& Bob Sengstacken		14888
*Stephanie Mayo		
*Ron Klemper		
*Rod Johnson		

WHY 2000

It is now time to look back over the 2000, end of the millennium, sailing season. Who knows, maybe in the next millennium some Lightning sailor will look at this yearbook and not only laugh at how funny the people look, but will wish they could have as much fun and success as Fleet 75 did this year in what they will call the good old days.

The year 2000, or Y2K as some called it began with 18 registered skippers which made up Fleet 75 in Nyack, New York. Some were regulars, always counted on to be there every Sunday for a race and also Wednesday nights for the fun races. Others came and went throughout the season; always wishing they could be there more but other commitments had to come first. No matter where the sailors fell within these groups the one thing they all agreed upon was that the season was too short.

Fleet 75 held 38 Lightning races this season, this number includes three invitational Lightning Regattas. The first regatta was the Magnus Pederson held June 3-4 and was organized and run by veterans Joan & Gary Hurban. This regatta was highly attended and many sailors used this regatta as a tune up for the Districts to be held later in Nyack. Fleet member J. P. Mann was leading the regatta following Saturday's races but was unable to attend Sunday due to a wedding. Everyone in Fleet 75 felt for him. Judy Hanlon with her regular crew of Ron McCormick and Maud Lindsay won the regatta with J. P. ending up placing fourth overall.

The second regatta, the Metropolitan District Championship held June 24-25, was co-hosted by Fleet 75 with the Greenwood Lake Lightning Fleet. Bob Sengstacken and Paul Logerfo were in charge and, as always, did an outstanding job. Bob & Paul shared the Lightning named "Dog" this year and won the Fleet Championship. Next year Dog solely belongs to Bob and Paul will be getting a new boat. One wonders what he will name this new Lightning, Dog II or perhaps Cat? Whatever Paul names his boat is up to him, what we really care about is that he volunteers to make us his delicious ribs at least one time in 2001. The Districts were a great success, (especially for those who qualified to go to Annapolis) on and off the water. Sunday morning may have come a little early for some racers as the Saturday night barhopping was also highly attended! It was so nice of OD's (Fleet 75's local hangout) to redecorate the place so much. One of our top skippers, Joan Hurban did not even recognize the place!

The final regatta hosted by Fleet 75 was the ever popular one day

regatta called The Last Blast held October 14th. Some of the most talented Lightning sailors around attended this event, names like Dick Hallagan, Allan Crew, Jack Elfman, the list continues. Dan Parietti was in charge of the event and it became apparent that Dan is the master of regatta organization. Howie Reinhardt helped at all of the regattas also, and is the master keg tapper, and not to shabby in the lemonade department as well. Dan bought a new boat towards the end of this year and will be a force next season. Howie, on the other hand, needs to maybe look under the tarp of his boat more as rumor has it he found an uninvited crew member in there.

The Last Blast regatta was a great one for the Beck family. Eric, along with his wife Ann, and their daughter Emily placed second in the last race just behind Jack Elfman. Their son Matt Beck sailed with Dick Moyer and his wife Helen and they placed third overall in the regatta. The Beck's had their first capsize in their Lightning this season, right before crossing the finish line on a downwind finish. They went from a solid second to last in that Sunday race. Ann had already experienced a capsize with another skipper, on a Lightning at the N.A.'s in Annapolis, so she knew somewhat what to do. It is true that good things come out of adversity.

Dan Parietti was not the only member of Fleet 75 who purchased a new boat, Eric Kent, who used to crew for Dan, finally took the tiller in his new boat and has showed a lot of promise during the Fall Series. Stephanie Mayo, our treasurer and her husband Bill have a new boat on order. Will this be Fleet 75's first 15000+ series boat? Stephanie and Bill's most recent crew Nathan Little recognized a good thing and has purchased the Mayo's boat. Larry Decker and his wife Jan Crittenden purchased fleet member Mark Keane's boat 'Thumbs Up'. Mark had to move away for a short time. And just to let you know in case anyone was concerned, Jan and Larry are "Still Married" and doing fine. In fact they won the B-Fleet trophy this year. Rod Johnson; whose boat's name 'Endurance,' which is very apropos; finally made it to a race this year after about 15 years of work on the boat.

Ever competitive Paul and Kathy Connell and their boat Ruffian could be counted on all season for some good, solid competition. Paul showed what an excellent sailor he is when during the last race of the season; there was one man overboard, and the skipper was injured after taking the boom to the head; Paul found himself in the position of having to sail the boat into the dock by himself in 20+ winds. Everyone on shore was grateful that someone with his experience had been on that boat. Kathy had some incredible races this year. Among her many successful Sundays on the water, Kathy dared the fleet with two successful port tack starts. Kathy and Judy Hanlon both skippered boats at the Women's North Americans this year. Judy along with fleet member Joan Hurban and Joan's daughter, Dee placed second, and Kathy with fleet member Ann Beck and Karen Pellerin placed third after it being a three way tie for first. Kathy also placed third in the Fleet Championship. Judy Hanlon had a great season and has been an inspiration to many members of Fleet 75. For the first time ever Fleet 75 gave a women's skipper trophy at the Last Blast regatta and this was won by Judy. Club members also have fond memories of Judy's hospitality at her Cedar Point regatta house during the Atlantic Coast Championships. Joan Hurban sailed very successfully this season but represented Nyack at so many away regattas that her Fleet standing does not reflect her skills. Joan had the only all women (skipper and crew) boat at the Masters and at the North Americans in Annapolis.

Three Fleet 75 Lightning boats ventured to the North Americans in Annapolis and braved the wind and waves and survived the Lite beer truck. Bob Sengstacken with his crew of Matt and Eric Beck, Joan Hurban with her daughter Denise, and Dawn Sager, and Gary Hurban with Dr. Stu (what are you waiting for) Fossecoco, and wonderful, sweet, beautiful, kind, caring, and fun Lisa Maday. Joan had some equipment

problems but hung in as long as she could. Bob's boat was fairly consistent and Gary's did the best with Dr. Stu actually climbing the mast in all that wind following a capsizing. Toward the end of the season it became apparent that Gary, Dr. Stu (what are you waiting for) and incredible fun-loving, and smart Lisa had been spending too much time together as they began to look and dress alike. Gary Hurban and his look alike crew placed second overall in the Fleet this year.

There are some Fleet 75 members that we did not see as much as we would like to. Bill Cook, Jim Wolfe (we actually saw him but he was helping with the committee boat and with regattas and not on the water with us), Will Donelan, who we also saw a few times and who sails incredibly well when he is able to make it. Jed Kwartier, David Surman and last but certainly not forgotten, honorary social member Mark Keane, who though he had to sell his boat, kept the blender and is gratefully seen from time to time. Congratulations Mark and Bernadette on the engagement! We hope these members will be able to come out and play more next season in 2001.

Ann Beck

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB FLEET 77

Central New York District
Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario
Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain John Atkins
Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney
Fleet Champion McReynolds Family
Fleet Runner-Up Dick Hallagan

* Marc H. Schieber	Willow	470
John Boettcher		11050
Dale Hamilton	Quest	11051
* Howard Stickney	Cookie Boat	11074
* Wilmer R. Wright		12215
* Andy Smith	Windswept	12400
* William W. Farmer III	Hawkeye	12423
* James I. McIntosh	Brown Sugar	13080
* Richard Doherty	Irish	13081
* R. Neal Smith	Stealth	13082
* Daniel Koretz, M.D.	Honkey	13697
* Alan R. McReynolds	Obsession	
* & Logan McReynolds		13815
Brian Paul		14xxx
* Mark Sertl	Lucky Too	14298
* Philip Lange	Mambo Wa	14367
* John H. Atkins	Plan B	
* & Chad H. Atkins		14397
Robert Crum	Holy Cow	14522
* Dr. Robert Jamison	White Cap II	14605
* Robert C. Bush	Ambush	
& A. Sterling Bush		14654
* Richard W. Hallagan		14655
* Richard W. Hallagan		14855
* Leland G. Atkinson		14949

I would like to welcome to Fleet 77 new members, Bob and Sterling Bush, who have moved to Rochester from Riverton, NJ. Brian Paul, a club member who finally purchased a Lightning, and John and Norma Boettcher. John a long time club member and Laser sailor purchased a Lightning last year and did some major repair over last winter. Also welcome back Phil Lange, who spent last year in England.



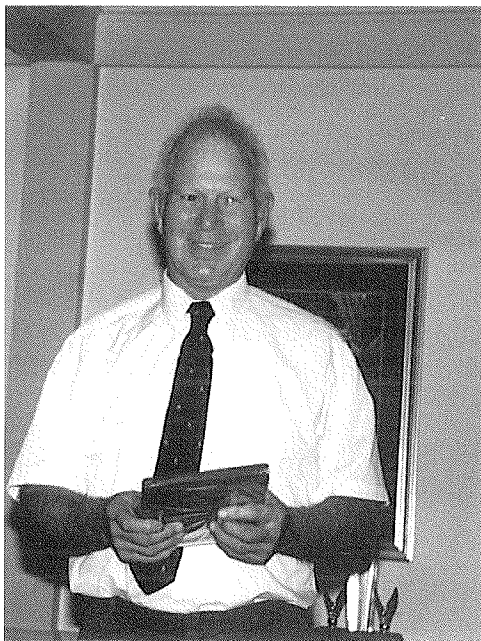
Al Hamilton- enjoying his favorite past time.

I would also like to note the passing of long time Club member and Lightning Sailor, Allen Hamilton. Allen started sailing Lightnings in 1946 with his brother Ernie on #458, Quest. In the early 50's Allen purchased #5935, Kelpie. In 1969 he purchased 10096, Sparkle Plenty, which he sailed until he sold it 1998 at age 85. Although he didn't travel to many regattas, he did sail regularly at the fleet level and introduced the Lightning to many future sailors including all of his grandchildren. Both the Club and Fleet will miss him.



Fleet #77 Champions- Erin, Al and Logan Mc Reynolds.

Fleet 77, sailing on Irondequoit Bay, started racing the first weekend of May with 4 boats on the line. Nine Lightnings participated in the Spring Series, which ran the months of May and June. After the 11 races, Al McReynolds won the series with 4 first place finishes. Neal Smith finished second, with Dick Hallagan third. Intermixed in with the



2nd Place Spring Series, Neal Smith

Spring Series were not only Fleet 77's annual Celebration of Spring Regatta but also two other District Regattas. As in the past, when the District Regattas are held, there were insufficient boats left at the club for fleet racing. Fleet member Mark Sertl with an unprecedented five 1st place finishes won fleet 77's Celebration of Spring Regatta. My thanks go out to all the club and fleet members that pitched in and made the regatta a class event.

Dick Hallagan won the Fall Series, with Logan McReynolds taking second and Andy Smith in third. It was great to see both Neal and his brother Andy participate on regular bases through out the year.

The Championship Series, encompassing the 29 races of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series, was won by the McReynolds Family. Dick Hallagan was the fleet Runner-Up and Bob Jamison was third.

I again wish to thank Howard Stickney, Fleet 77's treasurer, for keeping the Fleet Captain (me) inline, the finances of the fleet solvent, and especially the weekly updates of the racing scores.

John Atkins

SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB FLEET 79 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at Milwaukee Milwaukee, WI

* Sue Herzfeld	Second Wind	13430
* Robert A. Franke	Reality Check	
* & Amy Simonsen		15005

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Dave Peck
Fleet Treasurer Barbara Vann

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

The Niantic Bay Lightning fleet competed mostly on the regatta circuit during the 2000 season. Niantic Bay boat(s) were represented at nearly every major regatta, winning or placing in six and finishing in the top ten in the other five events.

Local racing was somewhat sporadic with the fleet convening primarily during the holiday weekends. Don Barrett captured the Independence Day Series and Dave Peck won Labor Day. While Bill and Laura Healy announced the birth of their new baby daughter Caroline, Dave and Nina Peck emerged from a five year boatless, baby sabbatical by purchasing a new Allen for the 2000 season. Bill, Mike Breault and Jo Ann Jones teamed up to win both the CT Governor's Regatta and the CT-RI Districts. Dave and Nina Peck along with Nicole Breault and then Mike Loeb were runners-up in both regattas.



3rd Place Championship Series, Ray, Marsha and Bob

Logan McReynolds (age 14) continues to improve, as witnessed by his 1st place Summer Series finish. Logan finished 9th at the Junior North Americans with, Erin, and Brittany Lashaway as crew.

In March, Dave, Nina, and Mike Loeb did the Miami and St. Pete legs of the Southern Circuit capturing the top amateur award in Miami with a 4th place, then finishing 6th in St. Pete. Tom Emch, serving as perennial crew for George Fisher in the winter Masters Championship, finished 3rd overall. We hope to see more of Tom in the 2001 season driving # 14289.

In April, Peck, Adam Walsh, and Mike Loeb took 4th at the Long John Regatta in Red Bank, NJ. Niantic Bay sent 4 boats to the Atlantic Coast Championship at Cedar Point YC with Peck and Edson finishing in the top ten. Dave and Nina traveled down to Annapolis for the July Summer Regatta in preparation for the NAs in August, finishing 2nd.

Teams Healy, Peck, Barrett and Edson headed to Annapolis for this year's NAs regatta. All 4 of the Niantic sailors attending the North Americans qualified for the tough Blue Fleet, competing against about 100 boats. Bill Healy led our group with a 6th place finish while Peck ended up 11th. The season ended with two regattas—the Cedar Point Fall Classic and the Leaf Peeper in Burlington, VT—site of the 2001 NAs. In a closely contested regatta, Dave Peck edged out Chris Vann in a squeaker at CPYC. In the final regatta of their season, Peck, along with Nina and Nick Mercier got it together to win the Leaf Peeper with six firsts and a 6th.

Having given birth to baby boy Parker, long-time Niantic Bay sailor "Mother Theresa" Colantuono and Father Larry are rumored to be actively rejoining the fleet in 2001. Following his election/appointment as CT-RI District Secretary, Mike Breault had no choice but to purchase a brand new Nickels for himself and we welcome him to the fleet as a first time owner. Local laser sailor Jim Gardner will be chartering Dave Dickerson's Allen. Dave, by the way, is reportedly refurbishing Past ILCA President Marty O'Meara's wooden Etchells Lightning # 7170. We should all watch this guy's progress—he's quite handy with tools and has in the past built a National Champion wooden Blue Jay. Bill Sebestyn, having successfully completed chain plate surgery to update his boat to current tuning specs, will be back in the hunt on a regular basis. Barry Buehler, having completed somewhat similar surgery, is threatening a comeback to active duty. Past North American Champion Tim Healy recently announced his engagement to "Sam". A May wedding is planned—brother Bill asks that you don't schedule any regattas on May 19th, please... Call us to make arrangements to sail at Niantic Bay—all Lightning sailors have an open invitation to join us any weekend.....!!!!

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB FLEET 90

**Pacific Northwest
Sailing on English Bay
Vancouver, British Colombia**

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

No report.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON FLEET 95

**Metropolitan District
Sailing on Greenwood Lake
Hewitt, New Jersey**

Justin D. Mahon, Jr.		1854
Tom & Jane Clark	The Watery Tart	8032
Karl Hoeberman	My Gal	9465
George Welkey	Loose Bolt	10229
Peter S. Lippe	Instinct	11958
Dan Murphy	Dr. Pepper	12923
Edgar Decastro		14793

No Report.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET 102

California District

**Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor
Redondo Beach, California**

Fleet Captain: Wendell Harter
Fleet Secretary: Mike Boswell

* Bert Winther	Well Greased	13117
* Mike Boswell		13467
* Bruce Yaeger		14206
* Wendell Harter	Paddlin' Madelyn IV	14263

This year's racing season began the traditional California Lightning Circuit April 9 - 14. The venue differed this year in the respect that the first two days of racing were held at King Harbor Yacht Club, Redondo Beach, California.

Our fleet hosted the California District Championships again this year. Wendell Harter of our fleet placed second.

Regarding activities of other Fleet 102 members, Mike Boswell, whose boat is not ready to sail yet, has been crewing with Bert Winther in local races. Bruce Yaeger was unable to race this year. Mike Brewer of MBYC participated in most of our local races, enabling us to race as a class. Lightnings placed well in the Cecil R. King inverted start race, with Mike Brewer finishing first and Wendell Harter second in a fleet of 17 centerboard boats. Wendell trailed his boat to Eugene, Oregon, for the Lightning Pacific Coast Championships only to find an absence of wind for the event. He had sailed there in the first Lightning PCC's, which were held 45 years ago.

LAVALETTE YACHT CLUB FLEET 104

**Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Barnegat Bay
Barnegat Bay, New Jersey**

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

* Harold Kohler	Puck	9250
* William Dacosta	Elusive	12957
Howard Weiner		13053
* Dr. Robert Morrow	Men At Work	13782
Chris Larsen	Peggy	13965
* John C. Morton	Gunsmoke Too	14539

* WilliamA. Scott 4-Carat Diamond 14635
 * Matt Reiser 14833

Sailing season 2000 was somewhat disappointing for our sailors in Fleet 104. Two of our stalwarts, Bill Gerold and Ron Kiss sold their Lightnings to enter different classes that appear to be easier to sail and handle for them. Two others, Bob Hoffman and Pete Williamson were forced to dispose of their boats due to family situations and illness. Losing four of our long time fleet members at once could be considered a major tragedy. Add to this the fact that Bob Morrow became fleet captain of our Lavallette Yacht Club and his duties found him assisting with the conduct of the races rather than sailing his own lightning. Matt Reiser, one of our area top notch sailors found that he could not even sail in our club series. Is that enough grief for one year? Six boats from our fleet suddenly absent. Hopefully the last two will be back for 2001.

The rest of us survivors however showed up every week and enjoyed each race. There were many lead changes each week as shifty winds persisted all season and on three occasions, races had to be cancelled due to extremely high winds and stormy weather. Consistent winners each week were Tony Ventimiglia and Curt Morton who finished first and second in the series. Bill Dacosta placed third, Bill Scott fourth and our esteemed fleet captain, Chris Larsen fifth. Harold Kohler and Howard Weiner did not qualify. Bill Scott was awarded the prestigious Bottoms Up trophy for a long to be remembered spinnaker jibe when he was way out front in race #3.

We enjoyed a very nice three week fall series with the Flying Scot fleet. We ran two races each week, more gentle winds and more relaxing sailing. We then had our annual picnic together for a great season ending late in September. While the sailors have all the fun and get the attention, we must pause here to give a lot of credit where it is due. Our "support" people. Vice Commodore Ray DeFrancesco and his wife Trudy, the race committee; Barbara Jost, Joyce Johnson, Betty Miller and Peg Larsen. Patrols Andy Johnson and Jack Henderson and last but not least, the radio communications team Maryann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertako and Penny Hahn.

A special thanks to all from us lightning sailors.
 Bill Dacosta

Members of Fleet #104



GREAT SODUS BAY FLEET 108 Central New York District Sailing on Sodus Bay Sodus Point, New York

* SamMontodo		0
* Jane Solan	She Devil	2105
* Michael Healy		12764
* Jed Dodge		13078
* Jerry Dodge	Ling	14210
* Jed Dodge		14520
* Jed Dodge		14923

No report.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110 Michigan District Sailing on Higgins Lake Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/Secretary: John N. Dent

Scott D. Carman		2138
Fredrick J. Schuster		6663
Peter B. Morley, Jr.	BOHICA	9102
Chuck Alday		10291
Peter B. Morley, Jr	Go Dog Go	11185
John N. Dent		12784
Scott D. Carman		13999
John N. Dent	Deck-a-Dent	14021

The Higgins Lake Boat Club opened the 2000 season on Saturday, July 1st with our 4th of July Fling. Live music and beautiful weather made this a great day for all. Swimming and sailing lessons were offered at the Club over the following two weeks. Saturday, July 22nd was a "Pirates Day" theme party. The following weekend we opened our Club to other types of boaters by offering a personal watercraft rally.

The weekend of August 5th & 6th we hosted our annual Invitational Regatta. This year, in addition to Lightnings we invited Flying Scots to sail with us. The result was encouraging and we'll certainly try it again next year. Once all boats were launched and towed to our island clubhouse, we had fifteen Lightnings ready to race. It was quite a nice turnout with many regulars returning, as well as some new faces to Higgins Lake. Saturday's races were sailed in light and variable breezes under clear skies, using a windward-leeward course configuration. The wind picked up and the clouds rolled in on Sunday for a modified Olympic course. When all was settled on Sunday afternoon Dave Nickels from Lake Fenton had earned the fifth place trophy. Diane Fernando from Pontiac and Dave Decker from Gull Lake finished in a tie for third place with Diane winning the trophy on the tiebreaker. George Peet with his hot shot crew from Bay City continued their new tradition by taking second place honors. And Jim Allen and his crew of Jane Allen and John Morley from Pontiac took home the first place trophy by finishing no worse than third in five races.

The HLBC season continued on August 26th with our Hawaiian Luau party. This has typically been a well attended party, with a catered dinner, dancing and contests. This year however, the weather did not cooperate. Still, a couple of dozen hearty souls managed to brave the elements and had a good time.

Our season concluded on Labor Day weekend when we pulled our docks out of the water and closed up the clubhouse for winter. Our banquet was held on Sunday. While our club racing season was pretty light, our Invitational Regatta was well attended as always. We hope to increase our own racing schedule, and look forward to seeing many of you at our Invitational Regatta next year.

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB FLEET 112

Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay Green Bay, Wisconsin

* Brian Phelan		0
* Douglas Olson	Smoke	10349
* Terry A. Barker		13476
* Frank A. Wood	Confusion 3	13568
* Peggie Himmel	Whimsical	13695
* Terrence Phelan	Surprise	13817
* Steve Adamski	Just Friends	13818
* Doug Hiskes		13901
* Timothy Monday		14038
* Bruce Heida	Birken Bot	
* & Michael B. Kulkoski		14106
* Larry B. Moreland	Drummer	14193
* James L. Hopkins	Puzzle	14250
* Carl Manns	Ready To Play	14476
* Jim Hertel		14555
* Bill Dean	Rock 'N Roll	14582
* Jim Gagnon, Jr.		14705
* Ed Coleman		
* & Paul Coleman		
* & Gerard Coleman		14911
* Kevin Hart	Lal Toofan	14921

This is our second full year at Windjammers Sailing Club. Everything and everybody seems to be getting accustomed to the new address and sailing area. Our fleet should grow in the next few years with us joining Windjammers. The square bottom boats are looking pretty good to some of the outside members, with the shallow water problems and the ease of handling these wonderful boats.

We had a new champion this year, in the name of Tim Monday, he will have a target on his back from now on. The second weekend of June, we hold The Evans Regatta, if you have nothing to do, come to Green Bay and check out our new club house, great hospitality and great racing. You are all invited.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 115

Lake Erie District Sailing on Cuba Lake Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain Skip Wilday

Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane

* Mark Mueller	Black Magic	10008
* Michael D. Kane	Austerity	11175
* Nicholas Weis		12073
* Jim Griffin	Hoy-Hoy	12228
* James A. Maguire		13609
* Greg Buckley	Ole Blue	13890
* Michael D. Kane		13911
* Mike LaFrate	Patriot Missile	14108
* Skip Wilday	Windwards	14725
Nick Abraham		14726

FLYING BEAVER CLUB FLEET 118

Lake Erie District Sailing on Hamilton Bay Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

* Anne Marie Shewfelt		0
* Larry MacDonald, Sr.	KT	0
* Dimitri Iliadis		11289
* J. Paul Eichenberg		12443
* Scott Warrener	Fun II	14134
* David Wood	Bunch Of Weenies	14599
* Larry MacDonald, Jr.		14834

We will greatly miss fellow sailor and good friend to everyone, Scott Warrener.

MERRIMACK RIVER FLEET 121 New England District Sailing at the American Yacht Club Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Secretary: Nadine Lavender

* Leonard C. Pratt		0
* Russell Crawford	Phoenix	10479
Bill Stasuiik		10804
* Alfred Martin	Kaboom	10857
Lon Sherman		11136
Matt McDermett		11150
Joe Puleo		11215
* Mark Windt	Healing Over	11610
Mark Draleau		11630
Anton Becker		13249
Winthrop Snow	Swan	13517
Nadine Lavender		13576
Joseph Peterson	Eclipse	13642
David Sestini	O'Mon	14154
* Mark Dieselman		14189
* John Hughes		14275
* Patrick Gallagher	Shark Byte	14384
Jennifer Stone		14478
* Scott McBurney	Jamaican Bobsled	14481



The fleet heading to leeward during the Brian Hughes Regatta.

Photo by Joy Gallagher

* Patrick McCormack

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Wow! Last year was great, this year was even better, and next year is already looking to be even more wonderful. Welcome's go out to Scott McBurney, Matt McDermott, Jennifer Stone, and Marc Draleau. Scott somehow managed to miss all of the fleet racing, but seemed to be at every regatta representing the fleet. Matt bought my old boat, transformed it into a beautiful and fast force to worry about in the future. Jennifer is the first junior in a while to skipper a boat, which is delightful to see.

coming from everywhere. Although it was a little cold, everything went wonderfully, competitive racing on the water, cold beverages after, food that was delicious (although I still do not know how we got the cakes), and oh yeah, a very informative clinic graciously put on by Tom Allen. Thanks to everyone for attending, it was wonderful to see so much spirit and comradery.

Attendance at away regattas is getting better each year. For the first time in years, a Junior boat from Fleet 121 sailed in the District Regatta. John Hughes won the District Masters and went on to compete in the NA Masters. We had boats in attendance at Wellfleet, Mallets Bay,

Massabesic, and Bow. Next year we are looking forward to attending even more regattas. We are also thrilled to be hosting the New England Districts, which should be one of the best regattas of the season. Of course, the only one I know for sure that will be even better will be the North Americans up in Burlington, VT.

Finishing up, some well deserved awards earned throughout the year, John Hughes took first place in the Chet Young Memorial Regatta and Jennifer Stone was awarded the Bartlett Cup by the American Yacht Club. Congratulations to everyone who sailed this year! It was so nice to see so many new faces mixed in with the familiar faces. We will be looking for all of you and more next year!



John Hughes and Al Lavender battling it out.

photo by Susanne Gallagher

Marc, although we did not see enough of him, is still working out the odds and ends of the boat and I suspect we will see much more of him next year. It is great to see the renewed interest in the fleet, and things now seem to be building on pure momentum. Local fleet racing seems to get more and more competitive, with 3 different winners in 3 series. Congratulations go to Mark Dieselman, winner of the Spring series, John Hughes who won the Summer series, and Nadine Lavender who grabbed the Evening series trophy. With all of these great sailors and teams, it still worked out that I managed to slip by and capture the Season Championship. My hat goes off to everyone, after 38 fleet races, the margin between 1st and 4th was trivial. None of this is possible without our crews. Amy, David, Alison, Marie, Lisa, Ken, Bruce, Jim, and many others were always around popping chutes, hiking to keep the boats flat, and whispering in the ears of those driving the boats. Thank You!

*Jennifer Stone
rounding the
windward mark.*

*photo by
Susanne
Gallagher*



The Brian Hughes Regatta had another terrific turnout, with 28 boats