

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 228

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

Fleet Captain Mark Schneider
Fleet Secretary Caroline Hoedemaker

* John Townsend		0
* Hugh J. Hutchison	Enterprise	8616
* Mark L. Keene		8690
* John G. Haiges & Peter Kahana	Synchopation	10494
* Gary Swangler	Zone	10956
* Maury Benbow	Smidge	11519
* Ron Baerwitz		12140
* Bruce Nicholson		12480
Bruce W. Rawlings		13218
* Gary Birnhak	Air Ball	13624
* Seth Hunter	Kestrel	
* & Janet Hunter		14139
* Hugh J. Hutchison		14214
* Paul J. Hecht	Kestrel	14360
* Caroline Schneider-Hoedemaker		14634
* Allan M. Crew	Toodle-Oo	
& Henry Weinfeld		14699
* John Haiges		14771
* Mark C. Schneider		14840
* Peter R. Denton	Ultimate Pressure II	14890
* Richard Moyer		14942

It's true what they say - the people make the place —and that's what makes Riverton Fleet 228 so great. We are a little unusual in that, when you include all throw-out races, we have 100% participation and 80% of the fleet travels to, on average, five to eight outside regattas a year..

This year the season started with our spring series, then the districts, followed by a mid-year series and finally our Fall Regatta. Maury Benbow swept all the fleet series, yet he really won remarkably few races. If you know the Delaware River, consistency is the key to success. Maury is one of the many seasoned racers at Riverton having sailed the Champion of Champions Regatta among many others.

An example of excellent sailing on the Delaware River was our District Championships. After a great five race series, Jack Elfman won, followed by two fleet boats -Mark Schneider and Ron Baerwitz. Last year Ron walked onto our pier to look around and ended up crewing for the entire season. At the end of 1999 he borrowed a boat and won the first two races of the fall regatta. NOW HE HAS A LIGHTNING and is really tough. After talking with Ron, we find out that he wasn't just a casual sailor. No, he was a serious sailor from California, sailing against people and friends like Mark Reynolds, the 2000 Olympic Gold Medal winner in the Star Class. What fun we have at Riverton!

Our series is held on Wednesday nights and people leave the city of Philadelphia to sail at Riverton and have fun. This year we added another boat to our fleet. Bruce Nicholson, a Comet sailor in the early 70's, came back to sailing on the Delaware and joined our fleet. Barring the spinnaker, he still knows how to get around the river —the fever is back! Next year will really be his year..

With out a doubt, Riverton's Lightning Fleet knows how to travel. As I said before, I would bet the average fleet member goes to 5-8 regattas a

year. Some start at the Southern Circuit and end at the Borderline. One of the most enjoyable things about our fleet is when there are six to eight fleet boats at one regatta, and that happens three or four times a year.

We concluded the year on the river with our Fall Regatta. It was a bit lower key than usual years because we didn't know if the facility would be available. The club, one of the oldest in the country, received a grant to be restored. We are lucky, but who knows when the work will begin and end. It was good the regatta was low key, because the wind gods didn't give us anything to work with. I won't even tell you who won, because that didn't matter. It was just a good way to rap the season up.

As you read this report, I hope you get the feeling that we have fun and, more importantly, will come and join us. Our fleet races are Wednesday nights with a 6:30PM start, beginning late May and ending late August. Walk onto our pier, look at our boats and talk to our people- then join in the fun.

CHINOOK FLEET 229 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on the Fern Ridge Reservoir Eugene, Oregon

* Wally Jones	Caledonia	6061
Kenneth R. Emmes	Rip Van Winkle	6725
Chuck Gottfried		7525
Carol Mullens Slegers	Wandering About	9495
* David McCoy	Astray	9819
Bill Auty		13707
* Verson E. Pandian	Royal Rover	13811
* A. Morrie Craig	Green Eggs And Ham	13942
* John J. Mahoney	Thump	13956

No Report.

SEMPACHER/HALLWILER/VIERWALDSTATTER/ GREIFENSEE FLEET 250 Switzerland District Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwil, Luzern and Greifen near Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain: Christoph Lüthy
Fleet Champion: Wyler Urs (fleet 358)

* Anton Fuchs	Fortuna	8190
Peter Hans & Christen Huber		9132
* Hubert K. Stocker	You Never Know	10463
* Heinrich Leimgrubler	Csardas	10467
Jakob Blickensdorfer	White Star	12306
* Rudolf Herzog	Joy III	12571
* Markus Sigrist	Fram V	13072
Sailing Club of Greifensee		13091
* Christoph Luthy	Domi-Nike	13099
* Silvio Merz		13161
* Francois With	Cézanne	13705

YACHT CLUB OF ATHENS FLEET 251

Greece District

Sailing on Phaleron Bay

Piraeus, Greece

* Perikles Charbilas		
* & Costas E. Kafetzidakis		13402
* Sp. Mileou		13474
* Alexandros Dimou	Renata	
& Nickolas Dimou		13968
* Sotiris Dimopoulos	Maranna	14197
* D. Tagaropoulos		14361
* Sotiris Tsoranoglou		14685
* M. Mileos		14686

No Report.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET 252

Central New York District

Sailing on Keuka Lake

Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain:	Jim Staunton
Fleet Vice Captain:	Paul Schnipelski
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer:	Eileen Loh-Fontier
Fleet Champion:	Peter Cunningham
Fleet Runner Up:	Brent Gillette

Don Tyler	Tippecanoe	12702
* Rowland Stebbins, III	7-11	12711
Bob Costigan		12855
KYC Junior Sailing		13816
* Brent Gillette		14119
* Peter M. Cunningham	Ballyhoo	14221
* James Staunton	Mangy Moose	14256
* Michael Kalinich		14368
Paul Schnipelski		14416
Clyde Rathmann	Grumpy Old Men	14426
* Leon A. Fontier	Electric Lady	14431

Club races on Keuka Lake in the year 2000 were sparse. Our fleet is small, but enthusiastic. We always showed up on Sunday morning eager to compete, but the weather was not cooperative. More often than not, the race committee was obliged to cancel races due to lack of wind. Fortunately, the weather was cooperative for the weekend of our Champagne Regatta, so that our guests were not disappointed. Leon Fontier & Jim Staunton had gone over to Cazenovia for their regatta a couple of weeks prior, but for the rest of our fleet the Champagne was also the first race of the season. We had 15 boats in all, with a light wind Saturday, that built up considerably by Sunday. As always, the band got (almost) everyone up & dancing on Saturday night, & a good time was had by all. For the first time, Leon Fontier got to take home one of the pewter trophies that he had made. The trophy for best finish at theregatta.amongst Keuka boats was his this year.

Fleet Captain Brent Gillette gave up his title of Fleet Champion this year. That honor has been returned to Pete Cunningham. We at Keuka suspect that a contributing factor to the final outcome was the fact that Brent was somewhat anxious all summer over his planned marriage to Robin Crist (crew & longtime companion of his). He denies any anxiety, but after the



The 2000 report is fairly short again. At the „Inseli-Regatta“ on the lake of Sempach, 20. Mai, a race that is sailed by the yardstick system, the 3 Lighnings of Künzle, Lüthy and Fuchs finished 20./21./22 over 31 boats only. But the wind was very weak, and the spynakers were hardly filled up.

One week later we had our traditional fleet championship as part of the Swiss District series on 20./21. Mai also racing on the lake of Sempach. Once again Urs Wyler from the Murtensee fleet 358 was the winner taking home the demanded „Lüthy-Bell“ sponsored firstly by our former life member Hans A. Lüthy late. Only 4 boots took part on this event: Wyler before Graf, Perret and Lüthy.

Silvio Merz sold his boat 13161 and decided to race larger boats on the lake of Luzern. Thanks to Silvio to do the fleet captain for several years and to show always high racing activities.

On the other lakes of Hallwil, Luzern, Greifensee, Zug and Zürich there was much more fun and day sailing during this year. But we hope to have on some days in the future again many Lightning races also there. But it seems that it would take some long time to have a real come back to the former famous Lightning events sailing within fleet 219 (Zürichsee), 250 (Sempach- and Hallwilersee), 281 (Vierwaldstättersee) and 309 (Greifensee).

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Sincerely Yours

Christoph Lüthy

Fleetcaptain 250



A still day on Keuka

Big Day was over, we saw a marked change (for the better) in his placing at the remaining club races. Brent & Robin chose to tie the knot at KYC, and the party that night outdid the Champagne Regatta festivities. We may not have had much wind in our sails this year, but we had lots of fun together anyhow.

Come join us for next year's Champagne Regatta, June 30 & July 1, for the best combination of sailing and champagne.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB FLEET 253 **Dixie District** **Sailing on the Susquehanna River** **Long Level, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain: Starling Mikell, III
Fleet Secretary: Kenneth Kuzdro

* Carol Park		0
Steve Tiley		9897
Craig & Becky Cassel	Fort Knox	9904
Jim Bell	Rainbow	10302
John Bates	F.S. Trueman	10493
Courtland Dunn		11329
* Holly Miller	Crescendo	
* & Walt Poyck		11582

* Pete Pundt	Temerity	12137
Tom Dexter	Lightning Bug	12470
* Starling H. Mikell, III	Debstar	12941
* Kenneth C. Kuzdro	Sneak Attack	13218
* Frederick S. Bush	Double Whammy	13813
* Charles F. Noble	Starthrower	14156
* Michel Lefevre	Ma Jolie	14204

Another good year for Fleet 253 on the scenic Susquehanna, with great growth, racheted-up racing and lots of camaraderie under the direction of Fleet Captain Star Mikell and Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Ken Kuzdro.

We began the year as usual with our day at the Lightning "booth" at Atlantic City's Sail Expo and then running the joint Susquehanna Yacht Club-U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Learn to Sail Class that over the years has brought new members to both our fleet and club.

Our Wednesday night racing series began when the class finished at the end of May and we had a good season with very few races lost because of too much or too little wind. We try to have at least two races each week, and a few times, when the wind and daylight allowed, even got in a third.

We welcomed Pete Pundt as a regular at the beginning of the season, moving into a boat of his own after having used some "loaners" the year before. In mid-summer, crews Michel LeFebre and John Bates both purchased boats and began doing some skippering. Captains Court Dunn, Craig Cassel and Steve Tiley also showed up to challenge the regulars a few times, along with non-boatowners Stewart McKinney and Carol Park, who we hope to see move from using loaners to their own Lightnings one of these years.

After 36 years of trying, old-timer Fred Bush emerged as fleet champion by a healthy margin, mainly due to outstanding work by his youthful regular crew, Joe and Tina Lauver. The highlight of the season was hosting our 2nd annual Sweet Corn Regatta in August, with seven visitors joining eight locals for some great racing plus pigging out on corn, dogs and drinks. Allan Crew of Riverton's Fleet 228 won it for the second year in a row, followed by Dave Meiser, Dick Moyer and Mark Schneider. The 3rd annual is set for Aug. 4-5, 2001. Even if the winds fail, there will be plenty of Pennsylvania sweet corn. As the daylight grew shorter in September, we switched to more informal Sunday afternoon racing and finished the season with a one-day Octoberfest Regatta, won by Charlie Noble. Star Mikell went up to the Pennsylvania Governors Cup Regatta at Lake Wallenpaupack and reported they have lots of wind there.

To cap it all off, Tom Dexter and Anita Blackaby hosted a great end-of-season party for all skippers and crews, where we made plans for more growth and an even better racing year in 2001. Can Fred, Joe and Tina do a double? Will Crew threepeat the Sweet Corn? Come sail with us and find out.

BURT LAKE FLEET 254 **Michigan District** **Sailing on Burt Lake** **Cheboygan County, Michigan**

Commodore Stan Smith
Vice-Commodore Craig Bickley
Secretary/Treasurer Ann Swayze

Bill Keller 11551

Jim Frasier	
& Sally Frasier	12980
Gary Street	13969
* Guy Cheney	14505
* Clark Swayze	
& Ann Swayze	14770

No Report.

CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET 257
Southeastern District
Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake
Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain: James Harris
 Feet Secretary: Richard F. Mayne

* Nancy Klemmann Sproul	Hot Flash	9486
* Sharon Harkrider	Jr. Boat	10810
* Gilbert L. Klemmann MD	Intrepid	13190
* Richard F. Mayne	No Excuses	14127
* Robert E. Harkrider Jr.	Boonoonoonoos	14532
* James A. Harris, M.D.	Lunchmeat	14701

The Clark's Hill Fleet had little change in the number of fleet boats, and no fleet sailing for Lightning's. We did hold the Augusta Sailing Club's annual Lightning Invitational, but it was in September rather than April this year. We had less than normal turnout, eleven boats. After the usual Friday evening greeting cookout at the Harkrider's Lake house we sailed in fair but lite weather Saturday and Sunday. Jim Harris took first on a well planned flyer to the east shore, beating second place Lenny Krawcheck. Pete Marrot was third followed by Bob Harkrider.

We had participation on the circuit, with Bob Harkrider doing most of the travel, and winning the circuit accumulated Championship. Jim and Connie Harris didn't do as many of the circuit regattas as usual as they were expecting new future crew. Scott Harris was born in late June. Jim did manage to win the Southeastern Districts.

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB FLEET 262
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

* Jeff Fertig		0
* Mike Osborne		0
* Chandler Owen		9055
* Harry K. Whitver		10191
* Bill Killebrew		11480
* Chandler Owen		11609
* Chandler Owen	Doc Gilbert Express	11737
* David Ausbrooks	The 7th Habit	12511
* Mark Rankin		13769
* Chandler Owen		13917
* Bruce Richards	Airborne	13957
* Bradford Currie	Chance	14000
* Cully Ward	Kat's Kradle	
* & Jim Ward		14116

* Anne Beesley	Reprise	
* & Fred W. Beesley, Jr.		14533
* Robert G. Hempel	Wildebeest IV	14571
* Dr. Robert Cotton	Airborne	14645
* Bill Killebrew	Taylor	14680
* William Hofmeister		14706
* Frank L. Kelly, Jr.	Spirit	14748
* Tony Reed		14849
Miran Niccolich		14961
John W. Hess		15011

No report.

YACHT CLUB LA PUNTA FLEET 265
Peru District
Sailing on Callao
Callao, Peru

* Augusto Navarro	Camotito	13367
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No report.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 266
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

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

* Robert G. Burrridge		0
* Glenn Grummon		0
* Raymond Myers	Olivia	2555
* Jerry Valli	Chaos	8144
* Randy Harr		10711
* Steven G. Bailey	Frances	12029
* Rob Zerban	Gumby	13273
* Greg Florian	D.F.	13308
* Marc Schillebeeckx	Pamperito	13870
* Linus J. Portman	Misty Lee	13892
* Arthur Merdinian	Warlock	14089
* Daniel Moriarty		14118
* John Abramson		14165
* John D. Folwell		14260
* Denny Heisler	Snakewake	
* & Tobi D. Heisler		14636
* Terry Burke	Top Flash	14766
* Eric Bernstein		14798
* John Huhn		14828
* Matt Burrridge	Yeti	14834
* Gerry Paoli	Evil Hoochie	14901

Our 2000 season was a great "post NAs" season which did not see any decreases in fleet participation. In fact we saw an increase of 40% in the number of racers over the course of the season and got in 32 fleet races

in 4 series, Spring, Summer, Fall and Championship. The parity of our fleet became evident as 7 boats won at least one races and 12 boats raced at least three fleet races or more across the season. The Paoli Barbecue ritual (bluff-side with Hooch) was especially effective at keeping late season racers warm and full of good cheer!

Series results were:

- Spring: 1. Gerry Paoli
2. John Folwell
3. Tobi Heisler
- Summer: 1. John Folwell
2. Newcomers Randy and Wendy Harr
3. Gerry Paoli
- Fall: 1. Matt Burrridge
2. Ronn Frerker
3. John Folwell
- Fleet Championship: 1. Terry Burke
2. Gerry Paoli
3. Arthur Merdinian.

The fleet attendance award went to John Folwell who raced 26 of the 32 races and the fleet "happy guy" award went to Matt Burrridge who bought a newer boat and won 11 races in a row after finishing 2nd in the first races of the season. Too bad he didn't show up more!!

The real highlight of the season was the progress our Juniors made, on the water and with the fingernail polish at the party (don't ask Dave how his toe nails were painted baby blue!). They are a great group of young men and women and I forecast they will continue to develop into fearsome racers and successful people. Because of this "critical mass of youth, we put on a major push to revive the club's Junior program, spearheaded by Dan Moriarty and Arthur Merdinian. Optis were bought and we have 10 kids in the fleet under 8 years old who will directly benefit.

On the travelling scene, Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein upheld our honor by racing with Matt Fisher to a 4th place finish in the Worlds in Ecuador in Nov '99. They returned with stories of the great time and wonderful hospitality of Paco Sola and the entire host Fleet, district and countrymen in Ecuador.

The Season opening Mid-Continent Regatta was a blast as this year we had wind (sorry Bill) and out of town returnees from Cowan Lake (James Taylor) and Chicago (David Stix, et. al). Matt Burrridge won the series by being able to throw out a capsize (while in first place), Dan Moriarty was second while having to peel away before the 6th race to make his son's first communion (we heard it was a "play at the plate" but he made it). James Taylor and David Stix each sailed extremely well but tied for 3rd with the tie breaker going to James. See Matt's article for more words on this regatta at <http://www.csa-sailing.org/fleets/lightning/> plus links to the series scores.

The MLVD district crowned Dan Moriarty as champ (with Tobi Heisler and Kyrsten Munson on board) as he nosed out Nashville's Wm. Hoffmeister and Matt Burrridge for honors.

Several teams representing #266 made the trip to Annapolis for the Northrup-Grotheer NAs. The undisputed party champion was the Gerry Paoli team with Kay Ward & Stacey Worley. As it was relayed to me, they were forced to sit out the President's Cup racing (with equipment, mental & social breakdowns) but saluted the fleet with open malted beverages from the bow of a spectator boat (Titanic-style) during the second half of the series. They had a lot to salute with Moriarty being 12th in Championship and Burke finishing 6th in President's Cup. Also in the President's Cup at Annapolis was Marc Schillebeeckx with sons Maxim and Titou. Marc Paoli and Ian Schillebeeckx raced with MVLD friend Chan Owen in the Governor's Cup. Jocelyn Schillebeeckx raced to a 6th

place finish with Scott Finkboner of San Diego in the Governor's Cup.

We are particularly proud of the Frerker-Schillebeeckx Junior team who showed their mettle in the Carlyle like conditions as they were runners up in the Junior NAs behind John Boxberger. Proud father-coach Marc Schillebeeckx was still seen diagramming tactics and tutoring this top junior team in mid September, way to go! Clearly Ronn Frerker learned a lot from his skipper, Jim Ward at the Youth Worlds and sauna in Greece in July.

Krysten Munson with crew of Nicolas Beckman finished 7th in her first Lightning regatta as a skipper at the Juniors. Krysten also won the last fleet race as a guest skipper on Matt Burrridge's boat. As you can see, we have a great core of youth racers in the program now and many more on the way.

Tobi with Dan and Ian Moriarty were 5th at the ever competitive Blue Nose this year. She's learned how to stay ahead of the "Pelican" (Peloton) like an expert.

On a very sad note, the fleet suddenly lost Don Zerban three days before this writing on Thanksgiving Day. Don had been introduced to Lightnings over 4 decades ago when the fleet raced on Alton Lake (current home of re-established fleet #486) by the local grand master himself, Augie Paoli. Don and Joyce had been fleet members, supporters and contributors ever since. Don was always a Lightning promoter and was part of the winning Master's winning team in '85 with Lal and Matt Burrridge.

Don's sons, Rob and Scott are and have been avid Lightning sailors since pre-teething years both at Carlyle and on the circuit. They have both honorably represented our club at Worlds, NAs and Juniors, racing and medalling many times at sanctioned events. Each is both an excellent skipper and crew. Don's support and enthusiasm undoubtedly made much of their successes possible. The entire fleet and club will miss Don's wit, smile and chuckles of support.

Matt Burrridge

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB FLEET 270

Indiana District

Sailing on Geist Reservoir

Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain Kenneth McGinity
Fleet Secretary Peter McGinity
Fleet Treasurer Andy Harmon

* Steven D. Hayes		8679
* John B. Leath	No Excuse	9050
* Kenneth D. Woods		11203
* Moira McGinity		12296
* John L. Wells	Indypendence	12316
* Mark A. Cudworth	Navigo	12963
* Peter J. McGinity	Sundance	13489
* Michael R. Franceschini		13657
* John B. Leath	L'Eclair Rouge	13954
* Dr. Edwin Fineberg	Make It So	14349
* Joseph A. Lassaux	Sundance II	14359
* Dr. Walter B. Tinsley, Jr.	Win-Some	
* & Paul Vos		14537
* Kenneth D. Woods		14610

No Report.

LAKE MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB FLEET 273**New England District****Sailing on Massabesic Lake****Manchester, New Hampshire**

* Mike Couture

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No report.

* Michael Adams	Sunday Punch	11401
* Walter Colantuono	River Blues	11740
* Nick Mercier	Annie Oakley	
* & David Adams		11885
* John K. Webb	Banana Split	12455
* John Dika	Glory	12723
* Joe Ray	Bloody	13602
* Maurice L'Heureux, Jr.	Quick Silver	13828
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick	Shenanigans	14060
* Joseph P. Celia		14180
* Norman G. Deyett		14273
* William Berry	Amarcord	14442
* Kenneth A. Carlson		14553
* Thomas H. Chase	Sally	14584

No report.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB FLEET 279**Central Canada District****Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior****Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada**

* James W Colquhoun		7270
* Chris Bailey	Zamboana Too	11009
* Mark Sandberg		11387
* Richard Walsh		12755
* Bob Maki	Natural Gas	13115
* Kurt Broll	Frenzy Free	13180
* William Evans	Blue Max	13267
* Brian Cox	Virago	13587
* Innes Martin	Zugzwang	13589
* Jim Cameron	TBA	14013
* Richard Walsh	Hark On Bobo	14499
* Ross Bailey	Nellie	14612

DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 274**Mississippi Valley District****Sailing on Arkabutla Reservoir****Hernando, Mississippi**

No report.

* Posey Hedges		0
* Ken Davis	Garfield	9791
* Crit Currie, Jr.		
* & Jere Fones		11496
* William N. Baxter, III	Disco Lemonade	11999
* Richard R. Ranta	Metrognome	12082
* H.C. Dunathan		12397
* Batton Kennon	Between Silence & Light	12505
* Herbert Cochrane	Wet Paint	13258
* Jere Fones		13483
* Michael D. Porter	Coyote	13700
* Frank Bermel	Dutch Helm's Disease	13966
* Joseph A. Kelly	Jill E.	14171
* Roy W. Robbins	Sho Boat	14270
* Lynn A. Jones	Leap Frog	14338
* W.N. Baxter		14357
* Crit Currie		14488
* Crit Currie	Rebel Devel	14666

No report.

CLEARWATER BAY FLEET 277**Central Canada District****Sailing on Lake of the Woods****Clearwater Bay, Ontario, Canada**

* Gus Campbell	U-Bet	11711
* Malcolm Crooks	Bluenose IV	14451
* Steve Wells	Flying Toaster	14516

CHEQUESSET FLEET 280**New England District****Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor****Wellfleet, Massachusetts**

* Eric H. Cutting		
* & Robert Cutting		9714
* Robert Dickens Smith	C Cleff	10795
* Stafford Frazier	Nike II	11096
* W. Stuart Nickerson		11379
* Albert Preston Moore	Scruples	11751
* William Currier		13947
* Eric H. Cutting	Winds Will	
* & Robert Cutting		14310

No report.

COLUMBIA FLEET 283**Pacific Northwest District****Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and
on the Columbia River, Portland, Oregon**

Fleet Captain: Roger Artigues
 Fleet Secretary: Gail Hickman
 Fleet Champion: Jerry Neuburger
 Fleet Runner Up Doug Hickman

* John A. Sanford	An' Son	8497
* John R. Day	The Bolt	9690
* Gary Kokstis		10731
* Darryl Peck	Saxy	11151

* Kevin Stravers	Auhuhno	11879
* Chris Spence	Orangutan	13476
* Dave Webber	Brain Donkey	13680
* Gerald L. Neuburger	Whelp A	13788
* Don Bewley	Spook	13837
* John DeBenedetti	Foam Heads	13896
* Randy Anderson	Frenzy	13949
* Terry Busby	Sly	13961
* Roger Hicks	Roaring Forties	14040
* Douglas S. Hickman	Hippo Thunder	14079
* Philip F. Parshley	Humahumanukunukuapua'a	14288
* & Philip P. Parshley		14288
* Joh DeBenedetti	Hair of the Dog	14841



Fleet 283 experienced a pretty good year sailing at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club. If you are ever in the Portland area, please contact us- we have a great little club sailing on a lake in the metropolitan area.

We welcome new members Scott Lindstrom, Chris Spence and Dave Smith. Darrell Peck has returned to sail with us.

The fleet had a high note when we sent our Junior team to Greece for the Junior Worlds. To be one of the three teams from the United States is an honor for this west coast fleet. Kevin Stravers and crew of Matt Stravers and Mark Wray placed 12th in the event and had a great time.

Fleet racing again was at a very competitive level, as winds seemed lighter than usual. Our fleet champion is Jerry Neuburger, again, with crew of Sandy Neuburger and Dan Burton. Runner Up honors went to Doug Hickman, with crew of Gail Hickman, edging out John DeBenedetti this year.

Other awards for the fleet are Gail Hickman as crew of the year. She also was awarded the M.K. DeBenedetti award for contributions and dedication to the fleet. Most improved skipper for the year was Kevin Stravers.

On the district scene, the Neuburger Team won our District Championship. The Parshley Team won the Pacific Coast Championships in Eugene, Oregon.

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

Fleet Captain George Andreadis
Fleet Secretary Andrew Sinopoulos

* Dimitra Galitis		0
* Konstantinos Merentitis		0
* Milioni Panayiota		
* Dimitris Stathopoulos		
* Andrew Sinopoulos		7569
* Costas Limberakis		10037
* George Andreadis	Alexander	11459
* Paul P.G. Schilizzi		11634
* Alexandra Karzi	Krantonelis	13802
* Markos Raptis		13891
* Nikos Vazakas		14211
* George Andreadis	Crinis VI	14262
* George Andreadis		14264
* Akis Tsarouchis	Vlangalis	
* & Constantinos Tsantilis		
* & Nikos Vazakas		
& Dimitris Gerontaris		
& Yacht Club Of Greece		14377
* George Andreadis	Crinis VIII	14544
* Dionisis S. Dimou		14687
* Dimitrios Kosmadopoulos		14837

No Report.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN FLEET 301
New England District
Sailing at Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain Patrick Zachary
Fleet Secretary Tim Ambrose

* Andrew Horton		0
* Ron Bouchard		6865
* Peter Tourin	Wind Harp	7829
* David Lansky	Thesis Interruptus	8033
* Edward Guild	Two Boys	10846
* Sean Carroll		11754
* David N. Little		13156
* Patrick Zachary	Whatnow	13888
* Mark Gardner	The Big Scream	14050
* Erik Johnson		14056
* Edward J. Ziemer	Zoom	14297
* Robert Smith	Robert Y Lea	14438
* Kurt Kling	Apple	14446

* Richard N. Fastiggi	Ciao	14480
* Donald C. Brush, Jr.	Wild Goose	14640
* Michael L. Huffman	Creature Of Habit	14644
* David P Gorman	Blind Faith	14758
* Janice Lange	Southern Cross	14876
* Bill Fastiggi		14958
* Bill Fastiggi		15058
* Heather Rowe		15060

Fleet 301 had a great year not only in the quality of regattas sailed but also the anticipation and planning for the 2001 North Americans.

A big congratulations goes to Patrick Zachary for receiving the Emerson trophy as voted by the members of Fleet 301. This signifies that Patrick has contributed most to the fleet during the past year. Patrick has done an outstanding job as fleet captain for two years now. As the new fleet captain I would have to hire a team of people to achieve all the success that Patrick has achieved. Patrick had another milestone this year, he won his first regatta.

David Gorman had a great year sailing his two Lightnings. David qualified for the President's Cup for the first time at the 2000 North Americans. He finished 21st overall.

Eric and Carl Johnson sailed their boat with Jeff Tempelton for a successful year. This team really showed that they are to be watched closely in the coming years. Jeff brought his tight Laser racing style to the fleet, getting the best of us in many starts and mark roundings. Eric and Carl have been getting a great deal of experience as part of the newly formed high school sailing program. This program combines students of many local high schools into one team. Kate Brush sailed with her mom, Ann and Kurt Kling for the season. Kate took her Lightning sailing experience on the road to New Orleans as part of the high school sailing program and as part of a team consisting of Heather Rowe, Ann Brush and Tammy Oulette at the Adams Cup in San Diego.

Heather Rowe sailed her first full season of continuous helm time. Heather won the Women's New England Districts and sailed to a 6th place at the Adams Cup. Lea Ann Smith was gracious enough to loan Heather and I the use of her boat and sailing abilities for the duration of the summer. Lea Ann crewed with Bretton Gardener for Don Brush to a 3rd place in the President's Cup at the 2000 North Americans.

The Gardners showed the rest of us that, yes, sailing with your family can happen if you keep working at it. Mark, Lynn and Bretton won the fleet trophy sailing Lightnings as a family, congratulations!

Bill Fastiggi's sailing record for 2000 again looked like a rap sheet for a convicted felon. Bill sailed to a second at the 2000 North Americans.

We had the second wettest May on record this year and about a week before the regatta we all wondered how we would get the boats into the lake, or rather, how we were going to get the lake out of the club area. Saturday morning started with a rather gusty north breeze blowing 15-20. In an effort to protect the safety of the sailors, the race committee strongly suggested that anybody who had dry suits use them. There seemed to be no question that dry suits were necessary when people like Bill Fastiggi and Ray "Thermo-nuclear" Harrington donned theirs. As it turns out, the weather in Vermont of course changed and we spent the last race like baked potatoes in light air with sunny skies at 70 degrees. The race committee absolutely made the right call in the morning given the conditions at the beginning of the day with the 55-degree water temperature. The race committee showed excellent patience when starting the first race while having to contend with wind shifts of at least 50 degrees. Bill Fastiggi and Peter Coleman traded off 1st's and 2nd's in the first two

races. Everybody else showed us that they really hadn't lost anything over the winter. Short courses and patchy breeze placed a premium on boat handling, causing more than one fire drill on our boat.

The Leaf Peeper Regatta is always a highlight of the year for Fleet 301. October is a spectacular month in Vermont as the winds are usually strong and the maple leaves are brilliant colors. This year however, winter was making a early showing with snow and freezing rain in the forecast the week before the regatta. As luck would have it, we had a beautiful weekend complete with thrills, spills and chills.



Fleet #301 at the Southern Circuit.

Sometime in the middle of November 1999 a huge cloud of over-ambition moved into Vermont and settled into a fleet meeting. Suggestions relating to the activities of Fleet 301 in 2000 were the hot topic of debate that evening. "Solve World hunger some suggested", other chimed in with "Balance the national budget" those tasks seemed to simple for a group consumed by a serious case of "we can do it!" Hosting the 2001 North Americans Championships seemed like a task worthy of our state of mind. I am here to report that over the past 12 months, our fleet has been consumed with your happiness during the two weeks of August 2001. On the third Monday of every month, Fleet 301 meets to describe the amount of progress made during the previous, day er, I mean month relating to each persons' committee. We have thought up more activities than there are days in which to sail. Our entertainment and sponsorship committee are trying very hard to make this event as much fun off the water as it is on the water. Bill Fastiggi and Patrick Zachary are putting so much time into this regatta that others of us are wondering what has happened to their day jobs. Hosting a North Americans as we have realized is about far more than sailing. Indeed, a North Americans is about sailing and having the best run races, squarest lines, most organized race committee and fair winds. These things are expected from a North Americans. This event is more than just a race, for many it's a weeklong family vacation. And to ensure the survival of sailing as a family vacation, we are planning events that will keep your family members happy long into the winter.

Tim Ambrose

COWAN LAKE FLEET 303 Ohio District Sailing at Cowan Lake Near Cincinnati, OH

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

* Robert M. Japikse	Freelance	10272
* Ron Millard	We're Here	10687
Richard Niemeyer	Blue Thunder	11368
* Paul S. Back		11144
* Jim Young	Entropy	11507
* Augustus Bales	Close to the Edge	13485
* Clark Shingledecker	Starlight Express	13502
* James P. Taylor		13504
* Bill Young	Coot	13719
* Robert W. Frantz		14020
* Dick Pugh	Figment	
* & Jeff Pugh		14110
* Ken Irwin	Adernalin	14216
* Dr. Stephen Weeber	Phoenix	14287
* Mike Kemp	Joker's Wild	14867
* Augustus Bales	A Smooth Emergence	14875
* Mike Brock		14925

No report.

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

* Markku Paloma		14269
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No report.

LEGA NAVALE ITALIANO ANZIO FLEET 312
Italian District
Sailing on the Tirrenia Sea
Anzio, Italy

* Giacomo Fagnano	Xware	14554
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No Report.

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

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

* Leslie Moorehouse	Doc's Boat	9391
* Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	12710
John D. Farquhar		12964
* F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D.		13926
* Howard S. Edson	Etc.	14218
Ted Ganley		14265
* F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D.	Sassy Canary	14648

* Alfred B. Mast	Master Blaster	14651
* Robert Horne	Star O'Dust	15023

This season's racing schedule was again divided into four series of four races each. Al Mast won both the first and second series for the Doc Walbert Cup and Buss Neff Cup, respectively. Ted Ganley won the third and fourth series for the Skipper's Cup and Commodore's Cup.

The Summer Bay Race was won by Ted Ganley, followed by Howard Edson and Al Mast in second and third respectively. The Fall Bay Race was again won by Ted Ganley with John Farquhar in second and Tom Hopkins in third. What a wonderful sight to see John sailing across the line in second place after sailing the 9 1/2 mile race, single-handed.

The James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Trophy again went to Ted Ganley. In the eight years that the Trophy has been awarded, the Ganley boat has won it five times. Maybe it's time we hold a special "planning" meeting and figure out how to beat (i.e. - sabotage) Ted and Jim's boat.

The Matlack Cup was sailed on the afternoon of the annual KPIA Regatta. Ted once again did his magic and nosed out Bob Horne at the line for another win.

For only the second time in its long and distinguished existence of thirty-one years, the Butt Award was not awarded to any skipper, crew, or boat. Most people may feel good about that since the Butt is awarded for the most extraordinary/humorous/silly/ridiculous feat of the year. I think it means people just aren't trying hard enough, or they are paying off the competition to keeps things a secret.

This season's annual Banquet was once again held at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club. The evening concluded with the presentation of the Forrest R. Schussler Award for Outstanding Service to the Kentmore Park Sailing Club. It was presented this year to Bob Horne for his dedication to the Sailing Club and his many years of service as Past Commodore (twice), Fleet Secretary, property czar, etc.

We'll see you on the water in 2001. Is it true there is a new "Star Dust" in town?

ALGARROBO YACHT CLUB FLEET 318
Chili District
Algarrobo, Chile

Jorge Salgado		12654
Juan A. Arcos	Red Witch	13039
Eric Velasquez Beltran	Linda Chica	14295
Jose Manuel Horwitz F.	Pampero	14307
Juan Francisco Novion V.		14312
Ignacio Bazaure	Tifosi	14791

No Report.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION
FLEET 325
Dixie District
Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Fleet Captain/Secretary Dave Racine

* Rehoboth Bay Sailing	Bobo	9527
* James W. Greenwell	Loretta	10226
* Barry W.C. Pierce	China Doll	10335
* Carl Robinson	Liberty Call	11028
* Rehoboth Bay Sailing	Mal de Mer	11540
Turtle Marshall	Turtle	12160
* Carl Robinson	AWOL	12616
* Barry Pierce		14207
* Christopher Raubacher		14566

No Report.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET 326
Michigan District
Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay
Traverse City, Michigan

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

No report.

JYVASKYLAN FLEET 328
Finland District
Sailing on Lake Paijanne
Jyvaskyla, Finland

Fleet Captain: Ilkka Lilja
Fleet Secretary: Samppa J Salminen
Fleet Champion: Samppa J Salminen
Runner-Up: Ilkka Lilja

Timo Lehtinen	Old Lady	6838
* Antero Westerlund	Melanie	12479
Ari Kokko	Lola	
& Timo Järvinen		12908
Vesa Purokuru	Mafalda	12918
* Samppa J Salminen	Nikea	14364

The new millenium had a brilliant start when Fleet 328 got their first Finnish District Champions ever: Samppa J Salminen, Tero Kotimäki and Keijo Tulomäki sailing with the "Nikea".

The District Championships were organized by our own fleet and the yacht club of Jyväskylä. The racing was very tight. Before the final start "Nikea" was one point behind the "Amarillo" and also "Masi" had a chance to win the Championships. "Nikea" crowned their victory by winning the last race. "Amarillo" with Pertti Pyy, Waltteri and Maija Karhusaari got silver medals. "Masi" with Kimmo, Mika and Juha Aromaa got bronze medals. We were glad to see that our District Commore Ilkka Lilja with his crew Veikko Miettinen and Matti Nurminen came back to the Championships after several years of quiet life, finishing 20th.

The Finnish Circuit with six regattas was also a knock-out for our fleet. Samppa, Tero and Keijo won also this Circuit for the first time.

Uusi vuosituhat alkoi loistokkaasti, kun Laivue 328 sai kulta aikain ensimmäiset Suomen Mestarinsa: Mestareiksi purjehtivat "Nikea" veneellä Samppa J Salminen, Tero Kotimäki ja Keijo Tulomäki.

Suomenmestaruuskilpailun järjestelyistä vastasi oma laivueemme ja Jyväskylän Veneseura. Kilpailu oli loppuun saakka erittäin tiukka. Ennen viimeistä starttia "Nikea" oli yhden pisteen "Amarillon" perässä. "Masilla" oli myös mahdollisuus vielä mestaruuteen. "Nikea" kruunasi mestaruutensa voittamalla viimeisen startin. "Amarillo" miehistönään Pertti Pyy, Waltteri ja Maija Karhusaari sai hopeaa, sekä "Masi" miehistönään Kimmo, Mika ja Juha Aromaa pronssia. Olimme iloisia saadessamme laivueemme puheenjohtajan Ilkka Liljan ja miehistönsä Veikko Miettisen ja Matti Nurmisen mukaan mestaruustaistoon usean väli vuoden jälkeen sijoittuen kilpailussa 20.

Kuusi osainen ranking sarja oli myös laivueellemme täysosuma. Samppa, Tero ja Keijo voittivat ranking sarjan ensimmäistä kertaa.
Samppa J Salminen

SEVERN RIVER FLEET 329
Dixie District
Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Phil Grotheer
Fleet Secretary: Jon Guth

* Doug Heussler		0
* William H. Buckley		0
* Gregory C. Swartz	Lone Pine	8516
* C. Eric Olsen	Fission Chips	11628
* Harry H. Keith, III	Thunder	11767
* Marty Huppert	Jabberwock	11871
* Ric Gottschalk	Rhode Racer	12159
* Jonathan S. Guth	Pain Killer	
* & Peter J. Lauria		13740
* Jonathan I. Lange		13856
* Tim Cokeley	Seventh 'C'	14061
* Michael E. Hiesener		14229
* E. Joseph Friebele		14581
* Stephen Constants	Got Moe Joe	14629
* Phil Grotheer	Bitchin' Camaro	14881
* Dixon Duffett	Sakajo	14889



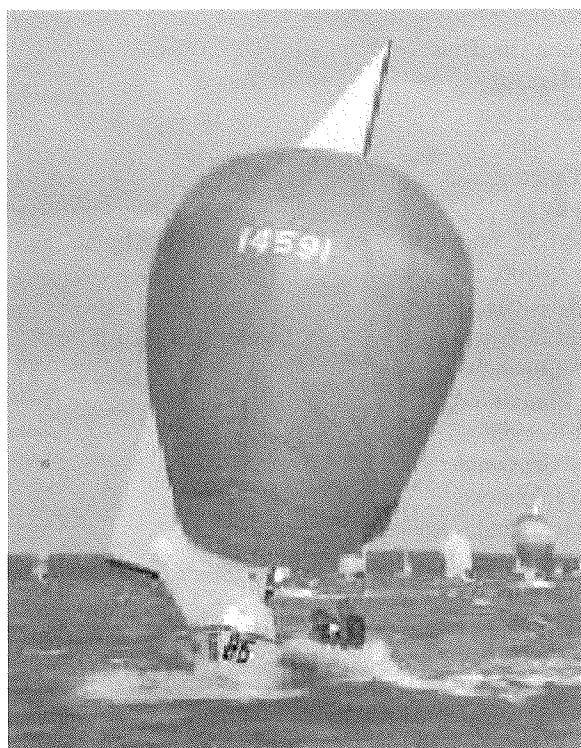
District Champions: Keijo Tulomäki (left, sitting), Tero Kotimäki and Samppa Salminen

* James (Jamie) B. Brickell, Jr. Loon 15016
 * Jonathan I. Lange 15054

The Y2K glitch? Elian Gonzalez? The Kiwis defending the America's Cup? No, the biggest year 2000 event for Lightning Fleet 329 was none of these paltry news stories, but rather that week in August when the North American Championship was contested in Annapolis for the first time ever. But more on that later.

I don't think its an exaggeration to say that for Fleet 329, sailing out of Severn Sailing Association on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, the year 2000 may have been the most successful year in the history of the fleet. Much of this success can be attributed to our tireless Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer, who not only spearheaded the fleet's NA's bid, but also served as Regatta Chairman, had another very successful sailing season, all the while consistently winning the pre and post-race regatta parties as well.

Fleet 329 would like to take this opportunity to thank Phil for all his hard work and dedication to promoting Lightning sailing in Annapolis. Without him, the NA's would not have been hosted by our fleet and would not have been the success that they were. Numerous other fleet members and friends also played a large part in creating this success, but they are too numerous to try to start listing. A big thanks to everyone that helped make this year the best ever for Fleet 329, including everyone that volunteered their time at the North Americans.



The 2000 season began the way it always does in May, with the SSA No Gas regatta, where Phil took top honors, followed by Jamie Brickell and Chris Raubacher. Next up for most Fleet members was the Dixie District Championship in mid-June down at Fleet 508 in Solomons, MD. The Districts were near perfect with a solid 10-15 both days, a strong 20-boat turnout, good courses, 6 competitive races, and more than a few Mai Tai's for some at the local Tiki Bar. Fleet 329 fared quite well with Phil-man 1st, Lightning rookie Steve Constants 2nd (a great addition to the SSA Fleet), your's truly 3rd, Jamie Brickell 4th, Joe Friebele 6th, and Carl Muska 10th, all thereby qualifying for the NA's. Thanks to Dave Meiser and his team at Solomons for running another excellent Dixie District Championship.

The following weekend, SSA held its Spring Fling in unusually warm and

windy conditions. Participation was a bit low as many rested up from the previous weekend, or in one case, waited for their brand new boat to arrive. Jamie, Sue, and Kimberly Brickell sailed their last regatta in 14028 at Districts, handed it off to Don Behrens, and waited a few weeks for their new Allen to arrive. When it did, just prior to the NA's, everyone at SSA was in awe at how beautiful it was. Little did we know how fast it would be too!

The SSA Summer regatta was next, a final tune-up on the sailing area of the NAs. One last opportunity to garner a bit more local knowledge for us fleet members as well as a couple out-of-towners. Newcomer Steve Constants won his first SSA Lightning Regatta in his first year sailing the boats. Quite an achievement. Dave and Nina Peck came down from Connecticut and claimed second, while Phil, believe it or not, was third. With the addition of Steve, the speedy new Brickell 15016, along with several other new boats and fleet members expected next year, its clear that Phil can no longer afford to sleep in until 10, start the first race 5 minutes late, and still expect to win regattas.

At long last, after all the meet ings, planning, more planning, and dealing with last minute logistics, the North American's were upon us. We were ready though. We had been getting ready for more than a year. Phil had delegated duties to his deputies, the facility was prepared, the events were planned, the Race Committee chosen, the trophies purchased, the volunteers organized, the sponsors secured, the competitors had arrived, and the beer was flowing. It's hard to summarize in a paragraph or even 10, the feeling of a Lightning NA's being held at your own club, on the waters you sail in all season. All of those people, and all of those boats, from all over the continent, and 5 foreign countries. I know it must have made all the Fleet 329 members feel proud. Proud of hosting this world-class event, proud to be a part of the Lightning Class in the first place, and proud of SSA and Annapolis. Thanks to all you sailors who came to Annapolis last summer and made the NA's the event that it was.

Oh and by the way, the racing was pretty good too. I think most people were probably more than a little skeptical when they heard the NA's would be held on the Chesapeake Bay in August. But as luck would have it, we were blessed with 3 windy days out of 6 (perhaps a little too windy for some), with one of the tougher Qualifying series in recent memory.



Gusts over 25 knots and 2-3 foot seas on Sunday and Monday created a bit of havoc on the race course at times and kept the safety boats busy. Wednesday, the second day of the Championship series, was perhaps the best overall day of the event, with 3 great races sailed in a 15-18 knot Northwesterly, flat water and warm sunshine. At the SSA dock, proudly flying the colors of the nations sailing in the NA's, competitors were treated to the weekly parade of the AYC Wednesday night series as

the boats reached to the finish at the Spa Creek drawbridge. This was also the day that an ESPN film crew was on the water catching all of the action for a spot on Gary Jobson's International Year in Sailing, which hopefully most of you were able to see.



Finally, my own little perspective as a relative newcomer to the class and a first-time NA's participant— Damn, what a cool event! I am so hooked now on Lightning sailing, and especially on big regattas. See you in Vermont!

The remainder of the season mostly consisted of road events, as some of us traveled to DC for the Leukemia/President's Cup, the Solomon's One Design Invitational, and the Borderline in NC. We wrapped things up in October with the 49th Annual Frigid Digit, where we hosted 25 Lightnings and 18 Snipes in this combined fall favorite. A catered barbecue dinner, a well-stocked beer-truck, and the reggae/calypso music seemed to keep everyone in good spirits. In moderate 10 knot breeze, the regatta came down to Phil and Tom Allen, Jr., with Phil taking it with 3

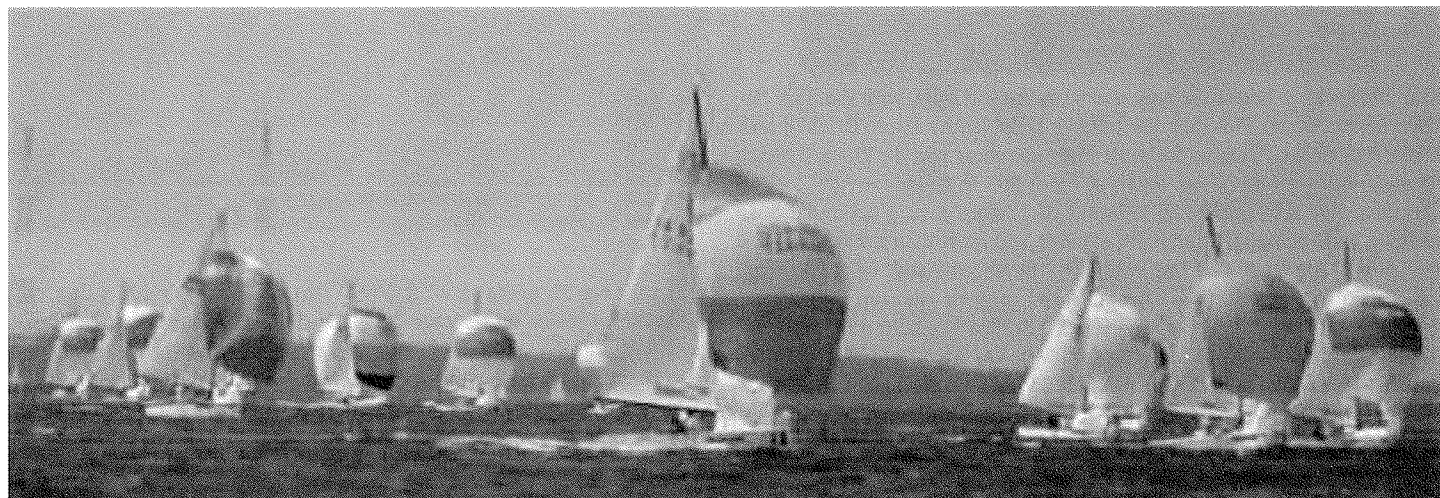
bullets on Sunday. Make plans to join Fleet 329 in Annapolis next year for the big 50th Anniversary version of the Frigid Digit where we're planning on 50 boats!

With about 12 active members, a brand new boat and at least one on the way next season, Fleet 329 is about as healthy as it has ever been. We are blessed with a great one design sailing club in SSA, excellent race committee work, a good body of water to sail on, and enthusiastic fleet members. Next season should be just as strong if not better, with a regular weekly Sunday afternoon series planned for the spring. As Phil turns over the reigns of Fleet Captain (for the first time in years) to me, it will certainly be a challenge to top this past year. But with plans to host the Dixie Districts as well as the 50th Digit, we have plenty to keep us going. Looking forward to next year!

SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332 New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Doug DeCluitt
Fleet Secretary: Crecia Closson
Fleet Treasurer: Dwight Gertz
Fleet Champion: Allen & Christian Whatley

* Stephen Corzilius		5639
* Bob Hanson	Junge	
& Kay anson		7944
* Brad Eaton		8268
* Art Cunningham		9829
Dan Egan		10212
* Robert W. Sengstaken, Jr.	Mountain Thyme	10320
* Will Abbott		10555
Marty Riehs, Jr.	Loonasea	10724
* David D. Closson	Go-Mo-Shun II	10732
John Osuchowski		10818
Bill Elmore		12509
* Jack Russell		12859
Jerry Grossman		13101
Skip Johnstone		
& Barry VanDemoere		13382
Allen Whatley	DC	
& Christian Whatley		14033
* Douglas R. DeCluitt		14247
* Wallace E. Ackley		14814



* Dwight Gertz	14926
* Ed Michels	14950
Bill Burgess	14953
Crecia Closson	
David Rodgers	

We completed a full season of well-attended fleet racing. The July series for the Richardson Blair Trophy was won by Allen and Christian Whatley with Dan Egan in second and Dave Closson third. The Custance Cup for the first Lightning to finish the Squam Lakes Association's annual long distance race went to Ed Michels on his annual visit from North Carolina. The Whatleys also dominated the August series for the Jack Russell Trophy but were trailed in that month by Dwight Gertz in second and Art Cunningham in third.

The fleet's annual regatta drew 23 boats. ILCA treasurer Bill Fastiggi from Burlington VT won the event with Ray Harrington of Lake Bomoseen second and local hero Art Cunningham third. Art finished the season with a strong effort to win the Closson Bowl, which is awarded to the best skipper in the last three races of the year.

We held our annual meeting and potluck supper at Wally Ackley's beautiful hilltop house overlooking the lake. The Whatley team received the Howdy Wood trophy for the over all season championship. Art Cunningham finished the season in second place and Bob Sengstaken was third for the year. The annual dinner also provided the opportunity to make some special awards. Art Cunningham took home the bucket given each year for the best capsized. Art then reciprocated gracefully by providing special participation trophies to all of the children who had sailed as crew members in the fleet during the year. David Rodgers was awarded the Fleet Spirit Award for his diligent efforts to compile a complete history of Lightning sailing on Squam Lake.

By far the most memorable event of the season came at the end of the awards presentation when all the members of the fleet joined in presenting a crystal decanter to Jack and Betty Russell. Jack retired from Lightning racing this year after sailing with us every season since the founding days of the fleet. The night was filled with tales of Jack's nautical exploits but the award recognized that he and Betty have been more than great sailors. The engraving on the decanter appointed them as permanent "Ambassadors" of good will for the fleet. They have been the soul of our organization for decades. Our local style of spirited sailing with an emphasis on participation, enjoyment, and sportsmanship is a direct reflection of the influence Jack and Betty have had over the years.

We elected Texas transplant and reformed Thistle racer Doug DeCluitt as Commodore for 2001. We are all looking forward to another great sailing season in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

A few days after this report was submitted, the entire Squam Lake Community was saddened to learn that Jack Russell died on December 30, 2000. He was 83 years old and the obituary in the New York Times reminded us of a long and productive career which began at Dartmouth College and Yale Law School, saw Marine Corps service in the South Pacific in World War II, and included a lifelong commitment to public service. But we knew that the writer saved the best for last by concluding that he was "an enthusiastic sailor."

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB FLEET 335
Central Atlantic District
Sailing at Barnegat Light Yacht Club
Sailing Waters include the southern end of the
Barnegat Bay

Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain John Demming
Fleet Secretary Bill Clarke

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

CARIB Beer was a gracious sponsor of the New Jersey State Lightning Championship held July 22 at Barnegat Light Yacht Club. A 35 boat turnout was a record for a BLYC regatta and the largest turn-out for the NJ States in 20 years. The regatta was held on the popular north course. BLYC hopes to hold more well attended regattas in the future. The outcome of the regatta was reported in the September issue of Flashes.

Lightning Fleet 335 started the year early with its mid-winter meeting held at the home of John Faus. Plans were made for an extensive sailing season both at home and at regattas away from our home Club.

Sailing began on June 17. We sailed a total of 28 races. Eight boats participated in the series. Fleet Captain John Demming, with brother Andy and wife Stephanie as crew, took first place for the series by a margin of better than 6 points. John Faus captured second place and third place was captured by Paul Wood. We were happy to have Jim DeCesare participating again.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was held on August 26. John Demming took first in the regatta, with Clay Shaner second and Dave Kunz third.

The Pumpkin Bowl experienced a blowout and was rescheduled for 2001. Thanks for attending.

Planning is underway for another really great season of Lightning sailing in the year 2001. Another mid-winter party is scheduled for early 2001 and we expect increased sailor participation to result from more advance planning. Word has it that our former Fleet Captain, Justin Monnig, may be doing more sailing at BLYC next summer. We hope so.

GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338 **Central New York District** **Sailing on Galway Lake** **Galway, New York**

Fleet Captain Jim Dickson
Fleet Secretary Jim Millard

* James Dickson	Baby Doll	12115
* John S. Orton	www.chaos.com	12130
* Dale H. Brown		12636
* Willard Kohler		13251
* R. James Millard	Huggie	13655
* John Korkosz	Dead Meat	14328