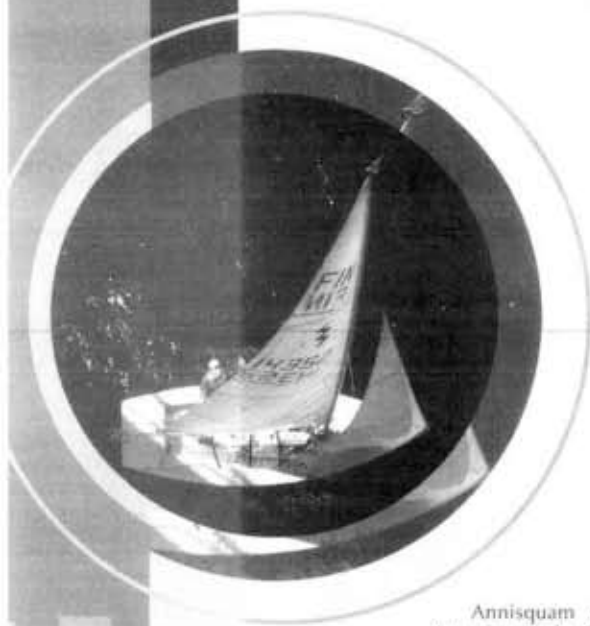


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For Fleets who did not send reports or rosters we have included a listing of active members only.

Officers shall make sure that their fleet listings are accurate and all their members current so they will show in the next yearbooks.





## Fleet 1, Skaneateles Country Club Sailing on Skaneateles Lake, Skaneateles, New York Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
39		David Penfield
378	Acme	Michael Yates
6614		Gordon Potter
9136	Empress	Eddie Walton
10188	Radio Flyer	Jeff Youle
10679	Jolie	Bret Kelly
10705	Allegro	John Barnes
12011	Roamin' with Brohman III	John Shannon
12210	Ensayo	David Hayes
13330	Club Boat	Skaneateles Country Club
13375	Club Boat	Skaneateles Country Club
13677	Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck Jr
13900	Ego Tripped	Christopher & Gary Kuhns
14631		Peter Swartz
15088	Lyn	Bent Thomsen

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

Fleet One remains constant in membership and activity with two or three regulars making showings at our weekly interclub racing series. Although the average age is increasing, the Lightnings continue to be popular and well used in our Sail School by the kids and adults. Instructor Eddie Walton is our most enthusiastic fleet member, inspiring many Sail School students to try Lightning sailing.

The September One Day Regatta saw twenty boats on the line for our best turnout in several years. The winds were light but steady, rewarding those that made the trip. Skaneateles loves to host Lightning regattas and Lightning sailors are rewarded with a good time whenever they put in here.

On a sad note, Fleet One marked the passing of its Lightning Skipper Emeritus, Frank Haas by dedicating the 2003 All-Lake Invitational Regatta in his honor. Fair winds and following seas to you, Frank.

## Fleet 5, Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Illinois Midwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessy
13895	High Life	David Schmahl & Brad Steiner
14015	Hot Flash	Doug & Jean Steffenson
14065	Plan B	Jim & Monica Fairman
14137	Love & Rockets	Anthony Seitz
14433	Tinfish	Rob & Holly Hartshorn
14466	Photon	Bob Smither
14478		Paul Wurtzebach
14613	Racer X	Doug Nickel & Jeanne Ehrenberg
14740	Poodles by Verna	Bill Faude
14844	Rayo	Dennis Burke
14898	Total Recall	David Stix
14975	Dragon	Paul Wurtzebach
15167	Pigs on Ice	William Gibson & Steve Jenkins

Fleet Captain.....David Stix  
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Fairman  
Fleet Treasurer.....Steve Jenkins  
Fleet Champion.....David Stix  
Fleet Runner-Up.....William Gibson  
2nd Runner-Up.....Jim Fairman



Lightnings are Chicago's racing heritage. If the growth in our active racing fleet continues as it has, Lightnings will be Chicago's racing future too!

Two new skippers joined the fleet in 2003 and a third re-activated. Growth for 2004 is forecasted to include three new boats in town (we're getting a 'woody') plus a couple of current crew expected to put two more machines on the starting line.



Sunday fleet racing was very close this year with a record (in recent history) seven boats sailing enough races to qualify for scoring & awards. Our 2004 forecast is an average of nine on the line for Sunday racing.

Fleet 5's regatta emphasis was on quality single-fleet events. Our fleet took a pass on promoting and participating in a five class one-design event hosted by CCYC. The Red Flannels Regatta format returned to 'Lightnings only' as it was in years gone by. We hope this focus on a quality racing experience for Lightnings will pay dividends in the number of visitors attending from out-of-town when we host events in 2004 and beyond.

For the second year in a row the Red Flannels Regatta was sailed in mostly moderate breezes. We're gonna shake the 'gear breaker' rap on this event pretty soon! Our 2002 Red Flannels Regatta winner instituted a new tradition for the passing of the flannels to the new regatta champ. Bill Faude took the inaugural 'flaps down' plunge

into the lake during the Saturday party in the namesake underwear. Jimmy Allen is hoping for warm water next year! We're all hoping for a repeat performance by the Official Red Flannels Regatta Reggae Band: Roots, Stems and Branches. They were fantastic!!

Regatta top finishers: Jim Allen – 1st, Matt Burrige – 2nd, Bill Faude – 3rd, David Stix – 4th, David Schmahl – 5th.

The Fleet 5 web site continues to be a great marketing / recruiting tool. We get more crew interest that we can use. Get your fleet website cranked up!

Come join us in Chicago for terrific competition! Bowlers and sailors welcome all year round!

Jim Fairman

Fleet 5 web site: [www.corinthian.org/lightning](http://www.corinthian.org/lightning)





## Fleet 6, Housatonic Boat Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound, Stratford Connecticut  
Connecticut/Rhode Island District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10801	Woody	R. Neil Hayes
10801		Richard N Hayes Dr
14947		Brian Hayes

Fleet Captain.....Neil Hayes  
Fleet Secretary.....Brian Hayes

Albeit quite small, Fleet #6 enjoys the presence of one of the current Lightning Class gurus of sailing. Neil Ha....I'm sorry, Brian Hayes, a long time member of Fleet #6 at the Housatonic Boat Club sees his way to a few significant Lightning Class events during each and every year. This year was no exception. Although it appears Brian is sailing all the time due to his chosen profession, he will tell you that time on the water and actual regatta hopping is not a realistic description of his life. So it makes you wonder, just how does he perform so well at these regattas. I can tell you that since I've known Brian all of his life, he is truly a natural. He would never agree with that description and he would claim that hard work, sweat, practice, luck and learning from others are things that have given him opportunities to win. But since I'm on the outside looking in, I know better. The rest of us practice hard and sweat and once in a while get lucky, but we don't win like Brian. Brian's sweat, practice and luck netted him the following in 2003:

Southern Circuit- Savannah - 3rd, Miami - 15th, St.Pete - 1st.  
Lightning Worlds - 8th.  
Lightning North Americans - 10th in Blue Fleet  
Frigid Digit - 3rd (Should have been 1st, must have been one of those natural moments).

Being a frequent toastmaster at Lightning Regattas, Brian is always willing to help others be better sailors and have fun while sailing and "keep you coming back for more". We are proud to have Brian as a member of Fleet #6. In other action, Neil Hayes, sailing Woody participated in the Connecticut Governors at Niantic Bay Yacht Club, his home away from home thanks to the hospitality of Chris and Barbara Vann. Neil's responsibility at this regatta was to follow the fleet around the course and pick up any floating bodies that happen to fall off other boats (I actually won this regatta once, hard to believe). Neil made it to the Districts at Noroton Yacht Club and squeaked out a mid fleet finish. Neil Hayes III and Todd Vetrano rounded out the able crew members that weekend. Crew availability and other personal factors dictated the rest of the season for Neil and only allowed a crewing spot on the Vann boat from Niantic at the North Americans held at Cedar Point Yacht Club. Chris Vann and I are still trying to remember what we had for dinner at "Match". Great time Mr. Vann. Next year, watch out for Woody, I predict some success on the race course. (hard work, practice, sweat, luck.....you know the story).

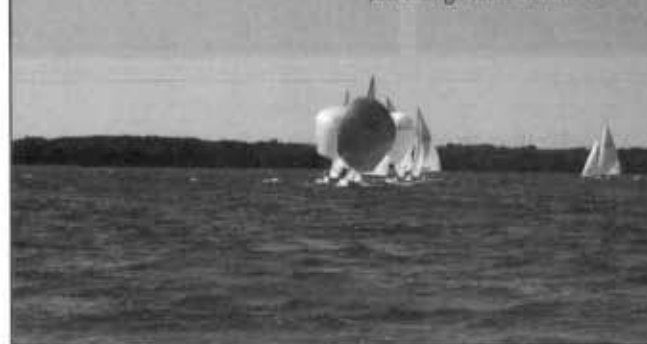
Submitted by: Neil Hayes, Fleet Captain

## Fleet 10, Onondaga Lake

Sailing on Onondaga Lake, Liverpool (Syracuse),  
New York  
Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
736	The Cheese	W. Craig Thayer
8650		W. Craig Thayer
9392		W. Craig Thayer
10370		W. Craig Thayer
11425		W. Craig Thayer
12646		Leonard Phillips
12776		Joel Ambrose
13011	Yank-C-II	Leonard Phillips
13684		Crandall & Alice Melvin
14411		Peter Osborne
14737		Leonard Phillips
14786	LE SPEU	Jon Schwartz
14786		Rob Ruffus

*Jed Dodge leads the fleet.*



Fleet Secretary.....Craig Thayer

This year's sailing season started off with nothing but weekend after weekend of rain and lousy weather. It lasted so long that a lot of people never bothered to uncover their cruising boats. However, all was not lost as the second half of the season gave us an abundance of good sailing days. A number of club members traveled to various district and some out of state regattas to sharpen their skills.

The end of July brought the first annual "Wooden Boat Get Together", an event open only to totally wooden boats. Six skippers showed up to race, coming from as far away as Maryland and Massachusetts. In addition, two new wooden boat owners came to exchange information and crew. The wind gods cooperated with a little too much wind which made for exciting sailing but also narrowed the field to three boats on Sunday. Local sailor Craig Thayer in #736 managed to keep everything together to escape with the victory. Professional varnish brushes were awarded to the top three boats. The venue of low key racing and the opportunity to look over the others boats was well received by all, so as word of this event is spreading, next year we expect to double our attendance.

Our club's other Lightning regatta is a One-Day Invitational, held the last weekend of August. We offered plenty of sunshine



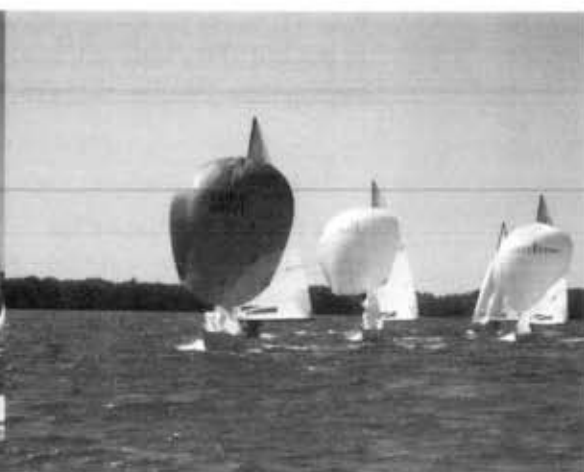




*Dick Tuttle leads Dan Pope upwind.*



*Dan Pope wins the pin.*



*PLANING!!!*

and wind of 12-20mph to the 18 crews who sailed the event. Jed Dodge of Sodus, NY with crew of Mike Healy and past NA Junior Champ John Boxberger bested the field with consistent finishes. After the racing several people went to the NY State Fair for dinner and whatever.

We are pleased to announce that we will be adding two new members to our fleet next spring. We hope you wooden boat owners can attend the "Get Together" in late July, or come do some serious racing at our August One-Day. See you on the starting line!



*Malcolm Hendry accepting the "Road Warrior" Trophy.*



*A happy group of sailors after a great day of racing at OYC.*



*The O'Brien's in "Witch of the Wave".*





## Fleet 11, North Shrewsbury River At the end of the Navesink River, New Jersey Metropolitan District (NO REPORT)

## Fleet 12, Buffalo Canoe Club Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie, Point Abino, Ontario Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6983	SEE ADLER	Anne S Allen
11739	RIP CITY EXPRESS	William Neal
12770		Greg Flynn
12770	C O 2	CLARENCE O.
13881		James Eagan
14261	BERRY III	Drew Bergan
14286	DONUTS, DONUTS, DONUTS	Ed Roseberry
14291	VAMPIRA II	Warren Embledge III
14371	Confusion3	Judith Walker
14410	CATSPAWS	Brian & Robert Starck
14502	WEST WIND	Richard & Christopher Buckley
14553	DAZE OF THUNDER	Thomas M Ward
14572		Michael Vollmer
14744		Kevin J Robinson
14772	DAZE OF THUNDER PART DEUX	Richard A Aubrecht
15119		Michael Vollmer
15121		David & Thomas Starck
15125		Greg Flynn
15156		Jody Swanson
15168		Tom Allen Sr.
		Tom Allen Jr

## Fleet 16, Lake Wallenpaupack Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in Pocono Mountains near Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....	Ash Scache
Fleet Secretary.....	John Weiss
Fleet Champion.....	Heinz Kornmann
Fleet Runner-Up.....	George Madel

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10301	Mimsy	Brian Williams
11178	Smart Ash	Achille Scache
11907	Halcyone	Sandi Scull
12140	Daisy	John Weiss
13638	Windy	Heinz Kornmann
14722	Byken	George Madel

Lightning fleet 16 sails on Lake Wallenpaupack, in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania under the auspices of the Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club. As of 2003, we have 6 fleet members, and witness fierce competition. We are a welcoming bunch, so we would love to have you stop by and sail with us, or maybe even join our club and race with us on a regular basis.

That being said, we had an excellent year on the water. Every boat flew a spinnaker at one point or another, and for the first time in a long time, positions were no longer static. Of course, perennial competitors Heinz Kornmann and George Madel found themselves at the top of the standings consistently.

This year, however, it was Heinz that emerged victorious, taking his first season championship since his purchase of Windy almost 20 years ago. George provided tough competition, however, making Heinz's victory anything but a cakewalk. On those occasions where the two leaders fell from their graces, they were quickly gobbled up by a strong middle of the fleet, with Brian Williams and Sandi Scull keeping them honest. The action did not stop there, either, with John Weiss and Ash Scache sailing well in the back of the fleet. Both of them, often sailing with inexperienced (Ash) or shorthanded crew (John) performed well, and showed moments of greatness as the season went on. Look for the competition to be even stiffer next year.

A word about fleet building. Fleet 16 sails in a relatively isolated part of Pennsylvania off the beaten path of sailing. That being said, it becomes a constant chore to train and introduce new people to the sport of sailing. Over the course of this year, everyone in our fleet introduced at least one new person to the Lightning. All of the people that came to sail with us had a great time, and we hope to see all of them back at one time or another next year.

Our season is summarized by Fleet Nite, which takes place every year on the last weekend before Labor Day. This year, the comedy started on the water, when, during a heavy-air race, we had two boats capsize. Brian Williams, sailing Mimsy with his regular crew, Ken Didion and a fill-in crew, a german exchange student, succumbed after their antique wooden spinnaker pole snapped in two near the leeward mark. Earlier in the race, however, John Weiss, Ash Scache, and John Jr. flipped Daisy on their approach to the windward mark. It took them almost two hours, and a lot of assistance to get themselves and the boat to dry land. Thank you to all other fleet members, who abandoned the race to assist their comrades, for your assistance. Also, both boats would like to thank their fellow boaters on the lake for the outpouring of assistance we received.

At that night's festivities, a tired and beaten Ash Scache and John Weiss delivered a stellar one-two punch presentation for a crowd of about fifty. However, the most poignant point of the evening was made by Deni Morgan, celebrating (or mourning?) her ten year anniversary of sailing with Sandi.

To a Summer, Long and Hazy  
To Skippers who nearly drove us crazy  
To the crew of Mimsy and Daisy  
Bottoms up, boys!.

Our last fleet event of the year is the Lorimer Brown Crew's Race. This year, although 3 of the 4 boats were tied with the same score, it was Mimsy's Ken Didion whose name will grace our beloved spittoon. In due fairness, however, an honorable mention should go to Molly Rodgers and John Weiss, Jr who also had excellent showings.

Once again, we would like to invite you to join us on the lake! We offer a friendly, enjoyable club, a camaraderie unmatched, and great sailing! We are organizing a reunion for all Fleet 16 Alumni next year. Get in contact with a fleet member to let us know of your current contact information!.



## Fleet 23, Indian Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9969	Dragon Lady	W.J. Limbaugh
11507	Entropy	Lowell Butler
13189	Jodi	James Young
13502		Richard Collier
13719		Jim Sewell
13741	Wind Thief II	William Young
13747	No Spinnaker	Robert Clover
		Bridget Ireland & Judy Creamer

Fleet Captain.....Richard Collier  
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Clover

Fleet 23 had a great summer of sailing and competition on beautiful Indian Lake. The spring rains slowed us for a while, but we were able to get past that. We have added a couple new boats and skippers, so now we can expect more boats on the

starting line. The competition was good, and Jim Young and his brother, Bill, each won their share of races.

On June 14 and 15th we were the host club for the Ohio Districts Leatherlips Yacht Club had agreed to stage the races and asked us to provide the venue and Race Committee, since they couldn't be sure of their water level situation. That ran a really good regatta with 15 boats and we furnished them with good air and great facilities. We were not surprised that Skip Dieball, George Fisher and Eric Brandt took the first three trophies.

So Fleet 23 is alive and well, and although we are one of the oldest fleets in the world, we're proving every year that sailing Lightnings on a beautiful inland lake is one of man's most enjoyable activities.

And now with eight Lightnings willing and able, we're looking forward to the 2004 season. Bring your boat, be our guest, come and visit and sail with us. You'll have fun.



*The Lightning is a beautiful boat, even when it's old.*



## Fleet 25, Lake Mohawk Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey Metropolitan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11448	Tomato Sloop	Charles Chute
11565	Ariba-Ariba-Andele	John Marx
13160	Sub-line	Henry Jelinek
13373	The Great Escape	William Beveridge
13381	Spaghetti	Mark Marussich
13820	Meister Eder	Diethold Holbein
14198	Sushi	Donald T Okner
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T & Gail Miner
15090	M Tobasco	Perry L Anderson John Rice

Fleet Captain.....Mark Marussich  
Fleet Secretary.....Donald T. Okner  
Fleet Champion.....Richard T. Miner

The year 2003 marked the 75th Anniversary for the Lake Mohawk Country Club and the 65th Anniversary of Lightning Fleet #25 of the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club. We are indeed proud that our fleet is one of the first in the ILCA and we are still going strong. Our racing season for 2003 ran from May until October and despite some cancellations due to lack of wind we managed to sail two races almost every Sunday of our 2003 season.

Our racing season officially began on May 18, 2003 and on May 25, 2003 the first regatta of the season, the Gabor Cup (in honor of Snipe champion and former LMYC member Charles Gabor), was held in conjunction with regular racing. This regatta is sponsored by the Lightning Fleet and it consisted of two races in light, variable wind. The race officials were former Lightning Fleet Champion Bob Graham and his wife Patty who did their usual excellent job. The winner of the event was Perry Anderson with his wife Margaret and Gary Oeters crewing. Second Place went to defending Lightning Fleet Champion Richard Miner and crew consisting of Richard's wife Gail and Edgar Braendle.

July was a spectacular month for our club. On July 4, 2003 we had our annual Independence Day Family Picnic. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings were accompanied by soda and beer. After everyone was well fed, we adjourned to our docks and enjoyed a great view of the Lake Mohawk 75th Anniversary Fireworks. Thanks go to Madeleine Okner, Gail Miner and Shirley Miller for organizing the picnic. Rich Miner who served along with yours truly as grill chef. Beth Jelinek for her tables and chairs and all others who assisted in making this such an enjoyable event.

On the following Sunday, July 6, 2003 our second handicapped event of the season, the Marine Base Regatta, was held in conjunction with regular racing. The regatta, sponsored by the Snipe Fleet, consisted of two races in variable wind. We had four Lightnings, three Snipes and a Merlin on the course. The race official was John Miller, another top notch sailor in our club. John Marx took first place in his Snipe in this handicapped event with second place going to Rich Miner third place to Perry Anderson.

We concluded the Spring series on July 27, 2003 and the Fall Series began on the following weekend. Congratulations go to the following winners (skippers and crew) of the Spring series in the Lightning Class:

**First Place:** Skipper: Rich Miner  
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle  
**Second Place:** Skipper: Perry Anderson  
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Gary Oeters  
**Third Place:** Skipper: Mark Marussich  
Crew: Siobhan Rowland

Our second, annual "Cruising Day," was held on August 23, 2003. This year, special recognition was paid to senior member Jack Robertson by naming this annual event in his honor. In addition to some casual sailing, the grill was fired up, hamburgers and hot dogs were served and we were entertained by Club DJ

Mark Marussich. Mark made a return on the following weekend when, on Sunday night, our Commodore's Party was held in the Mohawk Room of the LMCC. Although the races were abandoned due to lack of wind, the party went forward. The food was tremendous at this "pot luck" affair and the music afforded an opportunity for members of all ages to do some dancing.

Our Commodore, Hank Jelinek and his family were not around for the "Cruising Day" because they spent some time on a 30ft. S-2 Sloop sailing in Long Island Sound. Their journey began and ended at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club in City Island, New York and they made port calls on the Connecticut coast in Stamford, Milford and Westbrook and then on the New York coast in Plum Gut, Matatuck Inlet and Port Jeff. As with any adventure on the water there were a few inconveniences (an uncooperative main halyard, a failing camp stove and being directed by the tide) but the scenery, food, family togetherness and fun of visiting different places by boat prevailed.

On September 7, 2003 the Commodore's Cup Regatta was held in conjunction with regular racing. The conditions were not much better than the previous week and the race was therefore sailed in light and variable winds. Kudos too all participated, including Michael Harmon, Howard Gooblar, Hank and Annalise Jelinek for their persistence. Snipes took the honors in this handicapped event.

This year we again ran a Sailing School. Club members John Miller, Perry Anderson, and Rich Miner did a terrific job organizing the program and thanks go to them as well as Head Instructor Gary Oeters and Assistant Instructors Walter Holbein and Lorraine Oeters. We hope that the students will continue with their sailing—it's a life long skill and lots of fun.

Rich Miner and crew traveled up to the Nyack Yacht Club for the Last Blast Regatta which was held on the Hudson River on October 11, 2003. There were 22 boats that sailed 4 races in wind out of N to E at 5 to 15 knots. Rich was a strong contender against some of the top Lightning sailors in the district and we thank him and his crew for representing our club at the regatta.

The season was marked by an unhappy event for us, and in particular for yours truly. Jim McMahon, my faithful crew of many years died after a brief illness on October 15, 2003. Jim was a quiet man with a subtle wit, a devoted son to his mother Betty, a loving brother to Joan, his sister, a dependable lawyer to his clients and professional colleagues and, most of all to my wife and me, a friend. He will be remembered.

We had active participation in our fleet up to the end of the season. This included the return of Tomato Sloop now skippered by Chuck Chute and John Rice at the helm of Tabasco. Chuck and John both promise to be competitive forces in our club. The many Sunday races that we had from May into October, were celebrated at our annual Awards Brunch on Sunday, November 16, 2003 at the Lake Mohawk Country Club. The results of our Fall Series were announced and are as follows:

**First Place:** Skipper: Rich Miner  
Crew: Gail Miner, Edgar Braendle  
**Second Place:** Skipper: Perry Anderson  
Crew: Margaret Anderson, Gary Oeters  
**Third Place:** Skipper: Don Okner  
Crew: Jim McMahon, Stephen Koch

Based on the results of both the Spring and Fall series, Richard Miner has once taken the honors as Fleet Champion for 2003 with Perry Anderson as runner up. Furthermore, Gary Oeters and Stephen Koch tied for the "Crew of the Year" award.

As we look forward to the 2004 sailing season we welcome you to visit our web site at: [www.lakemohawksailing.org](http://www.lakemohawksailing.org) for up to date information. You can Email us at: [info@lakemohawksailing.org](mailto:info@lakemohawksailing.org). Smooth sailing and God bless America!

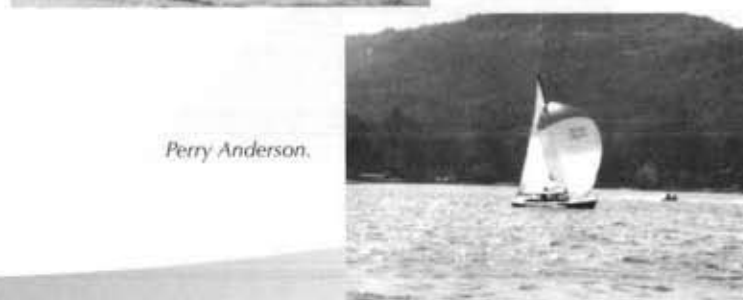
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Hoisting the Mainsail.



Fleet Champion  
Rich Miner.



Perry Anderson.





## Fleet 26, Little Egg Harbor

Based on Little Egg Harbor Bay, Beach Haven,  
New Jersey

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10268	Procrastination	Dr. Jody Robinson
11124	Spirit	Junior Sailing Program Little Egg Harbor YC
11666	Cirrus	Arthur Garrett
14634	Phantom	Caroline Hoedemaker
15079	Aries	Franz Schneider



Sheila on Big Boat Day.

Fleet Captain.....	Dr. Jody D. Robinson
Fleet Secretary.....	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Fleet Champion.....	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Runner-Up.....	Dennis Lojek

Activities began at Little Egg on May 24th with a silent auction for the benefit of our junior sailing instruction program. Saturday's Season Series races started up with Tune Up races on June 21st and were concluded on August 30th.

On "Big Boat Day" the children in the club sailing program are given the opportunity to practice on some of the club's larger boats. Susan Lojek and Sheila Schneider introduced the group to a Lightning class experience.

This year the "Happy Hour Race" was on Saturday July 29th. After a "La Mons Start" from the club dock, the fleet sailed south, across the Beach Haven inlet, into Great Bay, past the old fish factory, and up the Mullica River to a small restaurant. The return trip was highlighted by several miles sailed on a screaming reach.

The senior races for Long Beach Island Race Week were held on the Little Egg Harbor race course this year. Surf City's Andy Temme won the three race Lightning series, John Faus and Mark Kaplan took second and third. Both were from the Barnegat Light fleet.

For the first time in years, our Down Bay Invitational Regatta did not conflict with the North Americans. As a result we had 21 Lightning's on the starting line. Allan Terhune representing the Toms River Yacht Club swept the series giving us a glimpse of what was to happen at the North Americans. Steve Warren and Tim Robinson from Surf City finished second and third.

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

## Fleet 27, Leatherlips

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Powell Ohio  
Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12580	B.O.B. (Babes on Board)	Christina Hedrick
12787		Richard Schliem
13063	Speedy	Jamie Diamond
13855	Vamonos	Jose Isem
14067		Eric Brandt
14104		Carl Clipp
14110		Susan Ross
14743	3 Sheets to the Wind	Charles Cheets
14897		Kurt Andrews

## Fleet 31, Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake, Manitou Beach Michigan  
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8381		Jack Beal
12506		Richard Stanbridge
12607		Gary Marzolf
13959	Thunder Boat	Hank Hodgson
14301	Hay Bales	Jeffrey C. Clemes
14510	TCB	Merrill Bales
14641	Nothing Serious	Hank Hodgson
14649	Model Citizen	Scott Smith
14810	Adrenalin	Bruce Goldsmith
14830		Jeffrey C. Maludy
14884		David Laidlaw
		Dan & Linda Norton

## Fleet 33, Turkeyfoot Lake

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake, Akron Ohio  
Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10425	Jamac II	Robert James McCleaster
11123	Red III	Clem B Shriver
13594	Windebeast	Gregory Gray
13989	Nittany Lightning	Jerome Seppelt
14075		Dale Jackson



## Fleet 34, Metedeconk River Yacht Club Sailing on the Metedeconk River, Brick, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6557	Zig Zag	Paul F Gelenitis
7082	Certiorari	Djoerd Hoekstra
9852	Club Tub	Carol H Kern
10952		Robert Cowen
11122		Metedeconk River YC
11894	Love It	Robert G Savarese
12209		David Magliaro
13084		David S Rutter
14008		Donald Schon
14450		Eric Lehnies
14589	Less Than Zero	Greg Kinzel
14597	Roadmaster	Richard D Thomas, George B Francis & Douglas Zimmerman
14642	Crusader	Brian Taboada
14692	Area 51	Keith Taboada
14889	Stripes	Frank Conway
14960		Donald & Andrew Brennan
15122	Logical	William Bogardus Jr
15159		Mitchell Hnatt
		James G Carson
		Michael Hnatt
		Jody Lutz
		Michael Schon

Fleet Captain.....Mitch Hnatt  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Jim Carson  
Fleet Champion.....Mitch Hnatt



Jim Carson Trophy At Nas.

Although local sailing on the home waters of the Metedeconk River was very quiet, Fleet 34 members obtained significant success regionally and nationally. Wade Schon won the Junior North American Championship, with brother Matt and Jimmy Roe. With the 2003 Championship, the original trophy was retired and rededicated as the James G. Carson Trophy, which will be awarded to the Junior NA Champion now and forever. The trophy was donated by Fleet 34 in honor of Jim, who has been a backbone of ILCA Junior sailing since the inception of the Championship. Wade's victory has a special symmetry as in the first Junior NAs in 1974, Jim lent his boat to Jay Lutz, whose crew was Michael and Don Schon; their sons won this year's championships. Our thanks to the class for allowing the recognition of Jim for his contributions; there is no one more deserving!

After an absence of many years, Jody Lutz made a return with a top five finish at the NAs (4th). Billy Bogardus sailed well to make his first Blue Fleet appearance (10th). Jim Carson took 5th in the Presidents Cup. Jim competed in both Masters events, Worlds (13th) and NAs (9th). Jim (9th) and Mitch Hnatt (14th) also again completed the Southern Circuit.

Our club held two significant events in 2003. The Central Atlantic Districts (in June) and the New Jersey States (September). Allan Terhune won both events, a scene which occurred throughout the class in 2003. Following Allan in the Districts were Jody Lutz, Jack Elman (Surf City) and overrager Brian Taboada. Brian sailed an excellent

regatta, with three 1sts and a 2nd, but was spoiled by an OCS in race 1. In the States, Alan nipped Mitch Hnatt; they were followed by Mike Hnatt.

Among other local regattas, Brian Taboada was extremely fast in the spring, winning the Long John (Monmouth Boat Club) and the Cedar Point Spring Regatta. Mitch Hnatt won the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship, with Andrew Brennan finishing 3rd. Fleet sailing was down as much of our fleet seeks to devote most of their sailing days to regattas and the BBYRA. Mitch Hnatt once again won the Club's Lightning Championship Series.

Metedeconk continues to have a deep fleet committed to sailing and the ILCA.

## Fleet 35, Corinthian Sailing Club Sailing on White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas Texas District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10014		Rob Edwards
10020		James Crittendon
10275	Xanado	John & Sharon Davis
10285	Spray III	Carl Takle
10811		Paul Barton
10937		Greg Bullock
10959		Kevin McMahon
11118	ROADRUNNER	Ralph Bilnoski
11817		Mike Tankersley
12065		Palmer Neil
13100		Willis McQueen
13228		Vernon Goldberg
13644		Mike Daniel
13703		Steve Bell & Amanda Boers
13722		Spencer McGowan
13806		Sylvan & Clark Newman
14344		Clancy McKenna
14817	Just Another White Boat	Scott Anderson
15117	Shamrock 2	Jeff Bodkin

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Bodkin  
Fleet Treasurer.....Sharon Davis  
Fleet Champion.....Jeff Bodkin

Greetings from Dallas! For those of you who have not visited our little mud pond in the heart of the big D I hope you will come down and sample our hospitality. We are a small member operated Club with a big presence on the sailing scene. Corinthian has several National champions racing out of our harbor and some of the best race management anywhere. Events this year beyond the regular racing included seminars by Dawn Reilly, classic boat shows, and helping to run the Special Olympics regatta.

2003 turned out to be a mixed year for Fleet 35 as we had some issues with turn out at local races and turn over in fleet management. For the first time we decided to split the season into a Spring and Fall series to keep attendance up and give more boats a chance to take home some hardware. The Spring series saw 7 boats participate in a 17 race series. First place went to Jeff Bodkin with Scott Anderson taking second and Sylvan "Doc" Newman finishing third. A big thanks to all the boats who came out and participated especially one of our newer members Jim Crittendon. Jim made most of the starts and his perseverance was rewarded with a fourth place finish. Congratulations!

The Fall series was a 10 race series with an unusual lack of wind canceling several of the races. Clancy McKenna came out of his spring hibernation to win this series taking 4 bullets in a row! This just barely beat out the ever consistent Ralph Bilnoski who finished only one point behind Clancy to take second place. Third place went to Jeff Bodkin who wound up spending the last three races looking over his shoulder at "Doc" Newman. "Doc's" fourth place finish was as close to the money as it gets missing a tie with Jeff by only one point - whew!

The over all Season championship went to Jeff Bodkin with "Doc" Newman second, Ralph Bilnoski third, and Scott Anderson fourth. A total of 8 boats participated in the series which we hope to build upon for next year. A true bright spot this year has been the addition of Beau and Kelly Howard to our fleet. Beau grew up sailing Lightning's out of the Harbor Island Yacht Club and comes to us via Washington DC. We hope to see a lot more of Beau and are trying to convince him to buy a boat himself despite Clancy's best efforts to keep him as crew.



Shamrock 2.

Clancy's best efforts to keep him as crew.

This year's travel schedule started off strong with Scott Anderson and Jeff Brodtkin traveling to the Spring Fling regatta hosted by Jackson Yacht Club. The weather was chilly and the wind blowing in the mid 20's consistently with gusts to 30 producing a fast swell on the lake. Our representatives experienced some great racing with Larry Frost (fleet 62, Southern YC) joining us in a three way tie for first going into the last race. The win went to Scott Anderson who ground down Jeff Brodtkin on the last leg to bring home the gold. Congratulations Scott for a great race and to Rob Edwards who sailed his first travel regatta on Shamrock 2. This was a great regatta and I encourage

all of you to come out and visit John Wascorb and the rest of Fleet 388 in their new home. The clubhouse, food and venue are some of the best anywhere.

The next travel event for Fleet 35 was the Hernando DeSoto regatta hosted by our friends from Memphis "the North Mississippi All Star Sailing Team." As usual Carl, Bill, and Matt extended their southern hospitality which was especially welcome in light of the rain conditions experienced. Racing was pretty wild with conditions ranging from no wind to around 15kts. In fact, one race was called off due to fog that was so bad boats were getting lost on the up wind leg! Despite the weather we all had a great time with Scott Anderson winning the regatta and your author, Jeff Brodtkin, finishing a disappointing last - yuck.

For me the highlight of the weekend was the unique launching sequence of the boats. If you have ever get a chance to watch the boys from Memphis hit the water do it. It's right out of the X-games!

Next on the hit parade was a chance for everybody to play in our sand box at the Texas District Regatta. The trip to Dallas was a profitable one for Matt Kenson and Bill Baxter as they returned the favor taking first and third places. Scott Anderson was the top boat from Dallas taking second, Ralph Bilnoski in fourth, Sylvan "Doc" Newman in fifth, Clancy McKenna in sixth and Vern Goldberg in seventh. Attendance this year was off our normal pace as Rob Edwards was ill and Jeff Brodtkin was sailing in the Daimler Chrysler North Atlantic Challenge. Look for bigger and better things next year as we hope to have 10-15 boats. This will be an open event so please come

out and have some fun with us.

Our final regatta was the State Fair Regatta on October 11th. We had 6 Lightning's participate in this multi class event sailed in VERY light winds. Despite 20 minutes of pulls tending to the right before the start the grand masters "Doc," Newman and Vern Goldsmith showed us why left is best taking the rest of us pups to school and showing us their transoms for most of the race. Clancy McKenna managed to just make it left before the wind shut off and caught Vern at the end for second place. Way to go guys.

We are already planning for 2004 which I feel holds great promise for Fleet 35. The Sears Cup, Malloy, and Adams Cup qualifiers will be hosted at Corinthian Sailing Club and we have a chance to host the event in Lightning's. Additionally, we are working to co-host next years Leskemia Cup with the Dallas Corinthian YC. Our weekend will be a dinghy exclusive event and we are hoping for 100+ boats for the regatta. Please watch the Lightning Class home page for announcements concerning this exciting development. Overall this has been a good year for Fleet 35. We would like to thank all those fleets and sailors who have extended hospitality to us over the past 12 months and hope to see you often in the next year.



Dawn Riley Clinic





## Fleet 36, Pymatuning Yacht Club Sailing on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown Pennsylvania Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6133	Caledonia	Edward E & G. Scotland Werley
8635		Justin Proctor
9080	Holtz Blitz	George Cummings
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	Edward E Werley
11090	Highstix	Douglas C Blackburn
11240	Ruler	Gordon Miller
12972	Bruise Control	Bruce Sundman
13240	Recess	Janis Garner
13255	Covert Maneuver	James V Martuccio Sr. & James V Martuccio Jr
13465	Hot canary IX	June Maltbie
13608	Relax	Bridget & Matt Frymier
13905	Szyzyg	Jonathan Dean
14143	Rigmarole	Edgar Rumble
14208		Beverly & Bridget Boyle
14242		M. Andrew Sees
14285	ENTICER	Frank Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	William H Weihe Jr
14412	Second Childhood	W. Terry Patrick
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14483	Spice	Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14523	Moo	Leonard Ciccone
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor & Marilyn Maras
14573		John Woodall
14579	Arete	Nedra Lewis & G. Scotland Werley
14657		Justin Proctor
14751	Tog Bog E	Ralph Meacham
14885		David Viereg
14907		Kate Meacham
14914	Cool	Conal & Francis Courtsal
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jester
14957	Smiley	Ryan Ruhlman
15000	Breaking Wind	John Borland
15015	Slitely Cantankerous	John Werley
15022		Garry Condon
15075		Robert, Abby & Maegan Ruhlman
15112	No Time to Kill	David & Jonette Werley

Fleet Secretary.....Kandi Caley

As we prepared the club and grounds for the long winter's nap, we reflected back on 2003 and asked one another "summer? What summer?" I was amazed I could actually miss the unrelenting heat and humidity of the dog days of summer. Weren't we all amazed the grass and foliage was still lush and green in August, rather than brown and crunchy? The unusually ambitious wind of August earned this middle crew yet another capsized. (I don't mean to practice them mid-race, really.) Then came September when the wind was more like August was supposed to have been. The gods must be crazy! However, I've gotten ahead of myself.

We started the year at Pymatuning with a great Spring Classic. Temperatures were rather balmy for May, and we had good wind Saturday (more than some of us can handle, but I digress). As usual, PYC put on a great party complete with our own Trailer Trash Band and lots of beer. Beer isn't necessary to enjoy the TTB, but it's a good excuse to hang out by the keg. If you've never heard them play, you need to come to a Spring Classic. What other yacht club can offer such musical legends among your competitors?

The Classic always has some of the best competition you can find. Skip Dieball took first place with crew Matt Frymier and Laurie Dieball. Second went to Bill Faude and his crew of Ernie Dieball and Michael Starck. David Starck, Bill Healy and Derek Ganger captured third place. Another 32 boats hit the line for a Spring Classic. I'll not soon forget (as if my skipper will let me).

The Independence Day Regatta featured one-design racing for 5 different fleets, Lightnings, Thistles, 1-22's, Fireballs, and 420's. The shifting winds weren't strong enough to warrant much hiking, but there were some strong puffs here and there, now and then. The frustrating conditions put everyone's skills and fast thinking to the test. The winds grew lighter with every race until we used it all up, leaving none for



Fleet 36'ers.

Sunday

In the Independence Day Regatta, the Lightning Class was truly a family affair. Nine out of 10 boats have crew with matching last names! PYC's own Dave and Tina Viereg with nephew Joey Pryma took home our most beautiful and honored Watson and Krusch trophy. It just don't understand why anyone thinks it's big and ugly. Dave and Jonette Werley with brother Greg Maras finished in second place. Our guests, Steve and Donna Weeber with Stan Cummins came in third. Be on the lookout for announcements of this great event next year. We'd love to see you there!

The night of July 25th, everyone was talking about one thing, Pymatuning Reservoir had claimed a little more area for itself, flooding the dyssail. The Point was almost entirely submerged, much of lawn was ankle deep and Fry's landscape became a seascape with their deck as a dock. The real concern was the impact this might have on the weekend's races! No way, it did not stop us! We cut the power to the hoists for obvious safety reasons and ramp launched Lightnings and Thistles for the usual club races. The show must go on!

August brought, you guessed it, more parties at PYC! The annual Corn Roast was a smash hit as always, and this year, we resurrected the Traveling Tavern and Trailer Tour, a progressive dinner PYC style. We faithfully followed our well-stocked Traveling Tavern around the club, visiting select trailer sites and partaking of the delicacies offered. The Viereg featured the only full size, real life Sunfish "shrimp boat" we've ever seen.

Our fleet had two additions to the family this year, Andy & Kay Sees are new to us, and their beauty of a blue boat has joined the "ranks of the colorful" in our fleet. Kate Meacham, once one of our own PYC juniors, recently purchased Kathy Miles' Lightning keeping it "in the family". We are sad to say goodbye to Kathy, but she's going strong in Indiana! Best of luck, Kathy!

The Ruhlman family represented Fleet 36 very well on their travels this season. Rob Ruhlman crewed for Colin and Karen Park winning the NA Master's Championship. Maegan Ruhlman crewed for Brian Hayes along with Martha Fisher earning a 10th in the NA Championships. Maegan also finished fourth in the NA Junior Championship with crew Kate Brush and Martha Fisher. Ryan Ruhlman sailed the Frigid Digit in Annapolis with Sean Carroll and Kate Brush tying for third place. The tiebreaker gave a final result of fourth for Ryan and crew. Wow! Great sailing Ruhlman's!

The 2003 final standings at PYC for our Fleet Championship have Dave and Jonette Werley with Greg Maras in first place. Second went to John, Bertie and Tim Werley. In third were Dave and Tina Viereg and Justin and Betsy Proctor. Don Courtsal, Debbie Powell and Jim Jackson took fourth. Fifth went to Maegan, Abby and Rob Ruhlman. Congratulations to all!

There were special awards this year too. Our juniors have a Cottontail Award for spirit and enthusiasm. In like kind, the Lightning Fleet gave Bugs Bunnies to Doug and Lis Blackburn and Kay and Andy Sees for the "What's Up, Doug!" Award for their spirit and enthusiasm. A bucket and sponge was the Capsize Award, given to the crew with the most capsizes. To be fair, I guess I have to mention that was team Caley.

What more can I say about 2003 at PYC? You gotta come see it to believe it! We'll have hot dogs on the grill, a keg on tap, and we'll leave a light on for you!



Jonathan Dean,  
Lenny Ciccone,  
Bruce Sundman,  
Jack Borland.





## Fleet 42, North Cape Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Erie, Monroe, Michigan Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10638	Wimpy-12	Dennis & Ernie Dieball
10798		Rick Rothenhubler
13541	Brace Yourself	David Brace
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen, Mike & Bill Thomas
14249		George Sipel
		& Craig Gabel
14519	Instant Karma	Josh Kerst
14543		John Heagy
14649		Bruce Goldsmith & Derek Gauger
14710	Adrenalin	Jeffrey C. Maludy
14779	Flash Over II	Jim Davis
14818		Britt Wadsworth
14824	Bud Lightning II	Jeff Hagman
15126	Rudie	Skip Dieball

Fleet Captain.....Jim Davis

It has been a slow year for Fleet 42, our participation was down in our weekly races and our spring regatta attendance was also down from previous years, probably due to high winds, waves and cold water. We are interested in relocating the spring regatta to a warmer timeframe and are studying the Michigan District schedule closely for a date that could promote a greater turnout. North Cape is a great place to sail; a beautiful location on Lake Erie and the hospitality can't be beat.

## Fleet 43, Buckeye Lake Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Columbus Ohio Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10860		George Fisher
15181		George Fisher
		Matt Fisher

## Fleet 47, Silver Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry New York Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7949	Just Say No	C. Scott DeGolyer III
9739		Michael Humphrey
9845	Chase	David Nasca
13458	Yellow Fellow	Kenneth Henning
13714	Portin	Paul Malone
14311	Chase	David Nasca
14580		Larissa Cox
14672	Speedy Devil	Mark Grindler
14828		Ira Johnson
		John Humphrey

## Fleet 50, Potomac River Sailing Association Sailing on the Potomac River near Washington DC Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15016		Brickell, Jamie
14139		Casey, Todd
14629		Constants, Steve
14581		Friebele, Joe
14548		Guth, Jon
15101		Johnson, Todd
15054		Lange, Jonathan
11628		Olsen, Eric
14217		Palmer, Steve
14221		Whitson, Mark

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Storck  
Fleet Secretary.....Joe Warren  
Fleet Treasurer.....Frank Gallagher  
Fleet Champion.....Nabeel Alsalam  
Fleet Runner-Up.....Frank Gallagher

The year 2003 is very special to fleet members, especially for the three skippers who have been members for more than 20 years each. This year is the 60th anniversary of the fleet, which back in the 50's, was the largest Lightning fleet in the world. Many of us remember some special event such as the humble origins of the Potomac Cup and the years-long effort of one fleet member to create a new state park on the river. As competition increased from other classes the fleet declined during the 60's then ebbed and flowed during the last 25 years—a pattern typical of many one-design centerboard classes. But, during the last five years, active racing skippers have more than doubled in size. Our fleet consists of 31 skippers/owners—a level not seen since the late 1960's—and, 25 boats participated in at least one race during the Potomac River Sailing Association's (PRSA) Spring or Fall series, our Potomac Cup, or the Leukemia/President's Cup. We welcomed five new skippers: Jennifer Parrow, Ted Okada, Steve Gregg, Denise Malueg and Sam Zadeh. We lost one who moved away (but he sold his boat to a fleet member). We celebrated our 60th anniversary with a group shot of 16 boats. The fleet has owners who reflect a wide variety of professional backgrounds—military officers, attorneys, engineers, information technology specialists and economists to cite a few. Arthur Godfrey, a pioneer of the TV talk show was a member in the 50's.

The most exciting publicity event for PRSA and the fleet was the article in the September issue of Sailing World about unlikely locations for racing. Their reporter took some pictures of the 29 boats that turned out, and wrote more about us than other low profile sailing clubs. Nabeel Alsalam, our former Fleet Captain and current PRSA commodore, was quoted as were two other fleet members. Since PRSA was founded in 1934, it was high time to get some recognition. While PRSA has no yacht club (the marina is on federal land), it does have race committee boats and dedicated sailors.

The other big event for the fleet was Hurricane Isabel, which was a tropical storm when it arrived in the Washington area. Nonetheless, the 9-foot surge above high tide engulfed the marina. Boats that weren't tied down floated off trailers; some trailers with boats tied to them floated to other parts of the marina. No fleet boats were damaged (many were moved away) and the launch docks escaped major damage thanks to 11-foot high piers installed after Hurricane Fran in 1996 demolished the docks.

**FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP/PRSA RACING**—Our fleet championship was weighted heavily by PRSA's Spring and Fall Series due to fewer races in the Potomac cup and Pres Cup. Nabeel Alsalam was this year's Champ; Frank Gallagher was Runner-up, followed by Jeff Storck in 3rd place, Pat McGee in 4th, and Rick Welch rounding out the top 5.





Eighteen boats sailed at least one day in the Spring series, and we averaged 12.5 boats, compared to last year's maximum of 15 boats and average of 8 boats. Frank Gallagher won; Nabeel Alsalam was runner-up. In the Fall series, 19 boats sailed at least one day and we averaged 12.5—better than 11 in 2002 and considerably better than 9 boats in 2001. The greatest challenge to the top five was former collegiate sailor and veteran of Buzzards Bay, Thatcher Tiffany, who finished in 2nd place in the Fall series. Only 1.1 points separated 3rd from 5th places going into the last Sunday. With great sailing Frank Gallagher won the Fall series. We had a 21 boat turnout for the Leukemia/President's cup—the second highest total in recent history. Eighteen fleet boats sailed—a new record. John Guth of the Annapolis fleet won the two-day event. Again this year, the Leukemia Cup raised about \$150,000, among the top three of all Leukemia racing events in the U.S.

DOC GILBERT POTOMAC CUP—this event has become in the last

record 10 boats, with 35 participants did the cruise this year. Amazingly, two Lightning sailors who now live out of the area but just happened to be at the marina went with the fleet. This event is part of the fleet's goal of assisting new owners and fostering a positive social experience for all members. New skipper Thatcher Tiffany gave much time and effort to the Annapolis group "Kids Set Sail" to establish a sailing center and sailing program for disadvantaged District of Columbia kids on the Anacostia River. Frank Gallagher for many years has been the fleet's major supporter for the Special Olympics program for handicapped kids. While we have always assisted new skippers with a Wednesday night practice series, we started a more formal "green" fleet series racing for new skippers and crew who wanted to skipper. Fleet Captain Jeff Storck and other experienced skippers acted as coaches for the 8 skippers and crew who participated. They ran special sessions on issues such as "how to steer a boat without a rudder." Jeff's regular crew Cathy Feig won. One skipper



Fleet 50 Group.

three years one of the best attended races on the East Coast rivaling the storied Frigid Ditch. This year 32 boats sailed which was the 4th best in the 20 year history of the PC. Seventeen fleet boats participated—two more than 2001, and last year. Dick Hallagan from Rochester Fleet 77 won again—he really loves this event; he's won it 4 times in the last 6 years. Drew Hudson was the top fleet finisher in sixth place. Tanya Topolewski who sailed with Chandler Owen, wrote a hilarious piece posted on our web site about Chandler's attempts to jury-rig a repair of a broken main halyard. Chandler crewed regularly for Doc Gilbert and comes every year from Nashville, TN to sail in this event. Special thanks to Rick Welch who is in his second year as chairman of this event. The fleet does everything and it went off flawlessly.

OTHER RACING EVENTS—Eight fleet sailors participated in several off river events. Five of us (Gallagher, Hudson, Storck, Alsalam, and McGee) went to the Dixie Districts—which had a very good turnout of 24 boats. Congratulations to Nabeel Alsalam and Frank Gallagher and their crews who came in 4th and 6th respectively. We are pleased that revived fleet 192 had a great turnout of 21 boats for their August regatta. Nabeel, new skipper Jennifer Parrow and David Teale came in 5th. Nabeel wrote a very interesting story about this event. He also went to South Atlantic Yacht Racing Assoc.'s regatta at Wrightsville Beach. Nabeel wrote a fascinating article about twelve Lightnings racing in 3-4' swells. Pat McGee, Jeff Storck and Bob Astrove went to fleet 253's Sweet Corn, attended by 22 boats. Pat, Jeff and Joe Warren went to SSA's Summer regatta and got beaten up by the chop.

OTHER EVENTS—Three years ago we revived a downriver cruise tradition and fleet picnic/volleyball game at historic Ft. Foote. Park. A

gave a lesson on how to sail in 30-45 kt winds. When a Spring race was cancelled due to high winds, Pat McGee and his regular crew provided onlookers with an amazing demonstration of sailing a Lightning with less than half the boat in the water. His article gave readers the feel for what it was like to be screaming all the time.

And we have a new crew member. Skipper Drew Hudson who married crew Susan Arafeh last July, had a son Benton. Benton was born 4 days before Isabel struck. If they had had a girl would she have been named Isabel?