

## Fleet 51, Crescent Sail Yacht Club Sailing on Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan



*Fleet Champion  
Mike Williams.*

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
835	Estrellita	H.I. Cawthra
13388		Mark E & Paul Nagel
14652		Robert G Brower
14774		Paul & Elena Nagel
14778	Assisted Suicide	Tom Vickers
14856		Peter Wenzler
14982		Michael D Williams
		Robert G Brower

Fleet Captain.....Paul Nagel  
Fleet Secretary.....Elena Nagel  
Fleet Champion.....Mike Williams

Crescent Sail Yacht Club was host to the Michigan Lightning Districts on June 21st-22nd. Twenty boats participated in the two-day Regatta. The winds were light to moderate from the north to north-east and four races were run that day. The Club Chef had a wonderful buffet dinner and everyone enjoyed the festivities. The wind shifted to the east on Sunday and it was quite a challenge for PRO Colin Park to get a race off. Two

races were started, but only one was completed due to the famous Lake St. Clair chop and very light and shifty wind. Jim Allen ended up winning with ten points followed by Sean Fidler in second and John McCree in third.

The Wednesday and Sunday Series were lightly attended due to new babies in the fleet and boat ownership changes. Our fleet captain Paul Nagel and his wife Elena welcomed a baby boy in August and Joe Romer and his wife Bonnie welcomed a baby girl in October. Hopefully our new fleet members will like to sail Lightnings. The fleet races could be best described as all knotted up. The Wednesday series ended up a tie for first place by Mike Williams and Bob Brower and the Sunday A series was also a tie for first by Tom Vickers and Bob Brower. The Sunday B series also had a first place tie held by Tom Vickers and Mike Williams. The overall fleet champion was Mike Williams followed closely by Tom Vickers and Bob Brower.

Fleet 51 also co-hosted the Ice Breaker Regatta along with the Thistle fleet on October 4th and 5th. The Ice Breaker is traditionally sailed in high winds and cold and wet weather. This year's conditions started out to be no different, so the races were cancelled on Saturday due to heavy air. The winds moderated Sunday and the sun actually shone, so four races were held. Mike Williams ended up first with five points followed by Tom Vickers with eight. Sailing is great on Lake St. Clair and we would love to have you come sail with us next year at our invitational and Ice Breaker Regattas!

## Fleet 53, Lake Fenton Sailing Club Sailing on Lake Fenton, Fenton, Michigan Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8590	Ti Hara	John Kopko
14741		Timothy Coles
14756		Jennifer Armbruster
14899		Paul Kachudas
14899		Mike Bogues
14899		Brian Nickels
15032		Kevin Nickels
15041		Phil Rowan
		George H Nickels
		David Nickels

Fleet Secretary.....Kevin Nickels  
Fleet Champion.....David Nickels

Lake Fenton's 2003 fleet was down a few members, but the core sailors remain vigilant.

David Nickels ran away with the Sunday Series. On the Wednesday Series David Nickels edged out son Kevin in a final race shootout to win both series. Lake Fenton is in its second year sponsoring a new Junior Sailing program. Participation is good, and a few of the kids are beginning to crew on the bigger boats. LFSC is looking forward to 2004.





## Fleet 54, Pontiac Yacht Club Sailing on Cass Lake, Keego Harbor, Michigan Michigan District

Fleet Captain.....Eric Heller  
Fleet Secretary.....Joyce Von Drehle

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7676		Mack C. Goodwin
7959	Flip	Hank Callahan
8479		Bruce Lessien
9168	Griffin	Michael Browne-Procaskey
9393		Edward Diakow
9584		Gregory Harris
9900	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
10803		Nazir Kasi
11844		Dirk Lievens
11868		Dwight Smith
11966		Brian M. Clancy
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G. Palmer
12927		Michael Solan
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clobby
12961		Beth Groesbeck
12977	Pier Pressure	James Furlong
13121	Flashing Red	Todd Young
13283	EIB 1	William Roberts
13378		J. Michael Mitchell
13450		Brooke Briggs
13451		Fred Thompson
13468	High 90s	Wendy Thomson & Gary Reinheimer
13606		John Crowther
13789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
13859		Tom Hernick
13985	Minnie Mae II	Norman Burns
13995	Phantasy	Paul T. von Oeyen
14031	Blew Bajou	Dennis Hatley
14033		Mark Whatley
14049	Chaos	Diana Fernando
14060	Gypsea II	John Butine
14097	No Clue	Edward G. Woods
14105		Gregory W. Tarrant
14117	Blitzen	Mark Kramer & Gerald Engelman
14126		William Sanders
14177		Gerard Gray
14215		Philip Tomlinson
14220		Thomas C. Post
14280	Ditto Head	Andre R. Dubel
14282		Bruce T. Henderson
14333	Lane Lady	Dennis McCarthy
14390		Kevin Lewand
14439		Michael Roualet
14457	Lightning Bug	Joseph L. LaPalme
14464	Allegro	Thomas Klaban
14477	Shenandoah	Stephen Handelman
14511		Michael Hecker
14515		Alastair Livesey
14563	Thunder	Bob Padilla
14567		Mark Allen
14590		Christopher Longe
14601	Gator	Wallace P. Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo J. Korn
14628	Over-Engineered	Andrew Monique
14690	Dr. T	James McCoy
14724		John Greenstreet
14767	Renaissance!	Richard F. Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
14807		James S. Allen
14819	Too Hot!	Eric S. Heller
14842	Z-Z-Z-Zoom	Charles C. Hess
14854	Sizzlin'	Richard & Traci Bukowsky
14909	Passive Aggressive	Clarence Johnson
14919	Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
14920	Evermore	Brenda Donaldson
14970		Stephen R. Braski
15010		Jon Bennett
15021	Red Rhino	David J. Evans
15048	Mad Cow Disease	John Garrison
15051	Full Tilt Boogie	William Ziegler
15069		Ward Detwiler
15120		Robert H. Mathers
15142		Joel Humphrey
15155		Matthew Morin
15160	Wind Wand	Thomas Ervin
15169		Sean Fidler
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J. Finsilver
15189		Ryan Flack

It was another great year for the World's Largest Lightning fleet: 87 races in the books, 41 boats at our Whitecap Regatta, and excellent participation/results around the circuit.

The season got off to a somewhat difficult start with a rapid spring thaw that caused some problems, and a late spring ice storm that felled the large willow tree that had graced the entrance to the dock area for decades. However, with the excellent volunteerism at PYC and the quick work of Hank & Ron Callahan and Mike & Ruth Lyons, the remainder of the tree was cut down and cleared in time to put the docks in.

So once things finally got rolling, we were able to complete 57 of 66 scheduled races. The specialty regattas, including the Whitecap, brought the total number of Lightning races sailed at PYC to a whopping 87!

A total of 19 Pontiac Yacht Club skippers won one or more races during the year. This included Tom Ervin (winner of this year's Persistence Award) who, with his all new, all yellow boat, got his first win ever. Repeating, as the big standout performer was Tom Klaban with 30 total wins (next closest was Sean Fidler with 6). Tom won the Memorial Day Mini-Regatta, the Spring and Summer Sunday and Wednesday night series, and as you probably can imagine, the Wednesday and Sunday overall series titles (Sean Fidler and Mark Whatley were the runner's up, respectively).

The Spring Wednesday Series had 37 skippers sailing one or more races and 32 qualifiers. The top 5 were: 1 - Tom Klaban, 2 - Sean Fidler, 3 - Diana Fernando, 4 - Ryan Flack, 5 - Joel Humphrey. The Spring Sunday Series had 29 skippers sailing and 10 sailing enough races to qualify. The top 5 were: 1 - Tom Klaban, 2 - Joe LaPalme, 3 - Mike Hecker, 4 - Tom Crosby, 5 - Bob Mathers. The Summer Wednesday Series saw 48 Lightnings being sailed with 26 skippers qualifying for the series. The top 5 were: 1 - Tom Klaban, 2 - Sean Fidler, 3 - Ryan Flack, 4 - Joel Humphrey, 5 - Mike Roualet. The Summer Sunday Series had 28 skippers sailing one or more races with 12 qualifying. The top 5 were: 1 - Tom Klaban, 2 - Richard Beaubien, 3 - Tom Crosby, 4 - Mike Hecker, 5 - Norm Burns. The Fall Wednesday Series saw 39 competitors (high point scoring). The top 5 were: 1 - John Bennett, 2 - Joel Humphrey, 3 - Diana Fernando, 4 - Tom Klaban, 5 - Mark Allen. Finally, 24 skippers competed in the Fall Sunday Series (high point scoring). The top 5 were: 1 - Tom Crosby, 2 - Ed Dziuba, 3 - Bob Mathers, 4 - Mike Hecker, 5 - Norm Burns. All series had increased participation, a very balanced number of boats competing, and lots of different people winning trophies. In addition, three boats sailed over 40 races including Tom Crosby (52), Tom Ervin (44), and Bob Mathers (42) and another seven sailed over 30 including Norm Burns, Joe LaPalme, Ed Dziuba, Tom Klaban, Mike Hecker, Richard Beaubien, and Andy Monique.

Five special race events were held during the year. Tom Klaban won the Memorial Day mini-regatta, Sean Fidler the 4th of July mini-regatta, and Bruce Henderson / Bob Meyer won the abbreviated Labor Day mini-regatta. Alex Hess, skipping his Dad's Lightning (instead of his Optimist for a change), won the Commodore's Challenge (crew skipping event). Ryan Flack won the Club Championship (Tom Klaban was the runner up).

On the racing circuit, we had four boats compete in various portions of the Southern Circuit (Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, Sean Fidler, and Rick Bukowsky - who posted the daily ILCA web site reports). Tom Klaban won the Lake Lansing Regatta. We had 2 boats at Pymatuning for their Spring Classic with a top ten finish by Jim Allen. At the Great Lakes Championship in LaSalle, MI, Sean Fidler finished 3rd and Jim Allen 4th. The Bay City Regatta had Jim Allen - 1st, Tom Klaban - 4th, Clarence Johnson - 5th, and Ryan Flack - 6th. Jim Allen won the Tawas Bay Regatta with Ryan Flack in 2nd and Clarence Johnson in 5th. The Higgins Lake Regatta has PYC'er finishing 2, 3, 4 (Sean Fidler, Tom Klaban, and Clarence Johnson, respectively).

Thirteen of the twenty boats that competed in the Michigan Districts at Crescent were from PYC, and six finished in the top ten. Jim Allen won with 10 points in 5 races. Sean Fidler was 3 points behind in 2nd, and Joel Humphrey finished 4th. Clarence Johnson, Tom Klaban, and Diana Fernando were the other top ten finishers.

We had an excellent PYC presence in Connecticut for the North Americans (6 boats + 1 for the Masters). The somewhat long trip became more of a challenge - as most left darkened homes in the Detroit area



due to the Northeast Blackout. Congratulations to Charlie Hess and his crew (son, Alex Hess and Beth Groesbeck) who took 3rd in the President's Division and Jim Allen & company who qualified for the Championship Division and finished 13th. Clarence Johnson, Ryan Flack, Eric Heller, and John Butine also made the trip, as did Bruce Finsilver for the Master's. It was a homecoming for Eric, who had sailed at Cedar Point as a youth, and competed with his mom and sister (racing together for the first time ever).

Ruth Lyons did an awesome job hosting this year's Whitecap, and Salo Korn and co. did a great job running races in challenging conditions. We had more boats on the starting line (41), then several of the District regattas combined and more than half of the boats at NA's. Thanks to all the fleets that attended (in particular Lake Lansing with 5 boats). PYC's own Jim Allen won the regatta. The top 10 included: 2 - Tom Klaban, 3 - Mark Whatley, 4 - Rick Bukowsky, 5 - Chris Jacobson (Bay City), 6 -



*Top 10 finishers at the 45th annual Whitecap Regatta (41 boats!).*



*A family affair for 2003 PYC Commodore, Eric Heller, with his mom and sister crewing at NA's.*



*Long-time PYC'ers - Callahan Family Photo.*

Mike Roualet, 7 - Charlie Hess, 8 - Tom Vickers (Crescent), 9 - George Nickels (Lake Fenton), and 10 - Joel Humphrey.

To wrap up the year, Jim Allen won the Red Flannels Regatta (Chicago), and Sean Fidler won the Hoosier Regatta (Indiana) and the Bluenose (Tennessee).

The one thing that becomes clear when you look through the race results is that there is a lot of depth at PYC. Great job everyone!

There are lots of other great things happening at PYC. Esther Callahan has been building a strong junior program. Charlie Hess has been leading efforts with a Junior Race / Traveling Team that has been making the "Big Clubs" in the Detroit Area take notice. Hank Borchardt has done a great job on getting PYC'ers to volunteer their time and their Lightnings for the club's Adult Instructional Program. Wendy Thomson has headed up a Monday Night Racing program that has attracted quite a variety of boats. We have found that these types of programs often attract people to the Lightning when they see how exciting it is to race on a Wednesday night with 25 boats on the starting line. Last, we held an Open House at the beginning of the year to expose more people to the club and the Lightning. We will be holding a similar event next year in conjunction with a series of sailing seminars being sponsored by the Detroit Racing Yacht Association to attract more people to the sport of sailing.

As you can see, there are lots of great things happening at PYC. Come join us for our Whitecap Regatta on September 11-12, and experience it first hand. Hope you can make it! Also, see us on the web at [www.pyc54.org](http://www.pyc54.org).

-E. Heller



*Ryan Flack leading the fleet during the All Hands Race.*





## Fleet 62, Southern Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, Louisiana Southern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9696	S/B	Larry Frost III
10812	Captain Crunch	Larry Frost III
14736		John Marion
15126		Larry Frost Jr

## Fleet 64, Maple Bay Sailing on Maple Bay, Maple Bay, British Columbia Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6627		DAVID PAUL ERICKSON
9782		DARRELL WELIN
11283		SCOTT SMITH

## Fleet 69, Milwaukee Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee Wisconsin Midwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11442	Rampage	Dean S Cady
13794	LITTLE GREY CELLS	Dennis Bersch
14118	More Wind!	Mark Polzin
14162	Hike	Thomas "Mac" Slater
14388	Scout	Jay Mueller
14400	Sans Souci IV	John Esser
14408	Hurricane Mom	Carol & Tom Morley
14508	Bonski	Steve & Martha Cushman
14740	Poodles by Verna	William Faude
15005	Reality Check	Amy Simonsen

Fleet Captain.....Tom Morley  
Fleet Secretary.....Martha Cushman  
Fleet Champion.....Mark Polzin  
Runner-Up.....Martha & Steve Cushman  
P&T Winner.....Bill Faude

What do you do when your fleet activity dwindles to 3 to 5 very committed sailors on Wednesday nights? Recruit the juniors and junior instructors as crew and skippers. Let almost anyone steer your boat if you're out of town. Heckle the lone Lightning down at the other end of Milwaukee Bay to get out and sail with us - thanks, Bob! Be your own race committee and race, race, race as many short course races as you can get in -- 24 to be exact.

So what's our next step? Put Lightning sailing in Milwaukee back on the map by hosting the 2005 Women, Junior & Master's North American regatta. Our fleet is energized, our juniors are in training and we are excited to be a part of the 2005 North Americans. Be sure to put it in your calendar.

## Fleet 70, Red Bank of the Shrewsbury Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River, Red Bank, New Jersey Metropolitan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9984	Cumulus Nimbus	Cary Zackman
10249		Rick VanHemmen
10626	Blesk	William Jaeger
10787	Club Boat	Monmouth Boat Club
13051		Gary Luisi
13386	Silver Spoon	Patrick E & Patrick F Corr
14061	Seventh C	Tim Cokeley
14175	D.B. Cooper	Ted Duffy
14276		Dale Barney
14727	Small Axe	David Watts
14882	Sailbad the Sinner	Ralph Wilson
14922		Jack Huntsman & Henry O'Hern
15052	Magnum Force	Mary & Sandy Huntsman



*The Huntsman men tune.*

Fleet Captain.....Tim Cokeley  
Long John Contact.....Dave Watts  
Fleet Champion.....Sandy Huntsman/Patrick Corr  
Runner-Up.....Pat Corr

This year saw the "locals" winners at home...Dale Barney won the Olsen Plaque for the Spring Series, Ted Duffy won the Memorial Irv Lewis Trophy, Overall in the Evening Series and the Bridge Series Ted, Duffy, Ralph Wilson, Dave Watts, Dale, Sandy, Bill Jaeger, Rob Atkinson, Jack Huntsman, Tim Cokeley, and OTHERS???? And we have some new members!

Our travelers scored well!!!! Ted, Jack and Sandy!

Our district filled its quota and had three in the Blue Fleet!

I certainly enjoyed doing RC with our five race series complete; especially proudly the first three winners: Jack, with son John and Andrew Brennan first, Sandy with Patrick Corr and Crissy Van Siclen second, and third Rob Ruffus with his friends. Karen Johnson doesn't think a father, son and grandson had done this before and tried to get me to write a story. Maybe someday, but for the time being we can savor what they accomplished.

Thanks to all the Fleet for making this special...

Congratulations to Allan and Kathy Terhune for starting their wins for the year at the LONG JOHN!

Mary Huntsman



## Fleet 73 Club Nautico Del Muña Sailing on Lake Tomine, Bogota, Colombia Colombia District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13447		Jorge Uzcategui
13990		Rafael Esguerra
14005		Johan Roessel
14181		Rafael Concha
14241		Manuel Isaza
14536	Jubilee	Phillipe & Loreana Jacob
14700		Jorge & Santiago Uzcategui
14704		Jochen Raute
14704		Juan Carlos Uzcategui
14801		Mauricio Valenzuela
14804		Felipe Castillo

Capitan Fleet.....Felipe Castillo

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Durante el año 2003 las actividades nauticas de la clase fueron escasas, sin embargo a principio de año se corrieron los selectivos de manera compartida con la flota 501 de Club Nautico el Portillo con una participacion total de 16 botes.

En Marzo fuimos parte de la delegacion Colombiana para el Campeonato Permanente SALINAS TOMINE 2002 (version N° 12) con la participacion de 14 tripulaciones de las cuales 6 fueron Ecuatorianas, como de costumbre las buenas fiestas y la camaraderia que caracterizan este campeonato no se dejo de lado, demostrando que nuestros amigos del Salinas Yacht Club aprenden mas rapido a navegar en lago que lo que nosotros aprendemos a navegar en el mar.

A mediados de Mayo se corrio el Campeonato Nacional con una participacion de 16 botes con una reñida competencia por los primeros puestos los cuales solo fueron definidos en la ultima regata.

Por ultimo fuimos nuevamente sede compartida para el selectivo del campeonato clasificatorio a la SALINAS TOMINE 2003 la cual se corrio en Salinas Ecuador con una participacion de tres tripulaciones Colombianas debido a que se corrio simultaneamente con el 49 Campeonato Suramericano de la Clase.

Al momento de este reporte no se habia corrido el campeonato Distrital el cual quedamos en deuda para el proximo año.

A continuacion encontraran los resultados del Campeonato Nacional de la Clase version 2003.

Nos vemos en el agua,

Felipe "Pipirigua" Castillo

## Fleet 74, Decatur Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur Illinois Mississippi Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6446	Xanadu	Harry "Hammer" Jackson
11044		Mark Paoli
13726		Gary Peck
14012	Bob's Last Boat III	Robert Ohlsen

## Fleet 75, Nyack Boat Club Sailing on the Tappan Zee, of the Hudson River, Nyack, New York

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
3108		Michael Springsteen
7098		George Penny
7248		Jerry Kulagowski
8885		George Conk
10220		Arthur Stahl
10368		George Penny
10380	North River	Elliott H Carman
11416		Jed Kwartler
11544		Okke Postma
11583	Grease	William Donelan
12642		Randall Mirque
12822		Alan Gordon
13625	Corvette	Morgan Stebbins
14073	His	Gary S Hurban
14140	Fat Chance	William G Cook
14277	Flying Patio Furniture	Eric & Matt Beck
14363	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
14482		Ronald G. McCormack
14484	Ketchum	Nathan H Little
14492	Zepher II	Eric Kent
14514	Dee-A-Go-Go	Ryan & Susanne Sprole
14714	Ruffian	Kathryn & Paul Connell
14781	Thistle	Judith Hanlon
14888	DOG	R. Robert Sengstacken
15057		Kristin Logerfo
15059	Heartbreaker	Stephanie & Willard Mayo
15093	Hers	Joan A Hurban
15178		Daniel Parietti

Fleet Captain.....Bob Sengstacken  
Fleet Treasurer.....Stephanie Mayo  
Scorer.....Eric Kent  
Recording Secretary.....Dan Parietti  
Corresponding Secretary.....[position available]  
Bier Meister.....Howie Rinehart  
Fleet Champion.....Bob Sengstacken  
Runner-Up.....Gary Hurban  
"B" Fleet Champion.....Stephanie Mayo  
"B" Fleet Runner-Up.....Larry Decker







We deeply mourn the passing of our friend and member, Paul Legerfo. His warmth and enthusiasm are sorely missed.

From the first of May to the end of October we normally have two races every Sunday. We host two Lightning regattas, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. This year we held about 50 races. Fifteen Fleet members participated in at least one day of local racing. The racing was hotly contested: nine members won at least race, plus two co-skippers won. Three won a race for their first time, this year: Larry Decker, Dan Parietti and Mino Tsutsui. Several members traveled to regattas.

The season started in March, as three boats went to the Southern Circuit and the Worlds Masters: Judy Hanlon, Joan Hurban and her husband Gary Hurban. The highlight of the month was Gary Hurban (and his regular crew, Stu Foscecco and Lisa Maday), winning a race at the Winter Championships at St. Pete, taking third in the Masters division and 12th overall. In early April Gary took tenth at the Masters' World's, in Miami.

Late in April, Joan Hurban went to the Long John Regatta at Red Bank, NJ. A week later, Eric Beck and his son Matt borrowed Joan's regular crew Gary Schneidman to take fifth place at the Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup. Meanwhile, Larry Decker and his wife (and regular crew!) Jan sailed the Doc Gilbert with our friend Mark Keane, now of Annapolis (and the previous owner of the Deckers' boat), also finishing respectably in the 31 boat fleet. Then, Eric Kent, Chris Sprole, Joan and Gary Hurban and Bob Sengstacken went over the river to Cedar Point Yacht Club for the Early Bird in Westport, CT. Bob's was our top team, with a 6th at that regatta.

Our Magnus Pederson Regatta drew 16 boats even with the terrible forecast. Fortunately, we got in six entertaining races on Saturday, because racing on Sunday was blown out. Bob Sengstacken won, with his regular crew, Daniel Zitin and Mino Tsutsui. Next was Gary Hurban who won his tie with Ted Duffy. Our own Judy Hanlon and Joan Hurban were fourth and fifth, respectively. Ann Beck's luau was a real hit!

Eight Nyack boats went down to the hotly contested District Championships at Red Bank. We knew that more boats wanted to go to the NA's than could qualify. Top NBC boat was Bob, followed by Gary, Joan, Judy, Eric Beck, Chris Sprole, Larry Decker and Dan Parietti. (We welcome Chris Sprole back after a five year absence, sailing with his son Ryan and his effervescent daughter-in-law Susie; they're always a threat, and improving.) By the time some of the District's higher-finishing boats decided not to go to the NA's, some of our members had to pass, also. If they had known earlier, they would have gone to Cedar Point in August.

Locally, the Spring Series was also hotly contested, with ten or more boats starting in many of the races. We keep separate scores for "B" Fleet, although everyone starts together. By the series' end, Stephanie Mayo led the "B" Fleet with her regular crew, her husband Bill. They were followed by Larry Decker and Dan Parietti. In the "A" Fleet, it was Bob Sengstacken one point ahead of Judy Hanlon, with Gary Hurban just two points behind her, after 18 races and four throw-outs.

On the July 4th weekend, local Thistle sailor Charlie Green borrowed Joan Hurban's Lightning and nearly won the Guy Moulton Regatta. He was ahead overnight, but Bob got by him on Sunday. Charlie later sold his Thistle - and we may have a

convert! In mid-summer, four of our teams drove up to lovely Malletts Bay, VT for the ACC's, warming up for the NA's.

Both of the Hurbans and Dan Parietti sailed in the Master's NA's. One highlight of this event was Joan's first place in race four, on her way to a ninth, overall. At the end, Gary took sixth place.

It was nice to have the North American Championships in our back yard. Some of our party actually commuted to that regatta, driving home overnight. Many others stayed with relatives or friends (thanks, Stu and Lisa!). Unfortunately, more of us wanted to go than were able to qualify. We did send Larry Decker, Judy Hanlon, Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban and Bob Sengstacken. Bob made the Blue Fleet, finishing 20th. Judy edged out Gary, both finishing in the top ten of the President's Fleet.

Our Summer Series "B" Fleet was won by Stephanie Mayo, again. Second went to Eric Kent, with Larry Decker close behind. Bob Sengstacken won the "A" Fleet as Gary Hurban edged out his wife Joan, who finished third.

Just after the NA's, Larry went down to Havre de Grace, MD, for the Duck Challenge. In September, Gary and Bob went to beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack, PA. for the PA. Governor's Cup, and to Surf City, NJ for the Canon Manahawkin Bay Cup. Bob took third at both, with Justin Coplan, one of our junior sailors, as crew.

Back at the Hudson River, we were happy to host a very successful LAST BLAST! That wily Dick Hallagan won it, closely pursued by Allan Terhune (what a great year he had!). Dick Moyer was third, followed by Bob Sengstacken, Bill Bogardus, Gary and then Joan Hurban, and Judy Hanlon. Late in October, Gary and Judy and Bob went down to the Frigid Digit, in Annapolis, where Gary took ninth overall.

In the Fall Series at Nyack, Larry Decker won the "B" Fleet, followed by Eric Kent and Dan Parietti. In our "A" Fleet, Joan Hurban was third, with Gary Hurban in second. The winner was Bob Sengstacken, capping a very successful season for him and his constant crew, Mino Tsutsui and Daniel Zitin.



## Fleet 77, Newport Yacht Club Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario, Rochester New York

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2033	Fishbarn	Susan Davis
11051	Feather	John Boettcher
12215		Wilmer R Wright
12355		Richard W Hallagan
12400	Windswept	Andy Smith
13080	Brown Sugar	James I McIntosh
13081	Irish	Richard Doherty
14255		Richard W Hallagan
14298	Lucky Too	Mark C & Cory Sertl
14355		Daniel Pope
14367	Mambo Wa	Philip Lange
14397	Plan B	John H & Chad Atkins
14605	White Cap II	Robert I Jamison
14654	Ambush	Robert C & A Sterling Bush
14655		Peter Hallagan
14855		Richard W Hallagan
14949	Comfortably Numb	Leland G Atkinson III
15165	Obsession	Alan R & Logan McReynolds

Fleet Captain.....Alan McReynolds  
Fleet Secretary.....Howard Stickney  
Fleet Champion.....Logan McReynolds  
Runner-Up.....Bob Jamison

Boats from the Newport Yacht Club have sailed on the waters of Irondequoit Bay since 1936. We have traditionally sailed on weekends, and in the past few years the powerboat traffic has increased dramatically. The spring and fall months are very nice, but the traffic in the summer months has just spoiled the racing. Most tactical decisions in those months are based upon powerboat wakes, not the wind. We have tried many different venues and schedules over the years and have met with moderate success, but have still faced a decline in the one-design fleets. A few years ago we made the change from a one-design club to allow pocket cruisers; while this has stabilized the club membership the racing fleets have continued to shrink and activities seemed divided between one-design and cruising folks. We needed to try something different.

The Spring Series saw 9 different boats during the 11 race May through June series. Individual races saw 3 to 4 boats most weeks with 9 boats our best turnout. The Spring Series was won by Logan McReynolds, with Dan Pope second, and Bob Jamison third. This year we celebrated the return of Dan Pope who has purchased Lightning 13255 and rejoined our club. Welcome back Dan. Attendance in this series was erratic, at least 5 of our regular racers travel to the many Central New York (CNY) Lightning regattas. CNY has as many as 3-4 regattas during this time period and 11 in all. This makes it difficult for the "home fleet". In fact this is the first time in 26 years that the Newport fleet did not host a regatta. We decided that we would alternate years with the Henderson Harbor fleet to try to open up the district schedule. Next year our regatta will be in the summer with us towing to the lake.

Our traditional Summer Series was so poorly attended that these races (2, I think) were added to the Spring Series to make it more complete. On a sad note, this summer saw the passing of longtime Lightning Class member Dr. John McIntosh. He was an accomplished sailor and well remembered around the class. He was 101 years young.

This year the Lightning fleet decided to try a summer Thursday Night Series (TNS). The trouble we have seen with evening sailing in the past is the wind on the bay is primarily thermal

driven. That means after 6:00pm the wind drops away to almost nothing or follows the system breeze, which comes over the bluffs and is quite a challenge. We decided this year that we would try to tow everyone to the lake, with the racecourse being about 1.5 miles from our club. The tow would leave the dock at 5:20 and we would have the first race running by 6:30. This was intended to be handicapped racing using the Portsmouth Yardstick with any one-design fleet with more than 5 boats getting their own start. The starting time differential would then be subtracted from the finishing times. After racing we would tow the boats back to the club and have a picnic. The ever-supportive Eva Smith has provided wonderful guidance with the onshore activities and many club members from different fleets provided help. The results have been fantastic and the club seems revitalized!

We have seen between 8-10 Lightnings every week along with 2-4 of the other club boats. We have had a Flying Dutchman, a couple of Lasers, and a Rhodes 19 join us on the lake. Afterwards, everyone broke out the salads and beer, and grilled hot dogs and burgers on the grill. The parties sometimes lasted until after 11:00pm. Everyone has commented on the quality of the racing and camaraderie at the club. We had 1 or 2 races with windward-leeward courses (some were twice around) every week. We had mostly light winds with one night where we stayed on the bay to a brisk south wind and another night where we went to the lake and it was blowing 20. Logan McReynolds capsized that night and turtled his brand new Lightning and was eventually made to abandon it by the Coast Guard (a whole story by itself). But everything worked out all right in the end as boat and crew were rescued. (If you see Logan, ask him about all of the "rollovers" this year.) Logan finished the series in fourth. This year we were joined by the woody #470 owned by long time sailor, but Racing Rookie of the Year Marc Schieber. The fairly-new-to-Lightnings John Boettcher and wife Norma Platt upgraded boats and have proved more competitive. The Crum family, Bob and Jan, found TNS to their liking as they attended many of the races and finish in fifth. John Atkins finished in a close third. John had Erin McReynolds and her boyfriend Brandon Fess as his crew for most of this year. Erin "Oh-competitive-one" jumped off her brother's boat last year (quite literally as the race committee had to retrieve her from the water and take her to shore) and has been sailing with different club and district members all year. The racing amongst the Lightnings was quite tight all series with Dan Pope topping them all to win TNS. The always-competitive Dick Hallagan followed in second. Since this series was an experiment it was not included in the calculation for the Club Championship. However, since it was the most well attend series of the year (14 different boats) we will definitely include it next year.

Our Fall Series ended up being 6 races from August and September. October either saw unfavorable winds or most of the fleet traveling. We had between 4-6 boats for those races. Dick Doherty, sailing in his 50th season at Newport, won the Fall Series; John Atkins was second, and Bob Jamison third.

We use a high point system for our fleet racing. The Fleet 77 Championship is traditionally the combination of the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series points. This year saw 17 races that were included in the points total. Prodigal-son-turned Dan Pope captured Third Place. The ever-present-on-the-fleet-medals-stand Bob Jamison was Runner Up. And the young "Mr. Rollover" Logan McReynolds was the Fleet Champion. Congratulations to the winners and a hearty thanks to all the competitors and onshore supporters. Thank you Howard Stickney for continued service as Secretary and Chief Scorer. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter dreaming of Lightnings and hope to see you next year at the revitalized Newport Regatta.

Alan McReynolds, Fleet Captain.



**Fleet 85, Niantic Bay Yacht Club**  
**Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound, Niantic**  
**Connecticut**  
**Connecticut/Rhode Island District**

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7170	Baby "Makes" 3	Martin J O'Meara Jr
10066	Goldflake	Tim Dowd
10801	Woody	David M Peterson
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
12069		William Sebestyen
12786		Paul O'Neill
13940		James Gardner
14055		Rob Fowler
14289	Ciao	Tom Emch
14417	Imp Baby	Donald R & Donna Barrett
14419	Hazardous Duty	Franz R Edson
14619	River Blues	Theresa & Larry Colantuono
14682		Bill Healy
14971		David Peck
15130		Christopher J & Barbara Vann
15190		Michael Breault

Fleet 85 focused its energy this year on the Women's Junior's and Master's North American Championship held August 13-15 on Niantic Bay. Thanks to the hard work of Chairperson Franz Edson, fleet members and many, many club volunteers the event was a great success. Four women, fourteen juniors and nineteen masters competed in light breeze. Our own Theresa Colantuono won the Women's fleet, Chris Vann was 5th in the Masters and Rob Fowler was 12th in the Juniors. Congratulations to them and all the competitors. The highlight of the event was the dedication Of Lightning #1 at the Mystic Seaport. This was the coup of our ingenious class historian, Mary Huntsman. I was an evening to feel proud of lightning class, reminisce about the old days and thank heavens for Harken cleats and Dacron sails.

We also hosted the Connecticut Governor's Cup. Despite the attendance from other fleets it was a super regatta. Most of fleet 85 were out racing on Niantic Bay in 12 to 15 knot breezes. The races were quite intense with many position changes. Dave Peck was winning after day one. Billy Healy strongly challenged him on day 2 but Dave held on for the win. Franz Edson finished third. Speaking for the fleet I would say this regatta was the best racing of the season.

Lightnings in Niantic sail on Sundays. We start at 2 o'clock and sail two or three races. The fleet is exploring new configurations of the schedule to raise the level of racing, and increase attendance. Niantic Bay Yacht Club is a special place to all its members. The fleet is truly supported by the entire Club. These two things, the desire to improve and membership in a phenomenal Club that has given our fleet its very successful history.

**Fleet 90, Kitsilano Yacht Club**  
**Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, British Columbia**  
**Pacific Northwest District**

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8465	Ipsus	William H.D. Rimmer
11645	Rocket	Matthew Henley
11645	Shanic	Douglas Ash
13268		Menno Bos
13289	Lisa	Cam Pearce
13685		George McLaughlin

**Fleet 95, Awosting Yacht Squadron**  
**Sailing on Greenwood Lake, Awosting, New Jersey**  
**Metropolitan District**

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER	
8032	THE WATERY TART	TOM & JANE	CLARK
9465	MY GAL	KARL	HOEVERMAN
10229	LOOSE BOLT	GEORGE	WELKEY
12923	DR. PEPPER	DAN	MURPHY
14793		EDGAR	DeCASTRO

**Fleet 99, Great Bay**  
**Sailing on Great Egg Harbor, Ocean City, New Jersey**  
**Central Atlantic District**

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14495	Almost	William P & David Clausen
14924	Perfect	Allan Terhune
15116		Bill Mergenthaler







## Fleet 102, Santa Monica Bay

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11566	Estrellita	Wendell Harter
14206	Zoo Station Ticket	Jean Horton
	Assisted Suicide	Bruce Yaeger

Fleet Captain.....Wendell Harter  
Fleet Secretary.....Mike Boswell

## Fleet 104, Lavallette Yacht Club

Sailing on Barnagat Bay, New Jersey  
Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12957	Elusive	William DaCosta
13782	Mem-At-Work	Robert T Morrow
14539	GunsSmoke Too!	John C. Morton
14833		Matt Reiser

Fleet Captain.....Bill DaCosta

## Fleet 108, Great Sodus Bay

Sailing on Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, New York  
Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
658	She Devil	Robert Dodge
2105		Jane Solan
11972		Robert Dodge
12764		Michael Healy
14210	Ling	Jerry Dodge
14898		Nancy Ghermer
14923		Elizabeth Fox
15164		Iled Dodge

Fleet Captain.....Mike Healy

## Fleet 110, Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake, Roscommon, Michigan  
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2138		Scott D Carman
6663		Fredrick J Shuster
9102	Bohica	Peter B Morley Jr
10291		Charles G Alday
11185	Go Dog Go	Peter B Morley Jr
12784		Leon Terrian
13334		Richard Blamer
13826		Peter B Morley Jr
13999		Scott D Carman
		& Steven E. Randall
14021	Deck-A-Dent	John H Dent

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....John Dent

## Fleet 112, Green Bay Sailing Club

Sailing on Green Bay from Green Bay Windjammers Yacht Club, Green Bay, Wisconsin

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2138		Scott D Carman
6663		Fredrick J Shuster
9102	Bohica	Peter B Morley Jr
10291		Charles G Alday
11185	Go Dog Go	Peter B Morley Jr
12784		Leon Terrian
13334		Richard Blamer
13826		Peter B Morley Jr
13999		Scott D Carman
		& Steven E. Randall
14021	Deck-A-Dent	John H Dent

Fleet President.....Doug Olson  
Fleet Captain.....Jim Gagnon  
Fleet Secretary.....Timothy Monday  
Fleet Champion.....Brian Phelan  
Fleet Runner-Up.....Doug Olson

The season started with the season opening party at Vern n Cheryl Heyrman's house. Then it was off to the races with a race schedule of 29 races. 22 races later Brian Phelan and crew Mari Martin and Rick Evans pulled down 10 first place finishes and the fleet championship. Doug Olson jumped up six places from last year to take second place, must have been the boat Doug!

The Evans Regatta was a great success largely due to the organization skills of Barb Strutz and the Jamaican themed dinner on Saturday. Oh yea the wind and weather was perfect, local sailor Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans bested the highly competitive fleet and finally won this regatta which eluded the Phelan and Evans brothers for 25 years.

The after race dinner tradition continued this year with great success and is a great after race social gathering for fleet members.

The season ended with two fleet boats trekking down to Nashville, TN for a season ending sail, singular, that's right, one race over two days, but the members of Harbor Island Yacht Club put on a great party.

Thanks to all the members of the club who pitched in to make the sailing season run smoothly. This included race committee duties, after race meals, regatta support, special thanks to Jane Standard & Mark Boncher who ran & organized the week night races.





## Fleet 115, Cuba Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Cuba Lake, Cuba, New York Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11566 14206		Wendell Hater Jean Horton Bruce Yeager

Fleet Captain.....Skip Wilday  
Fleet Secretary.....Valerie Kane

## Fleet 121, Merrimack River Sailing at the American Yacht Club, Newburyport, Massachusetts New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7557 10479 10804 10857 11136 11215 11640 13206 13249 13517 13576 13642 14189 14275 14310 14384 14478 14481 14547 15182		R. Scott McBurney Dillon Majoros Bill Stasiuk Alfred J. Martin Lon Sherman Joseph Puleo Mark Windt David Clark Anton Becker Winthrop Snow Nadine Lavender Joseph Peterson Mark Dieselman John R. Hughes Eric Cutting Patrick Gallagher Jennifer Stone R. Scott McBurney Patrick McCormack Ann Snow & Sean Fagan
	Do Dah Kaboom	
	Healing Over	
	Swan	
	Eclipse	
	Winds Will Shark Byte Utopia Jamaican Bobsled Mustang Sally	

Fleet Captain.....Patrick Gallagher  
Fleet Champion.....Mark Dieselman



Brian Hughes first place,  
John, Katie, Michael, Don,  
Lee Ann, and Shelly.

Fleet 121 had yet another great year. More boats, more competition, more fun, and the rest I do not recall... We were the proud hosts of the New England District Championships. 26 boats from all over attended and enjoyed the racing, food and entertainment. Who knew that to be a good racer does not always translate to the dance floor. Our hats are off to Don, Katie, and Lee-Ann for winning the prized rudder. And I have to mention the brave souls that raced in the

Women's/Juniors/Masters on Friday. I have not seen it rain so hard for a race since 1996, and that was a hurricane.

As for our fleet racing, well the results are still being tabulated, as there are some concerns over hanging chads and photo finishes that seem to be misplaced. I believe we can safely declare Mark Dieselman our Fleet Champion for 2003. Congratulations to Mark and his fine crew for rigging the course and the wind shifts in his favor. Also thanks to Karen, for hosting such a nice pool party after all of the work feeding everyone at the Regatta, again. John Hughes continues to frustrate everyone with

those two new hotshots that he found by the side of the road, or so he says... Dillon and Chad. Unbelievably neither of them has had the duct tape with their names slapped on their backs yet, and from what I am told they are egging John on, which is pretty hard to believe.

Oh, and most importantly, our congratulations go out to Janet and John on the successful completion of their wedding vows.

For the first time since I have been sailing in Newburyport, the fleet actually got to experience the smell of a brand new boat, and that was courtesy of Ann and Sean, who also put the first ding in it almost immediately. I will not go into details, but anyone with some extra rub rail, I need about a one foot section for my port side. I Really though, they were kind enough to take me with them to the ACC's and are really doing their best to encourage others to upgrade their equipment. Bravo!

And speaking of upgraded equipment, Win Snow unfortunately had to



Sean and Pat McCormack.

Saturday night party on porch.



An apple chasing a shark?

sit on the sidelines this year, but with that new lightweight super duper hip thingy I think he will be hiking out harder than anyone else next year. Now if only Nancy will stop fretting over him and go sailing, things will be so much better.

I have to take a moment to thank my crew, as it has been a weird year with David spraining his wrist early in the season, Amy as always, seems to handle the chute ever so gracefully. And then the rest of the folks, like Bruce and Nadine who suffered through the entire Southern circuit with me, Tim, Tina, Nick, Dave S., Al, Apostles, and many others that filled in. And speaking of Nadine, she actually found some consistency with her crew, with Heidi and Nancy helping her out.

Pat McCormack even found the travel cover for his boat after some great fleet racing, and was so ready to bring his family to Squam Lake where he proceeded to unpack and set up the boat, only to hop on a different boat. Luckily, his ride on Saturday had equipment problems, so on Sunday he got to splash his boat, hang onto it for about 40 minutes on the beach, and then he had to haul it out, pack it and go home. As a consolation, it was definitely the right call to send Leslie and the kids into town. Who knew it would blow like that on a Lake?

Also have to mention Dan Hertzler, as he by far traveled the farthest for a fleet race. Talk about dedication. Hopefully he will tow the boat back to Newburyport often, as we really enjoyed having him come up to race with us. And speaking of towing boats for fleet races, Scott McBurney made many appearances this year and even got Michelle to come with him. You will get into the AYV, but it may take another 10-20 years.

I am sure I am missing someone, and shame on me for that. Thanks to our race committee, Liz and Chris. Thanks to all of the people that made the regatta a success, especially Mark Gardener as the RC chair. To all that sailed this year, thanks, and I hope to see you out there next year.



## Fleet 126, Cedar Point Yacht Club Sailing on Long Island Sound, Westport, Connecticut Connecticut/Rhode Island District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11381		Dick Pryce
11385	Off Blue	Richard Thackaberry
11486	Generic Boat	Greg Titsworth & Bud Titsworth
11570	Lodigo	Rod Ratcliffe & Scott Potter
11752	Upstart	Steve Purcell
12851	Personal Issues	David Marseli
13056	Sesi Flexi	Jenny Anderson
13832		Doug Latour
13889	Prowler	Michael Sowa
14114	Waka Tava	David Howe
14176	Kismet	Christopher Miller
14238	Lloyd on Acid	Steven Wexler
14479	Flexible Flyer	Robert H Martin Jr & Mary Beth Martin
14630		Thomas Glynn
14821	Charlie Horse	Ched Proctor
14971		David Peck
15111	G.T.O.	Gianni Cuccio
15154	Spatula	Brad Thompson
15171	High Cheese	Joshua Goldman

Fleet Captain.....	Chris Miller
Fleet Secretary.....	Dave Marseli
Fleet Treasurer.....	Dick Thackaberry
Fleet Champion.....	Gianni Cuccio
Fleet Runner-Up.....	Josh Goldman
Third.....	Steve Wexler/Bob Martin

Besides that big regatta thing we had in August, there were a few other things going on. Cedar Point Fleet 126 held the traditional Early Bird Regatta the weekend before Memorial Day. While we normally get around twenty boats for this regatta, this year, thirty boats showed up to practice in what would later be the home of the NAs. This race has a tradition lately of providing some pretty nasty weather on at least one of the days. Plus, the water temperature at that juncture in time is still usually well below 60 degrees. We were expecting an ugly NoEaster for Saturday, but high pressure from Canada came in and kept that nastiness to our neighbors in New York and New Jersey. With an easterly of around 10-15 knots, and quite a bit of chop, due to the storm to our South, the race committee got in three races on Saturday with the wind getting progressively lighter in each one.

Sunday morning started with a bunch of hangovers from the party the night before, and around 10 knots of breeze, which was enough to get in two more races, and to give Brian Taboada the trophy. Dave Peck was second and Allan Terhune was third. Participants from our home fleet were Brad Thompson, Gianni Cuccio, Josh Goldman, Bob Martin, Steve Wexler, Chris Miller, Ched Proctor, Dave Howe, Doug Latour, Greg Titsworth, Dave Marseli, Rod Ratcliffe, and Scott Potter.

Next was the Districts in June held right down the road at Noroton Yacht Club. Almost every boat from our fleet participated, as there was nobody that wanted to be on the dock come August and the NAs.

In two days of light air sailing, Jim Crane nudged out Ched Proctor and Dave Peck to take first place. This regatta was actually held at a legit Lightning club, as they pay their dues every year, but it was the first Lightning regatta held there in almost twenty years. This being the club's 75th anniversary, they put on quite the party for us. Great food and good beer, what else do you need?

After the NAs in August, we had one more regatta, the Fall Classic, the last weekend of September. This one is now combined with the Thistle Fall Series. It is getting a reputation as one of the "can't miss" regattas of the year due to the social scene on Saturday night. We didn't disappoint



this year, as the band rocked the house, the steaks sizzled on the grill, and the homemade desserts left everyone satisfied.

As for the racing, both Saturday and Sunday brought relatively light winds. Saturday there was enough to get in three races. Sunday, it poured. I think we got two inches of rain in an hour, I kid you not, and we barely got in one race, as the wind died just as we were crossing the finish line. Mike Breault sailed a consistent regatta, with three bullets on Saturday, and held on Sunday for the win. Josh was second and Larry Colantuono, a regular around these parts, was third.

Our regular club racing at Cedar Point is every Saturday between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The holiday weekends are sailed as three-day regattas, with a Commodore's Cup being awarded to the individual winner of each race at the end of the year. The race committee also holds three "Super Saturdays" a year in which the Lightnings are pulled aside and have as many short, windward/leeward races as we can, until we are too tired, or the beer starts flowing at the club. This is a great way to practice starts and setting and dousing chutes. Plus, with the course being short, there are usually bunch ups at the marks, and we get to sharpen our rules skills. Also, crews are encouraged to take the helm during at least one or two of the races. Getting crew behind the tiller is a great way to grow fleets! Speaking of which, we welcomed one new fleet member this year! Lauren Charlotte Miller was born to proud parents Chris and Melissa on July 27th. Congrats!

This year's overall fleet winner was Gianni Cuccio. Josh Goldman was a close second, followed by the up and coming powerhouse combination of Bob Martin and Steve Wexler. These guys were really mixing it up this year. Congratulations to all. Rumor also has it that some of us will be upgrading our boats next year. Are we all getting faster, or what?

Cedar Point is only a couple of hours from many other surrounding Lightning fleets. Come race with us! We have a fleet boat that is race rigged if anybody from far away wants to hop on a boat when they are here on vacation. We were the proud recipients of US Sailing's One Design Club of the Year award for 2002. Our club staff and race committees do an excellent job of keeping things running smoothly. Visit our website at [www.cedarpointyachtclub.org](http://www.cedarpointyachtclub.org).

Dave Marseli





**Fleet 127, Savannah Yacht Club**  
Sailing on the Wilmington River, Bradley Point,  
Savannah, Georgia  
Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0 0 14634	FULL MONTY	JOHN M. J. WALLACE JOHN McINTOSH, SR. AGGETT PORTER

**Fleet 129, Madison Beach Yacht Club**  
Sailing on Long Island Sound, Madison, Connecticut  
Connecticut/Rhode Island District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11207 11933 14342 14441 14509	Rosie S.S. Oshpoodle Challenge Early Times	James R Deephouse J. Michael Sulzbach Timothy Himmhiser Katherine Lee James R Deephouse

**Fleet 135 Mobile Bay**  
Sailing on Mobile Bay, Mobile, Alabama  
Southern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14136 14736	Bohdacious Enigma	Mitch Bohnenkamp Robert E Bernhardt Jr

Fleet Secretary.....Robert Bernhardt

Fleet 135 has had a very inactive year, but the future is looking better. There is a new level of interest at Buccaneer Yacht Club with the Lightnings. We will pursue these individuals with vigor. See ya'll in New Orleans at the Sugar Bowl Regatta.

**Fleet 137, Gull Lake Yacht Club**  
Sailing on Gull Lake, Richland, Michigan  
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14474 14712	Big White Be Calm	David J Decker Thomas Hudson

**Fleet 145, Spofford Yacht Club**  
Sailing on Lake Spofford, Spofford, New Hampshire  
New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14072 10254 14621 11400 13792 13835 11210		Bob Bush Paul Henkel Alex Gemmell Ben Wallace Ray Fitzpatrick Joe Rosen Tom Fitch Pat MacQueen Fred Turner

Fleet Captain.....Alex Gemmell

David Fitch Memorial Regatta, June 28-29, 2003

Thirteen Lightnings entered the Second Annual David Fitch Memorial Regatta. New England fleets in attendance included, Malletts Bay, Bomoseen, Bow Lake and Newburyport.

It was confirmed beyond a shadow of doubt that Spofford Lake has shifting winds. I have been sailing on Spofford since the early 70's and this weekend was the most erratic that I can remember. For example, we were sailing short windward, leeward races with the start/finish line in the middle of the course. The second race on Saturday had a 180-degree wind shift, so the leeward gate became the windward mark and offset. A few of us forgot to make the mental note that the gate became a mark with an offset.....you get the picture.

Today is October 31, Halloween and I have to get this report submitted by tomorrow. I started this report back in June. I have misplaced the results but I do remember the our new members Bob and Sterling Bush won the David Fitch Memorial with Christy Bonneau-French as crew.

We had a total of seven Lightnings participate in our summer and fall club racing series. Bob and Sterling Bush won the Fall Regatta, Joe Rosen was second and Pat MacQueen was third. My apologies for the brevity of this report, but it is on time.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Gemmell.







## Fleet 146, Toronto Bay Sailing on Lake Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10702 14174 14347	IN LIEU	J.R.G. Bleasby Walter Blackwell David Sprague Daniel Sprague

Fleet Captain.....David Sprague

Mike Legresley and his father, the owners of a 1960's McGruer Lightning donated their boat to the Boulevard Club for their Junior Sailing program. His generosity will help build on the program that the club has had for a few years, where the Lightning owners let the sailing school use their boats as a demonstrator for the kids of how much fun a bigger boat can be.

This was a slow year for Toronto. 14174 was damaged in a parking lot accident last fall and after repair was not sailed until mid summer. David Sprague managed to sail the LED districts/Canadian Open with his crew Meredith Allen from NC and a newcomer from Toronto who shows promise for next year. Although he qualified for the NA's he was only able to get down to the regatta to take pictures. He then made the Harvest Regatta in Silver Lake and had a great time with his daughter Megan crewing for the first time after swearing off sailing with her father after the 60th Anniversary Regatta in 1998.

Daniel Sprague managed to take his boat to the Buffalo Canoe Club where he taught sailing and did some racing. In addition he used the boat to take out students at the BCC the home of Fleet 12.

We hope for some more sailing next year.

## Fleet 147, São Paulo Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, São Paulo, Brazil Brazil District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11708	Ciranda	Roberto Marinelli
11710	Irema	Peter & Jan Zacher
12513		Jan Peter Zacher & Juan Jose de la Fuente
14170		Juan Jose de la Fuente
14378	Meia Noite II	Mario Buckup
14498	Phoenix	Juan Jose Ramos de la Fuente & Enrico Francavilla
14596		Fernando Ricardo Hackerott
14602	Flash Rider	Claudio Biekarck

Fleet Captain.....Peter Zacher  
Fleet Champion.....Claudio Biekarck  
Fleet Runner-Up.....Enrico Francavilla

The Fleet 147, runner up Enrico Francavilla and the Brazilian Champion is Claudio Biekarck.

The Brazilian Championship was sailed in São Paulo, Guarapiranga Lake and 22 boats participated in the Championship. We only sailed 4 races, and the wind didn't help us. Sailors from Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo participated.

In 2004 we have a big event: the World Youth Championship.

## Fleet 150, Mansfield Sailing Club Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir, Lexington/Mansfield, Ohio

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6944		Chandler Stevens
10444	Das Boot	Christopher Schneider
11912		Nate Ireland
11912	Wiki Wiki IV	David Ireland
13935	White Heat	Karla Varley
13973	Afterburner	Thomas H Varley Jr.
14424	Shifty Characters	James L Stone
14952	Extreme	Thomas H & Jon Varley

## Fleet 151, Annisquam Yacht Club Sailing on Ipswich Bay, Annisquam, Massachusetts New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
1468B	Mouette	Georges Peter

