



Fleet 154, Wawasee Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana Indiana District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|---------------|
| 13721 | Joe B'splk | Bill Stucky |
| 13851 | Scheid by Scheid | Kevin Scheid |
| 13895 | Brandywine | Doug Schmahl |
| 13910 | Golden Harvest | Bill Allen |
| 13975 | Devine Wind | Virgil Snyder |
| 14024 | | Ron Lester |
| 14125 | Millers Merry Manor | Steve Miller |
| 14173 | Thor Play | Jim Sabens |
| 14190 | Plate Spinner | Jeff Schmahl |
| 14475 | Why Not | Dave Wisler |
| 14600 | Wolf Cookies | Brad Wagnon |
| 14647 | 3 Bald Guys | Martin Kaplan |
| 14678 | | Deb Probst |
| 14835 | El Zorro | Alan Fox |
| 14870 | Con-Brio | Herb Snyder |
| 14940 | | Craig Cobbum |

Fleet Captain.....Herb Snyder
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Allen
2003 Fleet Champion.....Craig Cobbum
Runner-Up.....Bill Allen

The 2003 season began on a sad note for the sailors of Fleet 154. John Nixon passed away on April 4. A tribute to John by long-time club member and acquaintance, Richard "Whitey" Boerger appears below. A new Fleet championship trophy has been named in John's honor.

Since the last report Wawasee Yacht Club hosted three invitational regattas, in addition to its local Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day regattas. The first of the three was last year's Hoosier Regatta, September 28-29, 2002. Eighteen boats were entered, nine from other clubs. Unusually mild conditions resulted in only three races being sailed. John McCree from Saginaw, MI was the winner. Bob Franke from Milwaukee, WI was second, and Craig Cobbum from the home team was third.

The Indiana District Regatta was sailed June 21-22, 2003. Only seven boats were entered, which included only one visitor, Ken McGinity, our stalwart district commodore. Bard Wagnon was the winner. Craig Cobbum was second, and Debbie Probst was third.

The third, of course, was this year's Hoosier Regatta, September 27-28, 2003. The conditions included some rain and winds often 15 kts and above with occasional hair-raising gusts. Nineteen boats were entered, including nine from the host fleet.

Sean Fidler from Troy, MI was the winner. Deb Probst from Wawasee was second, and John McCree from Saginaw, MI was third.

Fleet 154 is in good health. It was not unusual to have nine or more boats on the starting line each Sunday during the season. Several of the boats regularly have junior sailors aboard to introduce them to Lightning sailing. At least one addition to the fleet is expected for next year.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN NIXON



Pictured Craig Cobbum; Alan Fox, Dale Fulkerson (holding the new John Nixon Memorial Fleet 154 Championship Trophy), Arthur Haan and Ron Lester. Casey Call, Club Commodore, is obscured behind Rob Lester.

The Wawasee Yacht Club and the International Lightning Class Association lost a true friend and avid Lightning sailor upon the death of John R. Nixon on April 4, 2003. He was 74 years old. John's many contributions to Wawasee Yacht Club include: generous financial help when the club asked for it; creation of Fleet 154's infamous "Onefinalrapumup Regatta," which evolved into the Hoosier Regatta; involvement in the administration of ILCA; fun and innovative pranks around the club house, both on and off the water; years of active participation racing his Lightnings and, in later years, turning the tiller over to the younger generation but staying on board as crew and enjoying yet more racing successes. Wawasee Yacht Club will truly miss John. His "screw it - let's do it!" attitude was effective on those with whom he worked and socialized. The club and those about him benefited greatly from being thus stimulated.





Fleet 164, Willow Bank Yacht Club Sailing on Cazenovia Lake, Cazenovia, New York Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| 12004 | Gentry | Charles I Woods |
| 13675 | Manolete | Federico Meira |
| 14212 | Steam Driven | Jeff & Alice Shaw |
| 14369 | Hasta La Vista | Federico Meira |
| 14418 | Reddy Too | Clay & Pamela Murphy |
| 14465 | Motion | Richard P Tuttle |
| 14527 | | Peter King |

Fleet Captain.....Pete King
Fleet Secretary.....Sam Wood

Fleet 166, Helsinki Sailing on the Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland Finland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 14018 | Masi V | Kari Kanerva |
| 14534 | | Kimmo Aromaa & Terho Aromaa |
| 14761 | Red Snapper | Lauri Hemming |
| 15002 | | Matti Huuska |

Fleet Captain.....Kimmo Aromaa
Fleet Secretary.....Jari Aromaa

During the sailing season 2003 the Helsinki Fleet 166 continued to work in close co-operation with the Tuusulanjärvi fleet 456. Kimmo Aromaa with Masi V and Lauri Hemming with Red Snapper were our most active sailors. The season began in Miami when Lauri and Kimmo participated in the Worlds. The sailing was fun, but results were not so fine.

At home the season began literally On the Rocks. The first regatta was sailed in the first week of May, only two days after ice cover broke on Lake Tuusulanjärvi. Cold weather, some wind, and only four boats. Our ranking regatta series began in the end of May in Helsinki and finished in the beginning of September in Valkeakoski. The last regatta was sailed again in Tuusula, in the last week of September. Helsinki ranking regatta was sailed in light winds, on both days races were postponed due to lack of wind and fog. Kimmo won and Lauri was 7th as he had to leave while we were still waiting for the wind. In Turku Kimmo was third and both Lauri and Kimmo skipped the third ranking regatta in Kemi.

The next regatta was District Championships in Tuusula in the beginning of August. This year we had 22 boats, from Tammissaari in the south to Kemi in the north, both classic

woodies (#5552 & 6838) and modern boats. The weather in Tuusula was fine, mostly light winds and a lot of sun. The schedule was three days and nine races with upwind-downwind courses. On the first day Masi V was fast scoring 1-2-1, followed by Matti Bruun from Kuopio and Pertti Pyy from Tuusula. On the second day the shifty winds were difficult for Masi V. Kimmo sailed 2-8-7 while Matti Bruun continued with good races 4-2-1 and moved to first place. With three races left, Matti had 12 points, Kimmo 13 points, and Pertti 18 points, worst race excluded. The weather forecast for the last day was again shifty



District Champions Kimmo, Mika and Jari Aromaa.

and moderate winds. Kimmo started the third day with 4th place, and won over Matti, who was 5th. Pertti had a bad race and was 18. On eight races Kimmo secured his victory by winning the race as Matti was far back on 12th place. Thus the District Championship went to the Aromaa brothers Kimmo, Mika and Jari, who had sailed together since 1990. As a skipper Kimmo had won 4 silver and 3 bronzes before his first gold medal.

The last races in Kuopio, Valkeakoski and Tuusula were sailed in light winds or without wind at all. Kimmo was still hungry for victories and won them all. Lauri was not so fond on sailing on small lakes and was not with after the Districts. Lauri was 9th in the Districts and 13th in the final ranking series results.

This season was great success for Kimmo Aromaa and his crew. Kimmo won the District Championship and the District Ranking series, skippered seven regattas winning six of them and crewed two more. Actually, Mika was the only crew member, who sailed the whole season, the middle crew changed in almost all regattas. Looks like that they have tuned the crew work to such level that a new guy can always step in. The championship of the Aromaa brothers came 46 years after their parents won their first championship. The fourth generation is coming, as Mika's daughter Tea has started to crew.





Fleet 167, Lake Davenport Sailing on the Mississippi River, Davenport, Iowa Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 6033 | Kasara | Wesley Johnson |
| 7391 | | Michael Dawson |
| 11456 | Off Like a Prom Dress | Brandon Holton |
| 12611 | | David Seitz |
| 12817 | | Laurie Elliott |
| 12843 | | Mike Blaser |
| 13202 | Webejammin | Bill Paulsen |
| 13611 | | William Ganoe |
| 14831 | Irrational Exuberance | Chuck White |
| 14857 | Mermaid | Michael Steffenson |
| 14859 | The Love Boat | William Lovewell |

Various personal summer and fall activities have kept our fleet members out of the fleet racing picture this past season. Brandon Holton has sailed in some of Lake Davenport's Variety Fleet races.

Fleet 169, Lac de Neuchâtel Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland Switzerland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 12572 | Chiloe | Anne-Lise Paul |
| 13840 | | Gilbert Despland |
| | | Jean-Claude Du Pasquier |
| | | Jean-Pierre Comtesse |
| | | Yann Du Pasquier |
| | | Jean-Pierre Monnier |
| | | Pierre Grandguillaume |

Fleet Captain.....Jean-Pierre Monnier

2003 was a very sad year for the fleet 169, Claude Lambelet, our friend, as well as the creator and most dedicated supporter of our association died at the beginning of the year. With Claude we lose the most representative figure of the Swiss district.

Nevertheless life is continuing and both, the district meeting and the traditional cheese fondue-regatta took place as usual at

the Nid-du-Crô in Neuchatel. With just one change, the cheese fondue-regatta has been renamed under the well-deserved denomination "Memorial Claude Lambelet".

Related to the news I mentioned earlier, our fleet lost one more member. Maybe the new owner of "Garoupa" will take over the challenge and bring new life to the fleet 169...

Here are the results:

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|-------|--|---|---|----|
| 13790 | Urs Wyler, W. Dürr, G. Dürr/SCM | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 13840 | Gilbert Despland, A. Perret, J.-P. Geiser/CVG | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 14530 | Jacques Perret, deMontmolin, F. Gonzales Chilli/CVN | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 12860 | Jean-Michel Lüthi, F. Bianchi, R. Lüthi | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 13692 | Hans-Peter Schmid, J. Menzi/SCM | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 14664 | Peter Graf, J. Rutz, T. Heusser/SVT | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| 11858 | Cédric Monnerat, F. Monnerat, M. Monnerat | 6 | 5 | 11 |

Fleet 173, Brant Beach Yacht Club Sailing on Little Egg Harbor, Brant Beach, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 9628 | Discovery | Paul L. Alberti |
| 11575 | | James W. Titus |
| 13809 | | Peter D. Pierce |
| 13809 | Old Age & Treachery | Jeffrey L. Carson |
| 14325 | Verbal Abuse | Carl & Glenn Reitingier |
| 14660 | 911 | Bob Seybold |

Fleet Secretary.....Jeff Carson
Fleet Champion.....Reitingier Family
Fleet Runner-Up.....Carson Family

Lightning fleet 173 had another successful year of sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay. The season started with the Annual Brant Beach YC Regatta in early June. This was won by Steve Warren of SCYC with the Reitingier's second. Fleet members participated in numerous events along Long Beach Island. Josh Carson and Eric Reitingier both sailed their families' boats at LEHYC's Down Bay Regatta in August finishing in the middle of the fleet. Fleet members were also key in the successful running of the Optimist Atlantic Coasts where over 230 Optis participated as well as the Optimist Team Trials with 135 participants.

The Club Championship was won by the Reitingier's (Beth, Carl, and Glenn) with Carson's (Josh and Jeff) second and the Serrill's (Barb and Ed) third. Fleet 173 is hoping several members who have taken racing off will start coming back out. A new boat joined the fleet at the end of the season John Olesky. It will be great to see him out next year.





Fleet 178, Great South Bay Sailing out of Narrasketuck Yacht Club on Great South Bay, Amityville, New York Long Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|----------------------------------|
| 5132 | Surprise | Michelle Yacob & Pat McKeegan |
| 7680 | Red Cloud | Paul Maselli |
| 10260 | Bullshit | Betsy Brewer & Bill Weiss |
| 10690 | Mardi Gras | Joseph J Turecamo |
| 10892 | Gigi | Fleet 178 |
| 11774 | Alevari | Alan Pearlman |
| 13520 | Dockside | Tom Holdorf |

Fleet Captain.....Al Pearlman
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Weiss
Fleet Treasurer.....Betsy Brewer
No Championship this year

We opened the season with a party and meeting at Joe and Fran Turecamos place in Wading River, and had a lot of discussion of what to do with the fleet boat. The consensus was to use it for development. We presented a proposal for a more advanced sailing clinic to the club, and they accepted the idea.

We ran the clinic on four Saturdays in June, focused on the Lightning, in addition to participating in the clubs Spring Series. At the clinic, five folks learned a lot about sailing in general and the Lightning specifically, and the feedback was generally favorable.

In the Spring Series, Al Pearlman cleaned up on the first racing day, but was then bitten by a lipid, and took most of the summer to recover from his quadruple bypass. Joe Turecamo won the second day, and the series.

Betsy and Bill went down the bay to Babylon's July Fourth regatta and took a second. They might have managed a win in handicap if crew Jackie Mozgala hadn't opted to try to go swimming in a couple of the races.

With crew shortages on both the Turecamo and Brewer-Weiss boats, they joined forces to attend the districts, and were sitting middle-fleet until the Southampton vacuum struck and all but drifted them out to sea.

With Pearlman on the beach, and Fran Turecamo under the weather, the local regatta was under-attended, but Brewer-Weiss managed a win in handicap with another of the clinic attendees handling the chute. They prevailed again at Bellport on Labor Day weekend.

In the fall, Al Pearlman returned to the line, and again cleaned up on the first of the racing days. On the second, the speed was in the Brewer-Weiss boat, until the wind evaporated and current dragged them off the course. Al won the series. It was great to see Michelle Yacob, Pat McKeegan and Linda Hotchkiss getting Surprise to the line in the spring and fall series. Maybe Tom

Holdorf will follow their example next year.

The fleet boat was part of the clinic, until the aft lift point yanked out of the boat while it was on the hoist, the mast slammed into the hoist, and broke. Jackie donated a replacement blank mast, which will be fitted in the spring and we expect to be back stronger than ever next year.

Fleet 179, Pass Christian Yacht Club Sailing on the Mississippi Sound, Pass Christian, Mississippi Southern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|--------------------|
| 9696 | Smooth | Buddy & Bo Clarke |
| 10812 | Spirit | Eugene H Walet III |
| 11990 | Nike | Jeffrey Reich |
| 13170 | Nike V | Jeffrey Reich |

Fleet Captain.....James R. "Buddy" Clarke
Fleet Secretary.....Eugene H Walet III

Fleet 179 is reorganizing after a long absence with four members and four boats. We anticipate adding three members and boats in the near future.

We are looking forward to 2003-2004 events with the Annual Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans the weekend of December 27-28, 2003, and the Mardi Gras Regatta in New Orleans the weekend of February 21-22, 2004. In July our fleet will host the summer in the Pass Regatta and the Birthday Regatta which is the Gulf Yachting Association Championship. We invite all Lightning fleets to join us for these regattas.

We are excited about rejuvenating this fleet and hope to make it a real active fleet on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Anyone interested in joining our fleet, please contact the fleet secretary at 228/452-2744.





Fleet 180, Conneaut Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 13506 | Bud Lightning | Ronald Ragghianti |
| 14444 | | Lawrence Levine |
| 14711 | | Kenneth Pote |
| 14750 | | John Andrews |
| 14763 | | Edward J Benevent |
| 15184 | | Chad Waldschmidt & Jody Bunting |
| | | Michael Mercatoris |

Fleet Captain.....John Andrews
Fleet Champion.....Chad Waldschmidt

Weather and weakened participation strained the competition on the "snowy waters" of Pennsylvania's largest natural body of water this season. The few races we were able to get in were hard fought and close. By the end of the season, Chad Waldschmidt maintained his perch as the fleet champion.

Holiday series results:

First—Chad Waldschmidt

Second—Mike Mercatoris

Third—Ed Benevent

Summer series results:

First—Chad Waldschmidt

Second—John Andrews

Third—Ed Benevent

Fleet 180 has a rich tradition of raising up sailors for the next generation. In July, Mike & Rose Mercatoris and Kathy Rentz hosted clinic to nurture a love for sailing for our younger sailors. We want to honor the initiative and service they demonstrated, which is so vital to the future development of our fleet.

Fleet 187, Sheboygan Sailing on Lake Michigan, Sheboygan, Wisconsin Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7879 | Puff | Robert T Melzer |
| 11589 | D-Toxxx | Brad Grunenberg |
| 11622 | Rocket | Timothy J Lorenz |
| 12389 | Sheboygan Youth | Lindsay Vogel |
| 13224 | Second Chance | Eric K Larson |
| 13930 | Black Magic | Matt Wierzbach |
| 13842 | Womann | Michou & Daniel Reichelsdort |
| 13994 | | |
| 14007 | Silent Movie | Hans C. Graf |
| 14234 | I Saw Elvis | Todd Wake |
| 14380 | Pterodactyl | Tryg Jacobson |
| 14921 | Christiana | Jay Hogfeldt & Bruce Van Dommelen |
| 14994 | | |
| 15189 | New Movie | Ben Spiller |
| | | Paul Reak |

Fleet Captain.....Hans Graf
Fleet Secretary.....James Olson
Fleet Champion.....Eric Larson
Runner-Up.....Todd Wake

2003 ROCKED.

Both our numbers and skills improved thanks to the efforts of all the stars in Lightningdom. Superb race committee work by Chris Graf, Fred Tishka, and Gail Tishka meant races were square, fair, and on time all summer long. 2 North American campaigns to Cedar Point NAs by Teams Larson, and Spiller showed the level of excitement, and commitment that has overtaken the sailing scene locally.

With special thanks to Mike and Pat Brotz, the Brotz Regatta enjoyed further growth this year with 17 boats showing up to compete for the honor of being included in the list of winners who have bested the fleet at what has become the Midwest District's Late Summer Classic. The Brotz had its youngest champion in its 40 year history as the Junior Crew of Ben Spiller, Jon Ribich, and Aaron Thompson put their name on the Roman Brotz Memorial Trophy.

A resurgent Wandering Moose Regatta returned to Sheboygan October 11 bringing together Midwest Lightning, and Laser Sailors for an Indian summer "who ha" that lets Cheesheads, Flatlanders, and Yoopers get the last of their sailing of year in before the time changes, and the Christmas Tree replaces sails and weather gear. Thanks to sponsors Farken, Port Washington Brewery, North Sails, and the Harbor Center marina in addition to the committed support of SYC volunteers.

Finally the activities of the 10 year old Sheboygan Youth Sailing Club has produced a group of talented, exciting young sailors who have begun helming, and crewing aboard Fleet 187 Lightnings. These kids have become the leaders of a resurgent Sea Scout Ship 50 which has brought kids from all over the area to the lake front 5 nights a week to muck around in the boats. It has been a thrill to see their skills, and excitement grow every time they launch their boats, and it promises rosy future for Sailing in Sheboygan.

Excitement will continue to grow over the next two years, as Sheboygan will host the 2005 Lightning North Americans. Keep an eye on the Sailing press for news of events held in Sheboygan including two GL70 events, the continued development of the Brotz regatta, and the return of the Wandering Moose. Special thanks to all who have supported Fleet 187's activities over the last few years. Your support is paying off.

Report on Fleet 187 Members:

Robert Melzer, "PUFF" 7879: Bob sailed his beautifully restored spruce plank boat more than ever before this summer. Although Bob does not compete, it's always a thrill to see PUFF's natural wood topsides sailing in the waters off Sheboygan.

Brad Grunenberg, "D-TOXX" 11589: Crew Scott Jelinek and Dan Kerpe: Brad did a fabulous job of re-rigging his newly acquired Allen Boat. Although he didn't travel with his Lightning, D-TOXX missed very few Tuesday Night Starts and showed steady improvement all summer long. Congratulations to Brad for his election to the Vice Commodore of the SYC.

Tim Lorenz, "Rocket" 11662: Crew Jake Denbor and Jo Ann Denbor: Tim was another non-traveling stalwart, giving up the helm near the end of the summer to 16 year old Jake whose skill and competitiveness showed strong progress with every start.

Lindsay Vogel, "SECOND CHANCE" 13224: Crew Edward Wagner and Jason Diener: Lindsay was badly bitten by the Lightning Bug when Edward and Jason crewed for him during the Brotz Regatta. A strong southeaster made for a full day of thrilling plane rides down huge Lake Michigan waves, and Lindsay seemed to have a ear2ear grin permanently implanted for a full 24 hours after Saturdays racing. Lindsay is already looking forward to a leaner meaner campaign in 2004 with an eye toward





sailing the NAs in 2005.

Eric Larson, "Black Magic Woman" 13910; Crew Eric Larson Jr. and Lori Jost: "Beat the Ricker!!!" was said more often than done this summer. Ric found renewed speed and consistency to easily take the season championship on his way to Cedar Point as one of Fleet 187's 2 representatives at the NAs. Crewing with Ric were his son Eric, and newcomer Lori Jost.

Matt Wierzbach, 13842: Congratulations to Matt on his first Lightning. At 16 years old Matt's the youngest member of the fleet, and we look forward to great improvement over the next season.

Dan and Michou Reichelsdorfer, "SILENT MOVIE" 13994: Dan and Michou had their first baby, Molly-Elizabeth in the Spring of 03. Look for Molly in Lightningdom next summer as she made several appearances during the course of the summer, and clearly enjoyed everything lightning. Dan and Michou graciously loaned their brand new Allen Lightning 14994 to Team Spiller for their summer campaign.

Hans Graf, "I SAW ELVIS", 14007: A profession change saw Hans's case has gone into remission with most of his time and energy spent on the road and in school. Hans will be back next year with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Todd Wake, "Pterodactyl" 14234: Crew Christine Wake and Tony Orlebek: Todd and Christine welcomed their second child Benjamin into the fleet, and still managed to show the way around the race course on most Tuesday Nights. Todd's taken the helm of the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Club for next year. The Youth Sailing Club was formed 10 years ago, and has produced a level of skill and interest within the community for sailing boats big and small that has exceeded all expectations. We

know Todd will continue to serve the sport and the fleet with aplomb in the leader's chair of this unique group.

Tryg Jacobson, "CHRISTIANA" 14380; Crew Christiana Jacobson and Jason Bemis: Tryg and Lightnings go back a long way. It was great to see Team Jacobson out with daughter Christiana both during most Tuesday Nighters, and the 41st Brotz Regatta.

Jay Hogfeld and Bruce Van Dommelen, 14921: With a new boat, new sails next year, and a first in the Last Chance Series. Bruce and Jay have put together a promising program for next year.

Ben Spiller, "NEW MOVIE" 14994: Crew Jon Ribich and Aaron Thompson: This youth team were first at the Brotz Regatta, Second at the Junior NAs, and were the highest placing junior team at the Cedar Point NAs. Look for Team Spiller to be sailing their own boat and be a force in Lightningdom next year including another crack at the Junior NAs. All these guys came through the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Program, and were influential in the resurgence of Sea Scout Ship 50.

Paul Reak, 15189; Crew Lynelle Reak: With a new boat, more traveling than ever before that included the Red Flannels, Wawasee, Districts, and the Evans regatta Paul became further embedded into the lightning world. He got a boost from Lynelle's participation in a remarkable Women's J24 campaign that included the J24 North Americans, a Women's North Americans Victory, and a trip to the J24 Worlds in Holland. Congratulations to Paul and Lynelle on their new boat, and their newfound enthusiasm for everything sailing.



THE BOYS





Fleet 189, Marblehead Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean, Marblehead, Massachusetts New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| 12706 | Fog Horn Leg Horn | Rick Humphrey Jr |

Fleet 192, Lower Susquehanna Sailing on the Susquehanna River, Havre de Grace, Maryland

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9519 | Was A Fuzzy Soggy Breakdown | Woody Brumfield |
| 9544 | | Robert McAnally |
| 10493 | | Roger Link |
| 11278 | | Mark Sanford |
| 12613 | | Mike McCusker |
| 13047 | | Matthew Jay |
| 13154 | | Vince Townrow |
| 14165 | | Garrett Pensell |
| 14366 | | Myrl Stone |
| 15024 | | Jason Werner |
| 15131 | | Carl Muska |

Fleet Captain.....Jason Werner
Fleet Secretary.....Myrl Stone

2003 was another year of building for Fleet 192. The Dixie District last year decided to make a concerted effort to build fleet members, identify potential crew, and participate in more regattas on both a national and local level. Goals were set to grow each fleet by 1 boat/owner, and I am happy to say that we exceeded this goal! New members Matt Jay and Roger Link both purchased boats and joined in the fleet. Several other potential owners have been identified, and hopefully the fleet will continue to grow.

The winter saw a VERY successful program held again. Fleet 192 (thanks to Myrl Stone!) has a "sailing simulator" that was used this year and the last to create a wonderful visual image of the lightning sail plan. It also allows accurate and predictable adjustments to be made, which works out to show exactly what each control's affect is. From blocking to Cunningham to any other adjustment, it all can be modeled exactly by this "simulator". This year we also attempted to include a boat repair session. While repairing a whole boat is impossible, we hoped to show everyone what tools, equipment, and methods are used. With 30+ participants, it turned out to be an excellent seminar, and one we hope to continue next year!

The season started out slowly as the cold kept people home a little longer than normal. But by mid May the parking lot was full of Lightings, and the fleet was going strong. With a concerted effort to hold a regular Tuesday night program, the push was on to keep everything organized and formal. As a result, we had on average 4 boats out, with more on

occasion. While no scoring was done, the short course, high race count, practice style worked very well to help train crew/skippers and provide the best setup.

The fleet's first event was a true success. In many people's opinions, this may be a perfect line of growth for the ILCA in the future. Yes, we are talking "TEAM RACING". With 2 fleets located on the Susquehanna River, the River Cup was born back in the 1950's as a fleet-to-fleet competition (fleets 192 and 253). After about 15 years of inactivity, the River Cup was reborn as a true team vs. team race. With 6 boats per fleet (2 teams of 3 boats) doing a round robin format, it turned out to be an extremely successful event, 2 perfect days, a great RC (thanks to John Heffner), and excellent hospitality at Tidewater Marina created an event that will be an annual event between the 2 fleets, with perhaps a future expansion to encourage other fleets to attend. In the end, Fleet 192 took top place, but the real winners were those who participated!

The annual "Duck Challenge" regatta also turned out to be a resounding success. With participation numbers up to over 20 boats, some of the Dixie District's top competitors decided to make the trip to HdG. Showing the way were fleet 329's Steven Constants (1st) and Jon Guth (2nd). As regular top finishers in the Dixie and national events, it really raised the skill level at the event. 2 days of racing were held in a light to medium, shifty (and I mean SHIFTY) NW wind. With very little chop once the powerboat poker run was gone, the competitors were treated to challenges rarely seen at other venues. The combination of current, shifty wind, and land effect makes for difficult sailing at times in



HdG, and this weekend was no exception. Of course the dinner was a total hit, and thanks to Myrl Stone, Carol Stone, and Scott Gordan (plus many others) for their effort to that end!

With a growing fleet, excited and motivated individuals, and a great location, Fleet 192 is proving to be one of the growing fleets in the ILCA. We plan to continue this with some more events, and an additional emphasis placed on traveling to other local regattas. Hope to see you at some in the near future!.

Jason Werner



Fleet 194, Mission Bay Yacht Club Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean, San Diego, California

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 6613 | La Salle | Christopher Barclay |
| 8966 | Excalibur | Richard Brewer |
| 11404 | | David Keary |
| 11603 | Direct Access | Joel Vann |
| 11735 | Relampago | Eric & Daniela Spoor |
| 13742 | Mojo | Richard Hockaday |
| 13819 | Flipper | Eric Swayze |
| 13842 | | Merlin Green |
| 14095 | Puddleglum | Kirk & Edna Johnson |
| 14263 | | Peter Bellin |
| 14308 | | Jeff Coppens |
| 14473 | Algonquin J Calhoun | Carl Eichenlaub |
| 14486 | JJEB | Jolene & John Northrup |
| 14846 | White Lightning | Michael Brewer |
| 14904 | Hana Hou | Scott Finkboner |

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Coppens
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Edna Johnson
Fleet Champion.....Richard Hockaday
District Champion.....Scott Finkboner

Beginning on January 5th with the Winter Series and ending on December 14th with the Hot Rum Series, our fleet enjoyed a year of sailing in the best weather in the country. Sailing in both the relatively sheltered waters of Mission Bay, and in the

ocean just out the channel, the fleet was active all year. In addition, we sponsored the California Circuit which began at King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach near Los Angeles before moving south for the great 17 mile Marathon from the Coronado Bay Bridge to Mission Bay and racing in the bay and ocean. Scott Finkboner won the Circuit again this year. Shortly after the Circuit, Wendell Harter, from KHYC fleet 102, sold his boat to Pete Bellin who brought it to the Mission Bay Fleet. We're going to miss Wendell, but he says after over 40 years of sailing he has some other things to do.

Our districts were sailed out of Mission Bay Yacht Club in the ocean in somewhat rare southerly wind. With the starting line facing Pt. Loma instead of La Jolla, all local knowledge was useless. Scott Finkboner, Mike Brewer and Kirk Johnson finished the 6 race series first, second and third respectively.

Three boats traveled to San Francisco for the PCCs: Finkboner, Brewer and Bellin. The series was won by Mike Molina from their local fleet, but our fleet was represented with John Lyon crewing for him. Pete Bellin was second, Scott Finkboner third, and Mike Brewer fourth.

In July we held a 13 race series over 3 weekends to determine who our fleet champion would be. Richard Hockaday won. He represented the Lightning fleet in the Mission Bay Yacht Club Championship regatta. This regatta was sailed in Solings this year; besides having his name engraved on a very old perpetual trophy, the winner gets his own parking space with his name posted on it. Richard sailed a great regatta, winning the last race, but our reigning champion just happened to have sailed Solings in his youth - including the Soling Nationals (last year he won in Capri 22s) - and he prevailed for another year as club camp.

Thanks to new member and super crew Katie Ham's suggestion, the fleet enjoyed a Moonlight Sail in July. After a picnic on the beach, boats loaded with family and friends set sail in a light breeze as the sun set and an enormous orange moon rose behind the Sea World tower. As one of the kids said, we thought it was one of Sea World's fireworks displays. We hope to make this an annual event.

Moonlight Sail.





Fleet 196, Surf City Sailing on Manahawkin Bay, Surf City, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12454 | Streak In | Charles N Howe |
| 14068 | Punch Too | George Schmidt & Steve Warren |
| 14300 | Scrap Metal II | Richard M Warren & Randy Swartley |
| 14595 | Liberty | Robert Rizzitello |
| 14635 | | Darryl Waskow & Ambrose Stafford |
| 15139 | Rip City Express IV | Jack & Cindy Elfman |
| 15175 | Triple Threat | Timothy Robinson, Andy & Fran Temme |

Fleet Captain.....Jack Elfman
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Rizzitello
Fleet Treasure.....Tim Robinson
Fleet Champion.....Tim Robinson

The race conditions were excellent for our club races with strong winds blowing through the spring and summer. We had a very competitive year as usual. Tim Robinson won the Fleet

Champion by 1 point. Tim and crew Andy and Fran Temme obviously adjusted to their new boat rigging just fine. Samantha Sutter won the Commodore series. This was Samantha's second year skippering a Lightning. Both Alyssa Rizzitello and Bill Voris received our Lightning Achievement award for their improvements and dedication as crew members throughout the year.

Our fleet continues to develop new talent. This year Joanne Drinane, Alyssa Rizzitello, and Mike Warren from our Junior Sailors program joined the Lightning fleet as crew and an occasional skipper. In addition, thanks go to Darryl Waskow for coordinating our fleet's involvement in the S.C.Y.C. Fun Sail events. The Fun Sail events allowed us to introduce other club members to the Lightnings.

Our fleet had a strong showing at the local regatta circuit. Steve Warren won both the Brant Beach Yacht Club Annual and Barnegat Light Yacht Club regattas. Andy Temme won the Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association Race Week regatta. Steve Warren and Tim Robinson won 2 and 3 place, respectively, at the Little Egg Harbor Down Bay Regatta.

The Surf City Annual regatta is a multi-class regatta taking place in the fall. The regatta started out with little wind and required sailing skills for all conditions. The Lightning races came down to the last race and Andy Temme took first place with Glenn Reitingier finishing second.

The 25th "Cannon Business Solutions" Manahawkin Bay Cup was hosted by Fleet 196 only days after Hurricane Isabel landed on the Outer Banks. Even with the hurricane just passing, 11 boats showed up to sail. Most of them were just pulled out from their safe storage spots. Ironically, the weather was great. After a slow start on land due to the impact of the hurricane on the event plans, the racing turned out to be the best of the year. The regatta consisted of four races with no throw outs. The racing was very competitive. Two-thirds of the fleet finishing in one of the top 4 positions for at least one of the races. In the end Jack Elfman from Surf City took first place, Bill Mergenthaler from Toms River finished second, and Bob Sengstacken from Nyack showed up in third place. The day finished with a great cookout including fresh seafood and an awards presentation that included hand carved trophies by Fran Temme. This regatta is a fall classic and should not be missed!

We thank Dick Warren, SCYC's Race Committee Chair, and all those who supported him. Special thanks to Betz Warren who supported us mostly on shore and tallied up to scores for all of our events. Without all of this support, we could not have had all the fun we did this year.

Our season started with another great Lightning Clinic thanks to Greg Fisher and the leadership of Jack Elfman. The clinic included a lecture in the evening and then a day on the water. We sailed through some of the hardest rain of the spring. Jack called us to shore only after the rain was so hard that we could not hear the instructions being called by Greg.

Both Tim Robinson and Jack Elfman purchased new boats at the beginning of the year, boats 15175 and 15139 respectively. In addition, Darryl Waskow and Ambrose Stafford updated their equipment by buying boat number 14635. These purchases had a significant portion of the fleet getting use to new equipment in the early part of the season.



Fleet 206, Club Nautico Olivos Sailing on Lake Olivoa, Buenos Aires, Argentina Argentina District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|---|
| 8411 | Repunte V | Luis Miguel Bordinio & Javier Pascucci |
| 11649 | | Pablo Gustavo Bordinio |

Fleet Captain.....Pavlo Bordinio

Fleet 212, Atwood Yacht Club Sailing on Atwood Lake, Dellroy, Ohio Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|------------------|
| 6886 | Tammy | Carl W Hammer Jr |
| 12845 | The Gray Fox | Carl W Hammer Jr |
| 14445 | | David M. Gall |

Fleet 215, Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club Sailing on Lake St Louis, Montreal, Quebec, Canada St. Lawrence Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2684 | | Michael Holly |
| 13822 | | Russel C Scrim |
| 14176 | | Anthony Staples |
| 14354 | | Jacques Trotter |
| 14591 | | Alain Boucher |
| 14768 | Krista Tox | Peter Hall |
| 14768 | | JF Simard |
| 15055 | Audrey the First | Anthony Staples |
| 15082 | | Michael Holly & Valerie Tardif |

Fleet Co-Captain.....Jamie Allan
Fleet Co-Captain.....Valerie Tardif

Our evening series was revived this season by an insurgence of young sailors. Veteran Lightning greets Peter Hall and Dave Gorman offered young skill sailors from local clubs the chance to experience the tight one design racing that makes Lightning sailing so special. Peter Hall used his new youthful crew to help him to an impressive fourth place finish at the Atlantic Coast Championships.

The Districts champs came down to the wire, with Jamie Allan, Andrew Allan, and Brent Basserman edging out Peter Hall by the slimmest of margins in the final race. The Allan Brothers won their first series championship, with Peter Hall and Alain Boucher close on their tails. Newlyweds Mike Holly and Valerie Tardif, along with Jamie Allan, represented Fleet 215 at the North American Championships finishing a very respectable



15th in the Blue Fleet.

The season was a great success both on and off the water, and fleet 215 looks forward to hosting the Canadian Championships early next July (stay tuned for more info). Come for the sailing and stay for our world renowned Jazz Festival!!

The cold Canadian winter broke early for a number of Lightning sailors in Montreal. Four boats made the trip down to Miami for the Worlds. Led by Alain Boucher, Chantal Leger, and Jay Deakin who placed 7th, all four boats made a strong showing.

The summer began with a bang, and our annual sojourn south to Malletts Bay for the Spring Classic, where Alain Boucher was able to hold off Bill Fastiggi, and our own Allan brothers for the victory.





Fleet 216, Saginaw Bay Sailing on Saginaw Bay, Bay City, Michigan Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7153 | Megs | George F. Ascherl Jr |
| 9705 | Some Day I Will Burn | Matthew D. Princing |
| 12588 | | Saginaw Bay Community Sailing |
| 13385 | Halcyon | James Peters |
| 14022 | Teko | John E. Johnson |
| 14048 | | Blair Moulthrop |
| 14076 | | Michael Sulfaro |
| 14077 | Full Frontal LaBotimer | Tim Botimer |
| 14087 | Score One! | John Waechter |
| 14103 | Zipper | Clark Howell |
| 14323 | Sleeper | John McCree |
| 14503 | Hot Dog Man | George Peet |
| 14577 | Fastidiots | Chris Jacobson |
| 14603 | Hart Beat | Terry Hart |
| 14616 | | Mike Scott |
| 14703 | Motion Sensitive | Justin Dey |
| 14775 | Shustboomer | James Schofield |
| 14933 | Carousel 34 | Joseph C. Dissette |
| 14937 | Scars & Scrapes | Matthew D. Princing |

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Fleet Captain..... | Jack Elfman |
| Fleet Secretary..... | Bob Rizzitello |
| Fleet Treasure..... | Tim Robinson |
| Fleet Champion..... | Tim Robinson |



Fleet Champion Scars & Scrapes.

2003 started a little differently for Fleet 216, we were without one of our own. Fleet Captain, Terry Hart (Commander Hart) was called to service for our country in Europe. He returned in September for a late season sail on his boat, which he graciously let a crew sail for the year. Thanks Terry and all the other soldiers as well.

Fleet 216 had a successful racing season with the Joe Dissette Wednesday night series, the annual "Love" Regatta, co-sponsoring the Tawas regatta, the return of the Scars & Scrapes

Memorial Can, and a Lightning/110 Challenge.

The Wednesday Night Series sailed 39 races through out the summer in a variety of conditions but mostly light air, one night of 18-20 knots. There were some changes in the top 5 this year and some shuffling. A year ago only 4 boats had won a race, this change to 7 boats winning races this year including Gus Dey winning his first ever-fleet race. When it was all said and done, Scars & Scrapes, Lightning 14937 pulled off another series championship with the help of the crew Chris Princing, Jennifer Princing and Chris Norton. Following are the results:

1st Place Scars & Scrapes Matt Princing

2nd Place Fast Idiots Chris Jacobson

3rd Place Sleeper John McCree

4th Place Carousel 34 Joe Dissette

5th Place Hart Beat 2 Jeff Titworth (Fleet Captain Hart's Boat)

Most Improved Motion Sensitive Gus Dey and crew Rachel and Jeff.

The Annual Bay City regatta was held the weekend of June 14-15, 2003. The weather was predicted as nice sailing weather. Saturday greeted us with the nicest day of the short summer, very sunny and mild but no wind. Wind was in the range of 3-6 knots. The race committee headed by Fred Eddy did a great job of getting off 3 races. After day one it was Jim Allen in first, John McCree in Second and Matt Princing in third. Sunday was a different day as the winds were punishing. The race committee and fleet made a decision based on winds, water temps and survival to cancel Sunday's races. The first day's results stood.

During the week of the Fourth of July, the Scars & Scrapes Memorial Can was resurrected. This is a fun night of racing which culminates with a crude trophy glued together by Matt Princing (hence the name) with a beer can glued on and a 12 pack of Bud Light (hence the memorial can part). These trophies are cherished by past champions Chris Jacobson and John McCree and fought after tremendously. This year four boats challenged for the right to call this coveted trophy their own. The results were as follows; 1st place Hart Beat, Jeff Titworth, 2nd Place Scars & Scrapes, Jennifer Princing, 3rd place Fast Idiots, Chris Jacobson and 4th place Motion Sensitive, Gus Dey.

Co-sponsoring of the Tawas Regatta has been a 4-year tradition. It makes sense since many of our fleet also are members of TBYC or sail out of their club. A traditional Tawas weekend, some compare Tawas to sailing's heaven, beautiful conditions in a breathtaking natural bay. Saturday blew like stink in the low 20's and a slight chop on the course. The TBYC race committee did a great job of running the 4 races on Saturday. After the day, Jim Allen was in the lead with 3 wins, followed by Matt Princing and Ryan Flack. Day two started without a whisper of wind only to fill in with a perfect 10 knots of breeze to get the last two races in. Jim continued to dominate, most agreed it was all Jane





Sleeper Powering in big winds.

and Judd, and Ryan Flack had a good day. Final results were Jim Allen 1st place, Ryan Flack 2nd, and Matt Prining 3rd.

To wind down the season in September the fleet held the annual Lightning/110 Challenge. 5 Lightning's and 2 110's competed including 110 National Champion, Tim Botimer, also a Lightning owner. Two races were sailed with Joe Disette and the Hilger boys coming out as Champions, 2nd went to another Lightning, Chris Jacobson and third to Fred Eddy in one of the double enders. This was a great day, not only because of the sailing, but the fleet welcomed home Fleet Captain Terry Hart (Now Commander Hart) from active duty in Spain. Unfortunately, or fortunately however you look at, the club was closed and the racers had to retire to Hooter's for post race activities.

2003 was a successful year for Fleet 216. We added a new member in Mike Scott and we had heard of 2 former fleet members returning for next year. Our plans are in motion for 2004 with many attainable goals, foremost to get Mike Sulfaro to prove to the rest of us that his boat really does float.

Well the familiar sound signifying the end of sailing just kicked



Tight Mark Rounding.

on (kerosene heater in "Men's Town"), it's not all bad, the heater keeps your hands warm while beer is gargled and we all huddle around boat telling lies...

Fleet 225, Henderson Harbor Sailing on Henderson Bay, Lake Ontario, Henderson Harbor, New York

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 14192 | Runaway | John Treatwell II |
| 14254 | Footloose II | Richard Grissinger |
| 14321 | Yo Bet I'm Chicken | Jack Jones |
| 14808 | | Thomas & John Hodberger |





Fleet 226, Biscayne Bay Sailing on Biscayne Bay, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida Florida District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10700 | Sam I Am | Stuart Anderson |
| 11171 | Folie A Trois | Sam September |
| 11702 | Glockenspiel | Dean Gosselin |
| 12050 | Cajon de Ginebra Chico | Larry Ames |
| 13592 | Lizzie | Federico Gallia |
| 13861 | Hi-Voltage | David Holland |
| 13983 | Rumrunner | Randy Clee |
| 14062 | Fast Dance | Onofre Torres |
| 14066 | Gladiator | Chris Ogden |
| 14374 | Free Beer Yesterday | Dmitriy Yakovenko |
| 14588 | Tijuana Taxi | Jon & Carol Stout Ewing |
| 14684 | | Charles Virgin |
| 14698 | Like A Monkey | Bill Johns |
| 14708 | Booby Trap | Jim Bigham |
| 14809 | Main Squeeze | Fay Regan |
| 14866 | Mach II | Eamonn deLisser |
| 14930 | Widespread Panic | Bill Mauk |
| 15143 | Who Do You Love | Stephen Horwitz |
| 15151 | Ant Farm | Dave & Davy Helmick |
| | | Frank Atkinson Jr |

Fleet Captain.....Steve Horwitz
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Hannau

They came by land, they came by air and they came by sea to sunny Miami to prepare for the 2003 Lightning Worlds. It started at the Orange Bowl Regatta 2003 at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thirty-one boats hailing from all over North and South America competed on beautiful Biscayne Bay. It was a great turnout as teams began their preparations for the Worlds. The weather was mild and the wind steady. And, of course, it was warm and sunny. The northerners particularly liked it. Valerie Holly from Montreal could not get over wearing sandals outside in December! First place was won by Tito Gonzalez, second place to Jody Swanson and third place to Cristobal Perez.

As a convenience for the visiting sailors, Fleet 226 introduced a boat storage program. This allowed competitors to leave their boats in South Florida until the Miami Midwinter Regatta and then the Worlds. Thanks to those members of the fleet who allowed these boats to be stored at their homes. Without their help this would not have been so successful. The storage program will be a part of our hospitality for the 2004 season.

The buildup for the Worlds was apparent at the Miami Midwinter Regatta at Coral Reef Yacht Club March, 11-12, 2003. We had 47 boats representing top sailors from all over the US, Chile, Venezuela, Argentina and Canada. Jeff Linton, Bill Healy and Tom Allen, Jr., finished first, second and third, respectively. The stage was set for the Worlds.

Three short weeks later we were back in Miami at Coral Reef Yacht Club and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club to sail the International Masters Championship and the World Championship. Bill Mauk and his committee from Fleet 226 and Fleet 502 organized an incredible event. The celebration opened under a magnificent sunset on the lawn of Biscayne Bay Yacht Club with competitors representing 11 nations presenting their flags. It was an

emotional and memorable event. We then moved into the task of actually running a regatta. Barr Batzer and Steve Hayden (and other characters), under the watchful eye of Carter Utzig, measured boats. Jack Elfman and a cast of 10s measured sails. The behind-the-scenes activities were even greater. Many thanks to everyone who lent a hand.

The Masters took to the water first under very windy conditions. It was hard work for the thirty-two teams who enjoyed the challenge and renewed old friendships. Fleet 226 was well represented by skippers Jon Ewing Steve Horwitz, Bill Mauk, Charlie Virgin and Fay Regan. Trophies were awarded to the top five boats. Jim Crane took top honors, Bill Mauk was second, Jack Elfman third, Colin Park fourth and "Florida" Fay Regan was fifth. In the tradition of the Lightning, almost a third of the teams were families. Way to go!

The wind diminished just in time for the Worlds, but this did not take away from the level of competition. Fleet 226 was represented by skippers Bill Mauk and Dave Helmick. We also had several crew step in for our visitors, Tammi Jamison, Stuart deLisser, Suzy Batzer, Barr Batzer, Carol Ewing, Michelle Sumpton, JP de Solar and Bill Johns. Nine races were sailed over 5 days and the winner was not determined until the final leg of the final race. Tito Gonzalez (Chile) edged out Steve Hayden (USA) by one point to win the Championship. Jim Crane (USA), the Masters Champion, was third, Larry McDonald (Canada) fourth and Bill Healy (USA) fifth. It was an exciting finish. Many thanks to Coral Reef Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and everyone who helped.

The next event was the Florida District Championship held in Ft. Myers on the Caloosahatchee River. Mark Bryant and the Edison Sailing Center organized a first class event. The hospitality was second to none. The race committee not only gave us great races, they gave us great meals, topped off with 17 lbs. of boiled fresh Gulf shrimp. The racing was close. The shifty breeze and ever present current made it more exciting. Jeff Linton took home the big hardware, Eamonn deLisser second and Colin Park was third. This was the first District Championship held in Ft. Myers and hopefully it will not be the last. Great job!

The next couple of months were spent recovering from the previous 6 months. The summer ended with three teams traveling to Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, CT, for the North American Championship. Dave, Davey and Paige Helmick and Eamonn, Heidi and Ariel deLisser sailed as family teams for the first time in a North American Championship. Steve Horwitz, Paco Calvet and Lynne Fitzpatrick rounded out the third team. They finished 2nd, 7th and 21st, respectively, in the President's Series.

It was then back to school for the kids and the start of the fall and winter series. The Coconut Grove Annual Regatta for the Chris Young Memorial Trophy starts us off on the right foot. It is the first regatta of our abbreviated Triple Crown district event this year. Jeff Linton took home another 1st place. (Where does he keep all the trophies?!)

We are now getting ready for the next year and the Orange Bowl Regatta. Our new fleet captain, Dmitriy Yakovenko, secretary Bob Hannau and treasurer David Kurtz are getting us started on the right track. We are saddened by the loss of long-time Lightning sailor Steve Witherspoon, who began sailing with us in 1976. He will be missed. Welcome to new skippers Bill Johns and Steve Corsano. We look forward to great competition from them in the coming year.

Best wishes to all for another great year. We look forward to everyone visiting us from the North, and South!.

