



Fleet 227, Bomoseen Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Bomoseen, Vermont New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15056		Raymond Harrington Raymond Harrington Jr

Fleet Captain.....Ray Harrington
Fleet Secretary.....Toni Harrington

Fleet 228, Riverton Yacht Club Sailing on the Delaware River, Riverton, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11519	Smidge	Maury Benbow
12480	Chees Whiz	Bruce Nicholson
13740		Michael McCourt
14214		Bruce Nicholson
14634	Options	Caroline & Bob Hoedemaker
14699	Toodle-OO	Allan Crew
14739		Paul Van Cleve
14765		Bruce Fall
14771		John Haiges
14840		Mark Schneider
14890	Ultimate Pressure	Peter R Denton
14942	Primal Scream	Richard Moyer
15024		Hugh J Hutchison
15050		Hugh J Hutchison

Fleet Captain.....Mark Schneider
(mark@albioneng.com)
Fleet Secretary.....Michael McCourt
(mmccourt1@comcast.net)
Fleet Champion.....Hugh Hutchison

Hugh Hutchison won the 27 race fleet championship. He was hot, beating Maury Benbow and Allan Crew by a small margin but he was always there. We all blame that on the fact that he sailed the entire Southern Circuit and learned too much from the pros. A bit on Hugh, he has always makes sailing enjoyable. I don't think I know any of his crew or anyone who has ever competed against Hugh to not enjoy his participation and encouragement. I don't think I have ever seen Hugh get worked up with anything. But this year he was fast and sailed well. Nice job.

27 races despite the cold and wet spring and early summer says alot. It speaks well for a fleet and their desire to sail. We

gained one new member, Paul Van Cleve; he came to enjoy the river and sail with his kids. Even with a green crew, Paul is not one to ignore on the race course especially since he picked up Jack Elfman's old Lightning. He can make the boat move.

Conspicuously absent this year, Bob and Caroline Hoedemaker, and John and Lisa Haiges were busy with newborn crew.

The fleet is fun to sail in, everyone enjoys the competition and helps each other improve, we all two races almost every Wednesday evening and traveled to quite a few regattas. Check out our website for more details. <http://www.geocities.com/fleet228/index.html>.



Champion
Hugh Hutchison.

Fleet 229, Chinook Sailing on the Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6061	Caledonia	Wally Jones
9819	Astray	David McCoy
14993	Patricia Ann	Hans Russell

Fleet Captain.....Wally Jones

Fleet 250, Sempacher/Hallwiler/Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwil, Luzern and Greifen near Zurich, Switzerland Switzerland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10463	You Never Know	Hubert Stocker
10467	Csardas	Heinrich Leimgrubler
12306	White Star	Jakob Blickensdorfer
13072		Segelklub Meggen
13091		Sailing Club of Greifensee
13099	Domi-Nike	Christoph Luthy
13705	Cezanne	Francois With

Fleet Captain.....Christoph Luthy





Fleet 251, Yacht Club of Athens Sailing on Phaleron Bay, Piraeus, Greece Greece District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13402		Sotiris Stoubos
13968	Renata	Simiris Stathopoulos
14197	Maranna	George Leonidas
14361		Angelos Vassilas

Fleet 252, Keuka Lake Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7312		Robert C Wardwell
12711		Peter & Mary Beth Gamba
12885		Peter Maier & John Brown
13816		Bob Costigan
14368		KYC Junior Sailing
14416		Michael Kalinich
14431	The Other Woman	Paul Schnipelsky
	Electric Lady	Leon Fontier

Fleet Captain.....Paul Schnipelsky
Fleet Vice Captain.....Peter Maier
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Robin Crist
Fleet Champion.....Leon Fontier

The highlight of the 2003 sailing season for Keuka Fleet 252 was "The 35th Champagne Regatta". Fifteen boats attended and everyone had a good time. The wind was great, the scenery was superb, the competition was keen and the party was excellent. Bob Wardwell from Watertown took first place and Leon Fontier took the prize for the best Keuka finisher.

Club racing started Memorial Day with some very close matchracing between Leon Fontier and Paul Schnipelsky. Unfortunately, Paul's mast broke during the Champagne Regatta which kept him crewing on other sailboats most of the season. While the rest of the Keuka Fleet Lightnings continued to sail just for the fun of it, Leon Fontier represented our fleet in almost every regatta in Central New York.

Paul had a brand new mast by Labor Day weekend, so Leon and Paul battled it out again with Leon taking the first prize for the weekend and the season.

Fleet 252 would like to thank all those who helped throughout the year with special thanks to Ron Beyer for heading the RC for the Champagne Regatta and to Brent Gillette, Bob Wilder and Adam Welch for running the RC every weekend.

Come join us next year and plan to attend our 36th Champagne Regatta to be held in June.

Fleet 253, Susquehanna Yacht Club Sailing on the Susquehanna River, Long Level, Pennsylvania

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
		Carol Park
9897	Jansella	Steven Tiley
9904	Fort Knox	Craig & Becky Cassel
11137	Temerity	Pete Pundt
11329		Courtland Dunn
11582	Crescendo	Walt Poyck
11596		Joseph Deerin
12081	Swill Dog	Brian Schooling
12470		Michael Wertz
13218	Seak Attack	Kenneth Kazdin
13813	Double Whammy	Frederick Busch
14074		Richard Doherty
14156	Starthrower	Charles Noble
14204	Ma Jolie	Neil Clark
14365	Strikes Twice	Thomas Dester & Anita Blackaby
14525	Spiffire	John Bates
14777		Joseph Deerin
14902	Miss Conduct	Bill Remorenko
14927		Kevin MacNeil
15118	Yellow Boat	Starling Mikell

Fleet Captain.....John Bates
Fleet Secretary.....Pete Pundt
Fleet Champion.....Carol Park

Carol does it again! In a close race with Kevin MacNeil, Carol Park again captures the Frey Trophy for the best sailor on the upper Susquehanna. We all should have seen it coming when she placed second in the Woman's North American Championship.

The Fleet grew by one boat this year, after several years of phenomenal growth, we had a chance to pause and work on the quality of our Fleet. While the growth in number was small, there was a significant growth in the percentage of newer boats, making competition much more intense. Enthusiasm was as high as ever also, with 11-12 boats on the starting line for the Summer Series. The Fall Series was a different matter with five race dates cancelled because of the lack of wind and one hurricane. Average winds for those six race dates was 14 mph (do the math).

During the Summer Series we took time for two important events. In July, we took 7 boats to Havre de Grace, Maryland to take on Northern Chesapeake Fleet 192 in renewing a King of the River rivalry that goes back to the 70's. We raced in a Team Racing format and proved to ourselves that we needed more practice in the prevailing heavier winds found there. Next year it will be different, as we'll be the light winds on our stretch of the river.

The Sweet Corn Regatta was moved back a week in an attempt to find more wind and to avoid any conflicts with other Club functions. The wind gods smiled on us for Saturday, but again deserted us on Sunday. Nonetheless, the excellent competition, a Saturday night filled with music, food, beer and company of rare quality made this year's regatta a memorable occasion.

We also saw a significant increase in the Fleet's participation in away regattas, with teams competing at Solomons, Doc Gilbert, Annapolis, Havre de Grace (twice) and the PA Governor's Cup at Lake Wallenpaupak.

Next year? Who knows...new sails(?), new boats(?). Can Carol threepeat? Stay tuned!

Frey Trophy Standings

1. Carol Park
2. Kevin MacNeil
3. Tom Dexter
4. Pete Pundt
5. Charlie Noble
6. John Bates





Fleet 254, Burt Lake Sailing on Burt Lake, Cheboygan, Michigan Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14023	Spirit	Jeffrey Leland
14505		Stuart Cheney
14770		Clark Swayze

Fleet Commodore.....	Ted Smith
Vice-Commodore.....	Mary Street
Fleet Treasurer.....	Ann Swayze
Fleet Champion.....	Guy Cheney
Fleet Runner-Up.....	Clark Swayze

Those of us who sail on Burt Lake are wondering whatever happened to those beautiful summer days--the ones with warm sun and gentle breezes! The summer of 2003 was not one of the ones we want to remember. Instead of the gentle breezes we either raced (survived) in over 20 knots or floated and bobbed in under 5.

The real story of last summer on Burt Lake, however, was Guy Cheney in Lightning #14505. Guy had his boat and crew in top-notch racing form--they entered all except one of our season races and took first place every time out. Guy gave us all a lesson in how to make a Lightning go like lightning! Last year's fleet champion, Clark Swayze in #147077, saw a lot of the Cheney transom, and finished second overall this year. Third place was taken by Sally Fraser in #12890.

The annual 4th of July Daggerboard race was just more of the same. Same 20 knot + wind; same regatta champion! Guy Cheney took the honors, this time on a Sunfish. He was followed closely by Jim Anderson and Jess Miller.

All we want for Christmas is 8 to 10 knots of wind in 2004!

Fleet 257, Clarks Hill Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake, Augusta, George Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9468	Hot Flash	Nancy Klemann Sproul
10810	Junior Boat	Sharon Harkrider
12489		Robert E. Harkrider Jr
13190	Intrepid	Gilbert Klemann
14127	No Excuses	Richard Mayne
14532	BooNooNooNoo	Robert E. Harkrider Jr

Fleet Captain.....	Robert E. Harkrider Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....	Richard E. Mayne

The Clark's Hill Fleet had minimum of Fleet activity this year only hosting the ASC Annual Lightning Invitational on September 13, 14. This is a Southeastern District circuit regatta, but drew only twelve steady crews. It was a beautiful fall day with light wind. All who attended had a great time Friday night at the traditional Harkrider cook out. After a short wait for the wind to settle in, we had one light air races on Saturday, and a long race on Sunday. Peter Marriott of Lake Norman Fleet took first, followed by ASC fleet member Bob Harkrider. Lenny Krawchedk of Charleston was third, Bill Sloger fourth, and John Pelosi of NC fifth.

Bob Harkrider, our annual delegation to the NA's didn't make it this year.

Fleet 262, Harbor Island Yacht Club Sailing on Old Hickory Lake, Nashville, Tennessee Mississippi Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9211	The Circle of Life	Chandler Owen
9948		Chandler Owen
10621		Chandler Owen
11333		Gary Markham
11480	Doc Gilbert Express	Bill Killebrew
11600		Chandler Owen
11737		Chandler Owen
12511		Todd Anderson
13370	The 7th Habit	Leif Asgrinson
14116		Cully Ward
14226		Scott Howard
14533		Robert & Jan Mattis
14571	Wildest IV	Robert & Cris Hempel
14645		Robert Cotton
14680		Bill Killebrew
14706		William Hofmeister
14969	Gus the Fish	Chandler Owen
15010		David Young
15011		John Hess
15078		Bruce Richards
15100	Pandamonium	Bradford Currie
		Chance

Fleet Captain.....	David Young
Fleet Treasurer.....	Rob Hempel

Lightning Fleet 262 had great year of racing success in 2003 and experienced an increase in the active fleet for the first time in several years. Two new skippers joined the fleet with this year with a plan to add at least two more in 2004!

The local racing scene has two club regattas to bookend the sailing season. Bill Killebrew won the spring Tennesseean regatta with William Hofmeister taking the fall McDougal. HIYC also hosted the Mississippi Valley District Championships this year.



For the first time in this most recent trophy's engraving history (~10 yrs), the champion came from our ranks instead of the Lake Carlyle fleet. Congratulations to William Hofmeister on this great victory!

Harbor Island hosts the fall tradition known as the Bluenose the first weekend of every November. A strong fleet of 38 showed up for this year's version and was treated to a spectacular weekend of 80 degree temperatures...with no wind! Saturday was spent on the shore with a late afternoon attempt at a race abandoned. Sunday morning we were able to start a single race to declare a winner in light and variable conditions. Sean Fidler prevailed in the event with HIYC providing two finishers in the top 5, Bruce Richards in third and Mandy Hofmeister in fifth. The guarantee of "lots of wind in 2004" was made at the awards presentation, so come on out to Nashville for top-notch competition and a great time!

David Young.

Fleet 262 web site: <http://hiyc.org/lightning.html>.



No wind blew at this year's Bluenose.

Fleet 266, Carlyle Sailing Association Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Illinois Mississippi Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
3376		Gerry Paoli
8144		John Huhn
11044	Chaos	Don Richards
12029	Frances	Jerry Valli
13870	Pamperito	Mark Paoli
13992	Misty Lee	Steven Bailey
14009	Blue Tornado	Maxime Schillebeeckx
14089	Warlock	Linus Portman
14260		Paul Allen
14324	Clairvoyant	Arthur Merdian
14614		John Folwell
14636	Snakewake	Benjamin Williams
14766	Top Flash	David Jones
14798	Organized Chaos	Tobi & Dan Moriarty
14834	Yeti	Terry Burke
14901	Belgacom	Rick Bernstein
		Matt Burrige
		Marc Schillebeeckx

Fleet Captain.....Terry Burke
Fleet Secretary.....John Folwell
Fleet Champion.....Dan Moriarty
Fleet Runner-Up.....John Folwell

Fleet 266 sails at the Carlyle Sailing Association harbor located in Hazlet State Park on Lake Carlyle, a 26,000 acre lake in central Illinois about 50 miles east of St. Louis, MO. The association's season runs six months from the first weekend in May to the last weekend in October. Fleet 266 hit the water running with the 11th annual Mid-Continent Regatta held on the first weekend in May. In this year's regatta we were able to run four races in light but steady air on Saturday but no races on Sunday because of thunder storms. The home fleet's Rick Bernstein won in convincing fashion followed by Terry Burke, Doug Nickel and Mark Polzin.

Carlyle Sailing Association scheduled 50 club races on 24 Sundays in 2003. The other two weekends are devoted to association sponsored regattas: the Leukemia Cup on Memorial Day weekend and the Whale of a Sail held the second weekend in September. We actually sailed 36 races divided up into three short series: Spring (7 races), Summer (8 races) and Fall (6 races) and one season long series: Championship (15 races). The Spring series was won by Terry Burke with Arthur Merdian second. The Summer series was won by Tobi Moriarty with John Folwell second. The Fall series was won by Tobi Moriarty with Mark Paoli second. The Championship series was won by Dan Moriarty with John Folwell second.

Fleet 266 sailors competed at all levels of Lightning competition. Rick Bernstein and Ben Williams sailed in the southern circuit. In the Lightning Worlds Rick Bernstein crewed for George Fisher in the number six boat and Matt Burrige with John Huhn and Doug Nickel sailed to a 23rd. Dan Moriarty (2), Arthur Merdian (3), Terry Burke (5), Marc Schillebeeckx (8) and Ben Williams (11) sailed in the Mississippi Valley Districts.

Arthur Merdian and Marc Schillebeeckx competed in the North American Championships. Matt Burrige with Dan and Tobi Moriarty sailed to a second in the Red Flannels regatta in Chicago. Marc Schillebeeckx and Terry Burke also sailed in the Red Flannels.

Come sail with us at the Mid-Continent Regatta on the first weekend in May. It's a good chance to blow the cobwebs out of your rigging and out of your head before your regular season starts. Check out Carlyle Sailing Association's world class sailing facility at the club web site: <http://www.csa-sailing.org> and the regatta notice at the Fleet 266 web page:

<http://www.csa-sailing.org/fleets/lightning/lightning.html>.

In Memoriam: Augie Paoli

I have the unhappy task of reporting the passing of Augie Paoli on Monday, November 3, 2003. Augie was charter member and first fleet champion of Lightning Fleet 266 in 1955. He was one of the founders of both Valley Sailing Association in 1957 and Carlyle Sailing Association in 1971. "Augie's Doggie" was the boat to beat for three generations of Midwest Lightning sailors. Always a gentleman on or off the course, always available when things needed to be done, Augie's presence will be missed. - John Folwell.





Fleet 270, Indianapolis Sailing Club Sailing on Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Indiana Indiana District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8679	Weirdly Manor	Andrew Harmon
9050		John B Leath
12296	Sochaint	Peter & Moira McGinity
12392		Dan Ramsey
12896		Norman Cubellis
12963	Navigo	Mark Cudworth
13279		Andrew Cook
13657		Michael Franceschini & Anne Foster
13954	L'éclair Rouge	John B Leath
14349	Make It So	Samuel Fineberg
14359	Sundance II	Joseph Lassaux
14537	WIN-SOME	Walter Tinsley & Paul Vos
14610		Kenneth D Woods
15097		Carl Simmons

Fleet Captain.....Paul Vos
Fleet Secretary.....Michelle Lassaux
Fleet Champion.....Joe Lassaux



2003 Fleet Champion Joe Lassaux receiving trophy from Pete McGinity.

Our Fleet enjoyed an active season in 2003. Our membership held constant with 19 members and 14 active boats. Our season begins in mid April and completes in late October. A total of 51 races was held with 11 boats participating and an average starting number of 3.9. These numbers are down slightly from



Racing on Geist Reservoir. Foreground Norm Cubellis #12896 heading up left side.

Upwind left to right:

Jow Lassaux, Pete McGinity, Paul Vos.

the 2002 season when 54 races were held with 11 different boats on the line and the average starting 4.4. In order to encourage participation, our Fleet requires that each boat must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled races to qualify for season awards. In 2003, 5 boats qualified compared with 4 in both '02 and '01.

Even with more qualifiers, no one was able to catch our perennial Fleet Champion, Joe Lassaux, although his margin of victory was less. Congratulations Joe!

Several of our more active sailors racers traveled to away regattas this year; which hopefully strengthened their skills. Ken Woods and Mike Franceschini traveled to the Red Flannel Regatta in Chicago and the McGinity's and Franceschini traveled to the Hoosier Regatta at Lake Wawasee. We are making a concerted effort to increase the number of travelers in 2004.

The Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open regatta was held for the 41st time on the first weekend in May. We had wonderful wind conditions but alas only 7 boats, our lowest total ever. This may be partly due to additional regional regattas added to this same weekend. A stronger and broader marketing effort is planned for 2004 when our dates for the Open are May 1st & 2nd.





Fleet 273, Massabesic Yacht Club
Sailing on Massabesic Lake, Manchester, New
Hampshire
New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter Colantuono
11885	Annie Oakley	Marcel & Nick Mercier
12455	Banana Split	John K Webb
13828	Quick Silver	Maurice L'Heureux Jr
14180		Joseph Celia
14396		Kenneth Deyett
14442	Amarcord	William Berry
14895	Bloody	Joe Ray

Fleet 274, Delta Sailing Association
Sailing on beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir, Hernando,
Mississippi
Mississippi Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11386		Ralph Leon
11496		Tim Ryan
11999	Voodoo Child	William Baxter III
12397		H.C. Dunathan
12505	Between Silence & Light	Batton Kennon
13258	Wet Paint	Herbert Cochrane
14357		William Baxter Jr
13966	Dutch Touch	Frank Bermel
14000		William Baxter III
14149		Max Shelton
14230		J. Marc Cunningham
14270	Sho Boat	Roy W Robbins
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn Jones
14357		William Baxter Jr
14666	Rebel Devel	Crit Currie & Crit Currie Jr
14969	Dirty Blonde	Batton Kennon
15128		Max Shelton

Fleet 277, Clearwater Bay
Sailing on Lake of the Woods, Clearwater Bay,
Ontario, Canada
Central Canada District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11711	U-Bet	Gus Campbell
14451	Bluenose IV	Malcolm Crooks
14516	Flying Toaster	Steve Wells
14612		Charlie Burns
14878		Mike Couture

Fleet 279, Temple Reef Sailing Reef
Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Thunder Bay,
Ontario, Canada
Central Canada District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7270		James Colquhoun
11009	Zarboana Too	Chris Bailey
12755		Richard Walsh
12826	Puff Daddy	Russell Gordon
13115	Natural Gas	Bob Maki
13267	Blue Max	William Evans
13587	Virago	Brian Cox
13591	The Bonbo	Bob Walsh
14013	TBA	Jim Cameron
14499	Honk on Bobo	Richard Walsh
14612	Play Pen	Ross Bailey

Fleet Captain.....Ross Bailey
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....

Loon Lake Regatta would have to be our high point for 2003 with ten Lightnings hitting the line. Registration, awards and lunches were hosted by Bob and Melinda Maki and a great BBQ hosted by all the Walshes at their gorgeous log cottage let us savour the day. Richard Walsh was a blaze of speed and showed us all how to sail in shifty tricky conditions to win the first half of the Districts.

Several Lightnings showed up for the Sandstone Lake regatta with Bev and Wayne Mills, and Cathy and Terry Haig taking care of us all. This is an open regatta with everything from Hobies to Windsurfers out on the water in a strictly for fun racing format. The only rule for the regatta is that Wayne Mills will win, but that didn't diminish Mitchell Sandberg's revel at beating Ross Bailey not once, but every race they sailed. The duelling guitars of Terry Haig and son were unbelievable and kept us all singing 'til dawn.

The race from Thunder Bay to Amethyst Harbour started with perfect close reach conditions and a choice of flying the spinnaker or staying with the jib. The water was flat, the sun warm, and the sailing fantastic. Getting towards Mary's island, things went light and a titful breeze filled in with slop, to make us work. Ross Bailey, taking his crew's advice went very wide of Temple Reef and saw a two mile lead disappear as Richard Walsh flew in on a puff, cut between the reef and the buoy and swept into the lead. A great jibing duel for the last couple of miles thrilled the spectators, as Ross was able to claw back and win by two feet after 20 miles. Corn-on-the-cob and bar-b-ques at Ross and Nancy Bailey's new place on Lambert Island fuelled us up for the Sunday race around Caribou Island with Dave Maher in a Hobie 14 Turbo cleaning us all for the Crystal Trophy.

Tracy and Steve Wells promise the most fun that anyone could possibly hope for in the Dryden Regatta at the end of September and boy, do they deliver! Live band, great food, wonderful location, and extremely exciting racing. Impossible to beat. This being the second half of the Districts, everyone was gunning for Richard Walsh, and indeed, at the last windward mark of the last scheduled race, Ross Bailey was a quarter point in the lead. But, with a great gibe set, Richard marched over Ross and held him off until the finish to win the regatta and the Districts. Well Done!

Our Thursday nights series continues to be great fun with everyone sharing the lead. Brian Cox is getting better and better and with talk of a new boat in the works, the rest of us are working at sharpening up our skills. Our young sailors are also getting better and things look bright for 2004.





Fleet 280, Chequesset Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Massachusetts New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9714	Winds Will	Eric H & Robert Cutting
11249	Muma Works	Christine Jones Sorensen
11379		W. Stuart Nickerson
11751	Scruples	Albert Preston Moore
14310	Cutting Wind	Eric H & Robert Cutting

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Christine Sorensen

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8163	Jetty Bean Too	Robert Farrand Jr
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
9690	Cathouse	John Day
10541		Paul Webster
10643	Speculation	William Timothy Flam
10731	Forward	Gary Kolestis
11151	Saxy	Darrell Peck
11879		Kevin Stravers
12426	Floppy	Edward Bourguignon
12879	Vanishing Point	Gordon K Zenk
12990	Quicksilver	Darrell Peck
13476	Minnow	David Smith
13788	Whelp A	Gerald Neuburger
13896	Foam Heads	Roger Artigues
13949	Frenzy	Randy Anderson
13961	Sly	Terry Busby
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14079	Hippo Thunder	Douglas Hickman
14288	Humahumanukunukupua'a	Philip F & Philip P Parsley
14841	Hair of the Dog	John DeBenedetti

Fleet Captain.....John DeBenedetti
Fleet Champion.....Darrell Peck
Fleet Runner-Up.....John DeBenedetti

Sailing on Vancouver Lake, in 2003 the fleet gained two new members. Jerry Martin brought #13837 back into the fleet, and Fred Fisher added #8961, which has never been here before. Welcome. The fleet saw increased numbers in racing at the start of the year when our sailing waters are high, then lesser later when waters are low. We had our district championships here at VLSC; won by Darrell Peck quite nicely.

Earlier in the year John went to the California circuit in San Diego - had a great time, as usual.

The fleet also won the Portland area inter-club team races, beating three other clubs, at VLSC.

Our fleet champion is Darrell Peck; and runner up is John DeBenedetti.

Fleet 286, Parthenon Sailing on Phaleron Bay, Yacht Club of Greece, Piraeus, Greece Greece District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7569		Andrew Sinopoulos
11459		George Andreadis
14197		Alexandros Dimou
14262		George Andreadis
14264		George Andreadis
14544		Mihalis Koulanos
15077	Tzini II	Alexandros Dimou
15144	Crinis IX	George Andreadis

Fleet Captain.....George Andreadis
Fleet Secretary.....Andrew Sinopoulos

Fleet 301, Lake Champlain Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain, Colchester, Vermont New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10440	Top	Allen H Baker
11623	Kindred Spirit	Thomas J Papp
11754	Rite of Passage	Kathy Manning
13156	Blue Storm	David N Little
14050	Huh??	Bretton Gardner
14056	Fast and Furious	Erik & Karl Johnson
14119		Chad & Tanya Miller
14131	Mission from God	James Unsworth
14146	Think Heavy	Jon & Nick Aswad
14297	Zoom	Edward J Ziemer
14438	Espresso	Peter Tourin
14446	Apple	Kurt Kling
14480	Ciao	Richard & Bill Fastiggi
14520	Hare Brained Idea	Todd Cox
14584		Peter Hazelett
14640	Wild Goose	Donald C Brush Jr
14644	Creature of Habit	Michael L Huffman
14876	Southern Cross	Janice Lange
14905		David P Gorman
14955	What About Bob?	Robert Smith
14958	Scallywag	Bill Dutcher
14972	Irish Cricket	Patrick Zachary & Kika Bronger
15058		Paul Gutwin
15060	Sniff the Marker	Heather & Tim Ambrose

Fleet Captain.....Patrick Zachary
Fleet Secretary.....Heather Rowe
Fleet Treasurer.....Janice Lange
Fleet Champion.....Patrick Zachary
Fleet Runner-Up.....Kurt Kling

Fleet 301 in Malletts Bay, Vermont had a busy summer hosting three regattas, one of which was the Atlantic Coast Championships. However, the highlight of the season was the tremendous success of our junior sailors. Four new junior skippers and crews participated in most local fleet races as well as traveled away to regattas such as the New England Districts and the North American Championships. All four junior boats sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championships which was for the most part,



their first large regatta with 52 boats on the line. The success of our junior sailors can be attributed to the three junior lightning clinics we hosted this summer. Local sailors Don Brush, Bill Fastiggi and Kurt Kling organized the clinics which attracted junior sailors from several local junior sailing programs throughout the area.

Although, our junior program was and will continue to be a success, Fleet 301 had many other accomplishments as well starting in June with the annual Fleet 301 Spring Regatta. Sixteen boats participated in the six races which were all sailed on Saturday. Sunday was a blow-out with winds over 25 knots and an air temperature of 45 degrees. Fleet 301 had three finishers in the top five with Bill Fastiggi in 2nd, Heather Ambrose in 4th and Patrick Zachary in 5th. Al Boucher was first and Jamie Allan was third, both of whom are from Canada.

Eleven Fleet 301 boats then traveled down to Newburyport, MA for the New England District Championships/Brian Hughes Regatta. Fleet 301 sailor Don Brush sailing with daughter Kate Brush and Lea Anne Smith won the regatta in very difficult shifty conditions. Bill Fastiggi and crew were second, Ray Harrington was 3rd and Bretton Gardner rounded out the top five in fifth place. Junior Sailors James Unsworth and Chad Miller who were 1st and 2nd at the Junior Districts had respective finishes in the District Regatta. However, the highlight of the weekend was the great cocktail party and dinner hosted by the American Yacht club topped off by a free Bruce Cockburn concert on the green in Newburyport.

Fleet 301 then traveled back to Malletts Bay where we had tremendous success hosting the Atlantic Coast Championships with great food, race committee and an awesome Pig Roast. Furthermore, a record of 18 local boats competed in the event, including interim Fleet 301 member Bill Mauk who is currently residing in Vermont. This was a tremendous organizational feat since most of the people organizing the regatta were also sailing in it. The fleet could not have done it without the generous help of numerous volunteers. The on-water beer boat after racing on Saturday was a huge success since the sail back to the club was about 45 minutes. As was mentioned earlier, Fleet 301 junior sailors, debuting in their first large regatta of over 50 plus boats had very respectable finishes. Allan Terhune and crew from Annapolis won the event with local favorite Bill Fastiggi placing 3rd. Bretton Gardner and team had a very respectable finish in 15th.

Three Fleet 301 junior boats then headed down to Niantic, CT for the Junior North American Championships. All three boats had great finishes in their first North American Championships as skippers and then two out of the three boats moved on to Westport, CT to compete in their first Lightning North American Championship. Both Peter Hazelett and Chad Miller sailed in the Presidents fleet but will be surely sailing in the Championship fleet shortly. Local Fleet 301 junior sailor, Kate Brush, crewed for Meghan Ruhlman in the Junior NAs where they finished fourth.

Four additional Fleet 301 skippers and crews met the juniors in Westport for the 2003 NAs. Bill Fastiggi, David Gorman, Bretton Gardner and Don Brush all sailed in the Championship fleet. Although it was tough sailing conditions on Long Island sound for Fleet 301, all crews had a great time and enjoyed the well-run event.

Last but not least, Fleet 301 hosted the annual Leaf Peeper regatta in mid October. The weather was ideal for sailing with five races sailed on Saturday and two races sailed on Sunday under sunny skies and fair (albeit feisty) winds. The foliage was at its peak and the air temperature was in the high 60's. Although attendance was slightly down this year, everyone seemed to have a great time both on the water and especially off the water. Al Boucher and crew finished first, Don Brush was second and Jamie Allen was third. Fleet 301 may be biased, but this is truly a great regatta and we will be recruiting many more boats to participate in the 2004 Leaf Peeper.

When Fleet 301 wasn't traveling to various regattas this summer, we stayed at home and sailed several one-design races with the local J-24 fleet. Patrick Zachary and crew won the overall fleet trophy for the season with Kurt Kling and crew coming in second and Heather Ambrose and

crew in third.

Fleet 301 is and will continue to be a growing fleet through the dedication of all fleet members. We will continue to host at least three regattas per season, one of which is a larger regatta such as a District Championship or the Atlantic Coast Championships. We could not host these regattas if we didn't have a strong commitment of volunteers from both the Fleet and the Malletts Bay Boat Club. We would like to publicly thank Mark Gardner for his dedication to the fleet. Mark ran all the one-design races for the fleet this summer as well as the Atlantic Coast Championships and the Leaf Peeper. Mark is truly an asset to Fleet 301. Additionally, several fleet members are dedicated to the development of our junior sailors, whether it be crewing or skippering, so that they have the necessary skills to succeed in the Lightning. Junior sailors are both the future of Fleet 301 and of the Lightning class. We all need to make an effort to get junior sailors hooked on Lightnings for Life!





Fleet 303, Cowan Lake Sailing Association Sailing on Cowan Lake, near Cincinnati, Ohio Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
96		John Hayes
10687		Tom Ward
11368		Rich Niemeyer
11777		Jim Young
13263		Chris Mercer
13807		Michael Meredith
14020		Robert Frantz
14110		Dick Pugh
14216		Ken Irwin
14287		Steve Weeber
14851		Dennis Rhoades
14867		Michael Kemp
14875		Bryan Riddiford
14925		Michael Brock
15172		James Taylor
15179		David Armstrong

Fleet Captain.....Ann Brock
Fleet Champion.....Ken Irwin

2003 was a light year for club racing at Cowan as the many of the fleet traveled the Ohio circuit. Most importantly we have added three new Lightning members with the addition of Dennis and Kathy Rhoades (#14851), David and Linda Armstrong (#15179) and Bryan and Terri Riddiford (#14875). Ken Irwin who is always a formidable club racer, won our club championship.

Major Regattas

Representing Cowan, James Taylor did a few of the major championships. Starting out at the '03 St. Pete Mid-Winter Championship, Jim placed 25th with his brand new Allen (#15172). A few weeks after that Jim went to the Worlds in Miami. Starting with the Masters, Jim teamed up with his uncle and crewed for his Dad. Jim followed the Masters with a 29th placed finish in the World Championship.

In June Mike Brock and Jim Taylor took their boats to Buffalo for the Canadian Open Championship. Both sailed well with Jim finishing 9th and Mike 18th in a very competitive fleet.

The Ohio Districts were sailed at Indian Lake in June. Cowan had a good showing with Dick Pugh (4th), Jim Taylor (5th), Steve Weeber (10th) and Mike Brock (11th).

In November, Dick Pugh and Steve Weeber both headed to Bluenose for their last regatta.

Fall-In Regatta

Cowan hosted its 30th Fall-In regatta which was the district's second most attended regatta other than Pymatuning's Spring

Classic. This year 16 boats sailed in very shifty 5-15 conditions on Saturday. One race was sailed Sunday in a classic small lake drifter. Cowan was proud to put nine of its own boats on the

line. Some additions included Jeff Pugh (son of Dick Pugh), who came back from NJ to skipper Jim Young's "Sweet Pea" boat. Two of the club's new members (Rhoades and Armstrong) also got some good regatta experience.

In the end it was Jim Taylor winning the regatta with a bullet in the last race. Just like the '02 Fall-In, Dick Pugh with steady regatta crew Jeff and Susan Ross placed 3rd again. Other places include Bill Young (4th), Steve Weeber (5th), Mike Brock (7th), Jeff Pugh (11th), Mike Kemp (12th), Ken Irwin (14th), Dennis Rhoades (15th) and Dave Armstrong (16th).

Mallory Championship

This year James Taylor teamed up with Mike Brock and Steve Weeber to qualify for the U.S. Sailings Men's Championship in Highlanders. This team of skippers spent many weekends at the club practicing in Highlanders versus competing against each other in Lightnings. The Taylor team won the qualifiers to represent Area E in the finals at Lake Norman. Prior to heading to the finals, Steve Weeber separated his shoulder while taking his boat out of the water at Pontiac's WhiteCap regatta. This put Steve out of commission and the team looking to find another Area E crew. The team stayed with the Lightning skipper theme and found Eric Brandt from Leatherlips who quickly signed up and headed to North Carolina. In the finals the team finished 7th overall in some very tough competition.

Fleet Membership

Our membership is up this year and we're starting to see the newer members out club racing. To encourage more of this we hosted a one-day training event for the newer members. This turned out to be a great event. It started out with the more experienced members going through the Lightning training video and an old district championship video narrated by Greg Fisher. After the video we turned one boat and walked through gybing techniques. This was followed by an hour of on the water practice with one of the more experienced skippers on each boat. We came in for lunch then went back out in a steady breeze to practice spinnaker sets, some gibing, take downs and roll tacks. All in all the new members felt it was a success and we plan to repeat this event next year. Special thanks go to Jim Taylor, Mike Brock, Steve Weeber, Ken Irwin and Mike Kemp for their time.





Fleet 314, Sassafras River Sailing on the Sassafras River, Maryland Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9391	Sneaker	Leslie Moorhouse
12381	Great Pumpkin	Robert B Horne
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred B Mast
12964		John D Farquhar
13926		Jim Hopkins
14218	Etc.	Howard S Edson
14265	Tenacious	Ted Ganley
14648	Sassy Canary	F. Thomas Hopkins
14651	Master Blaster	Alfred B Mast
15023	Star O'Dust	Robert B Horne
		David J Horne

Fleet Captain.....Jim Hopkins
Fleet Secretary.....Dave Horne
Fleet Champion.....Jim Hopkins

We followed our same format as in the past few years by splitting the season into four series of four races each. Each series winner is awarded one of the Fleet's perpetual Trophies. This season saw five boats most weekends with a maximum of seven on a couple of occasions.

In an effort to sail one of our two-annual Bay Races in better air, we scheduled the Summer Bay race for the first weekend of the season instead of its usual mid-July slot. As the Wind Gods would have it, the wind died on the way back in from the Bay. One-by-one, competitors dropped out of the race in order to paddle and/or receive tows back to the beach. Undeterred, Dave Horne (keeping close tabs on the time limit) sailed across the finish line while hiking out under full spinnaker to take first (and only) place. A less-than-fulfilling win, but the trophy looks great on my shelf!

The first series was as close as it gets with Bob Horne winning both races on the first weekend and Tom Hopkins winning the second two races. After finishing tied in points, Bob edged Tom for the Walbert Cup based on the tie-breaker. Jim Hopkins sailed consistently to take third place.

The second series was a blowout as Al Mast won all four races for the Boss Neff Cup. Jim Hopkins placed second in three of the four races for a second place finish and Tom Hopkins followed up with third place for the series.

The Skippers Cup was awarded to Jim Hopkins for his win in the third series (two firsts), closely followed by Ted Ganley (three seconds) and Bob Horne.

The last series of the season was shortened to two races due to lack of good air. Tom Hopkins won the Commodore's Trophy, with Bob Horne finishing second and John (Bullet) Farquhar in third.

The Fall Bay Race was sailed in medium/heavy/medium/light/heavy/medium air on a beautiful September day. Al Mast walked away with a first place finish, followed by Bob Horne in second and Tom Hopkins in third.

The James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Trophy went to Jim Hopkins for the second year in a row after the tightest battle in recent memory. Jim beat out his father by one-half point over the entire season with Bob Horne only one point behind Tom. The competition certainly is as close as it's ever been.

After a few years of exile, the Butt Award was once again vied for by multiple parties. Would it go to a Ganley (Sister Pat took a proverbial "swim" during a race) or to its creator (Bob Horne for trying to determine if his boat was just as fast upside down)? Bob just couldn't resist breaking with tradition and awarded the masterpiece to himself for digging the tip of his mast into the Sassafras mud.

This season's annual Banquet was once again held at the Granary in Georgetown. The evening concluded with the presentation of the Forrest R. Schussler Award for Outstanding Service to the Kentmore Park Sailing Club, which was presented to Dave Horne for his many years of service to the club as Secretary/Treasurer.

Fleet 318, Algarrobo Yacht Club Algarrobo, Chile Chile District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11023		Luis Herman
11480	The Pha King	Marcos Fuentes
12925	Fugitivo	Ignacio Perez
13282	Marmelade	Carlos Ramirez
13650	Pocas Lucas	Pablo Amunategui
14213	Prometeo	Escuela Naval
14231	Atlante	Escuela Naval
14232	Argos	Escuela Naval
14235	Orion	Escuela Naval
14236	Urano	Escuela Naval
14237	Bronte	Escuela Naval
14255		Confradia Nautica
14294		Francisco Perez
14295	Linda Chica	Juan Carlos Martinez
14374	Bailaor	Ricardo Kitzing
14454	Scholl	Confradia Nautica
14709	Con Tutti	Juan Eduardo Reid
14794	No Desespereze	Cristobal Perez
14795	2 Fast 4 You	Cristobal Perez
14843		Marcial Gonzalez

Fleet 325, Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Sailing on Rehoboth Bay, Rehoboth Bay, Delaware Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10226	Loretta	James W Greewell
11540	Mal de Mer	W. David Racine III
14207		John P Dolan
14566		Christopher J Raubacher

Fleet 326, Grand Traverse Yacht Club Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay, Traverse City, Michigan Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7007		Michael Fisher
13932	Holey Cow	Paul C Davis
14460	Spirit	R. Garret Demarest III

Fleet 328, Jyaskylan Sailing on Lake Paijanne, Jyaskyla, Finland Finland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12479	Melanie	Antero Westerlund
12918		Vesa Purokuru
13437		Vesa Purokuru
14364	Nikea	Sampsa J Salminen





Fleet 329, Severn Sailing Association Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, Maryland Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
96	Windsong	John Hayes
10687		Tom Ward
11368	Blue Thunder	Richard H Niemeyer
11777	Swee-Pea	James T. Young
13236	Exodus	Christopher Mercer
13275		Dennis Rhoades
13807		Michael Meredith
14020	Dream Chaser	Robert W Frantz
14110	Figment	Dick Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14287	Phoenix	Stephen A Weeber
14851		Dennis Rhoades
14867	Joker's Wild	Michael Kemp
14875		Bryan P Riddiford
14925		Michael H Brock
15172		James P Taylor
15179		David Armstrong

Fleet Captain.....Jonathan Lange
Fleet Champion.....Steve Constants
Fleet Runner-Up.....Jamie Brickell

2003 was a transitional year for Fleet 329. Jonathan Lange was elected Fleet Captain to replace Jon Guth who married this summer. Jon's wife, Staci, has proven to be an active and fast-learning forward crew. Another change was Phil Grotheer's decision to sell his new boat and take a hiatus from Lightning racing. Phil has been the mainstay of Fleet 329 and has been our leader for numerous years. Phil almost single-handedly organized the 2000 North American Championships, coordinating the efforts of Severn Sailing Association and the Eastport Yacht Club to provide a great event in the great sailing city of Annapolis. Phil did sail in this year's Southern Circuit and the ILCA Worlds in Miami, FL before selling his boat. We miss Phil greatly, but he has not left sailing and we are hopeful he will be back.

Another transition was the retirement of Jamie Brickell, which enabled he and Susie to travel to even more regattas including the International Masters held in Miami prior to the Worlds. With all this freedom, Jamie will be able to spend more time as the Dixie District Commodore organizing all his fleet captains, so watch out ya'll.

Fleet 329 started racing locally in April and had six regattas from SSA. These were always closely contested, and at the end of the series our new Fleet Champion was Steve Constants. He was fast, and he sailed smart. Following Steve were the Brickells and Todd Johnson.

On the road, Todd Johnson, Mike Constants and Katie Offerman and the Brickells, with Thistle sailor David Hansen, participated the Atlantic Coast Championships in Mallets Bay,

VT. The Brickells forgot to come home and spent two weeks touring Adirondack Park before going to the Masters regatta at Niantic Bay, CT where they placed 10th with daughter Kimberly. Immediately following was the North American Championship

at Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, CT. Fleet 329 was represented by Todd Johnson, son Alex, Katie Offerman and Jamie, Susie and Kimberly Brickell. Team Brickell won the President's Cup. In the fall, Todd Johnson sold his boat within the Dixie District and is looking forward to sailing his "made to order" boat at the 2004 Southern Circuit.

The Frigid Digit was the last local regatta at SSA, and it was not without trials and tribulation. Hurricane Isabel forced water up the Chesapeake Bay and flooded the entire western shore. At SSA, the water was approximately 5 feet above the first floor of the clubhouse while national TV audiences were treated to scenes of kayaks being paddled through the Annapolis waterfront where only the tops of the parking meters were visible. We were very appreciative to the members of SSA for pulling the club back together after this disruption in time to allow 36 boats to enjoy the usual excellent Annapolis sailing. The overall winner for the Frigid Digit was Allen Terhune, his wife Katie and Jarrett Lynn, a fitting addition of firsts for the 2003 North Americans Champion as well as the winner of the USSailing Champion of Champions.

What's in the future for Fleet 329? We are adjusting to the inactivity (hopefully temporary) of Phil Grotheer, however Fleet 329 is looking forward to the enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise of Ed Michaels from the SE District who will be joining our fleet in 2004. The Fleet is working with the SSA to incorporate more club sailing which we see as an opportunity to increase our fleet membership. We have great opportunities to grow and will take advantage of them.

Come sail with us if you are in the neighborhood!.

Jonathan Lange, Fleet Captain.

Fleet 332, Squam Lake Sailing on Big Squam Lake, Holderness, New Hampshire New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9829	Spike	Arthur J Cunningham
10732	Go-Mo-Shun II	David D Closson
12859	Spirit of Jack R	Squam Lakes Association
14033	DC	Christian Whatley
14229	Short Circuit	Tony Wagner
14247		Douglas R DeCuiitt
14814		Wallace Ackley
14926		Dwight Gertz
15089		Al MacQuarrie

Fleet Captain.....Art Cunningham
Fleet Secretary.....David Rogers
Fleet Treasurer.....Dwight Gertz
Fleet Champion.....Christian Whatley



What was good was the level of participation. Fourteen skippers joined the fleet this year and twelve of them raced. What wasn't so good was the weather. There were too many days with too much or too little wind. The worst betrayal by the wind gods took place the weekend of our annual regatta when a great fleet of sixteen boats gathered at Squam but could only sail one race on a lake that looked like a scene from *The Perfect Storm*. Ken Deyett from Massabesic won the only race of the weekend and went home with the trophy.

By contrast, the annual Around the Lake Race was an agonizing drifter. The course was shortened twice and it still seemed to take forever. Christian Whatley won the trophy for the fastest Lightning, duelling at the finish in a luffing match with his dad's S-2.

We somehow completed eighteen fleet races in July and August. Christian Whatley successfully defended his season championship, with Art Cunningham four points behind. Christian also won both monthly series, with Art Cunningham second in July and Dwight Gertz second by one point in August. Dan Egan took home the Closson Bowl for the best performance in the last three races of the season.

After a beautiful day of racing (we deserved it), the annual fleet dinner and awards party was held at the Squam Lakes Association's headquarters. Every officer was re-elected for 2004 except Crecia Closson, who declined a lifetime appointment as fleet secretary and was replaced by David Rogers. In addition to awards for doing things well on the race course, we presented the beautiful steel and granite "Diamond Ledge" award to Doug DeCluit for his performance in coming in contact with the granite bottom of the lake. The "bucket" award, given each year for the best capsized, may or not actually have been awarded at the meeting. In a process reminiscent of a Florida presidential election, we discussed giving the trophy to Dan Egan, Wally Ackley, Art Cunningham, Christian Whatley, and Ginny Welles. My personal favorite was Ginny Welles for her incredible display of politeness while performing a back flip out of the boat ("would you like me to stay nearby?"). Weeks later, Fleet Captain Cunningham, standing in for the supreme court, declared the election a tie with all names to be awarded on the trophy.

2004 already looks like a good year. We may have one or two new members. Our driesailing area will be rearranged in cooperation with the SLA. The winds will cooperate. Come see us.

Fleet 335, Barnagat Light Yacht Club Sailing on the southern end of the Barnegat Bay, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10445	Der Sea Adler	Alex Cano
14489	Hot Pepper	Bill Clarke
14350		James C. DeCesare III
14787	Got beer!	John Demming
14881	Mac At-Tack	Mac DeTuro
14850	Last of da Rasta Mohicans	John Faus
13970	Sunshine	Mark Kaplan
13708	Boo Boo	Alex Klen
13772		Justin Monnig
13876	Rasta	Hal Pote
14650	Second Wind	Paul Wood

Fleet Captain.....James C. DeCesare III
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Clarke

We had a series of 21 races in June, July and August. With a rainy Spring and early Summer, things got off to a bit of a slow start. However, we still managed to get in 21 races which gave us three throw outs. We had a total of eleven boats participating, including such occasional visitors as our new Harvey Cedars neighbor and summer resident, Bill Mergenthaler and family.

The results for the Club series were John Faus, with William Brown steering, in first place. Mark Kaplan, Fleet physician, second, and Fleet Captain, James DeCesare, third. Crews this year were fairly well mixed up which added to the depth of the Fleet. We expect some of these crews to have boats they will add to the Fleet in future years.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on our North Course with five BLYC boats participating and four boats joining us from our closest Lightning Fleet neighbor to the south, Surf City Yacht Club. Awards to BLYC participants, among their Fleet, went to William Brown, first, James DeCesare, second, and Mac DeTuro, third. It was a really enjoyable event that we have held for a number of years since being started in the late '70s and with our good friends from the south adding to the interchange, we had a really good time.

One of the annual highlights of our Fleet activities, which we all look forward to throughout the year, the Pumpkin Bowl, was regrettably cancelled this year because of dredging and bulkhead activities at the BLYC marina. We now have a super deep launching area for our boats.

Again this year, outstanding crew awards went to Maggie Shuler and Shane Cantwell for their enthusiastic participation. Maggie has a set of the most outstanding "how to do it" Lightning sailing notes that are better than anything the Class has to offer.

Our Fleet really bought into the Class' efforts to stimulate junior Lightning participation by sending two boats and skippers to the Junior North Americans held in Cedar Point this year. Both William Brown (mentioned notably above) and Dan Gilman were skipper entrants. Crewing for William were Courtney O'Connor and Meaghan Crann and for Dan were Jen Ryerson, of BLYC, and Dualach MacColgain. We were proud of their overall finishes of fifth for William and seventh for Dan, out of the 14 boats participating. We believe that this is a strong sign of Fleet growth in the future. We hear that Dan's dad promised him a new Lightning because of his participation. We are awaiting its arrival. One of our Fleet members, John Faus, was a strong supporter of this participation.

In September we were all happy to celebrate the marriage of Fleet member Justin Monnig and in October the marriage of Fleet member Mac DeTuro. Much happiness to Justin and his wife LisaMarie and to Mac and his wife Beth. Next year in 2004 we know they will all get down to more serious Lightning sailing.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committee folk led by Wayne Shaner and Jim Bigham who, together with many other folks, got out there in all kinds of weather to make our sailing season a success. What would we do without their volunteer efforts? They even keep the Catboats out of our way.

Planning is well underway for another really great season of Lightning sailing in the year 2004. With Joe McGinnis, an avid Lightning sailor, as BLYC Commodore for 2004, we look forward to an active summer of Lightning sailing again on the southern end of Barnegat Bay. As we write this, we have not heard of our plans for a mid-winter Fleet meeting, but it has been held for all these many years and will be scheduled again to be held in early 2004.





Fleet 338, Galway Lake Sailing on Galway Lake, Galway, New York Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9844		Maury Gardner
12573		John Buhrmaster
12636	Chicken Ship	Dale H Brown
12832	Watta Humma	Fred Lyngard
13251	The Eng_neer	Willard Kohler
13655	The Prefender	John S Orton
15134	Huggie 3	R. James Millard
15161	We Are DEADMEAT	John Korkosz

Fleet Captain.....Bill Kohler
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Millard

The 2003 season brought some fleet changes – John Korkosz now has a brand-new boat – 15161. Eric Seyse wasn't able to get crew for his grandfather's boat this year (he sailed a Snipe instead), but his uncle, John Buhrmaster, managed to bring it out several times.

We had eight boats registered this year, with six competing for the Summer Series trophy, five of which made it out for the Opening Series. The winner in both cases was once again Jim Millard in Huggie III. In the first two races, John Korkosz, with an even newer boat, gave Jim some serious competition, but then rigging problems with the new boat had John competing for the remainder of the summer in his Snipe. Bill Kohler, in the Eng_neer, was actually able to pass Jim in one race on the final leg, which spoiled Jim's perfect string of first place finishes! J

The Opening Series (3-day) results were: 1st place – Jim Millard, 2nd place – Bill Kohler, and 3rd place – Maury Gardner. The remainder of the fleet missed at least one of the three races.

The regular Summer Series results were: 1st place – Jim Millard, 2nd place – Bill Kohler, 3rd place – John Orton, 4th place – Maury Gardner, 5th place – John Korkosz and 6th place – John Buhrmaster.

Word has it that John Korkosz's new boat is now correctly rigged and we look forward to some heated competition between him and Jim Millard. The rest of us will be doing our best to be in the thick of things, as well.

I can't wait for 2004!!

Fleet 348, Lake Lanier Sailing on Lake Lanier, Flowery Branch, Georgia Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13729	Razorback	Robert S Skorupski
15180		Thomas W Wynn
		Pamela Barron

Fleet 358, Flotte Murtensee Sailing on the Lake of Murten, Switzerland Switzerland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12951		Kurt Gloor
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14530	Santa Fiamma	Jacques Perret
14664	Karhu	Peter Graf

Fleet 365, Catawba Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Wylie, Charlotte, North Carolina Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9398		Steve Milsap
10086		John Holmes
10958		Dennis Apperson
11241		Robert Johnson
11553		Leonard Little
11897	Sassy	William C Campbell III

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Ron Wright

The 2003 Lightning season began at Catawba Yacht Club the kick-off regatta for the Southeastern Lightning District – the Cottonwood Regatta. This year, the club initiated the Brevard Myers Cup to the highest finishing CYC boat. Bill Wiggins in the Vanguard Class took the honor. Pierce Barden won the event for the Lightning class. The regatta party featured southern bar-b-que complete with a ten-piece bluegrass band.

The 2003 year began with the conclusion of the CYC winter series. John Holmes placed third in a combined Lightning/J22 class. The club's spring series ran April 5 to May 30. John Holmes showed all the improvement he has made in that past few years by winning the Lightning class. The CYC summer series started on June 10 and ran through August 12. This is a winner take all multi class series. Bill Wiggins won the overall in a Vanguard. Ron Wright was the highest placing Lightning at third.

The Catawba Fall Series cranked up on September 76 and ended on November 1. We tried something new to build participation by making it a two-man –no-chute series. The results were exceptional. Six boats competed and all six completed the minimum number of races required to place. Ron Wright won first, but the remainder of the fleet all placed within a few points of each other. Chip Arnett took second. Newcomer Steve Milsap, 9398, won his first Lightning race as a skipper on October 18.

Ron Wright, Tom Martin, John Holmes, and Steve Milsap continue to venture outside the CYC gates for district and regional sailing. Ron, Tom, and John completed the minimum number of races to qualify for the Southeastern District Traveling Trophy for the second year in a row. They finished a career best fifth at the VooDoo Regatta on Lake Norman.

Our 2003 report would not be complete without mentioning



two events. Ron Wright and John Holmes embarked on a one week "Sailing Safari" that took them from Raleigh, NC to Solomon's Island, MD in June. We sailed five out of nine days and met many new friends in the Lightning Fraternity. That event is chronicled at <http://www.sailsoutheast.org/SafariHome.htm>. The second event was the 2003 Wrightsville Beach Regatta. On one hand, we tamed incredibly tough conditions. The whole story is at http://www.sailsoutheast.org/wrightsville_beach.htm.

2003 was an up year for Fleet 365. We are highly encouraged by the participation of six boats in our fall series. Participation in SELD district racing has grown also.

We look forward to another season of great racing and friendship in 2004.

Ron Wright.



Ron Wright, Tom Martin, and John Holmes tame Jordan Lake at the 2003 SELD Championships. Photo by Jim Kransberger. www.southeastphotos.com

Fleet 368, Okanagan Sailing on Okanagan Lake, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9267		Peter
11462		Devon Rubadeau &
12245		Barry Sinclair &
12376	It's About Time	Bill
13477	White Shadow	Robert
13511		Neil
		Evans
		Bruce McKay
		Roger Pentecost
		McIlroy
		Bazett
		Macgibbon

Fleet 372, San Francisco Bay Area Sailing on San Francisco Bay, Point Richmond, California California District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6028	Splinter Group	Mark Williams
7606	Panique	Howard Macken
9124	Cadence	Lori Hobbs
9169	Double Happiness	Michael A Molina
11373	Seafever	Fred Chandler
12337	Golden Girl	Nathan Peruman
13186		Donovan Green
13247	Emma II	Ted Goldbeck
13467	Feral Bogan	Fred Chandler
13475	Hotspur	Ashley Tobin & Jim Watters
13626	Crusader Rabbit	Dave Lutz Anderson
13783		Elissa Hall
13869	Maniacal	Peter Beecher & Ron Smith
13943		Jim Hoey
14305	Double Happiness	Michael A Molina
14681		David A Gallup

Fleet Secretary.....Elissa Hall

I had to giggle the other day.....I had just returned from the U.S. Women's Sailing Championship on Lake Norman in North Carolina. I sailed for a four days bundled up like I was about to go skiing instead of sailing. It was a challenging week of sailing Flying Scots and makes me appreciate the Lightning and the Bay that much more. Upon my return to work the following week, a co-worker asked if sailing was done for the year. I smiled and said, it's never done, we sail all year round.

While those of you are packing up the boats for winter storage, we need to choose between the slopes and the water. We "start" our season in December with the Small Boat Midwinters at Richmond Yacht Club. The newcomers to racing can come out and learn to race in the light winds and numerous races run in one day. Unfortunately, Mike was busy with house remodeling and Fred was busy with wedding plans, so Peter, Elissa and Dave duked it out.

Peter, Elissa and Dave headed down to the California Circuit for a week of fun sailing. Peter sailed well and finished fifth overall. Elissa had her typical post tax season stress release and didn't care how well she did in the Circuit, she was sailing for a week. Needless to say, she finished last overall.

Our summer weather was atypical for the Bay and sailing was sparse. We did manage to get out a few times but nothing to write home about.

Our season finale was the Pacific Coast Championships. Mike gave the contractors the weekend off, sailed and won. Fred on the other hand decided to get married that weekend. Ashley and Jim were back from New Zealand, had the house unpacked from the containers and were able to join us. That was until Jim thought it odd that the spreaders moved from side to side through the mast. Probably not good for upwind speed. They retired before the races started Sunday and headed back to the club. They have the boat back together and should be joining us for the Midwinters.

We start with Sail a Small Boat Day in December, followed by the Midwinters, swing into the regatta circuit and wrap it up with the Totally Dinghy at Richmond, but for the most part we are always sailing. Come join us sometime.

