



## Fleet 387, Lansing Sailing Club Sailing on Lake Lansing, Haslett, Michigan Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6534		Larry Koster
10366	Baka	Jim Newtown
11520		Dave Vietti
12888	Do-Rite II	John LeFevre
13254		D. Dennis Dudley
13344		Jim Ault
13449		Don Barron
13730	Evergreen	Robert Brook
13903	Bananas	John Fishbeck
14147	Moody's Booty	Jim & Meredith Fletcher
14267	Fubar	Mike Moody
14294	Shibumi	Neil Harrison
14447	Ohm	William Davidson
14468	UFP	Ron M Marshall
14746		Blaine Severin
14756		Merrick Hurlbutt
14760	Fins	John LeFevre
14963	Wind Dancer	George Siegle
14964	Dragon Tail	Patrick Dolan
		Terrell Kleiman

Fleet Captain.....	George F. Siegle
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....	TBD
Fleet Champion.....	Pat Dolan
Runner-Up.....	Mike Moody

In motorsports, they call the off-season "Silly Season." Drivers, crew, and equipment change, and one wonders who will show up at the starting line and how many will actually be there. Fleet 387 certainly had a Silly Season of its own. Back in March, it looked like the fleet would have a down year, but when the dust settled, 2003 turned out to be one of the fleet's strongest ever.

Merrick Hurlbutt bought 14746 and became a second generation LSC Lightning Fleet skipper. John LeFevre upgraded to 14756 from 11520. Jim and Maribeth Fletcher re-acquired the dormant Bananas (13903) and restored her to fleet competition. And both Jim Newton (6534) and Bob Brook (13449) joined the fleet. The fleet now tops twenty boats - the most anyone can remember since the club was founded in 1963!

There was also a flurry of pre-season sail buying as skippers ponied up the big bucks looking for an edge on the race course. New North mains, jibs, and spinnakers made for loud tacks on the water. The crew department saw many changes as well. Co-Crew of the Year Gil Chesbro jumped ship to Wind Dancer and became the regular middle. Laura Harvey crewed on Fins after skippering several times in 2002. Sheila Troxel also moved in with Fins after sailing on UFP and others in 2002. Moody's Booty added Pete Kuhn to take over for college-bound Knight clan. And Lori Katz and Lisa Winters became regulars on Dragon Tail (a.k.a. Hen Pecked). Lots of other new (and old) faces were found on Lake Lansing this season and the skippers thank them all for their enthusiasm and participation.

The fleet racing season started out strong with nine boats on the line. The first race was won by Shibumi, with Larry Koster at the helm. Races two and three were won by Fins, which held its lead in the season standings until late-June. The first Sunday's three races were just enough practice to warm up for LSC's Tune-Up Regatta.

May 3rd marked the 38th running of the regatta at LSC, again on its traditional day but now with a one-day format. Top honors went to Tom, Eric and Brian Klaban of Pontiac YC in Studs. "Ye Olde Silver Platter" went to Fins for being the top LSC boat, with George and Ann Siegle and

Sheila Troxel aboard. They were also won the "MSU Alumni Cup" for being the top boat skipped by a Spartan alumnus. See our photo spread or the ILCA Flashes for additional photos, scoring, and coverage of the regatta.

Ten boats qualified for season standings. It was a mix of old and new as several skippers qualified for the first time in a few years, while others got caught out by busy schedules and didn't get in enough races to make the season standings.

Wind Dancer, skippered by Pat Dolan and crewed by (at various times) Gary Marx, Bob Miller, Gil Chesbro, and Stacy Kotecki became the 2003 Fleet Champion. Strong, consistent sailing and persistence paid off, as the team moved into first in late June and never looked back. Wind Dancer only missed being on the LSC starting line a couple of weekends during the entire season, and two of them were so that the skipper could attend the NOOD and Whitecap. An impressive 56 races sailed out of 66 races possible. Now that's dedication! Miller and Chesbro took over the helm and skippered a pair of 2nd Place finishes late in the season.

Moody's Booty repeated as Runner Up. Mike Moody at the helm kept it close to both Fins and Wind Dancer throughout the season. Mike was joined most often by Pete Kuhn and Ken Knight. Moody's Booty also was a regular on the race course with 48 races sailed. The Fins team sailed most of the Spring, but then largely took the season off from competitive sailing. On the strength of their early season wins, they managed a 3rd Place in the season standings with 35 races. When they weren't off riding their bikes, Fins was driven by George Siegle, with Ann Siegle, and either Sheila Troxel or Laura Harvey as regular crew. George doublehanded with DN buddy (and Lightning newbie) Jim Warner in a "just for fun" weekend of Sunday races in July. George also hopes to get second generation Lansing sailor Paul Caterino (son of former four-time LSC Fleet Champion Mike Caterino) involved again after Paul's first time in a Lightning in nearly fifteen years.

Blaine Severin, skippering UFP, showed great improvement in 2003. He won two races, and managed a series of consistent 2nds, 3rds and 4ths in 37 races to claim 4th Place overall (moving up from 5th in 2002). Blaine was also LSC's "The Traveler" award winner for attending the most away regattas and was recognized with the Michigan District's "Doc Gilbert Award." He won 3rd Place in North Cape's Fall Blowout. Way to go Blaine! As Blaine showed, there's no substitute for the experience you get in "foreign" waters and larger fleets. Julie Pierce and Tom Deits were the regular crew aboard UFP. Rounding out the hardware winners was Dragon Tail in 5th Place. With Terry Kleiman at the helm and Rookie Crews of the Year Lori Katz and Lisa Winters, the team sailed strongly in 40 races. Terry also made it to the Bluenose as crew. Terry was instrumental in helping with LSC's Learning to Sail, Learning to Race, and the Crewing Seminars. He is Fleet 387's 2003 Corinthian Award winner for his enthusiasm for racing and help with building the fleet.

In 6th Place was Oh m, with Ron and Jane Marshall, and 2003 Wet Bottom Award winner Bob Hill. The Wet Bottom Award goes to the crew who goes all out (but not necessarily out of the boat) for their team. Larry Koster skippered the borrowed Shibumi to 7th Place, and John LeFevre claimed 8th. Look out for John in 2004 with his new boat! Merrick Hurlbutt took home 9th in his first year of Lightning sailing. Merrick's crew, Scott Watkins, was the co-Crew of the Year. Don Barron was the final qualifier in 10th Place. Just missing the qualifying cutoff were Neil Harrison in Fubar, and Jim Fletcher in Bananas.

We hope to see you on the water for fleet racing or our 39th Annual Tune-Up Regatta, to be held May 1, 2004. For more information on the Lansing Sailing Club Lightning Fleet #387, visit [www.lansingsailing.org](http://www.lansingsailing.org).

- George Siegle, with significant help from Larry Koster for regatta reporting and Pat Dolan's e-sheets.





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# Great racing in the center of the Michigan mitten!

(R) John LeFevre, Larry Koster and Bob Miller  
Aboard John's New Lightning!



(R) Pat Dolan, Gil Chesbro and Stacy Kotecki aboard Wind Dancer



(A) Neil Harrison and crew head back upwind



(A) The left side is favored...



(A) Lisa Winters, Ken Knight and Mike Moody aboard Moody's Booty

(B) Blaine Severin, LSC's Road Warrior (attended 5 District Regattas) gets ready for a jibe



(L) Jim Fletcher, Larry Koster and Tom Rasmussen at the Tune Up Regatta



(A) Terry Kleiman, Lori Katz and Lisa Winters



(A) Is this what we pay the RC guys for?

(R) A great time was had by all at the Tune-Up Regatta



## Regatta Results

38th Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta

Lake Lansing at Haslet, MI, May 3, 2003, 12 Boats, 5 Races, No Throwout

Place	Boat/Crew	Points	Total
1	14464 Tom, Eric and Brian Klaban	1 1 3 1 2 3	10
2	15041 Dave Nickels, Tim Coles, Lori Katz	2 4 4 4 4 1	17
3	14577 Chris Jacobson, Gus Dey, C. Dotts	3 2 2 6 1 7	18
4	14760 George & Ann Siegle, Sheila Troxel	4 6 1 9 6 2	24
5	14147 Mike Moody, Ken Knight, Terry Kleiman	5 3 7 3 9 5	27
6	14963 Pat Dolan, Gil Chesbro, Bob Miller	6 7 6 2 8 8	31
7	15167 Bill Gibson, Dave Gibson, Steve Jenkins	7 5 5 5 10 6	31
8	14964 Larry Koster, T. Rasmussen, Jim Fletcher	8 8 8 7 5 4	32
9	15179 Jennifer Armbruster, Ryan Flack, K. Morin	9 9 9 8 3 9	38
10	11147 John LeFevre, Leif Alton, Scott Watkins	10 10 11 10 7 10	48
11	14267 Neil Harrison, Alanna Harvey, Dan Harris	11 12 12 11 11 11	57
12	14746 Merrick Hurlbutt, Dan Sutkovs, J. Pierce	12 11 10 13 13 13	60

(R) FINS crew George Siegle, Ann Siegle and Sheila Troxel stay focused





## Fleet 388, Jackson Yacht Club Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson, Mississippi Southern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11311		John B Waskom IV
12335		Joseph McDevitt & John Waskom
12746		David McNair
13703		Ian LaCour
13781		Ralph Allen

Fleet Captain.....John Waskom  
Fleet Secretary.....Ralph Allen

Fleet 388 had a very successful year in 2003. Our major efforts were to promote one design dinghy sailing at the Jackson Yacht Club and to participate in local and regional Lightning Regattas. The willingness of fellow lightning sailors throughout the area to come to Jackson and sail in our events is truly appreciated and has attracted the notice of our club officers and members alike. Completion of our new clubhouse has just made it a little easier. The club fathers promise us a hoist for next season so that should help also!

On the promotional side, we have participated in the JYC Adult Sailing Program by providing boats & coaches for on the water training sessions. In a committed effort to support and build one design racing, June found Fleet 388 providing R.C. personnel and committee boat to JYC to assist in conducting the Snipe Regional District Championships.

Our racing season started March 29, with the JYC Spring Fling Regatta that drew contestants from Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. As reported in the Flashes, the weather was cold and the winds were high but persistence paid off for the Texans.

The trophy winners were: 1st, Scott Anderson, Fleet 35 Dallas, 2nd, Jeff Bodkin, Fleet 35, Dallas and 3rd; Dr. Larry Frost III Mandeville, La. Fleet 62.

The Southern District Championship was hosted by the Jackson Yacht Club and Fleet 388 on May 3 & 4, 2003. The early spring schedule provided great sailing conditions. Excellent race management was provided by Bo Palmer (PRO) and fellow club members from the J-22 Fleet. Our own Fleet 388 skippers Joe McDevitt and John Waskom were able to take advantage of the "sailing lessons" provided by our guests.

May 17 & 18 found David LaCour and John Waskom traveling North to the annual Hernando de Soto Regatta near Memphis TN hosted by the Delta Sailing Association and Fleet 274. The last minute loss of crew on multiple boats provided an opportunity to combine resources so David and John teamed up with Memphis skipper Bill Baxter who drove the combined team to a 4th.

Early June provided an opportunity for travel South to the Pontchartrain Yacht Club's Schools Out Regatta. John Waskom provided a boat and served as crew for some potential new Lightning sailors from Mobile, Alabama.

July 26 & 27 found Skippers Joe McDevitt and John Waskom and their crews traveling South again to the Lightning GYA Championships held in conjunction with the Pass Christian Yacht Club "Birthday Regatta". Again, both our skippers were given some sailing lessons about driving on salt water that is moving up, down, and sideways all at the same time.

Sept 20&21 was the weekend for the annual Delta Sailing Association's Cotton Pickin Regatta for Lightnings and Thistles. Skipper Joe McDevitt with crew John Waskom teamed up for the trip North, to Memphis. This was Joe's first opportunity as a skipper to start in a 15 boat fleet which he accomplished with ease. A couple of good starts and fast weather legs indicated Joe is on a fast learning curve. As always good fun and great hospitality make this a "must attend" event.

On Oct. 18 & 19 Lightnings from Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi converged in Jackson for the annual JYC Hospitality Regatta. The weather was great and 3 races were run by the R.C. on Saturday followed by social activities best left unreported. Sunday brought light conditions with 2 races being completed.

John Waskom and Scott Barron represented Fleet 388. Scott took the helm for the first time as a skipper in three of the races and had a couple of really good legs until he followed bad advice from his crew.

The finals scores looked like this:

14666	Crit Currie	Memphis	Fleet 274	1st. (for the second year in a row)
13966	Frank	Memphis	Fleet 274	2nd.
10812	Gene Waller	Pass Christian		
14763	Robert Bernhardt	Pensacola	Fleet 135	4th.
14448	Bill Baxter III	Memphis	Fleet 274	5th.
13703	John Waskom	Jackson	Fleet 388	6th.
13781	Chris Frost	New Orleans	Fleet 62	7th.

Fleet 388 extends an open invitation to all Lightning sailors to come to Jackson Ms. and join us in our 2004 events and to experience the hospitality of the Jackson Yacht Club in our fantastic new facility. Watch the ILCA website for the dates!

SPRING FLING REGATTA: April 2004

HOSPITALITY REGATTA: October 2004

John Waskom, Fleet Captain

## Fleet 400, St. Mary's Sailing on Grand Lake St. Mary's, St. Mary's, Ohio Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8441	Adam's Rib	Addis L. Katterheinrich

## Fleet 401, Guanabara Sailing on Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Brazil District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13405	Waikiki	Luiz Clarkson Lebreiro



## Fleet 405, Salinas Yacht Club Sailing on the Pacific Ocean, Guayaquil, Ecuador Ecuador District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8513	El Abuelo	Roberto
9411		Enrique
10114		Rafael
11153		Francis
11365		Julio
11928	La Ratonera	Miguel E.
11928	La Ratonera	Sebastian
13440	Marivent	Dr. Ignacio Vidal
13440		Ignacio
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel
14145		Jose
14150	Sea Baby	Francisco
14150	Gato	Carlos Andres
14160	Gato	Esteban
14163	Colo	Ing. Cesar
14370	Bess	Gaston
14370	La Maquina	Justo
14379	Xtreme	Jaime
14383	Alegato II	Jimmy
14389		Santiago
14461	Auegreto	Alberto
14541		Eduardo
14556		Naval Del Ecuador
14557		Naval Del Ecuador
14671		Arturo
14671		Juan
14673	Magia	Juan
14674	Marraqueta	Jaime
14674		Jaime
14674		Alfredo
14676	Garufa	Carlos
15080	For Sale	Paco
15094		Juan Carlos
15095		Santiago
15096		Xavier
		Campoverde
		Granja C.
		Quintero
		Parker Plaza
		Velez
		Plaza, Jr.
		Herrera
		Maspons
		Vidal M.
		Plaza Merino
		Gonzalez-rubio
		Sola Medina
		Plaza
		Meira
		Baquerizo
		Verdani
		Klemperer
		Calderon
		Pazmino Pareja
		Romero Barst
		Maspons
		Verdani
		Escuela Superior
		Escuela Superior
		Iturralde Ycaza
		Santos Dillon
		Santos Garces
		Santa Cruz Vial
		Santa Cruz Nape
		Ochoa
		Lecaro
		Sola Tanca
		Plaza P.
		Romero Barst
		Monge

Fleet Captain.....Carlos Lecaro

Este fue un año de gran actividad tanto local como internacional para nuestra flota, en el mes de febrero iniciamos nuestra temporada 2003 con algunos campeonatos de fines de semana. En el mes de Marzo viajamos a Bogotá-Colombia para participar en la tradicional Copa Salinas-Tominé, edición 2002 pues no se había efectuado el año pasado. Esta es una copa que se realiza anualmente entre los lightnistas de Ecuador y Colombia. Viajamos 6 tripulaciones del Salinas Yacht Club y nuestras posiciones fueron: 2 Carlos Lecaro, 5 Miguel Plaza, 6 Juan Santos, 11 Juan Santos Jr., 13 Alfredo Ochoa, 14 Jaime Calderón.

En los meses siguientes seguimos nuestro entrenamiento para participar en el mundial de Miami, a este campeonato asistimos 10 tripulaciones ecuatorianas de las cuales 6 fueron de la flota 405. Los resultados no fueron los esperados, sobre todo después del entrenamiento realizado, sin embargo nos ganamos el premio con la Ecuatorian party que celebramos en el Club de Miami.

De regreso al Ecuador participamos en el Campeonato organizado por el Manta Yacht Club, en Manta con mucho viento 15 a 20 nudos. En julio se realizó en el lago San Pablo el Campeonato del Distrito Ecuador organizado por la flota 447, lastimosamente por diferentes motivos solo una tripulación del SYC asistió, pero para el 2004 viajaremos todos. Finalmente en los meses de Septiembre y Octubre navegamos nuevamente en Salinas y con una gran concurrencia ya que se corrieron los campeonatos selectivos para la Copa Salinas Tominé 2003 y el Campeonato Nacional organizado por la Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting, estas regatas fueron ganadas por Juan Santos y en segundo lugar



se ubicó Carlos Lecaro.

En el mes Noviembre se realizaron dos Campeonatos Internacionales en el Salinas Yacht Club, en primer lugar la Copa Salinas Tominé con la participación de veleristas de Colombia, este torneo fue ganado por Juan Santos; posteriormente se realizó el Campeonato Sudamericano # 49 y tuvimos la presencia de tripulaciones de Colombia, Chile, Perú y Ecuador. El gran Campeón fue Tito Gonzalez de Chile y como ViceCampeón nuestro crédito local Juan Santos.

Como ven este ha sido un año de gran actividad y estamos seguros que el 2004 seguirá igual de fuerte ya que se han incorporado a la clase 5 nuevos botes todos tripulados por juveniles salidos de la clase Optimist, así que en la flota 405 tenemos Lightning para rato.

### Fleet 405 Salinas Yacht Club

2003 was a year full of activity both locally and internationally for our fleet. We started our season in february with weekend regattas and in march we travelled to Colombia for the traditional Copa Salinas Tominé in its 2002 edition because we had not been able to sail it last year. The S-T is sailed annually between Ecuador and Colombia. Six of our boats sailed and our positions were: Carlos Lecaro 2nd, Miguel Plaza 5th, Juan Santos 6th, Juan Santos Jr. 11th, Alfredo Ochoa 13th and Jaime Calderón 14th.

In the following months we continued training for the 2003 Worlds in Miami. Ten boats from our district showed up in Miami, six from fleet 405. results were not quite as expected after the training we went through, but we did get the award for best party after our now famous "Ecuadorian party".

Back in Ecuador we sailed the regatta organized by the Manta Yacht Club in the city of Manta, with 15-20 knots of breeze. In July we travelled to San Pablo in the mountains close to Quito for the Districts, organized by fleet 447, unfortunately due to many problems only Julio Velez and team showed up from fleet 405. we vow to be there, all of us, in 2004! Finally in October and November we sailed back in Salinas and we had great attendance, mostly due to the qualifiers for the 2003 edition of the Salinas Tominé and the National Championships, organized by the Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting. These regattas were both won by Juan Santos and Carlos Lecaro was runner-up.

In November we held two international regattas at the Salinas yacht Club. First it was the Salinas Tominé, which was won by Juan Santos. Then it was the 49th South American Championships, in which crews from Colombia, Chile, Perú and Ecuador sailed. The champion was Tito Gonzales, Runner Up was Juan Santos.

As you can see, we have been very active and we are sure that 2004 will be much like that, especially with the recruitment of five new teams which are experienced sailors just out of the Optimist Class. So fleet 405 has Lightning sailing for years to come!







## Fleet 415, Lake Norman Sailing on Lake Norman, Davidson, North Carolina Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10722		Post 263 Sea Explorer Troop
12281		Post 263 Sea Explorer Troop
12520		Post 263 Sea Explorer Troop
13620		Tom Wiltberger
13957	In Sensitivity Training	Peter Marriott
14044	Special K II	Gordon P Kellogg
14432	Blitzen	Richard Simpson
14702		Sam L. Rooke III
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Carter Utzig

## Fleet 430, Ocean City Yacht Club Sailing in Great Egg Harbor Bay, Ocean City, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13078		Richard McCarraher
13159	Bite It	George Glenn III
13649		Howard M Solomon
13824	East Coast Cruiser	George Glenn III
13873		Russell Hanscom
14014	Blue Streak	Samuel Hostvedt
14341	Water Rat	Richard McCarraher
14348	Flower Child	John J Parker
14415	Mr. Pinky	George Glenn III
14565	White Lightning	Kevin Robinson
14987	Sailsman	Erik T Hostvedt

## Fleet 424, La Pinta Sailing on the Bay of Callao, Lima, Peru Peru District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12514	Aralid	Sergio Francisco
12825	No Speaking	Levaggi Tocci Ayulo

Fleet Captain.....Richard McCarraher  
Fleet Secretary.....John Parker  
Fleet Champion.....John Parker

## Fleet 427, Killyleagh Yacht Club Sailing on Strangford Lough, Belfast, County Down, Northern Ireland Ireland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
19		Raymond & Andrew Killops
77	Mean Machine	Rachel & Denis Bennett
1564		Gordon Moore
11439		Clive Bridges
14086	Stars & Stripes	Trevor Wilson
14469	Rainbow III	William Lindsay

## Fleet 429, Greater Charleston Sailing on Charleston Harbor, Charleston, South Carolina Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11771	Wasabi	William R Sloger Sr
15085		Leonard Krawcheck

Fleet 430 members enjoyed another great sailing season racing in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. The racing was competitive with a consistent eight boats out every weekend. Our members enjoy the fun of racing and being with their families.

John Parker our fleet champion won success with his daughter, Lisa, as a regular crew. While John's son, Ryan sailed with Sam Hostvedt and his sister, Kate. Their father, Erik Hostvedt found himself busy trying to out maneuver them.

George Glenn and his brother, Jim are always a cheerful addition in the dock or on the bay. Howie Solomon and his daughter Tracy, with Bryn Skibo found themselves in the thick of things. Bryn's brother Nick was crewing in another boat. Richard McCarraher and two of his daughters, Sara McCarraher and Tiffany Prettyman, were constantly working to improve their skills.



Everyone enjoyed the Hanscom family race committee of Cynthia and children Courtney and Rachel. While her husband, Russell, found his own crew to race in their boat. Of course, Kevin Robinson and Chappy Hopkin were always on hand for a fun day on the water.

Our season ended with the annual Sailing Dinner at the Ocean City Yacht Club. We are looking forward to enjoying next summer on the bay with our old and new sailing friends and family. Each year our fleet has been improving and becoming closer in our enjoyment of sailing Lightnings.

Richard McCarraher, Fleet Captain.





**Fleet 431, Southampton Yacht Club**  
**Sailing on Shinnecock Bay, Southampton, Long Island,**  
**New York**  
**Long Island District**

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11219	Grandpa Moses	Bruce Hendry
12123		Theresa Hendry
14138		Frederick Meyer
14138		Susan Rumph
14157	Fulmen	Tim Rumph
14917	Moto Ito	Malcolm B Hendry III

and did some interviews. Saturday brought usable wind allowing 3 light air races. David Stix won the event with his crew Jim O'Brien and Amy Simonson. Steve and Jan Davis came all the way from Colorado to take fifth, borrowing Mike Elmergreen and his boat.

The Tuesday night Portsmouth fleet was the biggest ever. We had 18 different boats out for the 13 races with an average of over 12 boats per night. The Inland 20 fleet continues to grow while the lightning fleet remains steady, although there will be another boat next year. In his second year in the club and first year as skipper, Pete Orlebeke won the season championship in Mike & Sue's Lightning. Crewing were Mike Elmergreen and 15 year old future rock star Mike Baccus with Sue as sub. Pete beat up on the Inland 20's, often beating them boat for boat.

**Fleet 442, Fond du Lac**  
**Sailing on Lake Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**  
**Midwest District**

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10220	Tomato Sloop	Eric Bennett
12554	Achilles	Phil Gaynor
13280	Double Trouble	Pete Chisholm & Steve Hanson
15042	Ellie B	Michael Elmergreen & Sue Dorscheid

Phil Gaynor promises to have his boat out next year now that his kids are through the local soccer program, which ran the same night as our races. Eric Bennet is restoring an old Allen (Tomato Sloop - 10220) and should be ready to race next spring. Growth is slow, but we are now going in the right direction.

**Fleet 446, Club Univeritario de Buenos Aires**  
**Sailing on the Waters of Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires,**  
**Argentina**  
**Argentina District**

Fleet Captain.....Sue Dorscheid  
 Fleet Secretary.....Mike Elmergreen

The season started as usual with the Lighthouse Regatta the first weekend in June. This year we had the honor of having David Starck come all the way from Buffalo to put on a seminar and do some on-the-water coaching. The seminar had some of the highest reviews ever. Everyone indicated that David was talking at an understandable level and everything was actually making sense.

Saturday brought niking winds and no official racing. Several boats did some informal racing in the harbor, which was great for spectators due to the high wind and small course. A news crew from Green Bay showed up and filmed some of the action

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11037		Roberto Ricoverti
11041	Flamingo IV	Roberto Gomez Joly
11043	Mancarron	Gabriel Fernandez Toribio
11649	Gaucho Negro	Hector Longarela

Fleet Captain.....Hector Longarela





## Fleet 447, Club Nautico San Pablo Sailing on Lago San Pablo, Quito, Ecuador Ecuador Fleet

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11365		Lars & Olaf Dyck
11661	Sapo	Santiago Aguirre
12338	Speedy	Diego Leon
13443		Marcelo Leon
13444	Pinta Brava	Ing. Mauricio Martinez
14160		Marcelo Leon
14370	Achachay	Gustavo Cordovez
14389	Deep Blue	Jaime Martinez
14405	Bugsy	Lars Dyck
14558	Vendetta	Ernesto Martinez F
14765	Quicky	Olaf Dyck
15049		Faisal Baki

Fleet Captain.....Lars Dyck



We from the San Pablo fleet are proud to inform you all the we have a nice fleet of boys and girls in the Optimist class who are sailing. So we will have in the future a new group of sailors in the Lightning class.

During the year we sailed more and less to be in touch with the events which took place in during the year. In the Worlds and the South American Championship we have done a good job.

Our club was the host for the district championship where Olaf, Ada (his wife) and Esteban Vorbek took first place. My team, with Cristian Schipper and Alberto Rigolli, was second. Marcelo took third place. During the six races we had winds between 0 knots and 24 knots and shift.

Also we sailed in Manta in the Pacific where the wind and the waves are amazing. We were all a little worried about it beforehand, but we made it. All the races were "interesting."

We hope during the next year we see you guys again in other places to sail together.

Lars Dyck

Club Nautico San Pablo Campeonato Distrito de Lightning 2003

Resultado Final

Sailed: 6 Discards: 1 Ratings: None

Pos Boat Name Sail No Helm Crew Club R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 Pts  
Notes 1st Quicky 14675 Olaf Dyck Ada Dyck, Esteban Vorbeck  
CNSP 3 1 1 1 2 3 8.0

2nd Bugsy 14405 Lars Dyck Christian Schipper, Carlos A. Rigoli  
CNSP 5 2 2 2 1 1 8.0

3rd Simba 14160 Marcelo León Ma. Clara Ordoñez, Rafael León  
CNSP 1 3 3 3 3 2 12.0

4th Speedy 12338 Diego León José M. Pérez, Nicolas Maldonado  
CNSP 2 4 6 4 5 6 21.0

5th Boat 6 14780 Julio Velez Jorge Norero, Mauricio Rumbea  
SYC 4 6 4 DNC 4 DNC 26.0

6th nn 4405 Gustavo Cordovez JM Aguirre, Santiago Aguirre  
CNSP 6 5 5 5 5 6 26.0

7th Vendetta 14777 Ernesto Martinez Amparo Albán, Susana Molestina  
CNSP DNC DNC DNC 6 7 4 33.0

## Fleet 449, Marsala Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea, Marsala, Sicily, Italy Italy District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12027	WANTED I	Giovanni Pellegrino
13402	Rainbow	Antonio Marino
14179		Giovanni Pellegrino
14197	Maranna	Stefano Reina
14731		Mario Noto
15013		Antonio Marino

## Fleet 456, Tuusulcanjarvi Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Tuusula, Finland Finland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
5552		Arto Rintanen
9437		Pekka Bollstrom
12352		Ilkka Koenkuto
13130	Masi III	Juha Savola
13562	Amanda	Hanna Hanskala
14018	Poiju	Niko Lappalainen
14179	Porkkana	Rainier Korhonen
14331	Shark	Liisa Hasunen & Co
14352	Sini	Riitta Kangas
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14496		Jaani Herttua
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638		Matti Leppanen
14936		Sakari Pesola



Actually the sailing season in Fleet Tuusula started already at Easter as 5 crew members of the Finnish 9 ones were from this fleet. Training limitations made by ice at home lake might have been visible in Miami where the best Finnish boat was 57th. But fun we had however.

After the Florida sun the season continued in Finland with the traditional On the Rocks in the beginning of May. This year the name of the race was earned as the eastern part of the lake was still frozen. The biggest effort made by Fleet was however the Finnish Championships in the beginning of August. Because of some coincidences Tuusula had only one day to decide and request the race from the Finnish Sailing Association. Thanks to the positive attitude of our yacht club we succeeded and received an official FC status in 2003 and also for the year 2004.

In the race there were 22 boats. Tuusula which is absolutely the biggest Fleet in Finland did not completely dominate the race as two first places were missed. Kimmo Aromaa from Merenkavijät Helsinki won and Matti Bruun from Kuopio took the second place. Third and fourth places remained in Fleet as Pertti Pyy was third and Thomas Weckström fourth. In Ranking Series Tuusula was well presented. From 25 skippers participated 12 were from Tuusula as the best one Thomas Weckström second and Matti Leppänen third. So from Tuusula Fleet point of view the situation is good but not necessary when thinking the Lightning sailing in general. Hope to see new active crews in races next summer coming all over Finland.

Tuusulan kausi alkoi oikeastaan jo pääsiäisenä, sillä Suomen kolmen venekunnan edustuksesta viisi miehistönjäsentä oli TP-läisiä. Liekö jäiden asettama harjoittelurajoitus näkynyt, sillä paras suomalainen Miamissa oli sijalla 57. Sijoituksesta huolimatta hauskaa oli joka tapauksessa.

Floridan auringon jälkeen jatkettiin koti-Suomessa perinteisillä On the Rockseilla toukokuun alussa. Tänä vuonna kirjaimellisesti, sillä järven itäreunalta löytyi vielä kisapäivänä jäätä. Kauden ehdottomasti suurin koitos oli kuitenkin pikavaroituksella järjestetyt SM:t heinä-elokuun vaihteessa. Yhteensattumien vuoksi TP:lle jäi nimittäin päivä aikaa päättää ja anoa kisat SPL:ltä. Kiitos TP:n joustavuuden asia onnistui ja saimme virallisen SM-statusen kausiksi 2003 ja 2004.

Itse kilpailuun osallistui 22 venekuntaa. Suomen suurin fleet ei kuitenkaan täysin hallinnut kotivesillään, sillä kaksi parasta sijoitusta meni muualle. Voiton vei Masi V Merenkävijöistä,



kakkossija meni Kuopioon Matti Bruunin venekunnalle ja kolmos- ja nelossija saatiin seuraan Pertti Pyylle ja Thomas Weckströmille. Rankingsarjassa TP oli kuitenkin ylivoimainen ainakin lukumäärällisesti. Sarjaan osallistuneista 25 kkiparista nimittäin puolet edusti TP:tä. Parhaina Thomas Weckström sijalla 2 ja Matti Leppanen sijalla 3. TP:n kannalta tilanne on siis hyvä, muttei välttämättä Lightning-purjehduksen: toivottavasti ensi kaudella saadaan uusia aktiivisia miehistöjä mukaan mahdollisimman paljon myös muualta Suomesta.







## Fleet 462, Guarapiranga Lake Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, São Paulo, Brazil Brazil District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12657	Perereca	James Alexander Semple
14071	Xamego I	Jorge Hachiya Saeki
14167	Star Rider 2	Claudio Augusto Bonomi
14168		John Stuart Bennett
14330	Kibimaw	James Sumner
14353		Nelson Small Schmitt
14504		Nelson Small Schmitt
14562	Pisco	Thomas Sumner
14633	Fala Serio	Caio Soares Hungria e Prado
14633		Sidney Bloch
14845	Clone Rider	Torsten Ralf Bojlesen
14892	White Magic	Hans Juergen Ludvig
14893	Layline	George Lewis Rider & John
15152	Xamego VI	Julio Jansen
		Nelson Small Schmitt

Fleet Captain.....Torsten Bojlesen

2003 started with our traditional Opening Day Regatta organized by SPYC on the Guarapiranga Lake. This was back in February, and all classes sail the course, starting at the same time. Some 600 boats can be seen. A beautiful sight.

The Brazilian Championship was a gruesome dispute with Claudio Bieckark finishing first and George Rider a very close 2nd.

The three teams that qualified for the Pan American Games were extremely disappointed that the Lightning Class was excluded from the 2003 Games. We must now all do all we can to ensure the return of our class to the 2007 Games that will be held in Rio de Janeiro.

From March to June 2003, at least 5 local Yacht Clubs held regatta's, with an average of 6 to 10 boats each time. April was also an important month, with 3 Brazilian teams participating in the Miami Worlds. Luis



Lebreiro and his Rio team were running high on the list right up to the final days.

New boats have been made in Brazil, showing great speed and quality, the latest being baptized was Nelson Schmitt's Chamego VI.

Planning of the Youth World Championships for March 2004 and having the current Youth World Champion team lead by Tommy Sumner has peaked up interest of several youths in the Lightning Class.

The organizing Committee for the 2004 LYWC headed by Torsten Bojlesen, Jimmy Sumner, Hans Ludwig, John Bennett and Nelson Schmitt has been actively pursuing sponsors and organizing the event. The state sports Secretary, Lars Graef, the Sailing Federation and Robert Scheidt have all lent their support to the event.

November has seen us holding our state championship in São Paulo on the Guarapiranga Lake, and two teams have been dominating- former World Champion - Mario Backup, sailing with family, and the YCSA team of Enrico Francavilla. 13 boats are competing, with 2 of them captained by youths training for the qualifying regattas for the 2004 Youth World Championship to be held in São Paulo.

We have now established our own internet site at [www.lightningclass.com.br](http://www.lightningclass.com.br). Check it out.

Torsten Bojlesen.





## Fleet 481, Wake Sailing on Kerr Lake, Raleigh, North Carolina Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9303		Art Thingulestadt
10039		Milt Rhodes
11336		Ken Hollis
11900		Doug King
12603		Frank Mason
12773		Worth A Lutz III
12973	Agent Orange	John Driscoll
13620	Banana Boat	Ed Michels
13877	Adrenalin	Michael S Rees
14080		John Chaplinsky
14132	Too Fast	David L Francis
14376	Hallucination	James E "Ned" Nutt
14396		John W Pelosi
14637	Great Escape	Charles J. Moore Jr.
14747		Alan Krauss
14852	Magnum Force	Robert Graves
14932	Swan with 3 Necks	John W Pelosi
14950	Ultra Lightning	Ed Michels
15009		Richard Phillips
15141	Ciao Bebe	Avis & Henry Bridgers
15146	Bizarre Love Triangle	David Raley

Fleet Captain.....John Pelosi  
Fleet Secretary.....Avis Bridgers

The 2003 season began early in January as a few of us diehards sail all winter on Jordan Lake in the Triangle area of North Carolina. Attempting to get more boats on the starting line, we had several "boat rebuilding days" in February at Henry Bridger's well outfitted shop. Henry is a Master Craftsman with all the proper equipment, and he, Ed Michels and John Pelosi worked on boats owned by Ken Hollis and Frank Mason, repairing everything from mast steps to boat trailers and completing major upgrades in rigging. One major task on Mason's boat was to clean the rotting leaves and other compost out of the hull. Avis Bridgers always supplied the boat repair team with a gourmet lunch. Later, after sailing on Michael Rees's boat, Henry single-handedly made everything broken on the boat work again, a considerable effort. There was much speculation about how well Michael would sail with a boat that actually worked.

Our annual fleet party was held at the end of February at the Bridgers'. It was a great turnout, featuring an oyster roast, one of Henry's specialties. A small coterie of Thistle sailors showed up and we plied them with beer and oysters sufficiently to talk them into doing race committee again for the Borderline

Regatta, our end of the season major fleet event.

We wish the turnout for sailing equaled the turnout for the party, but it seems that too many pressures from work and family effectively kept boats off the starting line. Ed Michels spent the better part of a week calling skippers and lining up crew so that we had six boats on the line for one club regatta, the biggest turnout of Lightnings for a club race all season. It is hard to sustain that kind of effort.

Our home club, Carolina Sailing Club, hosted the SELD Championships at our Governor's Cup Regatta and we had 17 boats on the line, one of the best turnouts for district championships in several years. This year our club and fleet hosted two other district regattas, the Oriental Sailing Social and the Borderline. Only five boats showed up at Oriental, but we had 26 at the Borderline.

Early in the year we welcomed Alan Krauss, 14747 and Dave Raley, 15146 to our fleet. They joined Henry and Avis Bridgers and John Pelosi in attending a number of district regattas. Our district had nine regattas this year. The Bridgers and Pelosi attended six each and Krauss and Raley each attended three. The Bridgers and Pelosi also sailed in the Potomac Cup held by Fleet 50 in DC. They also joined Raley at the SAYRA Regatta held in Wilmington, NC. We welcomed Worth Lutz and his family back to the fleet. Worth has taken on major responsibility for the club's junior sailing program and hopes to get back to racing as well. Toward the end of the season we welcomed Harry Cline to our fleet. Harry bought Ed Michels' old boat and Harry is eager to join us on the water. Now if we could only get some of our other fleet members to join us once and awhile we'd have great competition. The bad news is that Ed Michels moved to Annapolis, meaning we have lost a very hard-working, active fleet member who has made major contributions over the years.

The issue of turnout is one we struggle with all season. We have that same issue in our district and several hours were consumed by team members from 15 district boats after racing at the Borderline Regatta, trying to figure out how we could improve attendance on the district circuit. You know it is an important issue if it interferes with drinking. We keep working at it though, and continue to hope that our efforts will pay off in getting more people to join us in our favorite sport.





## Fleet 484, Ithaca

Sailing on Cayuga Lake, Ithaca, New York  
Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
1674	Restless	Peter V Lent
10113	Whisper	John B Rudd
12008	The Green Room	Byrne O'Brien
11372	Windwalker	Matt Richter
14256	Mangy Moose	Stephen Little
14240	Green Archers	Jon Humphrey
14713		John B Rudd
14799	Hot Flash	Edward Seyerlein
14850		Jesse W Miller
14968		John B Rudd
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Byrne O'Brien
		Jeanette Little

Fleet Captain.....Ed Seyerlein  
Fleet Secretary.....Byrne O'Brien

Our fleet sails out of the Ithaca Yacht Club on the southwest side of Cayuga Lake. We have a great facility with 2 hoists and a pavilion in our dry sail area. The club house has a full bar and restaurant. I mention this because it is a beautiful setting. And sit we did, NO WIND. We had 16 potential Thursday evenings to race, spring series 3 evenings raced, summer series 4 evenings raced.

We were more fortunate with our regattas. 484 sponsored a 2day regatta the first of August. With good race committee work we had 4 races completed on Saturday. Millers were leading for top Ithaca fleet finish with Seyerlein and O'Briens close behind. Patience paid off Sunday morning for the race committee. Wind filled in from the south and 1 race was completed. O'Briens won that race but not top fleet honors. Seyerlein finished 2nd, to gain top fleet honors and 5th place overall.

Our Frostbite regatta October 12th was well attended, with 17 Lightnings on the line. Jon Humphry sailed with Steve Little, loaning his boat to a local team. John Rudd sailed the regatta with his wife Beverly. Hardly a frostbite, weather was warm with a southerly breeze. The breeze died after 2 races not giving the Ithaca fleet a chance to recover and capture any awards.

The highlight of the season had to be Steve Little's birthday present to his wife Jeanette. A brand new Lightning! We are delighted with Steve's choice of a gift.

Our fleet awards for the summer of 2003 were: Millers winning the spring series, O'Briens winning the summer series and overall award. Our fleet members are: John and Beverly Rudd, Steve and Jeanette Little, Ed Seyerlein, Jesse and Ginny Miller, Jon Humphry, and Byrne and Karen O'Brien. Next year's fleet captain will be Jeanette Little. We hope for a little more wind next season and if you find yourself in the Ithaca area please stop in and say hello.

Byrne O'Brien: bykasail@hancock.net.

## Fleet 486, Valley

Sailing on Alton Lake, Machens, Missouri  
Mississippi Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13379	Top Secret	Stephen Wyers
13836	Chaos	C. Graeme Wilson
14088	Fascination	Richard Conaway
14233	Taxes Due	Gerald L. Wnorowski

## Fleet 488, Rocky Mountain

Sailing the waters of Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming  
US @ Large District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
435		Donna Downey
5945		Dean Lausten
6392	Zephyr	Jess Witt
9250		Community Sailing
9808		John Sollenberger & Matt Osborn
10767	HunkRDwn	Kyle Jermyn
11138	Beater	David Spira
11446	Frolic	William Sickles
11457	Blue Moon	William F Cabral
12428	Wind Song	Beth & Brad Hamilton
12871	Dandy Lion	Tom McNish
13478	Heron	Fred Denny
13857		Martin Mulhern
14030		Steven & Jan Davis
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15004	Aldonza	William F Cabral
15103		Steven & Jan Davis
15158	Odyssey	David Spira

Fleet Captain.....Marty Mulhern  
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Stoller  
Fleet Champion.....Steve Davis

### Local Racing:

Locally, Fleet 488 sails with the Denver Sailing Association at Cherry Creek Lake in Southeast metro Denver. Our program includes club racing every Thursday night starting at 6:30 PM (if you're in Denver, you better stop by!) with burgers and beer afterward. We also sail a variety of weekend regattas throughout the year in Denver (starting in April, running through September) and throughout the intermountain west.

Our season championship was a closely fought event between Steve Davis and Dave Spira, with Steve winning (for the third time) after 31 races by only 5 points. On the other end of the spectrum, Bill Cabral almost won the Lame Duck award by capsizing while setting the chute in a 30-knot pull just after telling his son Alex there was nothing to worry about in the Hornblower regatta. Luckily for Bill, the Lame Duck (given by





*Marty Mulhern leads downwind at the Columbus Day Regatta. Photos taken October 2003 at Chatfield Lake, Littleton, Colorado by Andy Lundstrom.*

our club for the first (or most spectacular capsized) went to a Buccaneer sailor who believes that doing anything once is just not often enough.

Local activity was boosted late in the year by the donation of Lightning #9250 by Family of Harold Kohler Sr., with fleet 104 LaValette Yacht Club in Barnegat, NJ to support our local area junior programs. Steve and Jan brought it back to Denver. Steve and Marty Mulhern have been fixing this boat up during the early fall, enabling it to sail (and win) the Columbus Day Regatta (Steve Davis skippered, while the Jr.'s raced Steve's boat). This regatta is a team competition between area clubs. This is the second year that Denver Sailing Association has won with a team of Lightnings. Jesse Witt is a new addition to our fleet with his classic wooden Lightning Zephyr.

In late breaking news, Mike and Christie Ratliff have sold off their possessions, bought a 38 foot Yacht in San Francisco, and are headed south and west as far as they can go. They left today. We know because last night they called Bill Cabral to say that Lightning 11457 was the only thing left (of course a Lightning would be the last thing to anyone could sell) and was he interested? An hour later Bill became the owner of a second Lightning. It looks like our junior program will do very well next year.

#### Southern Circuit and Worlds:

Both the Davis's and Davis Spira Sailed in the Southern Circuit. Both trailed their boats north as the season progressed to sail in east coast regattas, ending up in Westport, participating in as many regattas as they could on the way. Steve and Jani Davis crewed in the Worlds, and in the Worlds Masters Championship. Bob Stoller was the first Colorado skipper to helm a boat in the Worlds Masters. This would not have been possible except for the generous offer of Dave Spira's boat and Dave and his son as crew.

#### The North Americans:

Three teams from Denver made it to the North Americans this year, and had a fantastic time. The racing this year was very tight and very competitive, with many people remarking that a single mistake cost 10 or 12 positions. The results bear this out, as the

average throw-out finish in the top 10 was a 24th in the Blue fleet and a 16th in the Yellow Fleet. Steve Davis did the best with a 4th overall in the Yellow fleet, and Bill Cabral had the best race of his life with a fourth place finish in Yellow fleet race #4. Dave Spira made the classiest entrance by cruising into Cedar Point YC in a charter yacht and staying on 'B' dock all week.

#### The Blackout:

Many of us augmented our North American's experience by heading straight into 'The Blackout', and can relate to Bill Cabral's vision of it. He and his son Alex were already at Cedar Point that afternoon, and used the last amp in Connecticut putting their boat on the trailer (power failed as they were pushing their boat away from the hoist). For a while Bill's Colorado based cell phone was the only working phone at the club, and was much appreciated by people trying to contact their families. Meanwhile, their middle crew, Raeyane Farrell, was crossing the Mississippi at 35,000 feet while her pilot, United Airlines, and the FAA pondered where to land his airliner. They choose La Guardia and Raeyane ended up in a dark, hot, humid, powerless airport terminal at sunset without a way to get out of New York City because the roads were jammed and Bill couldn't get in. Three hours later she arrived at Eastport in a stretch limo with Cuban cigars. Apparently limo drivers who can't find their parties appreciate a cell phone from Colorado that works.

#### Lightning #1 Party:

The entire Colorado contingent attended the party at Mystic Seaport for Lightning #1 and said it was the best Lightning event they'd ever attended. It was wonderful to see and touch the boat that started it all for so many of us and to know that hull #1 would be preserved in such great hands.

#### Support to Sailing:

Our fleet continued its dedicated support to sailing on the local and national,

and international level this year with Bob Stoller acting as Fleet Captain, Bill Cabral serving as Commodore of the Denver Sailing Association, Marty Mulhern in position as Vice Commodore of SAIL, the regional US Sailing, and Steve Davis acting as the Treasurer of the ILCA. This is a very strong showing for a 10-member fleet, and an accomplishment we are all very proud of. We are also looking forward to the 2004 season, where we can all get back to actually sailing in regattas instead of organizing, funding, and managing them.



*Youth sailor Reeve Dunne helms at the Columbus Day Regatta.*

