

FLEET LISTING

ALPHABETICAL

AGULEO.....	125	LAC DE NEUCHÂTEL.....	83	SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB.....	69
ALGARROBO YACHT CLUB.....	107	LAGOS.....	131	SPOFFORD LAKE.....	78
ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB.....	80	LAKE LANIER.....	111	SQUAM LAKE.....	108
ATWOOD YACHT CLUB.....	90	LAKE DAVENPORT.....	83	ST. MARY'S.....	115
BARNAGAT LIGHT.....	109	LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB.....	66	SUNCOAST.....	128
BISCAYNE BAY.....	93	LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB.....	57	SURF CITY YACHT CLUB.....	89
BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB.....	94	LAKE NOCKAMIXON.....	125	SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB.....	96
BOW LAKE.....	125	LAKE NORMAN YACHT CLUB.....	116	SWIFT CREEK.....	128
BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB.....	83	LAKE TUUSULANJARVI.....	119	TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB.....	102
BUCKEYE LAKE.....	63	LAKE WASHINGTON.....	77	TENNESSEE VALLEY.....	128
BUENOS AIRES.....	119	LANSING SAILING CLUB.....	113	THE FLYING BEAVERS.....	75
BUFFALO CANOE CLUB.....	56	LEATHERLIPS.....	60	THE PRAIRIE.....	130
BURT LAKE.....	97	LITTLE EGG HARBOR.....	59	TORONTO BAY.....	79
CAPE FEAR.....	132	LOWER SUSQUEHANNA/ NORTHERN CHESAPEAKE.....	87	TURKEYFOOT LAKE.....	60
CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	98	MURTENSEE.....	111	VALKEAKOSKI.....	121
CATAWBA YACHT CLUB.....	112	MACATAWA BAY.....	90	VALLEY SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	123
CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB.....	76	MADISON BEACH CLUB.....	77	VIERWALDSTATER/ GREIFENSEE.....	95
CHAMPLAIN.....	104	MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB.....	79	WACCAMAW.....	120
CHATAUGUA.....	90	MAPLE BAY.....	69	WAKE.....	121
CHEQUESSET.....	104	MARBLE HEAD.....	87	WAWASEE YACHT CLUB.....	80
CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.....	54	MARSALA.....	119	WESTERN LAKE ERIE.....	63
CHINOOK.....	95	MASSABESIL YACHT CLUB.....	101	WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB.....	81
CLARKS HILL.....	97	MERRIMAC RIVER.....	75	YACHT CLUB OF ATHENS.....	95
CLEARWATER BAY.....	102	METEDECONK RIVER YACHT CLUB.....	60		
CLUB NÁUTICO DEL MUNA.....	70	MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB.....	69		
CLUB NÁUTICO EL PORTILLO.....	128	MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB.....	88		
CLUB NÁUTICO OLIVOS.....	90	MOBILE BAY.....	78		
CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE REGATAS LA PINTA.....	116	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB.....	72		
COLUMBIA.....	104	NITEROI.....	111		
CONNELAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB.....	84	NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB.....	73		
COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	105	NOROTON.....	77		
CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB.....	65	NORTH SHREWSBURY.....	56		
CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB.....	75	NYACK BOAT CLUB.....	70		
DALLAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.....	61	OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB.....	117		
DECATUR.....	70	OKANAGAN.....	112		
DEL CORNERO.....	121	ONONDAGA LAKE.....	55		
DEL TRASIMENO.....	119	ORIENT YACHT CLUB.....	129		
DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	101	PARTHENON.....	104		
DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB.....	60	PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB.....	84		
DOUGLAS LAKE.....	113	POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB.....	128		
FON DU LAC.....	118	PONTIAC YACHT CLUB.....	67		
GALWAY LAKE.....	110	POTOMAC RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	63		
GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB.....	107	PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB.....	61		
GREAT EGG.....	73	RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY.....	70		
GREAT SODUS BAY.....	74	REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	107		
GREAT SOUTH BAY.....	83	RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET.....	94		
GREATER CHARLESTON.....	116	ROCKY MOUNTAIN.....	123		
GREEN BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION.....	74	ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB.....	90		
GUANABARA.....	115	RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB.....	118		
GUARAPIRANGA.....	120	SAGINAW BAY LIGHTNING FLEET.....	92		
GULL LAKE.....	78	SALINAS YACHT CLUB.....	116		
HAMPTON.....	131	SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.....	112		
HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB.....	98	SAN PABLO.....	119		
HELSINKI.....	82	SANTA MONICA BAY.....	74		
HENDERSON HARBOR.....	93	SÃO PAULO.....	79		
HIGGINS LAKE.....	74	SASSAFRAS RIVER.....	106		
HOUSATONIC YACHT CLUB.....	55	SAVANNAH.....	77		
INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB.....	57	SEVERN RIVER.....	107		
ITHACA.....	122	SHEBOY GAN YACHT CLUB.....	85		
JACKSON YACHT CLUB.....	115	SHREVEPORT.....	83		
JYVASKYLA.....	107	SILVER FOX SQUADRON.....	100		
KEUKA LAKE.....	96	SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB.....	63		
KILLYLEAGH YACHT CLUB.....	116	SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB.....	54		
KITSILANO YACHT CLUB.....	73	SOLOMONS.....	130		
LAVAILLETTE YACHT CLUB.....	74	SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB.....	117		

Fleets listed are those who were active, i.e. paid their dues, in 2004.

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

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

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
39	ACME	DAVID PENFIELD
378		MIKE YATES
2743		BILL BARTLETT
2743		ALAN BARTLETT
6614	THE FIGHTING LADY	GORDON POTTER
8899		DANIEL W. FERGUSON
9136		EDDIE WALTON
9573		KIRK HETHERLY
9711	RADIO FLYER	ANDREW HAGEN
10188		JEFF YOULE
10355		KIRK REYNOLDS
10679		BRET KELLY
10705	ALLEGRO	JOHN A. BARNES
12031	ROAMIN' WITH BROHMAN II	WILLIAM COLLINS
12031		DICK LYNCH
12174		WILLIAM C. BOURKE
12210		DAVID M. HAYES
13330	THUNDER ANN	SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB
13375	ENSAYO	SAMUEL T. DEAN
13677	CLUB BOAT	HENDRIX TEN EYCK, JR.
13749	WAG	MARK H. KILIAN
13900	SERENITY	CHRISTOPHER C. KUHN
13900	EGO TRIPPED	GARY KUHN
14631	BIG GREEN APPLE KNOCKERS	PETER SWARTZ
14719		MARK FLECKENSTEIN
15088		BENT L. THOMSEN
15088		LYN

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

This year was not a good year for Fleet 1. The wind gods were not good. The season was hampered by little or no wind on race days and if there was no wind then there was rain and no one wanted to go racing. Our participation at the district regattas was non-existent. We had a hard time getting off dead center. The junior sailors were doing the inter-club route and doing well but seemed to be burned out for the regatta circuit.

On a bright note we hosted our One Day Regatta. Twelve boats came to challenge the wind gods. We were able to get in four races despite the lack of wind and a threatened audit of the results by Dick Tuttle. Dick Hallagan won the regatta despite Tuttle's threats. We did have to award Dick Tuttle a second place for his efforts. The efforts of the other racers should also be noted. There were three sets of ties. In all my years as RC and competitor, I do not recall as many ties. We award the Hull Number Handicap for this regatta and much to my pleasure Craig Thayer took the honors sailing # 738.

Hopefully next year will be better!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9232	WIND ON HIGH LIFE	JEFF FJELDHEIM
10443		TOM HENNESSY
13779		DAVID SCHMAHL
		BRAD STEINER
14015	HOT FLASH	DOUG STEFFENSON
14045	BLITZ	JIM ROLLBERG
14065	PLAN B	JIM FAIRMAN
14137	LOVE & ROCKETS	ANTHONY SEITZ
14433	TINFISH	ROBERT H. HARTSHORN
14466	PHOTON	ROBERT K. SMITHER
14613	RACER X	DOUG NICKEL
	POODLES BY VERA	JEANNE EHRENBURG
14740		BILL FAUDE
14844		DENNIS A. BURKE
14938		DAVID W. STIX
14975	TOTAL RECALL	PAUL WURTZEBACH
15167	DRAGON	WILLIAM GIBSON
	PIGS ON ICE	STEVE JENKINS

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

Fleet 5 put increased emphasis this year on trying to sail three races on Sundays and successfully increased the number of races in our Fleet Championship series to an all-time high of 26. We had close standings in the series right down to the very last race of the season.

Fleet newcomer Jim Rollberg deserves special mention as noticeably hot in his first full season with our fleet in a boat that is new to him. Jeff Fjeldheim debuted his beautifully renovated woodie sailing remarkably fast upwind with a wooden mast, then went back to the woodshop for more tuning. 2004 was a terrific season with lots of memories to recall fondly and others like broken noses and masts to lament over a beer or two. Our plan for more participation next year: burning all spare vacation days early in the year on ski vacations and outsourcing parenting responsibilities to handle the influx of anklebiters that have happened to us.

Fleet 5 and CCYC hosted the US Sailing Sears Cup (US Junior Triplehanded Championship) Area K Regional Championship in July. The fleet provided boats for five teams, rotating boats after each race. The winning team skippered by CCYC member Andy Camarda advanced to the National Championships and finished 6th out of ten boats.

Also breaking recent records was participation in the Red Flannels Regatta. Twenty-five boats sailed in the third consecutive year of near ideal wind conditions. Our 2003



winner, Jim Allen avoided the 'flaps down' plunge in the namesake underwear by pursuing an awesome 2nd place finish in the US Sailing Men's Championship - Mallory Cup the same weekend. With so much talent at the Red Flannels every year, the winner has to be near perfect to beat the field. In an emotional triumph over numerous past runner-up finishes, Matt Burridge with Dan & Tobo Moriarty schooled the fleet on perfect racing, going 1-2-1-1-1. Bill Faude was 2nd and Paul Wurtzebach was 3rd. For the second year, Roots Stems & Branches, now our official regatta band, led our Saturday celebration with their fantastic Reggae beat. We look for RSB to give Matt some dancing music to warm up to after he takes the plunge next year!

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

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

Fleet 5 web site: www.corinthian.org/lightning

Fleet 6: Housatonic Yacht Club Sailing on Long Island Sound, Stratford, Connecticut Connecticut/Rhode Island District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10801 14947	WOODY	R. NEIL HAYES BRIAN HAYES

Fleet 10: Onondaga Lake Sailing on Onondaga Lake, Liverpool (Syracuse), New York Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
736 8656 8677 9392 9711 10370 11425 13011 13154 13684	HUNTRESS	W. CRAIG THAYER W. CRAIG THAYER BRIAN COLVIN W. CRAIG THAYER ANDREW HAGEN W. CRAIG THAYER W. CRAIG THAYER JOE RAITE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB
14411 14737	THE CHEESE YANK-C-II	ALICE MELVIN CRANDALL MELVIN PETER OSBORNE LEONARD PHILLIPS

Fleet Captain.....Joe Raite
Fleet Secretary.....Craig Thayer

Fall is turning to winter, and Onondaga Yacht Club has been packed up for the year. The crimson leaves that the trees have shed paint the shores of our lake in deceptively placid manner. Our season has been all but calm. The OYC Lightning Fleet has conquered championship fleets and braved the most ferocious rogue squalls.

Onondaga Yacht Club hosted its second annual Woody regatta. So far the turn out for this regatta has been steadily increasing, with nine boats this year. Craig Thayer and I manned his 700 series on Day 1, ripping a new chute in the stiff breeze. The competition ranged from first timers to active sailors, from North Carolina to Maryland to Massachusetts. Quite ironically, Craig and I recruited my cousin as a third crew for Day 2 to help keep the boat extra flat in the trifling breeze. We expect the fleet size to grow in 2005 so come and enjoy the beautiful boats in next year's regatta.



Unfortunately only one of the OYC's fleet Lightnings traveled this summer. All other boats are in the midst of restoration or have been retired as racers. However, Craig Thayer and I were active crew in the CNY district, traveling to most of the regattas. Craig along with Newport Yacht Club's Dan Pope and Malcolm Hendry of Southampton ventured the 2004 Lightning Masters in Buffalo. After working out some tuning kinks the team fared well under the pressures of a grueling fleet. Borrowing Len Phillips' boat my junior team tried our luck at the 2004 Lightning Juniors. My skipper, John Newell from Rochester Yacht Club, and forward crew, Eliza Pope-Collins from Sodus Bay Yacht Club, proved to be the winning formula after inching our way to a victory.

Those who showed at the 2004 OYC One Day got a little more than what they expected. Winds were moderate throughout the morning with monstrous shifts. Pete Osborne from the OYC sailed his Lightning with Commodore Jerry Clark and I sailed with Newport Yacht Club's Dan Pope and his niece Eliza Pope Collins. After a few hours of shifty wind storm clouds began to rumble in the northwest. A squall flooded over the lake just after the race was abandoned and the last of the sailors reached the dock. The 70 mile per hour gusts devastated the yard, blowing Dick Tuttle's Lightning off his trailer and an OYC member's 505 of its trailer, and throwing Landy Atkinson's Lightning off its trailer into the marina. After the storm passed, Landy's boat was retrieved lacking a mast and suffering hull damage. To say the least, it was an interesting season.



Fleet 11: North Shrewsbury Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River, New Jersey Metropolitan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13673 14786	LE SPEU	DOMINIC DIPIERO JON SCHWARTZ ROB RUFFUS

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life 0 0		ANNE S. ALLEN JEFF ROBBINS PATRICK WHISTLER
3951	USAIR	LAIRD ROBERTSON
6983	SEE ADLER	WILLIAM E. NEAL
9111		CHARLIE NOWAK
11117	ELECTRIC DREAMS	BERGAN ACKERMAN
11126		WILLIAM WEIKERT, JR.
12445		RONALD ALLAN HUGHES
12770	FOR SAIL	CLARENCE O. JONES, JR. JAMES EAGAN
13244	EYE-OPENER	JOHN L. COSMANN
13652		JOHN A. FRANK, III
13881		DREW BERGAN
14112		ROBERT DOBMEIER RACHAEL MOLONEY DAVID E. FRETZ
14195		EDWIN ROSEBERRY, JR.
14261	BERRY III	WARREN EMBLIDGE, III
14286	DONUTS, DONUTS, DONUTS	JUDITH WALKER
14291	VAMPIRA II	ROBERT B. STARCK
14371	Confusion3	DR. RICHARD J. BUCKLEY, JR.
14410	CATSPAWS	PETER C. GODFREY
14416		THOMAS M. WARD
14502	WEST WIND	ERICH STEADMAN
14519		TIMOTHY JEHLE
14572		KEVIN J. ROBINSON
14744		RICHARD A. AUBRECHT
14772	DAZE	MICHAEL VOLLMER
15064		LARRY MacDONALD, JR.
15119		DAVID STARCK
15121		GREG FLYNN
15125		JODY SWANSON
15168		TOM ALLEN, JR.
15196		TOM ALLEN, SR.

Captain.....Warren Emblidge
Treasurer.....Tom Allen, Jr.
Secretary.....Brian Starck
Historian.....Jack O'Donnell

The season started with a bang, as several teams headed to the southern circuit. Warren Emblidge, our intrepid fleet captain, had his boat crushed by a hit and run driver not more than a half mile into his trip south, but thanks in no small part to Brian Starck's recent completion of a defensive driving course, the damage was held to something less than the boat's value (lesson learned: Don't drive on St. Patty's day in Buffalo!). Larry MacDonald finished the circuit second overall, while Dave Starck finished third. Warren, Brian and Jack O'Donnell commandeered a new boat and car, and made the trip anyways! In May, the flock made its way west to Pymatuning, but all we remember is that Dave Starck sang with the Trailer Trash band. (We doubt he's been invited on their European "double-wide" tour)

With the NA's coming to town, there were lots of opportunities to hone our racing skills at the Club. In June, we held the Niagara Frontier Invitational. Several visiting teams joined the 19 boat fray, which was won by David Starck. In July, we sailed our Club Championship, which attracted lots of folks looking to practice for the upcoming NA's. Mark Serfl of CNY District won the day. We also saw phenomenal club racing, with up to 17 boats on the line for our Tuesday night series! Dave Starck and Larry MacDonald won most of the races, with Warren Emblidge and "Fast Eddie" Roseberry hot on their heels. Special thanks to our race committee (Jean Swanson, Anne Allen, and Susie Fretz) for getting in 4-5 races each night! We'd also like to welcome Erich Steadman and Peter Godfrey who both purchased boats this year to become the newest members of our growing fleet.

Our big event was the 2004 North Americans, which was a colossal undertaking chaired by Dave Starck and supported by a cast of thousands (thank you all!). More than 150 boats arrived for the two-week soiree, which saw wild conditions ranging from drifting to 25+ knots with 8' plus waves. Jody Swanson was the story of the day, winning both the Women's regatta and the North American Championship. Her crew in the Women's regatta was Maddy Waldron and Lauren Jones, while her NA's crew was Tom Starck and Skip Dieball. Congratulations!! Fellow member Tom Allen Jr. with crew Bill Pictor and John Humphrey finished third in the championship flight, and David Starck won the qualifying series. Tom Allen Sr., Jim Allen, Dick Aubrecht, Drew Bergan, Warren Emblidge, Tim Jehle, Larry MacDonald, and David Sprague also competed in the event.

Many fleet members also participated in the Women's, Junior's and Master's regattas. Drew Bergan, Will Carey, Jeff Robbins, and Patrick Whistler competed in the Juniors, while Sarah Montgomery, Jenny Millar, Debbie Probst, and Jody Swanson competed in the Women's regatta. Many of our regulars also participated in the Master's regatta, including Tom Ward. All-in-all, fantastic participation by all!

Having completed the pre-game show, it was time to move on the finale: the Corinthian's Old Salts' Regatta. Our "seasoned veterans" toughed out drifting conditions and foggy strategies to earn bragging rights as the saltiest dog on the sea. This year's winner was "Uncle" Bob Starck, breaking Dick Aubrecht's two-year stranglehold on the title.

We finished up the season with a one-day fall regatta, where warm weather, calm seas and a fair wind ruled the day - just like the NA's! Clearly, we've had a fun time this year - thanks to all those who made this such a special season - see you in 2005!



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life		W.J. LIMBAUGH
10585		ROBINSON JOSLIN
11055	ANNE JO	JOHN GREEN
12049	DYED BLUE	ROBERT CURRY
12287	MELLOW	FRANKLIN L. TERRY
13189	JODI	RICHARD COLLIER
13502		JIM SEWELL
13741	WIND THIEF	ROBERT CLOVER
13747	NO FEAR	JUDYCREAMER

Fleet Secretary.....Robert Clover

Fleet 23 enjoyed reasonably good sailing weather for the summer. As many as five boats were at the starting line on occasion. Winds weren't always in our favorite range (just right for holding a beverage in one hand while managing a line in the other) but usually at least enough too avoid using auxiliary power and below wet suit velocity.

We did have one junior who managed to get some skippering in and we were proud of that. Maybe next year we can work in some more junior Lightning sailors.

Some of our members are already watching long term forecasts for the winter to contemplate ice boating. Ice boaters should check with ILYC to find out if ice sailing conditions are right and join us during the winter. May you all enjoy fair winds and following seas!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11565	ARIBA-ARIBA-ANDELE	JOHN MARX
11738	TABASCO	JOHN RICE
13160	SUB-LIME	HENRY JELINEK
13373	THE GREAT ESCAPE	WILLIAM M. BEVERIDGE
13381	SPAGHETTI	MARK MARUSSICH
13820	TATTOO	CHARLES CHUTE
14198	SUSHI	DONALD T. OKNER
14327	WILD GOOSE	ANGELA HOPKINS
14607	HAWKEYE	RICHARD T. MINER
15090	M	PERRY L. ANDERSON

Fleet Captain.....Chuc Chute
Fleet Secretary.....Donald T. Okner
Fleet Champion.....Richard T. Miner



With Lightning sailor Hank Jelinek serving as Commodore of the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club for his second year in a row the fun for 2004 began on May 1st with the club's first social activity of the year, the Prep Signal. The event took place at the Lake Mohawk Country Club and included a "pot luck" dinner. This family party set the mood for racing that started on Sunday, May 16th with the first gun at 1:00 P.M.

The first of our three, handicapped regattas, the Gabor Cup was held on May 30th. Bill Batchelor served as race official and we had a terrific turnout. Perry Anderson took third place in the regatta, assisted by his crew Margaret Anderson and Gary Oeters.

By June, racing was well underway. On June 27th we had a terrific turnout in some good air out of the north. Although Chuck Chute washed his boat during the first race, he came back for more and grabbed a second in the next race. Rich Miner managed to take two firsts. Hank Jelinek took a second in the first race but broke a vang and was out for the second.

The Independence Day Family Picnic on July 3rd was an outstanding success with 70 people of all ages enjoying the food and spectacular fireworks over the lake. The theme for the event, an annual favorite, was red, white and blue with burgers, hot dogs, soda and beer on the menu. Hooray USA! Thanks go to our social committee headed by Cathy Chute and Bambi Newton as well as Beth Jelinek for her tables and all who helped.

On the following day, John Miller served as race official for the Marine Base Regatta. There were two races sailed in shifty, seven to ten knot wind, predominantly out of the south east. Eleven boats participated including five Lightnings. There were a few mishaps, including one turtle, but nothing that our skippers and their crews haven't

experienced before. The combined handicapped results produced a three way tie for first place and another three way tie for fourth place so the results were calculated based upon corrected times. Third Place in the regatta and first place in the Lightning fleet went to Rich Miner and his crew.

The Spring series ended in July with defending champion Rich Miner going undefeated for twelve races. The results of the Spring series are as follows:

First Place: Richard Miner, Skipper: Gail Miner & Edgar Braendle, Crew
 Second Place: Perry Anderson, Skipper: Margaret Anderson & Gary Oeters, Crew
 Third Place: Hank Jelinek, Skipper: Adam Enea, Crew
 Fourth Place: Don Okner, Skipper: Stephen Koch, Crew
 Fifth Place: Chuck Chute, Skipper: Dave Newton, Crew

The first, annual Jack Robertson Cruising Day took place on the following weekend on Saturday, August 7th. We had boats from all fleets on the lake as well as some great food courtesy of our social committee. Of course, the star of the show was Jack Robertson. The Okner and Miner Lightnings were out along with Howard Gooblar's Snipe, Nick Hamon's Merlin and son Michael's Pico as well as Matt Carlson's Ghost and, of course a Sunfish or two.

The event marked the return of one of our all time favorite menus, brats and beer. Cathy Chute did an outstanding job preparing everything and Chuck Chute, once again, skillfully manned the grill. The German beer added the final touch! Bill and Kayoko Batchelor also stopped by with their adorable little daughter Maika, now over five months old. Those who were there agreed that this event is here to stay! Thank you Jack for your inspiration.

On the following day, with Jeff Urbanski at the helm of the committee boat, assisted by son Gregory, we had two races in light to medium air out of the west. Five Lightnings raced and while defending Lightning Fleet Champion Rich Miner captured another bullet in the first race he was taken by Perry Anderson in the second race. Don Okner had his son Martin Okner along with Holly Aron on board as crew.

Our last handicapped regatta for the year, the Commodore's Cup Regatta, took place on September 5th. We had a great turn out that included five Lightnings on the starting line for two races in a 5 to 8 knot breeze out of the east-not a favorite direction for many of our sailors. Thanks to the efforts of our Race Officials, Bill Warren and Jack Robertson, a good course was laid out and the competition was stiff. Second Place went to Don Okner and crew Stephen Koch.

On September 12th we were treated to our favored wind out of the south west. While the breeze was a very light for the first race, it filled to about 8 to 10 knots for the second. We were able to sail a triangle course with marks

to starboard and had some good spinnaker reaches. Chuck Chute began sailing his newly acquired boat, Tattoo, during September and he sold Tomato Sloop shortly thereafter. We will all miss seeing Tomato Sloop on our lake but we certainly wish Chuck well with his new boat.

On September 19th the effects of a hurricane were causing heavy gusts out of the northeast, so racing was canceled. However, things settled down later in the afternoon and the Chute and Marussich Lightnings were spotted tied up to the dock at the boardwalk. Could this have been a beer run to Krogh's?

On the following week, racing resumed and we had a good turnout in the Lightning fleet. October 3rd turned out to be a bit of a disappointment because what little wind there was at the start dissipated and racing had to be canceled due to lack of air. However, on October 10th, with John Miller and Chuck Chute serving as race officials, we were treated to a strong and steady wind out of the North that provided some of the best sailing of the year.

Racing officially came to a close on October 17th and Rich Miner was once again in first place for the Fall series. The results for the Fall series are as follows:

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 Second Place: Don Okner, Skipper: Stephen Koch, Crew
 Third Place: Perry Anderson, Skipper: Margaret Anderson & Gary Oeters, Crew
 Fourth Place: Hank Jelinek, Skipper: Adam Enea, Crew
 Fifth Place: Chuck Chute, Skipper: Dave Newton, Crew

Based on the combined results of his first place finish in the Spring Series and his first place finish in the Fall Series, Rich Miner and his crew once again snagged the Lightning Fleet Championship for 2004. Congratulations go to Rich, Gail and Edgar.

Another social event, punctuated with a little business, was the "Finish Line" party and annual meeting on October 16th. At that time, our officers for 2005 were elected. Our Commodore for 2005 will be defending Lightning Fleet Champion Rich Miner and the Vice Commodore will be his crew, Gail Miner with Hank Jelinek serving as Rear Commodore, Stephen Koch as Secretary and Perry Anderson as Treasurer. The Lightning Fleet Captain will be Chuck Chute, Mike Kelly will serve as Snipe Fleet Captain and the Laser Fleet will be headed by John Miller.

Our annual Awards Brunch took place on Sunday, November 21, 2004 in the Papoose Room of the Lake Mohawk Country Club. This was our last, regularly scheduled social event for 2004. Those all important trophies were presented at the brunch. Recipients of special



awards included Chuck Chute for Most Improved skipper. This year was only the second year that Chuck has been sailing and he is quickly mastering the sport. Perry Anderson and his crew received some "gag" trophies for a mishap during one of the races. However, none of us seriously believe that Perry, a true blue Wolverine, will use any of the Ohio State gear that was presented to him.

Former Lightning Fleet Champion Bob Graham and his wife and crew Patty paid a visit on October 10th. They were up from hurricane ravaged Punta Gorda, Florida where they moved last year. They were sun tanned and in good spirits despite living without power for 18 days, but their house did have some damage. Fortunately the Grahams (and their two dogs) were unharmed.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming 2005 sailing season that will begin in May. We welcome you to visit our web site at: www.lakemohawksailing.org for up to date information. You can Email us at: info@lakemohawksailing.org. Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Fleet 26 Little Egg Harbor
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay, Beach Haven, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10768	PROCRUSTINATION	DR. JODY ROBINSON
11124	SPIRIT	JR. SAILING PROGRAM LITTLE EGG HARBOR YC
11666	CIRRUS	JOHN TEIGLAND, JR.
14634	PHANTOM	CAROLINE V.L.S. HOEDEMAEKER
15079	ARIES	FRANZ K. SCHNEIDER, JR.

Fleet Captain.....Dr. Jody Robinson
Fleet Secretary.....Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Fleet Champion.....Rafe Pilling

Our club season ran from June 19th through September 4th. With few exceptions, races for E-Scow's, Marshall Cat's & Lightning's were run on Saturday afternoons with special cup races held on July 4th & Labor Day weekends.

Rafe Pilling, with Tyler Klaus and Doug Ancey as crew represented Little Egg Harbor and the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association in the Area C Sears Cup eliminations, sailed in Lightning's. With his sister Colie and Tyler Klaus crewing, he also won our fleet championship. Cassy Botti with Franz & Sheila Schneider as crew was second.

The local season opened in June with a Regatta at the Brant Beach Yacht Club. Surf City Yacht Club held an Interclub series in mid July. The Long Beach Island Race Week Lightning event was held on August 4th.

It didn't rain during our Down Bay Regatta but we suffered from the calm before the advancing hurricane. There was not enough wind to sail two races on Saturday and on Sunday there was barely enough wind to get to the race course. Bill Mergenthaler from Surf City took home first place silver. Peter Menninger was second and John Haiges from Riverton Yacht Club was third.

In August Barnegat Light Yacht Club held another Interclub event and the local season ended with two more Regattas at Surf City.

During the week of September 20th, The Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association was the host organization for the Mallory Cup Finals. It was sailed in Lightnings on our race course using our Race Committee.

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





Fleet 27: Leatherlips

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Powell, Ohio
Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7502		JOHN B. HANEY
8559		PETER BURGE
9498		RALPH ZIMMER
11899		DAVID RACINE
11982	GONE WITH THE WIND	GEORGE K. HODGE
12046		KIRK SMITH
12580	B.O.B. (Babes on Board)	CHRISTINA HEDRICK
12787		RICHARD SCHUEM
12797		DON FRISWOLD
13063	SPEEDY	JAMIE DIAMOND
14110		SUSAN ROSS
14743	3 SHEETS TO THE WIND	CHARLES D. SHEETS
14897		KURT ANDREWS
15191		ERIC BRANDT

Fleet 27 is just hanging on. There are really only two or three boats that do anything anymore.

Fleet 31: Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake, Manitou Beach, Michigan
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13959	THUNDER BOAT	SCOTT SMITH
14301	HAY BALES	JACK BEAL
14510	TCB	JEFFREY W. CLEMES
14618	OVER EASY	MERRILL BALES
14649	MODEL CITIZEN	HANK HODGSON
14810	ADRENALIN	RICHARD FOSTER
14830		BRUCE GOLDSMITH
14884		JEFFREY C. MALUDY, M.D.
		DAVID LAIDLAW
		DAN NORTON

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Clemes

2004 was a full season for Fleet 31, Devils Lake, Manitou Beach, Michigan. We may have even gained some new sailors based on the year end regatta. Next year will tell the tale (no pun intended).

Our Sunday series winner was Dr. Dave Laidlaw, who also won the 4th of July series. Merrill Bales won our Stay at Home series and also the Captains Trophy. The Round the Lake Race was won by the only person who understood the special rules - Bill Rogge (not quite true). Dan Norton and Bill Rogge won 2nd and 3rd in our Stay at Home series. Hank Hodgson, not to be outdone, won the Commodores Trophy and Labor Day series.

Attendance at our annual regatta was disappointing again. We have rearranged a little so that we include a band and the Shipwreck Party. That means that the Saturday evening buffet goes from 6pm until all the food is cooked. It took hours last year with almost any entree that one could imagine available. We will try harder in 2005. Second weekend after Labor Day.

Fleet 33: Turkeyfoot Lake

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake, Akron, Ohio
Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10425	JAMAC II	ROBERT JAMES
11123	RED III	McCLEASTER
13594	WINDEBEAST	CLEM B. SHRIVER
13989	NITTANY	GREGORY GRAY
14075	LIGHTNING	JEROME SEPPELT
		DALE JACKSON

Fleet 34: Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Sailing on the Metedeconk River, Brick New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life		PAUL F. GELENITIS
Life		DJOERD HOEKSTRA
		STEPHANIE RUITER
6557	ZIG ZAG	MICHAEL HNATT
7082	CERTIORARI	CAROL H. KERN
9852	CLUB TUB	ROBERT E. COWAN
10952		METEDECONK RIVER YACHT CLUB
11122		ROBERT G. SAVARESE
11894	LOVE IT	DAVID MAGLIARO
12209		DAVID S. RUITER
13084		DONALD SCHON
14008	INCREDIBLE HULK	ERIC LEHNES
14450		GREG KINZEL
14450		GEORGE B. FRANCIS
14589	LESS THAN ZERO	RICHARD D. THOMAS
14597	ROADMASTER	BRIAN TABOADA
14642	CRUSADER	KEITH TABOADA
14692	AREA 51	FRANK CONWAY
14692	AREA 51	DONALD BRENNAN
14889	STRIPES	ANDREW BRENNAN
14924		WILLIAM C. BOGARDUS JR.
14960		MATTHEWSMITH
15057	LOGICAL	MITCHELL HNATT
15122		JODY LUTZ
		JAMES G. CARSON

Fleet Captain.....Mitch Hnatt
Fleet Secretary.....Stephanie Ruitter

A busy season for Metedeconk sailors began on the Southern Circuit as Jim Carson and George Francis sailed the complete circuit with Bill Bogardus joining them in St. Petersburg. The Long John in Red Bank, NJ traditionally commences the local regatta season; five MRYC boats attended, with the best finishes being Mitch Hnatt (2nd) and Keith Taboada (8th). Lavallette held two major regattas on consecutive weekends in June: the New Jersey States saw a Metedeconk 1-2 punch with Mitch Hnatt winning and George Francis 2nd. The Central Atlantic Districts saw Allan Terhune of Toms River successfully defend his 2003 title but not before Mitch Hnatt made him sweat by winning the last race and finishing a point out of 1st. Jody Lutz finished 3rd and Bill Bogardus 7th. Metedeconk made a strong showing at both events, with 9 different sailors competing, typically in both. Others who made the Lavallette regattas beyond those listed above included Jim Carson, Greg Kinzel, Stephanie Ruitter, Don



Schon and Paul Gelenitis. The other major local regatta was the Atlantic Coast Championship held at Toms River in July that hosted 52 boats in windy conditions. Brian Taboada led after 4 races, only to lose the title after failing to overcome a broken vang in the final race. Brian was 2nd, Mitch Hnatt 6th; in total 8 Metedeconk sailors competed.

Buffalo is always a popular venue for Metedeconk sailors and the North Americans in August saw a host of competitors attending. Matt Schon finished 9th in the Juniors, Courtney O'Connor 5th in the Women's and Jim Carson 18th in the Masters. The Buffalo qualifiers saw winds all over the spectrum, either 20-25 knots or 1 to 3 knots. Jody Lutz was the only Metedeconk sailor to make the Championship flight, and went on to finish 15th. After just missing qualifying Blue, Bill Bogardus finished 9th in the Presidents Cup. Jim Carson took runner up in the Governors Cup with George Francis finishing 7th.

Once again, Mitch Hnatt dominated fleet sailing, winning all three club series (spring, summer and fall). Mitch followed up by reclaiming his title as Club Champion (sail off among other fleet winners). Mitch also won the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship that he also won in 2003. In addition, Mitch was the BBYRA and ultimately the Area C Mallory representative and finished a credible 5th in the finals. 2004 was a great season for Mitch. Fleet sailing showed an improvement in participation as the fleet went to a weighted schedule with more races per day with less race days. It provides the fleet a better opportunity for broader participation on days we do sail. Lightning sailors outside Metedeconk are welcomed in the spring and fall; it's a good way to enjoy a maximum of good sailing in a minimum of time. See you in 2005!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8635		JUSTIN PROCTOR
9375	KYUSHU GYPSY	G. SCOTLAND WERLEY
11240		GORDON MILLER
12972	BRUISE CRUISE	BRUCE SUNDMAN
13240	RECESS	JANIS GAMER
13255	COVERT MANEUVER	JAMES V. MARTUCCIO, SR.
13255	COVERT MANEUVER	JAMES V. MARTUCCIO, JR.
13465	HOT CANARY IX	JUNE MALTBI
13608	RELAX	BRIDGET FRYMIER
13608	RELAX	MATT FRYMIER
13905	SYZYGY	JONATHAN DEAN
14143	RIGMAROLE	EDGAR RUMBLE
14208		BRIDGET BOYLE
14242	BLUE MOON	M ANDREW SEES
14285	ENTICER	FRANK THOMPSON
14340		DENNIS McLAUGHLIN
14343	SOB	WILLIAM H. WEIHE, JR.
14412	SECOND CHILDHOOD	W. TERRY PATRICK
14420	GREASED LIGHTNING	DEAN N. CALEY
14483	SPICE	MARTIN POWELL
14513	HANG TUFF	LUD LEKSON
14523	MOO	LEONARD CICCONE
14546	HAKUNA MATATA	VICTOR MARAS
14546	HAKUNA MATATA	MARILYN MARAS
14573		JOHN WOODALL
14579	ARETE	NEDRA LEWIS
14579	ARETE	G. SCOTLAND WERLEY
14657		JUSTIN PROCTOR
14751	TOG BOG E	RALPH MEACHAM
14885	BLUE LINE	DOUGLAS BLACKBURN
14907		KATE MEACHAM
14914	COOL	DONALD P. COURTSAL
14956	ENCORE PIZZAZ	HERBERT JESTEL
14957	SMILEY	RYAN RUHLMAN
15000	BREAKING WIND	JOHN P. BORLAND
15015	SLITELY CANTANKEROUS	JOHN WERLEY
15015		BERTIE M. WERLEY
15015		TIMOTHY WERLEY
15022		GARRY CONDON
15075		ROBERT RUHLMAN
15075		ABIGAIL RUHLMAN
15075		MAEGAN RUHLMAN
15112		DAVID E. WERLEY
15221	NO TIME TO KILL	DAVID N. VIEREGG

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10014		SPENCER McGOWAN
10020		ROB EDWARDS
10275	XANADO	JAMES CRITTENDON
10811		R. JOHNDAVIS
10854		ARDIS GOOD
11118	ROADRUNNER	MATTHEW ARNO
12545		RALPH BILNOSKI
13806		SAILING CLUB S.M.U.
14344		CLARKENEMAN
14817		CLANCY MCKENNA
15117	SHAMROCK 2	SCOTT ANDERSON
		JEFF BODKIN

Pymatuning Junior Yacht Club Officers:
Commodore.....Simon Brubaker
Vice-Commodore.....Dan Butters
Secretary-Treasurer.....Kristin Tuta
Race Chairman.....Andrew White
Fleet Captain Sarah.....Woodall
Fleet Secretary.....Kandi Caley
Fleet Champion.....John Werley

Fleet 36 started the year with a kick-off party graciously hosted by Rob & Abby Ruhlman in February. That's the middle of winter in Ohio and Pennsylvania, so we all went back into hibernation for six more weeks.

The Sailing season began in May with the 20th Anniversary Spring Classic. Thanks to all our guest sailors for celebrating this milestone with us. We invite everyone to come next year for cool breezes, warm friendship and hot competition.

The Ohio District Championship, hosted by the Cowan

Lake Sailing Association, featured great sailing, great steaks, and cold beer. Seven boats represented Fleet 36 at Districts including four of our junior sailors, J.D. Dunne, Samantha Maras, Maegan Ruhlman and Tim Werley. Four of our fleet qualified for the North American Championship and set off for Buffalo NY. Among them were J.D. Dunne, Maegan Ruhlman, and Tim Werley. We were proud to lend the Trailer Trash Band to the Buffalo Canoe Club for their national debut.

PYC has an excellent junior program, and we're very proud of our junior sailors. Each weekend throughout the summer, they learn safety, care of the boats and sails, knots, basic sailing, spinnaker handling, rules, racing and strategy. A very dedicated Junior Committee, led by Scot Werley, organizes the junior program including weeklong camps, an Optimist Championship, and the PYC Sailing



Team that travels to ILYA junior regattas for competition in a variety of classes. It truly takes a yacht club to raise a young sailor. We have many to thank for an enriching junior program that emphasizes good sportsmanship, confidence building and fun for our kids.

The Juniors Yacht Club is very active group. In particular, J.D. Dunne, Samantha Maras, Maegan Ruhlman, Alex Werley, Kate Werley, Matt Werley and Tim Werley participated in our fleet's club races and regattas. All are accomplished skippers and crew in their own age groups. Matt Werley won the Verna Yates Memorial Optimist Championship at PYC.

This year, everything just started to click for J.D. Dunne making it his favorite sailing season to date. He sailed the majority of his Lightning races as front crew with Dave Vieregg and Justin Proctor at the Ohio District Championship and, in his words, the brutal conditions of the Lightning North American Championship. Not only was J.D. an asset to the team, but he also made those old guys feel young, eating nothing but onion rings and milkshakes for lunch! J.D. has natural instincts and good concentration. They all kept their heads out of the boat and strategized as a team, but most of all, they had fun on and off the water. Dave Vieregg says, "Taking a junior sailing and racing is a good experience for both skipper and crew!" At Bay Week, J.D. and PYC junior Tristan Jackson made the Gold Fleet in an FJ. It was great fun for them



even though things started to fall apart, literally, after the second day. They spent most of the summer in a 420 on the junior circuit, including our own Junior Regatta where they took 2nd place. J.D. also won the juniors' club races for his age group, 14-18 years.

This year was certainly Maegan Ruhlman's biggest yet. Maegan and her team of Martha Fisher and Jimmy Rowe were the only non-Brazilian team to win a race at the Lightning Youth World Championship in Brazil. They went on to finish ninth, the second of three U.S. entries. While the racing was great, it was the camaraderie and the forging of lifelong friendships that really made the week for Maegan. At PYC's Independence Day Regatta, Maegan and her team of Courtney O'Conner and Seth Young won the first race, beating both her father, Rob, and her brother, Ryan. She then went on to beat Rob two out of three and finish 2nd overall behind Ryan. After driving a heavy air weekend regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club, Maegan, Martha Fisher and PYC's own Ian Gilliland sailed to a very solid third place finish in the Lightning Junior North Americans. Maegan's days as a junior are now behind her, but she's just warming up! She's on the sailing team at the College of Charleston, and you can expect to see her in the Women's NA Championship next year as well as driving in the North American Championship. She's giving back to PYC as well. She really enjoys sharing her knowledge and, more importantly, her love for the game with our juniors serving as a counselor and coach at our sailing camps.

Tim Werley has been team-sailing club races this year with his father, John. He's sailed many very competitive races as a seasoned skipper in his own right. One such race challenged many of the veterans with Tim as one of only three boats enduring the heavy wind. At Bay Week, Tim placed 8th in the Commodore's Fleet in a Laser, and he actively campaigned in the ILYA Travelers Series. He also came in fifth in a 420 in the juniors' club races in his age group, 14-18 years.

Pymatuning Yacht Club chose two Lightning sailors to recognize with special honors this year. Jonette Werley was awarded the prestigious Verna Yates Crewmanship Trophy, nominated by her brother and fellow crewmate, Greg Maras. Herb Jestel was given the PYC Corinthian Award to recognize his outstanding contributions to all the sailing activities of the club. Both awards are well deserved by these two glittering examples of sportsmanship and Corinthianism.

The Fleet 36 Championship goes to John Werley this year. Dave Werley finished second in the Championship series, followed by the team of Justin Proctor and Dave Vieregg, with Don Courtsal fourth, and Garry Condon in fifth. Congratulations to all for a great 2004!

Fleet 42: Western Lake Erie

Sailing at North Cape Yacht Club on Lake Erie, Monroe, Michigan
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10638	Wimpy Flash	SKIP DIEBALL
10638	WIMPY-12	DENNIS DIEBALL
10798		RICK ROTHENBUHLER
14148	THE HAPPY BOAT	STEPHEN H. THOMAS
14249		GEORGE SIPEL
		CRAIG GABEL
14519	INSTANT KARMA	JOSH KERST
14543		JOHN HEAGY
14649		DEREK GAUGER
14779	FLASH OVER II	JIM DAVIS

Fleet Captain.....Jim Davis

Fleet 42's activity was down the past season with only several boats participating and or traveling. Our spring regatta was attended by nine boats, although our weather was better then usual and six races were sailed. The regatta was won by co-skippers Skip Dieball and Craig Gabel, second was Jim Allen and third was John Werley. A good time was had by all in spite of the small turnout. Fleet 42 and North Cape Yacht Club hope to host the Michigan Districts in early July of 05.

Fleet 43: Buckeye Lake

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Columbus, Ohio
Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13250	LAUGH A MINUTE	DR. KARL KUMLER
15181		GEORGE FISHER

Fleet 47: Silver Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York
Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7949	JUST SAY NO	C. SCOTT DeGOLYER, III
8004	CIRRUS II	ROGER SLADE
9119	PASSING WIND	MARK O. HUMPHREY
		PETER G. HUMPHREY
9620		JOYCE NASH
		RONALD A. NASH
9739	MAGGIE RAY	MICHAEL T. HUMPHREY
11501		GERALD WALTER
12788	SEA SERPENT	WILLIAM G. VAN ARSDALE
		DOUGLAS F. BLISS
13458	YELLOW FELLOW	KENNETH HENNIG
13714	POITIN	PAUL MALONE
13948	IDIOT	MARK H. DADD
14311	CHASE	DAVID NASCA
14580		LARISSA COX
14672	SPEEDY DEVIL	MARK W. GRINDER
14828		IRA JOHNSON
15168		JOHN HUMPHREY

Fleet 50: Potomac River Sailing Association

Sailing on the Potomac River near Washington DC
Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
32		BARBARA K. THOMPSON
3343	LITTLE BIT	ALLAN ROGERS
7603	PANDORA II	ROBERT ASTROVE
10215	BLACK ADDER	TED OKADA
10226	STRING CHEESE	JAMES W. GREENWELL
10527	CONFUSION	ROB TOMPKINS
10745	E.G.VITESSE	WALTER DAVID THOMPSON
11288	BON JOY	DAVID E. MENOTTI
11369	MANY EXCUSES	JUSTIN MORRIS
11767	THUNDER	HARRY H. KEITH, III
11792	ROGUE	PAUL A. MAHER
11908	ENVY	ERIC SWANSON
11979	LORD JIM	GLORIA GILBERT BLACK
12416		SAM ZADEH
12417	REDLINE	DOUG TAPHOUSE
12473	CHIKUITA	JAY GRAY
13306	WASABI	FRANK GALLAGHER
13460	FAST'N'LOOSE	DENISE MALUEG
13717	WITCHER	ROBERT WILBUR
14019		DAVE MILLARD
14037	BONY BUNS	JOE WARREN
14096	GRAY GHOST	DREW HUDSON
14100	MOONSHADOW	RED FEHRLE
14100	MOONSHADOW	AMY DEVINE
14222	BATHTUB GIN	STEVE GREGG
14375	OUT OF THE BLUE	PETER McDONNELL
14395	STRING THEORY	JEFFREY STORCK
14485	DEUX POISSONS ET UN CHAT	RON BUCHANAN
14521	PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON	JOSEPH G. ANDERSON
14553		RICHARD WELCH
14566	RESISTANCE IS FUTILE	FRANK GALLAGHER
14592	BEEDOBEAT	JOHN R. BUTLER
14592	BEEDOBEAT	ROGER WRIGHT
14627	NO MORE EXCUSES	NELSON PEMBERTON
14627	NO MORE EXCUSES	JAMES DILLARD
15142	SHADOWFAX	NABEEL ALSALAM
15195		PATRICK MCGEE
15202		TODD JOHNSON
15124		WILLIAM R. FOSTER
15228	BLUE TWO	DAVID & BARBARA THOMPSON

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Storck
Fleet Secretary.....& Webmaster David Thompson
Fleet Treasurer.....Frank Gallagher
Fleet Lieutenant for Racing.....Rob Tompkins
Fleet Lieutenant for Development.....Nabeel Alsalam
Fleet Lieutenant for Scoring.....Russ Roberts
Potomac Cup Race Organizer.....Rick Welch

Modernizing the Fleet

2004 saw Fleet 50 undertake a modernization program, with several skippers moving up to new boats. First, late in 2003, Nabeel Alsalam purchased 15142 from her first owner, moving up from #14096, Gray Ghost. Not to be undone, Pat McGee followed suit by purchasing a brand new NBW Lightning, #15195, moving up from #14187, Wolf. Our third 15000-series Lightning joined the fleet in February, when Todd Johnson decided to go for dual fleet membership, coming over from Fleet 329 in Annapolis, and bringing #15202 with him. Then, David and Barbara Thompson determined that they were spending more time fixing 10745, EGV, than sailing her, so they ordered a new NBW Lighting, #15228, which was delivered in September. So now, Fleet 50 boasts of four of the 15000 series boats.



But that was not all! Drew Hudson and spouse Susan Arafah bought Grey Ghost from Nabeel, moving up from #12417, Redline. Rick Welch bought #14553 from Jennifer Parrow, moving up from #13460, Sonho Meu; and Laurie Duncan bought 14187 from Pat McGee, renaming the boat !Vaya Chica!, and moving up from #13306, Wasabi. Then Sonho Meu found a new home in North Carolina; Redline went to new Fleet 50 skipper Doug Taphouse, and, completing the circle, Frank Gallagher purchased Wasabi. We have not had this much change in twenty five years. You definitely need a scorecard to keep up with this action!

In the meantime, Nabeel struggled to name his new translucent-white-hulled boat, trying Casper before eventually christening her Shadowfax, after the legendary fast white Middle-earth horse from the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Shadowfax's great speed allowed her owner to make many just-in-time appearances. This seems to have paid off for Nabeel (see Fleet 50 Championship series results, below). David and Barbara settled on Blue Two, their second blue boat; but Rick Welch and Pat McGee are still working on names for their new treasures.

Events and Results

Fleet 50 sails with the Potomac River Sailing Association, from its harbor at the Washington Sailing Marina, on the Potomac River just south of Ronald Reagan National Airport. Our season runs from the first weekend in April through the first weekend in November, where we sail on Sundays except during the hot summer months, when we have only Wednesday-evening informal competition. This provides opportunities for our skippers to hit the out-of-town regattas during summer weekends, and to enjoy leisurely cruising when they are not out of town.

We had excellent participation in our local events, and very good results from Fleet 50 skippers who went to out-of-town venues.

Local Events

For our first event of the year we hosted the 2004 Dixie District Lightning Labs on a sunny, cool light-air weekend down at Leesylvania State Park. Greg Fisher an extraordinarily good instructor, mentor, and coach showed how to - and helped us to - tune our rigging and set our sails, before taking us out on the water on Saturday for starting drills. 16 boats were there, representing Fleet 50 and several others, including Fleet 52 (Lake Fenton); Fleet 75 (Nyack); Fleet 253 (Susquehanna); Fleet 329 (Annapolis); Fleet 484 (Ithaca); and Fleet 508 (Solomons).

Two weeks later we hosted the 2004 Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup regatta, under the supervision of event organizer Rick Welch, where 33 Lightnings and 6 Hamptons watched in disbelief as once again Dick Hallagan (Fleet 77) led us around the course to take an unprecedented fourth-regatta-in-a-row first place, and his fifth within the past 7 years. Pierce Barden (Fleet 51) took

second place, and our own Frank Gallagher took third.

We participated with enthusiasm at the 2004 PRSA Spring Regatta on Memorial Day weekend, where 13 Lightnings mixed it up with 28 other boats, including Albacores, Buccaneers, Interlakes, Hamptons, Lasers, and Penguins. Frank Gallagher took first place on a tiebreaker in the Lightning division; Nabeel Alsalam was second, and Todd Johnson third.

We participated with even more enthusiasm at the 2004 President's/Leukemia Cup, sailing in nice weather with 16 Lightnings in a fleet of 102 total boats on two courses. Nabeel took first place in both events, with Frank Gallagher second and Rick Welch third in the Leukemia Cup.

In the meantime, we had an opportunity to complete 44 races in the PRSA spring and fall series, over sixteen Sundays this season. Steve Gregg, a recently arrived collegiate sailor, surprised us with a first place finish in the spring series, followed by Nabeel, Rick Welch, Drew Hudson, and Paul Maher. The top 5 fall series finishers also were close to each other in finishing, with Frank Gallagher in first place, followed by Rick Welch, Steve Gregg, Nabeel, and Pat McGee. For the entire season (61 races), with credit for participation in local regattas as well as the PRSA races, Nabeel took first place, followed by Frank Gallagher, Rick Welch, Steve Gregg, and Pat McGee. During our season we had 25 fleet skippers participating in at least one race during the year.

Out-of-town Events

During the summer our fleet was well represented in the Dixie District championships at Havre de Grace, where Nabeel Alsalam, Todd Johnson, Frank Gallagher, and Pat McGee qualified to attend the 2004 North American championships; and Steve Gregg, Bob Astrove, and Joe Anderson also competed aggressively. Bob's #7603 was likely the oldest boat to have competed in the Dixie District Championships in 30 years.

Nabeel also went to the Atlantic Coast Championships in Toms River, NJ, where he placed 25th out of a fleet of 52 starters, in heavy air conditions.

Bob Astrove drove #7603 to the Woody Regatta at the Onondaga Yacht Club in Syracuse where he took first place with his dependable crew of Billy Astrove and Matt Klice. David Thompson and Joe Kimak also participated, serving as crew on other wooden Lightnings.

In the meantime, three Fleet 50 skippers took Special Olympian Sailors to the Maryland Special Olympics Championships, July 31 - August 1. Frank Gallagher, Aaron Boesnecker, and Joe Warren took their boats and some Special Olympians to the 2004 Maryland State Special Olympics Sailing Championships on the St. Mary's River on the Eastern shore. They had a good time and the three special Olympians sailing with them enjoyed six races in winds that ranged from 3 to 18 knots.



Then Nabeel went to the North American championships in August, with regular crew Russ Roberts and new recruit Lisbet Kugler, and placed a respectable 21st in the Green Fleet, while Pat McGee, with crew Ian MacLeod and Jose Monteiro, placed a respectable 17th in the Yellow fleet, in very challenging wind and wave conditions. Todd Johnson also competed in the Green Fleet, placing 29th.

In October, Nabeel, Pat McGee, Joe Anderson, and Steve Gregg sailed in the SSA Frigid Digit in Annapolis, another weekend regatta in heavy wind conditions. Then, on October 23rd and 24th Bob Astrove motored down to Kerr Lake for the Borderline Regatta, where he took first place in the Hull Number Handicap Series.

Finally, on the first weekend of November, Nabeel and crew went to the Hampton Fall Fling, where they took second place.

We look forward to next season's events, when we will once again host the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup at Leesylvania, as well as the 2005 Dixie District Championships.

Gains and Losses

We said a sad farewell to some long-time friends of Fleet 50. On June 22 Fleet 50 Lifetime Member Mike Arnold passed away after a long illness. Kitty Racine of the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, a long-time friend of the Lightning class and many Fleet 50 members, passed away on July 25. Then on September 6, lifetime Fleet 50 member Frank Gentile passed away, after a long illness. We will miss them all.

New to the fleet this year are skippers Jim Greenwell (1026), Doug Taphouse (12417); Sam Zadeh (12416); Todd Johnson (15202); and Ron Buchanan (14485). Todd and Ron will maintain dual-fleet membership, Todd in Fleet 329 (Annapolis), and Ron in Fleet 509 (Hampton). New crewmembers include Andy Baker; Sheila Conlin, Wayne

Creed; Lisbet Kugler; Rebecca Newhall, Michelle Savage; Scott Shaw; Bradley Taylor, and Genie Williford.

2005 should be an exciting year for Fleet 50, following a very exciting and satisfying 2004.

Fleet 51 Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life 835 13488	ESTRELLITA BLACK PEARL	H.J. CAWTHRA MARK E. NAGEL BRIAN WALTER BOB PFEFFER
14434 14652	TRAF ZOO STATION	JOE ROMER PAUL J. NAGEL ELENA FUTRIS NAGEL
14774 14856 14982	TICKET ASSISTED SUICIDE	TOM VICKERS MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS ROBERT G. BROWER MIKE BAMFORD

Fleet Captain.....Tom Vickers

The 2004 Sailing Season began with a bang at Crescent Sail Yacht Club on Sunday, May 22nd with the beginning of our Sunday "A" series. The series continued up to August 15th with two races being held each day. To most sailors' delight, conditions were favorable including light to moderate winds and sunny skies for laid-back Sunday style racing. At the end of the series, Tom Vickers finished 1st, Bob Brower finished 2nd, Paul Nagel finished 3rd and newcomers to the fleet, Brian Walter and Bob Pfeffer finished fourth. Walter and Pfeffer joined the fleet at the beginning of the season, after purchasing hull #13488 from fleet member Rick Kretschmar and displayed their prowess throughout the season with the aptly named Black Pearl dubbed by young Noah Walter after the popular Pirate flick, "The Pirates of the Caribbean".

The Wednesday series began with an overall increase in attendance and livelihood as it began on June 9th with most of the boats competing, including Joe and Rick Romer, Paul Nagel, Bob Brower, Tom Vickers and Mike Williams. At the end of the first race, all competitors finished with equal points, as races were called due to lack of wind. The Wednesday night series concluded on a dark and stormy night. The Wednesday series was the most popular with the largest amount of fleet involvement, having up to seventy percent of the boats on the line at one time. This series also offered the most varied conditions to sailors from light to moderate to heavier air with larger waves, providing a little bit of everything for everyone. Last year's Fleet Champion Mike Williams and Tom Vickers had the largest amount of overall race participation, each completing a total of nine races out



of a possible eleven. At the end of an ongoing battle from week to week, Vickers slipped out with a victory over Williams, finishing first with Williams in a close second. With the help of their star skipper, Bob Pfeffer's son Scott, a member of Crescent's prestigious Junior Sailing Program, Brian Walter and Bob Pfeffer finished third overall in the series. Bob Brower followed in fourth and Paul Nagel and Joe Romer tied for fifth place.

The Sunday "B" series began for the Lightning fleet on August 15th and continued up to the Ice Breaker Regatta that was held on October 2nd and 3rd and was added as part of the regular scores. The participation in this portion of the season varied from 30 to 60 percent of the fleet racing. The series wrapped up with Bob Brower sweeping the entire Ice Breaker with all first place finishes and Paul Nagel was second in boat 14652. Conditions for the regatta provided a challenge for sailors with strong shifting breezes out of the west with wind speeds up to 20 mph and a taste of flat water. At the end of the Sunday "B" series, Bob Brower won, Paul Nagel came in second and Tom Vickers came in third.

As the entire series came to an end, Tom Vickers was the overall winner in what proved to be a squeaker, even without his star daughter as a crew, Lindsey, who left him near the end of the Wednesday series to move on to sailing in college up at Michigan State. Bob Brower came in second with Paul Nagel finishing the series in third.

The highlight of the 2004 Season was fleet member Scott Pfeffer's trip to the Sears Cup finals at Mallets Bay Boat Club. Here is Scott's first hand report of the long journey.

This summer the sailing team of Danny Rehe, Alex Simon and skipper, Scott Pfeffer, from the Crescent Sail Yacht Club Junior Sailing team sailed a Lightning in the Sears Junior Triple-Handed Championship finals sponsored by US Sailing in Colchester, Vermont. To land a spot in the finals this team represented CSYC in the quarterfinals and moved on to also win the semifinals for Area E.

This team started their journey early in the summer when they began practicing on the aged but sailable ship. The Semifinals were to be sailed on Cowan Lake in Ohio. To get some knowledge of the lake, the team had help from Champ Glover, a thistle sailor who grew up on the lake. He told them of the wind patterns and need for constant awareness of where they were and how the wind was shifting. This knowledge was particularly important, as the wind was light and variable and sometimes nonexistent. Being big lake sailors, the conditions were a challenge. With Champ Glover's advice in hand the team earned a 1st place by one point after a dominating first day, but a more subdued second day. This made them the Area E champions and earned them a spot in the finals.

To prepare for the finals, the team worked a couple of times a week in the Lightning and received help from a number of senior member Lightning sailors. The most helpful was Tom Vickers. He took the team members out individually in his well tuned Lightning during Wednesday and Sunday races to teach them the specifics of the Lightning rig, and to let them in on tips and secrets for sailing this triple handed boat. How to work the chine and the division of jobs among the members were, just two of the lessons the team learned. This on the water tutoring during club races resulted in some lively competition with

the CSYC senior Lightning sailors. Though all of these lessons didn't prepare the team for their first capsized on Lake St. Clair that ended with a turtled boat and a spinnaker speared by the mast.

The team traveled to Mallets Bay Boat club, a beautiful sailing venue, for the first day of the regatta to begin on August 16, 2004. The finals started with a clinic taught by Betsy Alison, who has sailed Lightnings all of her life. She began with Lightning basics, as many of the teams had never sailed this type of triple handed boat before followed by some hands on sailing experience in the afternoon. Over the three days of racing, Betsy provided boat repair support on and off the water, sailing tutoring after the racing and just general moral support for the teams when they would capsize or become frustrated. The team soon learned that Betsy was a wealth of knowledge and the opportunity to sail at this level with Betsy coaching was priceless.

The finals were a very exciting experience for the team who felt the pressure from other teams across the country that sail many more than the 3 months available in Michigan. Ten teams in all represented the nation including Hawaii. The wind on the first day was variable and helped the teams adjust to the boats and to the rotating procedure. The second day showed more promised with manageable healthy wind for our team. Several of the boats capsized delaying the racing so teams could right them and check for damage. The third day was the most exciting, most of the teams had familiarized themselves with the boats and were ready for the wind blowing at 20 knots or so with fairly powerful gusts. As always there was a lot of excitement especially when one of the teams caught a huge puff downwind and literally shot across the bay faster than anyone had ever seen a Lightning sail. Race committee commented later that all they heard was screaming when the boat past by them.

Over the three days of sailing eight of the ten teams were in very close competition with lots of overlap at every mark rounding. The area E team finished 8th at the end of the regatta, with the team from Florida taking 1st place. Overall the team had a great time and gained a lot of valuable experience. They came back to CSYC ready to sail again with all that they had learned. They appreciated the opportunity and the experience and want to thank everyone from CSYC, Cowan Lake and Mallets Bay Boat Club who helped them.

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6499	MY SALLY	JENNIFER ARMBRUSTER
7048		RONALD J. SOYKA
7439		CASEY KING
8590	TI HARA	DAVID DeVOE
10007		PAUL KACHUDAS
11854	WAVERUNNER	WILLIAM BARLEY
13808	LAPA UILA	BOB RUFLI
14490	EVERGREEN	JAMES REACH
14741		SURESH C. GUPTA
14899	RESISTANCE IS FUTILE	MIKE BOGUES
14899		KEVIN NICKELS
15032		PHIL ROWAN
15041		GEORGE H. NICKELS
15115		DAVID NICKELS
		CARL POHLY