



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7676		MACK GOODWIN
7959		HANK CALLAHAN
8479		BRUCE T. LESSIEN
9168	GRIFFIN	MICHAEL PROCASKEY
9393		EDWARD A. DIAKOW
9584		GREG HARRIS
9900	PLUG NICKEL	JOEL THURTELL
10803		NAZIR KASI
11844		DIRK LIEVENS
11844		MARK HOLMES
11868		DWIGHT SMITH
11966		BRIANCLANCY
12708	APRES SKI	RONALD G. PALMER
12927		ALAN SUYDAM
12959	WEE HEATHER	MAX CLIXBY
12961		BETH GROESBECK
12977	PIER PRESSURE	JAMES FURLONG
13121		LEN DILLON
13283	EIB 1	WILLIAM ROBERTS
13378		J. MICHAEL MITCHELL
13450		BROOKE BRIGGS
13451		DOROTHY THOMPSON
13468	HIGH 90'S	WENDY THOMSON
13468	HIGH 90'S	GARY REINHEIMER
13606		JOHN CROWTHER
13789		JIM BOWERS
13859		TOM HERNICK
13985	MINNIE MAE II	NORMAN BURNS
13995	PHANTASY	PAUL T. VON OEYEN
14031	BLEW BAJOU	DENNIS HAFLEY
14033		MARK WHATLEY
14049		DIANA FERNANDO
14049		ERIC FERNANDO
14060	GYPSEA II	JOHN BUTINE
14097	NO CLUE	EDWARD G. WOODS
14105		GREGORY TARRANT
14117		MARK KRAMER
14117		GERALD ENGELMAN
14126		WILLIAM SANDERS
14177		GLEN GRAY
14215	MAJOR OBSESSION	PHILIP TOMLINSON
14220	CHOO-CHOO	THOMAS C. POST
14280	DIITTO HEAD	ANDRE R. DUBEL
14282	RED LIGHTNING	BRUCE HENDERSON
14333	LANE LADY	DENNIS MCCARTHY
14390		KEVIN LEWAND
14439		MICHAEL ROUALET
14457	LIGHTNING BUG	JOSEPH L. LaPALME
14464		TODD YOUNG
14477	SHENANDOAH	STEPHEN E. HANDELMAN
14511	RANTUM SCOOT	MICHAEL HECKER
14515		KENNETH HOPKINS
14563	THUNDER	BOB PADILLA
14567		MARK ALLEN
14590		CHRIS LONGE
14601	GATOR	WALLACE P. SMITH
14604	ROSINANTE	SALO J. KORN
14628	OVER-ENGINEERED	ANDREW MONIQUE
14690	DR. "J"	JAMES MCCOY
14724		JOHN GREENSTREET
14767	RENAISSANCEI	RICHARD F. BEAUBIEN
14789	EXCELSIORI	JAMES R. BOWERS
14807		JIM ALLEN
14819	TOO HOTI	ERIC S. HELLER
14842	FLASH3	CHARLES C. HESS
14854	SIZZLIN'	RICHARD BUKOWSKY
14909	PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE	CLARENCE JOHNSON
14919	GOTCHA	EDWARD DZIUBA
14920		DONALDSON BRENDA
14970		STEPHEN R. BRASKI
15010		JON BENNETT
15021		MICHAEL ECKSTEIN
15047	JJ	MARK WHATLEY
15048	MAD COW DISEASE	JOHN GARRISON
15051	FULL TILT BOOGIE	WILLIAM ZIEGLER
15069		WARD DETWILER
15120		ROBERT H. MATHERS
15142		JOEL HUMPHREY
15155		MATT MORIN
15160	WIND WAND	THOMAS ERVIN
15169		SEAN FIDLER
15185	BRUCE ALMIGHTY	BRUCE J. FINSILVER
15189		RYAN FLACK
15200	OVERDRIVE	THOMAS KLABAN
15208		JIM ALLEN

Fleet Secretary.....Eric Heller



Hess Boys and
Jeff LaPalme
at Junior NA's

The World's largest Lightning fleet, Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC), saw 53 fleet races completed of the 62 scheduled during the 2004 season. When the Special Holiday Regattas, Club Championship, Commodores' Challenge, June Bug Invitational, and White Cap Regatta are included, PYC provided 90 races for club members to participate in from May to October.

A total of 18 PYC skippers won one or more series races. Tom Klaban emphasized the more part by winning a whopping 22 races (two more than last year), and thus enabling him to retain his Wednesday and Sunday overall series titles. Tom also won the Club Championship, Memorial Day, and 4th of July Regatta mini-regattas. His son, Eric, continued the Klaban's dominance by winning the Commodore's Challenge crew skippering event.

Joel Humphrey was the runner-up for the Wednesday Overall, while John Garrison was the runner-up for the Sunday Overall and the Club Championships. The top 5 for each series was as follows: Spring Wednesday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Mark Allen / 3 - Charlie Hess / 4 - Joel Humphrey / 5 - Bob Mathers. Spring Sunday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Ed Dziuba / 3 - Bob Mathers / 4 - Norm Burns / 5 - Tom Crosby. Summer Wednesday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Ryan Flack / 3 - Joel Humphrey / 4 - Joe LaPalme / 5 - Tom Crosby. Summer Sunday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Mike Hecker / 3 - Richard Beaubien / 4 - Norm Burns / 5 - Tom Crosby. Fall Wednesday Series: 1 - Mark Allen / 2 - Charlie Hess / 3 - Joel Humphrey / 4 - Ed Dziuba / 5 - Tom Klaban. Fall Sunday Series: 1 - Mike Hecker / 2 - Ed Dziuba / 3 - Matt Strubel / 4 - Tom Klaban / 5 - Richard Beaubien. Memorial Day Regatta: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Richard Beaubien / 3 - Andy Monique. 4th of July Regatta: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Norm Burns / 3 - Richard Beaubien. Labor Day Regatta: 1 - Matt Strubel (new member) / 2 - Richard Beaubien / 3 - Tom Klaban. Commodore's Challenge: 1 - Eric Klaban / 2 - Matt Strubel / 3 - Caleb Mathers

Richard Beaubien sailed over 40 races during the year. An additional group of 8 skippers sailed over 30, including



Norm Burns, Tom Crosby, Ed Dziuba, Joe LaPalme, Mike Hecker, Tom Klaban, Bob Mathers and Andy Monique. Two of the club's members, Bob Mathers and Hank Callahan, had to treat themselves to new masts early in the season after turtling in breezy conditions on Cass Lake.



Andrew Hess, Alex Hess, & Jeff LaPalme in action at Junior NA's

PYC hosted two Lightning regattas in 2004. The June Bug Invitational was held at the request of the District, and the 11 boats that attended were treated to brisk winds. The top 5 included: 1 - Sean Fidler / 2 - Jim Allen / 3 - Tom Klaban / 4 - John Garrison & Mark Whatley / 5 - Joel Humphrey. 31 boats participated in the 46th annual White Cap Regatta in September. Thanks to all the fleets that attended. Also thanks to Hank Borchardt for hosting the regatta and to John Garrison and co. for running races. The top 10 included: 1 - Jim Allen / 2 - Michael Norris / 3 - Tom Klaban / 4 - Eric Brandt / 5 - Mark Whatley / 6 - Charlie Hess / 7 - Debbie Probst / 8 - Bruce Finsilver (1st regatta trophy for Bruce) / 9 - Steve Weeber / 10 - Joel Humphrey.

PYC'ers were quite active on the racing circuit. 2004 Orange Bowl Regatta (Miami) - Mark Allen - 21st, 2004 Midwinters: Savannah - Ryan Flack - 29th, Miami - Sean Fidler - 4th / Joel Humphrey - 42nd; St. Pete - Sean Fidler - 5th / Mike Eckstein - 61st. Jim Allen came in 5th at the Buffalo Canoe Club's NFIR Regatta. At Michigan Districts - Sean Fidler edged out Jim Allen in a tie-breaker to win this year's event. Tom Klaban was 5th / Ryan Flack - 6th / Charlie Hess - 8th / Clarence Johnson - 12th; Tawas Bay Regatta - Jim Allen - 1st (4 bullets) / Sean Fidler - 3rd / Ryan Flack - 5th; Lightning NA's - Masters: Bob Mathers - 17th / Bruce Finsilver - 23rd; Championship Division: Sean Fidler - 10th (including bullets in the last 2 races) / Jim Allen - 12th (including a bullet in Race 3) / Ryan Flack - 39th; President's Cup Division: Charlie Hess - 17th (including a 3rd in the last race) / Clarence Johnson - 31st; Higgins Lake Invitational: Tom Klaban - 2nd / Clarence Johnson - 5th

The Junior Program at PYC continues to grow. PYC hosted two external regattas including the Sears Cup regional qualifier and one internal regatta. In addition to the juniors that were making a great impression on the Optimist Circuit, Charlie Hess' goal to have a team compete in the Lightning Juniors NA's was also accomplished. The young team of Alex Hess, Andrew Hess, and Jeff LaPalme traveled to Buffalo and finished 15th. The Adult Instructional Program under Hank Borchardt leadership also continued to flourish with 12-13 Lightnings out each Tuesday night. Thanks to all the members who donated their time and boats for the program.



Must be a Midwest thing... shoe flipping at July 4th picnic



Future Lightning sailors invade PYC

Other PYC events of note included a spring Open House, a Back of the Fleet Help day, and a visit from Skip Dieball of North Sails to provide some pre-race tuning advice and post-race critiquing.

Some member notables included the following: Wendy Thomson was interviewed in the June issue of Sailing World for an article on the Portsmouth Rating System being used for the PYC Monday Night, Small Boat Racing program. Ryan Flack was in the September issue of Sailing World under, "Weekend Warriors" for winning Buccaneer NA's. Sean Fidler came in an impressive 12th in the top gold fleet at J22 Worlds, and Jim Allen came in 2nd at the Mallory Cup (raced in Lightnings this year).

As you can see, lots going on at Pontiac Yacht Club. Come see for yourself what the World's largest Lightning fleet is all about by joining us for our 47th annual Whitecap Regatta on September 10th and 11th. You can also see us on the web at www.pyc54.org. See you in 2005!



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11057	LAY LADY LAY FF2	STEPHEN HOOKER
12235		CHRIS WYNNE
12340		ROD BRANCH
15126		LARRY FROST, JR.
15211		LARRY FROST, III

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

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

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



2005 NA LOGO

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0	SANS SOUCI IV	JOHN H. ESSER
11442	RAMPAGE	DEAN S. CADY
13794	LITTLE GREY CELLS	DENNIS W. BERSCH, JR.
14118	MORE WIND!	MARK POLZIN
14162	HIKE!	THOMAS M. SLATER
14388		TIM HAYES
14408	HURRICANE MOM	TOM MORLEY
14508	BONSKI	STEVE CUSHMAN
		MARTHA PFARR CUSHMAN
14740	POODLES BY VERA	WILLIAM G. FAUDE

Fleet Captain.....Martha Cushman
 Fleet Secretary.....Mark Polzin
 Fleet Champion.....Steve Cushman
 Runner-Up.....Mac Slater
 P&T Winner.....David Stix

10 Wednesday nights of racing, 30 starts and a reinvigorated P&T Regatta with 13 boats! It's been a great year for Fleet 69 and we are ready to bring world-class Lightning sailing back to Milwaukee with the 2005 Women's, Juniors', Masters' at MYC. The club has changed dramatically since MYC hosted the NA's in 1993. A totally renovated main clubhouse, an expanded boathouse with pool and hot tub, and updated RC and crash boats means we're ready for competitive racing and a fun week August 2-5, 2005.

Unfortunately one boat will be missing from the starting



Jared Drake hanging out waiting for wind at the P&T

line 14400. Doc sold his boat this past season. Just about everyone sailing Lightnings at MYC or really anywhere around the Midwest District started off sailing with Doc Esser before deciding to get a boat of their own. Thanks, Doc, for all your tireless effort to promote Lightning sailing and Fleet 69! And let me put it in writing, 14508 is ready and waiting should you decide to make an on the water appearance at the 2005 WJM.



MYC boathouse and pool



The renovated MYC clubhouse.



The P&T winners!



REPORTS

Fleet 70 Red Bank of the Shrewsbury

Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River, Red Bank, New Jersey
Metropolitan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2674		JOHN F. HOLIAN
3686	THE JOLLY ROGERS	MARY SUE ROGERS
9407	FATHOM	CHUCK HUNNEWELL
9984	C. NIMBUS	CARY SCOTT ZACKMAN, SR.
10626	BLESK	WILLIAM JAEGER
10696	WHITE CLOUD	JAMES H. EATON, IV
10696	WHITE CLOUD	GILMAN F. EATON
10787	CLUB BOAT	MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB
11753		PAT PAYTON
12060		CARL D. BROADBENT, JR.
12613	EL PADRE	EDWARD J. CUSHING III
12714		ERIC COZNOSEKI
13386	SILVER SPOON	PATRICK E. CORR
13386	SILVER SPOON	PATRICK F. CORR
13673		FRANK KINGDON
13743		KEITH HAWKINS
14043	FLEETING GLANCE	EDWARD LANDIS
14061		PAUL LUISI
14175		TED DUFFY
14276		DALE BARNEY
14539	BLUE HAVEN	ALFRED C. MORTON
14727	SMALL AXE	DAVID WATTS
14727		PAUL KRZENSKY
14882	SAILBAD THE SINNER	RALPH F. WILSON
14922	BAD BOYS	JACK HUNTSMAN
14922		HENRY O'HERN, III
14922		JOHN HUNTSMAN JR
15203	MAGNUM FORCE	PAUL A. (SANDY) HUNTSMAN, JR.

Fleet 73 Club Nautico Del Muna

Sailing on Lake Tomine, Bogota, Colombia
Colombia District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7293	XUE	ARY FERNANDEZ
7451		JUAN PONCE
8133		JUAN MARTINEZ
8911		BEATRIZ LISOCKI
11750		ANDRES HERNANDEZ
12829	THE FLYING MUSTARD	RUDI SALMANG
13389		ALEJANDRO JACOB
13410		OSCAR RODRIGUEZ
13431	SOLITARIO	JOSE ISAZA
13432		DOMINIQUE RODRIGUEZ
13604	NINO'S	ANDRES LISOCKI
13607		VICENTE HERNANDEZ
13971		HANS STREUBEL
13990		RAFAEL ESGUERRA
14058		ARMADA NACIONAL
14085		JOHAN ROESL
14181		RAFAEL CONCHA
14219		GERMAN MEJIA
14241		MANUEL ISAZA
14322		ALEXANDRE JACOB
14322		JAIME RESTREPO
14536	JUBILEE	PHILIPPE JACOB
		LOREANA JACOB
14700		JORGE UZCATEGUI
		SANTIAGO UZCATEGUI T.
14704		JUAN CARLOS UZCATEGUI
14801		MAURICIO VALENZUELA
14804		FELIPE CASTILLO G.
14805		JAIME CASTILLO

Fleet 74 Decatur

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois
Mississippi Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2915		DON CORNELL
6446		HARRY "HAMMER" JACKSON
7701	XANADU	DAVID GRIFFITH
8811		JON KLINGENBERG
10100		DARREL F. PARISH
10932		ED BACHRACH
11044		MARK PAOLI
11218		RICHARD CHAMBLIN
12032		KELLY MCGINNIS
12032		RICHARD EDWARDS
12120		ROBERT DETTLING
12464		ANDY HARBECK
12540		MATT BERG
12974	TANSTAAFL	WILLIAM T. EICHENAUER
		WILLIAM STRINGER
13059	LAST CHANCE	SUE BADOREK
13726		GARY PECK
14012	BOBS LAST BOAT III	ROBERT W. OHLSEN

Fleet 75 Nyack Boat Club

Sailing on the Hudson River, Nyack, New York
Metropolitan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0		GARY SCHNEIDMAN
3108		MICHAEL SPRINGSTEEN
5172		MARTIN ALTIS
7248		JERRY KULAGOWSKI
8182		GARY AHERN
8583	ARROW	JAMES J. WOLFE
8885		GEORGE CONK
10220		ARTHUR STAHL
10224	MY 3 ESSES	JAMES P. WOLFE
10368		GEORGE PENNY
10380	NORTH RIVER	ELLIOTT H. CARMAN
10784	FLASHPOINT	DAVID SURMAN
11416		JED KWARTLER
11544		OKKE POSTMA
11583	GREASE	WILLIAM DONELAN
11688		DAVE REEVES
12642		RANDALL MIRQUE
12822		ALAN GORDON
13625	CORVETTE	HOWARD B. RINEHART
14073	HIS	GARY S. HURBAN
14073		STEWART FOSSCECO
14140	FAT CHANCE	WILLIAM G. COOK
14140		RIO GORDON
14277	FLYING PATIO FURNITURE	ERIC BECK
14277	FLYING PATIO FURNITURE	MATT BECK
14363	THUMBS UP	LAWRENCE DECKER
14363	THUMBS UP	MARK KEANE
14382	LITTLE CRUNCH	MICHAEL SHASHO
14427	TRANSFUSION	RICHARD P. WEITZMAN
14482	OTTER CONFUSION	RONALD G. MCCORMACK
14484	KETCHUM	NATHAN H. LITTLE
14484	SPECIAL EFFECTS	JILLIAN DECKER
14492	ZEPHER II	ERIC KENT
14514	DEE-A-GOGO	RYAN C. SPROLE
14514		SUSANN SPROLE
14565	WHITE LIGHTNING	GEORGE McDONNELL
14565	WHITE LIGHTNING	ARTHUR SPIELVOGEL
14714	RUFFIAN	KATHRYN CONNELL
14714	RUFFIAN	PAUL CONNELL
14781	THISTLE	JUDY HANLON
14888	LUCKY DOG	R. ROBERT SENGSTACKEN
14888		DANIEL ZITIN
14888		MINO TSUTSUI
15059	HEART BREAKER	STEPHANIE MAYO
15093	HERS	JOAN A. HURBAN
15178		DANIEL PARIETTI

Captain.....Bob Sengstacken
Treasurer.....Stephanie Mayo
Corresponding Secretary.....Susi Sprole
Recording Secretary.....Dan Parietti
Biermeister.....Howie Rinehart
Fleet Champion.....Gary Hurban
Runner-Up.....Bob Sengstacken



From the first Sunday of May through the last Sunday of October, travelers crossing the Tappan Zee Bridge are almost guaranteed a beautiful picture of sailboats adorning the Hudson. The Nyack Boat Club's Lightning Fleet makes an already spectacular picture, perfect. The beautiful rolling hills and close proximity to the Sound are exactly what makes our boat club such an ideal place to sail. Not solely for aesthetic reasons, but for the challenging wind sometimes created by the Palisades, as well as the tidal current that should always be a tactical consideration.

Along with our usual two to three Sunday races, our club was proud to host a few additional regattas in 2004. The Lightning Fleet added a Hawaiian flare to the Magnus Pederson, and also kept busy by the USSAILING Mallory Cup regional elimination series, the District Championships, the Guy Moulton, as well as the LAST BLAST!

Nyack Skippers Larry Decker and Dan Parietti traveled to Havre de Grace, VA for the Doc Gilbert Memorial Regatta, May 1st and 2nd. They said the weather was challenging on Saturday and forbidding on Sunday. They claimed to have learned from the experience, as we saw true later in the season.

Judy Hanlon, Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, and new Nyack Skipper Ryan Spole attended the Early Bird in Westport, CT May 22nd and 23rd. Navigation on the first day played a big part in the race with thick fog. Gorgeous weather rolled in Sunday, but unfortunately didn't bring much wind with it.

The Magnus Pederson certainly brought plenty of wind to the lovely shores of Nyack on the first day, and very little fickle wind on the second. Eric Beck's name has been added to the Magnus Pederson trophy for sailing "Flying Patio Furniture" to victory. Prizes were also awarded to Judy Hanlon and crew, as well as Fleet Captain Bob Sengstacken and crew for 2nd and 3rd.

The US SAILING Mallory Cup eliminations sent Bob Sengstacken to the Madison Beach Club in CT to represent our district with skippers Judy Hanlon and Ryan Spole as crew. Nyack was proud to have such a fine crew represent us. While they took second place, Bob says this is one of those occasions where there is one winner, and second is "first loser."

Nyack also held the District Championships on June 26th and 27th. Thankfully this year, with the number of boats allowed to participate and some who qualified being unable to make it, everyone who cared to go the North Americans in Buffalo, was able to.

A few Nyack skippers ventured to NJ for the Atlantic Coasts; that proved to be a true challenge. Some damage occurred but everyone made it home safe and sound.

Skippers Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Dan Parietti, and Judy Hanlon ventured to the Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada a week before the NA's for the Masters. Those that stayed greeted fellow Nyackers with big smiles for the next week.

The Lightning North American Championships proved to be the "Big Show" it has always been chalked up to be. Skippers Bob Sengstacken, Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Judy Hanlon, and Ryan Spole were put to the test. Waves varied from zero to eight feet, and wind varied from zero to twenty-five knots through the week. The expression "feast or famine" was particularly suitable for this regatta. Kind words of encouragement from home kept our skippers motivated.

September 18th and 19th, Bob Sengstacken and his trusty crew of Daniel Zitin and Mino Tsutsui took the Lucky DOG to Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos for the PA Governor's Cup regatta. They took a liking to the puffy, shifty wind that came on the tail end of a few hurricanes, and brought home 3rd.

October 2nd and 3rd Lightning teams of Judy Hanlon, Joan and Gary Hurban, and Bob Sengstacken met up with Dave Foster at Cedar Point for the combined Lightning/Thistle Fall Classic. Four races were held in good wind Saturday, and 2 were squeezed in before the wind died Sunday. The Lucky DOG team tied for second place.

Gary and Joan Hurban survived the Manahawkin Bay Cup regatta in Surf City. Only one race was to be had before getting blown out of the water for the weekend.

Nyack's LAST BLAST was that indeed. We had 6 races on a nice breezy day with winds from 320 degrees, mostly 10-15 kts. We had a slight flip-flop of results this year, compared to last, as Allen Terhune took first, and Dick Hallagan was 2nd. Third was grabbed by Dick Moyer, and our own Judy Hanlon picked up fourth place.

The Frigid Digit in Annapolis, sent Nyack Lightning Fleet Captain, Bob Sengstacken, and skipper, Gary Hurban, home with their trusty crews and some frozen, wet digits. Skipper Joan Hurban and crew managed to keep their Lightning upright, despite the odds. It was a cold, wet, extra windy regatta, keeping in theme with many other regattas this year. The Frigid Digit provided challenges our Nyack Skippers are always ready for.

Finally, a special congratulations to Gary Hurban on being awarded a lifetime membership to NBC. Gary's friendliness, helpfulness and seamanship are truly inspiring to all.



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
470	WILLOW	MARC H. SCHIEBER
2033	FISHBARN	SUSAN DAVIS
11051	FEATHER	JOHN BOETTCHER
11074	COOKIE BOAT	HOWARD P. STICKNEY
11350		WINTON BROWN
11618		ANTON MACHLEDER
12215		WILMER R. WRIGHT
12400	WINDSWEEP	ANDY SMITH
12423	HAWKEYE	WILLIAM W. FARMER, JR.
13080	BROWN SUGAR	JAMES I. MCINTOSH
13081	IRISH	RICHARD DOHERTY
13925		DON CURRAN
14298	LUCKY TOO	MARK C. SERTL
14298		CORY SERTL
14355		DANIEL POPE
14367	MAMBO WA	PHILIP LANGE
14397	PLAN B	JOHN H. ATKINS
14397	PLAN B	CHAD H. ATKINS
14522	HOLY COW	ROBERT CRUM
14605	WHITE CAP II	ROBERT L. JAMISON
14855		RICHARD W. HALLAGAN
14855		PETER HALLAGAN
14949	COMFORTABLY NUMB	LELAND G. ATKINSON III
15165	OBSESSION	ALAN R. McREYNOLDS
15165	GANDALF THE WHITE	LOGAN McREYNOLDS

Fleet Captain.....Al McReynolds



Overall, 2004 was a very good year for Newport Yacht Club. The club has grown in size and there is a more renewed interest in racing. While we have added a couple of new Lightnings in the past year most of our growth has come in the cruising fleet. A few years ago the club decided that to survive we had to shed ourselves of the pure one-design restriction and allow other sailboats to join our club. We now have several different types of boats in the 16 to 25 foot range. In 2003, we started racing on Lake Ontario on Thursday nights in addition to our traditional Sunday racing on Irondequoit Bay. In doing that we also started handicap racing using the Portsmouth Yardstick. Any one-design fleet that has five or more boats gets an individual start. The Lightning fleet typically has 8-10 and as many as 12 boats on the starting line. Thursday Night Sailing (TNS) is now our most well attended fleet series.



Pictures by Sally Atkins



We had 15 different Lightnings race during the season, which is very good. We had 5 sailors with more than 25 races with John Boettcher ringing up the most at 32 (this include TNS PRO duties). This is up from last year when Logan McReynolds had the most at 20. I think that TNS has proved very successful for the Lightning fleet and the whole club as well. We are looking to extend the TNS season for next year, adding more races in spring and fall that will be held on the Bay. Members of the cruising fleet have expressed an interest in extending handicap racing into Sundays. As far as I am concerned more racing of any kind at our club is a good thing. It has certainly strengthened the Lightning fleet in the long run. The enthusiasm and volunteerism shown by the cruising folks has helped energize an aging and somewhat tired active core of Lightning sailors. Hoorah!!

Fleet 77 has 5 series of races for the season. Spring and Summer are held on Sundays on Irondequoit Bay. The summer series is now held on Thursday nights. On Thursday nights we try to hold two races for the one-designs, with the first race being scored as both one-design and handicap. For the Lightnings, 2 races count for the summer series and only the first for TNS. The handicap racers only get one race due to the amount of time some of the boats take to finish. The Championship series is the Spring, Summer, and Fall points combined. For the Spring series we had Bob Jamison in third, Dick Doherty in second, and the McReynolds family (co-skippers Alan and Logan) in first. For the summer series and TNS the results are: 3rd - McReynolds Family, 2nd - Dan Pope, and 1st - Dick Hallagan. The fall found John Atkins in third, Dan Pope in second, and John and Norma Boettcher in first. For the championship we had John Boettcher in fifth place, Dick Hallagan in fourth place, Dick Doherty (sailing in his 6th decade at Newport) in third place, Dan Pope in second place, and the McReynolds family in first place. Landy Atkinson won the tip-over with a spectacular display on a Thursday night. Bob King who joined our club this year was scored as Rookie of the Year. Congratulations everyone.



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0	ICEMAN	BILL HEALY
7170	BABY "MAKES" III	MARTIN J. O'MEARA, JR.
7636		DAVID G. DICKERSON
7871		KEN BIEGA
9381		BOB BAUER
10066	GOLDFLAKE	CHARLES REGULA
		TIM DOWD
10801	WOODY	PAMELA BURNS
11784	UGLY FUZZY	DAVID M. PETERSON
12069		BARRY BUEHLER
12282		WILLIAM A. SEBESTYEN
12786		MICHAEL NAGEL
13940		PAUL O'NEILL
14055		JAMES GARDNER
14289		GARY DAVIS
14417	CIAO	TOM EMCH
14419	IMP BABY	DONALD R. BARRETT
14619	HAZARDOUS DUTY	FRANZ R. EDSON
	RIVER BLUES	LARRY COLANTUONO
		THERESA COLANTUONO
14640		BILL SHORE
14665	APRIL THUNDER	GREGORY HALL
15130	VANNISH	CHRISTOPHER J. VANN
15190		MICHAEL GOOCH-BREAULT
15215		DAVID PECK

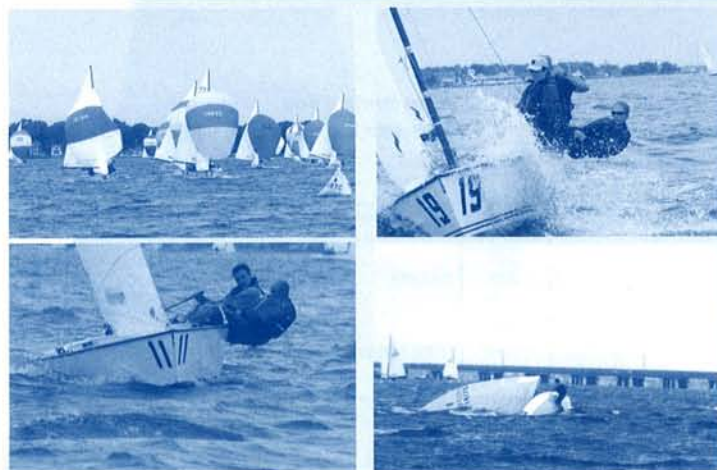
Fleet 90 Kitsilano Yacht Club Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, British Columbia Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0		GEORGE McLAUGHLIN
6090	M.G. ROBERTS	COLIN HALLIWELL
7071		FRANK SCHMIDIGER
8465	IPSUS	WILLIAM H.D. RIMMER
9268		MICHAEL FRANCE
11645	SHANIC	DOUGLAS ASH
13289	LIISA	CAMPBELL PEARCE
13289		JOHN TELGMANN
13685		MENNO BOS
14841	ROCKET	MATTHEW HENLEY

Fleet 99 Great Egg Sailing on the Tom's River, Tom's River, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13159		WILLIAM DEMAND
14495	SWEETNESS	WILLIAM P. CLAUSEN, III
14706		WILLIAM DEMAND
14924		ALLAN TERHUNE, JR.
15052	FOUR LADIES	ROBERT WARNER
15204		BILL MERGENTHALER

Fleet Captain.....Bill Clausen
Fleet Secretary.....Allen Terhune



2004 was a very active year for Fleet 99! We were fortunate enough to host the Atlantic Coasts and to have many new members join our fleet. We are very excited about the addition of Bob Warner #15058 and Willie Demand #14706. They are both great sailors and will be great assets to our fleet and the ILCA. Will is already making waves with a 3rd place finish at the ACC's and a 6th at the Frigid Digit.

The highlight of the year was the Atlantic Coasts out of Toms River Yacht Club. The regatta was sponsored by Fleet 99 and was chaired by Allan Terhune, Jr. He had a great supporting cast and the regatta went off with out a hitch. It was a heavy air series, and fun was had by everyone. Fleet 99 had two finishers in the top 3! The finals results were Allan Terhune, Jr 1st, Brian Taboada 2nd, Will Demand 3rd, Larry Colantuono 4th, and Bill Fastiggi 5th.

Allan Terhune was out most active member this year sailing at the Southern Circuit, NA's, CAD's, BBYRA series, ACC's and Frigid Digit to name a few, with a respectable 8th place finish at the NA's.

We are also very proud that Fleet Captain for Fleet 99, Bill Clausen is the new ILCA Chief Measurer. CONGRATULATIONS Bill! Good Luck.

We are looking forward to another great year for Fleet 99 for 2005. If you are in NJ or thinking of moving to the area, we would love to have you join our fleet.

These are photos of the Atlantic Coast Championship at Tom's River the white chute is Allen winning and is the Fleet Champion.



Fleet 102 Santa Monica Bay
Sailing at King Harbor Yacht Club, Manhattan Beach, California
California District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2429	ELIZABETH	RICK LONGORIA
3229		PETER McCUTCHEN
11566		JEAN HORTON
11965		JOHN CARTER
13117	FERREL BOGEN	BERT WINTHER
13467		MIKE BOSWELL
14206		BRUCE YAEGER

Fleet 104 LaVallette Yacht Club
Sailing on Barnagat Bay, Barnagat Bay, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10771	LIGHTNING ROD	JOHN E. COMER
11119		PETE WILLIAMSEN
12055		CHARLES HEUSCHKE
12965		FRANK DIMEO
13053	NO EXCUSES	HOWARD A. WEINER
13897		RONALD K. KISS
13955		ANTHONY M. VENTIMIGLIA
13965		CHRISTIAN J. LARSEN
14539	GUNSMOKE TOO!	JOHN C. MORTON
15197		MATT REISER

Fleet 108 Great Sodus Bay
Sailing on Sodus Bay at Sodus Point, New York
Central New York District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2105	SHE DEVIL	JANE SOLAN
3372		JIM ARNOLD
11972		ROBERT DODGE
12764		MICHAEL HEALY
14210	LING	JERRY DODGE
14898		NANCY GHERTNER
14923	INDIFFERENCE	ELIZABETH DODGE
15164		JED DODGE

Fleet 110 Higgins Lake
Sailing on Higgins Lake, Michigan
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9102	BOHICA	PETER B. MORLEY, JR.
10291		CHARLES G. ALDAY
11520		FREDRICK J. SCHUSTER
12784		LEON TERRIAN
13826	DECK-A-DENT	PETER B. MORLEY, JR.
13999		SCOTT D. CARMAN
13999		STEVEN E. RANDALL
14021		JOHN N. DENT
14054		FRED KRAUSS

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....John Dent

The Higgins Lake Lightning sailors remain a small but dedicated group. While our fleet racing has become primarily "come one, come all" events, we continue to host our annual Invitational Regatta. Unfortunately I wasn't able to participate this year, but I understand a great time was had by all.

Many thanks to PRO Stan Dent and all the other Higgins Lake Boat Club members who helped to make this event a success. Also, thanks to John McCree for the article sent to the Flashes. I hear that he, Tom Klaban, and Matt Prining had quite a duel this year in heavy air. For those who haven't attended in a while, we now allow overnight camping on Treasure Island and host our annual "Parrot Flip" on Saturday night. It's an awesome party that really shouldn't be missed. Our location and facilities make this an ideal sailing venue. It's a shame more sailors don't travel "up north" to enjoy it.

Fleet 112 Green Bay Sailing Association
Sailing on Green Bay, Wisconsin
Midwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13589	CLASS ACT THINK TWICE	JOHN HAUGH
13817		BRIAN PHELAN
13872		DOUGLAS OLSON
13901		STEVENS
14038	BIRKEN BOT KG SKIPPER	TIMOTHY MONDAY
14106		MICHAEL B. KULKOSKI
14130		MICHAEL J. MERKATORIS
14193		GARY LEUER
14193	PUZZLE	BONCHER
14250		JAMES L. HOPKINS
14400		BRIAN GRAHOVAC
14476		CARL MANNS
14582	READY TO PLAY ROCK N' ROLL	BILL DEAN
14778		MIKE TENNITY
15001		ANDRE GAGNON, JR.
15081		JIM GAGNON, JR.
15137		STEVE ADAMSKI

Fleet President.....Brian Grahovac
Fleet Treasurer.....Christina Leiterman
Fleet Secretary.....Kendal Kissel
Fleet Champion.....Brian Phelan
Runner-Up.....Doug Olson

This season is dedicated to long time skipper Bruce Heida. Bruce, we hope you enjoy Minnesota and retirement. We will miss you.

2004 was a season to remember for Fleet #112. It started early in February, when most folks are knocking ice off their DN's and Renegades. The membership was looking forward to warmer weather and liquid H2O to sail on. We gathered in the club house, enjoyed our favorite beverages and got down to the business of planning the 2004 season. It was clear from the start, we wanted to sail. We



wanted to sail a lot. For the first time ever, the fleet decided to schedule races on Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We figured our weekend celebrations would be done by Monday evening and squeezing in a few more races seemed like the right thing to do. We planned to start the season early in May and end the season as late in September as we could get away with. The lack of daylight was the only thing keeping us from scheduling races into October. But racing wasn't enough to make sure the summer was great. We like to party. We like to eat. We like to drink. After a few moments of thought, the fleet quickly agreed to double the number of social dinners planned for the season. With the race schedule lengthened and parties planned, all we needed to do was thaw our boats.

The fleet continued to grow and evolve in 2004. Jim Gagnon bought 14084 and gave it to his sons to sail this year. The "Gagnon Boys" had a terrific rookie season. It is easy to see they will be a threat for years to come. Brian Grahovac brought on a new crewmember this year. Young Tori Strutz demonstrated skills beyond her years and has become sought after by other skippers. Mike Tennity and John Haugh are putting together tough teams and fast boats. For the first time in memory, the fleet championship came down to the last race in a 26 race season. Congratulations go to Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans who won out in the end. Doug Olson took second place but he did not make it easy for them. Doug raced all but one race and sailed fast all year. While racing fast Doug found time to become the Windjammer Sailing Club Commodore. This is just another example of Fleet #112 members volunteering their time and skills to promote sailing in the lower Bay. We will be missing Bruce Heida next year. He has decided to move to Minnesota and retire. With his loss, we welcome back Nick Wood.

FLEET 112 not a photo but a spreadsheet of results

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10008	BLACK MAGIC	MARK MUELLER
11766	RED BARON	LAWRENCE OLDER
12073		NICHOLAS WEIS
12228	HOY-HOY	JIM GRIFFIN
12983		SAMLEVINE
13609		JAMES A. MAGUIRE
13764	MAD DOGS	MIKE LAMB
13890	OLE BLUE	GREG BUCKLEY
13911		MICHAEL D. KANE
13911		VALERIE KANE
14725	WINWARDS	SKIP WILDAY
14726		NICK ABRAHAM

Fleet 118 The Flying Beavers Sailing on Hamilton Bay at Hamilton, Ontario Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life		LARRY MacDONALD, SR.
11289		DIMITRI ILIADIS
11631	FLAT-OUT	OWENCROW
12080		THOMAS ZUMPE
12443		J. PAUL EICHENBERG
13671		STAN CHAMBERS
14194	NIAID	MARTY ESSIG
14599	BUNCH OF WEENIES	DAVID WOOD
14599		GRAHAM JONES

Fleet 121 Merrimac River Sailing at The American Yacht Club at Newburyport, Massachusetts New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7557		SCOTT McBURNEY
10479	PHOENIX	DILLON MAJOROS
10804	DO DAH	BILL STASIUK
10857	KABOOM	ALFRED J. MARTIN
11136		LON SHERMAN
11150		DILLON MAJOROS
11640	HEALING OVER	MARK R. WINDT
13206		DAVID CLARK
13249		ANTON BECKER
13517	SWAN	WINTHROP SNOW
13576		NADINE LAVENDER
13642	CHALOOPY	KENNETH A. WOODS
14189		WILLIAM GYNAN
14275		MARK DIESELMAN
14310		JOHN R. HUGHES
14345	WINDS WILL	ERIC CUTTING
14384	CABO WABO	BRIAN GIBBS
14478	SHARK BYTE	PATRICK GALLAGHER
14481	UTOPIA	JENNIFER STONE
14547	JAMAICAN BOBSLED	R. SCOTT McBURNEY
15182		PATRICK McCORMACK
	MUSTANG SALLY	ANN SNOW
		SEAN FAGAN

Fleet Captain.....Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Secretary.....Ann Snow
Fleet Champion.....Patrick Gallagher
Runner-Up.....John Hughes

So what happened this season? Hmmm... let us reflect. It seemed to get off to a slow start, as is often the case with sailing in New England in May. Cold, wet, and a complete lack of energy to get the boat out of the mud. So, as a change, we scheduled the Brian Hughes Regatta, which for the first time was to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in mid June. Well, maybe mid-June was not such a hot idea. We only managed to muster 10 boats for the regatta, which was well below what we expected. Amazingly enough however, the Lightnings have to be one of the most generous fleets going as we still managed to raise about \$1,000 for the



Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!!! Regatta chairman John Hughes was already planning the 2005 regatta as soon as the last boat was hooked up to the hoist on Sunday afternoon, so rest assured the same mistakes will not occur. Congratulations to Ben, Karen, and Tris for sailing such an excellent regatta and getting their names on the rudder.

The regatta party once again was a showcase for excellent food, and a terrific bar. Thanks to Karen and Mark Dieselman, who once again took care of all of the food, and seeing as Karen was unable to attend the actual party, everyone stepped up to execute her well laid out plan. Sean and Ann mastered the grill, and the steaks were terrific, all while John tended the bar as he does so well. I almost forgot our race committee, whom we drafted, Brad Johnson. He did a terrific job even though his is a big boat racer. You can keep the black flag in your pocket Brad. Eric, Jim, Sue, Al, Angela, Joe, and I am positive I'm missing someone, all manned the crash boats, which for the first time actually had to respond to a capsized boat!

Fleet racing this year was light, as obligations seemed to have gotten in the way, and toss in some bad weather and that is what we experienced. The Chet Young Memorial regatta was another close race, but in the end John Hughes pulled out to win the cup. Sean and Ann finally got the new boat moving and pulled out a second in the spring series and just missed third overall for the season. Mark Dieselman pulled out a pair of thirds in the series races, which believe it or not, resulted in a third overall. Congratulations to Mark, Maffy, and Bruce! John Hughes meanwhile was sailing up a storm in the fall, edging me out by 2 points in the Summer Series and finishing second overall. Meanwhile, with my regular crew out of action for various reasons, including tending to the latest member of the Fleet, Caitlin Rose Gallagher (Congratulations David and Joy!) I was forced to scour the sailing school students and stumbled upon two very good junior racers, Irene and Will. Along with Amy, we managed to pull out a first overall. Thanks guys!

Have a good winter and we will see everyone in the spring!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11385	OL' BLUE	RICHARD THACKABERRY
11486	GENERIC BOAT	GREG TITSWORTH
11752	UPSTART	STEVE PURCELL
13889	WIND BREAKER	DAVID MARSELI
14176	KISMET	CHRISTOPHER MILLER
14238	LLOYD ON ACID	STEVEN WEXLER
14479	FLEXIBLE FLYER	ROBERT H. MARTIN, JR.
14630		THOMAS GLYNN
14807	SECOND CHANCE	ROD RATCLIFFE
14807		SCOTT POTTER
14821	CHARLIE HORSE	CHARLES PROCTOR
15051	WAKA TAU	DAVID HOWE
15111	G.T.O.	GIANNI CUCCIO
15116		DOUG LATOUR
15154	SPATULA	BRAD THOMPSON
15171	HIGH CHEESE	JOSHUA GOLDMAN

Fleet Captain.....David Howe
Fleet Secretary.....Dave Marseli
Fleet Treasurer.....Dick Thackaberry

2004 Season Series (10 Qualifiers)

First.....Gianni Cuccio
Second.....Josh Goldman
Third.....Martin/Wexler
Fourth.....David Howe



After hosting the North American Championship last year, this season had a much more relaxed feeling to it. Still, ten boats out of the twelve that made it to the line for at least one regular season race qualified (sailed at least 60 percent of the season series), which was outstanding. We also managed to host three regattas this year.

The annual Early Bird Regatta, sailed on May 22nd thru 23rd, attracted 19 boats. The wind was light and the temperature was warm for a change on Saturday. Unfortunately, because of that warm weather, a thick fog postponed racing for the morning. As the sun tried to poke its head out, the gun on shore was fired, and we headed out for the line. Off in the distance, it was still foggy, but clear enough to see the marks. That would all change about two thirds of the way up the first beat. Boats started to just disappear into the fog. Soon, it engulfed us. A couple of people bailed, and headed back to the committee boat, but most everyone followed the leader, our own Gianni Cuccio, and managed to finish. The wind was still light on Sunday, but there was just enough to get in one race before the fans turned off. Gianni managed to squeak out a fourth, which was good enough to win the regatta. Brad Thompson was second, and Mike Breault was third.

The Mallory Cup qualifiers were being held in Lightnings this year, and our fleet hosted the Hipkins regatta in June, part of the Area B qualifiers. Seven boats got out early on the water before regular Saturday racing began. Conditions were choppy, with the wind blowing from the East, and in the low double digits. Jim Crane, who sails out of Noroton, but is a regular around here, came in and swept all five races with bullets to move onto the next round. As an aside, that round was combined with the CT/RI Districts, which Gianni's brother-in law, Dave Peck won. It was great to be a part of the Mallory Cup.



A few seasons ago, the Thistles, as part of their Fall Series, combined the Fontelleu Invitational with our Fall Classic. The party just got bigger and better. Seventeen Lightnings came out and played. The conditions were winds under ten, and very fluky on both days. In fact, on Sunday, in one race, the upwind became the downwind. Gotta love it when that happens. At least it was still warm out. Gianni Cuccio sailed a very consistent series and beat out Will Demand and Bob Sengstacken for the overall win.

A couple of other things to note this year. The fleet was well traveled. A few people made it to parts of the Southern Circuit. Others went to the Long John in Red Bank, the Districts in Madison, the AC's at Tom's River, the Frigid Digit in Annapolis, and the Last Blast in Nyack. Also, towards the end of the season, the next generation of skippers, most notably Charlie Proctor and Laura Cuccio, started to show their stuff, and it was most impressive. We also got a couple of future skippers with babies being born! Congratulations to the Goldman's and baby Jack earlier this year, and the Wexler's and baby Talia after the season was finished.

Fleet 126 sails every Saturday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with a three day regatta on the holiday weekends. Our club also throws in a few "Super Saturdays", with a lot of short races for just the Lightnings. These are great for practicing starts and crowded mark roundings. If you are visiting from another club, or would like to try a Lightning, there is a club boat available, a fast one at that too. Hope to see you!

Dave Marseli

Fleet 127 Savannah
Sailing on the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers at
Savannah, Georgia
Southeastern District

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

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10704 11773 11933 13871 14342 14441 14509 14765	MOO ROSIE STATIC S.S. OSHPOODLE CHALLENGE EARLY TIMES WAYPOINT	THEODORE HOWARD STEVEN M. ADKINS J. MICHAELSULZBACH LEIGHTON LEE TIMOTHY MILLHISER KATHERINE LEE JAMES R. DEEPHOUSE JOSEPH M. KOBYLAK

Most of the summer was sailed with wind and tides, except for two windless Sundays, to make for an interesting summer season.

The Madison Beach Club hosted the CT/RI Districts on July 17-18 and drew a strong fleet of 26 boats including 4 boats from our own club. We had both wind and weather for the weekend with 2 races on Saturday and 4 races on Sunday. In the end Dave Peck of Niantic Bay won the championship with a strong finish in Sunday's 4 races.

This year's season series was won by Katherine Lee and crew George Young, a previous winner, and Steve Cornell. Talented young sailor, Kelley Millane, in Jim Deephouse's boat, won second place, followed by Tim Millhiser in third place.

John Salzbach, a favorite, won the Baylis Trophy.

The Pape Memorial Race, where the skippers change boats, was won by Tim Millhiser in Jeff Swiggett's boat.

Rebecca Thomason, another talented sailor, in Mike Salzbach's boat, won the Fisher Race.

We had 5-6 boats sail with consistency this year, including Jeff Swiggett in his own boat. Next year may even be better with all 8 boats on the line.

Fleet 132 Lake Washington
Sailing on Shilshole Bay, Seattle, Washington
Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2274 8122 10384 10741 11636 11873 13242 13268 13704 14246	SKAL ARE WE HAVING FUN YET? OFF CALL III WHEATIES LUNATIC FRINGE	MIKE YADRIK RONALD P. MORSE HANS VAN BREDERODE MIKE O'BYRNE ALAN F. HUNT DAVID ESTROFF ERIC LINDAHL PAUL M. CURTIS KENNETH DUNKELBERG TOM ANDERSON

Fleet 134 Noroton
Sailing on Central Long Island Sound
Connecticut/Rhode Island District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11097 14900	CYGNUS	GAVIN JIM WATSON CRANE



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8365	ROBERT JEFFCOTT	DENIS HERMECZ
8704		JOHN KERN
10980		THOMAS PERRINE
11085	SUNDAY'S CHILD	TONY CHAVERS
13060	BIGEMINY III	DR. E. RUSSELL MARCH, JR.
13158	DULCINEA	BARNEY MARCH, III
13200		JOE WACKER
		NICK BLAKENEY
14136	BOHDACIOUS	WILLIAM CULBERSON
15201	ENIGMA	L.M. (MITCH) BOHNENKAMP
		ROBERT E. BERNHARDT, JR.

Fleet Captain.....Robert Bernhardt

Mobile Fleet 135 held the Southern Districts. Conditions were excellent, turnout fair, and the fellowship was great. Participation was once again limited by the few boats we have. We are looking for new boat owners. Members of our fleet participated in the following regatta's: Juby Wynne, New Orleans, GYA held at Pass Christian, Bluenose in Nashville, & the Sugar Bowl. Hurricane Ivan destroyed many a sailing plan. Looking forward to next year.

Fleet 137 Gull Lake Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12395	BETWEEN THE SHEETS	CHARLES SPILMAN
13731		FRED W. HARRISON
14241		JAMES BOWEN JR.
14241		MICHAEL HUTCHINSON
14474	BIG WHITE	DAVID J. DECKER
14712	BE CALM	THOMAS HUDSON

Fleet 145 Spofford Lake Sailing on Spofford Lake, Spofford, New Hampshire New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10254	SMURFIN ALONG	ALEX GEMMELL
10410		TERRY PINDELL
11210		FREDERICK TURNER, JR.
13792		JOE ROSEN
13835	THREE CHEERS	DOROTHY FITCH
14072	SUNSHINE	PAUL HENKEL
14360	AMBUSH	PATRICK MacQUEEN
14621		BEN WALLACE
14654		ROBERT C. BUSH
		A. STERLING BUSH

Spofford Yacht Club is a strong fifty family member club with a waiting list. Located on the northern edge of Spofford Lake in southwestern New Hampshire. Close to

Route # 91 and Route # 9 it is easily accessible for those traveling to regattas here. The club lends itself to a summer camp atmosphere with group picnic lunches and potluck suppers with cocktail socialization.

The Spofford Lake Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta was a huge success. The weather cooperated and EIGHT races were sailed. The visiting sailors made many comments about how they always like to come to Spofford. Everyone was delighted to welcome and be welcomed by Dot Fitch and son Tom Fitch. Some remembrances of sailing with Dave and Dot Fitch, both as cheerful and sportsman-like competitors and having Dot on the boat as crew. Tom Fitch regaled us with a recollection of Dave's commitment that civil speech was an absolute requirement - even to the point of quitting a race when he felt that standard wasn't metand he was leading the race!

Congratulations to the Spofford member Ben Wallace and crew Karen and brother Tris, for a second place finish, very close to the first place boat skippered by Bob Shapiro from Bow Lake. Paul Henkel did a great job of pulling the whole thing together, and as is usually the case, there were many non-Lightning club members who helped with the food, race committee, etc. It was a great event that was thoroughly enjoyed by our guest racers!

A seven race One Day regatta at the end of the season saw the beginning of the fall colors and warm temperatures. The wind was whipping as play time began with screaming reaches and planing. Lots of hoots and howls of joy from the crews and skippers alike. Exhaustion set in after the seventh race from all the sailing activity.

Bob and Sterling Bush did make their annual trip to the North Americans after qualifying at the New England Districts. Being new to the club themselves, getting experienced crew in the area was not difficult. Alex Gemmell, skipper of 10254, was the crew that made it possible to get qualified. His knowledge of the boat and strategy of sailing assisted Bob in doing well.

Ben and Karen Wallace are developing additional crew by the end of the year. Karen is expecting her second child in mid-December. We wish them a happy and health baby.

Richard French and Christy Bonneau have been crewing frequently with the home fleet developing their sailing skills. Both have become SYC members this year.

A lot of the club members hone their sailing skills in little boats. The Sunfish fleet have ten to twelve boats on the line on Wednesday nights and Saturdays. Lightning sailors have led the pack every race. Joe Rosen, Alex Gemmell, Paul Henkel, Don Watson, etc., have shown that fleet what sailing is all about. We are hoping for some convertees to steer a Lightning.

Fleet 146 Toronto Bay Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario Lake Erie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life 10702 14174 14347	IN LIEU	J.R.G. BLEASBY WALTER BLACKWELL DAVID SPRAGUE DANIEL SPRAGUE

Fleet Captain.....David Sprague

A slow year for the fleet this year. All of the active sailors went down to Fleet 12 (BCC) to race this year and had a great time.

There were a few local events but most of the weekday sailing was done on big boats with weekends in the Lightnings on the road.

If anyone is visiting Toronto give Dave Sprague a call and we will see if we can get you out on to see the Toronto skyline from the water.

Fleet 147 São Paulo Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at São Paul, Brasil Brazil District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
3090 6591 6591 11041 11708 11708 11709 11710 11710 11710 12254 12407 12472 12524 12526 12686 13406 14203 14335 14378 14498 14498 14498 14596 14596 14596 14602 14845	IRIS FLAMINGO CIRANDA CIRANDA CANARINHO IREMA IREMA SCAMBAU PERKEO XIRIANA FOXIRE GOYABADA E.T.C. KOMEKETO I MEIA NOITE 8 PHOENIX PHOENIX PHOENIX DINERS CLUB DINERS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FLASH RIDER	JOAO DE DEUS ASSIS FILHO ROMEO RAGUSIN CHRISTIAN SUSEMIHL ANTONIO F. VILLANUEVA PEDRO ALBERTO SERPE NETO ROBERTO MARINELLI WILLI CARLOS TIETZE CARLOS BIEKARCK PETER ZACHER JAN PETER ZACHER A. CARLOS RICHARD E. PRADO FRANCISCO DEL RE NETTO HUGO RICHTER ROBERTO DIETRICH FRED PAIM VIEIRA CID VIEIRA FRANCO de GODOY LEANDRO HOSBACK SEREJO DIETMAR HEYDENREICH CARLOS EDUARDO SODRE MARIO BUCKUP JUAN JOSE RAMOS De La FUENTE EDUARDO DE SOUZA RAMOS ENRICO FRANCAVILLA FREDERICO PEREGO COSTA FERNANDO RICARDO HACKEROTT RICARDO PEREGO COSTA CLAUDIO BIEKARCK CLAUDIO KUNZE

Fleet Captain.....Peter Zacher
Brazilian Championship 2004.....Mario Buckup
Runner Up 2004.....Enrico Francavila

We had a severe storm at our Club and lost 6 of our 12 Lightnings. The others broke masts and/or suffered damage. This happened just after our Brazilian Championship in April. The Fleet is trying to rebuild. We need 8 masts and many more pieces. Look the photos.



Fleet 150 Mansfield Sailing Club Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington, Ohio Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life 2132 3607 6944 10047 10444 11681 11912 11912 11912 12346 13907 13929 13935 14067 14424 14643 14952 14952	T-BIRD MERRIMAX DAS BOOT WIKI-WIKI IV WIKI WIKI IV WHITE HEAT SHIFTY CHARACTERS EXTREME	MRS. THOMAS J. McDERMOTT MIKE STATON JOE KLERI CHANDLER STEVENS CHARLES SHAW CHRISTOPHER SCHNEIDER GERRY & KARL LORENZ NATE IRELAND WILLIAM WOODROW DAVID IRELAND JOHN SIMPSON MARK SHAW QUAZI AHMED KARLA VARLEY BOB SHUTT JAMES L. STONE RICK FOX THOMAS H. VARLEY, JR. JON VARLEY

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12071 14688	MAGGIE MOUETTE	BRAD S. READ GEORGES PETER

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11181 13721 13895 13910 13975 14024 14125 14173 14475 14600 14647 14678 14835 14870 14940 15213	JOE BFSPLK BRANDYWINE II GOLDEN HARVEST DIVINE WIND MILLERS MERRY MANOR THOR PLAY WHY KNOT WOLF COOKIES EL ZORRO CON BRIO LAST LEG PS2 FAILURE TO THRIVE	DALE E. FULKERSON WILLIAM STUCKY DOUGLAS A. SCHMAHL BILLY J. ALLEN VIRGIL L. SNYDER RONALD LESTER STEPHEN C. MILLER JIM SABENS DAVID WISLER EDWARD BRADLEY WAGNON KEITH SWIHART DEBBIE PROBST ALAN FOX HERBERT SNYDER CRAIG COBBUM JEFFREY A. SCHMAHL

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Schmahl
 Fleet Champion.....Craig Cobbum
 Runner-Up.....Bill Allen



Champion Sean Fidler and crew with other 2004 Hoosier Regatta top finishers

Chartered in 1947 and racing every summer since, Fleet 154 enjoyed another successful season of racing on beautiful Lake Wawasee, in northern Indiana.

Several fleet members continue to travel to off-lake regattas. Craig Cobbum and crew kicked off the 2004 season with a trip to St. Pete in March. In May, three Wawasee teams headed to Indianapolis to race in Fleet 270's annual spring regatta where Jeff Schmahl proudly unveiled his brand new Nickels boat, delivered the previous day. Debbie Probst wrapped up the preseason with a fine performance at Pymatuning.

As usual, the WYC racing season began Memorial Day weekend and continued through Labor Day. Two races

were scheduled each Sunday with the exception of the three holiday week-ends when two-day series' are held. A grand total of thirty eight races were scheduled and twenty five were completed. Craig Cobbum had another outstanding year winning two holiday series' and taking the season championship by a comfortable margin. Defending season champ Bill Allen turned in another solid season, winning the Labor Day series and finishing second for the season, barely edging rival Jeff Schmahl whose team included his nine- year-old son, Michael, plus the veteran Stu Webster.



Perfect conditions on beautiful Lake Wawasee

Five Wawasee teams traveled to Indy for the District Championships in June, each one seeking to qualify for one of the three (later four) district spots for the North American's in Buffalo. Ultimately, all five teams wound up at the BCC. Bill Allen raced in the Masters regatta, and Debbie Probst was narrowly edged out by Jody Swanson to finish second in the Women's event. Brad Wagnon, Cobbum, Schmahl, and Probst raced in the Championship event where Debbie cemented her position as our fleet "rock star" finishing a fantastic fifteenth in the blue fleet -- the best ever by a Wawasee skipper. One month later Debbie and 2004 Lightning NA Champ Jody Swanson were teammates aboard the winning US Women's Match Racing Championship entry.



Three generations of Swiharts at the 2004 Hoosier Regatta

Wrapping up the year, Wawasee boats again traveled to fall regattas including Chicago's Red Flannels, Pontiac, and Nashville. Fleet 154's finale was our own 50th Anniversary Hoosier Regatta held the first weekend in October.

Twenty-one boats participated in this historic event made special by the outstanding hospitality and spirit of the members of the Wawasee Yacht Club. Longtime friend-of-our-fleet Sean Fidler claimed another Hoosier Regatta victory, capping a weekend of phenomenal autumn sailing and true Lightning class camaraderie.

Fleet 154 was excited to welcome back our old friend Keith Swihart after a nearly twenty year hiatus. Back with a fast boat, all the latest gear, and two super-enthusiastic grandchildren for crew, Team Swihart is expected to be a real contender in 2005. We also recognize and appreciate every team who competed on a regular basis throughout the 2004 season including skippers Virgil Snyder and Alan Fox who raced in virtually every race.

Finally, we invite everyone to join us for the Indiana District regattas in 2005, starting with the Indy Open on April 30 and May 1 in Indianapolis, and the 2005 Hoosier Regatta, scheduled for October 1 & 2. For more information about fleet 154 and the Wawasee Yacht Club, visit www.wawaseeyc.com.