



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6899	FIREFLY	JUDITH DALMAS
10765	YASU	ANNE TREDICK
10795	C CLEFF	ROBERT DICKENS SMITH
11096	NIKE II	STAFFORD FRAZIER
11249	MUMA WORKS	CHRISTINE JONES SORESENSEN
11379		W. STUART NICKERSON
11751	SCRUPLES	ALBERT PRESTON MOORE
12275		JAMIE CURRIER
13239		FREDERICK GENTNER
13647		STEVEN M. HONIG
14310	CUTTING WIND	ROBERT CUTTING

Fleet 283 Columbia Sailing on the Columbia River near Portland, Oregon Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0		MARK FISCHER
Life	HAIR OF THE DOG	JOHN DeBENEDETTI
2426		LARRY HODGES
5457		TINA McLAUCHLAN
7111	LILLIA MAY	GERALD M. CHAMPNEY
8163	JETTY BEAN TOO	ROBERT A. FARRAND JR.
8497	AN' SON	JOHN A. SANFORD
9690	CATHOUSE	JOHN R. DAY
10541		PAUL WEBSTER
10643	SPECULATION	WILLIAM TIMOTHY ELAM
10693	WIATR STATEK	MICHAEL A. HEMEL
10731	FORWARD	GARY KOKSTIS
11141	CHIUQUITA	BEN GILLESPIE
11433		ARTHUR LA FRANCE
11879		KEVIN STRAVERS
12056		ROBERT K. WALLIN
12219		CATHY MILES
12426	FLOPPY	EDWARD BOURGUIGNON
12879	VANISHING POINT	GORDON K. ZENK
13046	JALAPENO	JAMES McALLISTER
13476	MINNOW	DAVID SMITH
13788	WHELP A	GERALD L. NEUBURGER
13896		ROGER ARTIGUES
13949	FRENZY	RANDY ANDERSON
13961	SLY	TERRY BUSBY
14040	ROARING FORTIES	ROGER HICKS
14079	VANISHING POINT	DAVID HICKMAN
14079	HIPPO THUNDER	DOUGLAS S. HICKMAN
14288	HUMAHUMANUKUNUKUAPUA'A	PHILIP F. PARSHLEY
14288	Humuhumunukunukuapuaa	PHILIP P. PARSHLEY
14453	BLUE BAYOU	DARRELL PECK

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

Fleet 283 had another good year of sailing at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club.

The highlight of the year was probably our hosting of Northwest Regional Championships to the Mallory Cup in June. There were 6 teams participating in a total of 10 races over 2 days.

Darrell Pack of VLSC won the event and then went on to the National event in New Jersey in September. Darrell enjoyed his time there.

Our District Championship was won by Jerry Neuberger of VLSC held at Kitsilano Yacht Club. Our PCC Champion is Doug Hickman of VLSC, held at Eugene.

Our Fleet Champ is Darrell Peck and our runner up is Jerry Neuberger.

Fleet 286 Parthenon Sailing on Phaleron Bay at Pireaus, Greece Greek District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0		GEORGE PROCOPIOU
7569		ANDREW SINOPOULOS
10037		COSTAS LIMBERAKIS
11634		PAUL P.G. SCHILIZZI
13802	KRANTONELIS	ALEXANDRA KARZI
13891		MARKOS RAPTIS
13981		GEORGIOS VARDAXOGLU
14334		CONSTANTINE LYMBERAKIS
14377	VLGALIS	OROLOGAS GERASIMOS
14544		MIHALIS KOULIANOS
14687		DIONISIS S. DIMOU
14836	SPRAY VI	NICKOLAOS KRALLIS
14837		DIMITRIOS KOSMADOPOULOS
15077	TZINI II	ALEXANDROS DIMOU
15144	CRINIS IX	GEORGE ANDREADIS

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6865		RON BOUCHARD
7228		ROBERT PRECODA
7570		STEPHEN MOSMAN
7829	WIND HARP	PETER TOURIN
8033	THESIS INTERRUPTUS	DAVID LANSKY
8269		JIM DUCLOS
10440	TOP	ALLEN H. BAKER
10743		MICHELE FERLAND
10846	TWO BOYS	EDWARD GUILD
11158		THOMAS MOODY
11331		MARK GARDNER
11511		ROBERT HEST
11623	KINDRED SPIRIT	THOMAS J. PAPP
13156	BLUE STORM	DAVID N. LITTLE
13856		SEAN CARROLL
13902	REBEL	ARNOLD TRAN
14050	HUHI	BRETTON GARDNER
		MARK GARDNER
14056		ERIK JOHNSON
		MARILYNNE JOHNSON
14119		CHAD MILLER
14120	HUBRIS	ALEC BRECHER
14131		JAMES UNSWORTH
14146	GET FAT	JON ASWAD
		NICHOLAS ASWAD
14297	ZOOM	EDWARD J. ZIEMER
14438	ESPRESSO	JEAN TWOMBLY
		PETER TOURIN
14446	APPLE	KURT KLING
14480	CIAO	RICHARD N. FASTIGGI
14520	HARE BRAINED IDEA	TODD COX
14584	RAINBOW CHIP	PETER HAZELETT
14640	WILD GOOSE	DONALD C. BRUSH, JR.
14644	CREATURE OF HABIT	MICHAEL L. HUFFMAN
14658		BILL FASTIGGI
14876	SOUTHERN CROSS	JANICE LANGE
14905	BLIND FAITH	DAVID P. GORMAN
14972	WHATNOW	PATRICK ZACHARY
15058		PAUL GUTWIN
15060	PURE INSANITY	HEATHER ROWE AMBROSE
		TIM AMBROSE



Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Fleet 301 had a busy June as there was a regatta scheduled every weekend. This year, 24 boats kicked off the season at Malletts Bay's Spring Regatta, which is the season opener on the NE schedule. After sailing 8 races, Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Noah Pasackow finished first, followed by three Canadian teams; Al Boucher, Jamie Allen, and Mike Holly. Heather Ambrose had a strong second day to round out the top five.

The New England District Womens, Juniors and Masters Championships were sailed on Friday before the Districts in Malletts Bay. Dave Gorman, Tim McCormack and Judy Murphy won the Masters ahead of Dick Fastiggi, Ed Ziemer, Alex Gemmel, John Hughes and Walt Colantuono. Suzy Coburn, Heather Ambrose and Marian Spurrier won the Womens with Kika Bronger and Janice Lange in second and third. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan won the juniors with Nick Aswad, Peter Hazelett and Hannah Darrin close behind.

Malletts Bay also hosted the Districts and 27 boats attended. Bill, Noah and Suzy were crowned NE District Champs with Erik Johnson, Karl Johnson and Emily East as Runner-up. Ray Harrington, Toni Harrington, and Jeff Schwartz in third, Stu Nickerson, Nick Mercier and Hannah Nickerson came out of retirement to finish fourth, and Bretton Gardner, Nick Farina and Scott Thibault rounded out the top five.

The Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC) hosted the 2004 Sears Cup in mid August. Ten teams from across the country made the journey to Vermont to sail Lightnings. The Sears Cup is an elimination series with 100's of crews throughout the US competing to represent their local sailing organization. Dave Hazelett had his hands full during the organization and running of the regatta. Mark Gardner, Bill Fastiggi, Charlie Dickerson, Heather Ambrose and a host of others helped make sure that this was a regatta to always remember. There were a number of people that were instrumental in persuade fleet members into allowing their boats to be used for the regatta. As a tune up to the regatta, Betsy Alison and Bill Fastiggi went over the "Lightning Basics" with the kids on shore. The competitors showed a great deal of respect for the borrowed boats under some difficult conditions. There were a few capsizes but all in all there was no permanent damage to the boats. LeaAnn Smith was the housing coordinator and revealed one of the better aspects of volunteering your house to the juniors. Not only did she discover two rap groups that are now her favorite, blackalicious and Sweat Shop Union but in addition, the juniors from British Columbia left her three pounds of smoked Salmon.

A few District members travelled down to Toms River for the beginning of the "windy season" for the Atlantic Coast Championships. Chad Miller, Dave Gorman, Erik Johnson, Don Brush, Heather Ambrose, Bill Fastiggi and Bretton Gardner all made the trek. No one ended up in money, but most of our district members finished near the top in at least one race.

Our district had three junior teams participate in the Junior Nas in Buffalo. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan finished a very impressive 6th overall, Peter Hazelett, Derek Deming and Brad Harris finished 9th, and Nick Aswad, Conner Aswad and Max Far finished 11th. We're very proud of our New England junior sailors!

The District Circuit championship is awarded to the skipper who finishes at the top of the standings after all district regattas are tallied up and Heather Ambrose won convincingly ahead of Bill Fastiggi, Ben Wallace and Bob Shapiro.

There are enumerable people that are not thanked by name for all of their contributions but time is short and this report has to get sent in!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
96 787 2108 5887 7940 8593 10013 10257 10272 10450 10687 11144 11368 11672 11777 11884 12321 12412 13318 13719 13807 13807 14020 14023 14110 14110 14216 14785 14824 14824 14851 14867 14925 15172 15179 15207	WINDSONG GYPSY FREELANCE SAILORS DELIGHT WE'RE HERE BLUE THUNDER SWEE-PEA COOKIN' COOT DREAM CHASER FIGMENT FIGMENT ADRENALIN DUMA KOKOPELLI JOKER'S WILD ROCKY COOL CHANGE TALARIA	JOHN HAYES ROBERT HASTINGS MARK A. CASADA J. MICHAEL L. FINDLAN RICHARD ROBLES DENNIS QUINN ROBERT STAAB JASON BEEKHUIZEN ROBERT M. JAPIKSE JIM MANN RON MILLARD PAUL S. BACK RICHARD H. NIEMEYER CHRISTOPHER MERCER JAMES T. YOUNG DON H. HINKLEY DAVID BOEHM LARRY GRUBER CHRISTOPHER PAYNE BILL YOUNG JIM GERWIN JOHN COURT ROBERT W. FRANTZ JEFFREY LELAND DICK PUGH JEFF PUGH KENNETH J. IRWIN BRYAN P. RIDDIFORD MICHAEL SHAYESON JAMEY CAREY DENNIS RHOADES MICHAEL KEMP MICHAEL H. BROCK JAMES P. TAYLOR DAVID F. ARMSTRONG STEPHEN A. WEEBER

Fleet Captain.....Ann Brock
Fleet Champion.....Steve Weeber

2004 was a good year for both club and regatta racing for Cowan members. Membership was steady this year. We gained a national highlander champion (Jamie Carey) who is campaigning both Lightnings and Highlanders. We lost one skipper due to a job change; however his boat (#15179) will stay at Cowan as it was purchased by the Rhoades.

Major Regattas

St. Pete Championship - Jim Taylor with fellow Cowan crew Bryan Riddiford and Becky Young placed 26th. Bill Young crewed for son David and placed 46th.

Cowan hosted Districts and we had a strong 22 boat fleet compete. Cowan had a good showing with Jim Taylor (3rd), Steve Weeber (6th), Bill Young (7th), Dick Pugh (11th), Jamie Carey (15th), Mike Brock (16th), Ken Irwin (19th) and Dennis Rhoades (21st).

Steve Weeber went to Pontiac and sailed to a 9th placed.



Dick Pugh, Mike Brock, Bill Young - Buffalo Master NA's

In August Dick Pugh, Bill Young and Mike Brock teamed up to do the Masters and placed 20th. Jim Taylor placed 3rd in the green fleet and Mike Brock along with Stephanie Waugh and Mike Kemp placed 20th in the yellow fleet.

In November, Dick Pugh, Bill Young and Jamie Carey headed to Bluenose for their last regatta. Bill sailing for son David placed 10th. Dick with the Ross crew placed 13th and Carey 31st.

Fall-In Regatta

Cowan hosted its 31st Fall-In regatta which was the district's second most attended regatta other than Pymatuning's Spring Classic. This year 16 boats sailed in very shifty 5-15 conditions on Saturday. One race was sailed Sunday in a classic small lake drifter. Cowan was

proud to put ten of its own boats on the line. David Young, son of Bill and Debbie, brought up his new boat from Nashville and taught his Dad, Uncle Jim and the rest of us a few lessons. After four races on Saturday David was in first place. However in the end it was Jim Taylor winning the regatta over David by one point. Other places include Jamey Carey (3rd), Steve Weeber (4th), Dick Pugh (7th), Mike Brock (8th), Jim Young (11th), Bill Young (12th), Ken Irwin (13th), Bryan Riddiford (14th) and Dennis Rhoades (15th).

Club Championship

Steve Weeber beat out Jim Taylor by a fraction of a point to win the overall club championship.

Fleet Membership

Our membership remains strong and we're seeing more interest from families that are relocating to Cincinnati to get into Lightnings and club racing.

Fleet 314 Sassafra River

Sailing on the Sassafra River at Chestertown, Maryland Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9391	SNEAKER	LESLIE MOORHOUSE
12381		ROBERT B. HORNE
12710		ALFRED B. MAST
12720	GENNY D	CHRISTOPHER DUNNE
12964		JOHN D. FARQUHAR, M.D.
13926		JIM HOPKINS
14218	ETC.	HOWARD S. EDSON
14265	TENACIOUS	TED GANLEY
14648	YELLOW CANARY	F. THOMAS HOPKINS
14651	MASTER BLASTER	ALFRED B. MAST
15023	STAR O'DUST	ROBERT B. HORNE
0		DAVID J. HORNE

Fleet Captain.....Ted Ganley
Fleet Secretary.....Dave Horne

This year's report is just a bit different than usual in that none of the race results are readily available to the author. We did follow our same schedule format as in recent years by splitting the season into four series of four races each plus two "Bay Races". Each series winner was awarded one of the Fleet's perpetual Trophies and first through third place trophies were awarded for both bay races.

The Bay race is a departure from sailing standard triangles or windward/leeward courses in that the course is essentially a two leg race out to the mouth of the Sassafra River and back. The Summer Bay Race was a typical day with many wind shifts and speed changes. The Fall Bay Race was sailed in ideal conditions where we were able to fly the chute both on the way out and most of the way back up river again.

The annual Banquet was once again held at the Granary Restaurant the weekend after Labor Day. A wonderful dinner and celebration, including the presentation of trophies and awards.

A big thank you to our ever-present Race Committee,



Chuck Vorhees, whom we rely on week in and week out to get us off the line each Saturday morning. It was also a pleasure to welcome a few new sailors to the club this summer. Now we need to work on a more consistent turnout every weekend.

Fleet 318 Algarrobo Yacht Club Algarrobo, Chile Chile District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11023		LUIS HERMAN
13650	POCAS LUCAS	PABLO AMUNATEGUI E.
14295	LINDA CHICA	ERIC VELASQUEZ BELTRAN
14307	PAMPERO	JOSE MANUEL HORWITZ F.
14312		JUAN FRANCISCO NOVION V.
14454	SCHOLL	PABLO HERMAN
14709		PABLO GALLIAS P.
14709		JUAN EDUARDO REID
14791	TIFOSI	IGNACIO BAZAURE
14794	NO DESESPEREZ	CRISTOBAL PEREZ SPENCER
14794		FRANCISCO PEREZ SPENCER
14795	2 FAST 4 YOU	ALEJANDRO PEREZ

Fleet 325 Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Sailing o Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
5977		RICHARD W. SCHULTZ
9527	BO BO	MICHAEL FISHER
9527	BOBO	REHOBOTH BAY SAILING
9750	BUZZING BEE	ROBERT J. BUZBEE
9976		CARL SLOCOMB
11155		LOUIS COHEN
11540	MAL DE MER	W. DAVID RACINE, III
11899	PISCES	PAMELA A. BRODERSEN
12160		TURTLE MARSHALL
12616	AWOL	CARL ROBINSON
14207		BARRY W.C. PIERCE
14207		JOHN P. DOLAN

Fleet Contact.....David Racine

As a past active member of Fleet 325, and still an enthusiastic sailor of Lightnings, it is difficult to report that our fleet here in Rehoboth, has not been active this year. Lightnings have only been seen on Rehoboth Bay a few times. Most of those times I was behind the tiller of one. But there are still a couple of others who appear at the club to sail their boats.

Some years ago RBSA had a fabulous fleet of Lightnings, with as many as 30 boats joining the weekly races. Those days are gone for us, and probably the same is true for many other Lightning fleets.

While the Lightning was designed in 1937, in my opinion it is still one of the finest, most responsive sailboats of its size on the water today, and I take every opportunity to praise the boat and the class to all who will listen.

This year, it as been my pleasure to see a renewed interest in Lightning sailing at RBSA, and I expect to find

enough Lightnings sailing at the club to reactivate our fleet and to enjoy local sailing competition and to host outside events.

In the last two or three years, RBSA has begun to host regattas for several one design classes, and the magnificent sailing we have is again becoming know across the country. This is a fact that has been known by Lightning sailors for many years, and we hope significant numbers of Lightnings will soon be sailing on our waters.

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7007		MICHAEL FISHER
10629		JIM WECKENBROCK
10889		JAMES K. LEWIS
13493		MIKE DOW
13932		PAUL C. DAVIS
14460	HOLEY COW SPIRIT	R. GARRET DEMAREST, III

Fleet 328 Jyvaskyla Sailing on Lake Pailjanne, Jyvaskyla, Finland Finland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6838	OLD LADY	TIMO LEHTINEN
12479	MELANIE	ANTERO WESTERLUND
12908		ARI KOKKO
12918		VESA PUROKURU
14364	NIKEA	SAMPPA J.SALMINEN

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life		WILLIAM H. BUCKLEY
6639	EUGENE	JOHN J. CULLINANE
8516	LONE PINE	GREGORY C. SWARTZ
8675		JOHN BERGQUIST
9330		H. CLAY LEWIS, III
10800	WAR HORSE	GEORGE SAROCH
10800		CHRIS SAROCH
10860	STILL CRAZY	GREGORY FISHER
10860		JO ANN FISHER
11420		FRED MCKENNEY
11628	FISSION CHIPS	C. ERIC OLSEN
11871	JABBERWOCK	MARTY HUPPERT
12159	RHODE RACER	RIC GOTTSCHALK
12812	FLASH RIDER	DIANNE SULLIVAN
14049	CHAOS	DIANA LOHMEYER
14139	BOATBOX	ROBERT HARMON
14191	NEWFIE	SPENCER ABBOT
14217	SPIKE	STEVE PALMER
14221	IWAKUNI	MARK WHITSON
14548	PAIN KILLER	JONATHAN S. GUTH
14581		E. JOSEPH FRIEBELE
14629	GOT MOE JOE	STEPHEN CONSTANTS
14950	ULTRA LIGHTNING	ED MICHELS
15016	LOON	JAMES (JAMIE) B. BRICKELL, JR.
15054	BLUE HIGHWAYS	JONATHAN I. LANGE
15202		TODD JOHNSON

Fleet Captain.....
 Fleet Secretary.....
 Fleet Champion.....Todd Johnson



Fleets, like other organizations, go through periods of growth. Sometimes the growth comes in numbers. Sometimes the growth comes in the development of leaders, and sometimes the growth comes in the development of skills. Fleet 329 has not grown much in numbers in the last couple of years. But the skill level has increased and the level of competition has gone up a notch.

This growth in skills can be measured in many ways. One measure would be our record number of members who attended the North Americans in Buffalo this past summer. Jamie Brickel, Jonathan Lange, Steve Constants, Jonathan Guth, Ed Michaels, Todd Johnson and Greg Fisher all attended the North Americans. Steve won the Yellow fleet. Jamie and Jon made the Green Fleet. Greg participated in the Blue Fleet. Yes, we claim Greg. His living and working out of Annapolis has been a great asset to our fleet.

We began sailing in larger numbers on Tuesday evenings this year. We hope the Tuesday night sailing will pay dividends in the future. We have increased the profile of the Lightning and introduced Lightning sailing to many new people.

This year the Sears Cup was sailed in Lightnings. We loaned boats for the youth to sail. We spent time training the local kids. It was one more effort to introduce the next generation to the boat. SSA did a great job in hosting both the Chesapeake Bay and the regional competitions. We especially want to thank Jamie Brickel for his work on this project.

Our Fleet Champion this year was Todd Johnson. He won

this in spite of not sailing his boat in the Frigid Digit.

Speaking of the Digit, did it blow hard enough for you? We had a great turnout of 47 boats this year. It was not a record-setting number - but close. We look forward to next year's Digit. It is becoming one of the premiere Fall events on the Lightning calendar.

Ed Michaels has been elected our new Fleet Captain. We know he will do a great job in 2005. We can't wait for the 2005 Southern Circuit and the No Gas Spring Regatta.



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9829	BIG DOG SPIKE	ARTHUR J CUNNINGHAM
10212	SNOWY OWL	DON EGAN
10320	MOUNTAIN THYME	ROBERT W. SENGSTAKEN, JR.
10555	JUMBO	WILL ABBOTT
10732	GO-MO-SHUN II	DAVID D. CLOSSON
12859	SPIRIT OF JACK R.	SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION
13382		WILLIAM JOHNSTONE
13382		BARRY VAN DEMOERE
14033	DC	CHRISTIAN WHATLEY
14247	STEPIN' OUT	DOUGLAS R. DeCLUITT
14814	AEOLUS	WALLACE E. ACKLEY
14926		DWIGHT GERTZ
14953	SHORT CIRCUIT	TONY WAGNER
14953	SHORT CIRCUIT	PJ BLANKENHORN
14955		JEFF DROPKIN
15089		AL MacQUARRIE

Fleet Captain.....PJ Blankenhorn
 Fleet Secretary.....David Rodgers
 Fleet Treasurer.....Dwight Gertz
 Fleet Champions.....The Cunningham family

There were at least three very good things about 2004 on Squam Lake. The first was the number of boats racing. We had as many as eleven for a fleet race and wonderful fleet of 18 on the line for our annual regatta. The second good thing was the number of boats that were well sailed and "in the hunt" for top finishes. Nine boats had at least one top three finish. Third, and most exciting was the trend toward sharing the helm, which gets more sailors,



especially teenagers, into the game. The Cunninghams set the standard for this trend with three different family members steering the boat as they drove Big Dog Spike to the season championship.

With the Cunningham's taking the big prize, other awards went to Christian Whatley for the July Series, and to the Welles-Gertz boat (also using three different skippers) for the August series, the long distance "around the lake" race, and the Closson trophy for the last three races of the season.



The youth movement is alive at Squam Lake. Fleet 332 season champions John Cunningham (15), Nadine Cunningham (13), and Art Cunningham (old man) move #9829 to windward. All three skippered at least one race this year and their combined efforts took home the Howdy Wood trophy.

Special awards included the Yellow Bucket for exceptional seamanship to Dan Egan for climbing the mast to retrieve a wandering spinnaker halyard and the Diamond Ledge award for a feat of navigation to Dave Closson for finding the bottom of the lake with his centerboard.

Because the annual regatta is almost always won by a visiting boat, Wally Ackley donated a perpetual trophy this year for the best finish in the event by a Squam boat. Dwight Gertz and old college team mate Harry Mattison broke this jinx (presaging perhaps a similar accomplishment by the Red Sox) when they actually won the regatta, although the new award will undoubtedly be very much appreciated in years to come when things return to form.

Other accomplishments, on and off the water, were too numerous to mention in their entirety but special notice must be made of Wally Ackley's return to the fray this summer after sustaining a detached retina last year. He made it official by promptly winning a race. On the water, but using a different form of motive power, Bob Sengstaken rowed his single scull to a top ten finish in his age group at the Head of the Charles, one of the largest rowing regattas in the World. Meanwhile, the fleet further proved the diversity of its talents as Will Abbott became the Executive Director of Mount Washington Observatory, where intrepid meteorologists maintain their watch more than a mile above Squam Lake and regularly endure the "worst weather in America." With friends this interesting, the conversation after sailing is always good.

We elected PJ Blankenhorn as our new Fleet Captain for 2005 and we look forward to another year on "Golden Pond."

Fleet 335 Barnagat Light Sailing on Barnagat Bay at Barnegat Light Yacht Club, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13708	BOO BOO	ALEX KLEIN
13772		JUSTIN MONNIG
13876	RASTA	HAROLD W. POTE
13970	SUNSHINE	MARK KAPLAN
14350	FESTER	JAMES DeCESARE
14489	HOT PEPPER	WILLIAM S. CLARKE
14787	GOT BEER?	JOHN DEMMING
14850	DALAI-RASTA	JOHN FAUS
14881	MAC AT-TACK	MAC deTURO
14833		PETER D. MENNINGER

Fleet Captain.....Alex Klein
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Clarke

We had a series of 24 races in June, July and August on eleven Saturday afternoons. We had a total of nine boats participating. With Joe McGinnis, an avid Lightning sailor, as BLYC Commodore for 2004, we had an active summer of Lightning sailing. Joe was a fantastic Commodore and broke the Club flag officer age barrier by initiating younger Club members into the process of becoming Commodores. This was a step long in coming but a vitally important step that will be long remembered and for which the Club will always be indebted to Joe and his wife, Leighann. Congratulations to them both for a job extremely well done.

The results for the Club series were Mark Kaplan, first, John Demming, second, and former Fleet Captain, James DeCesare, third. Crews this year were fairly well mixed up which added to the depth of the Fleet. We were delighted to add Peter Menninger and his family to our Fleet participants in 2004. They seem to be developing a successful passion for Lightning sailing. We expect some of our crew members will have boats they will add to the Fleet in future years. Where is that Gilman boat? What about the Browns? One statistic we will be working on next year is that only four boats participated in more than half of the 24 races. It was disappointing to see so many boats on the lot on Saturdays not sailed. John Faus cashed out of his boat in the Fall of 2004 and we are still awaiting the announcement of its replacement, hopefully soon. Maybe he too will sail a few more Saturdays at BLYC in 2005.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on our North Course on August 28 with six BLYC boats participating and several boats joining us from our closest Lightning Fleet neighbor to the south, Surf City Yacht Club. Awards to BLYC participants, among its Fleet, went to William Brown, sailing the Faus boat, first, John Demming, second, and Mark Kaplan, third. The north course provided us with deep water, little motor boat activity, and good winds. Three windward-leeward races were sailed.

The Pumpkin Bowl was a big success in 2004 with eight boats participating. Bill Mergenthaler took first place, John Faus, second and Gary Urban, third. Three windward-leeward races were sailed. Notwithstanding moderate inflation, the entry fee of one log held up.

In July, we were all happy to be able to celebrate the wedding of frequent crew member, Max Achtau. Also, we were all happy to learn that John and Stephanie Demming will be adding to our roster of potential crew members in early 2005.

The conclusion of our sailing season was also the occurrence of an event causing great sadness to the members and crew of Fleet 335. Suddenly, Jack Elfman of Surf City Yacht Club passed away just as the 2004 Mallory Cup events being held on Long Beach Island were about to begin. Jack's passion for Lightning sailing and his competitive nature touched us all and made us all strive to be better sailors with sharpened competitive instincts. Our Fleet members knew Jack and sailed with and against Jack for more than a generation and his loss will create a big void in Lightning sailing on Long Beach Island. Our Fleet members were privileged to be invited to assist in the reception activities following a Memorial service at Surf City Yacht Club attended by hundreds of his friends.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committee folk led by Wayne Shaner and Jim Bigham who, together with many other folks, got out there in all kinds of weather to make our sailing season a success. What would we do

without their volunteer efforts? Again, they kept the Catboats out of our way.

Planning is well underway for another really great season of Lightning sailing in the year 2005. Jim DeCesare, a second generation Lightning sailor, is Commodore of BLYC in 2005, so that should bode well for sailing at BLYC. As we write this, we have not yet heard of our plans for a mid-winter Fleet meeting, but it has been held for all these many years and will be scheduled again to be held in early 2005, perhaps in Princeton or Philadelphia.

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9844		MAURY GARDNER
12115	BABY DOLL	WILDAY FAMILY
12573		JOHN BUHRMASTER
12636	CHICKEN SHIP	DALE H. BROWN
12832	WATTA-HUMMAI	FRED LYNARD
13251	ENG_NEER	WILLARD KOHLER
13655	PRETENDER	JOHN S. ORTON
15134	HUGGIE 3	R. JAMES MILLARD
15161	WE ARE DEAD MEAT	JOHN KORKOSZ

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

The 2004 season brought out some good stiff competition in Lightning Fleet 338!

The most exciting addition was the reappearance of Baby Doll (12115) after a couple of years' absence. The Wilday family brought her out of mothballs and campaigned her through the latter half of the season. The new skippers were young Pam and Katie Wilday and even Christian Beck (normally Sunfish skippers), with father Stu Wilday and others as crew. They definitely qualify as our youngest Lightning skippers yet in Fleet 338!

At the top of the list, John Korkosz was able to exorcise the mast-rigging demons from his new boat, We Are DEADMEAT, and successfully campaigned it to a season first place, but not without a great deal of very close competition from the perennial winner, Jim Millard. These 2 skippers traded 1st and 2nd places all summer to end up with average finishing scores of 1.33 & 1.42, respectively! (The previous weekend, the contest was a virtual dead-heat with scores of 1.45 & 1.42, respectively, and Jim Millard was in the lead)!!

Bill Kohler was able to keep closer than ever to their transoms in a number of races, but wasn't quite able to



pull off more than a continuous series of close 3rd place finishes.

John Buhrmaster and his niece, Ann Seyse, sailed in enough races to take a commanding 4th place for the season.

We again had 8 boats registered this year (of a possible 9), with 7 competing for the Summer Series trophy - an average of 5 boats per race! 4 boats made it out for the Opening Series, the winner of which was also John Korkosz.

The Opening Series (first 3 days) results were: 1st place - John Korkosz, 2nd place - Jim Millard, 3rd place - Bill Kohler and 4th place - John Orton. The remainder of the fleet missed at least one of the three races.

The regular Summer Series results were: 1st place - John Korkosz, 2nd place - Jim Millard, 3rd place - Bill Kohler, 4th place - John Buhrmaster, 5th place - John Orton, 6th place - Maury Gardner and 7th place - Wilday Family.

On Labor Day weekend, which is not included in our regular season competition, there were several "skipper swaps" during the 3 days of racing. It is truly interesting to see how differently a newer boat handles, how alternatives in rigging work, and even more enlightening to experience a different crew's procedures and performance! I know I came away from the experience with a couple of rigging changes to make and some new crewing techniques to try to implement (if I can only remember them 'til next season...)

I can't wait for 2005!!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2620	HIGH VOLTAGE	RON SATTELE
9420		MARTY HEADLEE
9568		DAVID Y. PITTS
9570	DOLLY THE WHITE	TAPP RINNE
9657	LIGHTNING	BUCK KINSEY
10111		ROBERT SCHINDEL
12935	LORD JIM	KEN WALLACE
13729	LEMON PIE	THOMAS W. WYNN
14225	RAZORBACK	JOHN BRIAN JOHNSTONE
14825	THE JOHN B	TERRY E. TYNER
15180		PAMELA M. BARRON

Fleet 351 Niteroi Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Niteroi, Brazil Brazil District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
Life		DENIS RICHARD CLEMENCE
11713	GARCA	NORMAN MacPHERSON
12783	CARTOLA II	RICARDO TIMOTHEO DA COSTA
13405	WAIKIKI	ANTONIO CARLOS PAES LEME
14101	JUSTIN TIME	MARCO ANTONIO GANTOIS GOMES

Flotte 358 Murtensee Sailing on Lake of Murten in Switzerland Switzerland District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13692	MILAN	HANS-PETERSCHMID
13790	MELTEMI	URS WYLER
14530	SANTA FIAMMA	JACQUES PERRET
14664	KARHU	PETER GRAF

Fleet Captain.....Urs Wyler
Fleet Secretary.....Walter Dürr

Da wir auf dem Murtensee keine Lightning-Regatta durchführen konnten, wurde die Europameisterschaft auf den Neuenburgersee zum Saisonhöhepunkt. Es fanden sich denn auch 3 Boote unserer Flotte in Grandson zur "Schlacht" ein. Trotz der relativ schlechten meteorologischen Voraussetzungen konnte die Meisterschaft mit 6 gewerteten Läufen erfolgreich abgeschlossen werden. Meltemi mit Urs Wyler, Walter und Gilbert Dürr konnten ein weiteres Mal mit den Rängen 1, 1, 1, 2, 3 und 1 den Europameistertitel nach Murten holen. Aber auch die anderen beiden Boote unserer Flotte konnten die Meisterschaft mit den Schlussrängen 5 (Jacques Perret, André de Montmollin, Natascha Godel) und 14 (Peter Graf, Thomas Heusser, Alexandra Wicki) erfolgreich abschliessen.



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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10086	SASSY	JOHN HOLMES
11241		ROBERT JOHNSON
11897		WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL, III
13848		LEONARD LITTLE
13941		JOHN HOLMES
14620		RONALD K. WRIGHT

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Ron Wright



Ron Wright

It has been a huge year of change for fleet 365 at Catawba Yacht Club. Our numbers have dwindled significantly as two of our members left the class and three others remain very inactive. And so, the 2004 fleet report is really the story of one dedicated team of fleet 365 racers, Ron Wright, John Holmes and Tom Martin, otherwise known as "Team Catawba".

The 2004 Lightning season began with our first trip to a national regatta - the Southern Open in Savannah. It was awesome to find ourselves in the company of the best Lightning sailors in the world. To say we were competitive would be a lie! But we had a great time and we did have some good moments on the water. We also kept our record intact of avoiding the cellar in any regatta!

The district traveling series began at Catawba Yacht Club in April with the kick-off regatta for the Southeastern Lightning District - the Cottonwood Regatta. Pete Marriott won the event. But Team Catawba made some noise by winning their first district level Lightning race in the second race of the first day.

With a fourth place finish at CYC under our belts, we turned to Lake Norman and the Voodoo Regatta. The wind would not cooperate on Saturday. But Sunday served up enough for four races. We simply couldn't get it going in races 1 and 2 and finished in the basement both times. But something kicked in and we rallied for a 3 and 6 to finish in seventh overall.

From Norman we traveled to Wrightsville for the district championships. We arrived on Friday and were treated to a rare set of circumstances. Greg Fisher was in town to host a clinic and the wind was blowing off the chain. We took to the channel in our

Lightnings with Greg in his powerboat. Through video and on-the-water coaching, we received a super clinic from Greg. We placed a personal best 12 out of 19 in the regatta, but more importantly, we left Wrightsville with a confidence that we could not only sail, but also race, in heavy air.

From Wrightsville we turned to Beaufort and the Low-Country Regatta. Debbie Baldrige would sail middle for us as Tom had a schedule conflict. An excerpt from Ron's regatta report summed up the first day:

"Pinch me John, this can't be real! Well, we were feeling pretty good. [We had a 3 and 1 in the first two races.] In race three, I went back to a port start and lo and behold, we were off at the gun in clear air again. And again, we put it all together, this time for a deuce. Terry [Tyner] did not fair as well, finishing fourth. For the first time in my young sailing career, I found myself contemplating math. $3+1+2 = 6$. We, by golly, were in first place. Tyner was one point behind. Pinch me John, this can't be real. But real it was."

"That night, we drove back to the club for the party. Mother nature continued to bless us as she served up a cooling 6-8 knot breeze into the evening. The downshot was it too much for the noseums. It was one of those rare combinations of great food, great music, great weather, and great friends. You just didn't want it to end. We ate low-country boil. We sat on the deck and listened to a great blues band. We walked out on the launch pier and watched the lights up and down the river. It was the best regatta party I have ever attended."

Of course, reality returned on Sunday as we struggled in light air to finish third overall. But for one brief evening, Team Catawba was in first. And it was a feeling like none we had ever experienced.

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9267	IT'S ABOUT TIME WHITE SHADOW	PETER EVANS
11462		DEVON RUBADEAU
11462		BRUCE McKAY
12245		BARRY SINCLAIR
12245		ROGER PENTECOST
12376		BILL McILROY
13477		ROBERT BAZETT
13511		NEIL MacGIBBON

Fleet 372 San Francisco Bay Area Sailing on San Francisco Bay at Richmond Yacht Club, Richmond, California California District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6028	SPLINTER GROUP	MARK WILLIAMS
7606		HOWARD MACKEN
9124		LORI HOBBS
12337		NATHAN PERUMAN
13186		DONOVAN GREEN
13247	EMMA II	TED GOLDBECK
13467	FERAL BOGAN	FRED CHANDLER
13626	CRUSADER RABBIT	DAVE LARZ ANDERSON
13783	ELUSIVE	ELISSA HALL
13869	MANIACAL	PETER BEECHER
13869	MANIACAL	RON SMITH
13943	DOUBLE HAPPINESS	JIM HOEY
14305		MICHAEL A. MOLINA
14681		DAVID A. GALLUP

Sailing on Douglas Lake in Cheboygan County, Michigan
Michigan District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10198 12754	MER-SEA SHRUB	JOHN G. YOUNG DAVID O. PETERS

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
0		LARRY KOSTER
0		VINCE & BECKY DELGADO
6534		JIM NEWTOWN
10366	BAKA	DAVE VIETTI
11520		JOHN LeFEVRE
13344		DON BARON
13449		ROBERT BROOK
13730	EVERGREEN	JOHN FISHBECK
13903	BANANAS	JIM & MARIBETH FLETCHER
14147	MOODY'S BOOTY	MIKE MOODY
14267	FUBAR	NEIL HARRISON
14294	SHIBUMI	WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON
14447	OHM	RON M. MARSHALL
14468	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING PIG	BLAINE SEVERIN
14746		MERRICK HURLBUTT
14756		JOHN R. LeFEVRE
14760	FINS	GEORGE F. SIEGLE
14963	WIND DANCER	PATRICK DOLAN
14964	DRAGON TAIL	TERRELL L. KLEIMAN

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....Pat Dolan
Runner-Up.....

For 2004, the Lansing Sailing Club's Fleet 387 opted for a new summer series. In addition to the traditional, full season calendar of three races every Sunday, a new "half-season series" was instituted where only selected Sundays would count towards the fleet championship. The half-season dates avoided nearby district regattas, so that skippers could compete both away and at home with no disadvantage.

Pat Dolan, sailing *Wind Dancer*, repeated as fleet champion. Pat skippered in 65 of the 75 races, with crews Gil Chesbro and Susanna Telschow making guest appearances. It was very rare to not find *Wind Dancer* sailing somewhere on a weekend. *Wind Dancer* was dominant on the race course, sailing in more races than any other boat and winning the majority of them. Pat also sailed at the Blue Nose and at Pontiac's regattas. Bob Miller, Gary Marx, and Stacy Kotecki were also regular crew. *Wind Dancer* also took home top honors for the half-season series championship.

For the third year in a row, Mike Moody skippered Moody's Booty to the runner-up position in both the full and half-season championships. Mike competed in 53 races, most often with Lisa Winters and Ken Knight. Mike also sailed at Pontiac and Wawasee this season.

Blaine Severin continues to improve, placing UFP third - their

highest season finish ever - in the full season and fourth in the half season. Blaine has been getting a lot of tiller time on the Michigan District circuit, and the results have paid off. Tom Diets and Julie Pierce were the crew in most of UFP's 43 races.

Neil Harrison got out on the water more in 2004, joined by longtime crew Alana Harvey. John Quensen was a new crew for this season, and helped power the team to fourth in the full season (46 races) and fifth in the full season.

John LeFevre, sailing his newly acquired Sail Fevre, picked up fifth position in the full season with 43 races, and ninth in the half-season. Leif Alton was John's regular crew. Sail Fevre was one of four LSC boats at the Pontiac Whitecap this year.

Claiming sixth in the full season and seventh in the half season is Merrick Hurlbutt. Merrick has also steadily improved, and this season showed increasing confidence in downwind spinnaker sailing in heavy conditions. Merrick was joined by Scott Watkins and Adrian Tuttle.

The half-season championship counts roughly fifty percent of the scheduled races. Thirty six races were sailed, with the best 21 counting. The results were similar to the full season, the exception being George Siegle, sailing Fins with Ann Siegle and Laura Harvey. Fins missed qualifying for the full season but placed third in the half season. The team also competed in the Tawas Bay regatta.

Other notable finishers include Larry Koster, sailing Shibumi to 6th place, Terry Kleiman in 8th place, Jim Fletcher sailing Bananas to 10th, Ron Marshall in 11th, and Don Baron in 12th place. See our photo spread for the full results.

The 2005 Tune Up Regatta was held on May 22, and unlike in years past, it was a heavy air affair. The wind continued to build through the morning, and spiked after a lunch of chili and cornbread at the club. Several boats retired, due to injuries, fatigue or breakdowns. The points leaders and most of the LSC boats returned to the water for the last two races. Going into the final race, there was still quite a battle. The typically shifty winds on Lake Lansing can easily drop a boat from first to worst, especially with the long windward leeward courses set by the RC. Tom Klaban was in the lead with 10 points followed by George Siegle in Fins with 14 and Mike Moody in Moody's Booty with 17. With a throwout in play, it was down to one race. At the final turn, Fins had a good lead on Klaban and Moody's Booty. Klaban and Siegle took the right side of the course, and Moody went left, as did the remaining boats. Without enough boats between Fins and Klaban for the overall win, Siegle crossed to the left to cover the fleet. Fins got nipped at the line by Klaban but preserved the cover, guaranteeing the a second place finish. "Ye Olde Silver Platter" for being the top LSC boat, and the MSU Alumni Cup for top boat skippered by an MSU grad. Moody's Booty was a strong third, followed by the LSC's Terry Kleiman and Pat Dolan. See our photo spread for full results.

Fleet 387 has several special awards. The Corinthian Award honors a skipper who contributes to the health and growth of the fleet through racing, teaching and sportsmanship. John LeFevre is our 2005 winner. Crew-of-the-Year honors go to Bob Miller, who had a strong season in Wind Dancer. Rookie Crew of the Year goes to Susanna Tellschow, who was very active in racing. The "Wet Bottom Award" for the crew who goes all out for their skipper was renamed the "Jane Marshall Sailing Award," for its 2004 recipient, Jane Marshall.

Visit us online for full racing schedules, club and fleet info, and for the dates of the 2005 Tune Up Regatta at www.lansingsailing.org.

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Great racing in the center of the Michigan mitten!



(A) The fleet sails downwind during a Thursday night race

(B) The "Unidentified Flying Pigs" crew sails by on starboard as racing gets set to begin on Sunday at the Pontiac Regatta - Photo by Susanna Telschow



Fleet 387			
'04 Full-Season Series Results			
Pos	Skipper	Tot Pts	Tot Races
1	Pat Dolan	4593	65
2	Mike Moody	4253	53
3	Blaine Severin	3233	43
4	Neil Harrison	2447	46
5	John LeFevre	2061	43
6	Merrick Hurlbutt	1953	37



(L) "Sail Fevre" checking the wind during the pre-start on Sunday's first race at the Pontiac Yacht Club

- Photo by Susanna Telschow



(A) "Bananas" at Michigan Districts in Bay City, sailed by Jim Fletcher, Eddie Fletcher and Larry Koster

(B) "Shibumi," sailed in 2004 by Larry Koster



Fleet 387			
'04 Half-Season Series Results			
Pos	Skipper	Tot Pts	Tot Races
1	Pat Dolan	2645	33
2	Mike Moody	2326	30
3	George Siegle	2041	26
4	Blaine Severin	1363	19
5	Neil Harrison	1159	21
6	Larry Koster	967	19
7	Merrick Hurlbutt	955	14
8	Terry Kleiman	839	13
9	John LeFevre	778	21
10	Jim Fletcher	569	7
11	Ron Marshall	534	9
12	Don Baron	414	18
13	Gil Chesbro	111	1
14	Susanna Telschow	53	1
15	Tom Rasmussen	40	2
16	Eddie Fletcher	30	1

Regatta Results

39th Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta

Lake Lansing at Haslett, MI, May 22, 2004, 10 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

Place	Boat/Crew	Points	Total
1	Tom Klaban, Eric Klaban and Joyce ?	1 1 2 3 3 1	8
2	George Siegle, Ann Siegle and Laura Harvey	3 2 4 1 4 2	12
3	Mike Moody, Sally Miller and Ken Knight	6 3 5 2 1 3	14
4	Terry Kleiman, S.Telschow and Helio Vogel	5 6 6 4 2 4	21
5	Pat Dolan, Bob Miller and Gil Chesbro	2 5 1 6 11 11	25
6	Chris Jacobson, M. McVey and S. Lauso	4 4 3 5 11 11	27
7	John Lefevre, Leif Alton and Larry Koster	8 7 7 7 6 6	33
8	Blaine Severin, Julie Pierce and Tom Deits	7 9 9 10 5 5	35
9	"Gus" Dey, Rachel Dey and Jeff Arthurton	9 8 10 8 11 11	46
10	Merrick Hurlbutt, A. Tuttle and Scott Watkins	10 10 8 9 11 11	48

Fleet 388 Jackson Yacht Club

Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir at Jackson, Mississippi Southern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12335 12746 13703 13781 14736	not 11887 ENIGMA	JOSEPH P McDEVITT DAVID McNAIR IAN LaCOUR RALPH ALLEN JOHN B. WASKOM, IV

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

Fleet 388 had another challenging year in 2003. Our major efforts were to promote one design dinghy sailing at the Jackson Yacht Club and to participate in local and regional Lightning Regattas. The willingness of fellow Lightning sailors throughout the area to come to Jackson and sail in our events is truly appreciated and has attracted the notice of our club officers and members alike.

Our 2004 racing season started March 27, & 28 with the JYC Spring Fling Regatta. Lightnings from Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi attended. 5 Races were run in warm weather and high winds with a good deal of hiking going on..

The trophy winners were:

1st	15126	Dr. Larry Frost	Mandeville LA Fleet 62
2nd	15117	Jeff Bodkin	Dallas TX Fleet 35
3rd	14600	Bill Baxter	Memphis TN Fleet 174
4th	10812	Eugene Walet	Pass Christian MS Fleet 179

On June 5 & 6 John Waskom and Ralph Allen combined forces to participate in the The Southern District Championship Regatta. This year it was held on Mobile Bay, hosted by the Buccaneer Yacht Club and Fleet 135. The change in venue brought out several of our semi-retired skippers who dusted off their boats, enlisted family for crew and had a great time and re invigorated their interest in Lightnings (see Southern District Report for results).

May 15 & 16 found Ralph Allen and John Waskom traveling North to the annual Hernando de Soto Regatta near Memphis, TN hosted by the Delta Sailing Association and Fleet 274. As usual, everyone had a great time made possible in no small part by the fantastic spinnaker work turned in by Ralph passing 5 and 6 boats on multiple runs.

July 31 / August 1 found Skippers Joe McDevitt and John Waskom with crew Scotty Barron traveling South to the Lightning GYA Championships held in conjunction with the Pass Christian Yacht Club "Birthday Regatta". We

were given some sailing lessons about driving on salt water that is moving sideways which is a problem for lake sailors (see Southern District Report for results).

On October 9 & 10 Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi Lightnings converged in Jackson for the annual JYC Hospitality Regatta. The desire to sail and have a good time overcame horrible weather conditions caused by a passing weather front (the remnants of a hurricane)and 3 extremely wet races were sailed. on Sat followed by more pleasant social activities and a good dinner at the club. Sunday brought more of the same foul weather and with Larry Frost leading the regatta with 3 bullets in his new boat, the Lightnings elected to drink bloody marys, pack up the boats, dry out the crew and wait for the trophy ceremonies.

The finals scores looked like this:

1st	15211	Larry Frost	Meterie LA Fleet 62
2nd	14736	Bill Baxter	Memphis TN Fleet 274
3rd	14488	Herbert Cochran	Memphis TN Fleet 274
4th	14969	Batton Kennon	Memphis TN Fleet 274
5th	14666	Crit Currie Jr.	Memphis TN Fleet 274

Fleet 388 extends an open invitation to all Lightning sailors to come to Jackson MS and join us in our 2005 events and to experience the hospitality of the Jackson Yacht Club in our fantastic new facility. --Watch the ILCA website for the dates

SPRING FLING REGATTA April 2005
HOSPITALITY REGATTA October 2005

Fleet 400 St. Mary's

Sailing on Grand Lake St. Mary's at St. Mary's, Ohio Ohio District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6276 8441	ADAM'S RIB	BILL KATTERHEINRICH ADDIS L. KATTERHEINRICH

Fleet 401 Guanabara

Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Brazil District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
5327 8233 11706 13405 14320 14463 14498 14561 14564	MASTERSHIP TIORGA X. ALMAR VII WAIKIKI CARTOLA BURIBA VOLTA SECA 3 VAMP BIELA RIO	CLAUDIO ALLEVATO SILVIO PINHEIRO/SILVA, JR. ALZIR DE CASTRO FARIA JR. LUIZ CLARKSON LEBREIRO RENATO VALENCA JOSE DOS SANTOS PEROZINI EDUARDO CLARKSON LEBREIRO EDUARDO O. SIMAO MAURO JOSE VILLELA NOGUEIRA

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8513	EL ABUELO	ROBERTO CAMPOVERDE
9411	SEA BREEZE	CAMILO SAMAN SALEM
9411		ENRIQUE GRANJA C.
10114		RAFAEL QUINTERO
11153		FRANCIS PARKER PLAZA
11365		JULIO VELEZ
11928	LA RATONERA	SEBASTIAN HERRERA
13440	MARIVENT	DR. IGNACIO VIDAL MASPONS
13440		IGNACIO VIDAL M.
14099	DESENCUENTRO	MIGUEL A. PLAZA MERINO
14145		JOSE GONZALEZ-RUBIO
14150	SEA BABY	FRANCISCO SOLA MEDINA
14160	GATO	ESTABAN MEIRA
14163	COLO	ING. CESAR BAQUERIZO
14370	LA MAQUINA	JUSTO KLEMPERER
14379	XTREME	JAIME CALDERON
14383	ALEGATO II	JIMMY PAZMINO PAREJA
14383		CARLOS LUIS LECARO VELEZ
14383		JUAN ANDRES TAMARIZ
14461	AUEGRETO	ALBERTO MASPONS
14541		MIGUEL E. PLAZA, JR.
14541		EDUARDO VEDANI
14556		NAVAL DEL ECUADOR ESCUELA SUPERIOR
14556		RICARDO DIAZ
14557		NAVAL DEL ECUADOR ESCUELA SUPERIOR
14671	MAGIA	JUAN RAFAEL SANTOS DILLON
14673	BLACK BEAUTY	JUAN SANTOS GARCES
14674		ALFREDO OCHOA
14674		ERNESTO ESCOBAR V.
14674	MARRAQUETA	JAIME SANTA CRUZ VIAL
14674		JAIME SANTA CRUZ NAPE
14676	GARUFA	CARLOS LECARO
15080	FOR SALE	PACO SOLA TANCA
15080		ARTURO ITURRALDE YCAZA
15094		JUAN CARLOS PLAZA P.
15095		GABRIEL MORAN
15095		SANTIAGO ROMERO BARST
15096		XAVIER MONGE

We had boats travel to the Winter championship and to the North Americans. Our regatta, the second one of the Southeastern district, hosted 10 boats on Lake Norman for great racing in the southeast. Pete Marriott, commodore of the Southeastern Lighting District, sails out of LNYC and is the current Southeastern traveling series champion.

For more information on sailing at Lake Norman visit www.lakenormanyachtclub.com

Fleet 424 Club Universitario de Regatas La Pinta Sailing on the Bay of Callao, Lima Peru Peru District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12514	ADALID	SERGIO LEVAGGI TOCCI
12825	NO SPEAKING	FRANCISCO AYULO

Fleet 427 Killyleagh Yacht Club Sailing on Strangford Lough, Belfast, Country Down, Northern Ireland

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
19		RAYMONDKILLOPS
77	MEAN MACHINE	ANDREW KILLOPS
1564		RACHEL BENNETT
11439		DENIS BENNETT
14086		GORDON MOORE
14086		CLIVE BRIDGES
14086		DAVID BROWN
14086	STARS & STRIPES	JOHN SCOTT
14469	RAINBOW III	TREVOR WILSON
		WILLIAM LINDSAY

Fleet 415, Lake Norman Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Norman, North Carolina Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10156		RICK BARTON
13957	IN SENSITIVITY TRAINING	PETER MARRIOTT
14432	BLITZEN	RICHARD SIMPSON
14702		SAM L. BOOKE III
14947	MUTANT BLACK SHEEP	CARTER UTZIG

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Treasurer.....Pete Marriott

Fleet 415 is proud to have the Lightning Class President sail with us!

We host the soon to be famous Lightning Voodoo regatta: May 14-17, 2005 is the dates go ahead and reserve your space!

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10039		MILT RHODES
11771	WASABI	WILLIAM R. SLOGER, SR.
14957		RYAN RUHLMAN
15085		LEONARD KRAWCHECK