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Fleet 206—Club Nautico Olivos

Sailing on Lake Olivoa
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Argentina District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8411	Repunte V	Javier Pascuchi
11043	Mancarron	Pablo Gustavo Bordino

Fleet 446—Club Univeritario de Buenos Aires

Sailing on Rio de la Plata
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Argentina District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11037	Marmolin	Roberto Ricoveri
11041	Flamingo IV	Roberto Gomez Joly
11649		Hector Longarela

Roberto Ricoveri, Federico Mera, Manuel Ladogana

BRAZIL

FLEETS

147	Sao Paulo	351	Flotilha de Lightnings de Niteroi
401	Guanabara	462	Guarapiranga Lake

District Commodore ..... Torsten Ralf Bojlesen

2005 in Review:

From April through June, the Lightning Fleet participated in a Ranking program to qualify for the Pan American trials held in July in Rio de Janeiro. It was the first event in preparation for the 2007 Pan American games, and the Class was congratulated by the organizers for the size and quality of the fleet.

The second half of the year was dedicated to selecting the teams that would qualify for the Chilean Worlds.

Three teams participated from Brazil: Tommy Sumner, Mario Buckup and George Rider, with Torsten Bojlesen in the Masters. Although the Brazilian teams did not do very well, the outcome was positive. It had been some time since Brazil was represented by so many teams, this shows we are on the right track to revive the Lightning Class in Brazil.

Another key point brought home from Chile was the fact that the boats we have in Brazil need to be upgraded to incorporate the latest modifications we saw. One way of doing this is to have new boats brought to Brazil for the 2007 Pan Am games.

2006 Preview:

We started the Year with the Brazilian Junior Championship, with Tommy Sumner winning the title in the last 2 races. João Hackerott, in second, showed that Brazil will have another great team to follow up when Tommy moves out of age.

The year promises great races, with several teams battling out the one spot available for the 2007 Pan American games. Besides the forever great Champions who never give up, like Mario Buckup and Claudio Bieckarck, the 2 time Junior World Champion, Tommy Sumner (going for 3 next July) , we now have a new great name joining the Class. It is an honor to have Lars Grael sailing with us in Lightnings and trying to qualify also.

In July, Rio de Janeiro will receive teams from each Pan American country wishing to qualify for the Pan Am Games. Hope to see you all here.

The Future:

Interstate Team Races, International Team and Match Races, Inter Club Challenges and a Lightning School for adults available to all local Clubs. These are some of the areas we are working on for the future of the Lightning Class in Brazil.

John S Bennett

Brazilian competitors at the World Championship in Chile

Fleet 147—Sao Paulo

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
Sao Paulo, Brazil
Brazil District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11708		Roberto Marinelli
11710	Irema	Jan Peter Zacher
14498		Enrico Francavilla
14602	Flash Ridder	Claudio Biekarck

Fleet 351—Flotilha de Lightnings de Niteroi

Sailing on Guanabara Bay
Niteroi, Brazil
Brazil District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13405	Waikiki	Luiz Clarkson Lebreiro
11710	Irema	Jan Peter Zacher
14101	Junt'n Time	Marco Antonio Gantois Gomes

Fleet 401—Guanabara

Sailing on Guanabara Bay
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Brazil District

Fleet 462—Guarapiranga Lake

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
Sao Paula, Brazil
Brazil District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11693		Brian Murray Sumner
11710	Irema	Jan Peter Zacher
12440	Lightning Rider	Horoldo Fleischfresser
12657	Perereca	Frede Neils Bojlesen
13405	Waikiki	A Carlos Richard Prado
14330	Kirimaw	James Sumner
14353	Scambau	Dennis Plambeck
14378	Meia Noite 8	Mario Buckup
14562		Thomas Sumner
14601	Gator	Claudio Augusto Bonomi
14633	Fala Serio	Bruno Ruthenberg
14845	Clone Rider	Torsten Ralf Bojlesen
14892	White Magic	Hans Juergen Ludwig
14893	Layline	George Lewis Rider
14894	Uizo	Caio Seabra
15152	Xamego VI	Nelson Small Schmitt
15229		John Stuart Bennett
15264	Hooligan	James Stuart Birkinshaw

João Hackerott after 2nd place in Qualifiers for the 2006 Junior Worlds

CALIFORNIA

FLEETS

194 Mission Bay Yacht Club 372 San Francisco Bay Area

District Commodore.....Jeff Coppens
District Secretary ..... Alissa Hall
District Champion.....Jeff Coppens
Runner-Up.....Scott Finkboner

This year was an encouraging and exciting year for Lightnings on the West Coast. The San Diego fleet experienced strong growth this year. We claimed one of the top participation rates of any one-design class in the San Diego for both club races and regional one design events. I believe we raced more than 25 days this year in great, San Diego sailing conditions.

Two years ago, the San Diego fleet had seven active racing boats. Today, we have twelve boats racing on a regular basis with fourteen Lightnings at Mission Bay Yacht Club.

The Mission Bay Fleet submitted a bid early last year to host the 2006 North Americans, and the entire club is excited at hosting this world-class event. With a shortage of boats on the West Coast and the lack of large regatta exposure, this event is vital for continuing the Class growth on the West Coast.

We enjoyed a very competitive race season. In February, we sailed the California Circuit. Challenging race conditions existed with a storm front passing through each day of the event. The wind changed from calm to 18+ knots on almost each day. This year, we raced all five days at Mission Bay. Scott Finkboner won the Circuit with Mike Brewer placing second and Jeff Coppens was third.

The District championship was held in May at Mission Bay Yacht Club. Eight boats competed for the Districts. Jeff Coppens won with three bullets in four races, and Scott Finkboner placed second and Ed Petit De Mange third.

Jeff Coppens towed his boat 2,400 miles to Sheboygan to compete in his first North Americans with Ed Petit De Mange and Paul Tarantino as crew. They qualified 20th placing them in the Championship Fleet and finished 31st in the Championship Fleet. Having grown up in Green Bay, Jeff enjoyed returning to his home state and introducing Ed and Paul to brats, fried perch, and Leinekugels.

Five Lightnings from San Diego traveled to San Francisco for the Pacific Coast Championships in September. Much to the fleet's chagrin, none of

Cookout in the rain!

the San Fran boats could free their schedules, but we enjoyed fantastic racing anyway in a variety of conditions from light air to San Fran's famous "blow the oysters off the rocks" heavy air. Man is it fun to surf a Lightning in 22 knots! The race was incredibly close, as all five places finished within six points of each other and the top three by three points. Ed Petit De Mange placed first, with Pete Bellin second and Jeff Coppens third.

Back in San Diego, we ended the year with Jeff Coppens winning the Turkey Regatta in November and Ed Petit De Mange winning the Hot Rum Regatta in December. Mike Brewer was named Fleet Champion for the best point total in club races, and Jeff Coppens was awarded best finisher in non-club events for the year. Dan Gravatt won the award for most dedicated fleet member—I think he missed only one event all year!!!

Fleet 194—Mission Bay Yacht Club

Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean
San Diego, California
California District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8778		Dan Gravatt
8966	Excalibur	Richard Hoffman
11603	Direct Access	Joel Vann
13411		John Carr
13742		Richard Hockaday
13819	Flipper	Eric Swayze
13842		Peter Colantuono
13856	The Flying Wasp	Ed Petit de Mange
13860	Jolly G	Dan Gravatt
14095	Puddleglum	Kirk & Edna Johnson
14202		Greg Lembo
14263		Peter Bellin
14308		Dale Bull
14486	JJEB	John & Jolene Northrop
14572		Tim Jehle
14846	White Lightning	Michael & Dick Brewer
14904	Hana Hou	Scott Finkboner
14924		Jeff Coppens

Fleet Co-Captain ..... Peter Bellin
Fleet Co-Captain ..... Kathryn Ham
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Edna Johnson
Fleet Champion ..... Mike Brewer
District Champion ..... Jeff Coppens

We started racing on January 9 with the Winter Series and ended on December 18 with the Hot Rum. In between, we saw our fleet grow and change. Jeff Coppens bought a new boat and won the Districts with it. He sold his older blue boat to Dale Bull. Merlin Green decided to move to Boston for a while where, we hear, he's frostbitten and missing us; he sold his red boat to Peter Colontuano. Kirk Johnson actually bought a complete set of new sails for the first time in 10 years. He misses the duct tape on the jib window, but his crew can finally see starboard boats approaching. Scott Finkboner bought an old Eichenlaub and had it restored. Now he's paying to store two boats in the yard. Ed Petit de Mange joined our fleet with boat number 13856 from the east coast and is tearing up the course with it.

The yacht club puts on at least two days of club races every month, occasionally three, and a beer can race every Thursday night starting the first Thursday in May and ending the first Thursday in September. We would keep on sailing, but it tends to get very dark by the six o'clock starting time, and the race committees can't see the boats. So we reluctantly give up these TNTs (Thursday Night Things) and wait for Spring.

We managed to have an abbreviated California Circuit in conjunction with Southern California Yachting Association's Midwinter regatta. One day of Bay racing, one short marathon which had to be even further shortened due to drifting and dreaming conditions, and two days of ocean racing which turned out to be one day in the bay because of serious breakers in the channel, and one day in the ocean in even more serious wind.

Our trophy winners were: skipper who sailed the most TNTs—Dan Gravatt (he gets to be our fleet captain next year); Club Races Champion—Mike Brewer; Regattas Champion—Jeff Coppens; District Champion—Jeff Coppens, Fleet Champion—Mike Brewer. This year he and his crew, Dick Brewer, got to compete in the club championship in Snipes. He didn't win, but they finished with the mast in the air.

Fleet 372—San Francisco Bay Area

Sailing on San Francisco Bay
Richmond, California
California District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12337	Golden Girl	Nathan Peman
13626	Crusader Rabbit	David Larz Anderson
13783	Elusive	Elissa Hall
13869	Maniacal	Peter Beecher

CENTRAL ATLANTIC

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173	Brant Beach Yacht Club	196	Surf City
228	Riverton Yacht Club	335	Barnagat Light Yacht Club
430	Ocean City Yacht Club	491	Lake Nockamixon

District Commodore.....Keith Taboada

Fleet 26—Little Egg Harbor

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10768	Procrastination	Jody Robinson
11124	Spirit	LEHYC Junior Sailing Program
11666		Rafe Pilling
14634	Options	Caroline V L S Hoedemaker
15079		Franz & Sheila Schneider

Fleet Captain..... Dr Jody Robinson
Fleet Secretary..... Frank K Schneider, Jr
Fleet Champion..... Dennis Lojek

Our regular Saturday series began on June 18th with races every Saturday through till September 3rd.

Franz Schneider with his wife Sheila and daughter Susan Lojek sailing Aries on Little Egg Harbor Bay

The Central Atlantic District Championship was held at the neighboring Brant Beach Yacht Club and the Long Beach Island Race Week races were held at the Surf City Yacht Club.

Rafe Pilling represented our club in the local Sears Cup eliminations that were sailed in Lightings at Monmouth Boat Club. His crew was his sister Colie and Tyler Klaus.

Mark Schneider, sailing with his daughters Ashley & Greta won in a fleet of eleven boats at our Down Bay Regatta this year.

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

Fleet 34—Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Sailing on Metedeconk River
Brick, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6557	Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
9852	Club Tub	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10952		Robert G Savarese
11122		David Magliaro
11894	Love It	Stephanie Ruiter
12209		Donald Schon
14008	Incredible Hulk	Greg Kinzel
14450	Fog Racing Team	George B Francis & Richard D Thomas
14589	Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597	Roadmaster	Keith Taboada
14830		Mike & Hadley Green
14842	Crusader	Stephanie Ruiter
14889	Stripes	William C Bogardus
14960		Michael Hnatt
15122	Logical	James G Carson
15166		Jody Lutz & Michael Schon
15166		Jody Lutz
		Ryan Dunn
		Rick Pokorny

Fleet Captain..... Michael Hnatt
Fleet Secretary..... Jim Carson

Fleet 34—Metedeconk River Yacht Club

The 2005 review starts in November, with the Class elite event, the Worlds in Chile. Metedeconk made a splash in international waters led by Jim Carson, who finished 2nd in the Masters World Championship. Jim reunited his Ugly Fuzzy crew from the mid 1970s, Jay Lutz and Michael Schon, and streaked to a 2nd over strong competition and even stronger winds. The races were sailed in conjunction with the South American Championship, which Jim took 10th. We would say Jim ages like fine wine, but even wine isn't this good after 60 odd years. The following week saw the Worlds event, with Jody Lutz making a strong showing, finishing 6th, despite a capsize. Paul Gelenitis returned to the Class to finish 33rd. Fleet members George Francis (with Paul) and Jarrett Lynn (finishing 5th with Allan Terhune) also participated; tales of Chile's giant waves and ever strengthening winds have circulated around the fleet already.

The emphasis of the fleet was participation in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Series and local regattas. The BBYRA series saw seven Metedeconk fleet sailors qualify, the strongest showing in years. Toms River's Will Demand edged Metedeconk's Mitch Hnatt, the recent perennial winner. Ryan Dunn returned to the area, to finish 3rd. Summer series sailing on the river dropped off as the battle for river supremacy over motor boaters took its toll. Strong participation in spring and fall series balanced out the decline in summer series. Matt Reiser of Lavallette took spring honors, while Allan Terhune of Annapolis won the fall. The spring and fall series are open to all clubs. The Club Junior Champion, an event held each year in Lightnings, was Michael Crann.

The initial local regatta is the Long John, held in Red Bank, New Jersey with 5 of our fleet sailing, with the best performances by Brian Taboada (4th) and Jody Lutz (5th). The Central Atlantic District Championship was held in Brant Beach in June and Metedeconk sailors took 3rd (Mitch Hnatt), 4th (Bill Bogardus) and 5th (Jim Carson). Other Metedeconk participants included George Francis (10th), Rick Pokorny (15th) and Matt Schon (17th). Keith Taboada traveled to North Carolina for the Atlantic Coast Championship and Jody Lutz finished 2nd in the Canadian Open. Jody Lutz won the New Jersey States, held at Toms River. In the major fall regatta, the Frigid Digit in Annapolis, three Metedeconk sailors braved strong winds to finish in the top ten: Jody Lutz (6th), Bill Bogardus (8th) and Jim Carson (9th).

The North Americans in Wisconsin held less luster for Metedeconk sailors, with mild participation. Jim Carson made his annual pilgrimage and finished 6th in the Masters and qualified for the championship flight in the NAs. Matt Schon sailed the Junior NAs and finished 13th.

The 2005 year began on a dark note as two fleet sailors, Andrew Brennan and Dick Thomas Sr. passed away in January. Andrew was three time Club Junior Champion and won the Lightning Junior North Americans in 2001. Dick sailed Lightnings for 30 years, most in 11411, and served as Commodore among many other yacht club posts. Both will be missed while their contributions will be felt for many years.

Jim Carson receiving 2nd in the World Masters Championship with crew Jay Lutz and Michael Schon

Ian Gilliland, Sarah Mergenthaler & John Faus

Fleet 99—Great Egg Harbor

Sailing on Great Egg Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13159		William Demand
14495	Sweetness	Bill P Clausen
15052		Robert Warner
15232		Allan Terhune

Fleet 104—Lavallette Yacht Club

Sailing on Barnagat Bay
Barnegat Bay, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12957	Spirit	William E Dacosta
14539		John C Morton
15197		Matt Reiser

Fleet 173—Brant Beach Yacht Club

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor
Brant Beach, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9628	Discovery	Paul L Alberti
13809		Jeffrey L Carson
14325	Verbal Abuse	Carl Reitinger
14660		J Edward Serrill

Fleet 196—Surf City

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay
Surf City, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13139		Darryl Waskow
14068	Punch Too	George Schmidt
14300	Scrap Metal II	Randy Swartley & Richard M Warren
14595		Robert Rizzitello
14635		Darryl Waskow
15139	Fast Horses	Tuathaul MacColgan
15175	Triple Threat	Timothy G Robinson & Frank Temme
15204	Exit 63	Bill Mergenthaler
15218	Jezebel	Steve Warren

Ian Gilliland, Sarah Mergenthaler & John Faus at the World Championships in Chile

Fleet 228—Riverton Yacht Club

Sailing on Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7660	Air Ball	Gary Birnhak
11519		Kent Steinriede
12480		John Mangan
13740		Michael McCourt
14214	Chees Whiz	Bruce Nicholson
14659		Bruce Falls
14699	Toodle-OO	Allan M Crew
14739		Paul M Van Cleve
14771		John G Haiges
14890	Ultimate Pressure II	Peter R Denton
14942	Primal Scream	Richard Moyer
15055		Hugh J Hutchison
15154		Mark C Schneider

Fleet Captain..... John Townsend
Fleet Champion.....Denton/Townsend

Pete & Jen

The Delaware River was busy again this year with more than 20 races of 8+ Lightnings each Wednesday night. We raced along side four other fleets with up to 80 boats in total on the river making for some very interesting mark roundings. Afterwards everyone gathered around the newly refinished club house to spend time with competitors and friends.

This year the club spent many of its weekends visiting other fleets. This included many trips to the New Jersey shore, Pennsylvania lakes, Virginia and Maryland bay, Delaware, Georgia and Florida. We even made it down to Chile to compete in the Worlds. This was all in addition to hosting our annual New Jersey Governor's Cup regatta with our famous barbeque dinner.

We had one very exciting night that brought out the Coast Guard, Marine Police, and the 4 local news channels complete with helicopters. All because of a knock down squall and a very nervous on-shore fan who dialed 911; she did not realize that these sailors have handled these difficult conditions many times before.

This year was one of surprises and great competition, and we welcome a new owner John Mangan to the fleet. Come join us.

BBYC Lightening Finish

Fleet 335—Barnegat Light Yacht Club

Sailing on Barnegat Bay
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10859	Wallaby	Dan Gilman
13708	Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13772		Justin Monnig
13876	Rasta	Harold W Pote
13970		Mark Kaplan
14350		James C DeCesare III
14450	Fog Racing Team	Doug Zimmermann
14489	Hot Pepper	William S Clarke
14650		Paul B Wood
14787		John Demming
14833		Peter D, Jacqueline & Tyler Menninger
14881	Mac At-tack	Mac DeTuro
15235		John Faus

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

Again, Barnegat Light Yacht Club had one of our Lightning sailors at the Club's helm. Jim DeCesare was the BLYC Commodore for the year of 2005. He was a third generation Commodore, his father and grandfather having preceded him and he is a second generation Lightning sailor at the Club, his father having preceded him as a Lightning sailor at BLYC in the '60s and '70s. Jim and Amy did a great job. Many thanks. And again in 2006, we will have a Lightning family holding down the Commodore spots. Dave and Holly Faus get to do that job this year and they both have long been a part of the Lightning sailing scene.

We had a series of 27 races commencing July 2 through September 3. We succeeded in getting six or more boats out on the race course every week except one, when we had four boats sailing. Again, regular participation paid off in the standings. The results for the Club series were John Faus, first, Bill Clarke, second, and Mark Kaplan, third. The Clarke and Kaplan boats were within a couple of points right to the end and throw outs made the difference. It was a very competitive series. We were happy to see the BLYC Lightning out on the race course with its Irish skipper and crew consisting of some of our Club sailing instructors. Had they not left our shores for home in Ireland early, they certainly would have trophied. We miss Mac DeTuro and John Demming and look for their regular participation in 2006. John felt the need to supplement the future crew availability; and he and Stephanie are the proud parents of son Conner. By the way, John Faus did show up with a brand new boat as he said he would. I have heard that Justin Monnig has been spending his weekends getting his boat back in shape to be raced.

There are rumors about the Browns getting a Lightning and maybe another contingent of the expansive Faus family buying a boat. Probably too early to tell. The Gilman boat? Beginning to look doubtful. Maybe Clay Shaner at some point? Hopefully, Mark Epstein, an excellent crew and sailor, will continue his interest in the fleet. We know that the Menninger family sailing team will continue to be a serious threat to taking trophies this year. Congratulations to Will Brown for his acceptance at one of the nation's premier scholastic and sailing colleges, Brown University.

We're thinking of running a raffle this summer with the winners getting the privilege of naming the many boats in the fleet that are without names. Come-on, guys, use some creativity and imagination—pick a tasteful name we are permitted to have printed in the Yearbook.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on our North Course on August 27 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 Clay Shaner in the DeTuro boat, first, Mark Kaplan, second, and John Faus, third. As usual, the north course provided us with deep water and good winds. An incredible parade of extremely noisy stink pots disrupted the smooth sailing briefly. Three windward-leeward races were sailed. A couple of us allowed our boats to lay on their sides for a while.

Fleet 335—Barnagat Light Yacht Club—*cont.*

Our 2006 mid-Winter Lightning meeting was held at the Brown's house the weekend of the big snowfall on the evening of Saturday, February 11. By the next day we had around 15 inches of snow on the ground. We thought of turning an old Lightning into a sort of toboggan. Nevertheless we had a successful turnout of 15 or so persons, had a good time and its fun to discuss Lightning sailing and make sailing plans at any time of the year in any conditions. Thanks to the Browns for holding the function.

Max Achtau will be returning to sail with us again this summer. He returns from teaching in Switzerland for the past two school years. We understand he will also be heading the BLYC summer youth program in 2006. He will be a tremendous asset to the program.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committees. Their willingness to get out there in all kinds of weather is what is needed to make our sailing season a success. Their volunteer efforts are indispensable. We plan on continuing our efforts to make their jobs easier by participating with them in laying out the sailing courses and helping with equipment. Just keep those catboats out of our way.

Lastly, but most importantly, the Fleet wants to thank Alex Klein for his outstanding help and interest as our Fleet Captain over the past few years. Alex has been "right there" throughout. The enjoyment and pleasure he gets out of Lightning sailing appear as a glow on his face each week around noon time when he shows up at BLYC to sail his Lightning with the unfortunate name of Boo Boo. That's OK Alex. The name isn't important; it's your leadership and participation that count. We all thank you Alex.

As this is written, it is only about 55 days until the summer racing series begins again. Can't wait to try out those new sails.

Fleet 430—Ocean City Yacht Club

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13078		Richard McCarraher
13649		Howard M Solomon
13873	Freebooter	Russell Hanscom, III
14014	Blue Streak	Erik T Hostvedt
14341	Water Rat	Richard McCarraher
14348	Flower Child	John J Parker
14415	Mr Pinky	George Glenn, III
14922	White Lightning	Kevin Robinson
14987	Sailsman	Erik T Hostvedt

Fleet Captain.....Richard McCarraher

Fleet 430 of the Ocean City Yacht Club had another excellent summer of racing in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. We had our usual mix of light and heavy air with great clear days for every race. There was no pre-season favorite and each race was competitive.

The summer was successful for everyone because of the crew members who bring their skill of sailing to the races. No skipper could be successful without the experience and teamwork of the crew. Howie Solomon had his daughter Tracy and Sean Dowleius. Richard McCarraher sailed with his daughter Tiffany Prettyman and granddaughter Phoebe Prettyman. Sometimes his other daughters, Sara Scargill and Courtney Bonnet, were in town to crew. George Glenn always had his regular expert sailing crew consisting of his brother Jim

George at the Worlds in Chile

George Glenn, James Glenn & Chappy Hopkins at the World Championships

Glenn and Chappy Hopkins. Russell Hanscom had his regulars, Mike McGuckin and Dave Bordon with his daughter Courtney starting to crew and following in her father's footsteps. John Parker is always successful with his daughter, Lisa, and Brian Eldin.

The Independence Day Regatta began the summer with Russell Hanscom winning the day while John Parker was second and George Glenn was third. In mid-July we hosted the MAYRA Regatta which filled the bay with sailboats of several classes on the race course. The Lightning series was won by John Parker with Russell Hanscom claiming second and George Glenn was third.

The summer ended with the annual Flag Officers Regatta. On this day George Glenn won the honors, while John Parker was second and Russell Hanscom was third.

It was obvious that our fleet enjoyed the close competition of the sailors. The summer series was decided by close scores. Our fleet championship series was won by John Parker. Russell Hanscom was second while George Glenn was third. Richard McCarraher was fourth and Howie Soloman was fifth.

Our season ended with a cookout at John's house and the annual Sailing Dinner at the Ocean City Yacht Club.

Stories of the sailing adventures of George Glenn added to the excitement in the fleet again this year. George with Jim Glenn, his brother, and Chappy Hopkins sailed his Lightning, Mr. Pinky from the Southern Circuit to the North Americans and in November went to Chile for the World Championship. The Ocean City Yacht Club is excited and proud to have such dedicated sailors in their membership.

We are looking forward to enjoying next summer on the bay with our old and new sailing friends.

Richard McCarraher

Fleet 491—Lake Nockamixon

Sailing on Lake Nockamison
Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Central Atlantic District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11176		Mark Northacker
11444		Brent W Benson
13720		Gary Bonner

Lightning sailors participated in the Nockamixon Sail Club's "Club Fleet", Invitational Regattas, and Wednesday evening racing.

There's always hope that the fall Cap-it-Off regatta will be resuscitated though it didn't happen this year.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our regular racing days (many Saturdays and some Sundays April through October) and especially at our single-day invitational regattas. Contact Brent Benson or check out the Nockamixon Sail Club web site (www.NockamixonSailClub.org) for the calendar.

CENTRAL CANADA

FLEETS

277	Clearwater Bay	279	Temple Reef Sailing Reef

District Commodore ..... Ross Bailey
District Secretary .....Tina Walsh

Fleet 277—Clearwater Bay

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13180		Stephanie Broll
14878		Mike Couture

Fleet 279—Temple Reef Sailing Reef

Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
Central Canada District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12755	Honk on Bobo	Richard Walsh
14013	TBA	Jim Cameron
14612	Play Pen	Ross Bailey
15064		Richard Walsh

CENTRAL NEW YORK

FLEETS

1	Skaneateles Country Club	10	Onodaga Lake
77	Newport Yacht Club	108	Great Sodus Bay
164	Willow Bank Yacht Club	225	Henderson Harbor Yacht Club
252	Keuka Lake	338	Galway Lake
484	Ithaca	498	Selkirk

District Commodore ..... Edward Seyerlein

The Central New York District had another active sailing season. In addition to our 4 two day regattas, the District held seven one-day regattas. The competition remained fierce throughout the summer.

Sodus—One Day-Sailing in the District began with a one day regatta in Sodus for 14 boats. The weather was much warmer than it has been the last few years. Only moderate to light breeze but a good day of sailing. Clay Murphy won the regatta.

Champagne Bash—One Day-Keuka—Light winds greeted 11 boats who turned out for the annual Keuka Regatta. Clay Murphy won the regatta.

Cazenovia—Two-Day—17 boats sailed at the annual Caz Regatta. Beautiful sunny day with nice 5–10 knot breeze. Bob Wardwell won the regatta.

Centrals—Fairhaven—Light air with chop on Saturday and heavy air with lots of shifts on Sunday made this a very interesting regatta. Dick Hallagan won the regatta.

Districts—Henderson Harbor— On a hot sticky weekend in July, 12 boats raced in spite of the threat of thunder storms. Winds were brisk and fairly steady for all six races. Jed Dodge won the regatta.

Dick Hallagan and Hendrix Ten Eyck at the World Championship in Chile

Ithaca Gorges—Two-Day—14 boats turned out for the Ithaca Gorges regatta. Five races were sailed in fairly light air. Dan Pope won the regatta.

Newport Yacht Club—One-Day—This year Newport opted to try something different—team racing. Nine lightnings rose to the challenge of sailing with three teams of three. The winds on the lake were fairly light. It was a fun day of sailing with a chance to try some different strategy, tactics and different race courses. Team Cazenovia, led by Captain AJ, won the regatta.

Onondaga—One-Day—High winds and rain greeted the sailors at the annual Onondaga Regatta. Dave Starck won the regatta.

Skaneateles —One-Day—It was another light wind regatta on beautiful Skaneateles Lake. Kirk Reynolds won the regatta.

Cazenovia—One-Day—In addition to the annual great chili cookoff, 12 boats raced in light and shifty conditions. Clay Murphy won the regatta.

Ithaca Frostbite—As has been the case for the last 2 years, it was another wet and exciting end to our sailing season. Wind and rain greeted 12 boats. With the longer race course, racing was fierce. Dick Hallagan won the regatta.

Many thanks to all of the skippers and crews who attended the regattas and made the CNY District both a competitive and friendly District. Complete results from all the Regattas along with other District news and next year's schedule, when available, can be found at www.cnyLightnings.org.

Jillian Erika Stokes
CNY District Secretary

Fleet 1—Skaneateles Country Club

Sailing on Skaneateles Lake
Skaneateles, New York
Central New York District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
762		Christopher Moore
8230		Sara Hogan
13330	Club Boat	Skaneateles Country Club
13677	Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck
13900	Missmarker	Christopher C Kuhns
15088	Lyn	Bent L Thomsen

Fleet Captain.....John A Barnes

Fleet 10—Onondaga Lake

Sailing on Onondaga Lake
Liverpool, New York
Central New York District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
736	Huntress	W Craig Thayer
762		Christopher Moore
8656		W Craig Thayer
9392		W Craig Thayer
10370		W Craig Thayer
11425	The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
12545		Leonard Phillips
14737		Leonard Phillips

Despite being blessed with a great summer for sailing, we struggled to get Lightnings to the starting line of our club's Sunday races. Our Annual "Woody Get Together" in late July was again a success, with several people attending as crew since there own boats were not yet finished. This year we know that at least 3 more boats will be coming as they are nearing completion this winter. A great day of perfect 8–15 sailing on Saturday was followed by a barbeque cookout at the club. Unfortunately

Sunday morning was too light to race. Bob Astrove and crew repeated as Champs in #7603. Come join us this year July 22–23.

Our One Day Invitational was sailed under very windy conditions with half the fleet retiring before the final race. Dave Starck of BBC gave the rest of the boats a sailing lesson on heavy air boat handling and walked away with first place honors with four bullets. A delicious onshore lunch followed by trophies concluded the event.

This past year our fleet captain Joe Raite ventured off to college and put his boat up for sale, Len Phillips got married and sold his boat, so it is hoped we will add some new faces this spring.

Fleet 77—Newport Yacht Club

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario
Rochester, New York
Central New York District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12355	Shadow	Craig A Flynn
12400	Windswept	Andy Smith
14298		Mark C Sertl
14397	Plan B	Chad H & John H Atkins
14580		Stephen Cox
14605	Endeavor	Don Curran
14655		Peter Hallagan
14949	Comfortably Numb	Leland G Atkinson, III
15165	Gandalf the White	Alan R McReynolds
15250		Daniel Pope
15255		Richard W Hallagan
15276		Philip Lange

Dick Hallagan & Sally Hume in Chile at the Worlds

Fleet 108—Great Sodus Bay

Sailing on Sodus Bay
Sodus Point, New York
Central New York District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15164		Jed Dodge

Fleet 164—Willow Bank Yacht Club

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake
Cazenovia, New York
Central New York District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12004		Charles I Woods
14465	Motion	Richard P Tuttle
14527		Peter & Kathleen King
14849		Clay & AJ Murphy

Fleet 225—Henderson Harbor Yacht Club

Sailing on Henderson Bay, Lake Ontario
Henderson Harbor, New York
Central New York District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10712	May Day May Day	Leonard Montague
12696	Jeggpaw	Bill Wilcox
13353	Fleet 225	Fleet 225
14192	Run Away	John H Treadwell
14254	Footloose II	Richard C Grissinger
14321		Jack Jones
14808		John Boxberger
15205		Robert Wardwell

Fleet Captain ..... Jack Jones
Fleet Treasurer ..... John H Treadwell, II
Fleet Secretary ..... Sara Treadwell
Sailing Activities ..... Richard C Grissinger
Weekly Picnic Coordinator ..... MaryAnn Giangobbe
Awards Banquet Coordinator ..... Polly Matarese

2005 REVIEW—The Spring meeting and social gathering was held at John and Sara Treadwell's cottage on June 12th. We had a great turnout of Fleet supporters and enjoyed snacks and beverages while we planned for the upcoming season of sailing and Tuesday Night Suppers. Topics included the new ownership of Henderson Harbor Harbor-View Marina's decision to cancel our Fleet's usage of their facility. Individual sailors had to make other arrangements to drysail and launch their boats. Also discussed was the Lightning CNY District Regatta to be hosted by HHYC on July 16th and 17th. Bob Wardwell was again chairing the event and asked for help from the Fleet. A sign-up sheet to host Tuesday Night Suppers was passed around. Marianne Giangobbe again agreed to organize and set up the calendar with dinners starting the first Tuesday in July.

We had an abbreviated racing season which consisted of nine Sundays starting with the Apple Blossom on July 23rd and ending with the Frostbite on September 25th. Winning skippers were:

John Treadwell	Apple Blossom Captain's Cup Summer Series Skipper's Race May's Trophy
Jack Jones	Barne's Memorial Frostbite
Tom King	Stoney Race Junior's Trophy
Dick Grissinger	Fall Series

Tuesday Night Suppers were well attended. A special Thank you to Marianne Giangobbe for a great job in getting the host families and calendar set.

HHYC hosted the CNY Lightning Districts on July 16th and 17th. Thank You to Bob Wardwell and all those who worked on making the event a success.

The season ended with the annual Awards Banquet at Ryan's Lookout. Thank you to Polly Matarese for putting together a wonderful evening of great food and festivity. Dick Gissinger presented the awards to the participating sailors, and special award flags went to the following:

Polly Matarese for organizing the Awards Dinner.

Marianne Giangobbe for organizing the Tuesday Night Suppers.

Hal Lyness for his photographic expertise over the summer.

Joan Treadwell Woods for her computer skills in assisting the secretary.

Sara Treadwell for whatever it is she tries to do!

Special recognition was given to ***Bill Wilcox*** for all his efforts in getting young people involved in Lighting sailing.

Dick Grissinger, ***John Treadwell*** and ***Jack Jones*** for all of their efforts toward promoting Lightning Sailing over the years.

The HHYC Waterspots Program leased the Fleet Lightning for the 2005 season. It was raced all summer with Tom King at the helm with his great crew. Fleet 225 was presented with a certificate of appreciation for the use of the boat.

MEMBERSHIP—We had 59 paid memberships for 2005, down from 63 the year before.

Thank you to the following people who so generously donated to our Lightning Fleet: Gerry and Marty Bezner, Connie and Marty Clasby, Marianne Giangobbe, Ruth Goodwin, the King Family, Hal and Ellie Lyness, Rich and Polly Matarese, Betty Matheson, Ann and Marty Maurer, Len and Gay Montague, Bob and Jean Parker, Len Roberts, Fred and Nells Stone, Nick Tdissco, Marcia Treadwell, Bill and Jane Wilcox and Dot Williams.

A short meeting was held after the Awards Dinner. Officers for the 2006 season were elected:

Fleet Captain	Jack Jones
Sailing Activities	Dick Grissinger
Treasurer	John Treadwell
Secretary	Sara Treadwell
Social	Polly Matarese and Marianne Giangobbe
Lightning Yearbook Report	Bill Wilcox

Capt' "Hook" Treadwell's Lightning in parade

2005 RACE RESULTS

Apple Blossom
- 1st John Treadwell
- 2nd Dick Grissinger
- 3rd Tom King
- 4th Bill Wilcox

Barmes Memorial
- 1st Jack Jones
- 2nd John Treadwell
- 3rd Tom King

Captain's Cup
- 1st John Treadwell
- 2nd Dick Grissinger
- 3rd Tom King

Summer Series
- 1st John Treadwell
- 2nd Tom King
- 3rd Dick Grissinger
- 4th Bill Wilcox
- 5th Jack Jones

Stoney Race
- 1st Tom King
- 2nd Dick Grissinger

Slippers' Races
- 1st John Treadwell
- 2nd Tom King
- 3rd Dick Grissinger

Fall Series
- 1st Dick Grissinger
- 2nd Tom King
- 3rd John Treadwell

Frostbite Race
- 1st Jack Jones
- 2nd John Treadwell
- 3rd Dick Grissinger

JR's Trophy
- 1st Tom King
- 2nd Rob Hoffman

May's Trophy
- 1st John Treadwell
- 2nd Tom King
- 3rd Dick Grissinger
- 4th Bill Wilcox
- 5th Jack Jones

Fleet 252—Keuka Lake

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10490		Barry Brogan

Fleet 338—Galway Lake

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12130		John Orton
13251	Eng_neer	Willard Kohler
15134	Huggie 3	R James Millard
15161	Dead Meat	John Korkosz

Fleet 484—Ithaca

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
1674		John B Rudd
11347	Anna T	Terrill Moore
13372	Windwalker	Stephen Little
14002		Edward Seyerlein
14240	Green Achers	John B Rudd
14713		Edward Seyerlein
14799	Hot Flash	Jesse W Miller
15027		Patrick J Sullivan
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen Little

Fleet Captain.....Jeannette Little

The 2005 sailing season for Ithaca Lightning Fleet #484 was hot, hotter and hottest! By the way, I'm talking about the weather.

It all started in early June with race days scheduled on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons:

Thursday, June 2: 76°—3 races held
Sunday, June 5: 80°—no wind—no race
Thursday, June 9: 96°—1 race
Sunday, June 12: 85°—no wind – no race
Thursday, June 16: 80°—2 races
Sunday, June 19: Out of town regatta
Thursday, June 23: 80°—no wind—no race
Sunday, June 26: No racing
Thursday, June 30: Warm—no wind—no race

Do you see a recurring theme here?! Ithacans experienced the hottest summer ever with very little rain, for the first time in many years. The month of July was not any better, just busier with back to back out-of-town regattas three weekends in a row, plus hosting our own two-day regatta for our

Ithaca Fleet members swimming in the warm Lake!

District fleets the end of July. We got lucky with the wind goddess for those two days and held 5 races. Everyone had a fun time that weekend since it was "Pirates Night" at the yacht club and guests could camp out on the beautiful point.

What did we do with all our hot air? While some of us, including me, sat around and waited for the wind to come up, the collection of activities amongst the rest of the fleet members were: flying a Jack Russell puppy (all by his lonesome) via Delta airlines from California to New York; trying to make grass grow; vacationing to the West Coast; sitting around looking out over beautiful Cayuga Lake watching power boaters burn up gasoline, and watching a fleet member fall slowly in love…but not with his boat. Yup! That's what we did in June, July and most of August. Until…late August.

Around mid-August two weeks before our scheduled racing season was to end, the wind picked up! On Sunday, August 21st three boats went out to race. Ed Seyerlein with crew member Mary Lou Carlucci, Karen and Byrne O'Brien, and Jeannette and Steve Little with new crew, Samatha Zaharis. We held two races with a normal, windward, leeward, finish course set with Seyerlein and O'Briens staying pretty close to each other in both races, but we Little's were in the "back of the bus." All of a sudden coming downwind, the Littles, in the middle of a jibe, got hit with 32 knots of wind, turning them upside down. While I was treading water, I looked down the lake towards the finish line at what seemed to be another turtled Lightning. Sure enough! The O'Briens had gone over; and since they are so good at righting their boat, they capsized TWICE! As for Steve and I, we had to enlist the help of a nearby C&C 36 sailor friend. In the meantime, Ed and Mary Lou are sailing upright around the course and finishing FIRST!

The regular fleet members who showed up to race just about every Thursday and Sunday were Ginny and Jesse Miller with crew member Mary Lou Carlucci, Karen and Byrne O'Brien and Steve and Jeannette Little. Other fleet members who are active and showed up when their schedules allowed were: John Rudd, Jon Humphrey and Ed Seyerlein; and for some reason when they showed up there was WIND. Humm… They would come and get in their boats and try to beat the rest of us, and only Ed succeeded at that! Oh yea! He shows up just that one Sunday race in August, the heaviest, windy day of all and leaves the rest of us swimming in the lake. Not fair you may think, but hey, the guy loves heavy air, and so does Mary Lou, and they did very well just the two of them that day!

Since he was not at the awards banquet in October, congratulations go to Ed Seyerlein for taking two firsts that windy Sunday and winning the 2005 Over-All Sunday series – the Hallagan Award.

It was a different, but still, a nice, fun summer that we all will not forget.

Jeannette Little

Fleet 498—Selkirk

Sailing on Lake Ontario
Pulaski, New York
Central New Yorrk District

CENTRAL STATES

FLEETS

60	Jayhawk	438	Perry

Fleet 60—Jayhawk

Sailing on Lake Shawnee
Topeka, Kansas
Central States District

Fleet 438—Perry

Sailing on Lake Perry
Lake Perry, Kansas
Central States District

CHILE

FLEETS

318	Algarrobo Yacht Club	342	Higuerillas
490	Aculeo Lake		

District Commodore ..... Fernando Gallyas

23º LIGHTNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HIGUERILLAS—CHILE—2005

Tito González, King of the Seas

The Chilean Alberto González did it again. After winning the Lightning South American Championship with a spectacular recovery in the last day of racing, in the Club of Yates Higuerilla, Con Con, Chile, Tito Gonzalez gained his sixth sailing World Championship, the fifth in the Lightning Class and the fourth as helmsman, equaling the record held by American Thomas Allen III since 1977 and that up to now seemed unrepeatable.

Although he had to replace one of his crew members just two days before the South Americans and ten days before the Worlds, the Chilean accepted the bad news, the pressure of the Chilean nautical world—anxious to see a triumph at home—the superior ability of his rivals and the changing conditions of the wind in Con Con. None of this seemed to favor the home teams.

In the first day, with a fleet of 45 boats representing Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, United States, Canada, Brazil, Switzerland and Finland, Tito finished 1st and 2nd, stepping immediately into first place in the standings. Crewing for him were his son Diego (18 years) and Cristián Herman (3 points). He was followed by American Jody Lutz (9 points), and by Chilean Cristobal Pérez (9 points).

Nevertheless, the second day of the tournament, an OCS and a 10th place in the following race left González in the 12th place, with 59 points, and delivered the leadership of the regatta to American Amanda Clark (25 points), followed by Ched Proctor (27 points) and Jody Lutz (31 points).

The following day there was no racing. A front of bad weather caused a storm that affected the central coast of Chile and left the boats at the docks. The Race Committee decided to advance the Rest Day and resume races 24 hours later. That would be Tito's day. He won the first race, but the strong winds forced them to delay the start of the second race. By then, the Chilean had risen from 12th to 8th place. But he wanted more. In the afternoon, in the sixth race of the tournament, he finished 4th, with which he recovered the first place with 18 points, followed by American David Starck (20 points) and Chilean Pablo Herman (34 points).

Tito leading the pack!

González was happy to be back on top, but worried about not being able to make a single mistake. But in the following day, he scored two more firsts, stretching the differences with Starck. With one race to go, the Chilean had 20 points, while the American accumulated 40. Further back the Chilean Pablo Herman, with 41, held the hope to reach the runner-up position.

But the final race was destined to Tito. Although he had planned to sail conservatively, he touched the first mark, dropping back from the lead. González finished advancing leg by leg, to win the race and the 23rd Lightning World Championship, where he not only renewed the title obtained in 2003, but also added his fifth World crown in the Lightning Class and the sixth World triumph in his career (in September he won the Etchells World, in the United States).

The Chilean was proclaimed five-time World Champion and entered the history of the Lightning Class with four titles as helmsman. This achievement equaled the longstanding record of American Thomas Allen III (winning in 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1977), and who at his 74 years of age was also present in Higuerilla. González's previous championships were obtained in Colombia 1987; Finland 1995; Ecuador 1999 and United States 2003, the last three as helmsman.

The final recount:

- The Chilean obtained 21 points (1-2-10-46*-1-4-1-1-1), followed by
- American David Starck, with 41 (33*-10-4-1-2-3-15-4-2)
- Third was Chilean Pablo Herman, with 48
- Further back were:

  American Jody Swanson (52 points)

  Allan Terhune (64)

  Jody Lutz (67)

  Ched Proctor (73)

  Bill Mauk (78)

  Amanda Clark (83)

  Chilean Juan Eduardo Reid (84)

Canadian Larry MacDonald was 17th (134); Swiss Urs Wyler, 22nd (162); Argentine Roberto Ricoveri, 24th (184); Brazilian Tommy Sumner, 29th (209); Finnish Sakari Pesola, 40th (281); and Ecuadorian Carlos Lecaro, 41st (285).

With these results, Tito González is undoubtedly the most successful Chilean sailor of all times, with six world championships (five in Lightning and one in Etchells), six South American titles (five in Lightning and one in J-24) and four Pan-American medals (in Lightning silver 1983, silver 1991 and gold 1995; and in J-24 bronze 2003). The Chilean press already calls Tito González, the King of the Seas…and with reason.

Reprinted from a Chilean newspaper article and translated.

Fleet 318—Algarrobo Yacht Club
Algarrobo, Chile
Chile District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12925	Veterano	Ignacio Perez
14709		Juan Eduardo Reid
14794		Cristobal Perez Spencer

Fleet 342—Higuerillas
Sailing on Higuerillas
Vina del Mar, Valparaiso, Chile
Chile District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13282	Marmalade	Pablo Ramirez Magana

Fleet 490—Aculeo Lake
Sailing on Aculeo Lake
Champa, Paine, Chile
Chile District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11011	Ojo de Lince	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
14231	Atlante	Juan Pablo del Solar G
14609	Don Chamy	Andres Gomez Errazuriz
14632		Felipe Guerrero M

COLUMBIA

FLEETS

73 Club Nautico Del Muna 501 Club Nautico El Portillo

District Commodore.....Felipe Castillo G

Fleet 73—Club Nautico Del Muna
Sailing on Lake Tomine
Bogata, Columbia
Columbia District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14700		Santiago Uzcategui T
14801		Mauricio Vanelzuela

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14813		Filipe Recaman

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