

# DISTRICT & FLEET REPORTS

## CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

### FLEETS

6 Housatonic Boat Club	85 Niantic Bay Yacht Club
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District Commodore .....R Neil Hayes

### Fleet 6—Housatonic Boat Club

*Sailing on Long Island Sound*

Stratford, Connecticut

Connecticut/Rhode Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10801	Woody	R Neil Hayes
14947		Brian Hayes



Brian Hayes in St Pete

### Fleet 85—Niantic Bay Yacht Club

*Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound*

Niantic, Connecticut

Connecticut/Rhode Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7170	Baby Makes III	David G Dickerson & Martin O'Meara
12069		William A Sebestyen
13940	Zing	James Gardner
14289	Ciao	Tom Emch
14417	Imp Baby	Donald R & Donna Barrett
14419		Franz R Edson
14665	April Thunder	Gregory & E Jennifer Hall
14619		Theresa & Larry Colatuano
14588		Georges Peter
14900		Kelly Crane
15130	Vannish	Christopher J Vann
15190		Michael Gooch-Breault
15215		Nina Cuccio Peck
15239		Randall Shore
		David Peterson
		Barry Buehler
		Bill Healy

Fleet Contact..... Dave Peck

Fleet 85 looks forward to another summer of racing with participation from our regulars as well as guest sailors, Dan Hertzer and Dave Spira. Although some of our stalwarts have moved on to other activities due to burn-out or family obligations, we still have about a dozen boats in the parking lot. We welcome any Lightning sailor to be our guest on Sundays or Holidays. The spirit of Sunday racing is for fleet building, family participation and helm-swapping while Holiday races allow for preparation for regional or national events.

Our Fleet 85 sailors continue to represent NBYC well on the national circuit. Greg Hall made the trip out to Wisconsin for the 2005 NAs and qualified for the Blue fleet for the very first time. Dave Peck and Chris Vann attended the 2006 St. Pete Circuit race, while Larry Colantuono along with PJ Schafer and Steve Kirkpatrick recently won the 2006 Long John regatta in Redbank, NJ. Larry also placed 2nd in 2005.

In addition to our Sunday and Holiday series, our fleet hosted both the CT/RI Districts and the annual Connecticut Governor's Regatta in 2005. Both regattas were won by Dave Peck and his team of Nina Peck and Bryan Lilley.

2003 North American Champion Bill Healy is resurrecting an 11000 series Allen hull, so watch out for his return to active competition.

Best of luck to all in the 2006 season.

## Fleet 126—Cedar Point Yacht Club

*Sailing on Long Island Sound*

Westport, Connecticut

Connecticut/Rhode Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11385	Ol' Blue	Richard Thackaberry
11486	Generic Boat	Aaron Seymour
11570		Liviu Vogel
11674		Scott Potter
13821	Fast Forward>>	Terence D Frimmet
13832		Ryan O'Grady
13889	Wind Breaker	David Marseli
14176		Christopher Miller
14238	Lloyd on Acid	Steven Wexler
14630		Thomas Glynn
14807	Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14821	Charlie Horse	Charles Proctor
14900		Rob & Brenda Crane
15057		Al Minella
15111		Gianni Cuccio
15116		Doug Latour
15171	High Cheese	Joshua Goldman

Fleet Captain..... David Howe  
 Fleet Secretary..... Dave Marseli  
 Fleet Treasurer..... Dick Thackaberry  
 Fleet Champion..... Gianni Cuccio  
 Fleet First Runner-Up..... Josh Goldman  
 Fleet Second Runner-Up..... David Howe  
 Fleet Third Runner-Up..... Dick Thackaberry

Cedar Point Yacht Club has been home to Lightning Fleet 126 for over 40 years. Cedar Point last held the North American's in 2003. The Fleet sails every Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with at least two regattas thrown in for fun. The Early Bird regatta in the spring is held the weekend before Memorial Day, and the Fall Classic is the last weekend of September. Overall, the fleet had 13 boats in the dry stall area this year. Of those thirteen, eight boats managed to qualify for the season, meaning they hit the line at least 50 percent of the time.

This year the Early Bird winner was Gianni Cuccio, with Dave Peck of nearby Niantic Bay YC coming in 2nd and Ched Proctor 3rd. Also competing from the club were Josh Goldman, Dave Howe, Rod Ratcliffe, Doug Latour and new fleet member, Al Minella.

During the year we saw the helm being turned over to the next generation in a few boats. Ched and his son Charlie were seen switching places, as well as Gianni and his daughter Laura. From what we saw, they are going to be skippers to reckon with as time goes on. Congrats to Laura for winning the last cup weekend of the year and for helming to a win in the Fall Classic!

The Fall Classic is held in conjunction with a race in the Thistle Fall Series. This regatta has gotten quite the reputation for its party on Saturday night, as well as the great steak dinner too. We've had a live band the last few years made up of sailors from Cedar Point to rock the house until you're too tired to dance anymore. This regatta is a can't miss for your schedule.

If you are interested in coming to our club to try out a Lightning, we have a very competitive fleet boat. Contact Fleet Captain David Howe, and he'll reserve it for you. Or, if you are interested in crewing at Cedar Point, contact anyone in the fleet and they'll most likely be glad to have you on board. Hope to see you out on the water this year. [www.cedarpointyc.org](http://www.cedarpointyc.org)

*Dave Marseli*

## Fleet 129—Madison Beach Yacht Club

*Sailing on Long Island Sound*

Madison, Connecticut

Connecticut/Rhode Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11207		James R Deephouse
11933		J Michael Sulzsch
14342		Timothy Millhiser
14441		Katherine Lee
14509	Early Times	James R Deephouse

## Fleet 134—Noroton

*Sailing on Central Long Island Sound*

Central Long Island Sound, Connecticut

Connecticut/Rhode Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11097	Cygnus	Gavin Watson
14900		Jim Crane



*Bob Crane, Winner of the 1st Deep South, with wife Pat, son Jim and grandson Rob*

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## DIXIE

### FLEETS

50	Potomac River Sailing Association	192	Lower Susquehanna
253	Susquehanna Yacht Club	314	Sassafras River
325	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association	329	Severn Sailing Association
496	Swift Creek	508	Solomons
509	Fishing Bay		

District Commodore ..... Nabeel Alsalam  
District Secretary/Treasurer ..... Todd Johnson  
District Champion..... Al Terhune  
District Runner-Up..... Neil Fowler  
Purnell Cup (Traveler) ..... Steve Constants

The year starts with the Southern Circuit. We all would love to take 11 days to go sail three very competitive regattas down south. In the Dixie District, Susquehanna sent four boats, Severn sent three or four, and Havre de Grace sent one.

Our District has decided to rotate the District Championships around the District. We sail our Lightnings on all types of water and so our championships might as well be sailed in equally varied venues. This year and for the first time in memory the District Championship was on the Potomac River in Washington, DC, the home waters of Fleet 50. The river isn't very wide there and had the wind blown out of the east or west, the racers may have gotten dizzy trying to keep track of what lap they were on. However, the wind blew out of the south and southwest and the race committee got off 6 races with some nice long legs. Past national champion and new member of the Dixie District, Allan Terhune won the Championship. However, Neil Fowler, who is partnering with Todd Johnson to sail 15202, was always hounding Allan and took second. Fleet 50 served steak and salmon at the party, which is symbolic of the great event they put on.

The North Americans were way out in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, but the District still filled their quota and more. Ten teams made the August trip: Nabeel Alsalam, Jamie Brickell, Steve Constants, Neil Fowler & Todd Johnson, Drew Hudson, Jonathon Lange, Ed Michels, Pat Phelan, Allan Terhune, and Jason Werner. Neil & Todd place 7th in the Blue Fleet. Jason Werner won the Green Fleet!

The District had a very full schedule of regattas. The Purnell Cup (Traveler) Award consisted of eight regattas, one at each fleet that had an invitational regatta plus the District Championship. Steve Con-

stants went to five of the eight. Honorable mention go to Jason Werner and Nabeel Alsalam for sailing in six of the eight.

This report has emphasized the big events and the traveling, but the backbone of Lightning racing is fleet racing that occurs with less fanfare but which produces just as much fun. Read the fleet reports for more.



Mike Wertz—Fleet 253



## Fleet 50—Potomac River Sailing Association

*Sailing on Potomac River*

Washington, DC

Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
3343	Little Bit	Alan R Rogers
7603	Pandora II	Robert Astrove
10215	Black Adder	Ted Oakda
10226	String Cheese	James W Greenwell
10814	Fast & Loose	Denise Malueg
11369	Big Green	Justin Morris
11767	Thunder	Harry Keith
11792	Rogue	Bobby Fulton & Brendan Walsh
11908	Envy	Eric Swanson
12416		Robert Astrove
12417	Redline	Doug Taphouse
12588	Tijuana Taxi	Greg Virgin
12743	Chiquita	Keith & Paul Hankins
13977	Lord Jim	Suzie Gilbert
14019		Peter Grimes
14037	Bony Buns	Edgar Hunting & Joe Warren
14096	Gray Ghost	Drew & Sousan Arafah Hudson
14100	Moonshadow	Red Fehrle & Ameer Devine-Wiggins
14187	!Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14222	Windchaser	Russell Roberts
14375	Out of the Blue	Peter M McDonnell
14395	String Theory	Robert Wilbur
14485	Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ron Buchanan
14521	Puff the Magic Dragon	Joe Anderson
14532	Boonoonoonoos	Robin Tompkins
14553	Sinistra	Richard Welch
14566	Resistance is Futile	Frank & Maryann Gallagher
14592	Beedobeat	John Butler & Benjamin Forman
14627	No More Excuses	James Dillard
15117	Shamrock	Marian Bruno
15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15228	Blue Two	Walter David Thompson
15256	Ariel	Jeffrey Strock

Fleet Captain ..... Jeffrey Storck  
 Fleet Secretary/Webmaster ..... David Thompson  
 Fleet Treasurer ..... Frank Gallagher  
 Fleet Lieutenant ..... Rob Tompkins  
 Potomac Cup Regatta Chair ..... David Thompson  
 Fleet Scorer ..... Russ Roberts  
 Fleet Champion ..... Nabeel Alsalam  
 Fleet Runner-Up ..... Pat McGee

## Modernizing the Fleet—Continued

2005 saw Fleet 50 continue its modernization program that started in 2004, with several skippers moving up to new boats. First, Marian Bruno joined the fleet in January, bringing her newly acquired 15117, Shamrock, to the marina; then Fleet Captain Jeff Storck purchased 15256, Ariel, hoping to have her here in time for the Spring Regatta, but missing that date by two weeks.

But that was not all! Steve Gregg left the fleet in June, heading for a new job in Boston, but leaving behind his beloved 14222 Bathtub Gin, that was quickly picked up by new skipper Russ Roberts and renamed Windchaser. Ben Forman, previous owner of the legendary 12081 Swill Dog, returned to Washington and promptly bought a share in John Butler's 14592 Beedobeat. Bob Wilbur sold 13317 Witcher and purchased 14395 String Theory from Jeff Storck. New skipper Greg Virgin acquired 14588 Tijuana Taxi and brought her to Washington from Florida; and later in the season Rob Tompkins purchased 14522 Boonoonoonos, from Bob Harkrider and brought her into the fleet. Earlier, Paul Maher had sold his rust red Rogue 11792 to the duo of Bobby Fulton and Brendan Walsh, who promptly painted her a new, and very attractive midnight blue; and new skipper Keith Hankins obtained the bright yellow 12743 Chiquita from Jay Gray, and sailed her aggressively this summer before heading back to Brown University for fall semester. Sam Zadeh found that between his new business and a new bride he no longer had time to sail, and graciously donated his yellow 12416 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to be auctioned as a fundraiser at the Leukemia Cup. Bobby Astrove, deciding that owning one Lightning was not enough, turned out to be the high bidder and brought her home for a restoration project. We did have thoughts of conducting a bright-yellow-only regatta for the quartet of Bobby's new boat and Chiquita, Tijuana Taxi, and Jim Greenwell's 10226 String Cheese, with of course an invitation extended to Starling Mikell of the Susquehanna fleet to bring 15118 Yellow Boat down for the competition. Maybe next year.

In the meantime, David Thompson sold 10745, EGV, to Frank Gallagher as a fixer-upper, which Frank did before selling her to a day sailing skipper in Olney, Maryland.

## Regattas (Running and Sailing In)!

For Fleet 50, 2005 was the year of the Regatta! Every spring, on the first weekend in May, we run the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup on the Potomac River south of Washington at Leesylvania State Park, where the river is three miles wide. This year that weekend spanned the April 30/May 1 dates, and saw a turnout of 30 Lightnings from as far as Buffalo NY and Wilmington, NC. We had great winds—although potentially severe thunderstorms were predicted for Saturday, they never materialized, and we had great sailing in 8–12 mph southeasterly breezes under overcast skies. On Sunday it was even better, sunny with good, if gusty 15–20 MPH winds from the northwest. Jeff Storck headed a race committee of highly skilled PRSA skippers, including Frank Gallagher, Bobby Astrove, Red Fehrle, Rob Tompkins, Cathy Bleakly, Cathy Feig, Latane Montague and Bill Kleysteuber, who showed us how a regatta should be run. Dick Hallagan won the event for the sixth year in a row; Pierce Barden took second place; Steve Constants

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took third; Jamie Brickell took fourth. Pat McGee took fifth, and was the top Fleet 50 finisher. Mark Grinder from Buffalo won the trophy that recognizes the skipper who came the farthest; Phil Lange and Dan Pope from Rochester won the "middle of the Fleet" trophy.

Then in June, we ran the 2005 Dixie District Championships on the Potomac on our home course right in front of Washington National Airport. This was the first time ever for Fleet 50 to host the Dixie Championships, and it was a roaring success! 31 boats competed, including 14 from Fleet 50. The weather was outstanding—highs both days were around 85 degrees under sunny skies with southerly winds 12–13 on Saturday, and 13–16 on Sunday. Allan Terhune from Pine Beach New Jersey, sailing with his spouse Katie and sister Kristen, took first place with four bullets and a second. Neal Fowler, sailing with Todd Johnson and Katie Offerman finished in second place. Nabeel Alsalam, sailing with Lisbet Kugler and Scott Bradford finished fifth. Two Fleet 50 skippers qualified for the North American championships in August. Jeff Storck brought the same Race Committee that we had organized for the Potomac Cup, and Regatta Chair David Thompson drew on the same organizing talent that brought success to the Doc Gilbert. New crewmember Kristen Lopez assisted with Race Committee work while taking 312 action photos of the racing over the two days, posting the results on the Internet for all to see.

Crewmember Skip Hirsh provided this remembrance: Vince Lombardi once said, "If winning isn't everything, then why do they keep score?" But every now and then it is good to be reminded that if winning was only about the best score, 80% of the

competitors would have no reason to show up. The 2005 Dixie District Championship was just such a reminder. My skipper was Frank Gallagher, our foredeck crew was Christy Lavigne, and I held my usual seat: "rail meat" up wind and flying the kite back down. We hadn't sailed a race all season. We were rusty, clumsy, and slow. We got caught in really weird places resulting in two disqualifications, one OCS, a boat full of bruises and sore muscles, and a 21st place finish in a fleet of 31... but we won the Dixie Districts. We won, because Fleet 50 won. We won, because everyone who sailed that weekend won.

It was perhaps the best two consecutive days of racing that the Potomac River has coughed up in the 20 odd years that I have been sailing out of the Washington Sailing Marina. It was a competitive regatta with lots of close finishes in every part of the fleet. The wind was solid with enough variation to make things interesting; its prevailing direction could not have been more perfect for setting up courses off of Haines Point. The race committee was careful, and correct, but never forgot their primary function: to get off as many fair and challenging races as possible. The beer was cold; the steaks were hot; and, as those of us who have spent a lot of time around Lightning sailors in general and Fleet 50 in specific have come to expect, the camaraderie, inclusiveness, and sportsmanship rivaled any sporting venue, at any level of play, anywhere in the world.

I started sailing Lightnings back in the early 80's with John Butler, in an old wooden clunker. Since then I have sailed with a ton of different skippers and have finished in a lot of places in the fleet. I've seen Fleet 50 run regattas plagued with raging winds that seem to spring up from nowhere, and drifting breezes that could not begin to compete with even the lazy current of the Potomac in the blazing heat of summer. I've seen families build sailing dynasties; and crews get married and build families. I think, among all these losses and wins, high points and low, we must mark the regatta on June 11th and 12th among the highest of the high points for the fleet.

I have not had much chance to sail this year, and I've missed the competition, the excitement, and most of all the fleet. I've missed yelling at Frank for yelling at me; I've missed cussing at Nabeel for sneaking in front of us again. I've missed the adrenaline pumping excitement and the frustrating windless moments. So for me, the 2005 Dixie Districts was an unqualified win. As for the score... well, we did better the second day than the first, so to paraphrase Mr. Lombardi, we didn't lose, we just ran out of races.

Fleet 50 also saw increased participation in local and regional regattas this year. Ten Fleet 50 boats competed in the PRSA Spring Regatta, with Nabeel Alsalam taking first place. Fourteen Fleet 50 boats participated in the Dixie District Championships, and Nabeel had the highest Fleet 50 finish, a 5th.



*Shadowfox chasing Greg Fisher as he approaches the finish line downwind at the 2005 Dixie Districts*

Photo by Kristen Lopez

Two Fleet 50 boats went to the Atlantic Coast Championships in Wrightsville Beach NC; two to the Wooden Lightning Get-together in Syracuse; and two to the North American Championships in Sheboygan. Two Fleet 50 boats went to the Duck Challenge in Havre De Grace, which was won handily by Nabeel. Then, to kick off the Fall season, fourteen boats competed in the Presidents Cup/Leukemia cup regatta on the Potomac, won by Rick Welch. Three Fleet 50 boats journeyed to Solomons Island later in September to participate in the Southern Maryland Sailing Association's Small Boat regatta, and Nabeel took first place there. Six Fleet 50 boats entered the wild Frigid Digit regatta in Annapolis in October; three went to the Borderline regatta; and three to the Hampton Fling in November, scoring a second, a third, and a fourth in that event.

Pat McGee won the PRSA Spring series, with Rick Welch in second place and Nabeel Alsalam in third place. Nabeel Alsalam won the PRSA Fall series, with Ben Forman/John Butler in second place and Pat McGee in third. For the season, Nabeel took first place, Pat McGee took second, and Rick Welch took third. An analysis of the results revealed that, for the top twelve finishers in the 51-race Championship series, eleven of the top twelve were within 10 points of each other (low point scoring). Contrasting this from earlier years, in 2002 only six of the top twelve finished within 10 points of each other; in 2003, eight of the top twelve did. The closeness of the finishes in 2005 shows how much more competitive the fleet has become, and reflects the results of the fleet modernization program.

An analysis of PRSA racing records for the 2005 season revealed that 97 different individuals served as Lightning crew at least once during the season, sailing on 24 different boats, in racing events including the PRSA Spring and Fall series; the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta; the PRSA Spring Regatta; and the Leukemia/Presidents cup regatta.

This year as in last, Joe Warren and Frank Gallagher served as coaches for the Maryland Special Olympics regatta.

Kudos to Nabeel Alsalam who stepped up to the role of Dixie District Commodore; Jeff Storck who was elected Commodore of the Potomac River Sailing Association; and Drew Hudson, who won the PRSA Fleet Captain's award for his outstanding work in running Race Committees this year.

## ***Annual End-of-Season Banquet***

David Thompson was named the most improved skipper for 2005, and his crew of Barb Thompson and Catherine Calvin were named as the most improved crew. Nabeel Alsalam took away the Iron Skipper award, having raced in a Lightning on 42 total race days; Pat McGee and Rick Welch each sailed 25 days. Lisbet Kugler won the new All Weather Crew perpetual award for her participation as crew on 44 different race days; Paul Maher was second with 21 days. High Impact Crew nominees were Cathy Bleakly; Joe Kimak; Paul Maher; and Vince Wawrzynski, with the nod going to Cathy and Paul. Best New Crew nominees were Henry Cheng and Geof Bishop, with the award going to Geof.

The Crew's Choice awards went to Frank Gallagher (Mr. Hospitality); David Thompson (Mr. Congeniality); Bob Astrove (Skipper of the Year); with Bungle Buckets awarded to Pat McGee and Laurie Duncan. Pat was recognized for hoisting a spinnaker on approach to the finish line (upwind finish) in a desperate attempt to block the wind for his closest competitors, only to discover that the maneuver froze his boat in her tracks, allowing five trailing boats to slip by and finish ahead of him. Laurie was recognized for a bad day on the water (that was still better than a good day in the office) that she memorialized in report to the fleet.

The Bloody Rudder perpetual trophy went this year, for the fourth year in a row, to Nabeel Alsalam. This trophy goes to the Fleet 50 skipper with the lowest number of points (low point scoring) in 3 in-town and 7 out-of-town regattas; Nabeel only missed one of those 10 regattas and accumulated just 35 points; Rick Welch was second, with 94 points.





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## Fleet 192—Lower Susquehanna

*Sailing on Susquehanna River*

Havre de Grace, Maryland

Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
		Myrl Stone
		Jen Adams
10302	Blueberries for Sale	Mark Hergan
11240		Mark Daghir
11248	Piloerection	Mark Sanford
12613	Boat	Mike McCusker
13047	Shamoo's Ghost	Matthew Jay
13184		Garrett Pensell
13667		Douglas Fletcher
14165	Soggy Breakdown	Robert McAnally
14366	T2	Patrick Phelan
14629		Thomas Compton
15024	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15131	Just Call Me Names	Carl Muska

Fleet Captain..... Jason Werner  
 Fleet Secretary..... Patrick Phelan  
 Fleet Treasurer..... Karen L'Empereur  
 Fleet Champ..... Jason Werner & Crew

The sailing season was once again kicked off early by Jason Werner and his now fiance Heather Dodd and Matt Jay heading to the warm weather for the Southern Circuit. This warm weather event has the effect of shaking off the rust for the upcoming season, which was evidenced by the Werner boat accomplishments this year.

The local sailing season started with fleet members helping the local J-24 fleet host their annual regatta. The fellowship and good spirits was returned later in the season when help was provided with the Fleet 192 Regatta.

Although the number of boats in the lot this year was down, the level of participation for Thursday nights was consistently better this year leading to improved competition. Jason Werner showed yet more improvement by sweeping both the spring and summer series. Carl Muska and crew earned 2nd place in spring and Patrick Phelan and crew took 2nd in the summer series.

Several boats attended the various District regattas this year enjoying the great camaraderie and hospitality, which is pervasive in the Dixie District. Both the Werner and Phelan boats placed in several of these regattas and managed to qualify for the North Americans. Unfortunately, Matt Jay with Shamoo's Ghost never overcame her persistent structural difficulties despite her sharp paint job, to meaningfully participate in the season. Although disappointing for Matt, it was also disappointing for

those of us who enjoyed the stories from Shamoo's exploits. Thus the road warrior title would go to...you guessed it, Killer Biscuits. The title of most courageous could go to our newest member Tom Compton, who purchased Steve Constants boat and although new to sailing was consistently racing/practicing. His persistence is sure to pay off in the not too distant future.

For the 3rd year running Fleet 192 sparred in a team competition with Fleet 253 for bragging rights on the Susquehanna River. Hosted in Havre de Grace, Fleet 192 ran into a well-oiled team from the North which won overall for the first time. This writer cannot emphasize enough how much fun the two fleets have and encourage others to try this unique format.

The best performance of the year on the racing ledger was garnered by Jason Werner, Heather Dodd and Jose Montiero, when they won the Presidents fleet at the North Americans held in beautiful Sheboygan. They overcame the RV ghetto experience to shine when it counted! This was no small feat given the conditions, which included wind, no wind, fog, shifts, washboard waves, no waves. The series put a premium on team experience. Congrats to Jason and crew for a fine job!

Racers returned home to host our Fleet Regatta, the Duck Challenge. For the 3rd year in a row the weather gods were with us and provided many (9) races on the lower Susquehanna River. The racing was keen, with Nabeel Alsalam (PRSA) winning the weekend. Local boats fared well with Werner (3), Phelan (5) and Sanford (6) finishing in the top third. The format of smaller courses allowed the many races, which was well received by the competitors. Thanks go to Garrett Pensell for arranging the fine duck decoy trophies for places 1-5 including crew along with the hospitality of Tidewater Marina.



Patrick Phelan, Matt Jay, Adam Dolezal at the North Americans—great set guys!

## Fleet 253—Susquehanna Yacht Club

*Sailing on Susquehanna River*

Long Level, Pennsylvania

Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9897	Jonsella	Carol Park
9904		Stephen D Tiley
11329	Rare Vos	Craig & Becky Cassel
11582		Joseph & Tina Lauver
12081	Swill Dog	Walt Poyck
13218	Sneak Attack	Brian Schooling
13813	Double Whammy	Kenneth C Kuzdro
14074		Frederick S Bush
14156	Starthrower	Richard M Doherty
14204	Ma Jolie	Charles F Noble
14365	Strikes Twice	Neil Clark
14525	Spitfire	Thomas Decker & Anita Blackaby
14692	Potluck	John & Caroline Bates
14777		Matt Potvin
14902	Miss Conduct	Joseph Deerin
14927	Shark Bite	Bill Remorenko
15118	Yellow Boat	Michael Wertz
15132	Temerity	Starling H Mikell, III
15159		Peter Pundt
15210		Frank Hanson
		Kevin MacNeil

Fleet Captain..... Pete Pundt  
 Fleet Secretary.....Michael Wertz  
 Fleet Treasurer..... Ken Kuzdro  
 Fleet Champion..... Carol Park

The Susquehanna Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 253 enjoyed another thrilling season sailing and racing on the beautiful Susquehanna River. Thank you to all of those who participated and helped during the 2005 season.

We hosted our second annual Junior Sailing Day on June 18th and the event was once again very successful. We had 20 junior sailors this year. There were 25 volunteers, mostly Lightning sailors, who assisted with land drills and sailing. The weather was a repeat of last year, a beautiful sunny day with cooperating winds of 6-8 knots.

During the first half of the Junior Sailing Day, the students rotated through four different skill areas including sailing basics, knot tying, land-based sailing simulators and capsize drills. We used Sun-fishes and Lasers for the capsize drills, and, since it was a warm day, most of the students enjoyed doing this in-the-water activity.

The second half was spent sailing and practicing the drills the junior sailors learned on land. They had the opportunity to crew on and skipper the



*Star Mikell at the Dixie Districts on the Potomac*

Lightnings. The day was completed with a barbecue and certificate ceremony.

The summer series started well with an average of 15 boats on the line for the Wednesday night races. The winds were brisk most evenings and we were able to race without any cancellations. This series was won by Carol Park; second and third were Star Mikell and John Bates.

The fall series was a welcome change from the previous two years. There were no hurricanes in our region! Although the winds were lighter during this series, only one race was cancelled because of a lack of wind. Kevin MacNeil took first place in this series followed by Carol Park and Star Mikell.

Congratulations to Carol Park for winning the Frey Cup Trophy for Fleet Champion for 2005! Carol has won the trophy two previous times, in 2002 and 2003, and, as always, she had to overcome very fierce competition from her fleet members. Carol and her crew, Bill and Linda Remorenko, also finished first and second, respectively, in the Summer and Fall series.

Fleet 253 hosted the annual Sweet Corn Regatta in August. Although we were able to start only one race because of a scarcity of wind, the dinner and music afterward were bountiful. We have ordered more wind for next year's regatta.

We attended the annual King of the River team racing challenge on the upper Chesapeake. It was the Mighty Ducks of Havre de Grace's turn to host this year. The third time was definitely a charm for our club as the Susquehanna fleet won the challenge after two unsuccessful tries. This team-racing event is definitely one of the highlights of our racing season.



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Boats from our fleet continue to maintain a presence at the Dixie District regattas and others: Dixie District Champion (5), Duck Regatta (4), Solomons Island Regatta (5), Potomac Cup (1), and the Annapolis Frigid Digit (3). In addition, we had more boats (4) attend the 2005 Southern Circuit than any other Lightning fleet.

We had another new skipper join the Fleet this year: Matt Potvin. That brings our Fleet up to twenty boats.

Our membership remains strong and committed to the spirit of Lightning racing. Until next year, see you down at the river.

## Frey Trophy Standings:

1. Carol Park
2. Kevin MacNeil
3. Star Mikell
4. Tom Dexter
5. Mike Wertz
6. Rick Doherty



*Carol Park and Mike Wertz at the Dixie Districts*

## Fleet 314—Kentmore Park

*Sailing on Sassafra River*

Chestertown, Maryland

Dixie District



*Rick Doherty chases Rick Remorenko and Star Mikell on the Susquehanna*

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9391		Les Moorhouse
12381		Robert B Horne
12710		Alfred B Mast
12964		John D Farquhar MD
13926		Peter Austin
14218		Howard S Edson
14265		Ted Ganley MD
14648		F Thomas Hopkins MD
14651		Alfred B Mast
15023	Star O'Dust	Robert B Horne
		David J Horne

Fleet Captain.....Ted Ganley

Fleet Secretary .....Dave Horne

Fleet Champion .....Bob Horne

We followed our typical racing format this summer by splitting the season into four series of four races each. Each series winner is awarded one of the Fleet's perpetual trophies. Our numbers have dwindled this season to an average of four boats out on the water most weekends. That is a far cry from the late 70s and early 80s when we would see a fleet of fifteen Lightnings and scores of juniors sailing Lightnings, Lasers, and Sunfish. Although our community has evolved over the years into a majority of non-sailors, a few "old-timers" still faithfully race every Saturday morning, includ-

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ing more children this year than in the recent past. And due to some new enthusiasm, we have even re-activated a dead Sunfish fleet with the hopes of getting our new sailors into the Lightnings.

The season started off with first of our two annual Bay Races. Tom and Jim Hopkins won the race, followed by John Farquhar, Bob Horne, and Ted Ganley.

Ted Ganley was awarded the Walbert Cup for the first series of the season with a 1-2-1-2 series, with Bob Horne and Jim Hopkins finishing in second and third. The second series was won by John Farquhar (Buss Neff Cup) after posting finishes of 2-1-3-3. Les Moorhouse and Ted Ganley finished in second and third, respectively.

The third series of the summer (The Skippers Cup) was won by Ted Ganley with finishes of 1-2-1-1. Bob Horne took second and John Farquhar followed in third. The Commodores Trophy was awarded to Bob Horne for final series of the season with a sweep of 1-1-1-1. Ted Ganley and Jim Hopkins finished in second and third.

The final race of the season was our Fall Bay Race, which for the second time this year saw light and variable winds, causing numerous changes of position. Jim Hopkins pulled out the victory, followed by Ted Ganley, John Farquhar, and Bob Horne.

The James V Ganley Fleet Champion Trophy went to Bob Horne this year. His consistency over the years has finally paid off. It's great to see Bob and John Farquhar out on the water almost every weekend, and it hasn't been unusual to see both of them up front this year.

This season's annual Banquet was once again held at the Granary in Georgetown. The day concluded with the presentation of the Forrest R. Schussler Award for Outstanding Service to the Kentmore Park Sailing Club, which was fittingly presented to John Farquhar.

## Fleet 325—Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association

*Sailing on Rehoboth Bay*  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware  
Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11899		W David Racine
12160	Turtle	Alex Stein

Fleet Contact.....W David Racine

While our numbers are few, I'm glad that the Lightning Class keeps coming back for the Delaware Governor's Cup. Rehoboth Bay is a great place to sail and race. This year we had ten boats and two beautiful days. Too bad the wind would pick up for the start only to die before the finish. Next year, we'll have the regatta later in the summer when the sea breeze should be more reliable.

## Fleet 329—Severn Sailing Association

*Sailing on Chesapeake Bay*  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
		C B Currier
9655	Sundance	James Bielefeld
10860	Still Crazy	Gregory & Jo Ann Fisher
14049		Diana Lohmeyer
14096		Anthony Vernon
14139	Boatbox	Robert Harmon
14191	Newfie	Spencer Abbot
14221	Iwakuni	Mark Whitson
14548	Pain Killer	Johnthan S Guth
14581		E Joseph Friebele
14950	Ultra Lightning	Ed Michels
15016	Loon	James B & Susan C Brickell
		Kimberly Brickell Flank
15054	Blue Highways	Jonathan I & Derek Lange
15202		Todd Johnson & Neal Fowler
15240	Got Moe Joe	Stephen Constants
15252		Alan Terhune

Fleet Captain.....Ed Michels  
Fleet Treasurer.....Todd Johnson  
Fleet Champion .....Steve Constants

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### Fleet 329—Severn Sailing Association

2005 was a year of change and progress: the schedule was evened out across the season, another weekend was added, socials were added Saturday evening for every racing weekend, and participation was up significantly.

The schedule was changed to have the Lightnings race the third weekend of the month; an August weekend was added to have a weekend of racing from May through October. (April is being added in 2006.) The regularity of "the third weekend" helped skippers, crew, family and friends to keep the dates free for racing. (The pattern is being continued into 2006.) SSA has been described as a "club of one-design fleets"; there are 11 regular fleets, and three others trying to get big enough. SSA races every weekend, April into November, but usually only three or four fleets on any given weekend. At SSA, we also have Tuesday evening racing May through early Sept., and the District has 9 regattas at other clubs during the season. All but one is within a 75-minute drive of SSA.

Mark Whitson and Bob Harmon arranged for socials every racing Saturday night; formats varied, but knowing there would be something every time drew racers and family in good number.

The average number of fleet racers per local weekend went from 6.4 in 2004 to 8.0 in 2005.

Steve Constants won the No Gas Regatta, followed by Jamie Brickell and Todd Johnson. The Spring Series: Steve Constants, followed by Todd Johnson and Jamie Brickell; Summer series: Todd Johnson, followed by Steve Constants and Jon Guth; Fall Series: Jon Guth, followed by Steve Constants and Todd Johnson. Steve Constants was the overall Season Champion.

The fleet was really competitive in 2004, now it is even more so. Allan Terhune, now a coach at the Naval Academy, joined Greg Fisher, the local One-Design North guy, at the top. The fleet continues to send four to six boats to the Southern Circuit and the NAs, and dominates the top of the District Championships.

Diana Lohmeyer (in addition to Allan) joined the fleet in 2005; several potential new members are in the wings for 2006.



*Jon Gluth placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Dixie Districts*

Under the Regatta Chairmanship of Jon Guth and the help of the entire fleet, the Frigid Digit Regatta was better than ever. Two years in a row now the wind really blew; Sunday was wisely cancelled due to excessive conditions. (The "I Survived the Frigid Digit" bumper stickers from 2004 were spotted on local (Chilean) boats at the World Championships in Chile!)

Frigid Digit attendance was up by 1 to 46; the fleet was led by Al Terhune, Neal Fowler, and Jamie Al-lan. For 2006, Severn Sailing Association and the Fleet will help its next-door neighbor, EYC, hold the final Pan Am Games Lightning Trials. They will be on the 4 weekdays preceding the 2006 Lightning Frigid Digit. With the 20 or so trials boats anticipated to stay around for the Frigid Digit, the Frigid Digit field will probably be larger and more competitive than it has ever been. Come join us!



## Fleet 496—Swift Creek

*Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir*

Chesterfield County, Virginia

Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14292	Macerator	Jim Richards

Fleet Captain & Swabee .....Jim Richards

## Fleet 508—Solomons

*Sailing on Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay*

Solomons, Maryland

Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9991	Spartina	Lindsay Bach
10096	Boat	Jake & Diane Layer
11271	La Cochon Rouge	Chuch Collins
11951	Banana Boat	Matt Oster
11983	Lolly	Jeff Kumke
13640	Bolt'a	Dan Schneider
14028	Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14800	Sofa King	David & Jacki Meiser
15101	Patriot	Dan & Alice Liston

Fleet Co-Captain .....Don Behrens  
 Fleet Co-Captain .....Dave Meiser  
 Fleet Secretary .....Shawn Stanley  
 Fleet Champion .....Dave Meiser/Crew on Sofa King

The 2005 Thursday Night Race Series again saw Lightnings as the biggest one-design fleet with 4-5 boats normally found on the start line each Thursday. The Thursday evening racing was much more competitive this year with there being no run-away winner of the summer Thursday Night Series as in years past. This years winner was Dave & Jacki Meiser and Barry Friedman on team "Sofa King", proving that the go fast "BBQ Pork Rinds" were the secret to Thursday night speed. They still won't reveal the brand-name and the rest of us have tried many various brands to no avail. Dan Liston and crew finished a close second just barely beating out Don Behrens and crew.

Only three of us managed to travel to various District regattas this year, but each reports having a great time, as expected, out enjoying the friendship and competition of our Dixie District friends. Dan Liston started the year traveling to the Doc Gilbert Cup on the Potomac. Don Behrens traveled to the Rehobeth Beach regatta. Both Dave Meiser and Dan Liston made it to the District Championships, and then Dave Meiser closed out our traveling year by going to the "Duck" regatta in Havre de Grace.

The Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) Small Boat Invitational was again held in mid-September. The Lightnings were again (for the 9th) year the largest one-design fleet with 14 boats competing. Four races were held and the racing was excellent. Although on the first day there was a bit of carnage between the Lightnings fleet and several multi-hulls racing in another fleet. One of these incidents resulted in a newly installed starboard side window and a modified (read as severely shortened) rudder on the defending champ (from 2004) boat "Permanent Accessory". This also resulted in an early retirement from day one of racing. A bunch of help repairing the hull and a nearly all-night session by Don and faithful crew Shawn Stanley rebuilding the rudder wasn't enough to even get team PA back into the top half of the fleet. While Don played with his boat the on-the-water activities continued, with Nabeel Alsalam (PRSA) winning the weekend.

The biggest news is in the outstanding crew development program that is occurring within Fleet 508 (and we promise it has nothing to do with our proximity to the Tiki Bar). Dave and Jacki Meiser (14800) are the proud parents of Henry J. who joined the ranks of future crew in January. Dan and Alice Liston (15101) are the proud parents of Brett who joined the ranks of future crew in July.

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## Fleet 509—Fishing Bay

*Sailing on Fishing Bay*

Deltaville, Virginia

Dixie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14485	Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ronald R Buchanan
15084	Irie	Joe Buczkowski

Fleet Captain .....Joe Bucakowski  
Fleet Champion.....Joe Bucakowski

2005 was not the banner year we had hoped, but it still was a good year. Ron Buchanan moved to DC but is still active in the District, and I have now moved to an at sea Navy job that limits my sailing. However we look forward to resurgence in 2006, starting with the Dixie Districts to be held at Hampton Yacht Club. The club is fully behind the event and it will be a spectacular one. Hampton has hosted US Sailing Championships, several National Championships, and host the Annual Black Seal Cup.

As always we look forward to hosting the Hampton Lightning Fling. Once again this year was a spectacular event. Short course racing kept everyone close. Although the winds were a little bit light we had five outstanding short races providing close quarters, and tactics that made your head spin. After four of five races, there were three teams tied for first: Ben Forman, Nabeel Alsalam and myself. The last race proved to be a great race that went down to the wire. Nabeel rounded the last mark in second and I was a close third while Drew Hudson was out in front. With a short last leg a tacking duel ensued and when everything was done we still were not positive who crossed the line in second. Fortunately for, us we got the nod by about a half inch. I was excited as this was the first time Rich Morris and Mat Jay enjoyed a victory. But the great part was that everyone had a great time and the racing was always close. Additionally, the oyster roast and fried turkey at Leigh Morgan's house was great. A party that everyone enjoyed. Plus the entry was a measly \$20!

We are excited about hosting both the Districts and the Hampton Fling. We look forward to showing everyone our hospitality and great racing. So, if you are even thinking about it, come on down to the Hampton Roads area and enjoy some great sailing, the beaches and everything the area has to offer.

## ECUADOR

### FLEETS

405 Salinas Yacht Club 447 Club Nautico San Pablo

District Commodore .. Juan Rafael Santos Dillon

## Fleet 405—Salinas Yacht Club

*Sailing on Pacific Ocean*

Guayaquil, Ecuador

Ecuador District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8513	Roberto Campoverde	Abuelo
9411	Enrique "Kike" Granja	Huevo Frito
10114	Rafael Quintero	Finesse
11153		Francis Parker
11928	Ratonera	Sebastian Herrera
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel A Plaza
14145	Flota Azul	José "Pepe" Gonzalez-Rubio
14150	Plastico Fantastico	Francisco J Sola, Sr
14163		Julio Velez
14379	Extreme	Jaime "Pincho" Calderson
14383	Alegato II	Jimmy Pazmiño
14461		Alberto Maspons
14541	Colo	Cesar "Colo" Baquerizo
14671	Magia	Juan R "Juanra" Santos, Jr
14673	Black Beauty	Juan M Santos, Sr
14674	Marraqueta	Alfredo Ochoa
14676	Garufa	Carlos L Lecaro
15094	Culilla	Juan C "Culilla" Plaza
15095	Mazmorra	Santiago Romero
15096	Pataki	Xavier Monge
15150	For Sale	Francisco X "Paco" Sola

Our efforts to increase participation in the fleet have paid off, and we are proud to report that we have three junior skippers who are currently training to participate in the 2006 Youth Worlds. These skippers have lowered the average age of the fleet by, well, a lot of years!

Our fleet division has also paid off. We are in the third year of awarding prizes to winners of the blue, green and junior fleets. Even though all boats sail together, we carry separate scores for each fleet, thus keeping both top level sailors and weekend sailors enthusiastic and able to win some silver. The rules are simple, those that are in the green fleet will be automatically upgraded to blue status when they win three regattas in a row. Likewise, when a blue fleet member finishes last in three consecutive events, will be demoted to green status.

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*Carlos Lecaro, Oscar Viteri & Paco Sola representing Ecuador at the World Championships in Chile*

The Ecuador-Brazil Challenge and Salinas Tominé (Ecuador-Colombia) were two highlights of the sailing season. The first one was a regatta that was born at the 2004 South Americans in Brazil, when at the warmth of caipirinhas, this challenge was born. Great participation from both countries, excellent sailing and even better social activities made everyone promise to keep this one regatta on our calendars. Lets hope we can keep it going, despite the distances between our fleets. The Salinas Tominé is now in its 15th year and running strong, having become a tradition deeply ingrained in the roots of both Club Nautico del Muña and Salinas Yacht Club Members.

Our traditional club regattas were also huge successes: the Regata de la Amistad, a multi-class event that is, above all, a celebration of the joy of sailing, in which most boats sail with family mem-

bers; Copa Genesis, which is starting to become a classic that nobody wants to miss, especially because of the hostesses at the party; the Salinas Yacht Club Cup, which gives the winner bragging rights by allowing them to put their boat's name on the Lightning bar's Lightning; the Copa Santiago Romero, sponsored by Santiago himself, usually held on or close to his birth date, which makes for interesting parties.



*From left to right: Julio Velez, Maria Beatriz Gonzalez Rubio, Gabriel Moran*

So yes, our fleet is all about fun, both on and off the water! We pride ourselves of being able to sail in close-to-perfect conditions all year round, and this fact alone makes the friendships among our fleet members very strong.



*From top to bottom: Paco Sola, Arturo Iturralde, Rafael Lecaro*



*Roby Campoverde, his wife Alexis in the middle and Daniela Heinert doing bow.*

*That is a fine woodie, it belonged to ILCA past President Paco Sola's grandad (the first Paco), its hull number is 8513. Paco's dad gave it to Roby sometime after Paco's grandfather passed away and Roby did a beautiful job restoring it with his own hands.*



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## Fleet 447—Club Nautico San Pablo

*Sailing on Lago San Pablo*

Quito, Ecuador

Ecuador District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11661		Santiago Aguirre
12338	Speedy	Diego Leon
14405		Lars Dyck
14558		Ernesto Martinez F
14765	Quicky	Olaf Dyck



*Marcelo Leon, Maria Clara Ordenez, Ole Emmick*



## FINLAND

### FLEETS

166	Helsinki	328	Jyvaskyla
456	Tuusulanjarvi	468	Valkeakoski

District Commodore ..... Sakari Pesola

## Fleet 166—Helsinki

*Sailing on Gulf of Finland*

Helsinki, Finland

Finland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13130	Masi III	Juha Savela
13413		Pertti Pyy
14352	Sini	Riitta Kangas
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638		Matti Leppanen

During the sailing season 2005 the Helsinki Fleet 166 continued to work in close co-operation with the Tuusulanjärvi fleet 456. Kimmo Aromaa with Masi V and Lauri Hemming were our active sailors. For Kimmo and his crew the season could not have been more succesful—a first place in all eight regattas they sailed in Finland, the District Championship and first place in the ranking series. The District Championship was Kimmo's third. Lauri was fifth in the Districts, sailed couple of good ranking regattas and was sixth in the overall ranking series.

In the middle of the summer crew of Masi V was also involved in training of less experienced sailors. Tuning, sailing safely in strong wind and righting a capsized Lightning were the most important areas. Did you know that when you are trying to deliberately capsize a Lightning it can be quite difficult?

In the Europeans in Porto San Giorgio "Masi" was the best Finnish boat, finishing in fifth place. Kimmo's final analysis was: "An even series with good races will not give medals. You need to have top races."

Kimmo sold his trusty old Masi V and is now working with new wooden Lightning project. The boat construction is based on laser-cut frames and epoxy bottom. It is now 50 years since the first boat 5544 was built for the Aromaa family. The newest boat will have a number almost 10000 higher and 15281 will sail actively in 2006.

## Fleet 328—Jyvaskyla

*Sailing on Lake Paijanne*

Jyvaskyla, Finland

Finland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14364	Nikea	Sampa J Salminen



*Jyväskylän Veneseura Yacht Club, Jyväskylä*

After Heinosniemi, we packed our boats for the Italian Europeans. In Porto San Giorgio we had five boats from Finland, two of them from Tuusula. 14331 Shark was the 15th and 14352 Sini the 20th. When driving in Germany, it was raining all the time and when we entered Italy as well. Then we totally agreed with the famous Finnish javelin thrower Seppo Rätty what he thought about the German weather. Before the race it was worrying to look at the boats planning to go out in a rather heavy wind. As there was no landing stage, the result was a hole in one boat and only a boat out. However, in the Europeans the hidden sun started to shine again. The sailing conditions were perfect, but for some reason most of us did not find our maximum boat speed.

For our team, it took some time to notice that there was more wind even closer to the break-water side.

In November, we (this time team Pesola, Bollström and Kangas) participated in the Chile Worlds. According to the organizers the prevalent weather pattern was moderate wind for three days and BLH for the next three. BLH means blows like hell. In our lake, even when it is blowing, there are almost no waves at all.

However, we were satisfied with our results, at least we did all we could. We capsized once but certainly we were not the only ones to do that. In the 6th race there were eight DNFs out of 45 boats. But we had fun with the Sur 35 wine and without.

## Fleet 456—Tuusulvanjarvi

*Sailing on Tuusulvanjarvi*

Tuusula, Finland

Finland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13130	Masi III	Juha Savela
13413		Pertti Pyy
14352	Sini	Riitta Kangas
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638		Matti Leppanen

Our fleet was very active this year. In Heinosniemi we joined the Jyväskylä fleet in a training session for new sailors and crew members. The idea was that a professional crew would have a skipper with little or no sailing experience and vice versa. It was fun and useful for both members and coaches, especially the demonstration on how to turn the boat up again after swimming.



Sakari Pesola, Riitta Kangas, Pekka Bollstrom representing Finland at the World Championships



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Tuusulan fleetin vuosi oli aktiivinen. Yhdessä jyvaskyläläisten kanssa järjestettiin Heinosiemessä uusille purjehtijoille koulutusleiri, jonka ajatuksena oli, että kokenut miehistö saa kipparikseen koke-mattoman tai vähäisen kokemuksen omaavan kip-parin ja toisin päin. Leirillä oli hauskaa ja erityisesti kaatumistreeni oli hyödyllinen kouluttajillekin.

Heinosiemen jälkeen veneet pakattiin kohti Italian EM:iä. Porto San Giorgiossa oli 5 suomalaisvenettä, joista kaksi Tuusulasta. 14331 Shark oli 15. ja 14352 Sini 20:s. Saksassa ajaessamme satoi ja aluksi satoi perilläkin. Saksasta totesimme Seppo Rädyn olleen oikeassa: "Saksa on p- maa". Näin ainakin pelloilta tulevan hajun ja sään perusteella. Ennen varsinaista kisaa katselimme huolestuneina rannasta treenaamaan pyrkiviä veneitä. Laiturin puute hankaloitti lähtemistä ja lopputuloksena olikin vain yksi harjoittelija ja yksi paikattava vene. Mutta lopulta varsinaisina EM-päivinä kadoksissa ollut aurinko alkoi paistaa. Sääolosuhteet olivat lopulta loistavat, mutta jostain syystä useimmilta meistä oli venevauhti hieman kateissa. Omalta miehistöltä meni lisäksi vähän aikaa uskoa, että tuultakin on haettava vielä lähempää aallonmurtajaa.

Marraskuussa me (tällä kertaa Pesola, Bollström, Kangas) osallistuimme Chilen MM:iin. Kisajärjestäjän mukaan tavallista on, että ensin puhalttaa kohtuullisesti 3 päivää, jonka jälkeen on 3 päivää BLH:ta. BLH eli blows like hell eli puhalttaa niin hemmetisti. Tuusulanjärven tuulissa ei aaltokokemusta oikein synny, mutta olimme silti tyytyväisiä tulokseen.



*World Championship in Chile*

Ainakin annoimme kaikkemme. Kerran uitiin, muttei todellakaan oltu ainoita.

Kuudennessa lähdössä 8 venettä 45:stä sai tulokseksi DNF:n. Mutta hauskaa meillä oli joka tapauksessa, sekä viinisponsorin suosiollisella tuella että ilman.

### **Fleet 468—Valkeakoski**

*Sailing on Lakes Mällesjö and Vanajavesi*

Valkeakoski, Finland

Finland District



*Team Finland In San Giorgio, Italy for the European Championship*



## FLORIDA

### FLEETS

226 Biscayne Bay 502 The Suncoast Fleet

District Commodore ..... Bill Mauk



Commodore Bill Mauk

### Fleet 226—Biscayne Bay

*Sailing on Biscayne Bay*  
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida  
Florida District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10700		James Mellor
11702	Glockenspiel	Larry J Ames
14309		David Kurtz
14374	Free Beer Yesterday	Carol Stout Ewing
14684	Scare Tactics	Bill Johns
14708	Booby Trap	Fay Regan
14930	Widespread Panic	Stephen Horwitz
15151	Palindrome	Frank Atkinson



Steve Horwitz—Winner of  
2005 Thanksgiving Regatta, Davis Island YC

### Fleet 502—The Suncoast Fleet

*Sailing at the Davis Island Yacht Club*  
Tampa, Florida  
Florida District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
2		Fisk Hayden
2924	Dream On	Kenneth See
6350	Uncle Mills	Cortland Steck
9098	Zapper	Mark Rodgers
10338	Salsa Picante	Andrew Hayward & Rod Koch
10565	Go Dog Go!	Amy Smith Linton
10944	Black Watch	Cameron Carlin
11346	FOB	Christopher (Kip) Hamblet
11379		Jonathan Rukhaver
14006	Fired-Up	William H Meyer, III
14414	Emeline	Michael S Maher
14428	Yellow Kitten	Sandy Scheda Klaus & Robby Brown
14730		Dave White
14748		Jim Alman
14752	Calvin	Steve Hayden & Fisk Hayden
14780	Comedy Central	Colin & Karen Park
15083		Jeff Linton

2005 was a quiet year for the Lightnings of the Suncoast. Notably, Robby Brown began sailing the Lightning this year, adding the Lightning to his dance card, which includes J-24s and Flying Scots. Jonathan Rukhaver moved to the St. Petersburg area and began campaigning #11379, and Jim Alman (hurrah!) finally replaced his missing Lightning (#14748).

Our Districts were held in Miami, with a scant ten registrants; Frank Atkinson of Fleet 226 topped the leader board, while Robby Brown finished third, Jeff Linton fourth, Bill Meyer, and Jonathan Rukhaver rounded out Fleet 502's numbers at the Districts.

We sent crew to the NA's in Sheboygan: Jeff Linton crewed for Bill Fastiggi, Claudia Aguado and Dan Weidenhoft sailed with Bill Mauk, Kip Hamblet sailed with Stu Nickerson, and Charlie Clifton sailed with Bill Hofmeister. Additionally, Jeff Linton sailed with Bill Mauk and Tito Gonzalez to win the Etchells World Championship in September.

While several local skippers went walkabout—Bill Meyers spent the summer up North, while Steve and Fisk Hayden have been busy with family and work this year, and Mark Rodgers has been focusing on his son's sailing career—Colorado skipper Steve Davis made several trips to the area, for fishing and sailing. The fleet is, however, growing its own: we look forward to the addition of Baby Sailor Batzer, and the first races of the youngsters from the Taylor, Hayward, Hayden, and Scheda-Klaus dynasties.

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## GREECE

### FLEETS

251 Yacht Club of Athens    286 Parthenon

District Commodore ..... Costas Limberakis

### Fleet 251—Yacht Club of Athens

*Sailing on Phaleron Bay*  
Piraeus, Greece  
Greece District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14211		Manthos Sikiniotis & Nikos Bikakis
14377		Antonis Manolakis
15077		Alexandros Dimou
15144		George Andreadis

### Fleet 286—Parthenon

*Sailing on Phaleron Bay*  
Piraeus, Greece  
Greece District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13968	Renata	
14211		Manthos Sikiniotis & Nikos Bikakis
14377		Antonis Manolakis
15077		Alexandros Dimou
15144		George Andreadis



*Our crew—Mariaelena Kamilou ((17) (fore) Demetre Telios (Mid) (16) and our Captain John Giannopoulos (17)*

## INDIANA

### FLEETS

154 Wawasee Yacht Club    270 Silver Fox Squadron/Indianapolis

District Commodore ..... Billy J Allen

Our Indiana District in 2005 continued with our normal pattern with one exciting new twist. Like all other regions of the Country, we have experienced a certain amount of lethargy in recruiting additional sailors to our regattas. Many reasons are presented to explain the erosion. The most alarming is that most families are working longer hours and in what free time they have, they prefer to spend watching others play football, baseball, tennis, soccer or what have you, rather than participate themselves.

At one of our Clubs, strong promotion of adult and junior training programs combined with on the water sailing races with the new sailor as skipper and/or crew has brought a trickle of new and enthusiastic sailors into the Sunday racing crew pool. In three cases, this has stimulated the purchase of three new Lightnings into the Fleet.

Another reason given for lower turn-outs at regattas is that more and more Fleets cancel each other out because two or more in the same geographic region are scheduled on the same weekend.

To attack this problem, Mike Brock, the Ohio District Commodore, took the initiative to contact us in order to explore ways to increase attendance at major area regattas. The agreed upon solution was to "scratch each others back" by committing some Indiana boats to attend Ohio regattas in return for more Ohio boats coming to Indiana. The first experiment included the Cowan Lake Regatta north of Cincinnati on October 22nd & 23rd. In return, some Ohio boats will participate in the Indy Open regatta on May 6th and 7th, 2006.

The District Regatta was hosted by Fleet 154 on Lake Wawasee on June 18th & 19th. Nine boats braved the 90-degree plus weather with extremely light air. Two races were completed on Saturday afternoon followed by one more on Sunday morning. Brad Wagnon with crew Kevin Keller and Steve Miller as crew, in his brand new boat, eked out a win by one point over Bill Allen with crew Peggy Lehman and Tom Hadley. Both Brad and Bill made the most of their strong finishes by continuing on to the North Americans in Wisconsin.

At the annual District business meeting, Bill Allen from Fleet 154 was elected unanimously to replace Ken McGinity from Fleet 270 as District Commodore.

All Lightning sailors are invited to visit with us at our two major regattas, the Indy Open in May and the Hoosier Regatta held annually on the last weekend in September on Lake Wawasee.

*Ken McGinity—Bill Allen*

## Fleet 154—Wawasee Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Wawasee*

Syracuse, Indiana

Indiana District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11181		Dale Fulkerson
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas Schmahl
13910		Bill Allen
13975	Divine Wind	Virgil Snyder
14024		Ronald Lester
14125	Millers Merry Manor	Stephen Miller
14173	Thor Play	Jim Sabens
14600	Wolf Cookies	Edward Bradley Wagnon
14835		Alan Fox
14870	Con Brio	Herbert Snyder
14940		Craig Cobbum
15213		Jeffrey Schmahl
15251		Debbie Probst
15259		Edward Bradley Wagnon

Fleet Captain ..... Brad Wagnon

Sitting here in the middle of February, I'm caught in between seasons. I need to recap last year, but I am so ready for this coming season, it's hard to remember the details from last summer. I should have kept better notes.

Last year was pretty typical in many ways. We had some beautiful racing days but there were too many no wind days sprinkled in during the season. Steve Miller had foot surgery and was unable to sail most of the season, Herb Snyder and Jim Sabens were also not able to sail much. Gee, we sound like a bunch of old codgers.

And in December, we lost one of our longest yacht club members and Lightning skippers, Doug Schmahl. Doug had been a fixture in fleet 154 since long before I joined. Doug will be missed by all of us, but he leaves his legacy in good hands with Jeff and his grandsons Michael and Andrew.

On the plus side, Jeff Schmahl and his two sons, Michael and Andrew, sailed with him in some pretty big winds for such young kids. These kids are going to be kicking some serious butt in the not-to-distant future! I'm sure Doug will be looking down and smiling and cheering them on as they leave the rest of us staring at their stern.

I was lucky enough to win the 2005 season again for the first time in many years, thanks in large part to my crew Michael Richey and Kevin Keller. Kevin has sailed with me for 10-11 seasons and Michael joined us in 2004. All three of us are looking forward to this coming season.

2006 looks promising for the addition of one or two more boats. I hope to see you all on the water.

## 2005 Final Standings

- 1 Brad Wagnon
- 2 Bill Allen
- 3 Craig Cobbum
- 4 Jeff Schmahl
- 5 Keith Swihart
- 6 Alan Fox
- 7 Virgil Snyder
- 8 Ron Lester
- 9 Debbie Probst
- 10 Jim Sabens
- 11 Herb Snyder
- 12 Doug Schmahl
- 13 David Schmahl
- 14 Steve Miller

## Fleet 270—Silver Fox Squadron/Indianapolis Sailing Club

*Sailing on Geist Reservoir*

Indianapolis, Indiana

Indiana District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
1342	Thunder	Mike Naughton
8679	Weirdly Manor	Andrew C Harmon & Steven D Hayes
12296	Sochaint	Peter J & Moira McGinity
12392	Yikes!	Daniel Ramsey
12896		Norman L Cubellis
12963	Navigo	Mark A Cudworth & Andrew C Harmon
13279		Andrew Cook
13657		Michael R Franceschini
13954	L'eclair Rouge	John B Heath
13958		Brian & Ellen Huckabee
14359	Sundance II	Joseph A & Michele S Lassaux
14449		Dale Kreck
14537	Winsome	Paul Vos
14610		Kenneth D Woods
15097	Elaine	Carlton Simmons
		E Anne Foster
		Ken McGinity
		Joan Naffzinger
		Sigrun Roberts
		Bill Robinson
		Steve Tinsley
		Ann Vaughn

Fleet Captain ..... Carlton Simmons  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Joan Naffzinger  
 Fleet Champion ..... Pete McGinity



## DISTRICT & FLEET REPORTS

### Fleet 270—Silver Fox Squadron/ Indianapolis Sailing Club

Our fleet enjoyed another great year of sailing and expansion. Our fleet participated in 60 races stretching from April to October. At the end of our season, less than one point separated first and second place. Third place was not far behind. Our fleet also returned to having two divisions, a Gold and Silver fleet. This was due in part to the increase in number of boats but also to help those skippers and crews new to the Lightning and to racing. Still the big story of the 2005 season for our Fleet was the increase of four additional boats Dale Kreck picked up his Lightning in Michigan and has been coaxing his family into crewing; Frank Wilder got his Lightning from Ohio after sailing a Snipe for a number of years. We hear that Bill Saeger selected his Lightning partly because the color matched the color of his daughter's car and he needed her to help crew. Brian & Ellen Huckabee also joined the fleet in 2005 but didn't make it out on the lake during racing season. The upcoming year looks to be another growth year for Fleet 270 with the addition of still one or two more boats.

We kicked off our racing season with the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta on April 30th and May 1st. Spring blossoms, good wind and very few motor boats made this a great time to be sailing in Indiana. This was the 43rd year for our regatta with twelve boats competing with seven traveling in from out of town. While most other Fleets are still only dreaming about sailing, boats from Illinois, Ohio and Michigan joined the Indiana District boats for this early season race. This year, James Taylor from Ohio finished first besting Brad Wagnon and Bill Allen from Wawasee by three and nine points respectively. The 44th installment of the Indiana Open Regatta will be May 6th and 7th 2006. Mark your calendars now and don't miss this great time to get a jump on the racing season.

Reigning Fleet champ Pete McGinity, who had just knocked off perennial champ, Joe Lassaux, the year before was hoping to avoid the dreaded sophomore jinx. In addition to Joe wanting to get his crown back, competition from Mike Franceschini and the newcomers made Pete's task that much harder. It took the final racing weekend of the season to determine our Gold Fleet champion for 2005 with Pete making it two in a row by less than a point margin of victory over Joe and Mike, less the eight points behind. The Silver Fleet trophy went to Carl Simmons sailing his "new" Woodie.

In June was the 50th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Indianapolis Sailing Club as well as our Fleet since it was one of the charter Fleets.

We also honored two of our own, Dr Walter Tinsley Jr. and Paul Vos. Both of these skippers have been sailing Lightnings at the Indianapolis Sailing Club since its founding in 1955. Fifty years later they are still racing and participated in 41 races, third only to Joe and Pete in the total number of races.

Also in June, Fleet 270 sent two boats to the Indiana Districts, this year hosted by Fleet 154 at Lake Wawasee.

Late in July, Carl Simmons trucked his Woodie to Syracuse, New York, for the third annual Woody get-together on Onondaga Lake. Fleet 10 hosted the event and a great time was had by all. The event helps celebrate the evolution of the Lightning and those dedicated to keeping these early boats in racing condition.

In September, Mike Franceschini took his boat to the Red Flannels Regatta hosted by the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club at Montrose Harbor.

A month later, Fleet 270 had three teams travel to the Hoosier Regatta at Lake Wawasee. Pete McGinity, Mike Franceschini and Carl Simmons all made the trip this year and enjoyed, as expected, the great hospitality of Fleet 154 putting them all up for the night. Eighteen boats sailed in five races despite the winds being generally light with some threatening conditions late on Saturday and very light conditions on Sunday.

Late in October, Pete McGinity and Dale Kreck sailing in only his second race traveled to Cowan Lake for the Fall-in Regatta. They joined 16 other boats, mostly from Ohio, for some spirited late season racing hosted by Fleet 303. The very gracious host fleet plans on joining us on Geist by sending boats to Indiana for our Indy Open Regatta on May 6th and 7th, 2006.

*Carl Simmons*



*Elaine*

## IRELAND

### FLEETS

427 Kilyleagh Yacht Club

District Commodore ..... Raymond Killops

### Fleet 427—Kilyleagh Yacht Club

*Sailing on Strangford Lough*

Belfast, County Down, Northern Ireland

Ireland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
77	Mean Machine	Rachel Bennett

## ITALY

### FLEETS

312 Lega Navale Italiano Anzio      449 Marsala  
453 Flotta Del Trasimeno      466 Flotta Del Conero

District Commodore ..... Franco De Regis

### Fleet 312—Lega Navale Italiano Anzio

*Sailing on Tirrenian Sea*

Anzio, Italy

Italy District

### Fleet 449—Marsala

*Sailing on Mediterranean Sea*

Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Italy District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12027	Wanted I	Giovanni Pellegrino

### Fleet 453—Flotta Del Trasimeno

*Sailing on Trasimeno Lake*

Perugia, Italy

Italy District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14228		Sergio Rustichelli

### Fleet 466—Flotta Del Conero

*Sailing on the Adriatic Sea*

Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Italy District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani



Marsala, Italy