

DISTRICT & FLEET REPORTS

LAKE ERIE

FLEETS

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District Commodore William E Neal

Past ILCA President, Chief Measurer and Lake Erie District member Calvin Schmiede passed away at the start of the sailing season. He was a gentleman both on and off the water, truly representing the Corinthian spirit. Cal, we'll always remember you!

For the second year in a row, the wise 'Commodore for Life,' Billy Neal, left it to the most ignorant District sailors to report the many (we assume) wonderful events that transpired last summer. What we can tell you for sure is that the weather was better than any we've seen in the last thirty-eight years (our apologies to the participants of the 2004 North American Championships!).

We hosted the Canadian Open Championship this year, in conjunction with the Lake Erie Districts. Despite many hours of rum-induced ruminations about the event, we remain unable to remember much of anything about the regatta. We do, however, recall that a great group of lightning sailors made the trip from Montreal to join in the fun, and that the event happened to coincide with the only 48 hour stretch where winds were consistently under 10 knots. David Starck won it all in his new boat 'Wonder Boy,' which is colored an immaculate midnight blue. Jody Lutz was the runner up. Thanks to everyone that attended!

We had a gaggle of sailors attend the North American Championships in Wisconsin. Of note, Silver Lake stud Mark Dadd and his superstar crew of Mark "TA's boat bitch" Grinder and Scotty "can't drive through Ohio" DeGolyer, showed flashes of brilliance along their way to a top ten finish in the Master's fleet. Uncle Bob Starck continued the Starck tradition of borrowing boats (ironically his nephew's), and also scored a top ten finish in the Master's fleet. Way to go!

We had a nice turnout for District regattas this year. At our Silver Lake regatta, Peter Godfrey with crew of Connor Godfrey (Peter's son) and Dave Starck, won every race on Saturday, while Tom Allen, Sr. with his wife Anne and "wonder" Wayne Knibloe, won every race on Sunday.

Needless to say, we're looking forward to our 'Commodore for Life' writing up a report that pokes fun at everyone in 2006!

Fleet 12—Buffalo Canoe Club

Sailing on Abino Bay, Lake Erie

Point Albino, Ontario, Canada

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6983	See Adler	William E, Emily & Sarah Neal
10491	Erin Anne	David A Dooley
11117	Electric Dreams	A Bergen Ackerman
12770	For Sail	James Eagan
13881		Drew Bergen
14112		Bob Dobmeier
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague
14195		David Fretz
14261	Berry III	Ed Roseberry
14286	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	Warren III & Anne Emblidge
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker
14347		Daniel Sprague
14371	Confusion3	Brian & Robert B Starck
14410	Catspaws	Pascal & Rick Buckley
14416		Peter Godfrey
14479		Kevin J Robinson
14502	West Wind	Thomas M Ward
14519		Erich Steadman
14569		William E Neal
14572		Timothy Jehle
14593		Erich Steadman
14651		Tom Allen, Sr
14672		Peter Jones
14744		Richard A Aubrecht
14772	Daze	Michael Vollmer
14780		Matt Bryant
14811		Tom Allen, Sr
14828	Jib Jab	Ira Johnson
15121		Greg Flynn
15125		Jody Swanson Starck
15168		Tom Allen, Jr
15246		Larry MacDonald
15252		David Starck
		Anne Allen
		Mark Grinder
		Ian Jones

Fleet Captain Warren Emblidge

Fleet Jester..... Jack O'Donnell

Fleet Minion..... Brian Starck

We're happy to say that Fleet 12 keeps on expanding (and we're not just talking about our waist-lines). 2005 saw great participation, with up to 18 boats on the line for our Tuesday night racing program. Rumor has it that at least three new boats are on order for the coming season (we hear the vanity mirrors and heated seats are big selling points!) We're also welcoming at least three new boat owners into the fleet! Woohoo!

We're also excited to see a lot of Juniors participating in the fleet. We hosted our third annual "Pro-Am" with junior skippers and boat owner crews. Our Junior Districts this year saw nine boats compete and 28 competitors. Many thanks to Jody Swanson for making it all happen!

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Of course the big news of 2005 was Jody's selection as Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year. Now we know why she beats us in weeknight races! Did we mention she also married David Starck? We rue the day we'll race against their kids!

In related news, Bob Starck borrowed his nephew's pristine, brand-spanking-new custom built mid-night blue rocket-ship for the Masters Championship in Milwaukee. (Did we mention it was new?) There were only two conditions attached to the transaction: 1) don't hit anybody, and 2) don't dump it. Well... Bob never was one to follow the rules (either that or the terms of the agreement just weren't that clear to him). Bob managed to trade paint like a NASCAR champ with one of the young bucks on the starting line of the practice race. (As they say, "rubbin' is race'n".) He managed to follow that one up with a spectacular wipe-out. No, not trying to win the race, but rather in the process of positioning himself for a prime spot at the hoist. Fortunately for Bob, his nephew's good friend Larry MacDonald witnessed the whole thing and coached him through the recovery, while promising not to tell a soul about the incident. Unfortunately for Bob, it was a mere minutes before the entire Lightning Class membership (excluding David) had heard about the mishap. Good times!

Of note, "Fast Eddie" Roseberry made a valiant comeback in 2005 from a back injury he sustained while lifting the full weight of his boat off the trailer. Fast Eddie sailed in many of our club races this year, beating most of us in the process! We get the impression that as long as he keeps talking "smack" about retiring from racing, he'll keep kicking our butts.

We'll be hosting the Canadian Open towards the end of June. Join us for an event that's sure to be a great time.



David Stark, Scott Ikle, Joe Stark—4th in the North American Championships in Sheboygan, Wisconsin



Tom Allen Sr., Anne Allen, Mark Grinder at the World Championships in Chile

Fleet 19—Chautauque Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Chautauque

Lakewood, New York

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9332		James J McDonnell

Fleet 47—Silver Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Silver Lake

Perry, New York

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12984		Kathryn Lyons
13458	Yellow Fellow	Kenneth Hennig
13714	Poitin	Paul Malone
13849		Mark H Dadd
14580		Larissa Cox
14672	Speedy Devil	Mark W Grinder
15168		John Humphrey

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Fleet 115—Cuba Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Cuba Lake

Cuba, New York

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11175		Michael Kane
11766	Red Baron	Laurence C Older
13890	Ole Blue	Greg Buckley
13911		Michael Kane
14725	Windwards	Skip Wilday

Fleet 118—Flying Beaver Club

Sailing on Hamilton Bay

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12443		J Paul Eichenberg
14599	Bunch of Weenies	David Wood

Fleet 146—Toronto Bay

Sailing on Lake Ontario

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10702		Walter Blackwell
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague

Fleet 180—Conneaut Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Conneaut Lake

Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Lake Erie District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13506		Lawrence Levine
14444	Bud Lightning	Kenneth Pote
14711		John Andrews
14750		Edward J Benevent
14763		Chad Waldschmidt



David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Violette Kokolus at the North American Championships in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

In between the Spring Banquet at the historic Conneaut Lake Hotel and the Labor Day Picnic hosted by Commodore Kathy Rentz and Randy and Debbie Hollister, we managed to get in the racing season, albeit somewhat abbreviated due to lack of sufficient winds. The Spring banquet started on a solemn note as we recognized a moment of silence for the passing of two of our charter members and one of our stalwart sailors. Dr. Duane Good, Bob Hollister and Doug Sparks all passed away over the previous winter. Their support and friendship was missed during the past season.

Enough races were completed to finish all of the series. After the scores were tallied, Chad Waldschmidt won the Summer Championship with Ed Benevent in second and John Andrews in third. The 'Round the Lake' race was also won by Chad with John Andrews second followed by Ed Benevent. Finally, Chad Waldschmidt also won the Holiday Series. Ed Benevent was second and John Andrews was third.

This past summer, Mike and Rosie Mercatoris conducted the Sunfish sailing clinic. All of the young sailors thoroughly enjoyed the racing and also learned quite a bit. Several of the young sailors then crewed for the Lightning skippers. This bodes well for the coming summer and for the future of the club.

LONG ISLAND

FLEETS

58 Hewlett Bay 178 Great South Bay
431 Southampton Yacht Club 506 Orient Yacht Club

District Commodore George W Koch

Fleet 58—Hewlett Bay

Sailing on Hempstead Bay
Long Island, New York
Long Island District

Fleet 178—Great South Bay

Sailing on Great South Bay
Amityville, New York
Long Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10260	Bullshit	Elizabeth Brewer & William P Weiss
10690		Joseph J Turecarno
14668		Joseph J Turecarno

Fleet 431—Southampton Yacht Club

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay
Southampton, Long Island, New York
Long Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11219	Grandpa Moses	Teresa Hendry
14560	White Knuckles	Richard E Warren

Fleet 506—Orient Yacht Club

Sailing on Orient Harbor
Long Island, New York
Long Island District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10545		Orient Yacht Club
13660		Derrick Cephas
14025		Rich Gluckman
14122		Jon Turner
14455		Rachel Sorenson
14850	Missy	George W Koch
15170		John Holzapfel

Fleet Captain George Koch
Fleet Secretary John Holzapfel
Thursday Night Fleet Champion George Koch
Saturday Fleet Champion George Koch



Orient Yacht Club boat yard after a microburst

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Fleet 506—Orient Yacht Club

Fleet 506 of the Orient Yacht Club had a very busy and exciting year.

First, we again hosted the 2005 Long Island Districts on the waters of beautiful Orient Harbor on July 17th and 18th, 2005. Neil Lippman and his crew from Southampton Yacht Club won the Districts while second place went to Rachael Sorenson and third place went to George Koch both of the Orient Yacht Club

Secondly, we hosted and made available our Lightnings for the Area B (New York, Connecticut, Lower Hudson Valley and the Virgin Islands) Sears Cup U.S. Junior Triple Handed Championship. The team representing the Great South Bay won the event and went on to the Nationals.

Third, we experienced a very unusual weather event. A microburst of wind came through with a strong weather front. The wind went from about 10 mph to something over sixty mph and back down in a little over 25 minutes. Five of the Lightnings were tossed off their trailers and all sustained some damage to their hulls. One boat had serious damage and had to be taken for major fiberglass repairs. The other boats all ended up with some holes in the hull or bottom but sailed three days later with temporary patches in the holes or duct tape covering them depending on where the damage occurred. The lesson to all Lightning sailors, always securely tie down your boat to the trailer.

Finally getting down to the Fleet's Thursday and Saturday racing, George Koch ably assisted by an ever-changing crew won both the Thursday night and Saturday racing series. Second place went to Rachael Sorenson and her crew while third place went to John Turner and his crew.

METROPOLITAN

FLEETS

11 North Shrewsbury River	16 Paupack
25 Lake Mohawk Yacht Club	70 Red Bank of the Shrewsbury
75 Nyack Boat Club	

District Commodore Daniel Parietti
District Secretary/Treasurer .. Stephanie Mayo
District Champion Bob Sengstacken
District Runner-Up Joan Hurban

The Met District Championship Regatta was held in June and was hosted by Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club. Three races were completed on Saturday in light and variable conditions. The doldrums prevailed on Sunday so the Race Committee cancelled further racing at high noon on Sunday. This year's result:

First place	Bob Sengstacken (Fleet 75)
Second place	Joan Hurban (Fleet 75)
Third place	Gary Hurban (Fleet 75)

At the District meeting, the following officers were elected for the period June 2005-June 2006: Dan Parietti (Fleet 75), Commodore; and Stephanie Mayo (Fleet 75), Secretary/Treasurer. The 2006 District Regatta will be held on the fourth weekend in June and will be hosted by Monmouth Boat Club (70).

Fleet 11—North Shrewsbury River

Sailing on North Shrewsbury River

New Jersey

Metropolitan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14786	Le Speu	Jon & Jay Schwartz

Fleet 16—Paupack

Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack

Pocono Mountains near Tafton, Pennsylvania

Metropolitan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9417	Hana Ke Aloha	George Barr
10301	Mimsy	Brian Williams
11907	Halcyone	Sandi Scull
12140	Daisy	John Weiss
13638	Windy	Heinz Kornmann
13816	Haulin' Ash	Achille Charles Scache
14278	Stormy Weather	Robert Hall
14722	Byken	George Madel

Fleet Captain.....John Weiss
 Fleet Champion.....George Madel
 Fleet Runner-Up.....Heinz Kornmann

The regular sailing season at LWYC normally consists of 13 Saturdays between Memorial Day & Labor Day. In 2005, there were only 12 Saturdays due to the fact that we hosted the Metropolitan Districts. Our season is broken into 3 series. The first is the Folwell Series. It was won by George Madel with regular crew Molly Rodgers and Craig Compton. In second place was Heinz Kornmann with variable crew combinations of Rob Price, Geoff Hohman and Jay Demerer. In third place was Sandi Scull with crew Deni Morgan and variably Andy Winger, George Barr, and Brian Kuzon.

The second series was the Miller Series which was won by George, with Heinz in second and Sandi in third. The final series was the Baron Series which was also won by George, with Sandi in second and Heinz in third. The overall season was won by George with Heinz second and Sandi third. Brian Williams with regular crew Ken Didion and Peter Seeuwen were always competitive but missed too many races due to family commitments to rank in the standings.

On Labor Day Saturday, the annual crew races were run. In these races, the crew gets to steer and yell at the skipper. This year two races were run in a gusty, shifty north wind. Both races were won by Craig Compton steering George's boat.

On September 17th and 18th, we hosted the PA Governor's Cup Regatta. Eighteen boats raced and the regatta was once again won by Dick Hallagan.

Anytime you're inclined, all are welcome to come sail with us at beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack.

Fleet 25—Lake Mohawk Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Mohawk

Sparta, New Jersey

www.lakemohawksailing.org

Metropolitan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11565	Ariba-Ariba-Andale	John Marx
13160	Sub-Lime	Henry Jelinek
13373	The Great Escape	William M Beveridge
13381	Spaghetti	Mark Marussich
13820	Tattoo	Charles (Chuck) Chute
13925	Guardian Angel	John Incantalupo
14198	Sushi	Donald T Okner
14327	Wild Goose	Angela Hopkins
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T & Gail S Miner
15090	"M"	Perry L & Margaret Anderson

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

The LMYC Lightning Fleet was up and running for 2005 by mid-May. On Saturday, April 16th, we had our annual clean-up followed by the first social event of the year, the Prep Signal, at the Lake Mohawk Country Club. Our first "sailing" event was "Mast Raising Day" on May 7th. This was an opportunity to rig and tune our boats and get in a little practice time on the lake. The Mast Raising, followed by a "Cinco de Mayo" party, was a success, and the rigged and tuned boats began racing on May 15th. Our first open regatta, the Gabor Cup was held on May 29th. John Miller, assisted by Chuck Chute served as race officials for the event in which Rich Miner took first place, followed by Jeff Urbanski in Second Place and Perry Anderson taking third.

By the middle of June, the Miner, Anderson, Jelinek and Okner Lightnings were in heated competition with the Marx and Marussich Lightnings also at the line for several races. Unfortunately, Chuck Chute was on the disabled list for the first half of the Spring Series due to a ruptured Achilles tendon. In the meantime Chuck's crew, Dave Newton, maintained his skills by sailing with Don Okner and Stephen Koch on Sushi.

Chuck Chute managed an earlier than expected return from the disabled list and was back on the water by late June. At the helm of Tattoo, Chuck took a second and a first on June 26th and yet another second on July 10th. June 26th also marked the debut of John Incantalupo and family on the racecourse. John's Lightning, dubbed The Guard-

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Chuck Chute and crew hiking out

ian Angel, had been quietly resting on shore for the first half of the Series but came to life toward the end when, in the second race on July 2nd, John took a second.

July 2nd was not only a day for regular racing but was also the annual Marine Base Regatta. Sponsored by the Snipe Fleet, some great ship's wheel trophies were snagged by the winners of the first three positions. Toby Hilgendorf served as race official for the event that took place on a picture perfect afternoon with a 5-10 knot wind out of the north. Five Lightnings and Three Snipes competed with Third Place going to Rich Miner, and his crew Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle.

Our Annual Independence Day Family Picnic took place on July 3rd and coincided with the LMCC Fireworks. Once again, this favorite event was a great success. The weather was perfect—perhaps even a bit cool—and the food and drink was plentiful. As with any successful party, the people were the real reason for such a terrific time. Our committee chairpersons, Kathy Chute and Bambi Newton did a great job for a second time. We are hoping for the "hat trick" in 2006.

July 24th was one of the finest racing days on our lake. On this sunny day with a southwest wind blowing straight up the lake at 8-10 knots, six Lightnings engaged in heated competition. Rich Miner and crew won the first race with a commanding lead over the rest of the fleet. However, Chuck Chute dominated in the second race maintaining his first place position throughout. Perry Anderson was a solid second place finisher in both races.

The following Sunday was the last day of racing in the Spring Series and while it was not quite as exciting as the previous week; race official Lincoln Rowley made the most of the wind. We therefore managed to finish the series with no cancellations due to inclement weather or lack of wind. The final results of the Spring Series for the first three places in the Lightning Fleet are as follows:

- First Place:** Skipper: Rich Miner
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle
- Second Place:** Skipper: Perry Anderson
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Ally Brown
- Third Place:** Skipper: Don Okne
Crew: Stephen Koch

On Saturday, August 6th, we had our annual Jack Robertson Cruising Day. It was a perfect day for the event. There was a light to medium wind out of the north, and four Lightnings, two Snipes, a Ghost and two Sunfish skippered by some of our Junior Sailing School students cruised the waters. After some sailing that ended in the early afternoon, we feasted on brats, hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings as well as—what else—cold beer!

The Fall Series began on Sunday, August 7th. The wind was out of the southwest, and while it got a bit light for the second race, it was strong enough to move four Lightnings and two Snipes around the course. Rich and Gail Miner served as race officials for the day. Racing was followed by an impromptu party during which we finished off the brats, burgers and beer left over from the previous day's event and compared notes on our various successes and misfortunes on the race course.

On August 21st, after a good ten years in hibernation, like the Phoenix from the ashes, Wild Goose, skippered by Calvin Hopkins with his dad Doug serving as crew, reappeared on the line with the other Lightnings. And not to be topped by that performance, two weeks later, on September 4th Bill Beveridge, with a plethora of children and nephews, brought the Great Escape back to life. Bill showed us that he hasn't lost his stuff and that those older Lippincott Lightnings can outperform some of the newer boats when sailed properly. It was also great to see Bill senior and Nancy who stopped by to say hello.



John Icantalupo on a plane

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Fleet Champion Rich Miner in the lead

August 28th brought little wind and increasing rain, but two Lightnings, skippered by Chuck Chute and Calvin Hopkins respectively, raced head-to-head. Chuck's crew, Dave Newton, summed things up in commenting that at times he felt as though the rain hitting the sails was propelling them more than the wind. Nonetheless, they managed two races and each boat captured one first place position for the day.

Sept 4th was the date for our annual Commodore's Cup, and what a day it was. The weather was crisp and clear with a nice wind out of the North. A 2005 record of 14 boats were on the line for the start including six Lightnings. Third place went to Rich Miner and his crew, Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle. Later that evening, trophies were awarded at the Commodore's Cocktail Party held at the Miner's lakefront home and deck. It was a beautiful evening. There was great food, including salmon poached to perfection by Constance Gill, and many other dishes as well as wine and beer, including an authentic German Oktoberfest straight from Munich in a mini-keg.

On September 11th, we continued racing. The start was delayed for over an hour because of light and variable wind. The first race was a windward-leeward in light but building air and the second race was a seven leg triangle in wind that prevailed out of the southwest. Don Okner was accompanied by nephew Paul Okner and his friend Ally Torrence as a whole gang of Okners and friends cheered us on.

By the time our Fall series ended in October, we concluded one of the best years we have ever had. We had no cancellations during the Spring Series and only one cancellation due to lack of wind during the Fall Series. Furthermore, we had 10 active boats in the Lightning Fleet. The Fall Series also concluded with some great racing. On September 11th, Mark Marussich served as race official and, following a one hour postponement while we waited for the wind to build, we had two races back-to-back. Four Lightnings sailed the first race with

only three racing the second in wind that varied in speed and direction—no surprise for our lake.

The following week, September 18th, brought a 6 knot wind with gusts to 10 knots as John Marx and Constance Gill ran the races. We had six Lightnings in heated competition with Perry Anderson returning to the waters after spending some time away cheering on the University of Michigan Wolverines. After a rough first race, Perry was in his usual great form for the second race, but fleet champion Rich Miner held Perry off and took two firsts.

Chuck Chute was at the helm of the committee boat on September 25th, and with a 6-8 knot wind out of the south, we had two races with four Lightnings competing. Rich Miner and Don Okner alternated for lead position throughout the first race that ended in a tacking duel and a battle at the finish line buoy going to Don in Sushi. Undaunted, Rich came back in the second race and established a great lead that he held for most of the race. Don's efforts to close the gap were not enough to prevent Hawkeye from crossing the line in first place.

October 2nd brought no wind, so there was no racing but the following Sunday, October 9th was a cool, misty day following a 7+ inch rainfall that watered our lawns and brought our lake level up to normal. The wind was out of the northeast at 5-8 knots. Perry and Margaret Anderson served as race officials and three Lightnings, skippered by Chuck Chute, Hank Jelinek and John Incantolupo sailed two back-to-back races with Chuck and John trading places for first place. Cathy Chute and Bambi



Fleet Runner-Up Perry Anderson rounding the mark

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Newton greeted damp and chilled skippers and crew ashore with a crockpot full of clam chowder.

On October 16th, following a solid week of rain, our last official race for 2005 was held. The wind came howling up the lake at 15–20 knots with gusts that were even higher. Undaunted by the high winds, Chuck Chute and John Incantalupo ventured out for one head to head race that ended with John taking a DNF and Chuck crossing the line and capturing a first. Kudos to Chuck, John and their respective crews for their efforts.

However, Chuck's performance on that last day of racing was not enough for him to unseat our defending Lightning Fleet Champion, Rich Miner, and the Fall Series closed out with our skippers and crew ranked in the following order.

First Place: Skipper: Rich Miner
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle

Second Place: Skipper: Don Okner
Crew: Jim Okner

Third Place: Skipper: Chuck Chute
Crew: Dave Newton

Fourth Place: Skipper: Perry Anderson
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown

Fifth Place: Skipper: Hank Jelinek
Crew: Adam Enea

Following the end of the Fall Series there was some unofficial racing on November 6th. The Chute, Jelinek, Incantalupo and Okner Lightnings went out for a great afternoon of racing. After doing two windward-leeward races in a 5–8 knot wind, we topped the afternoon off with some brats and beer.

The Annual Awards Brunch was held on November 20, 2005 at 12:00 Noon in the Papoose Room of the Lake Mohawk Country Club. This was our last official event of the year at which final results for the fleets were announced and trophies were awarded. The 2005 overall results for our Lightning Fleet were as follows:

First Place: Skipper: Rich Miner
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle

Second Place: Skipper: Perry Anderson
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown

Third Place: Skipper: Don Okner
Crew: Stephen Koch and Jim Okner

As we look forward to sailing in 2006, we welcome you to visit our web site at: www.lakemohawksailing.org for up to date information. You can Email us at: info@lakemohawksailing.org. Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Don Okner

Fleet 70—Red Bank of the Shrewsbury

Sailing on North Shrewsbury River

Red Bank, New Jersey

Metropolitan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10787	Club Boat	Monmouth Boat Club
13386	Silver Spoon	Patrick Corr
14061		Paul Luisi
14276	Snoop de Ville	Dale Barney
14922		Henry O'Hern, III

Fleet Captain Dale Barney

Fleet 70 saw a good year in 2005 with strong interest in club racing, new boats in the fleet, and at least two more prospective fleet members for 2006.

We started the year with the 44th Long John Regatta. The forecast, which predicted foul weather of biblical proportions, kept attendance lower than usual. By the weekend, the rain held off and we raced in typical LJ conditions—big breeze and tight racing on the Navesink short track. Saturday night's party was great as always and gave everyone a chance to catch up. Gianni Cuccio and team won the regatta and dedicated the victory to Andrew Brennan in a touching moment for the ILCA family.

Given the distant locations of the ACCs and the NAs, Fleet 70 didn't see a lot of traveling in '05, but we're looking forward to the MET Districts at MBC in June 2006 and the ACCs at Little Egg Harbor YC in July. Long John 45 is on for April 29–30, so we'll see you at the Jersey Shore this season.

Fleet 75—Nyack Boat Club

Sailing on Tappan Zee, Hudson River

Nyack, New York

Metropolitan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7098		George Penny
8252		Daniel Parietti
10368		George Penny
10620		Lawrence Decker
10796	Kestrel	Christopher Visentin
13625		George Penny
14073	His	Gary S Hurban
14140	Fat Chance	William G Cook
14363	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
14445	Scratch	Charles Taus
14514	Dee-a-Gogo	Ryan C Sprole
14714	Ruffian	Paul Connell
14888	Lucky Dog	R Robert Sengstacken
15059	Heart Breaker	Willard Mayo
15093	Hers	Joan A Hurban
15178		Daniel Parietti

Fleet Captain..... Jan Crittenden
 Fleet Treasurer..... Stephanie Mayo
 Corresponding Secretary..... George Penny
 Recording Secretary..... George Penny
 Biermeister..... Howie Rinehart
 Fleet Champion..... Bob Sengstacken
 Fleet Runner-Up..... Gary Hurban
 Second Runner-Up..... Joan Hurban

Fleet 75 at continues to be an important part of the one-design racing tradition at the Nyack Boat Club. Every Sunday during the Club's racing season, our fleet members are actively competing on the Hudson River at the Tappan Zee in the Club's Sunday afternoon racing series. There are six to eleven boats on the line each weekend. In addition the fleet hosted two regattas; and some of the fleet's members represent us at out-of-town venues.

The annual Magnus Pederson Regatta was held on June 11-12. The event was blessed with fine weather and the RC was able to start and finish six races. Guest skipper Hugh Hutchinson was the winner. Our own Ryan Sprole (sailing my former boat 14514) finished second, and Joan Hurban was third.

On the last weekend in June, three boats from the fleet traveled to the Met District Regatta held at Lake Wallenpauapck. There was very light air on Saturday and miraculously, the Race committee managed to get in three races. On Sunday, it was

a Dog Day of Summer – no wind at all day. We all left early for a dash back to Nyack with a hope of finding some wind on the Tappan Zee. The result: Bob Sengstacken District Champion, with Joan Hurban finishing as the runner-up. Gary Hurban was third.

In the last weekend of July, three boats, "Lucky Dog", "His" and "Hers" ventured to Wrightville Beach, NC for the Atlantic Coast Championship. They represented our fleet and Club well with all three boats finishing in the top 11 in a fleet of 36 boats. There was also a romantic touch to this weekend. Bob Sengstacken and Penny Mole, Bob's girlfriend, took a stroll Saturday evening of that weekend on the beach. During that walk, Bob figured this as appropriate time and setting as any to propose marriage to Penny. Penny accepted his proposal and so she is now linked to the "Lucky Dog" team in her own sweet way. The wedding will be this April.

On October 8, our fleet concluded the Club's regatta season with our annual LAST BLAST Regatta. And the remnant of Hurricane Rita (?) arrived just in time to produce more than enough wind (and possibly angina) for some heavy air racing for 17 boats. Ten boats managed to finish all three races. When the wind speed started to exceed 30 knots, the Race Committee closed out racing for the rest of the day. Allen Terhune finished first, Hugh Hutchinson was second and Nyack BC's Gary Hurban took third.

The following weekend skippers Bob Sengstacken, Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban and their respective crew ventured to the annual Frigid Digit in Annapolis. Similar to last year's event, it was a cold, wet, and extra windy regatta, with several boats capsizing over three races on Saturday. The wind persisted throughout the weekend and the fleet was confined to port on Sunday. Fortunately, all skippers and crew returned in one piece.

The final highlight for this year was Bob Sengstacken and the "Lucky Dog" crew representing our Club and District at the World Championships in Valpariso, Chile. In order to fortify and prepare the "Dog" ensemble for the upcoming competition, the

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Lucky Dog with Bob Sengstacken, Daniel Zitin & Mino Tsutsui at the World Championships in Chile

Fleet held a chili party in October at the Club. Three chili recipes (traditional, southern and vegetarian) and corn bread were served. And to top it off there were homemade desserts: brownies and apple pie (Sorry, somehow we forgot to mix up Margaritas!) Thanks to Jan Crittenden, Larry Decker, Rachel Prol, Jeff Sorensen and Dan Parietti for preparing the sweet and spicy cuisine for the occasion.

And finally, our fleet recognizes the contributions of loyal racing crew and fleet members who assist with safety patrol and important landside regatta tasks. Without them, our fleet would not be able to enjoy the sport we love so much and the camaraderie that accompanies it—both on and off the water.

Thanks to our many crew: Rachel Avenia-Prol, Peter Jadrosich, Jeff Sorensen, Steve Iser, Fernando Fernandez, Jamie Kraus, Justin Copland, Susann and Chris Sprole, Bill and Ann Elise Mayo, Maude Lindsay, Shea Thorvaldsen, Jan Crittenden, Penny Mole, Mino Tsutsui and Daniel Zitin, Matt and Ann Beck, et al.

And finally thanks to our volunteers: Jim Wolfe, Nathan Little, Les Ginsberg, Simon Faucard, George Penny (the fleet's single-handed Lightning specialist), Charlie Taus (our newest fleet member) and Allan Seward.

We look forward to the 2006 season on the Hudson at Nyack. We are so fortunate to sail at such a scenic venue. Wunderbar Landschaft!

Dan Parietti, Past Fleet Captain

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Fleet 31—Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake
Manitou Beach, Michigan
Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11283		Scott Smith
12121		Hank Hodgson
12607		Hank Hodgson
13959	Thunder Boat	Jeffrey W Clemes
14510	TCB	Hank Hodgson
14618		Richard Foster
14810		Jeffrey C Maludy

Fleet 42—Western Lake Erie

Sailing on Lake Erie
Monroe, Michigan
Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10638	Wimpy Flash	Skip & Ernest Dieball
14148		Stephen H, Bill & Tangy Thomas
14249		George Sipel
14543		John Heagy
14779		Jim Davis
14880	The Missing Piece	Skip & Ernest Dieball
15249		George Sipel

Fleet 51—Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
835	Estrellita	Mark E Nagel
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter & Bob Pfeffer
14434	Traf	Joe Romer
14652	Zoo Station	Paul J Nagel
14774	Ticket	Tom Vickers
14856	Assisted Suicide	Michael Williams
14982		Robert Brower

Fleet Captain..... Brian Walter

Our sailing season started in early May and continued through September for 2005. This season we held 14 Wednesday Night races and 21 Sunday races. Our two series were broken up into a spring and a summer series. This was done in the hope of encouraging participation with different winners for each series. We also had a combined series season championship.

The Wednesday series continues to be the more popular of the two series with the most boats competing in our Fleet. Throughout the summer this series offered more varied conditions ranging from no more than a zephyr to the heavy stuff. Our Wednesday Night Spring series was hotly contested between Mike Williams and Tom Vickers. Both of these skippers swapped bullets throughout the series, but it was Mike and his crew of Assisted Suicide that came out on top in the end. Tom finished second and Bob Brower was third. The Summer Series was just the opposite with Tom and his crew dominating this series and being victorious. Mike Williams was second this time around with Bob Brower placing a solid third.

This past seasons Sunday Series, participation continue to slide somewhat downward. This series was also broken up into a spring and summer series. These two series again brought two different winners. Bob Brower and his crew lead the fleet with first place finishes in almost all of the races sailed. A close second place was Paul Nagel and

his crew. Tom Vickers was a distant third place. In the summer series it was Paul Nagel sailing Zoo Station and his crew ended up on top. Tom Vickers was hot on his tail and ended up second with Brian Walter—Bob Pfeffer in the Black Pearl placing third.

The overall season champion for 2005 was Tom Vickers. Tom and his crew dominated the Wednesday Night Summer Series with 6 out of seven 1st place finishes. He was a close second in the Spring Series.

A well deserved congratulation goes out to Tom and his crew.

Our traditional end of the year Ice Breaker Regatta which is held the first weekend in October was cancelled for the Lightning Fleet. This was due to the long overdue harbor expansion and club renovation that will be taking place during the winter months of 2005–2006. With the new harbor expansion the dinghy fleet will see a new launch area which we all are eagerly awaiting. We are looking forward to continued growth in our fleet and the harbor expansion and club facilities will compliment this growth. Fleet 51 is planning on adding a web site to further promote our fleet and the great sailing that Crescent has to offer. Thanks and congratulations to all of you that made this past season a success and we look forward to the 2006 season.

Fleet 53—Lake Fenton Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Fenton

Fenton, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14899	Resistance is Futile	Kevin Nickels
15041	Swag System	Christa Root

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Fleet 54—Pontiac Yacht Club

Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan
Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7676		Mack C Goodwin
7959	Gwaihir	Kevin A Wilson
8370		Joel Thurtell
8479		Bruce T Lessien
9168	Griffin	Michael Browne-Procaskey
9393		Edward A Diakow
9584		Gregory J Harris
9900	Plub Nickel	Joel Thurtell
10803		Nazir Kasi
11537		Mark Allen
11844		Mark B Holmes
11868		Dwight R Smith
11966		Brian M Clancy
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G Palmer
12927		Harold E Callahan
12938	Greased Lightning	Donald W Hackett
12977		James W Furlong & Sean O Whalen
13121		Len Dillon
13378		Michael Mitchell
13450		Deanna L Geisler
13451		Dorothy Thompson
13468	High 90s	Gary Reinheimer & Wendy S Thomson
13606		John A Crowther
13789		Jim Bowers
13859		Tom L Hernick
13895	Minnie Maell	Norman W Burns
13991		Ryan Flack
13995		Paul T Von Oeyen
14031	Blew Bajou	Dennis Hafley
14033		Mark Whatley
14097	No Clue	Edward G Woods
14117		Mark Kramer
14126		William P Sanders
14177		Gerard P Gray
14215		Philip V Tomlinson
14220	Choo-Choo	Thomas C Post
14280		Andre R Dubel
14282	Red Lightning	Robert Meyer & Bruce T Henderson
14333	Lane Lady	Dennis M McCarthy
14439		Michael J Roualet
14457		Joseph L, Joseph J & Jeffrey J LaPalme
14464	Positive	Todd M Young
14477	Shenandoah	Stephen Handelman
14511	Rantum Scoot	Michael & Andrew Hecker
14515		John B Morley
14531	K2	Stephen M Park
14563	Thunder	Robert C Padilla
14567	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14590		Christopher Longe
14601	Gator	Wallace P Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo & Adam Korn
14628		Andrew & Eileen Monique
14690	Dr "J"	James McCoy
14767		Richard F, Richard M & James L Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R Bowers
14819		Eric S Heller
14842	Flash3	Charles C Hess
14854		Richard & Traci Bukowsky
14919		Edward Dziuba
14933		Gregory S McQueen & Rick J Winkley
14970		Stephen R Braski

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15010		Jonathan Bennett
15021		Matt H Struble
15048		John S Garrison
15120		Brooke Briggs-Partlin
15148		Joel D Humphrey
15151	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15155		Matthew Morin
15160	Wind Ward	Thomas E Ervin
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15189	Lamaini	Ryan Flack
15200	Overdrive	Thomas M Klaban
15208		James S Allen
15221		Sean Fidler
15230	Evergreen	Robert H & John Mathers

Fleet Captain.....Tom Kalban
Fleet Secretary.....Joyce von Drehle

The World's largest Lightning fleet, Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC), saw 58 fleet races completed of the 65 scheduled during the 2005 season. When the Special Holiday Regattas, Club Championship, Commodore's Challenge, June Bug Invitational, and White Cap Regatta are included, PYC provided 90 races for club members to participate in from May to October.

The NASCAR level of racing was exemplified by the fact that a total of 16 PYC skippers won one or more series races. Yet, despite the great depth of the fleet, Fleet Captain, Tom Klaban, and his crew once again dominated the number of series races won, with 20. (One of these days we will need to convince them to test their mettle at NAs). Tom also won the Sunday Series Overall, the Club Championship, the Labor Day mini-regatta, and the Fourth of July mini-Regatta.

The Wednesday Overall Series title was hotly contested with Joel Humphrey edging Tom for the Wednesday title in a 3rd level tie-breaker. Mark Whatley was runner-up in the Club Championship, while Matt Strubel was runner up in the Sunday Series overall, Fourth of July mini-regatta, and Labor Day mini-regatta. The Commodore's Challenge (crew skippering event) was won by Caleb Mathers with Matt Morin as the runner-up.

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The top 5 for each series was as follows:

Spring Wednesday:

- 1 - Joel Humphrey
- 2 - Mark Allen
- 3 - Tom Klaban
- 4 - Eric Heller
- 5 - Tom Ervin

Summer Wednesday:

- 1 - Tom Klaban
- 2 - Joel Humphrey
- 3 - Charlie Hess
- 4 - Mark Allen
- 5 - Ed Dziuba

Fall Wednesday:

- 1 - Joel Humphrey
- 2 - Mark Allen
- 3 - Charlie Hess
- 4 - Tom Klaban
- 5 - Greg McQueen

Spring Sunday:

- 1 - Tom Klaban
- 2 - Matt Struble
- 3 - Joe LaPalme
- 4 - Richard Beaubien
- 5 - Tom Crosby

Tom Crosby skippered 53 races during the year. An additional group of 7 skippers sailed over 30, including Dick Beaubien, Ed Dziuba, Joe LaPalme, Tom Klaban, Andy Monique, Mark Kramer, and Tom Ervin.

The 47th annual White Cap regatta was once again a success with 23 boats at this year's event. Thanks to all who helped out, to all the fleets that attended, and to John Garrison for hosting this year's on shore activities and Hank Borchardt and company for running races. The wind didn't cooperate on Saturday; however, the beer was cold and the steak dinner was delicious. Sunday morning found light southerly winds that held for three races. PYCers fared well, taking the top three places. Jim Allen won for the third consecutive year in a row—way to go Jim! The top 10 included:

- 1 - Jim Allen
- 2 - Tom Klaban
- 3 - Sean Fidler
- 4 - Phillip Norris
- 5 - Charlie Hess
- 6 - Ed Dziuba
- 7 - Kevin & Matt Morin
- 8 - Joel Humphrey
- 9 - Steve Weeber
- 10 - Mike Roualet

Summer Sunday:

- 1 - Tom Klaban
- 2 - Matt Strubel
- 3 - Mike Roualet
- 4 - Charlie Hess
- 5 - Ed Dziuba

Fall Sunday:

- 1 - Andy Monique
- 2 - Mike Hecker
- 3 - Tom Klaban
- 4 - Matt Strubel
- 5 - Richard Beaubien



Wednesday Night

As usual, PYCers were quite active on the racing circuit. Highlights include:

J Allen wins at Lake Lansing, Bay City, Macatawa, and Pontiac

PYC sweeps at Lake Lansing and Pontiac

2 PYC boats in the top 5 at Districts, 2 in the Championship Division at NAs (including a top ten finish by Jim Allen)

2 in the top 10 at the Bluenose (including a 2nd for Sean Fidler)

Additional regatta results are as follows:

Miami Midwinter Regatta:

Joel Humphrey-R Flack- J Humphrey—30th

St Pete Winter Championship:

Sean Fidler-J Schmahl-P Merrifield—14th

Mark Allen-M Whatley-B Groesbeck—19th

Joel Humphrey-R Flack-J Humphrey—42nd

Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta:

Jim Allen-R Lyons-J Morley—1st

Eric Heller-Martin Brook-Bob Brook—2nd

Tom Klaban-Eric Klaban-Brian Klaban—3rd

Ryan Flack-Jen Armbruster-Joel Humphries—4th

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Invitational:

Jim Allen—1st

Bay City Regatta:

Jim Allen-Gus Dey-Cindy Yano—1st

Tom Klaban-Eric Klaban-Brian Klaban—3rd

Joel Humphries-Mark Allen-Beth Groesbeck—4th

Michigan Districts:

Jim Allen-Jane Allen-D Gauger—3rd

Tom Klaban-Eric Klaban?-Brian Klaban?-4th and Charlie Hess (racing with a recently sewn up thumb)

Alex Hess-Beth Groesbeck—8th

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The Leukemia Cup (Brian Hughes Memorial)
Regatta (8/20-8/21; 15 Boats):

Joel Humphrey-M MacCormic-N Iwaskow—3rd

North Americans—Championship Division:

Jim Allen—8th
Charlie Hess—30th

Presidents Cup:

Mark Allen—10th

Canadian Open:

Jim Allen—4th

47th Annual Pontiac Yacht Club White Cap regatta:

Jim Allen—1st
Tom Klaban—2nd
Sean Fidler—3rd

Frigid Digit (Annapolis, MD):

Sean Fidler—23rd (2nd in 1st race, DNC in 2nd race)

**Bluenose Regatta XL—Nashville TN
(11/5-6- 35 boats):**

Sean Fidler-Randy Shore-Gaylean Phye—2nd
Charlie Hess-Alex Hess-Andrew Hess—10th

Kevin Morin and Matt Morin crewed for former PYC'er Ryan Flack (who moved to the Chicago area)—7th

Beth Groesbeck crewed for Diana Lohmeyer in the 26th place boat

Jim Allen crewed for his brother, Tom Jr, at Worlds in Chile and finished 14th



PYC Junior Sailors

The Junior Program at PYC continues to grow, as does the Adult Instructional Program with 12-13 Lightnings out each Tuesday night.

As you can see, lots going on at Pontiac Yacht Club. Come see for yourself what the World's largest Lightning fleet is all about by joining us for our 47th annual Whitecap Regatta on September 9th and 10th. You can also see our 30 second promotional video spot and other goings on, on our web at www.pyc54.org. See you in 2006!

E Heller / J Bowers

Fleet 110—Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake

Roscommon, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9102	Bohica	Peter B Morley, Jr
11185	Go Dog Go	Peter B Morley, Jr
13826		Peter B Morley, Jr
14021	Deck-a-Dent	John N Dent

Fleet 137—Gull Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Gull Lake

Richland, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14474		David Decker
14712	Be Calm	Thomas Hudson

Fleet 204—Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan and Macatawa Bay

Holland, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11078		Bob Garlinghouse
15193		Michael Anthony Norris

Fleet 216—Saginaw Bay

Sailing on Saginaw Bay

Bay City, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7153	Megs	George F Ascherl, Jr
9705	got a match?	Matthew D Princing
12588		Saginaw Bay Community Sailing
13858		Tom Hernick, Jr
14022	Teko	John Johnson
14048		Blair Moulthrop
14076	Dr Strangelove	Michael Sulfaroq
14077	Full Frontal LaBotier	Tim Botimer
14087	Score One!	John Waechter
14103	Zipper	Clark Howell
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14503	Head Hunter	George M Peet
14603	Hart Beat II	Terry Hart
14616		Mike Scott
14703	Motion Sensitive	Justin Dey
14775	Shussboomer	Jim Schofield
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15225	Fastidiots 2004	Chris Jacobson
15233	Carousel XXXV	Joseph C Dissette

Fleet Captain..... Matt Princing
 Fleet Treasurer..... Gus Dey
 Fleet Champion..... Sleeper
 Fleet Runner-Up..... Scars & Scrapes

2005—the year of complacency or the year of fleet building? That is the question. We didn't have any new members this year, with the exception of soon to be added member of Chris and Jennifer Princing's family (due in March 2006). However, we as a fleet represented ourselves very well throughout the Michigan District regattas, having one if



14323 Upwind

not more representatives at all regattas with the culmination at Tawas where our fleet had 8 representatives. I would say without a doubt, fleet 216 was the "most traveled" of all fleets in Michigan for 2005. We also had a changing of the guards on our "executive" committee, our long time fleet captain Terry Hart and treasurer Chris Jacobson, decided to take a break after many years of great service to our fleet. Our hats go off to you two.

Another great event in 2005 was one of our own, George "Bear" Peet, Jr. getting chosen for the Volvo Ocean Race. He won a spot on ABN Amro 2 and will sail around the world. Bear grew up in Lightnings sailing with legends like Joe Dissette and others like his dad George "Hot Dog Man" Peet and hacks like Matt and Chris Princing. He is a very intense and talented sailor.

We sailed 40 races on Saginaw Bay in this years "Dissette" series. That is the most races I can recall on a Wednesday night series since I joined the fleet in 1991. We had a few rain delays and weather cancellations, but 2005 was a good year. Our conditions ranged from drifters to 18+,



BCYC Scars Start

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nothing really major. We had quite a few perfect nights with steady breeze in the 10–12 knot range and flat water.

We had a new fleet champion for the first time in five years, although he was a fleet champion prior. John McCree and the crew of *Sleeper* (Dave Corcoran and Melissa Bridges) won going away. They compiled a terrific record and weren't really challenged for the overall spot. *Scars & Scrapes*, who in recent years was a top favorite struggled with the loss of team leader Jennifer Princing for the season. She was put on the inactive list just before season opener but vows to make a comeback in 2006. Another unique happening this past year was that every boat in the fleet won at least one race, that tells you how tight the racing was. The top five fleet finishers in this year's series:

1st	<i>Sleeper</i>	John McCree, Dave Corcoran Melissa Bridges
2nd	<i>Scars & Scrapes</i>	Matt Princing Chris Princing Adam Tompa Kathy Bush
3rd	<i>Fast Idiots 3</i>	Chris Jacobson Tom Hernick Steve Lakso
4th	<i>Shussboomer</i>	Jim Schofield Kim Shotwell Bob Gottard
5th	<i>Hart Beat II</i>	Terry Hart John Laundra Jeff Titsworth, Ann



Race 1—Winning Move

Other awards given out that night include:

MIP	Score One	John Waechter Carrie Houtman Cindy Yano
Fleet Building		John Waechter Chris Jacobson Zach Bowdish Jeff Titsworth Gus Dey
Duct Tape	Score One	Carrie Houtman Cindy Yano
Clamso	Score One	John Waechter
Aquatic Excellence		Tom Monto, 1st-time non-fleet member

We also recognized our RC guys, Tom, George and Brian for being there for us, and Joe Dissette for setting up RD. Jim for scoring and Jeff for hopping on boats when ever it was needed to get boats on the line.

Our travelers did well again this year, boats not drinks. I believe we had some award winners including Score One, Fast Idiots, Hart Beat, *Sleeper* and *Scars & Scrapes*. *Sleeper* won the 2005 Michigan District Championship and *Scars & Scrapes* won the 2005 Tawas Regatta. We once again were the unofficial co-host of the Tawas Regatta sending 8 boats, making it our fleet outing. Look out in 2006.

We look forward to another nice sailing season in 2006. We have a line on three or four potential new member boats to our fleet. These would certainly be welcome.



Battle of the 03s

On a final note, Robin McCree mentioned that John could get a new boat (I wrote it down Robin, word for word) so we will help twist his arm. The new Sleeper would look good next to Joe and Chris's new boats from last year and maybe be the match that lights the fire under some of the rest of our butts to upgrade.

Well, off to "Men's Town" for another winter of hardner and lies, not to mention tracking the Volvo race. I have some work to do on ole' Scars if John is getting a new boat. As I write this it is 10 degrees and the air is just right for drinking, the Lions still suck, the Spartans are 8-2 and Ludwig is finally putting in his kitchen floor. Three months to the Southern Circuit, four months to the Cotton Wood and Indy and just under five for the start of the 2006 Joe Dissette series.

Aloha,

Matt Prining—14937

Fleet 254—Burt Lake

Sailing on Burt Lake
Sheboygan, Michigan
Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14770		Clark E Swayze

Fleet 326—Grand Traverse Yacht Club

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay
Traverse City, Michigan
Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13932	Holey Cow	Paul C David
14460	Spirit	R Garret Demarest

Fleet 374—Douglas Lake

Sailing on Douglas Lake
Sheboygan County, Michigan
Michigan District



Michigan—Junior Sailors

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Fleet 387—Lansing Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Lansing

Haslett, Michigan

Michigan District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6534		Jim Newtown
10366	Baka	Dave Vietti
11205		George F Siegle
13344		Don Baron
13903	Bananas	Jim & Maribeth Fletcher
14147	Moody's Booty	Mike Moody
14267	Fubar	Neil Harrison
14294	Shibumi	William S Davidson
14447	Ohm	Lansing Sailing Club
14468	UFP	Blaine Severin
14746		Merrick Hurlbutt
14756		John R Lefevre
14760	Fins	George F & Ann Siegle
14963	Wind Dancer	Patrick Dolan
14964	Dragon Tail	Terrill Kleiman
		Larry Koster
		Vince & Becky Delgade

2005 was another strong year for Lansing Sailing Club's Lightning Fleet 387, sailing on Lake Lansing in Haslett, Michigan.

The fleet hosted fifteen boats for the 40th Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta on May 21. Jim Allen schooled the fleet in the light to moderate air, with four bullets and a second for the "horizon job" win. Eric Heller was second, with Tom Klaban in third. Ryan Flack and Chris Jacobsen rounded out the top five. George Siegle, sailing Fins, was in 6th and the highest placed LSC boat. He and his crew received "Ye Olde Silver Platter" for the third year in a row, as well as the "MSU Alumni Cup" for the top-placing boat skippered by an alumnus or alumnae of Michigan State University. East Lansing is home to the university, and many members are either alumni, faculty, staff or students there. The club actively encourages Spartans to return for the regatta. See our photo spread for full results.

Full Season Series honors again went to Wind Dancer, skippered by Pat Dolan. Mike Moody repeated as runner-up in Moody's Booty, with Blaine Severin in third in Unidentified Flying Pigasus. Dolan had strength all around with reliable crew, solid tactics, and participation in almost every race on every weekend. Unlike in previous years where the series wasn't decided until the final race, this year it wasn't even close. Also in the hardware are Merrick Hurlbutt in 4th, John LeFevre in 5th, Neil Harrison in 6th, and Larry Koster in 7th. Ten other skippers participated in the series, but did not qualify for end-of-season awards. LSC's Full Season Championship ran from May 1 to October 9, with 24 weekends and 71 official races.

The Half-Season Series results were identical across the top four positions, but considerably closer, with Wind Dancer (Dolan), Moody's Booty (Moody) and UFP (Severin) again rounding out the top three. Merrick Hurlbutt took 4th, Larry Koster—5th, John LeFevre—6th, Jim Fletcher—7th, Neil Harrison—8th, Chris Miller, 9th, and Susanna Tellschow—10th. Four other skippers also participated in the 36-race series, which ran from May 5 to October 2 on roughly every other weekend. The Half-Season Championship encourages skippers to attend nearby Michigan District regattas. Half-season dates are selected to avoid schedule conflicts. See our photo spread for full results.

Fleet 387 held its annual Awards Banquet on November 18, 2005 to honor fleet racing participants and several other accomplishments.

Larry Koster was recognized with the Corinthian Award. This award is presented annually to the skipper who most actively advances the interests of the Lansing Lightning Fleet. Larry has not only been an active Lightning sailor, but is one of the most active skippers in sailing out-of-town regattas. In addition, Larry is constantly bringing new people into sailing and is among the first to offer help to others trying to improve their skills.

"Crew of the Year" went to Gil Chesbro and Scott Watkins. Both were important forces in the success of the boats they sailed on. "Wind Dancer" won the season championship with Gil sailing almost every race in the middle position—calling tactics upwind and trimming the spinnaker downwind. Scott's efforts as crew with Merrick Hurlbutt were on display this year as the boat was very competitive and vastly improved.

The Jane Marshall Sailing Award (previously known as the "Wet Bottom" award) went to Susanna Tellschow—who does go all out, regardless of her role in the boat. As crew on "Wind Dancer", she was influential in getting the boat to the top of the standings and keeping it there. When "Oh m" was donated to the Club by Marshall's, Susanna began driving it and had solid results—particularly for a first year Lightning skipper.

"Rookie Crew of the Year" was Jamie Rasmussen who spent most of her sailing time crewing on "Moody's Booty." Jamie was a quick study and her enthusiasm was contagious. She played a key role in having the "Booty" receive the runner up award for the 2005 season.

For more information about the fleet, visit www.lansingsailing.org

George Siegle and Pat Dolan

1965 Fleet #387 Chartered • 1966 Anton de Kok • 1967 Anton



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1965 ★ Fleet 387 ★ 2005

Great racing in the center of the Michigan mitten!



(A) The LSC "Tune Up Regatta" gets off to a great start

(B) Merrick Hurlbutt and crew enjoy a windy spring Sunday Series race.



Fleet 387		
'05 Full-Season Series Results		
Pos.	Skipper	Tot Pts Tot Races
1	Pat Dolan	4323 60
2	Mike Moody	3726 48
3	Blaine Severin	3032 47
4	Merrick Hurlbutt	2570 38
5	John LeFevre	1708 39
6	Neil Harrison	1617 35
7	Larry Koster	1568 36



(A) "Moody's Booty" hosts guest celeb local radio host.

(B) Susanna Tellschow our newest Lightning skipper picks a good shift.



Fleet 387		
'05 Half-Season Series Results		
Pos.	Skipper	Tot Pts Tot Races
1	Pat Dolan	2473 29
2	Mike Moody	2164 24
3	Blaine Severin	1643 24
4	Merrick Hurlbutt	1277 18
5	Larry Koster	826 17
6	John LeFevre	716 18
7	Jim Fletcher	604 10
8	Neil Harrison	575 15
9	Chris Miller	497 5
10	Susanna Tellschow	409 12
11	Debra Hart	353 3
12	George Siegle	200 2
13	Gil Chesbro	180 2
14	Scott Watkins	108 2

Regatta Results					
40th Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta					
Lake Lansing at Haslett, MI, May 21, 2005, 15 Boats					
Place	Skipper	Boat	Points	Total	
1	Jim Allen	14807	2 1 1 1 1	6	
2	Eric Heller	14819	1 5 4 4 3	17	
3	Tom Klaban	15200	3 2 2 5 8	20	
4	Ryan Flack	15258	7 3 6 2 5	23	
5	Chris Jacobsen	15225	4 10 3 8 2	27	
6	George Siegle	14760	6 4 5 10 7	32	
7	Pat Dolan	14963	5 11 9 7 10	42	
8	Blaine Severin	14468	15 6 15 6 4	46	
9	John Waechter	14087	8 8 8 9 13	46	
10	Mike Moody	14756	12 12 7 3 14	48	
11	Merrick Hurlbutt	14746	9 7 10 11 11	48	
12	Larry Koster	14294	13 9 12 12 6	52	
13	John LeFevre	11147	11 14 11 13 9	58	
14	George Peet	14503	10 13 13DNSDNS	68	
15	Neil Harrison	14267	14 15 14 14 12	69	



Wilson • 1994 Ron Wilson • 1995 Terry Kleinman • 1996 Ron Marshall • 1997 Matt Dahlman • 1998 Matt Dahlman • 1999 Matt Dahlman • 2000 George Siegle • 2001 Mike Moody • 2002 George Siegle • 2003 Pat Dolan • 2004 Pat Dolan • 2005 Pat Dolan

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Caterino • 1985 Ron Wilson • 1986 Mike Caterino • 1987 Mike Caterino • 1988 Alan Becke • 1989 Alan Becke • 1990 Alan Becke • 1991 Ron Wilson • 1992 Terry Kleinman • 1993 Ron

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187 Sheboygan	142 Fond du Lac/Winnebago

District Commodore William Gibson

2005 was a fantastic year for our District. Largely because our member clubs Milwaukee Yacht Club and Sheboygan Yacht Club were to host the North American Championships, we saw an influx of new crews, sails, boats and equipment this year and the quality of sailing in our District went up significantly. Our challenge will be to keep interest up to this level next year. But let us tell you, if you want to psych up your District and improve everyone's sailing skills, offer to host a North American Championship. You'll remember it forever.

Chicago's Fleet 5 hosted two regattas this year, the District Regatta and the annual Red Flannels. The District Regatta was won by Matt Fisher with assistance from his wife Lisa and Rick Bernstein. Second was Todd Wake with his wife Christine and Ben Spiller. Third place was won by Paul Wurtzebach with Monica Trejo and Oswald Willis.

As if hosting the North American Championship wasn't enough, the weekend beforehand, Sheboygan Yacht Club hosted the first Brotz Leukemia Cup Regatta and raised a total of \$50,000! This is considered an amazing amount for a first year event. The Midwest Lightning District is particularly proud of this regatta because for over 50 years, the Brotz has been a Lightning regatta. We are happy to share the racecourse with so many well-minded sailors. The 2006 Brotz/Leukemia cup regatta will be held July 28-30 and will feature a Junior regatta sailed in Lasers and Optimist Prams on Friday. Two course circles will be employed again on Saturday and Sunday, one being dedicated to PHRF racing and the other to Lasers and Lightnings. Our distinguished Hans Graf will be Regatta Chairman again next year. Congratulations Hans on an incredible event the first time out.

We were so pleased so many of you could come and attend the North American Championships held in our District. The WJM held at Milwaukee and the NAs held in Sheboygan were both praised by the ILCA membership publicly for their outstanding organization. Particular note was made of the outstanding measurement process, the awesome spirit of the volunteers (of which there legions) and the incredibly varied wind conditions.

All of our Members wish to congratulate Matt Burridge along with Dan and Toby Moriarty on winning the NAs. Matt has attended the Brotz regatta or the Red Flannels, winning many times and we claim him as a surrogate member. Matt, we hope winning makes up for the boat on the beach in '76. See you at the Brotz next year?

Congratulations to these Midwest District members for their outstanding sailing in North American Championship events:

- Ric Larson, Mike Elmergreen and Eric Larson for winning the Masters Championship.
- Mac Slater, Paul Reak and Jim Hadley for finishing 11th.
- Kathy Lundeen, Denise Cornell and Lynelle Reak for finishing 3rd in the Women's Championship.
- Gaby McCoy, Kim and Debbie Petritz for finishing 7th.
- Jack Freysinger, Liz Hines, Eric Roman and Matthew Weirzbach and their teams for finishing 8th, 10th, 11th and 14th respectively in the Junior Championship.
- Todd Wake, Christine Wake and Ben Spiller for finishing 5th in the Blue Fleet in the North American Championship.
- Bill Faude, Jared Drake (along with Ernie Dieball of the Ohio District) for finishing 9th.
- Ric Larson, Eric Larson and Amy Lundeen for finishing 14th in the Blue Fleet and thereby winning the inaugural Jack Elfman memorial trophy for the highest finishing Master in the NAs who also competed in the Masters' Championship.
- Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Reichelsdorfer and Luke Franke for finishing 16th in the Blue Fleet.
- Paul Wurtzebach, Joe Zechlinski and Monica Trejo for finishing 18th in the Blue Fleet.
- David Stix, Amy Simonsen and Mark Wessel for finishing 19th in the Blue Fleet.
- Tryg Jacobson and Peter Orlebeke and their teams for winning the first three races of the Green Fleet in the North American's.

There was lots of other action in the District this year, much of it already reported. To recap very briefly:

The Lighthouse Regatta was won by Team Faude with Team Wake in second and Team Wurtzebach in third.

The P&T Regatta was won by Team Wake with Team Larson in second and Team Orlebeke in third.

The Evans Regatta was won by Team Larson with Team Brian Phelan in second and Team Steve Adamski in third.



2005 Midwest District Champions at the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

The Red Flannels was won by Team Moriarty back from St Louis to kick our butts again; second was Team Wurtzebach and third was Team Skip Dieball.

Team Faude and Team Wurtzebach traveled to North Cape to compete in the Michigan District Regatta. Team Faude won!

Team Faude traveled to the World Championship in Chile. Team Faude flipped. Team Faude put a large hole in a friend's boat. Team Faude was never in danger of winning. Congratulations to Tito and Team for sailing so well.

At the completion of the District Season, our annual Lake Michigan trophy is awarded. This year the Championship was comprised of our District Regatta, The P&T and the Evans regattas. Our Champion Ric Larson. Second was Kathy Lundeen. Third was Paul Reak. Many of us are wondering if Ric has any counter space left after winning so much hardware this year. The Midwest District was proud to host the 2005 North American Championships in Milwaukee and Sheboygan. **THANK YOU** to the 114 volunteers who contributed about 900 hours; the 330 skippers, crew and families; the scores of corporate sponsors and individual patrons who contributed over \$40,000 toward the event; the staff and members of the Sheboygan Yacht Club; and the citizens of Sheboygan for making the participants feel so welcome. Over the seven-day event, these sailors/visitors spent over \$300,000 in Sheboygan area businesses. Good times, good business, good economics.

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Come sail with us next year!

The 2006 District Schedule:

June 3-4 Fond du Lac Lighthouse Regatta

June 23-24-25 Midwest District Championship Regatta (Milwaukee)

July 8-9 Evans Regatta (Green Bay)

July 29-30 Brotz Leukemia Cup Regatta (Sheboygan)

August 5-6 P&T Regatta (Milwaukee)

September 23-24 Red Flannels Regatta (Chicago)

October 14 The Wandering Moose Regatta (Sheboygan)

Fleet 5—Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Chicago, Illinois

Midwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8172		James Sims
9232		Jeff Fjeldheim
10443		Tom Hennessey
11316	Wind Rose	John Tschanz
11663		Jim Reiman
13895	High Life	David Schmahl & Brad Steiner
14015	Hot Flash	Doug & Jean Steffenson
14045	Blitz	Jim Rollberg
14065	Plan B	Jim & Monica Fairman
14137	Love & Rockets	Anthony Seitz
14433	Tinfish	Robert & Holly Hartshorn
14466	Photon	Robert Smithers
14613	Racer X	Doug Nickel
14740	Poodles by Verna	William Faude
14844	Rayo	Dennis Burke
14898	Total Recall	David W Stix
14975	Dragon	Paul Wurtzebach
15045	Ladies Choice	Matt Fisher
15167	Pigs on Ice	William Gibson & Steve Jenkins
15243		Jim Reiman

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Fleet 69—Milwaukee Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Midwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11442	Rampage	Dean S Cady
13794	Little Grey Cells	Dennis W Bersch, Jr
14118	More Wind!	Mark Polzin
14162	Hike!	Thomas M Slater
14388		Tim Hayes
14508	Bonski	Steve & Martha Cushman
14740	Poodles by Verna	William Faude

Fleet Captain..... Martha Cushman
 Fleet Secretary..... Mark Polzin
 P&T Winner..... Todd Wake

2005 WJM Lightning North Americans Outstanding! First Class! Fantastic!

"The event last weekend was one of the best run regattas I have attended..." e-mailed Sarah Buckley, Women's Lightning NAs Winner.

"I've been to probably 30 North American Regattas in the Lightning Class. And I've never seen measurement run better..." said Lightning Class Chief Measurer, Bill Clausen.

"We received almost 100% positive feedback from the competitors..." said Jeff Butzer, regatta PRO.

These kinds of comments just begin to describe the Lightning Women's, Juniors', Masters' North Americans hosted by MYC August 1-5th. Through the incredible effort of volunteers, race committee, MYC staff and sponsors, MYC once again solidified its place as a premier competitive sailing venue.

32 boats traveled mega miles to sail in Milwaukee hailing from homeports such as: Thunder Bay, Ontario; Burlington, Vermont; Miami, Florida; and Denver, Colorado to name a few. The juniors had the highest turnout with 14 boats, followed by the masters with 11 and 7 for the women. Sailing greats such as Betsy Allison, Jody Swanson (2004 Rolex Yachtswomen of the Year) and Greg Fisher were just a few of the 96 competitors on the line.

Some of MYC's best sailors were also competing giving us representation in all three divisions. There were two junior teams: Jack Fryfinger, Cassie Kraus & Jeremy McMahon; and, Eric Roman, Grace Blumberg & John Weissert. The women's team included Gabby Macon, Debbie Petriz & Kim Petriz and the Masters were represented by Mac Slater, Paul Reak & Jim Hadley.



Lightnings fill the MYC yard!

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The week's events began with two days of rigorous measurement to ensure the boats were up to Class standards and absolutely identical. Every aspect imaginable was checked: Mast length, spinnaker pole length, hull shape, centerboard thickness, and sail size. Tuesday afternoon 26 boats headed out for the practice race and on the water coaching by Greg Fisher from North Sails. Tuesday evening formally started the event with an official welcome by Commodore Jim Allen and a picnic style feast.

Wednesday through Friday the on the water competition was intense with 3 races each day. The days were picture perfect: Sunny, 10-18 knot winds from SW to NW. A few racers kept things lively by capsizing; however, everyone self rescued.

Thursday night's pasta dinner and carnival night was a real hit. The Hula-hoop contest, tug-o-war, water balloon toss and ensuing water balloon fight were definitely a highlight of the week.

Of course, the people with the biggest smiles were the winners.

- **Women:** Sarah Buckley, Christine Norris and Betsy Allison from Chicago, IL
- **Juniors:** John Newel, Jamie Moran and Joe Raite from Burlington, VT
- **Masters:** Ric Larson, Mike Elmergreen and Eric Larson from Sheboygan, WI

A BIG "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED HIS OR HER TIME AND TALENT TO MAKE THIS REGATTA AN AWESOME AND MEMORABLE EVENT.

Fleet 112—Green Bay Sailing Club

Sailing on Green Bay from Green Bay Windjammers Yacht
Green Bay, Wisconsin
Midwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10349		Douglas Olson
11307		Brian Keller
13589		John Haugh
13817	Surprise	Brian & Terrence Phelan
13872	Think Twice	Douglas Olson
14084		Andre Gagnon
14106	White Lightning	Michael B Kulkoski
14130	KG Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14193	Shadow Hog	Gary Leuer
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14476	Ready to Play	Carl Manns
14582	Rock n' Roll	Bill Dean
14778		Michael Tennity
15081		Jim Gagnon
15137		Steve Adamski

Fleet 167—Lake Davenport

Sailing on Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa
Midwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6033	Kasara	Wesley L Johnson
14831	Irrational Exuberance	Chuck White
14857	Mermaid	Michael Steffenson



Canadian Women: The Thunder Bay, Ontario women's team enjoying the warm water!

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Fleet 187—Sheboygan

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Midwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7879	Puff	Robert T Melzer
11188	About Time	K C Schmidt
11589	D-Toxxx	Brad & Morgan Gruneberg
11622		Tim Lorenz
13193		Sheboygan Youth Sailing
13224	Second Chance	Lindsay Vogel
13818	Warrior	Joel M & Greg LeMahieu
13930		James Kennedy
13994	Silent Movie	Michou Reichelsdorfer
14005	Madness	Matthew Wierzbach
14007	I Saw Elvis	Hans C Graf
14142	Les Nanas Pirates	Jason Bemis & Karla Zahn
14234		Tom Wright
14380	Christiana	Tryg Jacobson
14653		Stu Brotz
14921		Jay Hogfeldt & Bruce Van Dommelen
14958	Stone Cold	Denise Strand
14994	Lake Effect	Daniel Reichelsdorfer
15119	Squito	Eric E & Eric R Larson
15189	Lamaini	Paul & Lynelle Reak
15234	Stay on Target	Todd & Kristine Wake
15261		Sheboygan Youth Sailing
15262		Sheboygan Youth Sailing

Fleet Captain..... Todd Wake
 Fleet Secretary..... Michou Reichesdorfer
 Fleet Champion..... Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Ben Spiller
 Fleet Runner-Up..... Ric Larson, Eric Larson, Lori Jost

Sheboygan's Lightning Fleet had one of the most active, energetic seasons ever. Hosting the Lightning NAs in 2005 brought on seasoned and new sailors alike, as well as a plethora of volunteers. Sheboygan's fleet would not be as competitive as it is without numerous skippers, crews, and race committee. One central figure in our fleet is Hans Graf. We didn't see Hans on the race course much this year...for good reason. He was heading up the planning committee for NAs along with Jack Westfall, another Lightning sailor. Jack and his wife Carla Zahn spent many hours alongside Hans making sure all the details fell into place. Other than Hans and Jack, most of our fleet made a very strong showing on the water. To make sure we were all going in the right direction, our stellar race committee Fred Tyska, his wife Gail, and Chris Graf committed every Tuesday night to our fleet. We are very grateful for their intrepid dedication. They

were willing to go out and set courses on nights when some sailors on shore were less than enthusiastic. Now that's dedication!!

Having very successful seasons this year were Todd and Kristine Wake, along with crew Ben Spiller (a previous junior skipper in Lightnings); Ric Larson, with son Eric and crew Laurie Jost; and Denise Cornell, along with driver Kathy Lindgren and crew Lynelle Reak. These three crews had outstanding showings in the NAs, Masters, and Women's events. Todd and Kristine worked very hard all summer training for the "big event," and it earned them 5th Place in the Championship Fleet. They continued their successful campaign by picking up NA winner Matt Burrige as crew for the Bluenose in Nashville, TN, and winning it (2nd time in a row for Todd.) Todd's determination and skills continued throughout the year; consequently, he, Kristine, and Ben won all three club series, which added up to a Season Championship. Ric and Eric, along with Mike Elmergreen from the Fond du Lac fleet, gave it their best at Masters for the first time and surprised some of the veterans of the Master Fleet by winning three out of five races to win the entire regatta. Way to go Ric! Ric continued his impressive racing by earning 13th place in the Blue Fleet at NAs and 2nd in the club championship. Denise and her "ladies" team competed for the 2nd year in a row in the Women's event and moved up this year to finish 3rd overall. This team spent many hours on the water training, and it earned them 4th overall for the season. The top five of our home fleet was rounded out well by Tryg Jacobson (crew Jason Bemis and Jon Ribich) and Paul Reak with the Jasons (Jason Allard and Jason Diener). Both Tryg and Paul had a strong showing at North Americans in the President's Fleet. Tryg started



very strong with two bullets and then leveled out a few spots lower. Tryg's crew will always have fond memories of those two wins. Team Jacobson finished 3rd overall for the season. Paul's team earned much experience this season by sailing every single race. This dedication showed well for Paul as he continued to move up the fleet and be competitive. His stamina secured him a 5th place overall finish.

Because of the dedication of some of these trophy winners and other veteran Lightning skippers in our club, the SYC Lightning fleet as a whole has gotten faster. The top sailors have taken time to answer questions and help others learn the finer points of Lightning sailing. This benefited everyone in our close-knit group by forcing us to keep improving or be passed by. Some of the newer skippers and crews had wonderful showings on the race course as a result. This year's representative in the Junior NAs was Matt Wierzbach with his crew Jake DenBoer and Nate Komoroski. They traveled extensively to gain experience and sailed a very trying and competitive Juniors' regatta in Milwaukee. Four of the newer skippers in our fleet are Tom Wright (with son Dallas, Mary Snyder, and Paul Bartell), Jim Kennedy, Brad Gruneberg (with Scott Jelinek and Dan Kerpe), and Joel LeMahieu (crew Dale Huenick and Greg LeMahieu.) Tom is the newest member and was inspired to race most Tuesdays. Once Jim Kennedy finds himself consistent crew, he may also find the same success in his Lightning as he does in his "other" sailboat. Brad's team is the crew to beat in heavy weather. They finished 10th overall for the season, and will be quite a threat next year now that Brad is updating and improving his classic boat. Joel's determination to learn the Lightning is evident in the improvement he showed this season. He finished strongly with a 7th place.

The balance of our fleet is rounded out by four veteran sailing teams. Dan and Michou Reichelsdorfer with crew Kathy Mickelson couldn't make as many Tuesdays as they would have liked, but were able to put their "game" together for the NAs with junior crew Luke Franke. For the first time, they qualified for the Championship series and finished strong with a 16th place overall. Co-owners Bruce VanDommelen and Jay Hogfeldt sailed consistently, finishing 6th for the season championship. They remained positive the entire season, even after experiencing their first capsizes. Every experience

is a learning one. Another sailor familiar with this event is Tim Lorenz. In spite of crew vacancies on Tim's boat, he kept focused on sailing and finished 8th for the season. Last but not least are Tony Orlebeke and Dave Bronson, who wanted to sail in the Lightning fleet so badly that they borrowed a boat from Danny Reichelsdorfer. They had some very good races in spite of old sails. Rounding out the 3rd position on their team was SYC Commodore Rick Kapellan. We hope they come back next year and bring more keel boat sailors to the Lightning Fleet for exciting "lead-free" racing.

All in all, the season was just about the best we have ever had in Sheboygan. SYC hosted a very successful ILCA North Americans Regatta with the leadership of Hans Graf, Jack Westfall, and Carla Zahn, together with over 100 volunteers. All of the sailors in Lightning Fleet #187 are grateful to those who contributed to making our 2005 season an incredible success.

Lynelle Reak and Todd Wake

Ric Larson Wins 2005 Lake Michigan Trophy

Congratulations to Ric on winning the 2005 Lake Michigan trophy. Second was Kathy Lundeen with Paul Reak third.

This trophy is awarded to the skipper with the best combined finish in the District Championship plus two of the following: P & T, Evans or The Wandering Moose.

Congrats to Sheboygan and Milwaukee Yacht Clubs and Fleets 187 and 69 on Hosting a Successful NAs!

Particular note was made of the outstanding measurement process, the awesome spirit of the volunteers and the incredibly varied wind conditions.

Fleet 442—Fond du Lac/Winnebago

Sailing on Lake Winnebago

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Midwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10222	Tomato Sloop	Eric Bennett
15042	Ellie B	Michael Elmergreen
15158		Peter Orlebeke
12822		Eric Bennett