

# DISTRICT & FLEET REPORTS

## NIGERIA

District Commodore .....Julian Calvin

### Fleet 510—Lagos Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lagos, Offshore and Lagoon*

Lagos, Nigeria

Nigeria District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13520	Nuance	Michael Barnes
13521	Teacer	Wilbert Dresser
13522	Gamba	Winfred Hirmer
13523	Spetters	Mobil Exxon
13525	Khartoum 2	Mike Jones
13527	Bavaria	Julian Calvin
13752	Turtle	Tad Schime
13753	Twister	Gary Schwantz
13754	Tanimola	Syd Warburton
13756	Early Bird	Mike Newton
13757	Standfast	Tony Bowles
13759	White Star	Mobil Exxon
14166	White Swan	David Use
14392	Orieoda	Alan Emslie
14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14549	Spellbinder	Kevin O'Farrell
14928	Never Say Never	Laurent Couderc
14929	Just in Time	Richard Willmott
15273		Ian Edwards

Fleet Commodore .....Richard Willmott

Fleet Captain.....David Alderson

Fleet Champion.....Ian Edwards

The Lagos Fleet 510 participated in sailing throughout the year hosted by the Lagos Yacht Club.

Races for trophies or the quarterly points series were held virtually every Saturday except for the rare occasions when the wind failed us. It was normal for 15 or 16 Lightnings to compete with other classes in a combined fleet of over 50 boats. A



variety of combined, class, pursuit and team races were competed for within the harbour, offshore in the Bight of Benin and in the lagoon behind Lagos.

The National Championships were held in October with a total participation of 26 Lightning / Tarpons. The weather was kind to us this year and in light winds, with occasional gusts, five competitive races were completed during the day within Lagos Harbour. The overall winner was 13753 with Ian Edwards and Gary Schwantz.

As reported last, year we have re-built the original locally made wooden Tarpon, based on the Lightning design, first sailed in 1947. This has now been completed and with gleaming varnish looks a fine sight. She has not yet returned to the water but, when the new sails finally arrive, will be commissioned early in 2006. Several of the other older 'Woodies' have also undergone refurbishment; and this alternative fleet is expected to enjoy a re-birth next year.

The Lightning fleet is also growing steadily. This year orders were placed for six new boats and their delivery has been expected for some time. Unfortunately repeated delays in their arrival have been experienced due to the vagaries of shipment to the West Coast of Africa and the special challenges of Lagos Port.

The Lightning Class dinner was held in February on the open deck of the Lagos Yacht Club under a tropical starry sky overlooking the city waterfront. A good time was had by all. The Lightnings also participated in the many other social events held by the LYC during the year to both entertain Club members and their friends in Nigeria and to con-



Woody Regatta

## OHIO

### FLEETS

23 Indian Lake Yacht Club	27 Leatherlips Yacht Club
33 Turkeyfoot Lake	36 Pymatuning Yacht Club
43 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club	71 Rocky River
150 Mansfield Sailing Club	212 Atwood Yacht Club
303 Cowan Lake Sailing Association	400 St Mary's

District Commodore ..... Michael H Brock  
District Secretary/Treasurer ..... Eric Brandt

If there is a story to be told about the Ohio District this past year it has to be about the Ruhlman's. The Ruhlman's (Rob, Abby, Maegan) started out 2005 by taking two boats to the southern circuit in March and finished up in November at the World's in Chile. In between those two major championships, we saw them in combinations of Rob, Abby, Maegan and Ryan at the NAs, Canadian Open and a few other District regattas. A special acknowledgement goes to Maegan who placed 6th in the NA President's fleet and was the recipient of the Swanson trophy.

So Rob, analogous to NBC's Matt Lauer's segment of "where in the world is Matt," where will we see you and the family in 2006?

### Districts

2005 Ohio Districts were held for the first time at Mansfield Sailing Club. Tom Varley and his crew really worked to put on an outstanding regatta venue for the 19 boat fleet. We had a great two days. The weather was not cooperative on Saturday. Starting just after lunch we saw a diminishing 5-10 knot SE wind which gradually died. Only two races were completed. Saturday night a fiery and explosive offering to Odin at Varley Valley produced the desired results and sailors were greeted Sunday morning with a 10-15 knot S wind, enabling us to complete the 3rd, 4th and 5th races in rapid succession. For the third year in a row George Fisher won the championship. How does he do it?

2006 Districts will be held June 17/18 at Cleveland Race Week. This is something new we are trying. The advantage is we will be sailing in open water with race management handled by CRW organizers.

### District Challenges

Last year the District offered a venue of six regattas (PYC, Leatherlips, Indian Lake, Buckeye, Mansfield, Cowan) plus the District championship. Atwood was eliminated due to poor attendance and the fleet being inactive. Outside of Spring Classic (PYC) and Fall-In (Cowan) our challenge is how do you go from roughly 8-12 boats to a sustaining 18-20+ regatta boat attendance? This remains our biggest challenge and I am sure the problem is systemic to other Districts as well as the Class, and the sport. Cowan's strategy (led by Mike Brock) this past year was to aggressively market its regatta and encourage non-district participation. To that end they had boats from Indy, North Cape and Nashville show up. Mike and Eric Brandt (Leatherlips) are leading an effort to bring five Ohio boats to Indy's open in May 2006 in order to get their regatta attendance at that 20-boat mark. Collaborating with Ken McGinity (IN District Commodore) we are going to try to help each other, meet new friends and just mix it up a bit.

### NAs

Ohio representation at the NAs was very light this year. Accompanying Rob and Maegan were Dave Viereg (PYC) and Jim Taylor (Cowan).

### Governor's Cup

The Cup is awarded annually to the skipper with the highest four finishes in the Districts' sanctioned regattas including the District venue. For the third year in a row, Jim Taylor won the Cup.

### District Website

Our website has been up for over a year—[www.ussailing.net/ILCAOHIO/](http://www.ussailing.net/ILCAOHIO/). We continue to look for local fleet articles and pictures. Send any news for postings to [taylorjp@fuse.net](mailto:taylorjp@fuse.net).

### 2006 District Leadership

Mike Brock will serve a third term as Commodore and Eric Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer.

### Fleet 23—Indian Lake Yacht Club

*Sailing on Indian Lake*  
Russels Point, Ohio  
Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12551		Robert Clover
13741	Wind Thief	Robert Clover

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## Fleet 27—Leatherlips Yacht Club

*Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir*

Powell, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12580	BOB (Babes on Board)	Christina Hedrick
14897		Kurt Andrews
15191		Eric Brandt

## Fleet 33—Turkeyfoot Lake

*Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake*

Akron, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
13594	Windebeast	Gregory Gray
13989	Nittany Lightning	Jerome Seppelt
14075		Dale Jackson



*Ryan Ruhlman, Patrick Wilson, Nick Turney finish 16th at the World Championships in Chile*

## Fleet 36—Pymatuning Yacht Club

*Sailing on Pymatuning Lake*

Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
3431		John O'Masta
8635		Justin Proctor
13240		Janis Gamer
14242		M Andrew Sees
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14344		Clancy McKenna
14420		Dean N Caley
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor Maras
14573		John M Woodall
14579		G Scotland Werley
14657		Justin Proctor
14885		Douglas C Blackburn
14914	Cool	Donald P Courtsal
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
15000	Breaking Wind	John P Borland
15000		John Werley
15015		Timothy Werley
15022		Gary Condon
15075		Maegan Ruhlman
15112	Barometer Soup	David Werley
15221		Davis N Vieregg
15257		Rob Ruhlman



*Dave Vieregg, Justin Proctor, Cortney O'Connor competing in the Championship Fleet at the North Americans in Sheboygan, Wisconsin*

## Fleet 43—Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

*Sailing on Buckeye Lake*

Columbus, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15181		George Fisher

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## Fleet 71—Rocky River

*Sailing on Lake Erie*

Cleveland, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9653		Janis Stevens Mueller
9653		Jack Mueller

## Fleet 150—Mansfield Sailing Club

*Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir*

Lexington, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6944		Chandler Stevens
10444	Das Boot	Christopher Schneider
11912	Wiki-Wiki IV	Nate Ireland
13485	Close to the Edge	Chris Clarke
13935	White Heat	Karla Varley
13979		Thomas H Varley, Jr
14067		Bob Shutt
14212		Sean Dillon
14390	Shifty Characters	James L Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean Dillon
14952	Extreme	Thomas H Varley, Jr

Fleet Captain ..... Chris Schneider

We are a small but active club consisting of seven boats. There are three season-long series consisting of a Sunday AM, as many short races that can be run before noon, the Sunday PM, which is the Principal Series, consisting of one longer race, and the Wednesday Evening race, usually one but sometimes two races depending on the wind. In 2005 we ran a total of 54 races.

Many of our Skippers allow their crews to drive in the Sunday AM and Wednesday Evening races. This practice makes for some very interesting and exciting racing while also giving everyone experience in crewing, (and also makes for a more understanding captain!!).

2005 also saw the club hosting the Ohio District Championship for the first time. We had 21 boats registered and 19 showed up to race. George Fisher took top honors followed by Jim Taylor, John Werley, Dave Vieregg, and Dick Pugh.

In 2006 we see our biggest challenge as attracting more people to sailing and to increase our club numbers. Our facilities are rather sparse, hence the name of our regatta, the "Bare Bones Regatta," but we have lots of room for more boats.

## Fleet 212—Atwood Yacht Club

*Sailing on Atwood Lake*

Dellroy, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6886		Carl W Hummer, Jr
12845	The Gray Fox	Carl W Hummer, Jr

## Fleet 303—Cowan Lake Sailing Association

*Sailing on Cowan Lake*

Cincinnati, Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
96	Windsong	John Hayes
13504		James P Taylor
14110	Figment	Dick Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14287		Stephen A Weeber
14785	Duma	Bryan P Riddiford
14824	Nuckenphutz	Jamey Carey
14851	Kokopelli	Dennis Rhoades
14875		Bryan P Riddiford
14925		Michael H Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179	Kokopelli	Dennis Rhoades
15207	Talaria	Stephen A & Donna Weeber

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

2005 was a "sustaining" year for Cowan as our membership held steady and we saw the same number of boats on the water. We have twelve boats of which half are both active club and regatta races. Four boats (Mike Brock, Steve Weeber, Dick Pugh and Jim Taylor) were busy competing either in club races, the Ohio District series or other non-district regattas. Top honors for the most traveled boat go to Dr. Steve Weeber who not only won the club championship series, did all but one of the Ohio District regattas, and made it to Wawasee, Pontiac and Nashville. It was a very busy year for Steve and his steady crew Donna and Stan. Trying to keep up with Steve were Mike Brock and Jim Taylor who did most of the Ohio series in addition to Mike at the Canadian Open and Nashville, and Jim at Indy, Canadian Open and NAs. Ken Irwin and Dennis/Kathy Rhoades kept things busy on the home club waters when the others were off traveling.



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In late October we hosted the 32nd annual Fall-In regatta. As the second most attended Lightning regatta in the Ohio District (next to Pymatuning's Spring Classic), we make a conscious attempt to be at a competitive 20+ boat regatta. To that end, we strongly encourage participation from non-Ohio boats that are within a reasonable driving distance. At one point, we had 21 boats committed, but the cold wet weather scared a few away. As it turned out, Saturday was a beautiful day for racing. There was no one on the lake except the Lightnings, and one wind surfer, who were greeted with overcast skies and west winds at 15mph. The breeze was a bit puffy during the day, but otherwise perfect conditions to run windward/leewards up and down the lake.

This year we welcomed non-Ohio boats Ernie Dieball from North Cape, David Young from Harbor Island, Ken McGinity and Dale Krcek from Indy Sailing Club. It was a pleasure to welcome Ken who is also the Indiana District Commodore, as he spearheaded the coordination to bring two Indy boats. In turn, Mike Brock, Ohio District Commodore, committed to getting at least five Ohio boats to attend their Indy Open May 6-7. The regatta was won by Ernie Dieball. Ernie sailed his dad's newly refurbished 11000 series tanked Allen. Second place went to Nate Ireland from Mansfield who often crews with many of the Cowan skippers. Rounding out the top five were Jim Taylor, David Young and Steve Weeber.



Special thanks go to Mike and Ann Brock as regatta chair, who over the past few years have put on a well-organized and outstanding regatta venue. Their team had all the bases covered as everything was seamless and all you needed to do was show up.

From finding crew for out-of-towners, the well-run races and outstanding meals, to snapping over 500 pictures of racing action, Cowan has it all. Put us on your regatta calendar for 2006!

In January Mike and Ann hosted their annual Lightning party to celebrate 2005. The Brocks laid out their traditional homemade Italian feast to the delight of everyone. In between all the eating and drinking, there was a continuous slide show of the 500 plus pictures from Fall-In as well as the Worlds.



### Fleet 400—St Mary's

*Sailing on Grand Lake of St Mary's*

St Mary's Ohio

Ohio District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8441	Adam's Rib	Addis Katterheinrich

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### FLEETS

64	Maple Bay	90	Kitsilano Yacht Club
132	Lake Washington	229	Chinook
283	Columbia	368	Okanagan
507	The Prairie Fleet		

District Commodore .....John DeBenedetti

The Northwest District had a slower year, since Eugene's reservoir was not filled because of dam repairs. But, we managed the District championships in Vancouver BC, a fun event. The other District regattas were ran as set up. The District did send the team of Darrell Peck, with crew of Allison and Kara, to the NAs in Sheboygan, and wound up placing 12th. We were quite impressed and proud.

### Fleet 64—Maple Bay

*Sailing on Maple Bay*

Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada  
Pacific Northwest District

### Fleet 90—Kitsilano Yacht Club

*Sailing on English Bay*

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
Pacific Northwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8465	Ipsus	William H D Rimmer
11645		Douglas Ash
13289		Campbell Pearce
13685		George McLaughlin
14841		Matthew Henley

### Fleet 132—Lake Washington

*Sailing on Shilshola Bay*

Seattle, Washington  
Pacific Northwest District

### Fleet 229—Chinook

*Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir*

Eugene, Oregon  
Pacific Northwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6061	Caledonia	Wally Jones
9819	Astray	David McDoy
13942	Green Eggs and Ham	A Morrie & Barbara C Craig
14993	Paricia Ann	Hans Russell

### Fleet 283—Columbia

*Vancouver Lake, Washington and on the Columbia River*

Portland, Oregon  
Pacific Northwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8163	Jetty Bean Too	Robert A Farrand, Jr
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
10731	Wiatr Statek	Gary Kokstis
11151		Darrell Peck
12426	Tin Hau	Gary Kokstis
12990		Darrell Peck
13476	Bob	David Smith
13949	Frenzy	Randy Anderson
13961	Sly	Terry Busby
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14246		Darrell Peck
14288	Humuhumunukunukuapu'a	Philip F & Philip P Parshley
14453	Blue Bayou	Darrell Peck

Fleet 283 had another good year, highlighted by our member Darryl Peck and his crew Allison and Kara trip to the North Americans at Sheboygan. They finished 12th , probably the highest finish for anyone from our District. We are privileged to have Darryl in our club and fleet, as he is a top Finn sailor, going to the Finn Worlds in Russia. We could not travel to see our friends in Eugene this year as their lake was drained for dam repairs. Our fleet champ was Jerry Neuburger, and John DeBenedetti was runner up.

### Fleet 368—Okanagan

*Sailing on Okanagan Lake*

Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada  
Pacific Northwest District

### Fleet 507—The Prairie Fleet

*Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell in Alberta Canada and on Canyon Lake and Canyon Ferry Lake and Flathead Lake in Montana*  
Pacific Northwest District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13860	Jaws	L Craig Narraway
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten Dalberg

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### FLEETS

265 Yacht Club LaPunta 424 Club Universtorio de Ragata, La Pinta

District Commodore ..... Augusto Navarro

### Fleet 265—Yacht Club LaPunta

*Sailing on the Bay of Callao*

Callao, Peru

Peru District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13367		Bruno Levaggi

### Fleet 424—Club Universtorio de Ragata, La Pinta

*Sailing on Bay of Callao*

Lima, Peru

Peru District

## SAINT LAWRENCE VALLEY

### FLEETS

215 Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club 499 Point Claire Yacht Club

District Commodore .....Peter Hall

### Fleet 215—Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake St Louis*

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

St Lawrence Valley District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
1075		William Hall
2684		Michael Holly
13855		Louis Brousseau
14114		Alain Ranger
14354		Jacques Trottier
14768	Krista Too	William Hall
15082		Michael Holly

### Fleet 499—Point Claire Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lac St Louis*

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

St Lawrence Valley District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14443	Flip	Rod Hayes



## SOUTHEASTERN

### FLEETS

127 Savannah Yacht Club	257 Clarks Hill
348 Lake Lanier	365 Catawba Yacht Club
415 Lake Norman	429 Greater Charleston
440 Palmetto	463 Lake Waccamaw
481 Wake	500 Tennessee Valley
511 Cape Fear	

District Commodore ..... Terry E Tyner  
 District Sec/Treas/Web Master ..... Ron Wright  
 ILCA Class President ..... Carter Utzig  
 District Champion ..... Bob Harkrider  
 District Runner-Up ..... Pete Marriott  
 Traveling Series Champion ..... Bob Harkrider  
 Traveling Series Runner-Up ..... Pete Marriott  
 Traveling Series 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ..... Terry Tyner

Bob Harkrider ran the table this year in the Southeastern District, winning the Traveling Series and the District Championship.

Terry Tyner opened the 2005 season with a win at the Cottonwood Regatta at Catawba Yacht Club, Charlotte, North Carolina in April in very heavy air.

In May, we turned to our District championships at Lake Norman, Charlotte, North Carolina. Brian Hayes joined us for a great on-the-water clinic Friday afternoon. He gave us fantastic coaching. Bob Harkrider edged out Pete Marriott by one point to win the championship. Terry Tyner placed third over last year's champion, Ryan Ruhlman.

Racing returned to Lake Murray, South Carolina this year. Terry Tyner hosted the Bottom's Up Regatta at the Lake Murray Sailing Club. Pete Marriott became the third skipper in three regattas to post a win. In late June, Bob Harkrider won the Low-Country Regatta at Beaufort, South Carolina. Those four regattas were tune-ups for the biggest event to hit our District in some time. Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina was the site for the 2005 Atlantic Coast Championships. 35 boats showed up to race, 21 from the Southeastern District. SELD's Lenny Krawcheck dominated the 2005 ACCs with a 2-1-2-2-3 series that earned him a 23 point victory over the nearest competitor.

When September arrived, we went back to the lakes. Pete Marriott won the Augusta Regatta and the Atlanta Cup. Bob Harkrider won at Waccamaw.

That left the Borderline regatta. The Wake Fleet hosts a great regatta and the Borderline annually attracts national caliber sailors. For the second year in a row, the regatta went to a SELD racer as Bob Harkrider won.

When the season tabulations were in, Bob Harkrider won the traveling series by a scant 6 tenths over Pete Marriott.

2005 was a solid season in the Southeastern District. Participation was up and we welcomed several new faces to our circuit. We will added a new regatta in Lake Murray, South Carolina. SELD sailors won our two regional regattas—the Borderline and the ACCs.

Ryan Ruhlman and Bob Harkrider earned blue fleet honors at the North Americans. Pierce Barden placed second in the President's Division. Pierce also finished a very nice 23rd at the 2005 Worlds. If you need a home for great Lightning sailing, check us out at [www.sailsoutheast.org](http://www.sailsoutheast.org).

### Fleet 127—Savannah Yacht Club

*Sailing on Wilmington River*  
 Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia  
 Southeastern District

### Fleet 257—Clarks Hill

*Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake*  
 Augusta, Georgia  
 Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10810		Sharon Harkrider

### Fleet 348—Lake Lanier

*Sailing on Lake Lanier*  
 Flowery Branch, Georgia  
 Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15180		Pamela M Barron

### Fleet 365—Catawba Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Wylie*  
 Charlotte, North Carolina  
 Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11553		Leonard Little
13941		John Holmes
14355	Woodstock	Ronald K Wright
15033		John Holmes

Fleet Captain/Secretary ..... Ron Wright



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## Fleet 365—Catawba Yacht Club

As it was in 2004, the 2005 fleet report continues to be the story of one dedicated team of fleet 365 Lightning racers, Ron Wright, John Holmes and Tom Martin, otherwise known as "Team Catawba."

The 2005 Lightning season began with a new boat. Ron sold 14620 and bought Allen 14355. We opened the season with a return to trip to the Southern Open in Savannah. We enjoyed a great weekend on Tybee Island. Racing was cancelled on Saturday due to high winds, but Sunday was a beautiful day. We finished with a 26th place—the best finish for us ever at Savannah.

The District traveling series began at Catawba Yacht Club in April with the kick-off regatta for the Southeastern Lightning District—the Cottonwood Regatta. The high winds made for some tough boat handling. Two of the seven competitors went swimming. The wind direction also prompted short legs causing Terry Tyner to dub the event "barrel racing." Team Catawba handled the wind well, stayed afloat, always flew our chute and finished in 4th place. Robin Rogers headlined a great party and serenaded us in to the night.

Following an 11th place finish at Districts, we headed for a new SELD regatta at Lake Murray, SC. Team Catawba made some noise in race one by winning from the start and leading at all marks. We finished the regatta in fourth.

Next up was Beaufort and it is a weekend better forgotten. Ron never figured out the current, a capsize and injury to John hi-lited race one, and in race three Ron hit everything but the committee boat! With John's injury, we withdrew after Saturday. Sometimes it is better to cut your losses and run.

July brought the Atlantic Coast Championships to Wrightsville Beach. Team Catawba sailed a great set of races in day one finishing the day in an awesome 8th place in a fleet of 32 boats—thanks in large part to a rash of OCS calls. What a change Sunday brought. Race one was shortened. Then a rainstorm moved in and we all dropped sails, covered up and waited. Finally it cleared and the regatta was finished. TC sailed fairly well finishing in the mid twenties. But back on land, a number of OCS calls were reversed through protest and the final placement for Team Catawba was 19th—our best finish at a national regatta.

Our final regatta of 2005 was the Augusta Invitational. We sailed our best race ever in the third race of day one. Ron wrote this excerpt from the regatta report: "After starting last via a 720 for fouling Pete on the starting line, Ron, John, and Tom started playing catch up. By the second wind-

ward leg, they had climbed to the top five. Team Pelosi was leading and then suddenly, John, Pat, and Harold were swimming. The Catawba boys played the shifts a little cleaner and when the fleet rounded the second windward mark, they were in first, and fought off Pete and Lenny for the leeward finish victory." We took fourth place for the third time at a 2005 SELD regatta.

2005 may have been a swan song season for fleet 365. For the second year in a row, there was no active club racing for our Lightning fleet. For the foreseeable future, we've gone MC Scow racing.

*Ron Wright*

## Fleet 415—Lake Norman

*Sailing on Lake Norman*  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13957	In Sensitivity Training	Peter Marriott
14432	Blitzen	Richard Simpson
14773		Carter Utzig
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Carter Utzig

## Fleet 429—Greater Charleston

*Sailing on Charleston Harbor*  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11771	Wasabi	William R Sloger
14957		Ryan Ruhlman
15085		Leonard Krawcheck

## Fleet 440—Palmetto

*Sailing on Lake Murray*  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13123	Mod Mid	Kenneth E Peters
14266		Robert Modzel
14825		Terry E Tyner

## Fleet 463—Lake Waccamaw

*Sailing on Lake Waccamaw*

Waccamaw, North Carolina

Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14980	Celebrate II	Paul R Jueschke

## Fleet 481—Wake

*Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan*

Raleigh, North Carolina

Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9398	Old School	Phil Taylor
12603		Harry Cline, III
12773		Worth A Lutz, III
13620	Banana Boat	Harry Cline, III
14637	Great Escape	Charles L Moore
14641	In Pursuit	Alan Hawkes
14747		Alan Krauss
14852	Magnum Force	Robert Graves
14932	Swan with 3 Necks	John W Pelosi
15009	Turtle Time	Richard Phillips
15141	Ciao Bebe	Avis Bridgers
15146	Eleven!	David Puckett

## Fleet 500—Tennessee Valley

*Sailing on Loudon Lake*

Knoxville, Tennessee

Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13838	Lightning	Jack M Barlow

## Fleet 511—Cape Fear

*Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean*

Wilmington, North Carolina

Southeastern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9398	Old School	Jay Taylor
12126		David A Pyle
14062		Andrew Barton
14318	Soul Sister	John Sawyer
14356	Lightn'Up	William F King
14550	K3	Theresa Kramer
14622	Sasam	Thomas Hissam
14682		Bob Cowen
14695		Richard B Waldkirch
14701	Driving Blind	James A Harris
15156	White Lightning	David A Pyle
15236		Steve Johnston
15241		Pierce P Barden
15267	White Star	Andrew Barton

## SOUTHERN

### FLEETS

62	Southern Yacht Club	135	Mobile Bay
175	Shreveport Yacht Club	179	Pass Christian Yacht Club
209	New Orleans Yacht Club	388	Jackson Yacht Club

District Commodore ..... Buddy Clarke

## Fleet 62—Southern Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain*

New Orleans, Louisiana

Southern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11171		John Marlon
12335	Green Wave	Ted Prechter & Walter Becker
14136		Callender Herman
15126		Larry Frost
15211		Larry Frost, III

## Fleet 135—Mobile Bay

*Sailing on Mobile Bay*

Mobile, Alabama

Southern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13060		Dr E Russell March, Jr & Barney March, III
13781	Pretty Poison	Christopher Frost & Vivian Gaudet
13784		Richard "Dick" Scott
15201	Enigma	Robert E Bernhardt, Jr

## Fleet 175—Shreveport Yacht Club

*Sailing on Cross Lake*

Shreveport, Louisiana

Southern District

## Fleet 179—Pass Christian Yacht Club

*Sailing on Gulf Coast, Mississippi Sound*

Pass Christian, Mississippi

Southern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9696	Smooth	Buddy & Bo Clarke
10812		Henry F Laird, Jr
11311	Ogo Pogo	Whitner Church
13627	Summer Lightning	Bob Peat
13931	Pandemonium	Eric Aschaffenburg
14129		Guy Briere
14355		Eugene Walet

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## Fleet 179—Pass Christian Yacht Club

Fleet Captain.....Buddy Clarke



A few short years ago Eugene Walet, my brother and I decided to get some Lightnings for our Thursday night club races at PCYC. Larry Frost sold Gene #10812 (Captain Crunch). Bo and I bought old 9696 (SB). Soon old friends and new friends were looking for Lightnings. The next thing we knew Gene had Fleet 179 rechartered. In July 2005, Fleet 179 hosted boats and sailors from New Orleans, Mobile, Jackson, Memphis and Dallas for three weekends of sailing, starting with a Greg Fisher clinic and ending with the GYA Championship.

Katrina hit the coast in late August. The good news is that no one in the fleet was hurt. Most of us lost our homes. Gene lost his home and his boat. Homeless is one thing, but boatless is something else.

I would like to thank all of you in the Lightning world for your concern. It did help. The storm is old news and Fleet 179 and the whole southern district look forward to rebuilding, growing and getting back out on the water.

*Smooth Sailing. . .Buddy Clarke*

## Fleet 209—New Orleans Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain*

New Orleans, Louisiana

Southern District

## Fleet 388—Jackson Yacht Club

*Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir*

Jackson, Mississippi

Southern District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12746	Enigma	David C McNair, Ian LaCour & Ralph Allen
14736		John B Waskom, IV
14737		Tom Niles
		Mrs. Joe McDevitt

## SWITZERLAND

### FLEETS

169 Lac de Neuchatel 250 Sempacher/Hallwiler/Vierwaldstatter/  
358 Flotte Murtensee Greifensee

District Commodore ..... Jacques Perret

## Fleet 169—Lac de Neuchatel

*Sailing on Lac de Neuchatel*

Neuchatel, Switzerland

Switzerland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12860	Chiloe	Jean-Michel Luthi
13840		Gilbert Despland

## Fleet 250—Sempacher/Hallwiler/ Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee

*Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwiler, Luzern & Greifen*

Zurich, Switzerland

Switzerland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
3790	Fram	Lukas Gerig
12953	Irene 2	Silvio Merz
13161		Silvio Merz
13705	Cezanne	Francois With

## Fleet 358—Flotte Murtensee

*Sailing on Lake of Murten*

Murtensee, Switzerland

Switzerland District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14530	Gaston	Jacques Perret
14664	Karhu	Peter Graf

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

Auch dieses Jahr konnte keine Lightningregatta auf dem Murtensee stattfinden. Die Mitglieder unserer Flotte mussten sich auswärts auf die Höhepunkte der Saison 2005 vorbereiten. Die Frühlingsregatta in Sempach und vor allem die traditionelle "Semaine du Joran" standen auf



*Meltemi SUI 13790 (10) beim Kampf an der Luvtonne*

dem Programm. Mit guten Resultaten konnten denn auch unsere beiden aktivsten Boote von der Europameisterschaft in Porto San Giorgio zurückkehren. Meltemi mit Urs Wyler, Walter und Gilbert Dürr wurden einmal mehr zweite, Jacques Perret, André und N de Montmollin wurden gute achte.

Die Meltemi-Crew wagte im November den weiten Weg an die Weltmeisterschaft nach Chile. Der angestrebte 20. Rang wurde trotz gutem Charterboot wegen den extremen Bedingungen nicht ganz erreicht. Starke Winde und unglaubliche Wellen zwangen sogar Meltemi zum Ritt unter Vorwind ohne Spi. Immerhin beendete die Crew die Meisterschaft ohne Kenterung, was nicht alle Mannschaften behaupten konnten.

## TEXAS

### FLEETS

35 Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club 435 Rush Creek Yacht Club

District Commodore ..... Scott Anderson

### Fleet 35—Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club

*Sailing on White Rock Lake*

Dallas, Texas

Texas District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10020		James Crittendon
10285	Spray III	Carl E Takle
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
13311		Beth Richard
13806		Clarke Newman
13953		Scott Anderson
14344		Clancy McKenna
14817		Scott Anderson

### Fleet 435—Rush Creek Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard*

Dallas, Texas

Texas District

## US @ LARGE

### Fleet 488—Rocky Mountain

*Sailing on Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming*

Denver, Colorado

US @ Large District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
435		Donna Downey
2954		Mark Rauch
6392	Zephyr	Jesse Witt
9250		Colorado Sailing
9287	Wild Goose	Brent Kendrick
9588		John Morse
10383	Wind Tree	Scott Evans
10682	ToysRUs	David Pearce
11138	Beater	David Spira
11446	Frolic	David Pearce
11457		Norm Jarvis
11815	Revolution	Nancy Nowak
12240		Mike Weidl
12428		Brad & Beth Hamilton
12871	Dandy Lion	Tom McNish
13478		Fred Denny
13857		Marty Mulhern
13858	Gunboat	Mike Taber
14041		Mike Mercatoris
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15004		Scott & Pat Hathcock
15103		Steve Davis
15220	Odyssey	David Spira
15265		Steve Davis

Fleet Captain ..... Bob Stoller

Our sailing season started in early April and continued into October, 2005.

Fleet 488 Lightnings raced in the three series organized by the Denver Sailing Association. The first, *The Thaw-Out Series* consisted of four Sundays of afternoon racing in April. *The Spring and Summer Series* were sailed Thursday evenings, starting in May, and continuing through the end of August and into September. The races start at 6:30 in the early evening and we can usually get two races before dark. The evening series gives the sailors the opportunity to get out and sail after work. Association members take turns doing race committee and grilling burgers and brats on the dock for the hungry sailors after the races. The overall winner of the three series was Bill Darling on Beater, 11138. He was awarded the 2005 Lightning Fleet 488 Championship at the Denver Sailing Association awards dinner in November.

Fleet participation at Cherry Creek grew from 2-3 boats in April to 5-7 boats in the late summer. Wind was typical for the Colorado Front Range-drifters in some races, howling 20-30+ in others,



## DISTRICT & FLEET REPORTS



*Bob Stoller, Bill Cabrall, Mary Anne Byrne at the North American Championships in Sheboygan, Wisconsin*

and an occasional attack by micro bursts. The fleet is very proud three junior sailors who have been racing the Lippincott boat that the fleet obtained for Community Sailing of Colorado's racing program. Skipper Gwen Lemon with crew Ian McKenzie and Reeve Dunne traveled to the Junior Lightning NAs in Milwaukee. Their best finish was a 7th and they want to go again next year to San Diego.



*Steve Davis & Mike Ledger finish 21st at the World Championships in Chile*

Steve Davis, David Spira and their crews sailed in the 2005 Southern Circuit; Steve, and Bob Stoller took boats to the NAs. Steve Davis shipped a boat to Chile to race in the Lightning Worlds, and David Spira went to crew for Ryan Flack. Closer to home, Bob Stoller and Mike Taber trailered their boats across the continental divide to race the Aspen Open Regatta, sailed on a gorgeous mountain lake at an elevation of 9,000 feet. Mike Taber, David Pearce and Marty Mulhern collaborated to win 2nd place in the Ooak Fleet at the season-end Frostbite Regatta.

Fleet 488 shows signs of additional growth at the start of 2006—more boats, more skippers and crew on the roster. The prospect of active fleets of Lightnings at both Cherry Creek and Union Reservoir indicate an increase in Lightning sailing on the Front Range. Our twenty boats include three wooden, one a 1948 in restoration. Continued growth of our fleet plus the prospect of matching more skippers and crew hopefully will result in more boats on the water. The Fleet 488 Midwinter Party was well attended, a great cauldron of noise from which emerged plans for an Opening Day Tuning Party April 2 at Cherry Creek.



*Gwen Lemon, Reeve Dunne & Ian McKenzie at the Junior NAs*

In closing, we are thrilled the ILCA is relocating to Denver. We know Jan Davis as an indefatigable Lightning sailor and top-flight Social Director for our fleet. The Fleet opinion is that the ILCA has done well by snagging Jan as ILCA Secretary/Administrator.

You all know Colorado as a great place to ski and board, fish, hike, climb and camp out. It's time you also discovered some of the most beautiful and tasty lake sailing on the planet! Bring your Lightning or sail on one of ours!



*Bill Clausen presents Jan Davis, William Hofmeister & Charlie Clifton the Fallon Trophy at the North Americans for being the last boat to qualify for the Championship Fleet*