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District Commodore: Mario Buckup  
 District Treasurer: Hans Ludwig  
 District Measurer: Nelson Schmitt

South Atlantic Ocean

Boat#/Name	Owner
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11708	Ciranda Roberto Marinelli
11710	Irema Peter Zacher
12440	Rider Haroldo Freischfesser
12657	Perereca James Alexander Semle
13008	Viking II Thomas Buckup
13405	Waikiki A Carlos Richard E Prado
14101	Just 'n Time Marco Antonio Gantois Gomes
14167	Star Rider Mauricio Prado
14329	Kurimaw James Sumner
14330	Kirimaw James Sumner
14353	Scambau A Carlos Richard E Prado
14378	Meia Noite 8 Mario Buckup
14562	Uizo Thomas Sumner
14602	Flash Rider Claudio Bierkarck
14633	Fala Serio Caio Soares Prado
14845	Clone rider Torsten Ralf Bojlesen
14891	Dito & Feito Wagner Neils Bojlesen
14892	White Magic Lightning Hans Juergen Ludwig
14893	Layline George Lewis Rider John Julio Jansen
14894	Windrunner Thomas Sumner
15152	Xamego VI Nelson Small Schmitt
15229	Acquaholyc John Stuart Bennett
15264	Hooligan James S Birkinshaw

### The Brazilian District had in 2006 a Year to Remember

With the confirmation of the Lightning Class in 2007, interest in the Pan American Games by the skippers was held high.

The 2006 São Paulo State Championship was won by Claudio Biekarck, with George Rider a close second.

The 2006 Brazilian Championship was won by Claudio Biekarck, with George Rider in a very close second. Just to give an idea of what this win means, here are the years Claudio has won this Championship: 1980/81/83/85/86/87/88/89/91/92/95/98/2001/03/05 and now 2006.



The Rio de Janeiro International Pre-PanAm week was won by George Rider, with Claudio Biekarck in second.

This was a great week of sailing, with three Chilean teams and two Argentinean teams participating and getting to know the sailing conditions where the 2007 Pan American Games will be held.

Another reason 2006 was a year to remember—it was Tommy Sumner's third Junior World Championship. He won in the USA, Europe and at home and makes all of us in Brazil very proud. As usual, a lot of the merit must be given to the forever sponsor and father, Jimmy Sumner, and to his late grandfather, Thomas Sumner, a Lightning sailor since Lightnings have existed in Brazil.

Tommy also made us proud of his excellent third place (tied for second) finish in the South American Championship at Salinas.

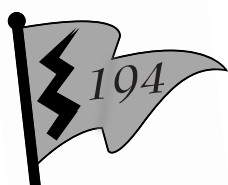
We all look forward to 2007 with anticipation. The Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro will be a great event for our Class. Hope to see you all there.



*Congratulations to 3rd Time Youth World Champion Tommy Sumner! Felipe Brito and Felipe Gil as crew*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Place at the South American Championships in Salinas  
Felipe Brito, Thomas Sumner, Gustavo Satio Harada & presenter ILCA President Steve Davis*



### **Mission Bay Yacht Club**

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

Fleet Captain.....	Dan Gravatt
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer .....	Edna Johnson
Fleet Champion .....	Kirk Johnson
District Champion.....	Scott Finkboner



Boat#/Name	Owner
6613 La Salle	Christopher Barclay
8778	Dan Gravatt
8966	Richard F Brewer
9693 Tringa	Rick Walters
11603 Direct Access	Joel Vann
13411	John Carr
13742	Richard Hockaday
13819	Donna Collins
13842	Peter Colantuono
13856 Balls Deep	Ed Petit de Mange
13860	Dan Gravatt
14095 Puddleglum	Kirk Johnson
14202	Michael Poltorak
14263	Peter Colantuono & Peter Bellin
14308	Dale Bull
14473	Scott Finkboner
14486	John & Jolene Northrop
14846 White Lightning	Michael Brewer
14904 Hana Hou	Scott Finkboner
14924	Jeff Coppens
15238	Brian Anderson
15302 Blitz	Dale Bull
15306	Pete Bellin

The Mission Bay Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 194 had a great year with more Lightnings sailing out of Mission Bay than I have ever seen before, thanks to hosting the North America Championships. Thanks to all the people who participated and helped during 2006.

We started the year with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta in February and had six boats racing in the two-day regatta. Jeff Coppens, Kirk Johnson, and Dan Gravatt finished 1, 2, 3.

April 1 was the start of the California Circuit in Coronado. Jeff Coppens was not fooled and finished every race in first place. Behind Jeff, the racing was close, and with one bad race it was going to cost you one or two spots. Scott Finkboner and Pete Bellin finished the Coronado stage of the Circuit in second and third.

The California Circuit's Marathon race has always generated lots of great stories, and this year's version went like this: no wind. The race was shortened, and three boats made it to the turning mark finish line. The rest of the fleet did not finish. Jim Sears, Kenny Manzoni, and Pete Bellin were our first, second, and third place finishers.

The wind that was missing for the Marathon was back with a vengeance, prompting the California Circuit's ocean races to be held in Mission Bay. Twenty-knot winds did not make any difference with the outcome, as Jeff Coppens could not be beaten. The second place finisher in the Circuit, Scott Finkboner, was 25 points behind Jeff! Kirk Johnson finished in third.

May was the start of the Thursday Night Thing, our version of the beer can races. During the year we had as few as two boats and as many as nine boats, with wind conditions very light most nights. This is fun racing, and in light shifty conditions everyone has a chance to win. Bill Cabrall, from Colorado, who was working in LA, drove down and joined in as crew and even came down and did race committee. We always welcome sailors to go out racing.

The California District Championship was held in June, and we had twelve boats, eleven from Mission Bay and a chartered boat being raced by Ken Manzoni, Julie Ardagna, and Bryan Buffaloe from Southwestern Yacht Club. The racing was tight and the weather was good, with Scott Finkboner winning it all. Jeff Coppens was second, and Pete Bellin was third.

The North American Championship was the focus for our Fleet all year, and thanks to a lot of hard work by everyone in our Fleet and the MBYC members, the regatta **was a success**. I would like to thank everyone who made the long trip to California, and we hope to see you all again next year...in Annapolis!

In November, the racing focused on the Turkey Regatta, the only event during the month. The weather could not have been better; winds ranged from 10-14 knots under sunny skies. Nine boats were on the starting line, and with the other fleets on the water, the racing was very exciting. The top finishers all got their turkeys (Cornish game hens), and it was a very fun event. Scott Finkboner finished first, Jeff Coppens finished second, and Dan Gravatt was third.

The fleet award winners are:

**FRED KNAUER CLUB RACE TROPHY:** Kirk Johnson

This trophy goes to the winner of the accumulated club race series.

**FRED KNAUER REGATTA TROPHY:** Jeff Coppens

This trophy goes to the skipper who places highest in invitational regattas, not counting club race series.

**MOST DEDICATED LIGHTNING SKIPPER:** Dan Gravatt

This trophy goes to the skipper who sails the most TNT's, either as skipper or crew.

**FLEET CHAMPION:** Kirk Johnson

This trophy is presented to the skipper who wins the Fleet championship (the races which were determined by the Fleet). The Fleet champion represents the Fleet in the Club Championship.



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



## San Francisco Bay Area

*Sailing on San Francisco Bay*

Richmond, California

Fleet Captain.....Elissa Hall

Boat#/Name	Owner
6177	Chuck Edwards
9834	Nathan Newbury
10841	Terry Dewane Mark Dolan
11460	Tom Calhoun
12163	Jim Miller & Rich Miller
12337	Nathan Peruman
12429	Thomas & Alycia Sanders
12619	Art Dutcher
12830	Jon Reed
13475	Ashley Tobin & Jim Watters
13626	Dave & Megan Anderson
13683	Elissa Hall
13869	Peter Beecher
13938	Carl Talp
14304	Mike Molina
14308	George Oldham

After a two-year dormancy, San Francisco Bay Fleet 372 reignited activity with a day sail and barbeque in early November. Former members Peter Beecher, Elissa Hall and Mike Molina hosted interested attendees with rides up and down the estuary. Over thirty turned out on this beautiful fall day, with temperatures in the high 60s, winds 8–10 knots out of the northwest.

In early December, Richmond Yacht Club hosted its first Midwinter, which brought out four boats in the Fleet. Peter Beecher, Wayne Clough and Terri Oleson grabbed three out of the four to take first overall, with Mike Molina, Ron MacBurney and crew following for second. Ashley Tobin, along with Jim, Lindsey and Toby Watters, took third, with Elissa Hall dropping out due to a injury to crewmember Deirdre McQuillin.

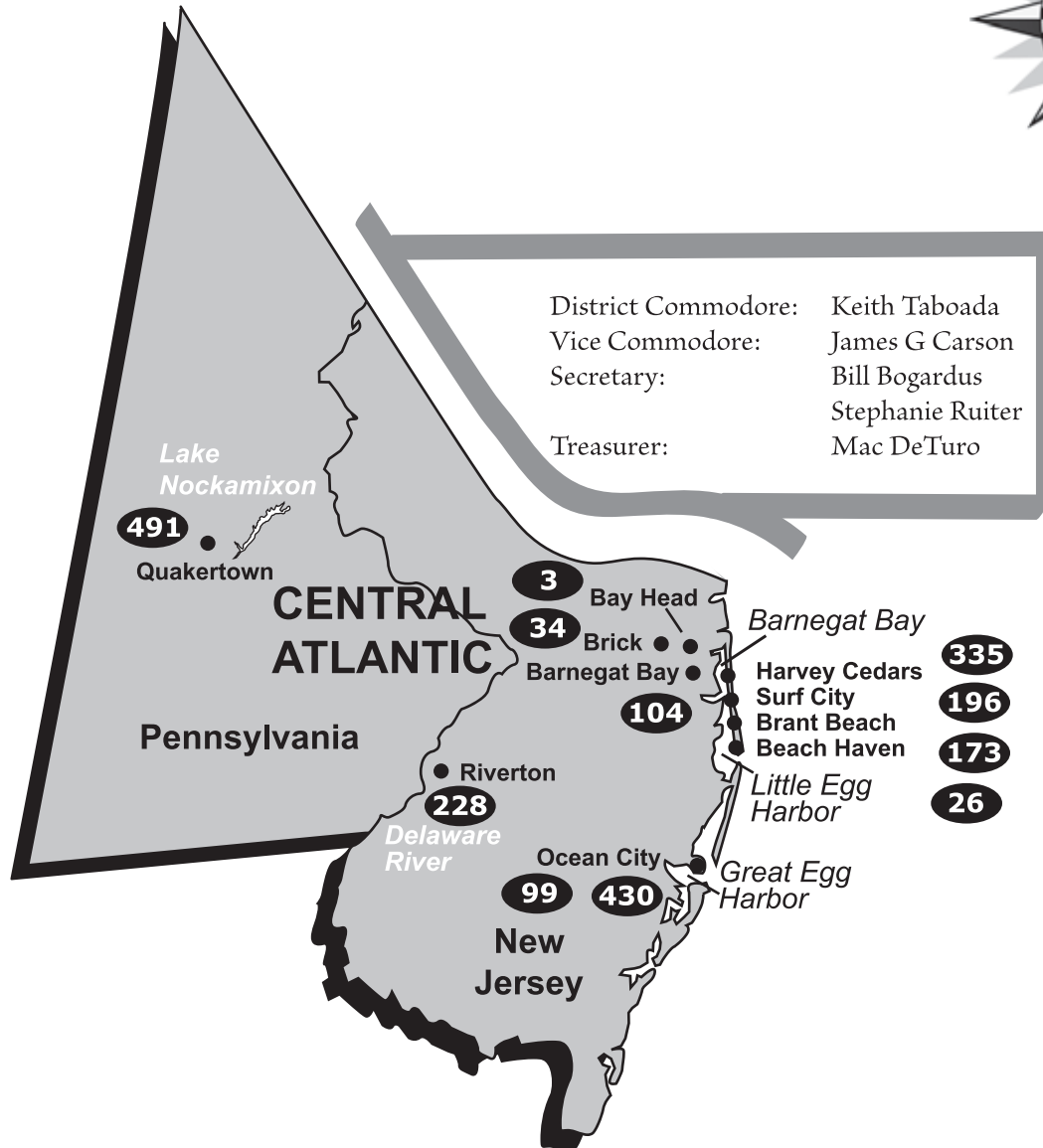
Fleet 372 goals for 2006/2007 include building a junior program—including a small fleet of boats for club level racing, class seminars, publishing a local newsletter and regatta events. Website [www.sfbay-lightningclass.org](http://www.sfbay-lightningclass.org) was completed in late December—networking current members in addition to attracting prospective crew and skippers.

### Richmond Yacht Club 2006/2007 Midwinter Regatta #1—Lightning Fleet December 3, 2006

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Race
1	13869	Wayne Clough	Peter Beecher, Terri Olson	1,1,2,1
2	14305	Mike Molina	Ron MacBurney	2,2,1,2
3	13475	Jim Watters	Ashley Tobin, Lindsay & Toby Watters	3,3,3,3
4	13783	Elissa Hall	Deidre McQuillin	4,DNC,DNC,DNC

Conditions: 8–10 knots at 275 degrees, clear skies





Surf City Yacht Club

# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

It was a very active season in the CAD. We increased our turnout at the Districts, hosted possibly the largest regatta of the year, added new members and continued a tradition of introducing a large number of juniors to the boat.

To begin the season, the CAD continued its annual ritual of going South for spring break as Mark Schneider, Bill Mergenthaler and the co-skipper team of Eric Reitingner and Jim Carson sailed the complete circuit. The Lutz family made an excellent showing in both Miami and St. Pete, with Taylor finishing seventh in Miami and Jody winning the Midwinters. Congratulations Jody and team. Peter Denton, George Francis and George Glenn also made the trek down to St. Pete.

To start the summer, sixteen boats sailed the New Jersey State Championship in Brant Beach. Jody Lutz continued his great sailing, winning by eleven points over Monmouth's Ted Duffy and Lavallette's Matt Reiser.

Next was the District Championship at Surf City. Twenty-one boats sailed five races in medium to light air conditions. After a contentious last race, Mark Schneider, with crew daughter Ashley and Eric Reitingner, emerged victorious. Keith Taboada finished second on the tiebreaker, and Matt Reiser sailed an excellent Sunday to move up to third. Thanks to Rich Warren and his crew for hosting a great regatta. Thanks should also be in order to Andy Temme and Paul Tarantino for organizing a very fun Saturday night party. It is on to Riverton next year.

Two weeks after the Districts, LBI was the place to be once more as Little Egg Harbor hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship. With the North Americans in San Diego, this was THE REGATTA of the summer for many of the East Coast boats. Seventy boats attended. It was hot, light and shifty, but even in trying conditions, competitor after competitor remarked how well the regatta was run. Debbie Probst from Buffalo won, Jim Crane from Noroton second, former CAD member Al Terhune third, Jody Lutz fourth and Jeff Linton from Florida fifth.

Even though the North Americans were on the West Coast, that did not stop six boats from the District from making the 50+ hour trip. Jim Carson took ninth in the Masters' and then followed that up with a spot in the blue fleet. John Faus and Mark Schneider also wore the blue streamers in San Diego. George Francis, Paul Gelenitis and George Glenn also made the trip; I heard there were many parties, stories, a pool...

At the end of the summer, Surf City was the host of the New Jersey Junior State Championship. Five boats, a good turnout, raced in close competition. In the end, Matty Schon took the title. I would like to commend all of the juniors that sailed and would like to thank the owners that loaned their boats.

The final non-local regatta of note for the 2006 season was the Pan Am trials in Annapolis. Unfortunately for Jody Lutz, John Faus and Mark Schneider, the shifty conditions did not result in a victory. However, just qualifying is quite an achievement; congratulations to your teams.

Finally, a few members of the District need to be recognized for their special efforts in 2006. First, Mark Schneider gets the road warrior award. If there was a regatta, he was probably there, sailing an incredible number of days and weekends. The practice showed, no one worked harder, and he has a District Championship to show for it.

Franz Schneider and his crew at Little Egg need to be recognized for their extraordinary effort in organizing a great Atlantic Coasts. Showing no good deed goes unpunished, there are rumors Little Egg may become the North Americans venue in the future. Good going.

Also, Sarah Mergenthaler should be recognized for continuing to squeeze in some Lightning sailing while continuing to sail around the globe as part of the #1 rated U.S. Women's 470 team. It really is great to be competing with one of the rising stars in the sport.



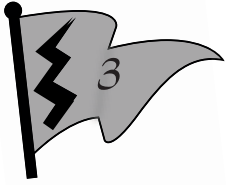
Mark Schneider



## Surf City Yacht Club 2006 Central Atlantic District Championships July 15-16, 2006

Pl	Sail	Crew	From	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	15154	Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider & Eric Reitingner	RYC	4	1	2	4	13	24
2	14597	Keith Taboada, Russell Schon & Alex Curtis	MRYC	2	5	4	1	12	24
3	15197	Matt Reiser, Colleen Kennedy & Stu Josberger	LYC	3	12	9	3	2	29
4	15218	Steve Warren, Alex Loboza & Dan Gilman	SCYC	13	4	1	7	6	31
5	14719	Bill Bogardus, Jarrett Lynn & Francine Hoffman	MRYC	5	3	6	11	7	32
6	15235	John Faus, Mac Deturo & Will Brown	BLYC	14	6	5	6	4	35
7	15122	Jim Carson, Ryan Stagaard & Michael Crann	MRYC	6	9	10	13	1	39
8	14890	John Townsend, Dan Egan & Alex Hance	RYC	11	19	3	2	5	40
9	14960	Mitch Hnatt, Rick Pokorny & Tara Schon	MRYC	15	2	7	14	3	41
10	14300	Mike Warren, Rich Warren & Randy Swartley	SCYC	9	10	8	10	9	46
11	15204	Graham Mergenthaler, Dan Mergenthaler & Jim Roe	SCYC	1	7	24OCS	8	8	48
12	15175	Andy Temme, Paul Tarantino & Lydia Boylan	SCYC	12	8	15	5	11	51
13	14325	Glenn Reitingner, Carl Reitingner & Beth Reitingner	SCYC	7	14	11	12	14	58
14	14942	Dick Moyer, Helen Moyer & John Depenbrock	RYC	16	11	12	9	10	58
15	14635	Darryl Waskow, Harry Waskow & Catherine Hilliard	SCYC	10	16	13	15	17	71
16	14660	Ed Serrill, Barbara Serrill & Jeff Carson	BBYC	8	17	18	17	16	76
17	14415	George Glenn, Chappy Hopkins & James Glenn	OCYC	18	20	16	16	15	85
18	14489	Bill Clarke, Mark Epstein & Sara Federman	BLYC	20	13	17	24DNC	24DNS	98
19	14595	Bob Rizzatello, Rich Pyle & Carleigh Beriont	SCYC	17	21	19	18	24OCS	99
20	USA14450	George Francis, Dick Thomas & Mike D'Amico	MRYC	21	18	14	24DNC	24DNS	101
21	14350	Jim DeCesare, Amy DeCesare & Jen Ryerson	BLYC	19	15	24DNC	24DNC	24DNS	106
22	9852	Paul Gelenitis, Ryan Gelenitis & Kristen Gelenitis	MRYC	24DNC	24DNC	24DNC	24DNC	24DNS	120T
23	15116	Bill Mergenthaler, Sarah Mergenthaler & Becky Mergenthaler	SCYC	24DNC	24DNC	24DNC	24DNC	24DNS	120T

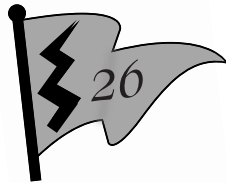
# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



## Bay Head Yacht Club

*Sailing on Barnagat Bay*  
Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Bob O'Brien  
Fleet Secretary..... David Olney



## Little Egg Harbor

*Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay*  
Beach Haven, New Jersey

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

Boat#/Name	Owner
10768 Procrastination	Dr Jody Robinson
11124 Spirit	LEHYC
11666 Cirrus	Rafe Piling
14634 Phantom	Caroline Hoedemaker
15079 Aries	Franz K Schneider, Jr

There was a lot of Lightning regatta sailing on Long Beach Island this past summer.

Brant Beach Yacht Club kicked it off on June 10th with their Annual Spring Regatta, and they followed this up with the New Jersey State Championship on the next weekend.

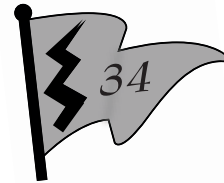
Surf City hosted the Central Atlantic District Championship on the weekend of July 15 and 16.

Over the weekend of July 29 and 30, our club hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship. This event was sanctioned by the US Olympic Committee as a pre-qualifier to compete in the US Pan American qualifiers to be held at Annapolis in October. Seventy Lightnings showed up, and competition was fierce. Saturday's races were sailed in a 10-15 mph shifty south-westerly breeze. Sunday morning the wind was light but, at about 2:00 PM, the usual strong southerly wind came in to cap off regatta with an exciting fifth race. Debbie Probst and her female team of Monica Jones and Cindy Kelly finished with a five-point lead over Jim Crane, Allan Terhune, Jody Lutz and Jeff Linton.

August 12 and 13 was our Down Bay Regatta weekend. This event was also used by the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association to select their YRA Lightning Class Champion. Fifteen Lightning's participated in this event. John Haiges, sailing with his wife, Lisa, and Jason Timmonds from Riverton, won the Regatta. Steve Warren from Surf City won the NJYRA Championship.

Our own Saturday series started on June 24th and was sailed through the summer up until Labor Day weekend.

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



## Metedeconk River Yacht Club

*Sailing on the Metedeconk River*  
Brick, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Mitch Hnatt  
Fleet Secretary..... James G Carson

Boat#/Name	Owner
6557 Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
9852 Club Tub	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10952	Robert G Savarese
11122	David Magliaro
11894 Love It	David S Rutter
12209	Donald Schon
14008 Incredible Hulk	Greg Kinzel
14450 Fog Racing Team	George B Francis Richard D Thomas Doug Zimmerman
14589 Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597 Roadmaster	Keith Taboada
14719 Big Green Apple Knockers	William C Bogardus
14882	Greg Kinzel
14889 Stripes	William C Bogardus
14960	Michael Hnatt
15122 Logical	James G Carson
15166	Jody Lutz Michael Schon Paul Gelenitis Djoerd Hoekstra

After nursing some sore bones from the windy waters of Chile over the winter, Metedeconk sailors made their initial 2006 sailing on the Southern Circuit. Jim Carson sailed the entire Circuit. Jody Lutz won the Midwinter Lightning Championship held in St. Petersburg besting, a 73-boat fleet. Jody showed his "light air wizard" skills, sailing with brother Jay and nephew Taylor while gaining an automatic entry into the Pan American Trials. The same Lutz team had sailed the prior regatta in Miami (finishing 8th) with 13-year-old Taylor steering and winning a race.

Back on the Metedeconk, the Spring Series became the Lightning Championship series. The championship series had been traditionally held in the summer, but motorboat traffic and family obligations had slimmed participation. Fortunately, the spring featured very competitive sailing with a familiar ending: Mitch Hnatt wins. Greg Kinzel sailed a very strong series to finish second, with Jody Lutz (with a crew of thirteen-year olds, son Jason and Timmy Crann) beating George Francis for third on a tiebreaker. Just before the Series, six Metedeconk boats sailed the Long John, with the Taboada brothers, Keith (third) and Brian (sixth) having the most success.

# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

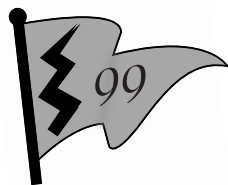
Long Beach Island held three major Lightning regattas in the summer: New Jersey State Championship at Brant Beach in June, Central Atlantic Districts in Surf City in July and the Atlantic Coast Championships at Little Egg Harbor in late July. Jody Lutz dominated the States, winning a three race series with four points; Mitch Hnatt took seventh and Jim Carson ninth. Keith Taboada finished second in the CADs, losing a first place tiebreaker to Mark Schneider of Riverton. Billy Bogardus took fifth, Jim Carson seventh, and Mitch Hnatt ninth. The ACCs at Little Egg saw the fourth, and Keith Taboada took tenth, with a first and third in the final two races. Metedeconk participation was strong in this event, with Mitch Hnatt, Greg Kinzel, Jim Carson, Billy Bogardus and George Francis also sailing. Later in the summer, Surf City held the New Jersey Junior State Championship, with Matty Schon winning and Robert Alldian taking fifth in his first Lightning regatta.

Local summer sailing was limited to the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship (BBYRA) which saw extremely volatile conditions (high winds some weeks, no wind others) and only five and the ten races scheduled completed. Mitch Hnatt reclaimed the Championship.

The North Americans in San Diego saw three Metedeconk sailors participate. Golfers often applaud themselves for out shooting their age. Jim Carson blows this standard away with his sailing performance: nearing 80, Jim qualified for the Championship flight in San Diego, finishing thirty-fourth. George Francis (seventh) and Paul Gelenitis (twentieth) sailed in the President's Cup. The neat part of their performance was George and Paul sailed with their children: George with daughter Gillian (the youngest participant in the regatta) and Paul with daughter Kristen and son Ryan. Jim also sailed the Masters, finishing 9th.

Metedeconk also sailed a Fall Series, which saw ten boats qualify (open to all fleets as is the spring) and again very competitive sailing. Mitch Hnatt again took honors with Brian Taboada 2nd and Matt Reiser of Lavallette third. While most sailors were taking their masts down and storing their boats, Jim Carson and Billy Bogardus visited the Frigid Digit in Annapolis, with Jim winning the first race in route to a twelfth in the 42-boat regatta.

After a few lean years, Metedeconk's Junior Advanced Sailing Program conducted by members of Fleet 34 on Wednesday evenings attracted a respectable turnout. This programs leads to the Club Junior Championship won this year by Caroline Hall. 2006 also saw what will hopefully be an ongoing trend at Metedeconk—a new generation of Lightning sailors with familiar last names: Lutz, Francis, Gelenitis, Schon making their debut in a Lightning. Their participation can hopefully continue a strong heritage of Lightning sailing at Metedeconk for years to come.

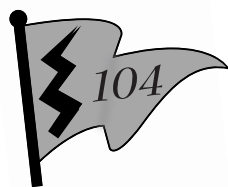


## Great Egg Harbor

*Sailing on the Great Egg Bay*

Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....William P Clausen III  
Fleet Secretary.....William P Clausen III



## Lavallette Yacht Club

*Sailing on the Barnagat Bay*

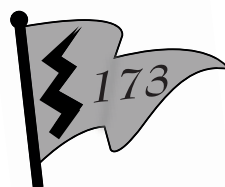
Barnagat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Matt Reiser

Fleet 104 continues to be a fleet in transition. With the passing of longtime Lavallette Lightning patriarch, Bill Dacosta, the Fleet has dwindled, with most of the Lightings sitting idle on their trailers, as many of the sailors from 104 have retired from sailing or have retired to some of the "old guy" classes active at the club. Bill's leadership and dedication are sorely missed.

Only Matt Reiser with his team of Colleen Kennedy and Stu Josberger carried the mantle for Lavallette Lightning sailing in 2006. For Team 15197, "3" seemed to be the magic number as they garnered third place finishes at the Central Atlantic Districts, New Jersey States, BBYRA Championships, and the Metedeconk Fall Series. A fifth at the Metedeconk Spring series and a fourteenth at the Atlantic Coast Championships were the sole deviations from the pattern.

Hopefully, 2007 will be a better year for Fleet 104 with the addition of another active racing Lightning pending and if the rumors of Matt actually sailing a regatta where he can't sleep in his own bed at night are true!



## Brant Beach Yacht Club

*Sailing on Little Egg Harbor*

Branch Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Contact ..... Eric Reitingering

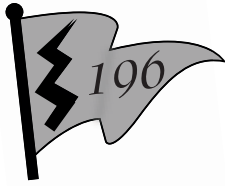
Boat#/Name		Owner
9628	Discovery	Paul L Alberti
11575		James W Titus
13809	Old Age and Treachery	Jeff Carson
14059	Skal	David Long
14325	Verbal Abuse	Glenn Reitingering Carl Reitingering
14660		Ed Serrill & Bob Seabold

Well, it was a busy summer for fleet 173. Eric Reitingering sailed with Jim Carson and Michael Crann from Metedeconk for two of the three legs of the Southern Circuit and drove the Miami Midwinter, only to get back to school during St. Pete to sail with his college team. It was a regatta heaven this summer. Bob Seybold, Ed and Barb Serrill, along with Team Reitingering (Eric, Beth, and Carl), raced at the Lightning States, held at BBYC, finishing tenth and sixth. Conditions were perfect for a great, one-day regatta. The other Team Reitingering, Glenn, Beth and Carl, and Ed, Barb and Jeff Carson competed at the Districts at Surf City, finishing thirteenth and sixteenth. Eric crewed with Mark Schneider and his daughter, Ashley, winning the event. Ed, Barb, and Jeff along with a team of Eric Reitingering, Liz Essig, and Maegan Ruhlman, competed in the ACCs at LE-HYC, finishing 69 and 38. The Island championships were held with Team Reitingering, Glenn, Beth, and Eric, finishing second and Ed, Barb and Jeff finishing fifth in some very crazy conditions. Team Reitingering, Glenn, Beth, and Carl, went up to the Little Egg Down Bay Regatta and finished sixth.

Even though we had many regattas to travel to, our club race schedule did not allow us to do both. Our Fleet seems to reduce every year due to jobs, moves and many other factors. Hopefully we can add a new boat or two in the coming years and try to get some of our idle boats out there on the course with new people to the Class. With the NAs in Annapolis next year, we will try to get at least a boat to compete in the main fleet and try to get a junior team entered as well.



# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



## Surf City

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay  
Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Richard M Warren  
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Rizzitello

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13139	Darryl Waskow
14068 Punch Too	George Schmidt
14300 Scrap Metal II	Randy Swartley
14595 Liberty	Richard M Warren
14635	Robert Rizzitello
15139	Darryl Waskow
	Tuathaul Maccolgan
15175 Triple Threat	Timothy G Robinson
15204 Exit 63	Frank Tremme
15218 Jezebel	Bill Mergenthaler
	Steve Warren
	Cindy Elfman
	Graham Mergenthaler
	Andy Tremme

The 2006 season was an active one for Fleet 196, racing on Long Beach Island. We started the season with our traditional tune up races on Memorial Day weekend. Our club racing started in late June and ended with our Labor Day Series. We were able to complete eight races in both our Commodore and Club Championship series. Steve and Mike Warren won the Commodore series as co-skippers. Tim Robinson won the Fleet Championship series, which came down to the last race of the season once again.

Darrel Waskow was our Club's Race Committee Chair, and he worked hard for all of the SCYC fleets to make sure we had our club races and regattas fully staffed. Thanks go to the many individuals who supported our Fleet events in various ways and participated in the Lightning race



committees. We especially thank Bill Clausen for all the support he gave our Fleet during the Lightning Districts and many other Race Committee activities at our regattas. We consider Bill an "honorary member" of Fleet 196. We also thank Vince Core, our club PRO, and George and Jane Schmidt for their work and support of our weekend club races and other events. They all did a great job running the races smoothly, and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Our fleet has been bringing up various junior sailors who will keep us growing in the future. This summer we hosted the New Jersey State Junior Championship in August. This is the second year in a row we have been able to host this regatta, and we hope that the event continues to grow in participation. The defending champion SCYC team of Mike Warren, Alex Loboza and Alex Hance had an unfortunate breakdown and missed the first race. However, they came back with a 3-1-1 to finish third behind Matt Schon of Metedeconk River Yacht Club and Paul Luisi of Monmouth Boat Club who finished first and second, respectively. The 2007 New Jersey State Junior Championship will be at Metedeconk in 2007.

Drew Marano, one of our junior sailors, skippered in a couple of our club races. Drew grew up in our club junior program, first in an Opti and is currently racing a Club 420. He finished second in our Labor Day series, which was his second time racing against the fleet. Drew was awarded our Lightning Achievement award for the year.

We hosted the Central Atlantic District Championship in July with 23 boats participating. Mark Schneider of Riverton Yacht Club won the regatta. Our top SCYC finishers were Steve Warren in fourth and Mike Warren (junior sailor) in tenth.

Our Fleet was very active in away regattas and championship events this year. Fleet 196 sent six boats to the Atlantic Coast Championships. In other regattas, Bill Mergenthaler finished first in the LBIYRA Championship, followed by Randy Swartley in third. Steve Warren finished in third place at the LEHYC Down Bay regatta.



We finished the summer season with the 28th Annual Manahawkin Bay Cup Regatta in September. Unfortunately, we had a small turnout due to a poor forecast. The regatta was a windy series that was won by Rich Warren, our Fleet Captain. In 2007, this regatta will double as the New Jersey State Championship, and we hope to see a strong showing for the regatta.



# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



## Riverton Yacht Club

*Sailing on the Delaware River*  
Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....John Townsend  
Fleet Secretary.....John Townsend  
Fleet Champion .....John Haiges

Boat#/Name	Owner
7660 Air Ball	Gary Birnhak
8616	Hugh J Hutchison
11519	Kent Steinriede
12480	John Mangan
13740	Michael McCourt
14060 Gypsea II	John Butine
14214 Chees Whiz	Bruce Nicholson
14659	Bruce Falls
14699 Toodle-Do	Allan M Crew
14771	John G & Lisa Haiges
14890 Ultimate Pressure II	Peter R Denton John Townsend
14942 Primal Scream	Richard Moyer
15055	Hugh J Hutchison
15154	Mark C Schneider



Riverton Yacht Club was busy again on the Delaware River this year with more than twenty races with eight Lightnings every Wednesday night. We raced along side four other fleets with up to 80 boats sharing the same courses, making for some very interesting mark roundings. Afterwards everyone gathered around the club house to spend time with competitors and friends.

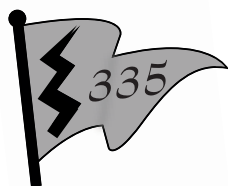
Members of the club spent many of its weekends on the road. We raced down south in the Southern Circuit, at Monmouth Boat Club, Nyack Yacht Club, on the Potomac, up and down the Jersey shore, including the Central Atlantic Districts, ACCs, and Down Bays, Nyack Susquehanna Yacht Club, Buffalo Canoe Club, San Diego for the North Americans, the Pan Am Trials, and ending at the annual Frigid Digt in Annapolis. This was all in addition to hosting our annual New Jersey Governor's Cup regatta with our famous barbeque dinner.

Mark Schneider, with crew daughter Ashley and Eric Reitingier, emerged victorious at the Central Atlantic District Championships at Surf City. Twenty-one boats sailed five races in medium to light air conditions. Congratulations Mark!

Riverton Yacht Club looks forward to hosting the 2007 Central Atlantic Districts. Come out and join us.



# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



## Barnegat Light Yacht Club

*Sailing on the Barnegat Bay*

Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Mark Kaplan  
 Fleet Secretary.....William S Clarke  
 Fleet Treasurer .....Maggie Shuler  
 Fleet Champion .....Jim DeCesare  
 Runner-up.....Mark Kaplan

Boat#/Name	Owner
13708 Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13772	Justin Monnig
13876 Rasta	Hal Pote
13970 Sunshine	Mark A Kaplan
14350 Shaner II	James C DeCesare III
14489 Hot Pepper	William S Clarke
14650 Second Wind	Paul B Wood
14787	John Demming
14833	Peter D Menninger
14881 Mac-At-Tack	Mac Deturo
15235 No Discipline	John Faus
	Clay Shaner

Our Fleet was a bit light on races completed this past year. We succeeded in having a series of sixteen races commencing July 1 through August 26. Sailing on the very southern tip of the Barnegat Bay off Long Beach Island, our series at BLYC was probably a bit hampered by the attraction of a number of other Lightning regattas in the area and elsewhere. The Atlantic Coast Championships were held at the south end of Long Beach Island on July 29 and 30, sailing out of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, and the Central Atlantic Districts were held July 15 and 16 at nearby Surf City Yacht Club. As agreed prior to the start of the season, the finishing positions of Fleet members, relative only to other members participating in the CADs on the 15th, were counted in the results for our Summer Series. The results of Fleet members participating at other "away" regattas didn't count in the results for our series and probably adversely affected our race series count. As usual, regular participation paid off in the standings. After adjusting the raw scores for three throw outs, it was Jim DeCesare in first place for the series, Mark Kaplan second, and Bill Clarke third. For the most part, racing conditions were favorable with no unfortunate events.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on Saturday, August 26. Awards went to Mark Kaplan, first, Bill Clarke, second, and Jim DeCesare, third. Three windward-leeward races were sailed.

Can't have a race without participants, so we appreciate the excitement and competitive spirit provided by the Menninger family, always a threat

in every race, our dutiful and excellent immediate past Fleet Captain, Alex Klein, who is always there, and when we see him, John Faus. For that matter, where was John Faus this year? Well, he went to every major regatta he could get to, including the Southern Circuit, the Atlantic Coast Championships, the North Americans in San Diego and including participation by invitation in the Pan Am trials in Annapolis this past fall. While he may not make it to the Games, our Fleet is proud to have a member who is competing on that level. Makes him harder to beat—but beatable he is! Also, he was featured on the cover of Lightning Flashes in March 2006 writing about Fleet Development. Hopefully, we will see a bit more of him this summer around BLYC, but I hear he may be off for Greece for a part of this summer to the Lightning World Championships.

Crew is always a key factor in the success of our program. We are lucky to have a number of willing and talented crew people including, among others, Maggie Shuler, Jen Ryerson, Justin Monnig (will he ever get his boat fixed?), Amy DeCesare, Mark Epstein, Mac DeTuro, Clay Shaner, Alex Cano, Jackie Menninger, Matt Rutler, Mike Rutler, Andy Demming, Jim Clark, Tyler Menninger and, on occasion, Joe McGinnis.

This year we missed the participation of the DeTuro and Demming boats. Mac has decided to be permanent crew for a while, and John is busy bringing up his children—hopefully to be good crew in a few years. We welcomed a few new young sailors and hope for their continued participation leading to the purchase of their own boats, including Clay Shaner, Mark Epstein, William Brown, Mike Rutler and his younger brother, Matt Rutler. These guys would be great additions to the Fleet. By the way, where are the women additions? We are still hopeful that Dave Faus and/or Holly Faus will pick up a Lightning as their kids, Libby and John, move into the Lightning sailing age. We are working on getting Stephen Marshall to work his way back into a Lightning. We also see a number of younger sailors around the Club expressing an interest in Lightnings. The Fleet's future looks good.

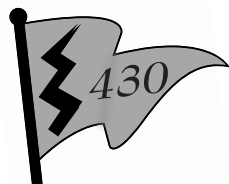
This year Alex Klein turned over the Fleet Captain role to Mark Kaplan. We appreciate Alex's attention to the job, the care and concern he expressed for the Fleet and his notable participation. We welcome Mark to the job and are sure that he will fill Alex's shoes quite well.

Our 2007 mid-Winter Lightning meeting is scheduled to be held at the Clarke's house on the evening of Saturday, January 27. Our annual mid-winter get together is always a good time, and its fun to discuss Lightning sailing and make sailing plans at any time of the year. Believing that the social is as important as the competition in a Lightning Fleet, we had a well attended summer Lightning skipper, crew, and PRO cookout on Sunday, July 23. Our traditional October Pumpkin Bowl was cancelled in favor of BLYC kitchen renovations.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committees. Their willingness to get out there in all kinds of weather is what is needed to make our sailing season a success. Their volunteer efforts are indispensable. We particularly thank Jim Faus, Jim Bigham, Wayne Shaner, Frank Shuler, Jay Pattison, Alan Wahlberg, and John Wright who have served as PROs for our races throughout the summer. And yes, we know that our efforts to make their jobs easier by participating with them in laying out the sailing courses, providing instruction, giving better notice of events, and helping with equipment all need work and attention by Fleet members. Just keep those catboats out of our way!

As this is written, it is only about 144 days until the summer racing series begins again. See you then.

# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



## Ocean City Yacht Club

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay  
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Richard McCarraher  
Fleet Secretary.....John J Parker

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

It was another beautiful summer in Ocean City, New Jersey. Lightning Fleet 430 had the usual mix of weather and wind to make each race day a challenge for the skippers and crew sailing in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. This year's schedule brought out several boats for each race day with some crew and skipper changes as our July and August season progressed.

The Hostvedt family Lightning won the Summer Series and became the Fleet champion, having been skippered by Sam Hostvedt, Katie Hostvedt, and John Wagner. John Parker, the ultimate OC Lightning Skipper, was second in the Summer Series, with Lisa, his daughter, and Brian Eldin. Third place went to Richard McCarraher with his various crew members being his daughters, Tiffany Prettyman, Sara Scargill, and Courtney Bonnet, and his granddaughter, Phoebe Prettyman.



Parker Team

The highlight of the summer was the MAYRA Regatta held in August. Sam Hostvedt won this with his sister, Katie. Richard McCarraher was second with the crew of his daughters, Tiffany Prettyman and Sara Scargill. Tracy Soloman captured third place crew Howie Soloman, her father, and Shawn Dowling.

Special mention must be made for Mr. Pinky, the most recognized boat in our Fleet. George Glenn, with his crew of Jim Glenn, his brother, and



Glenn Team

Chappy Hopkin, are the stars of our Fleet with their travels to Lightning races around the world and the USA. They are always eager to share their sailing knowledge with us. It is difficult for any of us to keep up with their expert skill and race tactics when they hit the water.

This summer we missed Kevin Robinson and Russell Hanscom, whose work schedules and family plans kept them out of the water for most of the race season.

Our Lightnings are all stored for the winter and waiting for another great sailing season. See you in 2007 for another great summer sailing on the bay in Ocean City, New Jersey.

Richard McCarraher, Fleet Captain



## Lake Nockamixon

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon  
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....Brent W Benson  
Fleet Secretary.....Barbara Benson

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11176 Gettin' Closer	Mark Northacker
11444	Brent W Benson
12922	Mark Northacker
13184 Spiderman	James C Lenahan Anthony White
13720	Gary Bonner
13824 Cahoots	James C Lenahan

Currently, the Fleet is not scheduling fleet racing since Mark was not actively racing last year (new cruising boat and post Katrina work), and it didn't make much sense to schedule a series between Brent and Gary.

11444 and 13720 did race in invitationals, and 13720 also did Wednesday evening racing. Both boats held up the tradition of winning some of the races.

A new sail club member with a cruising boat has indicated that he wants to get a Lightning, so we're looking forward to getting a series going next year.

Google Nockamixon Sail Club to find out what sailboats are doing on the beautiful waters of Lake Nockamixon.

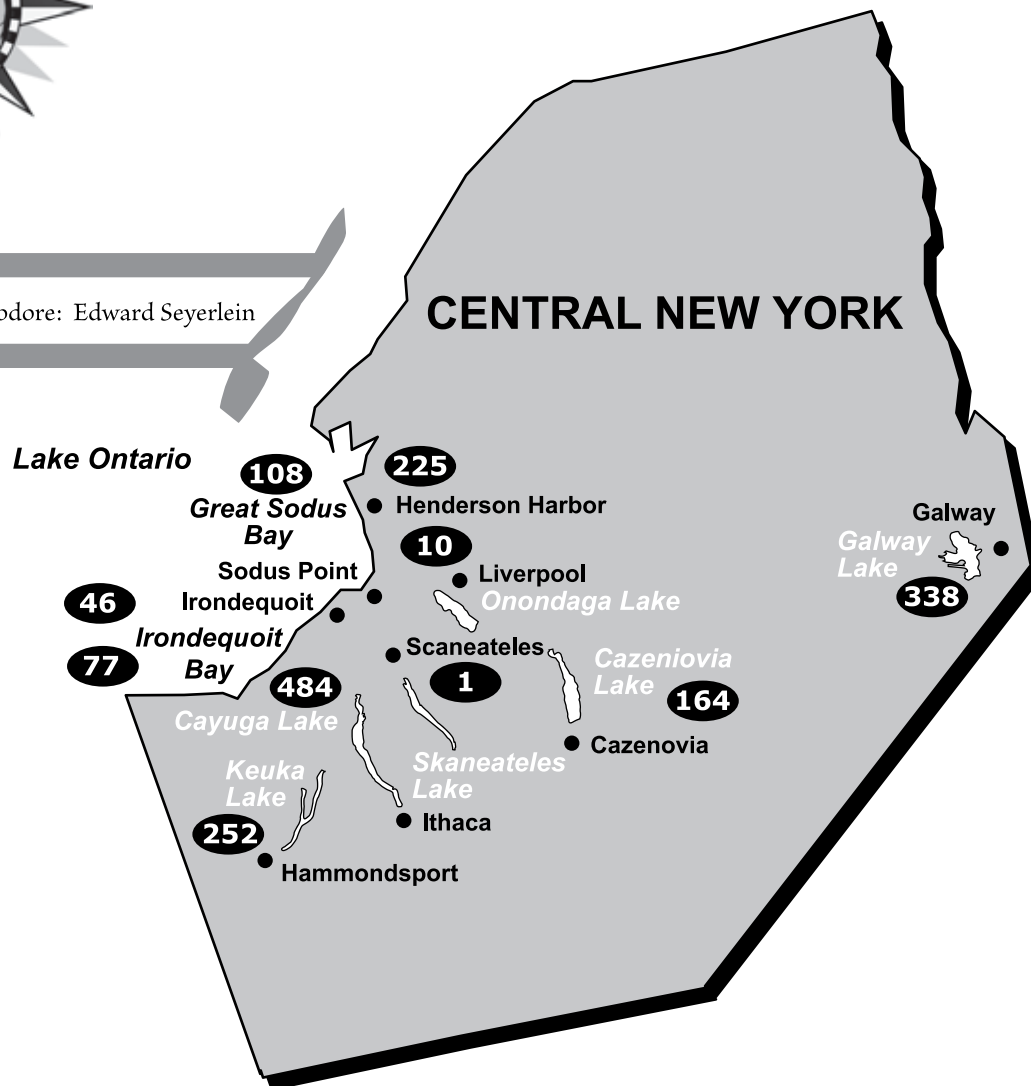


Boat#/Name		Owner
12755		Richard M Walsh
14013	TBA	Jim Cameron
14499	Twice Before Lunch	Brian Cox
14612	Play Pen	Ross Bailey
15064		Richard M Walsh





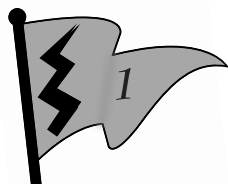
District Commodore: Edward Seyerlein



Central New York District Winner—Kirk Reynolds



# CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



## Skaneateles Country Club

*Sailing on Skaneateles Lake*

Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captain.....John "Mick" Barnes

Fleet Secretary.....David Penfield

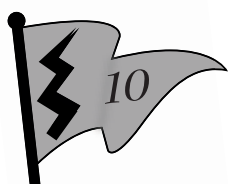
Fleet Champion .....Bent Thomsen

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
10355 Bismarck	Kirk Reynolds
10705 Alegra	John Barnes
13330 White Lightning	SCC
13375 Green Machine	SCC
13677 Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck
14719 Big Green Apple Knockers	Mark Fleckenstein
15088 Luv	Bent Thomsen

Racing at Skaneateles has been a joint effort between the Country Club and the Sailing Club for several years now. Our racing is broken into two fleets, centerboard and keel, which race using a Portsmouth System. Generally our closest competitor is the Flying Scott. This year the wind gods were not with us, and we were able to get in very few races. Those races we did get in, Bent represented the Club with a great deal of honor.

The highlight of our sailing season was our Skaneateles One-Day Regatta held the Saturday after Labor Day. This was truly a great day. We had fourteen (14) boats show up. The winds started out to be moderate out of the northwest at about 5-8 knots. By the time the fifth race was over, the wind had gotten up to a good 20+ knots with gusts going even higher. The conditions taxed even the better sailors. Dan Pope walked off with first place, followed closely by Clay Murphy in second and Bob King taking third. As usual, the sailors were treated to some home brewed beer provided by Mick Barnes.

Fleet 1 is in the process of putting together the 70th Anniversary Regatta to be held at Skaneateles.

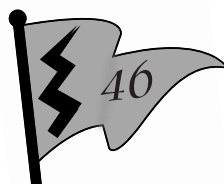


## Onondaga Lake

*Sailing on Onondaga Lake*

Liverpool, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
736 Huntress	W Craig Thayer
8656 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
9392 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
10370 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
11425 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer



## Irondequoit Bay

### Algonquin Yacht Club

*Sailing on Irondequoit Bay*

Rochester, New York

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
12150	James I McIntosh
13080	James I McIntosh
13433	James I McIntosh
14713	James I McIntosh
14737	James I McIntosh
15279	James I McIntosh



## Newport Yacht Club

*Sailing on Irondequoit Bay & Lake Ontario*

Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain.....Lori Foster

Fleet Treasurer .....Howard P Stickney

Fleet Champion .....Alan McReynolds

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
470 Willow	Marc Schieber
1361	Michael Trenkler
10303	Reynolds Hahn
11050 Pondhawk	John Boettcher
11074 Cookie Boat	Howard Stickney
11538 Miss T Blue	Robert Weatherup
12008 The Green Room	Matthew Richter
12150	James McIntosh
12215	Wilmer Wright
12400 Windswept	Andy Smith
13080	James McIntosh
13081 Irish	Richard Doherty
14298 Money for Nothing	Mark C Sertl
14397 Plan B	John H Atkins
14522 Holy Cow	Chad H Atkins
14605 White Cap	Robert Crum
14654 Ambush	Don Curran
14855	Robert Bush
14949 Comfortably Numb	Richard Hallagan
15165 Gandalf The White	Leland G Atkinson
15250 Madame X	Logan McReynolds
15255	Alan R McReynolds
15276	Daniel Pope
15279 Blue Jacket Eleven	Richard W Hallagan
	David Hallagan
	Philip Lange
	James McIntosh

# CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

## Fleet 77

Newport Yacht Club has the wonderful advantage of being on beautiful Irondequoit Bay, and that allows access to Lake Ontario in Rochester, New York. For our spring and fall series, we race on the Bay on weekends. During the Summer we feature our popular Thursday Night Sailing Series (TNS) with the goal of sailing on Lake Ontario (conditions permitting). We have found TNS very successful for a number of reasons. One is that upstate New York is absolutely heaven in the summer! And although the wind may be on the low end of the scale, there is equal chance that it will be a pleasant 10–12 knots. During the summer we do not have club races on the weekend, as we prefer to support the Central New York District regattas. Motor boat traffic on the Bay and Lake Ontario is less during the weekday evenings. Thus, TNS participation is high and enjoyed by our Fleet. Other fleets in our club race on Thursday night too. After racing, the buffet table is laden with dishes-to-pass from each boat, the grill is fired-up, and a nominal fee is charged for burgers, hot dogs and bottled beverage. We recommend this approach to any club that wants to increase race participation and to strengthen club membership.

Newport Yacht Club offers a social membership level to members who are not boat owners. Many of these members are associate members of the ILCA and crew on a weekly basis. The are affectionately referred to as 'Lightning Groupies.' They have held such offices as Fleet Captain, Club Assistant Treasurer and even Commodore!

We had several brand new boats on the line over the past year or so. Dick Hallagan with #15255 and John McIntosh rejoined the club with #15279 after a decade and more hiatus. Dan Pope launched #15250, and Philip Lange's #15276 hit the water in April.

Our Spring Series placers were: First place: John Atkins, Second place: Dick Doherty, Third place: John Boettcher.

In our Fall Series first place went to Alan McReynolds, second place to John Atkins and third place to Dan Pope.

Thursday Night Sailing saw almost every Lightning on the line at least once during the ten-week series. Winners in the TNS series were: First place: Alan McReynolds, Second place: Don Curran, and Third place: Dick Hallagan.



*TNS Runner-up—Don Curran, Marsha Mephram, Ray Schmidt*

Newcomer Mike Trenkler was recognized as a Rookie Skipper and also as having the Youngest Crew: his sons.

Overall Championship, sailing twenty-three club races, was Alan McReynolds with his wife Cindy and son Logan as crew.



*Fleet Champions —Logan, Alan & Cindy McReynolds*



*Fleet Runner-up: John Atkins, Lori Foster, Erin McReynolds  
(background is McReynolds's boat)*

Our club's district regatta in 2005 was something totally different, for not only our District but for Lightning racing in general. Our regatta was a one-day team racing event. It was intended to encourage greater participation from other sailing clubs and promote the racing format that many colleges use—and to do something completely different. And that was the problem...it was too different for many. Despite the low turnout, those who raced had a blast! Even the race committee enjoyed setting the course and watching the tight racing.

In 2006 we thought the word would spread that this was a great regatta idea. But, alas, very few boats were adventurous—maybe an idea before its time. Maybe we'll just do it at the club level. We settled on a one-day regular-style regatta, and Dick Hallagan won it with crew of Alan McReynolds. By the way, sailing that day was in the words of Dick Hallagan "some of the finest I have ever had on Lake Ontario."



*NYC Regatta Champs: Alan McReynolds,  
Dick Hallagan, Alan McReynolds*

Newport Yacht Club was well represented at this years WJMs and NAs in San Diego. Participating members from Newport Yacht Club in the Masters at Southwestern Yacht Club were: Dick Hallagan (third place); John Atkins with crew of Al McReynolds and Lori Foster (thirteenth place); and Jim McIntosh (sixteenth). Participants in the NAs were: Dick Hallagan with crew Lori Foster and Joan Hurban (Nyack) placed sixth overall in the Championship Fleet; Al McReynolds with crew Logan McReynolds and John Atkins; and Phil Lange with crew Dan Pope and Jonathan Lange (Phil's brother) placed ninth and nineteenth, respectively, in the President's Cup Fleet.

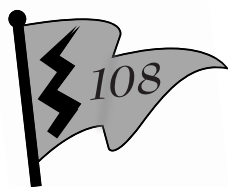
At the NAs Dick Hallagan was also awarded the Jack Elfman Trophy to the highest finishing Master who also competed in the Masters Championship. Dick continues to be our "round the world ambassador" sailing in World, European, and North and South American championships. We are proud that he puts our club on the Lightning map.

John Atkins had many years of youth sailing events, as his son Chad participated in whatever regatta he could get to. After co-chairing the Youth Worlds at Newport Yacht Club in 2002 with Bob Bush, John was named Vice President of Youth Worlds. He has overseen the Youth Worlds in Brazil in 2004 and in Finland in 2006. We are proud of his contributions to the ILCA.

Many thanks to Howard Stickney who continues to serve as Fleet 77 Treasurer.

We welcome you to sail at Newport Yacht Club!

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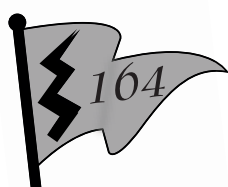


## Great Sodus Bay

*Sailing on Sodus Bay*

Great Sodus, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
2116	Jane Solan
12764	Michael Healy
14898	Nancy Ghertner
15164	Jed Dodge



## Willow Bank Yacht Club

*Sailing on Cazenovia Lake*

Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain.....Richard Ryczek  
Fleet Champion .....Fecerico Meira

Boat#/Name	Owner
12004 Gentry	Charles I Woods
13787 On the Fritz	Fritz Koennecke
13933 Trivial Pursuit	Richard H Ryczek
14036 Hartt Ache	Richard Hartt
14212 Steam Driven	Thomas Shaw
14369 Hastalavista	Federico Meira
14465 Motion	Richard P Tuttle
14470	Federico Meira
14527	Peter King
14772 Blackjack	Duane E Cramer
14849	Clay Murphy
15132 Temerity	Peter H Pundt
	Jeff Shaw

Lightning Fleet 164, a member of ILCA and the Central New York Lightning District, was established in 1947 on Cazenovia Lake and sailed out of The Ken Boat Company which operated from the lakefront barn of "Willow Bank," an ancestral estate of the family of the owner.

At Willow Bank, there are Club Fleet Races held each Saturday and Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, except on days that Class regattas are held.

Fleet 164 hosts two Lightning regattas each year. All Lightning sailors are welcome to participate.

The Caz Flash Bash, a two-day Blue Jacket event, is held in June.

This year twenty seven boats met at Cazenovia Lake on June 17 for the 2006 CNY District Championship. It was an open regatta, and we had two out-of-district guests, the Bushs from Massachusetts and Benjamin Forman and crew from Washington, DC.

The weather was great, and the wind was typical Cazenovia velocity and was good most of the time on most of the lake, but the shifts kept everyone on their toes!



*Caz Flash Bash—Lining up to start*

Kirk Reynolds and crew were more alert than anyone else and put on an amazing performance.

Boat	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Ttl
14781	Kirk Reynolds	Allister Thompsen	Lynn Thompson	10
15164	Jed Dodge	Bill Dodge	Bill Healy	15
15205	Bob Wardwell	Mike Healy	Sarah Costich	16
15255	Richard Hallagan	Rick Ten Eyck	Pam Murphy	22
14369	Federico Meira	Julie Lesinski	Mark Lesinski	27
14849	Clay Murphy	John Steiner	AJ Murphy	33
15250	Dan Pope	Eliza Pope-Collins	Lori Pietroy	35
14321	Jack Jones	Graham Leonard	Kristen Likez	39
15165	Alan McReynolds	Logan McReynolds	Tamara Farmer	41
14654	Bob Bush	Sterling Bush	Deb Arehart/Alexis Ellis	43
14592	Benjamin Forman	Tim Olson	Arne Cody	46
14923	Bob King	Conor Healy	Emily Moloney	50
14949	Landy Atkinson	Gordon Wright	Jillian Stokes	51
14397	John Atkins	Lori Foster	Erin McReynolds	60
14465	Dick Tuttle	Joe Homola	Tom Gahagen	61
15276	Philip Lange	Jonathan Lange	Carolyn Bick	81
14799	Jesse Miller	Virginia Miller	Mary Lou Carlucci	82
15161	John Koricosz	Adrianne Koricosz	Bob Hinman	87
12004	Campbell Woods	Eric Magnuson	Ian Oviatt	90
15188	Ed Seyerlein	Steve Little	Jeannette Little	92
14527	Alex King	Pete King	Tom King	93
15279	Jim McIntosh	Josh Goetz	Andy Smith	95
14212	Tom Shaw	Jeff Shaw	Andrew Smith	100
14706	Rich Hartt	Elaine Hartt	Mike Hartt	110
13933	Richard Ryczek	Carl Bye	Bruce Poushter	119
14772	Duane Cramer	Deborah Cramer	Leigh Cramer	126
14240	Stephen E. Little	Ed S.	Jeannette Little	140

Following are the results of Fleet 174's Fall Regatta, a late September event known for its knock-you-over chili luncheons prepared by Dave Bull, RC and honorary member of Fleet 164, and John Steiner and Clay Murphy, who each prepare their secret recipe versions of venison chili.

Po	Ttl	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Crew
1	14	14949	Landy Atkinson	Gordon Wright	
2	17	14397	John Atkins	Lori Foster	Sandy Schrader
3	17	14369	Federico Meira	Julie Lesinski	Mark Lesinski
4	18	14321	Jack Jones	Sara Treadwell	Deborah Arehart
5	23	14465	Dick Tuttle	Ron Scaccia	
6	30	12004	Sam Woods	Anya Woods	
7	34	14849	Ed Seyerlein	John Steiner	Riley Phillips
8	49	15188	Steve Little	Jeannette Little	Sarah Mangan
9	50	15246	Duane Cramer	Fritz Koennecke II	Fritz Koennecke III
10	52	14527	Pete King	John King	
11	61	14706	Rick Hartt	Elaine Hartt	John Hartt



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## Henderson Harbor

*Sailing on Henderson Bay,  
Lake Ontario*

Henderson Harbor, New York

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

Fleet Captain.....Jack Jones  
 Fleet Secretary.....Sara Treadwell  
 Fleet Treasurer .....John Treadwell  
 Fleet Champion .....Bent Thomsen  
 Sailing Activities.....Richard C Grissinger  
 Weekly Picnic Coordinatr..... Maryann Giangobbe  
 Awards Banquet Coordinator ..... Dolly Matarese  
 Fleet Champion .....Jack Jones  
 Junior Champion.....Robert Hoffman

Our annual spring gathering was held at Treadwells' Hendershore on June 11 to plan the sailing and social calendar. It is always nice to see everyone back after the long winter. Barb and Gary Bowman were welcomed into the Fleet as new members. The Tuesday Night Supper schedule was passed around to sign up host families. Dick Grissinger passed out the racing schedule, and Jack Jones suggested we contact WestView to see if we can use their docks again as a meeting place before our races each week. Fleet 225 was part of the Henderson Bicentennial Memorial Day Parade, as Jack and John trailed Treadwell's Lightning decked out in pirate theme. There was a huge turnout this year for the parade, and the "pirates" played their parts well! The Fleet decided to donate the sunfish given to us by Maryanne Giangobbe to the Henderson Harbor Watersports Auction to help their program of sailing and swimming instruction to youth in the area. The meeting ended with Ellie Lyness reading a poem on Lighting racing, written by her grandson.

The racing season began on June 25 with the Apple Blossom Race and ended in early October with the Frostbite Race. Winning skippers were:

Jack Jones	Apple Blossom	Dick Grissinger	Fall Series
	Barnes' Memorial		
	Summer Series	John Treadwell	Spring Series
	Captain's Cup		Stoney Race
	Skipper's Race		Frostbite Race
	May's Trophy		

The season ended with the Awards Banquet on September 30, held at WestView Lodge. Polly Matarese was again thanked for organizing a fun evening. Dick Grissinger awarded the racing flags and trophies. Robert Hoffman was awarded the Junior's Trophy. Special award flags were given out by Fleet Captain Jack Jones to the following, Polly Matarese,



*Marcia S. Treadwell being recognized for more than 50 years of loyal support of Henderson Harbor Fleet 225*

MaryAnne Giangoobbe, Sara Treadwell, Joan Woods, Dick Grissinger and John Treadwell. Marcia Treadwell received a beautifully framed Best Crew Award for her 50 years of service and support to Fleet 225. Rich Matarese took home the prestigious Turtle Award and has the honor of winning it for the second time. Bill Wilcox and Hal Lyness were thanked for their wonderful photography during the 2006 season. Thank you to Bill and Buddy Noecker for the computer slide show during the evening.

The Henderson Harbor Watersports Program again leased the Fleet Lightning for the 2006 season. It was raced by the junior sailors on Sundays and also used in the sail school program. Mary Hoffman, Watersports Chairman, thanked the Fleet for the use of the Fleet Lightning.



**Junior Award Winners:** John King (Skipper Trophy), Tom King (Runner-up), Daniel Huggman (Crew), Jack Jones (Fleet Captain), Robert Hoffman (Junior Champion), Mary Huffman (Junior Director), Dick Grissinger (Sailing Activities Chairman)

**Membership:** We had sixty-three paid members for 2006, up from fifty-nine in 2005. New members welcomed into the Fleet were: Barb and Gary Bowman, Nic and Jeff Hotto and Buddy Noecker. Thank you to the members who donated to the Fleet this year: Jerry and Marty Bezner, Barb and Gary Bowman, Jim and MaryLou Briggs, Herm and Kay Britzke, Marty and Connie Clasby, MaryAnn Bandolfo and Merrill Phillips, MaryAnne Giangoobbe, Ruth Goodwin, Mary Hoffman, Phil and Jean Hoffman, Jim and Kris King, Hal and Ellie Lyness, Rich and Polly Matarese, Betty Matheson, Marty and Ann Mauer, Len and Gay Montague, Len Roberts, Fred and Nella Stone, Irwin and Billie Stone, Nick Todisco, John and Sara Treadwell, Marcia Treadwell and Dot Williams.

Lastly, we lost a special member of our Fleet this past year. Helen Jewell passed away in February. She was a life-long supporter of Lightnings and an avid sailor. In fact, she had the rare pleasure of sailing on the maiden voyage of Lightning #1 in October 1938. We will miss her laugh and great sense of humor!

Enjoy the rest of the winter, and we will see you at the Harbor!

*Sara Treadwell, Secretary*

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## Keuka Lake

*Sailing on Keuka Lake*  
Hammondsport, New York



## Galway Lake

*Sailing on Galway Lake*  
Galway, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
10490 Incontinent	Barry Brogan

I sail my old 10490 on Upper Saranac Lake New York against a mixed fleet of mostly Flying Scots. The races are handicapped, and last year we did win the "Fleet" championship.

*Barry Brogan*



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

Boat#/Name	Owner
9844	Maury Gardner
12115 Baby Doll	Wilday Family
12573	John Buhrmaster
12636 Chicken Shop	Dale Brown
12838 Watta Humma	Fred Lyngard
13251 The Eng_neer	Bill Kohler
13655 John Orton	The Pretender
15134 Huggie III	R James Millard
15161 Dead Meat	John A Korkosz

The 2006 season brought out some good stiff competition in Lightning Fleet 338!

Of the nine boats on our lake, seven participated in the Fleet this year, averaging four to five per race. Our biggest problem this year was cancelled races —the wind was either too strong or non-existent for ten of the twenty-one races on the original schedule!

Our Fleet Secretary, Jim Millard, maintained a commanding lead throughout the season, taking second place in only two races all summer—and one of those qualified as a throw-out!

The real contest was between John Korkosz and Bill Kohler for the 2nd place position for the season. When John sailed, he was usually second



*Bill Kohler and John Orton performing "Who's on Starboard"*



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*John Orton, Bill Kohler, Jim Millard and John Korkosz singing "Jimmy's Lament"*

(and twice he was first), but he spent a portion of the season off-lake campaigning his "other boat" (a Snipe). The contest literally came down to the wire since John was off-lake for both races on the final weekend, and Bill would have easily moved into second place if the final race hadn't been cancelled due to bad weather. As it was, John scored an average of 2.50, and Bill was very close behind with a 2.56!

Even the Opening Series competition (first three races) was effected by the weather. It is normally the three races on July 4th weekend, but this year it took three separate weekends to get in the requisite three races!

The Opening Series results were: First place—Jim Millard, Second place—Bill Kohler, Third place—John Orton. The remainder of the fleet missed at least one of the three races.

The regular Summer Series results were: First place—Jim Millard, Second place—John Korkosz, Third place—Bill Kohler, Fourth place—John Orton, Fifth place—Maury Gardner, Sixth place—Dale Brown and Seventh place—John Buhrmaster.

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

We had one more interesting event this summer—the only race that was cancelled for reasons other than weather. The weather didn't turn ugly until after the race was underway. A sudden gust caught Maury Gardner by surprise, and he capsized (earning the "coveted" Dunkin' Donut Award). Being an old boat, his isn't equipped with a self-bailer, and the crew was unsuccessful in bailing due to the waves that had kicked up. Our only rescue boat capability is the club's committee boat, a pontoon boat with twin electric motors (gasoline engines are verboten on Galway Lake). The rescue boat had to take the righted but still swamped Lightning in tow to shallow water where bailing was possible. It was great to see the entire sailing club come to Maury's aid, even though it meant the race had to be abandoned. Sailors truly are great and selfless people!!

I can't wait for 2007!!



## Ithaca

*Sailing on Cayuga Lake*

Ithaca, New York

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

Boat#/Name		Owner
13372	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen Little
14002		Edward Seyerlein
14256	Mangy Moose	Jon Humphrey
14713		Edward Seyerlein
14799	Hot Flash	Jesse W Miller
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen & Jeannette Little
15314		Edward Seyerlein

I am beginning to believe the wind has decided to blow around Ithaca instead of through it. For the third year in a row, we were effectively becalmed. Now the wind does blow here, but lately it seems to do so only when the lake is so cold one needs a dry suit to be safe.

So, how did the year go?

Fleet races were largely a series of match races between the Millers and Littles. We had good Fleet camaraderie, but not many Fleet sailing activities. We had five boats on the beach, but typically only two made it out at a time.

There were some reasons for this. John Rudd was busy building a hospital, Jon Humphries took a new job working evenings and weekends, Byrne and Karen O'Brien had a job and a half as Commodore of the IYC, and Ed Seyerlein was on the beach waiting for a new boat. Nonetheless, we had some remarkable events: two regattas and lots of parties.

The top of the list of events was Ed's upcoming marriage, and we had a great party during our two-day regatta. Then he did get married, and we had another party. He got two potential crew members in the deal. Congratulations Ed and Kristen. The last activity for the year was to go inspect 15313, just out of the mold for Ed. Thanks Tommy. Now to teach Ed how to sail with his wife!



*I solemnly swear!*

## Fleet 484—cont.

Right up there on the list is Terry Moore's new old boat. Terry had spent lots of time and money to put his old woody back together. I think he had a professional eleven-coat finish on it. What a shine! We took it to the Woody Rendezvous and had a great time in the wind and rain until we pulled cleat, and the worsening weather ended our efforts. Terry later sailed his boat right past Ed's outdoor ceremony. Perfect weather, perfect background.

Our two-day regatta was a beautiful thing, just not much wind. So what do you do when the wind does not blow? Go tubing, go water skiing, go swimming. We proved that the muscles needed to sail are not the same for skiing, as both Byrne and John Steiner from Caz pulled leg muscles. We also proved that finesse is better than strength, as Ginny Miller got up the first time and stayed there. And the high point was Billy Astrove tubing. What a grin he had on. It may have been a high point of the summer for Bill and Bob. The regatta was won by Dick Tuttle.

Further down the list was watching Byrne learning to sail Lasers. Karen bought him a shiny new one for Christmas. I don't think he plans to stop using it this year. Last I saw, he may have been removing the runners from Karen's ice skates (hmmm...Cayuga Lake does not freeze, but never mind) and installing electric heat in his drysuit.

We got Peter Lent, our senior member into a boat. Alright, it was the committee boat, but he was put to good use. He grumbled constantly that he does not like the current starting sequence. Pete started sailing on Cayuga Lake in the 30s and Lightnings just after WW II. Most of us got a hoot just watching him hold up flags.

At the low end, we have the wind, or lack of it. And the rain...wettest summer on record, which followed the driest and hottest. Go figure? Our fall one-day regatta in mid-October was a victim of global warming. It was a drifter—we should have cancelled. It was also above 80° F and seemed like one of the hottest sailing days of the year in Central New York.

Finally, the Littles got to spend time in San Diego. How is it that being the foundation of the NA Fleet can be a good thing? Because of gracious friends and hosts at Mission Bay? Because my crew and I ended up as friends, not mad? Because there were so many folks from Central New York that it felt like home? Fifteen days of spectacular weather doesn't hurt.

How 'bout because Al (the bartender at MBYC) makes the best Mai Tai on the planet.

I got home from San Diego on August 15th, and it was raining, for five more consecutive weekends...and I never did beat Jesse.

*Steve Little, Fleet Captain*



*Not bad there, Ginny!*



*This Vet has teeth!*



*Water up my nose!*



*What else is named Obrien?*



*Don't slip!*



*Campfire magic*