



District Commodore: Edmundo Pérez
Treasurer: Victor Lobos

Boat#/Name		Owner
11011	Pixie	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
13282	Marmalade	Pablo Ramirez Magana
14709		Juan Eduardo Reid
14740	Memphis II	Victor Lobos
14791		Claus Engell
14794	No Desesperez	Cristobal Perez
		Jorge Gonzalez
		Fernando Gallyas
		Pablo Herman

After a long recess following the Worlds, the Chilean Lightning Class notified me that I had become the new class president for the 2006 season.

Without really knowing what I was up to, I gladly took the position (and the responsibility) and outlined what I thought should be the Class priorities. These priorities are: first, to keep the Lightnings active and hopefully capture some new participants; and secondly, to ensure Chile's participation in the Pan American Games, and after that, to select our representative in the Games.

As a result, we created a racing calendar focused on selecting crews to participate in international regattas that would give Chile a place in the Pan Ams. This would be an incentive for everyone to participate in the qualifying regattas and keep the fleet active. However, this was rapidly achieved by the very fine finish of Juan Eduardo Reid in the Pre-Pan Am Regatta held in Rio which qualified Chile to participate in the Pan American Games. The qualifying regattas would no longer be an incentive. So much for that plan.

On the other hand, sailing in Algarrobo became monotonous and unchallenging. The experience of Victor Lobos and his crew, who consistently traveled all the way from Concepción, made us realize that we should move, sail new courses, show the rest of the country what Lightning sailing is about.

We decided to have a long qualification series to select our representative for the Pan Ams. The series would consist of at least three championships in at least three different places. Our first regatta would be the National Championship and the location...well, where could we do it? We tried Antofagasta, but the trip is too long and expensive. Then, Victor Lobos said he would organize it in Pingueral, near Concepción.

The championship was a hit. Victor and his brother, Sebastián, went all over finding sponsors and "preparing" the marina which was virtually inexistent. The Coliumo Bay, where we sailed, blessed us with two spectacular sailing days, where we sailed all seven races. 10-5 knot winds and a flat sea had us all ecstatic; definitely not the sea conditions we are used to sailing in. In his first appearance of the season, Tito showed us that he is still the World Champion and obtained seven 1st places. But not all was sailing. The closing ceremony ended up being a huge party where sailors

shared the live music of "Sweet Roses", a Guns 'n' Roses cover band, with their families and locals.

The qualifying series continued in Aculeo and will finish in March, with a final regatta again in Aculeo. Tito still has the lead, and is closely followed by Pablo Herman, Cristobal Pérez, and Juan Eduardo Reid.

We are confident that any of these representatives could obtain a medal at the Pan Ams!!!

Our goal for this year is to keep sailing new courses and hopefully gain new class members. We will be sailing some international regattas, but it would be a great success if we can have the presence of international sailors in our regattas. So, we will organize a stunning National Championship and you are all invited to join us.

Best sailing for this year, *Edmundo Pérez*





District Commodore: Mauricio Valenzuela
 National Champion: Santiago Uscategui
 National Runner-up: Audrey Quintero
 District Champion: Felip Castillo
 District Runner-up: Mauricio Valenzuela

We enjoyed another year of sailing on our beautiful Lake Tomine. At the beginning of the year, we held the National Colombian Championship that was won by Santiago Uscategui and the runner up was Andrey Quintero.

The Colombian District was very sad for the reason that our best Salinas Tomine was interrupted. Hope that in the next year we could get again together with our friends from Guayaquil.

In the second half of this year, we sailed the District Championship. Felipe Castillo and crew took the first place honors, and Mauricio Valenzuela and crew were the runners up.

One crew went to compete in the South American Championship in Salinas, Ecuador. We are working hard in order to be ready for the next event that is going to happen in our District.

Fleet #73	Owner
13044	Carlos Alvarado
13990	Rafael Esguerra
14085	Johan Roesel
14181	Rafael Concha
14322	Jaime Restrepo
14536	Philippe Jacob
14552	Hernando Ramirez
14700	Santiago Uscategui
14704	Jochen Raute
14801	Mauricio Valenzuela
	Felipe Castillo
14804	Juan Pablo Castillo
	Camilo Yain

Fleet #501	Owner
8911	Fernando Venegas
13427	Jaime Lobo-Guerrero
14057	Hernán Salcedo
14132	Santiago Douat
14135	Miguel Ribon
14155	Roberto de la Vega
14538	Manuel Acosta
14733	Ernesto Borda
14802	Gustavo Tamayo
14803	Richard Deeb
14862	Ricardo Seidner
14863	Alvaro Bustos
14864	Roberto Londoño
14873	Felipe Recaman

COLOMBIAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP 2006



Eleven boats made up the Fleet for this year's Championship held on Club Nautico Muña in Lake Tominé, an hour drive from Bogotá. Thanks to the boats coming from the different clubs in the area. The regatta was sailed over three days, and six races were completed in light wind.

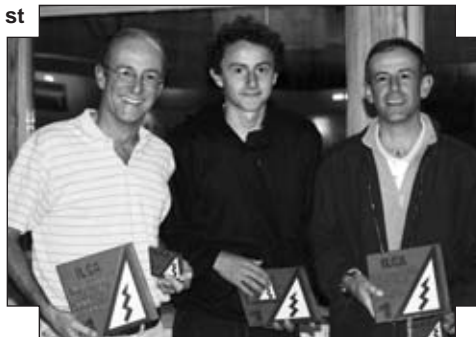
Felipe Castillo took the first place, winning with Juan Pablo Castillo and Alejandro Abisambra. Mauricio Valenzuela was the runner up with Alberto Valenzuela and Rodrigo Mora. Felipe Recaman, with Susana Salcedo and Luisa Mora, took third place.

CAMPEONATO DISTRITAL CLUB NAUTICO MUÑA

Fecha: NOV. 11, 12 Y 13 DE 2006

Pos	Casco	Patron	Tripulante	Cat	Club	1 ^a Pos	1 ^a #	2 ^a Pos	2 ^a #	3 ^a Pos	3 ^a #	4 ^a Pos	4 ^a #	5 ^a Pos	5 ^a #	6 ^a Pos	6 ^a #	TTL
1	78	Felipe Castillo	Juan Pablo Castillo Alejandro Abisambra	AZUL	CNM	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	9
2	85	Mauricio Valenzuela	Alberto Valenzuela Rodrigo Mora	AZUL	CNM	1	1	10	10	1	1	7	7	1	1	2	2	12
3	36	Felipe Recaman	Susana Salcedo Luisa Mora	AZUL	CNP	5	5	2	2	8	8	2	2	4	4	1	1	14
4	32	Juan Diego Escallon	Ernesto Borda Ricardo Herrera	VERDE	CNP	4	4	6	6	4	4	4	4	3	3	10	10	21
5	59	Johann Roesel	Francisco Castillo Vicente Hosie	VERDE	CNM	6	6	11	11	5	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	23
6	12	Sergio Delgado	Daniel Castillo Federico Concha	AZUL	CNM	ocs	12	5	5	3	3	5	5	6	6	6	6	25
7	15	Adriana Garcia	Roberto De La Vega Alejandro Rueda	VERDE	CNP	2	2	8	8	9	9	10	10	8	8	5	5	32
8	34	Andres Herkrath	Alvaro Ramirez Hernando Ramirez	AZUL	CNP	ocs	12	4	4	10	10	8	8	7	7	9	9	38
9	111	Gustavo Tamayo	Javier Delgado Nevardo Guerrero	AZUL	CNP	ret	12	3	3	6	6	6	6	dns	12	dns	12	39
10	97	Tomas Valenzuela	Julian Valenzuela Juan Camilo Castillo	VERDE	CNM	8	8	9	9	7	7	9	9	10	10	7	7	40
11	99	Pedro Londoño	Roberto Londoño Camilo Lopez	VERDE	CNP	7	7	7	7	ocs	12	11	11	9	9	8	8	42

1st



Juan Pablo Castillo
Alejandro Abisambra
Felipe Castillo

2nd



Rodrigo Mora
Mauricio Valenzuela
Alberto Valenzuela

3rd

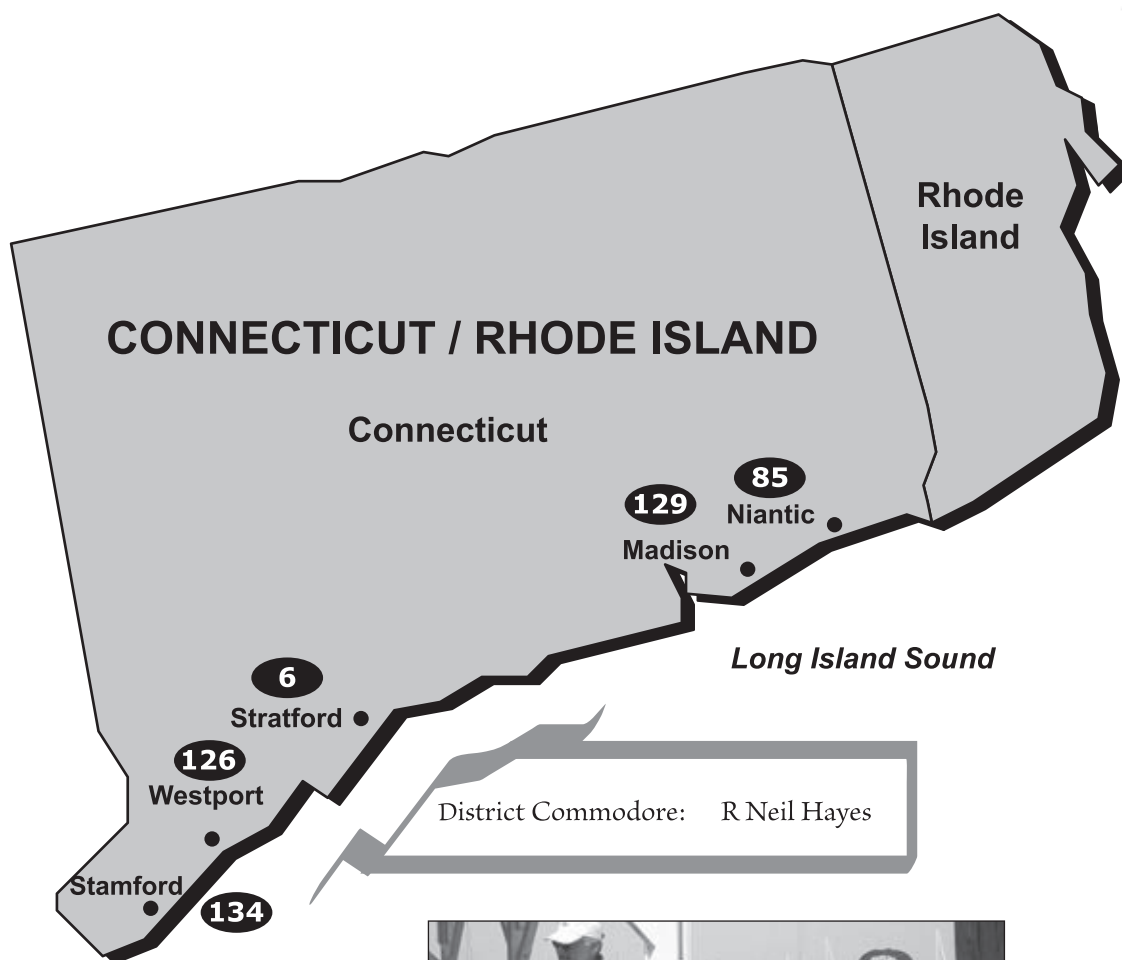


Luisa Mora
Susana Salcedo
Felipe Recaman

COLOMBIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2006



Santiago Usategui, John Raute, Sergio Delgado



District Champs—Jim, Brenda & Billy Crane

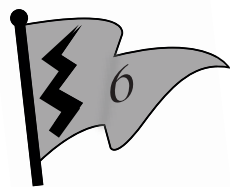


2nd—Dave Peck, Ellen Starck & Bryan Lilley



4th—Sarah Himmelfarb, Josh Goldman & Jamie Ewing

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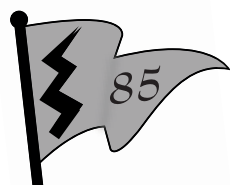


Housatonic Boat Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....R Neil Hayes

Boat#/Name	Owner
10801 Woody	R Heil Hayes
11381	Brian W Hayes

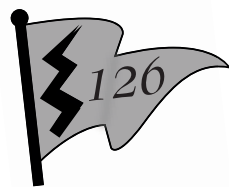


Niantic Bay Yacht Club

*Sailing on Niantic Bay &
Long Island Sound*
Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....David Peck
Fleet Treasurer Bill Healy

Boat#/Name	Owner
11912	Bill Healy
14289 Ciao	Tom Emch
14417	Donald R Barrett
14619	Theresa Colantuono
14665 April Thunder	Gregory Hall
14848	Daniel R Hertzner
15130	Leonard Vann
	Christopher J Vann
15190	Michael Gooch-Breault
	Nicole Breault
15215	David Peck



Cedar Point Yacht Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....David Howe
Fleet Secretary..... Dave Marseli
Fleet TreasurerDick Thackaberry

Boat#/Name	Owner
11385 Ol' Blue	Dick Thackaberry
11486 Generic Boat	Aaron Seymour
11570	Liviu Vogel
13832	Ryan O'Grady
13889 Wind Breaker	Dave Marseli
14035	Christopher Kirkland
14238	Steven Wexler
14630	Tom Glynn
14807 Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14819 Too Hot!	Eric S Heller
14821	Charles E Proctor
14889 Stripes	David Fried
15051	David C Howe
15057	Al Minella
15111	Gianni Cuccio
15116 Amethyst	Coug Latour
15171 High Cheese	Joshua Goldman
	Robert H Martin
	Richard Swann

Cedar Point Yacht Club has been home to Lightning Fleet 126 for over 40 years. The Fleet last hosted the North American Championship in 2003. We sail every Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with at least two regattas thrown in for fun. The Early Bird regatta in the spring is held the weekend before Memorial Day, and the Fall Classic is the last weekend of September. On the holiday weekends, we sail all three days in what is known as the Commodore's Cup Series. This year the Early Bird was combined with the new Flying Scot fleet, which made the after-sailing party even bigger. The Fall Classic has been run with the Thistles for the past few years, and that party has gotten a reputation as one of the best around. So, if you are in the area, try to make these two regattas a part of your calendar. You won't regret it.

The story of the year is the newly crowned Fleet Champion Laura Cuccio! After many years of maintaining the number one spot in the fleet, Gianni turned over the helm to his daughter during regular Saturday racing, and Laura certainly proved her mettle. Laura would be the third generation of Cuccios to have her name on the club Fleet Champion trophy, with John Cuccio and son Gianni being previous winners. This has never happened before in the history of Cedar Point, and I would think it is a rare thing amongst most other clubs also. Congratulations Laura! Of note, Ched Proctor's son, Charlie, won the last holiday weekend trophy, so the next generation is making their moves at the club! It is great to see the Fleet grow like this.

If you are interested in coming to our club to try out a Lightning, we have a very competitive Fleet boat. Contact Fleet Captain David Howe, and he'll reserve it for you. Or, if you are interested in crewing at Cedar Point, contact anyone in the Fleet, and they'll most likely be glad to have you on board. At CPYC, we offer dinghy friendly facilities and top-notch race committee work. Hope to see you out on the water this year.

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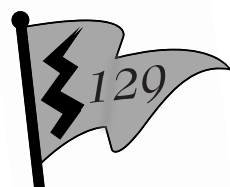
*Lightning Fleet season Champion Laura Cuccio with her father, Gianni Cuccio
[photo by Helen Jankowski]*

2006 Club Season Results:

1st: Laura Cuccio	3rd: Josh Goldman
2nd: Dick Thackaberry	4th: Doug Latour

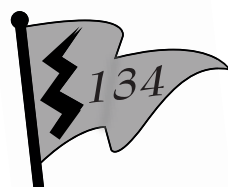


Josh Goldman at the NAs



Madison Beach Yacht Club

*Sailing on Long Island Sound
Madison, Connecticut*



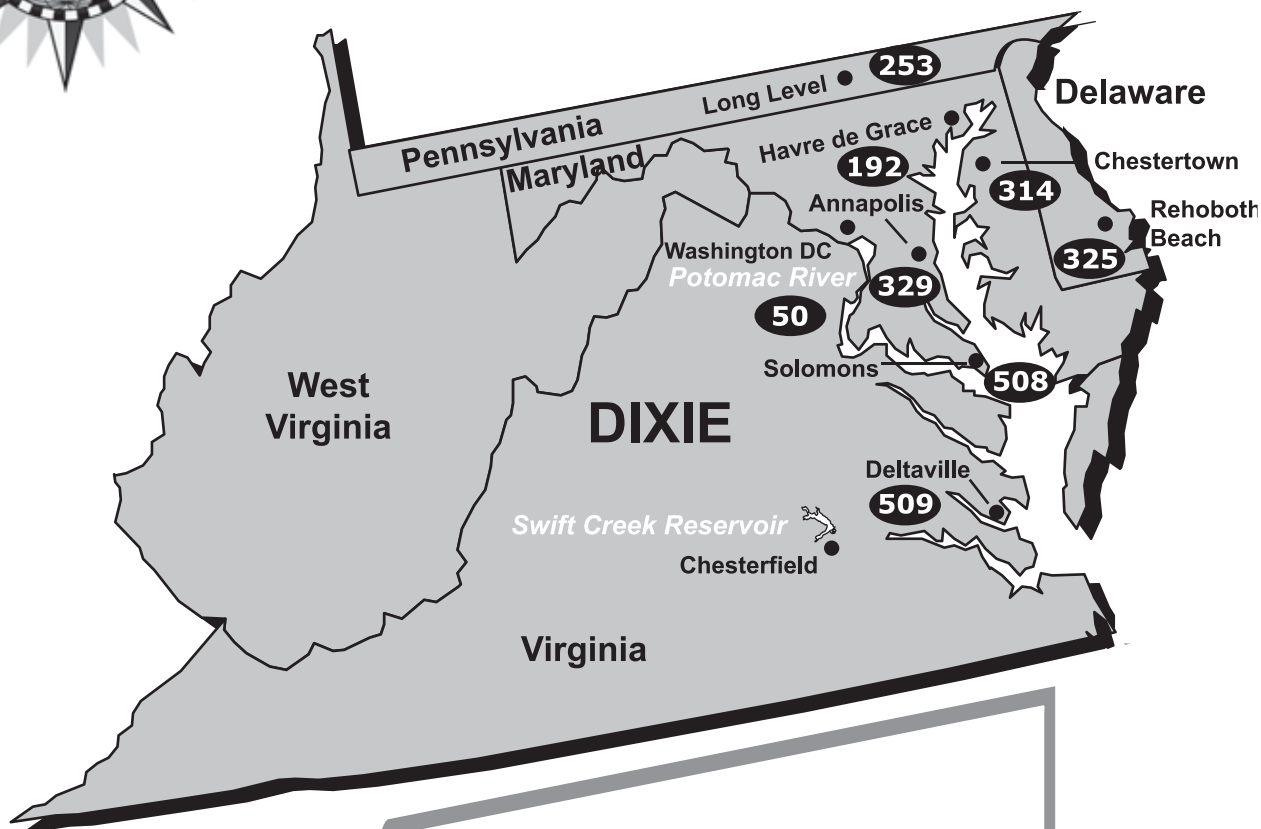
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*Sailing on Central Long Island Sound
Central Long Island Sound,*

Fleet Captain.....	James R Deephouse
Fleet Captain.....	Timothy Millhiser

Boat#/Name		Owner
11207	Early Times	James R Deephouse
11933		J Michael Sutzbach
14342		Timothy Millhiser
14509	Early Times	James R Deephouse

Boat#/Name	Owner
14900	Jim Crane



District Commodore:	Nabeel Alsalam
District Secretary/Treasurer:	Todd Johnson
District Champion:	Allan Terhune
District Runner-Up:	Steve Constants
Purnell Cup (Traveler)	Nabeel Alsalam

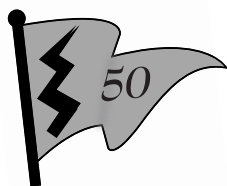
The year starts with the Southern Circuit. We all would love to take eleven days to go sail three regattas in those cool days of early March. In the Dixie District seven boats made the trip. Neil Fowler and Todd Johnson (15202) had the best results with a 7, 2, and 6 in the three regattas. Allan Terhune did well also with a 10, 5, and 16. This was Nabeel Alsalam's (15142) first time sailing the Circuit. Three boats from Susquehanna did the trip: John Bates (14265), Star Mikell (15118), and Mike Wertz/Frank Hanson (15159). George Nagy (15221) from Hampton was new to the Dixie District and the Hampton Fleet but made the trip to Savannah. Jon Lange (15054) has made St. Pete an annual tradition.

Our District is continuing its policy of rotating the District Championships around the District. We sail our Lightnings on all types of water, and so our championships might as well be sailed in equally varied venues. This year the District Championship was on the Hampton Roads at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay at the confluence of the York and James Rivers, the home waters of Fleet 509. Allan Terhune defended his title and repeated as District Champion. However, Steve Constants and his brothers, Mike and David, sailed very well and took second. Ben Forman and John Butler of Fleet 50 took a close third.

The North Americans were way out in San Diego, which probably explains why only two boats made it there. However, both Allan Terhune and Steve Constants made the Blue Fleet. Allan sailed extremely well and placed second behind repeat Champion and incredibly fast Matt Burridge.

The District had a very full schedule of regattas. The Purnell Cup (Traveler) Award consisted of nine regattas, one at each Fleet plus the District Championship. Nabeel Alsalam, usually with teammates Lisbet Kugler and Russ Roberts, sailed all nine regattas and won the right to keep the Cup for a year.

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



Potomac River Sailing Association

Sailing on the Potomac River
Washington DC

Fleet Captain..... David Thompson
Fleet Secretary..... Marian Bruno
Fleet Treasurer..... Bob Astrove
Fleet Lieutenant for Racing..... Rob Tompkins
Wednesday Night Racing Coordinator/
Training Coordinator..... Joe Warren
Scorer..... Russ Roberts
Webmaster..... Cathy Bleakly
Potomac Cup Regatta Chair..... Russ Roberts

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
32	Barbara K Thompson
3343 Little Bit	Alan R Rogers
7223	Tom Capehart
7603 Pandora II	Robert Astrove
9183 Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher
10215 Black Adder	Ted Okada
10226 String Cheese	James W Greenwell
10527 Confusion	Robert H Tompkins
10745 EGV	Doug & Kelly Palmer
10814 Fast & Loose	Denise Malueg
11369 No More Excuses	James Dillard
11767 Thunder	Harry H Keith
11792 Rogue	Bobby Fulton & Brendan Walsh
11908 Envy	Eric Swanson
12081 Beedobeat	Benjamin Forman
12416	Robert Astrove
12417 Redline	Doug Taphouse
12741 No More Excuses	James Dillard
12743 Chiquita	Keith & Paul Hankins
13306 Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher & Laurie Duncan
13977 Lord Jim	Gloria Gilbert & Mike Black
14019	Peter Grimes
14037 Bony Buns	Joe Warren
14096 Gray Ghost	Drew Hudson & Sousan Arafah
14100 No Wet Undersear	Red Fehrle
14187 !Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14222 Windchaser	Russell Roberts
14375 Out of the Blue	Peter M McDonnell
14395 String Theory	Bob Wilbur
14485 Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ron Buchanan
14521 Puff the Magic Dragon	Joseph G Anderson
14532 Boonoonoonoos	Robin H Tompkins
14553 Sinistra	Richard Welch
14566 Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
14592 Beedobeat	John R Butler & Ben Forman
14627 No More Excuses	James Dillard
15117 Jalapeno	Marian Bruno & Gary Roberts
15142 Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15166	David Pyle
15195	It's the Water
15202	Todd Johnson
15228 Blue Two	David & Barbara Johnson
15256 Ariel	Jeffrey Storck
15311	James Dillard

It's been an active year for Fleet 50 and its members. Fleet 50 continued to grow, with two new skippers on the water this fall. Bill Laux of Alexandria traveled to Pontiac, Michigan, and brought back Lightning 15148. Jim Ward moved his boat here from Nashville, Tennessee, and parked it in a slot vacated by Greg Virgin's Tijuana Taxi that moved over to Annapolis. Our crew list has increased as well, thanks to a Fleet Open House held on August 23rd. Fourteen skippers and fourteen guests stopped by to socialize and share information about sailing in PRSA events on a beautiful, but light-wind evening. Nabeel Alsalam, David Thompson, Frank Gallagher, Red Fehrle, and Pat McGee splashed their Lightnings and took guests out for a spin. As a result of this event, we added an additional dozen names, many with good racing experience, to the Fleet's "I want to Crew" list.



Team McGee, Team Fehrle & Nabeel

The talent of many of our Fleet skippers doesn't end on the water. Fleet 50's own Nabeel Alsalam had his write-up of the 2006 Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup published in the July 2006 edition of *Lightning Flashes*, and Bob Astrove authored a nicely-illustrated feature story on the 2006 Woody regatta held in Syracuse in the August edition of the *Lightning Flashes*. Bobby also wrote an article about the 2005 Woody Regatta, which was published in the July/August 2006 issue of *Wooden Boat* magazine. Check out these articles!

One of our most active skippers, Jeff Storck, authored some sage advice for all after nearly demolishing his beautiful new boat Ariel—check your lifting bridle every time you go out and replace it with fresh line if you see any wear or if any segment of the bridle line has knots. Jeff tells his story on Fleet 50 web site.

And speaking of the web site, as of the middle of November 2006, the year-to-date number of Fleet 50 website visits was above 11,000, a 20% increase over the number for the same time last year.

Racing Events

The Local PRSA/Fleet 50 2006 racing season began March 25 with the PRSA Spring Icebreaker Regatta. Four Lightnings came out on a day

Fleet 50—cont.

that was much nicer than the forecast predicted. Frank Gallagher took the day, claiming an impressive five bullets—a great start to the season. The following week, the PRSA spring series of eight races commenced. Twelve Lightnings came out on a picture-perfect day with sunny skies, a high near 70 degrees and northwesterly winds. Although the breeze started out strong and gusty, it settled down for the first two races before dropping to absolutely nothing before the third. Frank Gallagher continued his winning streak from the Icebreaker Regatta and won the day with two bullets. The series continued throughout the months of April and May, with variable wind and temperature conditions and a strong turnout of boats. Twelve Lightnings sailed enough races to qualify for rankings in the PRSA Spring Series 2006. Frank Gallagher finished in first place, with results that included 12 bullets in 34 total races, giving him a low point score of 30. Russ Roberts came in a close second, with 39.8 points, and Nabeel Alsalam was third, right behind Russ, with 41.6 points.

This year, we once again held the Doc Gilbert Memorial Cup Regatta on the Potomac River south of Washington at Leesylvania State Park. Preparation was key. Sixteen skippers and crew came down to Leesylvania on a beautiful Saturday morning a week before the race to work on the picnic pavilion, building a dozen new picnic tables and planting flowers, shrubs, and trees around the building, so we were in fine shape for the regatta which was held on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. All that preparation paid off as we had thirty-six Lightnings and seven Hamptons participate—a great turnout at this annual event, sponsored by the Old Dominion Brewing Company of Ashburn, Virginia. Regatta Chair, Russ Roberts, delivered one of the best organized and best run Potomac Cups in recent memory; PRO Rob Tompkins led a highly experienced Race Committee over two challenging days on the water. Winds on Saturday were from the northwest at 15–20 knots, gusty and shifty, while on Sunday they lightened up and came out of the northeast at 5–10 knots. Sailors from Annapolis and Havre de Grace dominated the top positions. Allen Terhune took first place, followed by Jon Guth in second, and Steve Constants in third. Seventeen of the 36 competitors came from Fleet 50. Nabeel Alsalam was the top finisher from our Fleet in eighth place, and Ron Buchanan with son Mark was the second Fleet 50 finisher in tenth place.

The next event on the local schedule was the PRSA Spring Regatta held Saturday and Sunday, May 27–28 where ten Lightnings competed. There were good winds on Saturday, but nothing on Sunday, making for a very short race day. Frank Gallagher won, with Pat McGee taking second and Bobby Astrove at third.

With the close of the spring series, it was time to start up the Wednesday night informal racing. A great casual venue for beginner and experienced sailors alike, the weekday sailing this year was plagued by variable weather that included far too many thunderstorms. Wednesday night sailing started on June 14th and continued when the weather permitted through August, when perfect winds and warm temperatures finally made for good summer fun.

Tropical storm Ernesto did some damage to the Washington Sailing Marina when he passed through on September 1, leaving a lot of debris and a couple of downed trees. Fortunately no Lightnings were damaged in the storm. The staff at Guest Services worked hard and had the marina cleaned up within days, just in time for the 72nd Annual Presidents Cup Regatta and 13th annual Leukemia Cup Regatta held Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10. The Leukemia Cup is held on that Saturday in conjunction with the Presidents Cup. Fifteen Lightnings competed. On Saturday, light winds that changed direction every hour made for a sailboat racing nightmare, but PROs Bruce Bingman (upper course) and Todd Johnson (lower course) made the most of conditions, and each got a race completed before we retired for the day. Bobby Astrove, sailing with CJ Fisher and T Graham Fisher, took first place in the Lightning division of the Leukemia Cup. The winds were better on Sunday than on Saturday, and we were able to run four races on Sunday in northeasterly 6–8 MPH breezes under sunny skies with a high of 82 degrees. Benjamin Forman

and John Butler took first place, and new Fleet 50 skipper, Jim Ward, placed second. Frank Gallagher, sailing with Maryann Gallagher and CJ Fisher placed third, and Matt Klise, sailing with Bob Astrove and T Graham Fisher took fourth.

Fall series racing continued on to November 5, in good winds and generally nice weather. Nabeel Alsalam won the fall series, Frank Gallagher was a close second, and Pat McGee third.

Racing Beyond the Potomac

Many of our Fleet 50 skippers participated in races throughout the region. Bob Astrove, with dependable crew Billy Astrove and Mat Klise, took first place in the 2006 Woody Regatta held on Lake Onondaga (Syracuse, New York) July 22–23. Ithaca skipper, Byrne O'Brien, sailing with spouse Karen and Fleet 50 crew Joe Kimak, took second. Altogether there were 15 wooden Lightnings at the regatta, including Doug Dixon's beautifully restored #584. On that same weekend, but further south, Nabeel Alsalam, sailing with Pat McGee and Paul Maher on Shadowfax, won first place in the 2006 Delaware Governors Cup Regatta in Rehoboth. Other Fleet 50 boats participating in that race were Beedobeat, with John Butler,

Benjamin Forman and Tim Olson, placed second; Deux Poissons et Un Chat, with Ron and Mark Buchanan and Diane Reilly, placed third; Lord Jim, with Chandler Owen, Rose Gentile, Gloria Gilbert and Alanna and Gianna Varca, placed fifth; and String Cheese, with Jim Greenwell, Rob Holzbach, and Jamie Holzbach, placed eighth.

Still looking for action, Nabeel and Bobby took their boats and crews to the annual Susquehanna Yacht Club Sweet Corn Regatta the weekend of August 5–6, and sailed in light winds on Saturday and no wind on Sunday. Bobby placed second, Nabeel fourth. In addition to the good Fleet 50 finishes and great camaraderie, the participants tell us that the steaks were yummy and the sweet corn incredible.

Three Fleet 50 boats traveled to the New Jersey coast the weekend of July 29–30 to

participate in the Atlantic Coast Championships at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Nabeel Alsalam placed 13th in a 70-boat field studded with rock stars. Benjamin Forman, sailing with Tim Olson and Ann Cody, placed forty-ninth, and the Keith family (Harry-Henry-Katie) placed sixty-third. Nabeel headed out again in August to participate in the 2006 Duck Challenge held in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Two days of beautiful sailing weather, a first-class sailing marina, good competition, and seven races (four on Saturday, three on Sunday) made for a great regatta the weekend of August 19–20. Nabeel took first place, with three firsts, two seconds, and an eighth. Patrick Phelan, regatta organizer, took second; Jason Werner, third; Kevin Macneil, fourth; and Jon Guth, fifth. Drew Hudson, sailing with Kristen Lopez and Jill Williamson, Joe Warren, sailing with John Hart and Carolann Brumfield, and David Thompson, sailing with Barb Thompson and Catherine Calvin, also competed.

Two Fleet 50 boats made the journey to Solomons Island on Saturday September 23rd to participate in the two-day 10th annual SMSA Small Boat Invitational on the Lower Patuxent River. The RC established a long windward-leeward course on the south side of the river in front of the Naval Air Station, somewhat sheltered from the waves generated by the strong southwesterly wind, and started the first race a little after 11:00 AM. It was a contest of survivorship from that point forward, in 20–25 mph winds with gusts to 35 (one gust of 37 was recorded at 11:20 AM). Twice as many boats capsized as finished the first race, and that was it for the weekend. Nabeel sailed away with first place in the Lightning division by a wide margin; Carol Park from Susquehanna took second; Star Mikell took third. PRSA won the Rusty Rudder Participation Award for the most boats from a single club, but Susquehanna pretty much dominated the Lightning division with four boats among the five finishers. To put it all in perspective: 37 boats registered and six finished. Just surviving the regatta was winning.

Five Fleet 50 boats traveled to Annapolis for the Frigid Digit regatta October 14–15 in challenging winds on Saturday and gentler winds on Sunday.



PRO Todd Johnson

Frank and Nabeel, both highly experienced Fleet 50 skippers, capsized in the second race on Saturday but recovered to finish in the middle of the Fleet. John Butler was the highest-placing Fleet 50 skipper overall, in 25th place (out of forty-one boats competing).

Fleet 50 boats traveled to the Pennsylvania Governors Cup at Susquehanna and to the Borderline Regatta at Kerr Lake the weekend on October 28–29 but did not race due to the extraordinary winds (gusts to 50 MPH) brought by a strong storm system that worked its way east after dumping 20 inches of snow in Colorado.

Four Fleet 50 boats traveled to Hampton, Virginia, the weekend of November 11–12 for the Hampton Fling regatta and enjoyed outstanding November weather on Saturday, with temperatures in the high 70s and gentle 10 mph southwesterly winds. An added treat was the arrival of the aircraft carrier Wasp, which sailed past the start line prior to the first race, coming home to Norfolk after three months on station in the Persian Gulf, announced by a 12-gun cannon salute. What a wonderful weather day to end the 2006 season.

Non-racing Events

The month of June brought the Fleet sponsorship of Virginia Special Olympics sailing held at the Washington Sailing Marina. Lightning skippers Joe Warren, Frank Gallagher and newcomer Norm Kruse (using Drew Hudson's boat) provided boats and drivers for the summer Special Olympics program. Sailing started on June 12 and was cancelled for the next two weeks due to thunderstorms and the flooding of the Potomac. The program resumed on Mondays in July. Light air prevailed for the Monday training sessions, but when it was time for the end-of-season regatta on July 22nd, winds of 11–17 knots from the southwest gave the participants a chance to seriously test their skills. The boats returned to the marina just before wind gust picked up to 20 knots, and fortunately, there was no capsizing. The best part was watching the reaction of these athletes—their visible excitement was rewarding for all the Fleet 50 participants.

Throughout the summer, informal weekend sailing took place for those not traveling to regattas. In June, sunny skies and steady southerly winds around 12 mph made for perfect sailing conditions. July and August brought the same. Funny how good winds prevail when a regatta isn't scheduled.

This year we revived the tradition of a mid-summer downriver cruise to Ft. Foote, a historic site along the Potomac River. On a beautiful sunny and mild Saturday in July, four Lightnings, four Lasers, two Interlakes, two Albacores and a Hobie Cat made up our flotilla. All week the wind forecast had been for northerly winds around 10 mph, but at the appointed time of departure the winds were light. By the time most of the boats made it out of the cove, the light winds became barely perceptible, and the boats were reduced to floating down river with the current. Albacore skipper Mike Heinsdorf, driving the 19-foot Carolina Skiff, saved the day by demonstrating awesome boat handling skills as he snaked his way around the upper Potomac, picking up the thirteen boats that had set sail and creating a chain under tow, delivering us to Ft. Foote in time for our picnic and volleyball game. While we were picnicking, the winds came back, and on the return trip we had northeasterly breezes at 8–9 mph, enough to make us move smartly, but not enough to heel us over. All enjoyed a relaxed, easy day.

Lighting skippers, led by PRO Jeff Storck, provided the Race Committee for the 2006 Albacore US National Championships held on the Potomac October 7–9. Good winds and cold rain were offered up on Saturday, nicer weather and lighter winds on Sunday, and beautiful weather but no wind at all on Monday made for a fun regatta for the 34 competing, one-design Albacore competitors who came from across the US and Canada to compete.

Looking Forward

Fleets 50 and 329 are coordinating their planning efforts for the 2007 Lightning Women's, Juniors', and Masters' (WJM) Championships Regatta at Leesylvania and the 2007 Lightning North American Championships Regatta at Severn Sailing Association on the Chesapeake. The Regattas will be conducted Wednesday, August 15 through Saturday, August 18 (WJMs) and Sunday, August 19 through Friday, August 24 (NAs). Nabeel Alaslani of Fleet 50 will serve as Regatta Chair for the WJMs, Steve Constants of SSA for the NAs. We look forward to these events and hope to see a great turnout.

Four Fleet 50 skippers will serve on the board of the Potomac River Sailing Association in 2007: Jeff Storck as Commodore, Pat McGee as Vice-Commodore, David Thompson as Rear Commodore, and Nabeel Alaslani as Membership Chair. PRSA is our club and is the organizing body for all one-design racing events on the Potomac in Washington DC.



Rafting up on downriver cruise



Frank, Maryann & Matt at PC



Doug

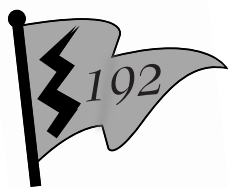


Ron, Cat & Mark at PC



David & George

DIXIE DISTRICT



Lower Susquehanna

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain..... Adam Dolezal

Boat#/Name		Owner
9544	Disco Volante	Adam Dolezal
10302	Blueberries for Sail	Mark Hergan
11240		Mark Daghir
12613		Mike McKusker
13667		Douglas Fletcher
14165	Soggy Break Down	Robert McAnally
14366	T2	Patrick Phelan
14629		Thomas Compton
15024	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15131		Carl Muska

It was an exciting 2006 for Fleet 192 in Havre de Grace, Maryland. With our regular Thursday night series, our annual "Duck" regatta and our annual team-racing duel with Susquehanna Yacht Club, it proved to be a great summer of sailing. In addition to our local events, many of our boats ventured beyond the lower Susquehanna to experience the thrill of competition. The 2006 season was shaping up to be one for the books.

With many of last year's sailors returning and a couple of new comers to boot, Fleet 192 is enjoying an active seven-boat fleet, seeing full and competitive action almost every Thursday. With challenging conditions in our early summer season, veteran skills and know-how prevailed, with Carl Muska (15131) taking top honors. Carl showed consistency pays, winning by a small margin in a tight fleet of boats. The late summer season proved to be equally shifty, but better turnout and more practice made for incredible competition. Pat Phelan (14366) took the top spot by a reasonable margin, but the Fleet stayed tight and racing was great.

Our annual teams' race versus Susquehanna Yacht Club was as spirited as ever with both teams fielding talented sailors. The annual event, with rotating venues, was hosted by SYC in 2006 and was done so in excellent fashion. With two days of perfect breezes, racing was tight and competitive, HdGYC Fleet 192 was soundly ahead at the end of the first day, but SYC came out swinging on Sunday and tied the series up early, leaving the final race to decide. HdGYC managed to win the final race, but unfortunately, due to an un-exonerated penalty accrued by HdGYC, a tie was declared. For 2007, it's on our turf again, and we look to regain the title of "King of the River."

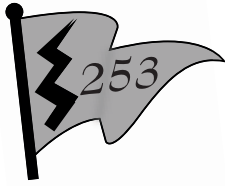
With the summer in full swing, it was time again for our annual Duck Regatta. This year we had shifty but breezy conditions in two days of beautiful sunshine. Racing was great as always, with 19 boats registered, seven races and only four points dividing first and second. A Saturday evening feast of steak and potatoes helped to refuel the crews for two days of intense competition. After the first day, local Pat Phelan (14366) was leading but would not prevail, as it was fleet 50's Nabeel Alsalam (15142) sailing fast and consistently to take the overall win. To round out the top three, it was two locals in Pat Phelan and Jason Werner (15024). We're looking forward to hosting the event again next year in August prior to our Districts and the North Americans.

Other interesting Fleet news brings congratulations to several members of Fleet 192. Expert Lightning crew and general nice guy, Rich Morris, and

his wife Bonnie welcomed future skipper Grant Morris into the Fleet on the 14 of April. Also, making waves in the baby department is our inter-fleet couple of Matt Jay and Sharon Slikker-Jay, who brought daughter and also future skipper Te'a into the Fleet on December 14. And as many of you know, Jason Werner and Heather Dodd finally tied the knot on the 16th of June at a beautiful ceremony on the beach overlooking the Chesapeake. Thank you to Capital Logo for putting on such a wonderful wedding.

2007 should prove to be another banner year for Fleet 192. With Thursdays approaching rapidly, and several events to look forward to, Fleet 192 intends on hosting the Lightning Labs in May and our annual Duck Regatta in August. We will also be hosting this year's rematch of the SYC/HdGYC teams' race. Please bookmark our new website: www.hostsrv.com/lf192. We have regular updates, information and photos for current and past events.





Susquehanna Yacht Club

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....Mike Wertz
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Remorenko
Fleet TreasurerKen Kuzdro
Fleet ChampionCarol Park

Boat#/Name	Owner
8959	Christopher Rumpf
9897	Steve Tiley
10493	John Bates
11329 Rare Vos	Joseph Lauver
11582	Walt Poyck
11596	Joseph W Deerin
12081	Brian Schooling
13047	Gary Hoffer
13218	Ken Kuzdro
13813 Double Whammy	Frederick S Bush
14074	Richard M Doherty
14156 Starthrower	Charles F Noble
14365 Strikes Twice	Thomas E Dexter
14525 Spitfire	James Bates
14692 Potluck	Matt Potvin
14777	Joseph W Deerin
14902 Miss Conduct	Bill Remorenko
14927 Shark Bite	Michael Wertz
15118 Yellow Boat	Starling H Mikel
15159	Frank Hanson
15210	Kevin MacNeil
	Carol A Park

Fleet 253 was busier than ever this year!

We hosted our third annual Junior Sailing Day this year with a day in June and a second day in July. Kathie Wild led a group of nearly 20 junior sailors through four skill areas, with the capsized drills and actual sailing being the most popular events. Each day was completed with a barbecue and certificate ceremony.

The fourth annual "King of the River" team race event was held at SYC. Fleet 192 from Havre de Grace entered six teams, and after two grueling days of competition, both on the water and at the evening party, it all ended in a tie!

In August, the 8th Annual Sweet Corn Regatta was held at SYC with 18 boats participating. For the first time in several years we had wind, allowing five races to be held. Carol Park (SYC), with her crew of Bill Remorenko and Rhea Cosentino, won the event with scores of 6,2,1,1,1. Nabeel Alsalam and Bob Astrove, both from Fleet 50, were a close second and third.

Also in August, Fleet 253 participated in the Four Diamonds Day on the river. The day is for children with cancer who get to choose between sailing, water skiing and many other water sports. Both the SYC and Fleet

253 contributed both time and equipment to make this event a memorable one for all involved.

Our season ended in October with the 40th Annual Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta being held at SYC in conjunction with Fleet 16, Paupack. Eighteen boats competed, with Dick Hallagan continuing his domination of this event with yet another win.

I almost forgot...we also raced from the end of May until the end of October! The competition was brutal with ten different skippers winning at least one race. The overall champion for the fourth time in five years was Miss Conduct, skippered by Carol Park with the Remorenko and Lucy Kniseley crewing. Kevin MacNeil was a very close second, with Star Mikell, Tom Dexter, and Matt Potvin all within a "boat length."

On a final note, we are saying goodbye to a long time friend, sailor and all around "good-guy." Charlie Noble is moving to Southern California and will be leaving the Fleet after nearly thirty years of service. Charlie has been everyone's friend, and anyone who knows him has a "Charlie Story" to tell! He'll not be forgotten. We all wish Charlie "fair winds and following seas" and hope he remembers to keep the wet side down!



Sassafras River

Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chesterton, Maryland

Fleet TreasurerDavid J Horne

Boat#/Name	Owner
12381 Star O'dust	Robert B Horne
15023 Star O'dust	Robert B Horne
	David J Horne



Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn

Sailing on the Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Boat#/Name	Owner
10490 Incontinent	Barry Brogan

DIXIE DISTRICT



Severn Sailing Association

Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain.....Steve Constants
Fleet TreasurerTodd Johnson
Fleet ChampionSteve Constants

Boat#/Name		Owner
9655	Sundance	James Bielefeld
10860	Still Crazy	Gregory & Jo Ann Fisher
14049		Diana Lohmeyer
14139	Boatbox	Robert Harmon
14221	Iwakuni	Mark E Whitson
14548	Painkiller	Johnathan S Guth
14581		Edward J Friebele
14588		Tijuana Taxi
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Gregory Virgin
14950		Ed Michels
14975		Allan Terhune
15016	Loon	James B & Susan Bickell
15054	Blue Highways	Jonathan I Lange
15202		Todd Johnson
15240	Got Moe Joe	Stephen Constants Michael Constants

2006 was a busy year for Fleet 329, both on and off the water. Steve Constants was elected Fleet Captain to take over for Ed Michels, who served admirably. Jamie and Susie Brickell spent the majority of the season RVing throughout the western United States. They were never far away from us though because Jamie provided everyone with weekly summaries of their adventures. It was kind of like reliving the Lewis and Clark expeditions. Ed



Todd Johnson



NA Runner-Up Alan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Kris Smith

Michels, unfortunately, hurt his ankle at the beginning of the season and had to be put on the injured reserve squad. Diana Lohmeyer gave birth to twins during the year and spent the majority of the season managing her new additions. We expect to see more of Jamie, Ed and Diana in 2007. Our newest member, Greg Virgin, was a welcomed addition. His aptly named yellow boat, Tijuana Taxi, also provoked addition ad-lib names from Fleet members.

Some other member highlights. Todd Johnson had several outstanding performances teaming up with Neil Fowler at the Southern Circuit, ACCs, and Pan Am Trials. Jonathan Lange made it out to San Diego for the NAs. Joe Friebele went through ANOTHER mast. Jon Guth was fast in Fleet competition. Mark Whitson showed marked improvement out on the racecourse. Greg Fisher excelled in just about every other one-design out there. Jim Bielefeld got the old boat moving, though were still hoping he gets a new boat. Allan Terhune had a great year with a first at Districts, second at NAs, third ACCs, second at Pan Am Trials and second at Frigid Digit.

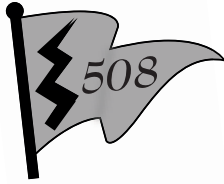
Fleet 329 holds two invitational regattas, the No Gas Regatta in May and the Frigid Digit Regatta in October. In addition to the invitationals, Fleet racing takes place over numerous weekends designated into Spring, Summer, Fall Regattas. Our Fleet racing is always highly competitive with a closely matched Fleet. In addition, every Tuesday evening during the season there is informal racing available to all the fleets at SSA. It is a great reason to leave work early and race three or four short races, and then come in and have some cold beer and some food from the "Angry Chef." Although our average Fleet participation per event was down ever so slightly from last year (7.6 in 2006 vs 8 in 2005), our Fleet was the third most active out of twelve sanctioned one-design fleets at SSA. Our Regatta winners were: No Gas Regatta: Jamie Brickell, Spring Series: Todd Johnson, Summer and Fall Series: Allan Terhune.

Our season was marked by several big events:

The Pan Am Games Trials were held next door at Eastport Yacht Club, with the assistance from our Fleet on October 11-12. Our own Ed Michels, a member of both SSA and EYC, was the regatta chair. Seventeen competitors, who qualified by their performance at the Winter Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship, or the North Americans, competed for the opportunity to represent the United States at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro in July of 2007. The racing was both challenging and extremely close. David Stark won and will represent the United States next year in Brazil. Our own Fleet 329 Allan Terhune finished in a close second.

Our fall invitational, the Frigid Digit, was chaired this year by Joe Friebele and has been categorized as a heavy air regatta the past several years. In fact, surviving the Digit has become a sort of a right of passage here in Annapolis. It seems like everyone has the bumper sticker that states "I survived the Frigid Digit." Well, the initial forecast was like that of the past several years, northwest 20-25 knots. That alone will normally keep a few people from showing up and it did, but as the weather updates continued and the front dissipated, we were left with two days of absolutely beautiful fall weather on the Chesapeake Bay. Forty-one boats competed and we were able to get in five races for the first time in a few years. Jody Swanson Stark finished first, followed by Allan Terhune and Neil Fowler. It was a great way to end a good year.

By now you know that Fleet 329, the Severn Sailing Association and Eastport Yacht Club will be hosting the 2007 Lightning North American Championships. So by the time you see this in print we will be putting the final touches to what will be a great event in Annapolis. We look forward to see you all here in August.

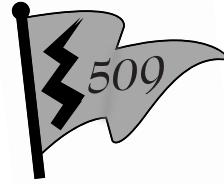


Solomons

*Sailing on the Patuxent River and
Chesapeake Bay*
Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Captain.....David H Meiser

Boat#/Name	Owner
11983 Lolly	Jeff Kumke
14028 Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14800	David H Meiser
	Shawn Stanley



Fishing Bridge

Sailing on Fishing Bay
Deltaville, Virginia

Fleet Captain.....Joe Buczkowski
Fleet ChampionJoe Buczkowski

Boat#/Name	Owner
11369 No More Excuses	Kevin Crossett
15084 Irie	Joe Buczkowski
15221 Bonk	George Nagy

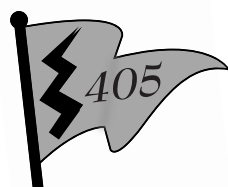
We saw some growth in the Fleet with two new additions, George Nagy and Kevin Crossett and several other members who were former Lightning sailors, like Ryan Parker joining the Fleet and sailing in several events, including the Dixie Districts, Fall Fling and Frigid Digit.

Our biggest event this year was the honor of hosting the Dixie Districts. Sixteen highly competitive teams descended to Hampton Roads and sailed six great races in winds ranging from 4–15 knots and bright sun! Allan Terhune and gang showed us once again they are a tough team by winning the regatta with straight bullets! Their throw out (the last race) was a second!

As always, we look forward to hosting the Hampton Lightning Fling. Once again this year, it was a spectacular event. Short course racing kept everyone close. The down side was we only got in four races on Saturday, as the wind gods prevented sailing on Sunday, but as always, those four races provided close quarters along with tactics that made your head spin. Additionally, the oyster roast and fried turkey at Leigh Morgan's house was great—a party that everyone enjoyed—plus, the entry was a measly \$20!

We look forward to continued expansion of the Fleet and keeping the sailing fun and would love to have more boats join the Fling. This year it is scheduled for November 10–11. So if you are even thinking about it, come on down to the Hampton Roads area and enjoy some great sailing, the beaches and everything the area has to offer.





Salinas Yacht Club
Sailing on the Pacific Ocean
 Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Captain..... Carlos Lecaro
 Fleet Secretary.....Paco Solá
 Fleet TreasurerJuan Santos
 Fleet ChampionJuan Santos

Boat#/Name		Owner
8513	El Abuelo	Roberto Campoverde
9411	Huevo Frito	Enrique Granja
11365	White Shark	Julio Velez
11928	La Ratonera	Sebastian Herrera
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel Plaza
14145	Alzheimer	Jose Gonzalez-Rubio
14150	Sea Baby	Francisco Sola Medina
14163	White Shark	Julio Velez
14379	Xtreme	Jaime Calderon
14383	Alegato II	Jimmy Pazimiño
14389	Bada Bing	Sebastian Meira
14405		Francisco Soriano
14461		Alberto Maspons
14541	Colo	Cesar Baquerizo
14671	Magia	Juan Rafael Santos
14673	Black Beauty	Juan Santos Garces
14674	Marraqueta	Alfredo Ochoa
14676	Garufa	Carlos Lecaro
15080	For Sale	Paco Solá
15094		Juan Carlos Plaza
15095	Culilla	Juan Carlos Plaza
		Santiago Romero Barst
15096	Pataki	Xavier Monge



Salinas Yacht Club

Fleet 405

2006 was again a year full of activity for Fleet 405. We started the year with the Opening Regatta in January 14 and 15, which was won by Juan Carlos Plaza, followed by Alfredo Ochoa and Enrique Granja. In January 28 and 29, we held our second regatta, and it was won by Juan Santos, followed by Miguel Plaza and Juan Rafael Santos. We participated in the Olympic Festival in February 11, which was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro, followed by Jaime Calderon and Cesar Baquerizo. As it is a tradition now, the "Friendship Race" or "Regata de la Amistad" was sailed on February 25 with all active classes participating in one single start. First three places went to Miguel Plaza, Jaime Calderon, and Carlos Luis Lecaro. In March, we held the Genesis Cup with a 13-boat turnout, having been won by Juan Santos, followed by Carlos Luis Lecaro and Marcelo León from sister Fleet 447.



Jan & Steve Davis at the Lightning Bar

The Salinas Yacht Club Regatta has become our most important Fleet regatta of the year, one of the reasons being that the winner gets to put his boat's name in the Lightning at the "Lightning Bar!" This year we managed to get seventeen boats on the starting line, and the winner was, you guessed it, Juan Santos and company. So Black Beauty will adorn the bow of our Lightning Bar until 2007. Runner up was Julio Velez, and third place went to Tito Plaza.

We held the 1st Maxigraf Cup in July, which was again won by Juan Santos followed by Tito Plaza and Carlos Luis Lecaro. In August, we held the Francisco Sola Franco Cup which was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro followed by Paco Sola and Sebastian Herrera.

Our Districts were held in September with the participation of fifteen boats from our two active Fleets (405 and 447) in Salinas. The District Champion was Juan Santos and crew, followed by Julio Velez and Tito Plaza.

The 1st Luxaflex Cup was held in October and was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro, followed by Paco Sola and Marcelo Leon. Also in October, Santiago Romero hosted his annual regatta, which also constituted the Nationals, with a nice participation of fifteen crews. The Winner was Juan Santos, followed by Julio Velez and Carlos Luis Lecaro.

Our grand event of the year was undoubtedly the South Americans, attended by crews from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, United States, and Ecuador. It was an honor for our fleet that Juan Santos and his crew of son, Juan Andres Santos, and Rafael Lecaro came away as the undisputed winners. We are proud of having such a great sailor and three-time South American Champion among our ranks and we have high hopes of his team winning a medal at the PanAm Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2007. Congratulations Juan, Juan Andres, and Rafael!

We were honored to have as our distinguished guests during the South Americans Mr. Steve Davis, ILCA President, Mrs. Jan Davis, ILCA Secretary, and Brian Hayes, Executive Secretary, who, besides sailing, participated in several meetings with members of the participating countries, allowing them to learn about our realities and problems first hand.

For 2007, we are happy to announce a new active boat now that Francis Soriano decided to leave his post as crew and bought his own Lightning. Congratulations!

We would like to finish this report by thanking all crews that participated in our regattas this past year, so here it goes: Juan Santos, Rafael Lecaro, Juan Andres Santos; Julio Velez, Maria Beatriz Gonzalez Rubio, Samuel Herrera; Carlos Luis Lecaro, Oscar Viteri, Jorge Norero; Tito Plaza, Juan Carlos Plaza, Fernando Coronel; Miguel Plaza, Leopoldo Benitez, Jose Ferretti; Paco Sola, Joao Casal, Arturo Iturralde; Jaime Calderon, Santiago Garcia, Justus Klemperer; Marcelo Leon, Maria Clara Ordonez, Ole Emik; Sebastián Herrera, Manuel Ignacio Granja, Carlos Drouet; Juan Rafael Santos, Rafael Quintero, Diego Gonzalez Rubio; Xavier Monge, Pollo Rodriguez, Lobo Rodriguez; Sebastián Meira, Francisco Soriano, Jorge Palacios; Olaf Dyck, Gustavo Cordovez, Luis Quisaguano; Cesar Baquerizo, Orlando Rodriguez, Felipe Panchana; Jose Gonzalez Rubio, Juan Manuel Meira, Maria de Romero, Santiago Romero; Robby Campoverde, Alexis Campoverde, Mario Rocafuerte; Jimmy Pazmino, Fernando Amador.

We hope 2007 to be another excellent year for the Lightning Class in Salinas!



Flag raising at the South American Championship

EQUADOR DISTRICT

El año 2006 fue de gran actividad para la flota 405 . Iniciamos el año con el Campeonato Apertura en Enero 14 y 15 , este torneo fue ganado por Juan Carlos Plaza, seguido por Alfredo Ochoa y Enrique Granja. En Enero 28 y 29 se realizó el segundo torneo del año ganado por Juan Santos, en segundo lugar Miguel Plaza y en tercer lugar Juan Rafael Santos. En Febrero 11 se realizó el Festival Olímpico que fue ganado por Carlos Luis Lecaro, seguido por Jaime Calderon y Cesar Baquerizo. Como todos los años la Clase Lightning participó en Febrero 25 en la Regata Multi Clases "Regata de la Amistad Carlos Lecaro Viggiani", los tres primeros puestos fueron para Miguel Plaza, Jaime Calderon y Carlos Luis Lecaro. En Marzo se realizó la segunda Copa Génesis que tuvo una participación de 13 botes, el ganador fue Juan Santos, el segundo puesto fue Carlos Luis Lecaro y el tercero Marcelo Leon de la Flota de San Pablo.



Regatta organizer Carlos Lecaro welcomes the competitors

La Copa Salinas Yacht Club es nuestro Campeonato anual de la flota 405, además tiene una gran importancia ya que el bote ganador pone su nombre en el Lightning Bar durante todo el año, este año tuvimos 17 lightnings en la línea de partida y el ganador fue, adivinaron, Juan Santos, así que Black Beauty estará hasta el 2007 en el Lightning Bar; el segundo puesto fue para Julio Velez y el Tercero para Tito Plaza. En el mes de Julio tuvimos la 1era. Copa Maxigraf repitiendo el primer puesto Juan Santos, seguido por Tito Plaza y Carlos Luis Lecaro. En Agosto navegamos la Copa Sola-Franco la misma que fue ganada por Carlos Luis Lecaro, en segundo lugar Paco Sola y en tercero Sebastián Herrera. El Campeonato del Distrito se realizó con la presencia de tripulaciones de San Pablo y Salinas en el Salinas Yacht Club con la participación de 15 botes, el campeón una vez mas fue Juan Santos, seguido por Julio Velez y Tito Plaza. En el mes de Octubre se llevo a cabo la 1era. Copa Luxaflex la misma que fue ganada por Carlos Luis Lecaro, seguido por Paco Sola y Marcelo Leon.. También a finales de Octubre se realizó la Copa Santiago Romero que fue tambien nuestro Campeonato Nacional , participaron 15 botes y el gran campeón fue Juan Santos seguido por Julio Velez y Carlos Luis Lecaro.



South American Champions Juan Rafael Santos, Juan Andres Santos, Rafael Lecaro



Brian Hayes putting on a Lightning Lab

El gran evento del año para nuestra flota fue el Campeonato Sudamericano en Salinas, este año tuvimos participantes de Brasil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Estados Unidos y Ecuador, el gran Campeon fue Juan Santos con sus tripulantes Rafael Lecaro y Juan Andres Santos, para nosotros es un orgullo tener a este extraordinario velerista en nuestro club quien por tres veces ha sido Campeon Sudamericano de Lightning, esperamos que el 2007 traiga una de las medallas de los Juegos Panamericanos en Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, felicitaciones a Juan, Rafael y Juan Andres. En el Sudamericano tuvimos la presencia del Presidente de la ILCA, Steve Davis, de la Secretaria Jan Davis y de Bryan Hayes, quienes participaron en reuniones con los miembros de la clase sudamericana y conocieron las realidades de nuestra clase en esta parte del mundo.

Para el 2007 la flota 405 tendra un nuevo bote ya que Francis Soriano dejo su puesto de tripulante y pasara a capitanear su propio lightning.

No queremos finalizar este reporte sin agradecer y nombrar a todas las tripulaciones que participaron este año en Salinas, así que aquí van: Juan Santos, Rafael Lecaro, Juan Andres Santos; Julio Velez, Maria Beatriz Gonzalez Rubio, Samuel Herrera; Carlos Luis Lecaro, Oscar Viteri, Jorge Norero; Tito Plaza, Juan Carlos Plaza, Fernando Coronel; Miguel Plaza, Leopoldo Benitez, Jose Ferretti; Paco Sola, Joao Casal, Arturo Iturralde; Jaime Calderon, Santiago Garcia, Justus Klemperer; Marcelo Leon, Maria Clara Ordenez, Ole Emik; Sebastián Herrera, Manuel Ignacio Granja, Carlos Drouet; Juan Rafael Santos, Rafael Quintero, Diego Gonzalez Rubio; Xavier Monge, Pollo Rodriguez, Lobo Rodriguez; Sebastián Meira, Francisco Soriano, Jorge Palacios ; Olaf Dyck, Gustavo Cordovez, Luis Quisaguano; Cesar Baquerizo, Orlando Rodriguez, Felipe Panchana; Jose Gonzalez Rubio, Juan Manuel Meira, Maria de Romero, Santiago Romero; Robby Campoverde, Alexis Campoverde, Mario Rocafuerte; Jimmy Pazmino, Fernando Amador.

Esperamos que el 2007 sea otro gran año para la navegación en Salinas.



Club Nautico San Pablo
Sailing on Lago San Pablo
Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain.....	Lars Dyck
Fleet Captain.....	Marcelo J Leon

Boat#/Name		Owner
14160	Hakuna Matata	Marcelo J Leon
14765	Quickly	Olaf Dyck