



District regatta at Macatawa was lightly attended, but those who stayed home missed fine hospitality, dinner at the yacht club and excellent racing. There was no golf. Dave's favorite conditions prevailed throughout the regatta, a very tactical 3-12 in relatively smooth water by big lake standards, with a persistent veer that clicked right in big shifts on both days. This caused the occasional, significant boat-favored starting line, required good layline management from competitors and nearly wore out the volunteers on the weather mark boat. Starting second row at the boat and tacking was a decent strategy for most of the weekend. Charlie Hess won the first race with blinding boatspeed that caused me to have to look the other way, and Joel Humphrey won the last race with a well-timed tack towards the shore on the last beat. In between, our host Michael Norris and perennial favorite Jim Allen traded wins. We had a couple of nice tacking duels with Michael, but the last leg was never quite long enough. On the final beat Michael crossed a few of us with one of the few lefties of the weekend to save his points and capture the George Sipel trophy on tie-breaker with the Allens.

The "northern circuit" was also lightly attended. Tawas drew a small but competitive fleet, with Jim Allen and Ernie Dieball schooling the faithful from Fleet 216 in ideal boatspeed conditions. Charlie Hess was just as fast on our other Great Lake but was undone by an overstressed gooseneck and awarded only style points for best comeback after a quick Sunday morning repair from borrowed parts. The party at the Princings was a little more subdued, now that Willie has assumed some role model responsibility for his young daughter.



District Winner—Michel Norris and Crew



District 2nd Place—Jim Allen and Crew

Michigan Districts Macatawa Bay Yacht Club—Holland, Michigan June 24–25, 2006

After seven years the Michigan Districts were back in Holland, hosted by the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. On Friday night about half the Fleet arrived, and after some rig-up cocktails the stories flowed late into the night. With the rest of the fleet arriving on Saturday, we headed towards the race course on Lake Michigan.

The wind forecast for the weekend was gloomy at best, with expected winds Saturday under five mph and "lighter" on Sunday. Luckily for us, the "Wind Gods" were smiling and provided us winds between 8–10 mph on Saturday and up to 12 mph on Sunday.

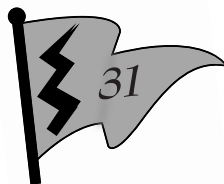
The Race Committee was constantly working to adjust the course to constant wind changes. All races were very close, with aggressive starts (a few OCSs) and a constant change of positions at every mark. All the way down to race six, we, Jim Allen, Charlie Hess and John McCree had a shot for the regatta. Having rounded the leeward mark in fifth, we benefited from the "battle" between Allen, McCree, Fidler and Humphrey, who invested on the right side of the course leaving us, the "option" of the left. Tension was running a little high as the wind continued to go right, but with more pressure on the left and a 5-degree knock, we managed to cross all but Joel Humphrey, who crossed us to win the race.

A good time was had by all, and I would like to thank John Heagy and the Michigan Class for coming to Macatawa. We are working toward rebuilding the Fleet, and the Districts were a major contribution for members to see how much fun can be had in a Lightning and, more importantly, the great people that the Class attracts.

Michigan District Retatta—June 24th, 25th 2006

| Skipper | Sail | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | Total Pts | PI |
|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-----------|----|
| Norris | 15193 | (-5) | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 1 |
| Allen | | 2 | 2 | (-9) | 1 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 2 |
| McCree | 14323 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | OCS (19) | 3 | 17 | 3 |
| Hess | 14842 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | OCS (19) | 6 | 19 | 4 |
| Humphrey | 15151 | 4 | 3 | 8 | (-15) | 3 | 1 | 19 | 5 |
| Fidler | 15299 | 6 | OCS (19) | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 28 | 6 |
| Klaban | 15200 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 11 | OCS (19) | 7 | 36 | 7 |
| Heagy | 14543 | 9 | (-12) | 12 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 40 | 8 |
| Ehrenberg | 14613 | 10 | 5 | 11 | (-14) | 9 | 8 | 43 | 9 |
| Niles | 14737 | 12 | 10 | (-15) | 6 | 6 | 11 | 45 | 10 |
| Heller | 14819 | 8 | 9 | 4 | (-16) | 12 | 14 | 47 | 11 |
| Kiss | 5193 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 8 | DNS (18) | 49 | 12 |
| Waechter | 14087 | (-16) | 11 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 13 | 52 | 13 |
| Welsh | 14964 | (-)15 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 55 | 14 |
| Vickers | 14774 | 14 | 16 | 5 | 9 | OCS (19) | 18 | 62 | 15 |
| Dolan | 14963 | 13 | 14 | (-16) | 12 | 11 | 15 | 65 | 16 |
| Litynsky | 14743 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 17 | OCS (19) | 11 | 77 | 17 |

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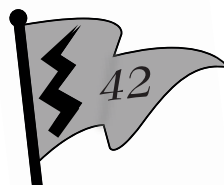


Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake

Manitou Beach, Michigan

| Boat#/Name | | Member/Owner |
|------------|----------|------------------|
| 12121 | TCB | Hank Hodgson |
| 12607 | TCB | Hank Hodgson |
| 13959 | Oar Knot | Jeffrey W Clemes |
| 14301 | | Merrill Bales |
| 14510 | TCB | Hank Hodgson |
| 14810 | | Jeffrey C Maludy |
| 14830 | | David Laidlaw |
| 14884 | | Dan Norton |



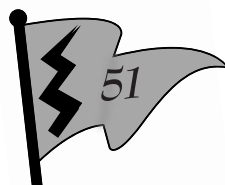
Western Lake Erie

Sailing on Lake Erie

Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Captains.....John Heagy
Jim Davis

| Boat#/Name | | Member/Owner |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 10638 | The Missing Piece | Skip Dieball |
| 11515 | The Missing Piece | Ernest Dieball |
| 14148 | The Happy Boat | Stephen H Thomas |
| 14249 | | George Sipel |
| 14543 | | John Heagy |
| 14779 | Flash Over II | Jim Davis |
| 14880 | Rudie | Skip Dieball |
| | | Ernest Dieball |
| 15249 | (Purchased but not built) | George Sipel |



Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....Brian Walter
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Pfeffer
Fleet TreasurerMike Williams
Fleet Champion Tom Vickers

| Boat#/Name | | Member/Owner |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 13488 | Black Pearl | Brian Walter |
| | | Bob Pfeffer |
| 14434 | Traf | Joe Romer |
| 14652 | Zoo Station | Paul Nagel |
| 14743 | | Andy Litynskyj |
| 14774 | Ticket | Tom Vickers |
| 14856 | Assisted Suicide | Michael Williams |
| 14982 | | Robert G Brower |

Our season starts in May on the beautiful lake of St. Clair. Our Wednesday night Series continues to grow every year in popularity for the one-design fleets here at Crescent. Our series is broken up into a Spring and a Summer Series consisting of seven races per series. During the season Mother Nature threw racing conditions at us that varied from survival to drifting and everything else in between.

The Wednesday Night Spring Series was closely contested between Tom Vickers and Mike Williams. Tom and his crew sailing Ticket were victorious in the spring. Third place was taken by the Black Pearl sailed by Walter and Pfeffer. The battle continued for the Summers Series with Tom and crew again leading the way and Mike Williams on Assisted Suicide a close second. Andy Litynskyj and his crew ended up in third for the summer.

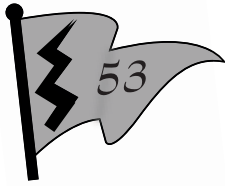
In our clubs annual Crescent Regatta, the Lightning fleet was well represented with one of the largest one-design fleets participating. This hotly contested regatta saw Bob Pfeffer and family on the Black Pearl come out victorious. Paul Nagel was a close second with Tom Vickers coming in third place.

We had another new skipper join the Fleet this year—Andy Litynskyi. Andy was a great competitor this season on the race course and a welcome addition to our Fleet.

The overall season champion for 2006 was Tom Vickers. Tom and his crew dominated the Wednesday Night Spring and Summer Series. A well deserved congratulation goes out to Tom and his crew.

Thanks to all of those who participated and helped to make this past season a success. We look forward to the 2007 season.

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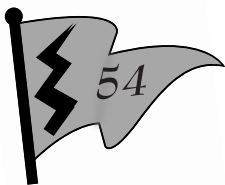


Lake Fenton Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Fenton

Fenton, Michigan

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 8590 Ti Hara | Paul Kachudas |
| 14899 Resistance Is Futile | Kevin Nickels |
| 15041 Swag System | David Nickels |



Pontiac Yacht Club

Sailing on Cass Lake

Keego Harbor, Michigan

CommodoreJim Allen
 Vice Commodore Tom Crosby
 Rear Commodore..... Gary Reinheimer
 Fleet Captain.....Richard Beaubien
 Fleet Secretary.....Joyce von Drehle
 Fleet Treasurer Salo Korn

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7676 | Mack C Goodwin |
| 7959 Gwaihir | Kevin Wilson |
| 8479 | Bruce T Lessien |
| 9168 | Michael Browne-Procaskey |
| 9393 | Edward A Diakow |
| 9584 | Gregory J Harris |
| 9900 | Joel H Thurtell |
| 10803 | Nazir Kasi |
| 11599 | Matthew Foulston |
| 11844 | Jeffrey Admonius |
| 11868 | Dwight R Smith |
| 11966 | Brian M Clancy |
| 12331 | Robert M Falbert |
| 12708 Apres Ski | Ronald G Palmer |
| 12927 | Harold E Callahan |
| 12938 Greased Lightning | Donald W Hackett |
| 12959 | Max M Clixby |
| 12961 | Elizabeth Groesbeck |
| 12977 | Sean O Whalen |
| 13121 Positive | Todd M Young |
| 13283 | Harper Phillips |
| 13450 | Deanna L Geisler |
| 13468 High 90s | Gary Reinheimer |
| 13606 | John Crowther |
| 13789 | Jim Bowers |
| 13859 | Edward R Starback |

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 13985 Minnie Mae II | Norman W Burns |
| 13991 | Joel D Humphrey |
| | Ryan Flack |
| 13995 Phantasy | Paul von Oeyen |
| 14031 | Dennis Hafley |
| 14033 | Mark Whatley |
| 14097 No Clue | Edward G Woods |
| 14117 | Mark Kramer |
| 14126 | William P Sanders |
| 14177 | Gerard P Gray |
| 14215 | Phillip V Tomlinson |
| 14220 | Thomas C Post |
| 14239 | Dwight R Smith, Jr |
| 14280 Shadowfax | Tom Crosby |
| 14282 | Robert Meyer |
| | Bruce T Henderson |
| 14333 | Dennis M McCarthy |
| 14439 | Michael J Raualet |
| 14557 Lightning Bug | Joseph L LaPalme |
| 14464 Positive | Todd M Young |
| 14477 Shenandoah | Stephen E Handelman |
| 14511 | Michael Hecker |
| 14515 | John B Morley |
| 14531 | Stephen M Park |
| 14563 | Robert C Padilla |
| 14567 Flying Circus | Mark Allen |
| 14590 | Christopher Longe |
| 14601 Gator | Wallace P Smith |
| 14604 | Salo Korn |
| 14618 | Thomas L LaBelle |
| 14628 Over-Engineered | Andrew Monique |
| 14690 | James McCoy |
| 14710 Britannia | Neil Willets |
| 14755 | Thomas A DeVilbiss |
| 14767 Renaissance | Richard F Beaubien |
| 14789 Excelsior! | James R Bowers |
| 14842 Flash3 | Charles C Hess |
| 14854 | John Stromberg |
| 14919 Gotcha | Edward Dziuba |
| 14933 | Gregory S McQueen |
| 14964 | Michael Welch |
| 14970 | Stephen R Braski |
| 15021 | Matt H Struble |
| 15048 | John S Garrison |
| 15120 | Rick Siegel |
| 15148 Palindrome | Joel D Humphrey |
| 15151 Palindrome | Joel D Humphrey |
| 15155 | Matthew Morin |
| 15185 Bruce Almighty | Bruce J Finsilver |
| 15200 Overdrive | Thomas E Klaban |
| 15208 | James S Allen |
| 15230 Evergreen | Robert H Mathers |
| 15239 | Sean Fidler |
| | Dwight R Smith, Jr |
| 15245 Midnight Drift | Matthew P Morin |
| 15299 | Sean Fidler |
| 15300 | Joel D Humphrey |
| 15313 | Matthew P Morin |
| | Jeffrey Admonius |
| | Gavin Awerbuch |
| | John B Morley |
| | John H Ostrander |
| | Rick Siegel |

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Fleet 54

The world's largest Lightning Fleet, Pontiac Yacht Club, saw 57 races completed of the 65 scheduled for the Spring, Summer and Fall, Sunday and Wednesday Series. Five cancelled races were early in the season in the Spring Sunday and Wednesday Series, with two in the Summer Sunday Series and just one in the Fall Wednesday series. Most of the races were sailed in moderate and light winds, with a few gustier days interspersed to keep club members and their crews on watch. More skippers than in past years made unexpected capsize recoveries on the gustier days, including Dick Beaubien, Norm Burns, Ed Dziuba, Eric Heller, Matt Morrin and Andy Monique.

The Spring Sunday Series had twenty-four skippers sailing one or more races with fifteen qualifying for the series, which was five more than number of participants from the year before. The Spring Wednesday Series had thirty-three skippers sailing, with eighteen sailing enough races to qualify, which was four more than the year before. The Summer Sunday Series saw thirty Lightnings being sailed with twelve skippers qualifying for the series that equaled the number of qualifiers in the previous year. The Summer Wednesday Series had thirty-nine skippers sailing one or more races with fourteen qualifying. The Fall Sunday Series saw twenty-eight entries scoring points, while thirty skippers continued to sail in the Fall Wednesday Series. The Sunday Series had more members participating, while the Wednesday Series remained constant from Spring to Fall with the number of members competing throughout the year.

The Memorial Day Regatta had eighteen skippers and crews sailing in the first mini-regatta of the year. Tom Klaban won with Mike Roualet and Mike Hecker following in second and third. The Club Championship in July only had five participants on the water sailing in the first day's racing this year, with Ed Dziuba winning all three races on Saturday and then going on to finish the remaining races on Sunday in first place. Mike Welch finished as the runner-up. The Fourth of July Regatta was not held due to the holiday and weekend not being on concurrent days. The Labor Day Regatta saw twelve skippers sailing the scheduled races of the holiday weekend. Tom Klaban won, followed by Sean Fidler as the runner-up and Mike Hecker in third place.

The Commodore's Challenge Wednesday evening race night saw Brian Klaban winning the only race to get under way as the wind subsided as the evening progressed.

Mike Hecker sailed forty-two races during the three series of Sunday and Wednesday races this year. An additional group of three skippers also sailed over forty races each at PYC this year, including Norm Burns, Dick Beaubien and Mark Kramer.

The top five skippers in each of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series are shown below:

Spring Wednesday Series

1. Matt Struble
2. Mark Allen
3. Mike Hecker
4. Eric Heller
5. Bob Mathers

Spring Sunday Series

1. Tom Klaban
2. John Garrison
3. Matt Struble
4. Norm Burns
5. Mike Hecker

Summer Wednesday Series

1. Mark Allen
2. Tom Klaban
3. Sean Fidler
4. Norm Burns
5. Mike Roualet

Summer Sunday Series

1. Tom Crosby
2. Norm Burns
3. Matt Morin
4. Richard Beaubien
5. Bob Meyer

Fall Wednesday Series

1. Mark Allen
2. Greg McQueen
3. Matt Struble
4. Mike Hecker
5. Sean Fidler

Fall Sunday Series

1. Tom Crosby
2. Mike Hecker
3. Sean Fidler
4. Mark Kramer
5. Andy Monique

A total of 15 Pontiac Yacht Club skippers won one or more races during the year in one or more of the three series scheduled for the Spring, Summer and Fall including: Tom Klaban (11), Sean Fidler (8), Mark Allen (6), John Garrison (6), Matt Struble (6), Charlie Hess (5), Norm Burns (2), Mark Kramer (2), Mark Whatley (2), Tom Crosby (1), Bruce Finsilver (1), Jean-Francois Guillou (1), Bob Mathers (1), Bob Meyer (1), and Matt Morin (1). The leaders in the fleet standings were fairly well spread out, allowing everyone an opportunity to sail competitively throughout the year.

The Sunday Overall Series Title was won by Tom Klaban, as in the previous year, and John Garrison was the runner-up. The Wednesday Overall Series Title was won by Mark Allen with Tom Klaban finishing in second.

The 48th annual White Cap Regatta started out with a bang—of thunder. For the twenty-six participating Lightnings, the weather didn't look great Saturday morning, but the rain clouds moved out, and the sailors moved out onto the water. The wind diminished after the storm passed, and a warm sun tricked many into removing their warm clothing. However, that didn't last long. The wind came in from the east/northeast at 8–15 knots, and the clouds and colder air returned for the remainder of the afternoon, to the regret of those who had peeled off their rain gear earlier.



White Cap Regatta

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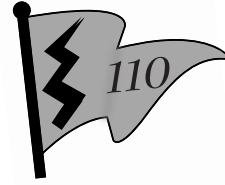
Club Champs

It took a little while to get the first race off because the RC was having problems anchoring the pin end of the starting line. We sailed three windward leeward races that were just about as long as can be on Cass Lake. The left start of the line was heavily favored, and the left paid off big on the first leg of the race. Mark Whatley, sailing with Jean Francois Guillou and Kevin Thomas, won the first race, followed closely by John Garrison and Jim Allen. The next two races were similar to the first with the good wind holding. There were some big puffs and some shifts to be had. Jim Allen, sailing with Jane Allen and Beth Groesbeck, won the second race by a wide margin, followed by Mark Whatley and Charlie Hess, sailing with his two sons, Alex and Andrew. The last race of the day continued with great sailing conditions on the lake. Jim Allen won the third race, followed by Mark Whatley and Joel Humphrey.

With the day's racing over, everyone headed for shore to get ready for a great steak dinner that's a tradition at the Whitecap Regatta—along with appropriate beverages. Everyone had a good time at the club with the party continuing late in the evening in front of the fire.

Sunday morning greeted the sailors with more of the same conditions as Saturday. So off to the races we went after some bagels and doughnuts at the club. Jim Allen continued where he left off Saturday, winning the remainder of the races to complete the series. Joel Humphrey finished second in the fourth race followed by John Garrison. The fifth race saw Charlie Hess and the boys finish second with John Garrison in third again. There was a lot of covering going on in the last race. John Garrison, sailing with Ruth Lyons and John Mathers, moved into second place. Mark Whatley completed the series in third, and Charlie Hess finished fourth. Ryan Flack, who grew up at PYC, came in from Chicago to finish fifth. This year the Whitecap Regatta really had whitecaps!

Overall, the year was a very successful and entertaining series of races, holiday mini-regattas, special events and social gatherings that make Pontiac Yacht Club an outstanding place to sail.



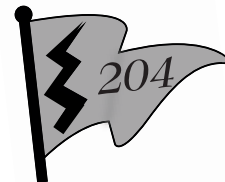
Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake

Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... John Dent

| Boat#/Name | | Member/Owner |
|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 2138 | | Scott Carman |
| 9102 | Bohica | Peter B Morley, Jr |
| 10291 | | Chuck Alday |
| 11520 | | Frederick J Schuster |
| 12784 | | Leon Terrian |
| 13493 | | Rob Rye |
| 13826 | | Peter B Morley, Jr |
| 13999 | | Scott Carman |
| 14021 | Deck-a-Dent | John N Dent |
| 14054 | | Fred Karuss |



Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Michigan &
Macatawa Bay*

Holland, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Michael Norris

| Boat#/Name | | Owner |
|------------|--|------------------------|
| 15193 | | Michael Kiss |
| | | Michael Anthony Norris |
| | | Phillip Norris |
| | | J D Stone |

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Saginaw Bay

Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

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

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7153 Megs | George Aschert, Jr |
| 9705 | Matthew D Princing |
| 12588 | Saginaw Bay Community Sailing |
| 13779 | Grant Hilger Drew Hilger |
| 13858 | Tom Hernick, Jr |
| 14022 Teko | John Johnson |
| 14048 | Blair Moulthrop |
| 14076 Dr Strangelove | Mike Sulfaro |
| 14077 Full Frontal LaBotimer | Tim Botimer |
| 14087 Score One | John Waechter |
| 14103 Zipper | Clark Howell |
| 14323 Sleeper | John McCree |
| 14464 Positive | Joseph C Dissette |
| 14503 Hot Dog Man | George Peet |
| 14603 Hart Beat II | Terry Hart |
| 14703 Motion Sensitive | Gus Dey |
| 14775 Shussboomer | Jim Schofield |
| 14937 Scars & Scrapes | Matthew D Princing |
| 15151 | Joel Humphrey |
| 15225 Fast Idiots | Chris Jacobson |
| 15233 Carousel XXXV | Joseph C Dissette |

2006 will be remembered as the year of the weird weather—of course, on Wednesdays, sailing night. We only managed to get in 30 races this year for the “Dissette” series. We had four nights cancelled due to weather, and the fleet voted not to count races the week of July 4th. June was almost non-existent as we sailed on Wednesday, the 14th and didn’t resume sailing until July 12—4 weeks! Oh well, we deal with what the good Lord gives us.

We were lucky to add two new members in 2007 Joel Humphries, who transplanted from Pontiac and a new-to-the-Lightning-Class brother duo of Grant and Drew Hilger. The Hilger’s come to us from sailing big boat programs, most recently Melges 24. They are young and energetic and a welcome addition to our Fleet. We’re also subject to new sailors looking for rides, some actually sailing often, like Sue and Lori. I think we have enough crew members floating around to get a few more boats on the Bay.

Weather patterns offered up a variety of sailing conditions. We had light air and flat water, we had light air and Saginaw Bay chop, we had midrange air, heavy air and a variety of waves thrown in. We had cold water and warm—it seemed to take the Bay a while to warm up this year. Wind direction was from all over the compass, and we did get a few late afternoon thermal winds sucking right down the bay.

We were once again blessed by terrific support people. Our regular guys on RC, Tom and George, were joined by our new other regular Doug. It

worked out great. If one couldn’t make it the other did, and when they were both around it was that much better. These guys put in a lot of hours so that we can have fun. Joe Dissette is responsible for scheduling and finding these dedicated individuals. Jim Schofield did trophies for the regatta and scoring again this year, and Terry Hart did trophies for the Fleet.

After thirty races, the points were fairly tight. The leader board looked familiar at the top, but some new faces or old ones (Terry) were found in the top five. The year started to look like a real shoot out. Fast Idiots was hot early in the season, and Scars & Scrapes kicked it up a few notches in the latter part of the season, but it was the consistency all year by Sleeper that won them the series. These three boats won twenty-four of the thirty races. Also winning races were Carousel 35, Shussboomer and 13779.

Top five looked like this:

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|--|
| 1st | Sleeper | John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Sue Alexander, Melissa Bridges |
| 2nd | Scars & Scrapes | Matt Princing, Chris Princing, Jen Princing |
| 3rd | Fast Idiots | Chris Jacobson, Tom Hernick, Zach Bowdish |
| 4th | 13779 | Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger, Adam Tompa |
| 5th | Hart Beat II | Terry Hart, Jeff Titsworth, John Laundra |

Our historical and very coveted fleet awards went to:

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Duct Tape Award | Grant Hilger |
| Clamso Award | 13779 Hilgers |
| Aquatic Excellence | Drew Hilger |

Yes, the new kids cleaned up the good awards—damn young punks.

The Wednesday after July 4th offered a unique opportunity for our Fleet. We had already decided not to have Fleet racing, but a group of boats wanted to race, so we resurrected an old and very sought-after can, the Scars & Scrapes Memorial Can, this year sporting Budweiser Select. The group had a nice day of racing, and the 2006 winner is 13779.





Start of Tawas Regatta

Well done, and cherish the Can. Grant and Drew join an illustrious group of former winners, like McCree, Cabin Boy and Ludwig. Our Fleet Regatta was once again a blast. Turn out was low, but the Group that sailed had fun and tore up the Bay. John McCree and the crew on Sleeper won the regatta.

We once again cosponsored the regatta in Tawas with the J22 fleet up there. We had another great trip from the Saginaw Bay Fleet, making up over half the field. Six races sailed in up to 20 knots—what a hoot. Jim Allen took home the win. I would tell you more but, I don't remember. Must have had a good time, my bar tabs agrees.

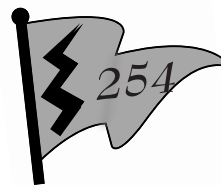
Our Fleet was well traveled again this year. We had representation at all the Michigan District regattas, with the exception of Pontiac. We Also sent five boats up to Boyne City for Mark Madness, a fund raising regatta held in early June. The Hot Dog man played hostess with the mostess. The evening party ended with drunken tractor racing. No arrests were made, and no animals were injured in the racing. Our members won silver everywhere they went, including; Indy, Boyne City, Tawas, Districts, Bay City, Higgins, Devils. Great job Travelers.

As good as 2006 was, 2007 looks even brighter. We had ten actively raced boats this year, and next we looked to add more. We need to shame the owners who aren't getting their boats on the water into using them. We have the additional and eager bodies to make it work. We also need to attract more young members to lift us up and continue in the great traditions of our Fleet and work into roles of running this thing so Gus and I can kick back with a cocktail and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Well it is 60 degrees and sunny today, odd for late October. Suppose to be in the 30s by week's end, spitting snow and freezing rain—more like it. The Lions still suck, I still haven't done the work on Scars I said I was going to do last winter, and I haven't told my wife about the new sails—a typical fall day, wouldn't you say. So off I go to Men's Town to look at the boats on the hard, kick up the radio and throw back some cold ones. By the way, just over six months to Indy.



Future Lightning sailors? Sydney Prining and her friend Riley Carroll. The bunny? That's Pinky.



Burt Lake

Sailing on Burt Lake

Sheboygan, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Clark E Swayze

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|------------|----------------|
| 14770 | Clark E Swayze |

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Grand Traverse Yacht Club

*Sailing on Great Traverse Bay
Traverse City, Michigan*

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|------------|-------------------|
| | Paul C Davis |
| | R Garret Demarest |
| | Michael Fisher |



Douglas

*Sailing on Douglas Lake
Cheboygan County, Michigan*



Lansing Sailing Club

*Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan*

The Lansing Sailing Club Lightning Fleet sailed a "Dual" Season during 2006 to encourage participation. The "Full-Season" was comprised of 61 races held on 21 Sundays between May and October. Scores were based on the individual skipper's best 24 (40%) scores, with 40% participation needed to qualify. The "Half-Season" was based on a predetermined schedule of 16 race-days (33 races) during the season. The best 21 scores were used to calculate the individual results. No minimum participation was required.

Our 41st Annual Tune-Up Regatta was held on May 20th. We continue to be one of the first regattas in the Michigan District regatta season, and hold a one day (Saturday) venue that attracts several skippers for purpose of setting up for an early tune-up. This year, the fleet was dominated by Tom Klaban (Pontiac Yacht Club) with his two sons, Eric and Brian, who scored six first place victories. Second place went to Chris Jacobson (Bay City Yacht Club) while third place went to Blaine Severin (Lansing Sailing Club). A total of nine boats raced in the 2006 regatta.

The 387 Lightning Fleet annually presents special awards for character and performance. The honored skippers were; Pat Dolan (Fleet Champion), Jim Fletcher (Corinthian Trophy for sportsmanship), Merrick Hurlbutt (Challenger Award for competitiveness), Larry Koster (Most Improved Season), Johnathon Ahlbrand (Rookie Skipper) and Susanna Tellschow (WOW! astronomical improvement). Crew awards went to; Gil Chesboro (Crew of the Year), Michael-Salomen Jost (Rookie of the Year) and Alanna Harvey (Jane Marshall Wet Bottom Award for stalwart crew).

Our participation in Michigan District Regattas was somewhat less this year than in previous years. The 387th was represented at the District regattas: District Championship (1), Pontiac White Cap (3), Devil's Lake (1) and Higgins Lake (1). We also sent 1 boat to the Nashville Blue Nose and 1 boat to the Wawassee regattas (out of district).

If you can't come visit us for our next "Tune-Up Regatta", then visit us at our [website www.lansingsailing.org](http://www.lansingsailing.org)

Fleet Captain..... Blaine Severin
Fleet Champion Pat Dolan

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 14756 Sail Fevre | John R Lefevre |
| 14963 Wind Dancer | Patrick Dolan |
| | Larry Koster |

Lightning Fleet 387 is pleased to report that our 2006 participation was the highest in several years, with nine skippers qualifying for the full season. This can be attributed to the active recruitment of sailors by our club management. As many of our Lightning skippers and crew are also Laser and Sunfish racers, junior training and recruitment occurs in all our fleets. Our club continued to host several crew training courses. The Lightning Fleet is the recipient of the "racing spirit" generated at our club.

2006 Full-Season Results

| | Skipper | Points | Races |
|---|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Pat Dolan | 2996 | 47 |
| 2 | Mike Moody | 2736 | 39 |
| 3 | Blaine Severin | 2476 | 39 |
| 4 | Merrick Hurlbutt | 2288 | 39 |
| 5 | Larry Koster | 2092 | 34 |
| 6 | Jim Fletcher | 2068 | 30 |
| 7 | Jonathon Ahlbrand | 1682 | 42 |
| 8 | Neil Harrison | 1528 | 31 |
| 9 | Susanna Tellschow | 1241 | 30 |

2006 Half-Season Results

| | Skipper | Points | Races |
|----|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Pat Dolan | 2428 | 25 |
| 2 | Blaine Severin | 1809 | 24 |
| 3 | Mike Moody | 1616 | 15 |
| 4 | Larry Koster | 1547 | 18 |
| 5 | Jonathon Ahlbrand | 1351 | 30 |
| 6 | Jim Fletcher | 1283 | 17 |
| 7 | Merrick Hurlbutt | 1245 | 18 |
| 8 | Neil Harrison | 1229 | 22 |
| 9 | Susanna Tellschow | 1150 | 24 |
| 10 | John LeFevre | 485 | 9 |
| 11 | Chris Miller | 274 | 3 |
| 12 | Eddie Fletcher | 162 | 3 |
| 13 | Bill Davidson | 150 | 3 |
| 14 | Scott Watkins | 126 | 3 |
| 15 | Tom Vickers | 125 | 1 |
| 16 | Gil Chesbro | 125 | 1 |

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1965 Fleet 387 2006



Great racing
in the center
of the Michigan
mitten!



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

(B) It is often light air on Lake Lansing
but the sailors don't mind



Ann Siegle being interviewed by WLNS
TV6's Mona Shand for "Be a Tourist in
Your Own Town" aboard Pat Dolan's
Wind Dancer

Fleet 387 '06 Full-Season Series Results

| Pos | Skipper | Tot Pts | Tot Races |
|-----|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | Pat Dolan | 2996 | 47 |
| 2 | Mike Moody | 2736 | 39 |
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(A) Just another great day
sailing on Lake Lansing

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



Crews hard at work
at the 41st Annual
Tune Up Regatta



Regatta Results

41st Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta
Lake Lansing at Haslett, MI, May 20, 2006, 9 Boats

| Place | Boat | Skipper | Points | | | | | Total |
|-------|-------|--------------------|--------|---|---|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | 15200 | Tom Klaban | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 15225 | Chris Jacobson | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| 3 | 14468 | Blaine Severin | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 15 |
| 4 | 14294 | Larry Koster | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 17 |
| 5 | 14147 | Mike Moody | 7 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 26 |
| 6 | 14447 | Susana Telschow | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 28 |
| 7 | 14087 | John Waechter | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 31 |
| 8 | 14476 | Jim Fletcher | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 33 |
| 9 | 1502 | Johnathon Ahlbrand | 9 | 9 | 9 | DNF | DNS | 47 |

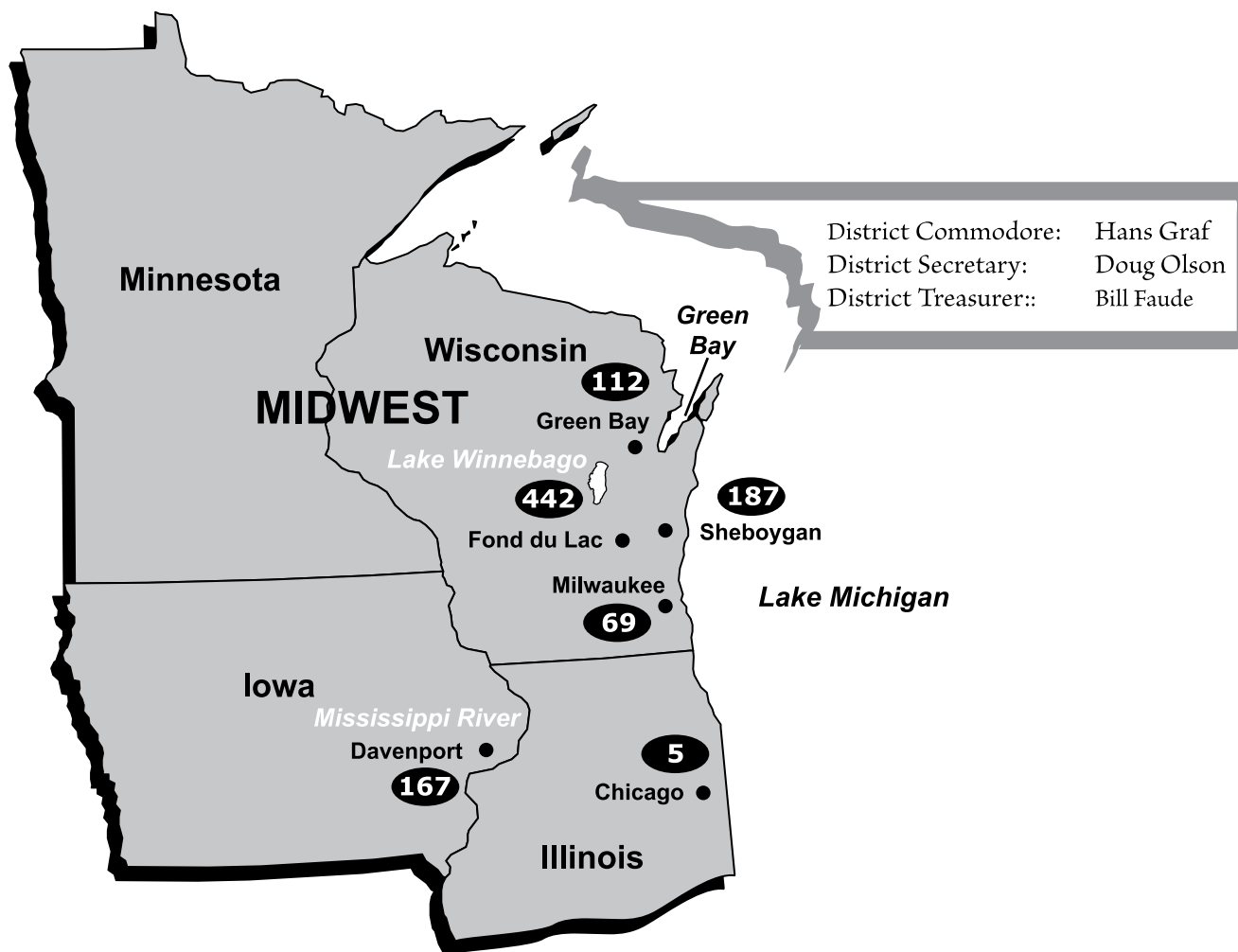
Mike Moody leading the way downwind



1994 Ron Wilson • 1995 Terry Kleiman • 1996 Ron Marshall • 1997 Matt Dahline • 1998 Matt Dahline • 1999 Matt Dahline • 2000 George Siegle • 2001 Mike Moody • 2002 George Siegle • 2003 Pat Dolan • 2004 Pat Dolan • 2005 Pat Dolan • 2006 Pat Dolan

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

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It was a wonderful year in the Midwest District for Lightning sailing in 2006—especially if you were Todd Wake and crew. Quietly at first but then lately with a rush, Todd has become the dominant force in our District. For the first time, probably since the Goldsmith era, one skipper won every regatta in which he competed—and it was Todd along with his wife Christine and often Ben Spiller.

The year began with the annual Lighthouse regatta at Fond du Lac, sailed on the waters of Lake Winnebago. This is an excellent way to begin any sailing season, as the lake, although very large, is also relatively shallow and warms up quickly. In past years that warmth has been welcome, as early June in southeast Wisconsin can be notoriously variable. We've had 90 degree temperatures. We've had 40 degree temperatures. We've also had boats round side up doing some early season capsizing recovery practice. This year was very moderate. The food was amazingly inexpensive and yummy. We were again joined by our friends from Canada, as Richard and Lorrie Walsh and Alec Smith brought their boat, as did Ross Bailey with his teammates Julie and Van who also happen to be his kids. We really appreciate it every time they drive the twelve or thirteen hours it takes to get across the Pigeon River and into the states to come sail with us. Of note also in this event is the fact that team LeMahieu, Greg, Dale and Joel, made the scene at their first traveling regatta after becoming members of the Fleet in Sheboygan. They must have had a fun time because they made it up to Green Bay too and at last word were planning a Southern Circuit trip. Most excellent evidence of the fact that The Midwest District Is growing!!

Results of the Lighthouse:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Stix
3. Team Reichelsdorfer
4. Team Faude
5. Team Walsh

In an oddity of scheduling, the Midwest District Regatta was the next event on our calendar. Fleet 69 hosted at Milwaukee Yacht Club. It was organized largely by Steve and Martha Cushman, who have enough to do with their own kids, yet still are willing to invite the rest of us to hang out with them. The event featured a historical relic in this year of global warming—a north easterly breeze with large waves!! Another historical relic appeared in team Ed Coleman, valued District sailors who don't make it out as much as any of us would like. They came out firing and almost won the first race! Of note was the official emergence of Pete Orlebeke as a force in our District. With his wife Kim and a variety of rock stars, Pete has been rapidly moving up since finishing in the top five in the Green Fleet at the Sheboygan NAs.

Results of the Midwest Districts:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Orlebeke
3. Team Brian Phelan
4. Team Larson
5. Team Stix

Next up for our District, contested on the dates when we usually sail the P&T in Milwaukee, was the Evans Regatta, sailed on the beautiful waters of Green Bay. Of note at this event was breeze! Beautiful 15–22 out of the southwest on Saturday when four races were held. Following that, a fantastic Greek theme dinner was held complete with togas. (Does anyone in our District really look good in a toga?) Next year a WET toga party?! Just a thought. The second day saw lighter breezes with more shifts to greet those over-served the evening before. Ric Larson showed up to dominate the festivities, taking a 1 and 2 on Sunday. Too bad he wasn't able to compete on Saturday.

Results of the Evan's Regatta:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Brian Phelan
3. Team Kathy Lindgren
4. Team Steve Adamski
5. Team Jim Hopkins

And then there was the 2006 Brotz Regatta, hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club, host of the 2005 Lightning North American Championships. This event has grown to include all matter of PHRF and IRC boats on two circles in becoming one of the newest Leukemia Cup events with proceeds to benefit the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. \$40,000 was raised this year, an incredible amount. Light southerly breezes were enjoyed on Saturday. That wind neglected to show up again on Sunday, so racing was scrapped and fun was had on shore. Noteworthy performances were turned in by

Mike Nimmer and Mike Elmergreen, who did a horizon job on the entire fleet in winning race #2.

Results of the Brotz Regatta:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Stix
3. Team Phelan
4. Team Reichelsdorfer
5. Team Adamski

Following that, the annual P&T Regatta was held in conjunction with the Last Blast regatta at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. Climate change played a positive role in this event, as large waves and blasting puffs contributed to some awesome surfing conditions. One boat capsized in race two just yards from the finish. The skipper was separated somewhat by the wave effect. Fortunately, a freakish water temperature of 76 degrees, unheard of in our experience on Lake Michigan, made spending a little time in the water less threatening than it might be with normal lake temperatures, something like 15 degrees or more cooler.

Results of the P&T Regatta:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Orlebeke
3. Team Cushman
4. Team Tim Hayes
5. Team Paul Reak

Our season concluded with the 2006 Red Flannels Regatta hosted by Fleet 5. The turnout for this event was unacceptably small for this classic event. A small group of liquidly-motivated Fleet members have taken it upon themselves to guarantee at least 30 racers for next year's event. Meanwhile on the water, Matt Fisher came out of a brief, work-related retirement of an entire year. It didn't look like it to those who followed him around the course. Two days of great racing in northerlies on both days that resulted in challenging chop were an excellent test. Racing like that made it tough to put the boats away.

Results of the Red Flannels Regatta:

1. Team Matt Fisher
2. Team Orlebeke
3. Team Faude
4. Team Ryan Flack
5. Team Ward Detwiler

There were lots of high points for Midwest District sailors outside the District this season. Four of our teams made the trip to San Diego for the North Americans. Teams Wake and Reichelsdorfer both made it into the Blue Fleet. Kathy Lindgren, Denise Strand and Amy Simonson won the Woman's North American Championship!!!! Ric Larson, Eric Larson and Mike Elmergreen were 5th in the Masters NAs and think they actually sailed better than when they won the Masters in 2005. Team Wake placed 3rd, and Team Faude was 5th in the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville. Bill Faude will sail with David Starck and Jody Swanson—Starck representing the United States in the 2007 Pan American Games.



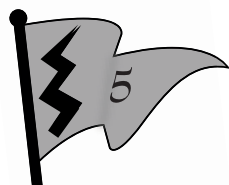
Lighthouse Regat a



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Lighthouse Standings—2006

| Place | Sail # | Skipper | Crew | Crew | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Total |
|-------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 15234 | Todd Wake | Kristine Wake | Ben Spiller | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5.00 |
| 2 | 14938 | David Stix | Mark Wessel | Tony Orlebeke | 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 20.00 |
| 3 | 14994 | Dan Reichelsdorfer | Michou Reichelsdorfer | Jonathan Ribich | 3 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 23.00 |
| 4 | 14740 | Bill Faude | Jared Drake | Mike Baccus | 2 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 24.00 |
| 5 | 15064 | Richard Walsh | Lorrie Walsh | Alec Smith | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 25.00 |
| 6 | 15158 | Pete Orlebeke | Kim Orlebeke | Dave Bronson | 10 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 27.00 |
| 7 | 14958 | Kathy Lingren | Denise Cornell | Lynelle Reak | 9 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 30.00 |
| 8 | 15119 | Ric Larson | Eric Larson | Lori Jost | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 38.00 |
| 9 | 14612 | Ross Bailey | Julia Bailey | Van Bailey | 8 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 42.00 |
| 10 | 15189 | Paul Reak | Jason Allard | Jason Diener | 7 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 44.00 |
| 11 | 14499 | Brian Cox | Alex Cox | Alicia | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 54.00 |
| 12 | 13818 | Joel LeMahieu | GregLeMahieu | Dale Heunink | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 62.00 |



Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain.....David Stix
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Fairman
Fleet TreasurerSteve Jenkins
Fleet ChampionBill Gibson

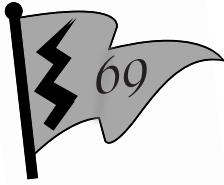
| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|------------|--------------------|
| 8172 | James Sims |
| 10443 | Wind On |
| 11185 | David Carpenter |
| 11316 | Wind Rose |
| 11663 | John F Tschanz |
| 13779 | Jim Reiman |
| 14015 | Hot Flash |
| 14045 | Blitz |
| 14065 | Plan B |
| 14137 | Jim Fairman |
| 14433 | Tony Seitz |
| 14466 | Photon |
| 14478 | Robert H Hartshorn |
| 14613 | Feeding Frenzy |
| | Bob Smither |
| | Paul Wurtzebach |
| | Jeanne Ehrenberg |
| | Doug Nickel |
| 14740 | Urban Renewal |
| 14844 | Rayo |
| 14938 | Total Recall |
| 14975 | Bill Faude |
| 15045 | Ladies Choice |
| 15069 | Wunderkind |
| 15167 | Pigs on Ice |
| 15243 | Dennis A Burke |
| | David Stix |
| | Paul Wurtzebach |
| | Matt Fisher |
| | Ward Detwiler |
| | William Gibson |
| | Jim Reiman |

Awarded every year since 1947 to the Fleet 5 champion, the Hildegard Perpetual Trophy is a beautiful handmade scale replica of a wooden Lightning built by Irving K Campbell. Bill Gibson and crew won the 2006 Fleet Championship in their thirteenth year sailing together. The Fleet Championship was sailed over the entire season, from June 4 through September 17, with 17 races sailed most every Sunday.

The Red Flannels Regatta was held September 23–24, 2006, with thirteen teams enjoying a variety of conditions over the weekend with team Matt Fisher / Dan Moriarty / Tobi Moriarty finishing first, and Peter Orlebeke / Kimberly Orlebeke, Aaron Diener in second, and Bill Faude / Jared Drake / Mike Healy in third. Ryan Flack / Kevin Morin / Matt Morin finished in fourth, and Ward Detwiler / John Greitzu / Hui Sinto rounded out the top five.



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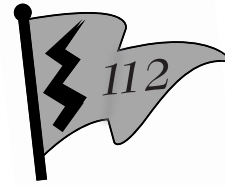


Milwaukee Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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



Green Bay Sailing Club

Sailing on Green Bay

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain..... Tim Monday
Fleet Secretary..... Kendall Kissel
Fleet Treasurer Christina Leiterman
Fleet Champion Brian Phelan

| Boat#/Name | | Member/Owner |
|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 11442 | Rampage | Dean S Cady |
| 13794 | Calamity Jane | Patrick McGuinnis |
| 14118 | More Wind! | Mark Polzin |
| 14162 | Hike! | Thomas "Mac" Slater |
| 14388 | | Tim Hayes |
| 14508 | Bonski | Steve Cushman |
| 14740 | Poodles by Verna | Bill Faude |

Local Lightning racing in 2006 improved greatly for our Fleet. The season featured six boats regularly racing on Wednesday nights, with a total of forty races over the summer. We raced in the inner harbor, which is really helpful on those light-air summer nights—we can get in a lot more races than if we were out on the big water.

The Wednesday Night season series was closely fought, with Mac Slater and crew taking first by one point on "Hike!" The Cushmans and Pat McGuinnis tied for second, with the tie breaker going to the Cushmans on "Bonski," and Pat McGuinnis with third on "Calamity Jane."

The 2006 season also featured our P&T Regatta, held in the early fall, and early fall weather we did receive. Saturday September 16 brought winds of 20–30 knots and waves of 4–8 feet. We had ten boats for the regatta, and it was a fun challenge for all. Todd and Kristine Wake from Sheboygan won the regatta again. (They have been winning a lot lately).

We are looking forward to building on our effort in 2007!

| Boat#/Name | | Owner |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 10349 | Think Twice | Douglas Olson |
| 113007 | | Brian Keller |
| 13568 | | Nick Wood |
| 13589 | | John Haugh |
| 13817 | | Mari Martin |
| 13872 | Think Twice | Douglas Olson |
| 13901 | | Kelly Stevens |
| 14038 | | Timothy Monday |
| 14084 | | Dave Wickert |
| 14106 | White Lightning | Michael B Kulkoski |
| 14130 | K G Skipper | Michael J Merkatoris |
| 14193 | Shadow Hog | Gary Leuer |
| | | M Boncher |
| 14250 | Puzzle | James L Hopkins |
| 14400 | | Brian Grahovac |
| 14408 | Hurricane Mom | Brian Keller |
| 14476 | Splash | Carl Manns |
| 14582 | Rock 'N Roll | Bill Dean |
| 14778 | | Michael Tennity |
| 14911 | | Edward Coleman |
| 15005 | Reality Check | Carl Manns |
| 15081 | | Jim Gagnon |
| 15137 | | Steve Adamski |
| 15207 | Talaria | Stewart Doty |

Summer Sailing in Green Bay, Wisconsin

I can't believe fall is here already, and the leaves are falling in the cool wind of the shortened days. It seems like it was just a few weeks ago, with the warm winds blowing and the daylight lasting until nearly 9:00 PM, that the Fleet 112 Lightning sailors of Green Bay excitedly gathered in late May for the first of thirty races scheduled in our Monday/Thursday series of the 2006 season.

Typical evenings brought out twelve to fourteen boats, sailing upwind and down the lower bay, getting a feel for what the course had to offer. The crew of 13817, Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans, had it figured out better than the rest of us, taking 50% of the races and staying in the top five the remainder of the time. Places second through fifth were hotly contested. Brian Grahovac, Doug Olson, Jim Hopkins and Steve Adamski rounded out the top five.

We endured many a whisper-wind start, when everyone hoped for a puff to offer respite from the summer heat.

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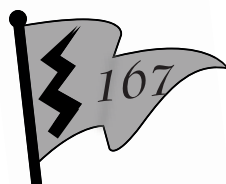
The Champs on 13817—Mari Martin, Brian Phelan and Rick Evans

We also enjoyed many gusty, heavy-air races that kept the old pros as challenged as the newcomers.

Every other week captain and crew alternated providing a delicious, post-race meal for hungry fellow sailors, RC, family and friends. We shared laughs and race highlights between fresh grilled corn or hot baked lasagna. This is a great Fleet social time after the race!

The midsummer Evans Regatta was our big event. On June 8 we hosted 15 boats from Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee and Green Bay. Mother Nature cooperated, and we had a sunny, windy start to the day. Southwest winds at a steady 15 mph, gusting to 20 plus, gave us four fast races. Sunday was calmer with the wind again out of the southwest at 6–12 mph. We were able to complete two races. Todd Wake from Sheboygan took the Evans Trophy home for 2006. Congratulations to Todd and his crew, Kristine Wake and Ben Spiller!

After our challenging day on the water, we headed ashore for dry clothes, malted beverages and a special Greek feast. The toga-clad sailors sang Happy 40th Birthday to longtime Fleet 112 member Steve Adamski. However, the icing on the cake was not chocolate; it was the much-anticipated annual trip to Kastle Karts for the go-cart “regatta”! When the happy sailors descended upon the track, the pit crew scrambled to announce the rules of the road. The carts were off! There was a lot of shrieking and laughing and a bit of rule breaking among the riders. Whew! No one was kicked off the course this year! We are on again for 2007. Hope you can join us!



Lake Davenport

*Sailing on the Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa*

Fleet Captain.....Chuck White

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 6033 Kasara | Wesley L Johnson |
| 11456 Off Like a Prom Dress | Brandon Holton |
| 14831 Irrational Exuberance | Chuck White |
| 15857 Mermaid | Michael Steffenson |



Sheboygan Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin*

Fleet Captain.....Todd Wake
Fleet Secretary.....Michou Reichelsdorfer
Fleet TreasurerBruce Van Dommelen
Fleet ChampionRic Larson, Eric Larson, Lori Jost

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7879 Puff | Robert T Melzer |
| 11188 About Time | K C Schmidt |
| 11589 D-Toxx | Brad Gruneberg |
| 11622 | Tim Lorenz |
| 13224 | Tom Landry |
| 13818 Warrior | Joel M LeMahieu |
| 13930 | Jim Krennedy |
| 13994 Silent Movie | Michou Reichelsdorf |
| 14005 | Matt Wierzbach |
| 14142 Lrd Nanas Pirates | Karla Zahn |
| 14234 | Tom Wright |
| 14380 | Tryg Jacobson |
| 14598 | Denise Cornell |
| 14921 | Bruce Van Dommelen |
| | Jay Hogfeldt |
| 14958 Stone Cold | Denise Cornell |
| 14994 Lake Effect | Daniel Reichelsdorfe |
| 15119 Squito | Eric R Larson |
| 15189 Lamaini | Paul Reak |
| 15234 Stay on Target | Todd Wake |
| 15261 | Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center |
| 15262 | Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center |
| 15301 Stone Cold | Denise Cornell |

Thirteen of our nineteen boats competed in the twelve-week 2006 summer Tuesday night racing program, with an average number of eight at each starting line. Once again, Fred and Gail Tyszka headed up a terrific race committee and completed all scheduled races!

Our summer fleet racing is broken down into three four-week series, and this year each individual series was won by a different boat and crew. Winning the month of June's Piper series was Denise Cornell with crew Kathy Lindgren and Greg Farrell. The Gresholt Series is run during the month of July, and taking top honors was Todd and Kristine Wake with crew Ben Spiller. The Graf/Jacobson series is held during the month of August and was nicely won by the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center boat. Tony Orlebeke and Dave Bronson provided student Adam Grandlic with a terrific and consistent summer sailing experience, participating in ten of the twelve race nights.

And in keeping with the practice of spreading the wealth around, Ric Larson with son Eric Larson and Lori Jost avenged their season championship loss from last year by taking top honors in 2006. Ric had four first place and four second place finishes to secure the overall championship. This years season runner-up was the Wakes introducing, six-year-old son Douglas to the racing experience!

Fleet 187 was well represented at many of the local, not-so-local and national events held during 2006. Todd Wake and Denise Cornell competed in all regattas comprising the Southern Circuit for the first time. Todd now holds the Newcomer Award, and both teams enjoyed the Circuit so much that they plan on being back in 2007.

Todd and Kristine Wake with Jim Walker beat out NAs winner Matt Burridge to earn first place at the Mid-Continent Regatta in some very extreme sailing conditions. Other Fleet 187 boats that competed were first-time travelers Brad Gruneberg with Scott Jelinek and Chris Ross, Denise Cornell with Mark Wessel and Dave Bronson, and youngest skipper Matt Wierzbach with Jake Den Boer and Nate Komoroski.

The Fond du Lac Lighthouse Regatta was held in early June and marks the first traveling experience for Joel LeMahieu and brother Greg LeMahieu with Dale Huenink. Todd and Kristine Wake with Ben Spiller dominated with five 1st place finishes in the two-day event (this has become a familiar trend in our Fleet). Other skippers competing were Dan Reichelsdorfer, Cornell, Ric Larson, and Paul Reak.

Midwest Districts were hosted by Milwaukee Yacht Club in June, and the Wakes again displayed great consistency in very inconsistent conditions to earn first place. Supporting cast included Reichelsdorfer, Cornell, Reak, and Gruneberg—goes to show once you take that first step and travel to an out-of-town regatta, you become hooked!

LeMahieu repeated his traveling experience by joining fellow skippers Wake, Cornell, Reak and Larson at the Evans Regatta in Green Bay in early July.



Doug's first race in Paul Reak's boat

Seven boats from our Fleet participated in the locally hosted Brotz Leukemia Cup in July and marked Bruce Van Dommelen, Jay Hogfeldt, and Nick Barnes' first 2006 regatta. Thanks to our local club's great efforts at RC, off-the-water activities and wonderful meals, this event is a great time for sailors and a great fund raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Two double-decked rigs left our Fleet in early August bound for San Diego. Ric Larson with son Eric and Mike Elmergreen raced in the Masters, and Denise Cornell with Kathy Lindgren and Amy Simonson won the Women's. Cornell then moved to Mission Bay to join the Wakes and Reichelsdorfers in the NAs. Joel LeMahieu participated in his first NAs as crew and enjoyed the experience so much he is now in the planning stages to get his boat and crew to Annapolis and plotting to get others from our Fleet involved. Go Joel!

Gruneberg took advantage of one last fall regatta and joined the Wakes and Paul Reak at the P&T in Milwaukee. It was great to have the additional teams travel this year to local district events and seeing they all had marvelous experiences. Their enthusiasm is the best marketing tool to encourage and expand our Fleet both locally and nationally.

Kathy Lindgren



Fond du Lac/Winnebago

Sailing on Lake Winnebago

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

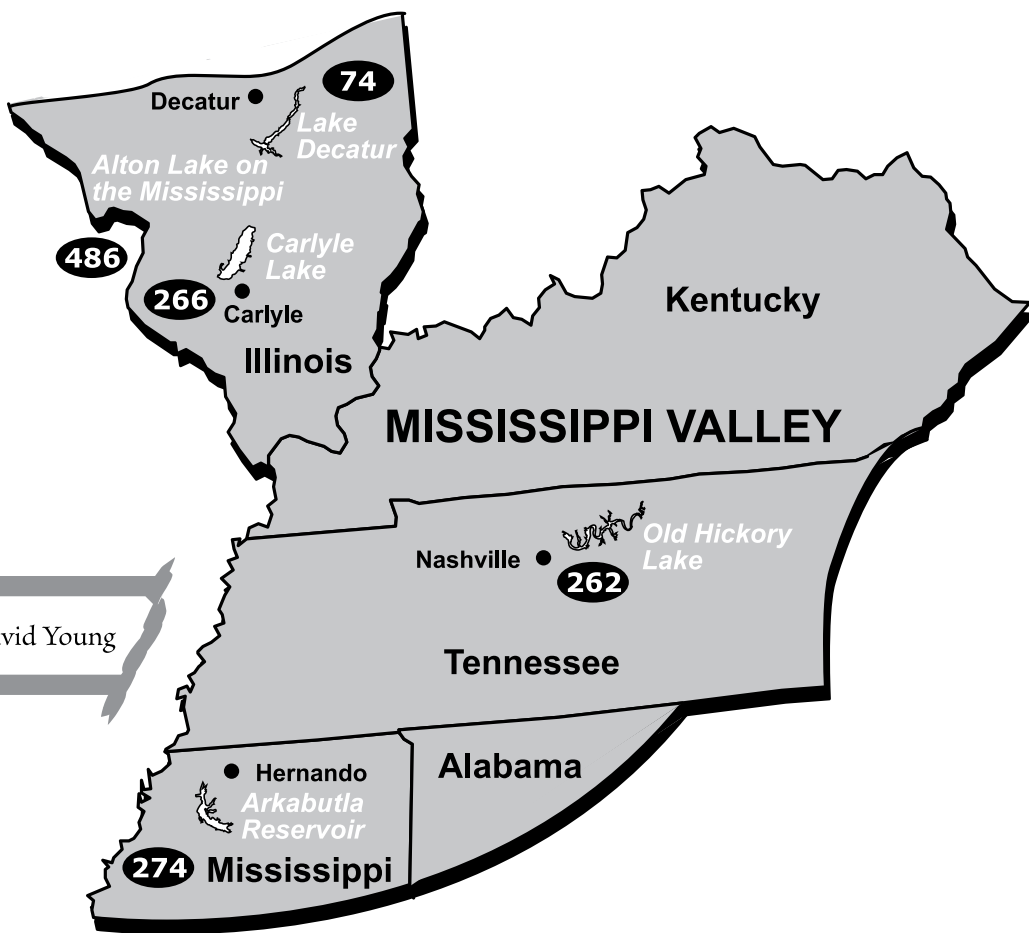
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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Fleet Captain..... | Mike Elmergreen |
| Fleet Secretary..... | Sue Dorscheid |
| Fleet Treasurer | Sue Dorscheid |
| Fleet Champion | Tim Baccus |

| Boat#/Name | | Member/Owner |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 359 | First Attempt | Pete Chisholm |
| 12554 | Achilles | Mike Elmergreen |
| 13580 | Splurge | Darrel Greening |
| 15042 | Ellie B | Mike Elmergreen |
| | | Sue Dorscheid |
| 15158 | Too Klos | Pete Orlebeke |
| | | William Faude |
| 16220 | This Old Boat | Mark Wessel |
| | | Mike Elmergreen |

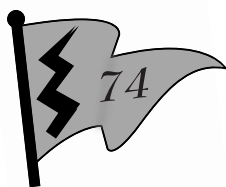
This year started with the Lighthouse Regatta which featured a Fleet of Buccaneers racing on the same course as the Lightnings with separate starts. This year it was won in convincing fashion by Todd Wake with his wife Kristine and Ben Spiller as crew.

The Early Season, raced on Tuesday nights as a Portsmouth Fleet, was won by Tim Baccus who was steering with Mike Elmergreen and Sue Dorscheid as crew. They were followed very closely by another Lightning sailed by Pete Orlebeke with his wife Kimberly and son Cole.

The Late Season was won by a hot M16 that really turned it on during the late season. Tim Baccus was second, and that was enough to secure him as season champion.



District Commodore: David Young



Decatur

Sailing on Lake Decatur

Decatur, Illinois

| Boat#/Name | | Owner |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 13726 | Fat Chance | Gary Peck |
| 14004 | | Douglas D Walker |
| 14012 | Bobs Last Boat III | Robert W Ohlsen |

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Harbor Island Yacht Club

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake

Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain..... David Young

Fleet ChampionRobert Hempel

| Boat#/Name | | Owner |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 9211 | | Owen Chandler |
| 9948 | | Owen Chandler |
| 10621 | | Owne Chandler |
| 11333 | The Circle of Life | Gary Markham |
| 11480 | | Bill Killebrew |
| 11600 | | Owen Chandler |
| 11737 | Doc Gibert Express | Owen Chancler |
| 12511 | The 7th Habit | Todd Anderson |
| 13370 | | Leif Asgeirson |
| 13875 | | Bill Killebrew |
| 14116 | Kat's Kradle | Culy Ward |
| 14226 | Moon Children | Scott Howard |
| 14533 | Message in a Bottle | Robert Mattix |
| 14571 | Wildebeest IV | Robert G Hempel |
| 14645 | Airborne | Robert Cotton |
| 14680 | Taylor | Bill Killebrew |
| 14969 | | Owen Chandler |
| 15010 | | David Young |
| 15011 | | John W Hess |
| 15078 | Pandamonium | Bruce Richards |
| 15100 | Fang | Bradford Currie |
| 15206 | Moon Children II | William Hofmeister |
| 15216 | | Cully Ward |
| 15308 | | Bill Killebrew |

Lightning Fleet 262 had an enjoyable season on Old Hickory Lake outside Nashville. The local racing scene consists of two regattas at each end of the season. William Hofmeister won the Tennessean regatta in April over Ian Schillebeeckx and Cully Ward. Robert Mattix continued his improvement, scoring a victory over Rob Hempel in October's McDougall.

HIYC hosted the Mississippi Valley District Championships in June, with excellent conditions and abundant racing prevailing for the weekend. Four races were sailed on Saturday, with an additional three on Sunday morning. Defending NA Champ Matt Burridge crewed for class newcomer Paul Hanson from St Louis, and they found the winning combination. In second was local Cully Ward, followed by Scott Zerban. Not driving for the Districts did not hamper Matt's ability, as he managed to defend his North American title with a win in San Diego. William Hofmeister also rode a fourth place finish at the Districts to a top five spot in the President's Cup. Congrats to Matt, Dan and Tobi on another outstanding season. We look forward to the competition in 2007!

Harbor Island hosts the Bluenose Regatta the first full weekend of November. A very deep fleet of thirty-six boats showed up for the event. The sailors were treated to a spectacular Saturday of weather, with lots of sun

and good breeze enabling us to complete four races, which as it turned out, was all the wind gods would allow. First time participant Allan Terhune prevailed in the event, with Richard Hallagan, Todd Wake, local Mandy Hofmeister and Bill Faude rounding out the top five. We look forward to seeing everyone November 3-4, 2007, for top-notch competition and a great time!

David Young



Carlyle Sailing Association

Sailing on Carlyle Lake

Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain.....Rick Bernstein

| Boat#/Name | | Owner |
|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 8144 | Chaos | Jerry Vali |
| 10537 | | Brad Hamby |
| 13273 | Gumby | Rob Zerban |
| 13308 | DF | Greg Florian |
| 14009 | Bemongo | Paul Hanson |
| 14118 | | Scott Zerban |
| 14199 | Bull Ship | Walter Eversman |
| 14260 | | John D Folwell |
| 14614 | | Scott Zerban |
| 14636 | | Tobi Moriarty |
| 14766 | Top Flash | Terrence R Burke |
| 14798 | | Rick Bernstein |
| 14834 | Yeti | Matt B S Burridge |
| 14901 | Vanceva | Marc Schillebeeckx |
| 14920 | | James Chapin |

Fleet 266'ers out of Carlyle, Illinois, were busy early in the year participating in midwinter regattas. Dan and Tobi Moriarty joined the Wake's from Sheboygan for the Southern Circuit, winning 5th place overall. Ian Schillebeeckx raced the St. Pete portion, finishing in the top third of the Fleet with Maxim Schillebeeckx and Lucas Hofmeister as crew. Matt Burridge flew out to take part in the California Circuit, sailing with Jeff Coppens along with Jim Sears. This trio clean swept the California Circuit taking turns driving.

Matt and Chris Burridge hosted our annual fleet party a little earlier in 2006. Our Fleet Captain, Rick Bernstein, ran a quick meeting, and James Chapin surprised us all by volunteering to organize the Mid Continent Regatta again. Paul Hanson and family were a nice addition to the party as our newest Fleet members. Scott and Stacey Zerban were not yet boat owners so they mostly took part in the beverage sampling and chair breaking, but little did we know they would be proud parents of a Lightning just a couple weeks later. Matt displayed his North American Championship Cup that he and crew Dan and Tobi had won that past season. Little six-month old Erin Zerban enjoyed sitting in the cup, giving it special good luck for the NAs to come.

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Erin Zerban

The Mid-Continent Regatta was well attended and saw huge winds. James Chapin did a fabulous job organizing the regatta and putting on an amazing dinner. Visiting boats traveled from near and far to race with us. A fun impromptu rum party broke out on the leeward side of the Wake's van as the winds were too strong to race Saturday afternoon. The rum must have been good luck because the fifth race was completed Sunday afternoon and the Wake's along with their crew Jim Walker won the Augie Paoli Memorial Trophy again beating out Matt Burridge by five points, Dan Moriarty by six points, and Scott Zerban by twelve points.

Two Fleet 266 boats went the following weekend to the Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta in Indianapolis. Ian Schillebeeckx sailed with his junior teammates from Nashville and finished the regatta in third place and James Chapin had Marc Schillebeeckx and Nicholas Beckmann as crew and they finished in sixth place.

Districts, held in Nashville, Tennessee, was next up for the traveling Carlylians. We sent five boats and were well represented until the mysterious flu showed its ugly head. Team Moriarty was attacked viciously on the ride down; both crew Tobi and Alina hit a major wall and were unable to race. Little did we know that the flu had hit the members at CSA and would later make the news. New to the Lightning fleet but not to racing, Fleet 266er Paul Hanson showed up ready to play with Matt Burridge and Ian Moriarty as crew. Paul took off and never looked back as he took his first District Championship. Scott Zerban took third place in his come-back regatta, Ian Schillebeeckx took fifth place, The All-Burke team sailed by Terry, Edd, and Bryan finished in sixth place.

Our Fleet is very proud of Ian Schillebeeckx who made a strong showing at the Junior Lightning Worlds in Finland, finishing in 6th place with his teammates, fellow MLVD youth Beth Ward and Lucas Hofmeister. This young team sailed several regattas to prepare for this event including the above mentioned regattas as well as the Canadian Open, where they even won a race against some of the toughest Lightning competition. Their practice paid off when they raced in the Junior North Americans, winning all but one race to become the 2006 Lightning Junior North American Champions.

The all-266 team of Ian Moriarty, Edd Burke, and Bryan Burke also raced in the Junior North Americans. Along with the other MVLD team, they gave the regatta the one-two punch, proudly winning second place overall. His first year too old to sail, Nicholas Beckmann made the trip out for the Juniors, cheering for his former team from the spectator boat. Terry and Carolyn Burke as well as Roselyn Hazard spent the week checking out the nice Southern California weather and supporting our juniors at their big event.

The North American Championships in San Diego had a great Fleet 266 showing, sending three boats. Team Burridge, featuring Matt Burridge, Dan and Tobi Moriarty, did not disappoint as they repeated as North American Champions. Ian Schillebeeckx competed in the Blue Fleet with his fill-in teammates, former 266-juniors Maxim Schillebeeckx and Nicholas Beckmann. Terry Burke raced with his two sons Edd and Bryan, finishing second in the President's Cup Division. Ian Moriarty crewed for the regatta organizer Jeff Coppens, placing 16th in the Blue Fleet. Lal Burridge joined the 266-group in the trip to California to proudly watch his son race. It sure was fun to have him at a big Lightning event again!

Eventually all the Carlylians made it back to their home turf to continue on with the Summer and Fall series. Fall came along and so did the Strawberry Daiquiri Regatta where Tobi Moriarty continued her domination in this regatta and started a winning tradition with two juniors, Alina Moriarty and Shannon Lacker. A few weeks later, Tobi and Dan crewed for Matt Fisher in Chicago, winning the Red Flannels. The Pan-Am Trials were not in the cards for team Burridge, so it didn't take long for Dan Moriarty to be recruited. He made the mid-October trip to Annapolis and raced with Todd and Kristine Wake, finishing in fourth place. Matt Burridge did take the time to represent the Lightning Class in the Champions of Champions at Grande Maumelle Sailing Club in Little Rock, Arkansas. Paul Hanson crewed for Matt sailing Y-flyers in varying conditions. The team won a few races and finished the regatta in second place.

"Lightning Hill" at Lake Carlyle held court all season long for its usual suspects and new comers that did not know any better. The winds were subtle at times, which allowed for spontaneous BBQs and exchange of scuttle. We utilized our Lightning Fleet party tent to block us from the grueling heat and sun. Many of our future juniors were taking part of the CSA Opti program and raced Laser Radials, while the even younger ones learned to walk. The Sunday races did present some fun, on-the-water competition. The Fleet's newest member, Scott Zerban, mixed it up, winning the Spring Series, Summer Series, and the Championship series. Terry Burke generously shared his tiller-time with the juniors this season and still managed to win the Fall Series and finish second in the Championship Series. The steadfast John Folwell finished in second place for the Spring Series and took third place in the Summer, Fall, and Championship Series. The Moriartys finished in second place for the Summer Series and fourth place for the Championship Series. It was a fun year on and off the water at our home club.

It was a very fun and successful year for our Fleet, and we are all excited for our growth. We are experiencing growth in new members, returning members, and the juniors that are starting to teach us all a thing-or-two. Hopefully 2007 will present as many fortunate opportunities and luck as the past few years. The plans are already in the works to start back up and do it all over again!



Ian Schillebeeckx with crew Beth Ward and Lucas Hofmeister

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Delta Sailing Association

Sailing on the Arkabutla Reservoir

Memphis, Tennessee

Fleet Captain..... Tim Ryan
Fleet Champion William Baxter Jr
Fleet Runner-up..... Jere Fones

| Boat#/Name | Member/Owner |
|------------------|------------------|
| 11386 Dos Mas | Ralph L Leon |
| 11999 Turbo Dog | William N Baxter |
| 12852 | Mark George |
| 13258 Rodeo Cold | Herbert Cochrane |
| 14149 | Max Shelton |
| 14230 | Michael Arndt |
| 14338 Leap Frog | Lynn A Jones |
| 14357 | W N Baxter |
| 14488 Rodeo Cold | Herbert Cochrane |
| 14666 | Crit Currie Jr |
| 15128 | Max Shelton |

The 2006 sailing season started out with the 28th annual "I hate bowl games, recover from the night before, New Years Day Regatta." Three boats and nine sailors showed up for the event; unfortunately, one skipper had a moment of sanity and did not launch his boat, and eight people piled into two boats for the race. Crit Currie Jr. won the around-the-island race, followed by Bill Baxter Jr. The Memphis Fleet had several road warriors this year. The team of Mike Arndt, Bill Baxter Jr. and Billy Wilkerson took off and sailed the Southern Circuit. They are still telling stories to any one who will listen. Baxter Jr. joined the team of Crit Currie Jr. and JoJo Crenshaw, along with the team of Batton Kennon, Mandy Kennon, and Dick Bannin, sailed the Spring Fling in Jackson, Mississippi. Team Currie managed to take home a third place in the regatta. The team of Baxter Jr, Mike Arndt, and Elaine Leo, and the team of Currie Jr, JoJo Crenshaw, and Tim Ryan sailed the West Marine Tennessee regatta in Nashville. Batton Kennon put some mileage on his vehicle in the early summer. He was the only participant from Memphis who sailed the Mississippi Valley Districts. He sailed the Texas Districts and took home a second place. He also went to the GYA championships and made a respectable showing. Mike Arndt made a couple of notable trips to the Dixie District Championships and to the Atlantic Coast Championships crewing for George Nagy.

The Fleet racing this year was not the best. It was very hot and the winds were light. The races that were held were very competitive, and a few new names rose to the top of the standings. Bill Baxter Jr. still dominated the series, but Jere Fones, Warren Ayres, and Ralph Leon sailed well and moved into the other top spots.

The Hernando DeSoto Regatta saw some new out of town players. We were happy to welcome Robert Bernhardt, Tom Niles, John Waskom and Scott Anderson. The racing was very tight, and Bill Baxter Jr. just edged out Robert Bernhardt to take the win. The Cotton Pickin' Regatta was another good regatta; unfortunately, the turn out was a little light. Tom Niles gave Bill Baxter Jr. a very good fight for the win but lost out in the last race to give the win to Bill Baxter Jr.

In the fall, the road warriors got back on the road. Bill Baxter Jr., Crit Currie Jr. and Ralph Leon traveled down to Jackson, Mississippi for the Hospitality Regatta. Larry Frost of New Orleans showed every one the way around the race course. Crit took second place, followed by Baxter Jr. Then it was off to the Bluenose—fun was had by all. The only thing that the Memphis group could win was the Amber Fluid, and Crit was

good enough to share the libation with all. The last stop on this journey was the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans. The teams of Crit, JoJo and Glen Stephenson won the party, and the team of Baxter Jr., Mike Arndt and Ralph Leon learned about the quarter martini lunch at Commander's Palace.

Well we are hoping for a better sailing season for the 2007 year. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop on in for a good sail and some great southern hospitality. We would love to have you.

William Baxter Jr



Valley Sailing

Sailing on Alton Lake

Machens, Missouri

Fleet Captain..... Jerry Wnorowski
Fleet Secretary..... Steve Wyers
Fleet Champion Michael Reed
Fleet Runner-up..... Rick Conaway

| Boat#/Name | Owner |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10291 | Sea Scouts |
| 11205 A-1-A | Dwayne Hilton |
| 11598 Ziggy II | John Voelker |
| 12033 | Sea Scouts |
| 12891 | Rich Neiman |
| 12892 Mud Runner | John Tarnow |
| 13232 | Don McNabb |
| 13836 Becky Sue | Michael Reed |
| | Keith Vidal |
| 13379 Top Secret | Steve Wyers |
| 14088 Fascination | Rick Conaway |
| 14089 Warlock | Joe Petjeane |
| 14233 Tacks is Due | Jerry Wnorowski |

The Mississippi was kind to us, allowing us to sail until New Year's. Our Wednesday PHRF evening races were spiced up with a barbecue afterwards, but the turnout was the smallest in many years. We were hit by two big storms in succession. In the first one, the race committee blew abandonment early on, so that we had only one Laser capsized near the shore and two boats down in the harbor. St. Louis was without power for five days or more, however, Dry weather kept the mosquito turnout to a minimum, but our turnout has been small. I couldn't give a hot dog away! The Lightnings have been having problems with work commitments and finding crew.

The Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta was held September 9–10, We had six boats on the line. Winds were between 6–12 mph at race time, and the weather was perfect, giving us a pleasant sail. Mike Reed, a newcomer from big boats, sailed well to win.

The Governor's Cup Regatta all-class invitational on September 30–October 1 featured six starts for Lightnings, Comets, Lasers, Cabin Classes and miscellaneous boats. Winds were light both days, a pleasant change from the usual hurricanes we get. Mike Reed won the class, Rick Conaway was second and Steve Wyers third.

The harbor officially closed on November 18, but some of us have stretched the season, sailing on December 29 at the latest in mild 60 degree weather.

Steve Wyers