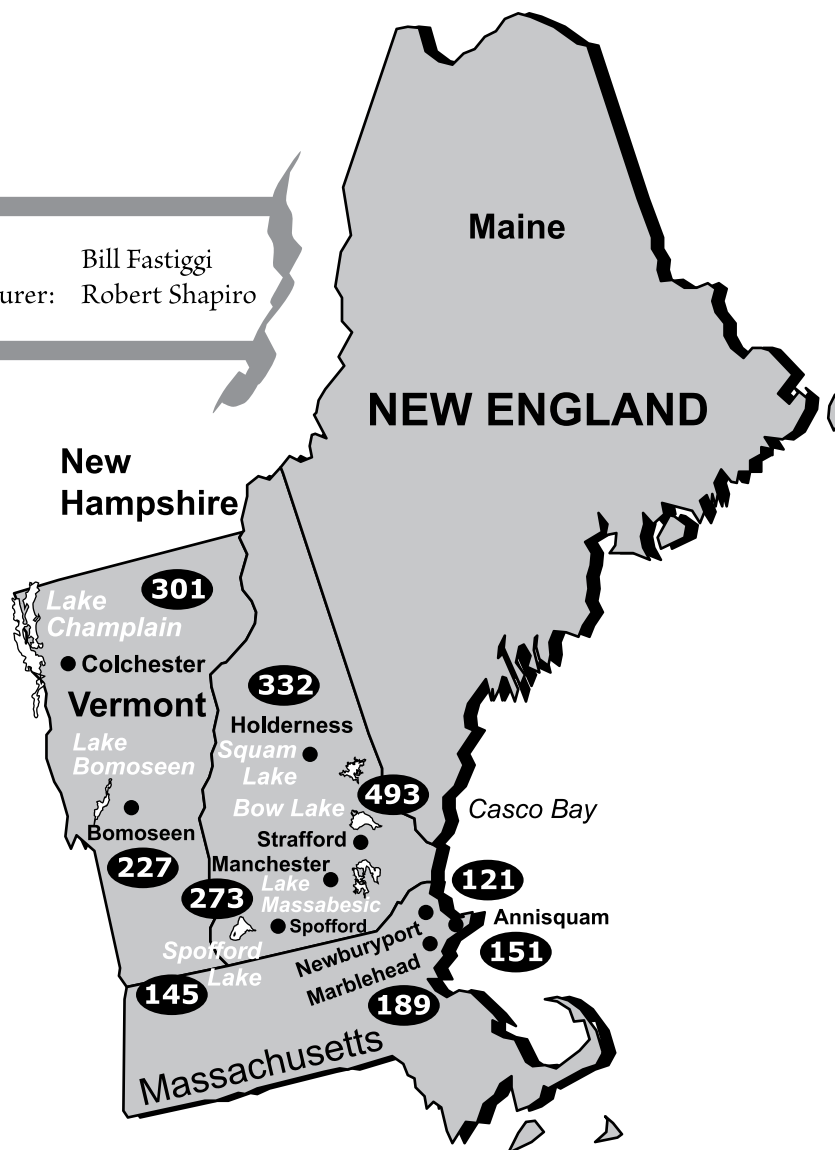




District Commodore: Bill Fastiggi  
District Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Shapiro



More so than in many years, Mother Nature made her presence known throughout the 2006 New England District season. Our winter hats made appearances on race courses and yacht club lawns, as usual, during the bookends of the schedule in Burlington, but they were also seen popping up in surprising locales, such as Squam Lake in August and brief moments at Bow Lake in September.

And when the temperature was more seasonal, Mother Nature changed her tactics and tested racers and race committees with a mix of light thermals and gale force breeze as we made our annual trek throughout New England this summer to visit familiar places and see familiar faces.

Lightning sailing kicked off early for a few, as Bob Bush of Spofford Lake, sailing with wife Sterling and Dan Egan from Squam, packed the boat up and shipped it off to Chile for the South American Championships and Lightning Worlds. They had such a great time that they recommend that we add Santiago to our District schedule! Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn also made the trip to crew for Bill Mauk and helped him to an 8th place finish.

The US Lightning season got started with the annual pilgrimage south for the Southern Circuit. Bill Fastiggi got back behind the tiller and with faithful crew Suzy and help from north of the border in Canadian Olympic Sailing Team member Chantal Léger had a great showing, finishing an impressive 4th place overall for the Circuit.

Joining Bill and crew from New England for the full Circuit were Sean Fagan's team from Newburyport and Bob Shapiro's team from Bow Lake. And joining Bill, Sean and Bob for the latter parts of the Circuit were Pat Gallagher from Newburyport and Bob Bush.

Our season kicked off the weekend after Memorial Day at Mallets Bay Boat Club in Burlington for the annual Spring Regatta. Twenty-one boats battled cold air and stiff competition for the chance to stake their claim as the "boat to beat" for the season. A Canadian invasion was held on Lake Champlain, as Peter Hall and crew dominated the races to finish in first and Jamie Allen took third. Bill Fastiggi's team squeezed into second, but it should be noted that they had Canadian representation on the boat in Chantal Léger.

The District descended on Spofford Lake in New Hampshire for our championships. Rumor has it that District Commodore Bob Shapiro had hair the last time that our districts were at Spofford, and we were all thrilled to show off the strength of the District to one of the most hospitable yacht clubs in New England and the country.

# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Sailors in Friday's Women's, Juniors' and Masters' were treated to lots of sun and good breeze for their races. Nick Aswad with Chad Miller and Alyson Russell were unstoppable, winning the junior championship with an unblemished record of five bullets and topping the women and masters boats in a couple of races. And it was a race of the top crews in the District for the women's championship, as Beth Holland, Sterling Bush and Suzy Coburn took the reigns of their respective boats. Well, almost. Beth Holland brought in a couple of ringers, stayed in the front of the boat, and squeezed out a win over Sterling Bush in a tiebreaker.

The Masters' competition was fierce, and rumor has it that some trash talking occurred between the eight boats on the race course. In a show of strength, and certainly age, Ned Hinds gathered fellow Bow Lake skippers Bob Shapiro and Mike Aversa together to squeak out a one point victory over Mark Gardner and his crew.

On Saturday, twenty-two boats descended on Spofford and were met by the many smiling faces of Spofford's team of volunteers, a lot of sun and, well, not so much wind. Showing mercy on the Fleet, the RC blew the canon three times to cancel racing for the day, and many of the teams shuttled off to nearby Keene to satisfy their competitive desires at the bowling alley. Bob Shapiro took the title by nearly bowling an impressive 294—over two games!

Sunday brought more waiting on shore, but finally the wind cooperated and racing commenced. Challenging, shifty conditions prevailed as the wind tried to stabilize and the Fleet chased Bill Fastiggi and his team of Suzy Coburn and Lauren Harris around the race course. No one could catch Bill, but very tight racing over five races resulted in Brian Gibbs, with crew Mike Boardman and Beth Holland, taking second and Bob Bush, with wife Sterling and local favorite Tom Fitch, finishing third. The District Championships also served as the 2006 Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta, so it was especially touching to have Tom on the top Spofford boat. And Dot Fitch brought smiles and tears to the Fleet, as she always does in her poetic tribute to the sailors.

When the boats were packed away from Spofford, a few of the boats and crews shipped off to exotic locales, such as Finland for the Youth Worlds and San Diego for the North American Championships, and many others made the trip to New Jersey for the ACCs. We were thrilled to have ten boats representing New England at the ACCs, with Bill Fastiggi, Bob Bush and Don Brush finishing in the top third of the highly competitive 70-boat fleet.

New England was well represented at the Youth Worlds in Finland, with Nick Aswad, sailing with brother Connor and Peter Hazlett, and Chad

Miller, sailing with his sister Tanya and Daniel Kagan, showing off the junior talent of our District. Congrats to both teams on their fantastic racing, with Nick finishing third and Chad seventh!

A number of New England District sailors made the very worthwhile, if not long, trip to San Diego for the North American Championships. In the Masters' race, Georges Peter sailed to a seventh place finish. In the championship, Bill Fastiggi, Bob Bush and Dan Egan battled it out with the stiff competition. The District was also very proud to see Nick Farina, a recent transplant from Vermont to Colorado and longtime crew in our District, jump in the back of the boat and string together an impressive victory in the President's Cup. And if you think traveling across the country is a chore, just ask Dan Egan and Susie Radcliff about their three week meander across our country with a double-decked trailer. They had a blast!!

Back in New England, sailors were busy competing for the Brian Hughes Memorial Regatta and raising money for the Leukemia Foundation. Big, shifty breeze was the theme of the weekend, handled best by Brian Gibbs and crew, who beat out Team Colantuano for the victory. And at Squam Lake, where the breeze was light, rain cold, and competition and camaraderie heated, seventeen boats battled very difficult conditions, with Nick Aswad taking the victory over Art Cunningham and Bob Shapiro.

As September rolled in and New England continued to wait for the summer weather to arrive, Lake Massabesic hosted their annual regatta, and Joe Ray, sailing with Team Mercier (Matt and Nick) and Pierre Letourneau, took the title over Ken Deyett and Bob Shapiro. Bow Lake's Ed Hinds Memorial One Day event followed, with the teams led by Bob Bush, Brian Gibbs and Ken Deyett proving that consistency is possible in not-so-consistent conditions.

Seasonal temperatures finally arrived by the time October rolled around, and the District sailors ventured back to Lake Champlain to end the racing season in New England at the Leaf Peeper Regatta. While the weather was warmer, the wind was blowing hard and led to seven challenging, fun races for the seventeen-boat fleet! An amazing two days of racing in 15–25 knots were run, with Bill Fastiggi's and Don Brush's teams taking the top two spots and Team Wallace, Ben, Karen and Tris, brushing the cobwebs off the boat to round out the top three.

Reflecting back on the season, one thing stands out. Regardless of weather, distance, the struggles to find crew or the many other reasons that can stand in the way of racing the Lightning on a given weekend, the pleasures of sailing and racing the Lightning in New England outweigh all. We all can't wait for the new season to begin!



## Merrimack River

Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain.....Sean Fagan

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11150	Patrick Gallagher
13642 Chalooby	Kenneth A Woods
14275	John R Hughes
14345	Brian Gibbs
14384	Patrick Gallagher
14481 Jamaican Bobsled	Scott McBurney
14547	Patrick McCormack
15182	Sean Fagan
	Ann Snow



## Spofford Lake

Sailing on Spofford Lake

Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....Robert Bush

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
10254	Alex Gemmell
11210 Smurfin Along	Frederick Turner
11346 FOB	Christopher Hamblet
13792	Joe Rosen
14072 Sunshine	Paul Henkel
14360	Patrick MacQueen
14621	Ben Wallace
	Robert C Bush
14654 AmBush	A Serling Bush

# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

## Fleet 145

We had some good sailing at Spofford this year, holding the New England Districts, including the WJMs on the Friday before the regatta, and our normal sailing days.

We started the second Sunday in June with a number of races in 8–13 knots of breeze. The shifts were about 30 degrees—typical for our small lake, coming over the hills. We usually run very short races, as boat speed is not of primary importance, but boat position on the course and tactics are the keys to good results. Races last 15–20 minutes. This day, we ran five races in less than two and a half hours. It was a really nice sailing day.

On Saturday June 24 we held the Districts warm-up. The day warmed up, but no wind was available.

The WJMs of the New England District were held on July 7. The day started slowly, with no wind and then just a little. Just a little is all we need, as Spofford Lake has very few motorboats, no jet skis and no chop. We probably started the first race about five minutes too early, as the wind pooped out right at the start, but just a few minutes later everyone was moving and the race took thirty-two minutes for the first place boat—Paul Henkel of Spofford!

We raced the three fleets together, but scored separately. Thirteen boats, with eight masters, three women and two juniors. The next four races were all eighteen minutes for the first boat. It was a perfect day of sailing at Spofford. Nice breeze; sunny, but not too hot.

Nick Aswad from Burlington was the best overall sailor and won the junior division ahead of John Cunningham from Squam, who also sailed well. Ned Hinds from Bow Lake with two other skippers on board (yeah—that will last!) won the Masters' in a close contest over Mark Gardner from Burlington. Spofford's own Paul Henkel was third. The Women's was won by Kelly Millane, winning the tiebreaker over the all-Spofford boat of Sterling Bush, Karen Wallace and Peggy Frehsee.

The next two days were supposed to be the New England Districts and Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta. As nice as Friday was, Saturday was not—for sailing that is—perfect day otherwise. No wind—not even a reason to put the twenty-two boats in the water. We held the New England district meeting, and then there was much swimming and card play. Summer camp at Spofford! The day ended with bowling for the four teams staying with Alex and Sandi Gemmell for the weekend. We showed that we will not be professional bowlers any time soon—the possible exception being our intrepid newly elected District commodore, Bob Shapiro.



An unusual photo: Bill Fastiggi looking forward to view the competition

Sunday dawned with little wind, but the boats were put in the water and out we went, drifting around in less than two knots of breeze. The wind finally did start to build, and racing began, with Bill Fastiggi showing the way. Four more races with more wind each race, but the same winner. Well done Bill. Brian Gibbs was second with Spofford's own Bob and Sterling Bush and Tom Fitch (Dave and Dot's son) third.

Alex Gemmell, Paul Henkel and Joe Rosen continue to take many of the top spots in the Wednesday Sunfish races. Ducking below the boom in a Lightning is a snap after the Sunfish. Ben and Karen Wallace have been busy getting Ian ready for both boats. Mary will not be far behind. Watch out for the Wallaces—they have one mighty big water cannon stowed in that boat. I think the water stops going over the dam briefly when they fill that thing. Fred Turner keeps his hand in with all of the RC work. What a pleasure not having to worry about RC duties during the regattas.

One more sailing day in mid September. Another perfect day on the lake, but only three boats. We went south a little farther than normal. This helped, as the top of the beats were still in the big part of the lake, making the shifts smaller and the breeze a little more predictable. However, the bottom of the race course was just close enough to shore where the wind would start to lift from the lake, making the bottom end quite light most of the time. Five quick races and pack the boats up for home or the next regatta.

Come sail with us. The racing is friendly and fast.



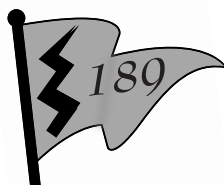
### Annisquam Yacht Club

*Sailing on Ipswich Bay*

Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain..... Georges Peter

Boat#/Name		Owner
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter



### Marblehead

*Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean*

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain..... Donald Humphrey

Boat#/Name		Owner
14750		Edward J Benevent
14763		Chad Waldschmidt

# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



## Bomoseen Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Bomoseen*

Bomoseen, Vermont



## Lake Champlain

*Sailing on Malletts Bay,*

*Lake Champlain*

Colchester, Vermont



## Massabesic Yacht Club

*Sailing on Massabaesic Lake*

Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain..... Mark Gardner  
 Fleet Secretary..... Patrick Zachary  
 Fleet Champion ..... Mark Gardner  
 Fleet Runner-up..... Bill Fastiggi

Fleet Captain..... Walter Colantuono

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
9390 Mongoose 2	Gordon Geick
11327	Walter Buchwald
11401 Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740 River Blues	Walter M Colantuono
12455 Banana Split	John Webb
13798	John Messler
13828 Quick Silver	Maurice L'Heureux
14180	Frank Aversa
14273	Norman Deyett
14394	Kenneth Deyett
14442 Amarcord	William Berry
14895 Bloody	Joe Ray
15239	John Mollicone

Boat#/Name	Owner
695	Joe Berry
4614 Eclipse	Tim Hodson
6567	Ben Wood
10212 Coast2Coast	Mike J Dewane
10440	Al Baker
10480 Annie Oakley	Aaron Frank
10846	Ed Guild
11623	Tom Papp
11745 Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
12525	Bill Fastiggi
13156 Blue Storm	David N Little
13902	Arnold Tran
14050	Breton Gardner
14056	Erik Johnson
14119	Chad Miller
14124	Alec Brecher
14131	James Unsworth
14146 Drop It Like It's Hot	Nicholas Aswad
14297	Ed Zeimer
14438	Peter Tourin
14446 Apple	Kurt Kling
14480 Ciao	Richard N Fastiggi
14514 Special K	Arnold Tran
14520 Hare Brained Idea	Todd Cox
14577	Victor Rossi
14584 Abba Zabba	Peter Hazelett
14640	Donald C Brush
14646	Mike Huffman
14658	Bill Fastiggi
14876 Southern Cross	Janice Lange
14901	David Gorman
14905	David P Gorman
14958	Bill Fastiggi
14972	Patrick Zachary
15058	Paul Gutwin
15060 Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
	Tim Ambrose
15237 Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
15238	Bill Fastiggi

It was a super year for wind on beautiful Lake Massabesic, particularly for the Brian Hughes Regatta in July, when it blew hard all weekend, and for the Club/Lightning District Fall Regatta in September. The BH regatta was held at MYC in conjunction with the American YC at Lake Massabesic this year due to low tides in Newburyport. Winner was Brian Gibbs, with Theresa Colantuono a close second.

The weekly Sunday races brought out the usual three to six boats for some good competition with Ken winning, and Walt usually second. Joe Ray, with Nick and Matt Mercier as crew, won the fall regatta for the third year in a row. Newly married, Mo again spent his weekends on his 38' trawler in the ocean and marina. We missed his competition, but he still has his Lightning. We are now waiting for the ice to be safe enough to enjoy the winter on the lake.



# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

## Fleet 301

First, the bad news. Lack of wind caused us to cancel a large number of our Fleet races, and we had some noted absences this season. Patrick and Kika were building a house, Doc and Judy got married and were away for a long honeymoon, and Karl and Erik graduated from Dartmouth and spent the summer working on a ranch out west.

Fortunately, we had a lot of good news this season! Bill and Suzy, with Chantal Léger, finished 5th overall for the Southern Circuit, then, with Nick Aswad, finished 2nd at the Long John in Red Bank, New Jersey.

Closer to home, we had twenty-one boats for our Spring Regatta, where Peter Hall and his team of Ollie Bone and Stephan Lucas from Montreal won, followed by Bill, Suzy and Chantal, with Jamie Allen, Mike Holly and Jay Deakin in third. Fleet 301 sailors Don Brush, Bretton Gardner, James Unsworth, Heather Ambrose, and Doc Gorman finished fifth through ninth.

Next up were the New England Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Districts at Spofford. Fleet 301 boats performed well, with Nick Aswad, Chad Miller and Allyson Russell winning the Junior Districts, Mark and Lynn Gardner and Marilynne Johnson finishing second in the Masters, and Suzy Coburn, Heather Ambrose and Susie Radcliff finishing third in the Women's event. In this event, all the boats sail together as one fleet and then get scored separately, and overall Nick, Chad and Allyson dominated the fleet with a 3,1,1,1,2 for finishes. Mark, Lynn and Marilyn finished third overall, just two points out of second.

The NE districts followed and Bill, Suzy and Lauren Harris won with an amazing five firsts in five races. Other fleet 301 members had solid performances with Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Allyson Russell finishing fourth and Bretton Gardner, Scott Thibault and Justin Dorey finishing fifth, Nick Aswad, Conner Aswad and Pete Hazelett were sixth, Don Brush with Lea Ann and Robert Smith were seventh, and James Unsworth, Derrick Deming, and Brad Harris were eighth.

Probably the highlight of our season was two of our Junior teams attending the Youth Worlds in Finland. Congrats to Nick and Connor Aswad and Peter Hazelett for finishing third and Chad and Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan for finishing seventh. We are so proud of all our young sailors!

Teams Ambrose, Brush, Fastiggi, Hazelett, and Unsworth, all went down to the ACCs down in Little Egg, New Jersey, and had a great time.

Bill, Suzy and Chantal made the trip out to San Diego for the North Americans where they finished fourteenth in the blue fleet. Special congratulations go out to Nick Farina, who was one of our sailing instructors, super crews and occasional guest skippers. Nick moved to Colorado, borrowed a boat and won the President's Cup in one of his first regattas as a skipper!

Nick and Connor Aswad allowed their dad Jon on the boat and dominated the Squam regatta, with Heather and Tim Ambrose (with Tris Wallace) making the trip as well.

Mark, Lynn and Marilynne made it over to the Bow Lake One-day where they finished a respectable fifth, losing a three way tie breaker for third!

Our fall Leaf Peeper had seventeen hardy teams sailing in what turned out to be great conditions! A little breezy, a little chilly, but a great time was had by all. Bill, Suzy and local junior sailor Christina Whelan, nosed out Don, Robert and Lea Ann. Ben, Karen and Tris Wallace finished third. Local sailors Todd Cox finished fifth, Bretton Gardner sixth, Al Baker seventh, and Mark Gardner ninth.

A few other notable highlights—David Hazelett stole his son Peter's boat and sailed in his first Lighting regatta. Judging by the smiles, Peter might not get the boat back next season. Arnie and Kay Tran won their first fleet race. Junior sailors Kolby Kruger and Christina Whelan are getting ready to challenge the older kids. James Unsworth used his Lightning experience to lead his sloop team from Roger Williams to the ICSCA Nationals. Nick Aswad and Allyson Russell are looking forward to sailing on the Kings Point and Brown Sailing teams next year. Kate Brush represented Hobart/William Smith Colleges in the ICSCA Women's nationals for the second year in a row.

Special congratulations to Fleet Champions Mark Gardner, Lynn Gardner and Marilynne Johnson. They showed great consistency over the sailing season and even had a good time while sailing!

Lastly, the Malletts Bay Boat Club and Fleet 301 have been selected to host the 2009 World Championships. We are very excited and honored that the ILCA Governing Board selected us to host this most prestigious event!





## Squam Lake

*Sailing on Big Squam Lake*

Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain..... P J Blankenhorn  
 Fleet Secretary.....Janet Rosequist  
 Fleet Treasurer .....Dwight Gertz  
 Fleet Champion ..... Art Cunningham

Boat#/Name		Owner
9829		John Cunningham
12012	coast2coast	Dan Egan
10320		Garr Corcoran
10555	Jumbo	William G Abbott
10732	Go-mo-shun	David D Closson
12859		Squam Lakes Association
13101		Phil Sullivan
13021		Art Cunningham
14247	Steppin' Out	Douglas R DeCluitt
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Mac-At-Tack	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz
		Ginny Welles
14953	Fleeting Moment	Tony Wagner
14955		Jeff Dropkin
15089		Al Macquarrie
		Skip Johnstone

2006 was a year when some very traditional things happened again up in the White Mountains of New Hampshire while some exciting new developments also occurred.

Starting with the traditional events, we endured a summer with too much rain and some truly weird winds to successfully complete all the series that were scheduled for the season. We had as many as twelve boats appear for Fleet races. The big trophy, the Howdy Wood award for the season championship, went to Art Cunningham. The boat Art used for this accomplishment was actually purchased on eBay for an undisclosed (but very small) amount and fixed up enough to match any boat on the lake. Art is the 45th winner of this award. Dave Closson, who was the second winner in 1962, is still sailing in the Fleet—and still sailing fast! The July series for the Richardson Blair Trophy and the August series for the Jack Russell Cup also went to Art and his ever changing crew of Cunningham family members. Art accomplished this feat in spite of the fact that his son John was sailing his own boat and recruiting from the same crew pool.

The Around the Lake Race again required the Lightning Fleet to weave through narrow channels and squeeze by granite ledges on the way from Holderness to Sandwich and back. P J Blankenhorn won her first major award as a Lightning skipper by pulling a true horizon job in this endurance contest. Dwight Gertz, who shows up every year at the end of the summer and tries to get the boat tuned by Labor Day, won the "Pop" Closson Bowl for the best performance in the last three races of the season.



*Wally Ackley and Jeanine Carlson squeeze through Great Island Narrows in a typical Squam Lake scene. It all looks very pretty, but they have about six inches of navigable channel on either side of them. Wally is the personification of bravery on our lake.*

In the new developments category, we had the largest regatta in the last 25 years. Seventeen boats showed up, filling the race course with sails. In another new development, the locals were actually competitive with Art Cunningham 2nd to win the trophy for the highest local finisher. Dwight Gertz was 4th and Dan Egan 5th behind regatta winner Nick Aswad from Burlington and 3rd place finisher Bob Shapiro from Bow Lake.

Another new development was a growing willingness to travel. Dan Egan and the Cunninghams made it to several regattas in the Northeast, and Dan took his boat all the way to San Diego for the NAs. Dan, whose extreme skiing business has its own TV series on cable, is the first truly glamorous member the Fleet has ever had. He cemented this reputation with a late winter e-mail to some Fleet members inviting them to drop by and ski with Dan's friend Bode Miller. It wasn't a hoax, Bode really showed up.

2006 was such a success that we elected the same officers for 2007. If your travels bring you to New England, come and visit.



## Bow Lake

*Sailing on Bow Lake*

Strafford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....Ned Hinds  
 Fleet Secretary.....Bob Shapiro  
 Fleet Champion .....Bob Shapiro  
 Fleet Runner-up.....Ned Hinds

# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

## Fleet 493

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
8301 Jessie S	Linda Karpeichic
9662 Holy Boat	Bob Murphy Norb Church Dave Sandmann
12079 Three Men in a Tub	Bob Murphy Norb Church Dave Sandmann
13556 Water Log	Bob Boynton
13888 What Now?	Bob Boynton
14296 Naut!	Ned Hinds
14418 The Blind Squirrel	Mike Aversa
14667 Miss Behavin'	Bob Shapiro Ed Hinds

Several Fleet members traveled throughout New England and beyond during the 2006 season.

Bob Shapiro made his mostly annual trip to the Southern Circuit, trying to see how many different people he could have on board for the Circuit. Bob's son Greg and Greg's friend Karim were on the docket for Savannah and Miami. Bob drove through Annapolis, stopping for dinner with his Mom, then drove to Savannah and picked up Karim at the airport on his way into town. While taking a dip in the hotel swimming pool, Greg called from Washington, DC, to say that he had missed his flight. Good thing Dad wasn't the one who called him stupid. More than one way to skin a cat, Greg took a late flight to Atlanta, an all night bus to Savannah, and a cab to the hotel, arriving at 6:30 AM. Meanwhile Bob and Karim hung out in the bars downtown and listened to live music. This was Karim's first time racing and first time using the spinnaker, so he got a baptism under fire in Savannah's crooked race courses, but he learned quickly and things went well—no capsizes, no collisions and no screaming. Karim and Greg continued on board for Miami as well. The highlight was Greg coming in second place in the Hula Hoop Competition Men's Division, and getting his picture on Gregg Fisher's blog! Another high point was hitting the taco bar before heading out of town. There was sailing too...

Bob dropped Greg and Karim at the airport and headed to St. Pete where he collected sweetheart Margo and later that night picked up Amy Byron. There was plenty of sailing to be had and a tough fight for middle of the fleet and one of Steve Davis' magnificent trophies, but an unplanned excursion by Margo (she decided to check out the Fleet rounding the leeward mark from a water-level vantage point) put us a couple of points away from the trophy. Bob dropped the ladies at the airport—sensing a theme here? I thought skippers were supposed to take the luxury route while crews did the heavy lifting. An all-night drive put Bob in Annapolis in time for breakfast with Mom, and then it was on to Boston and back to work for a little vacation.



*I think this end goes up!*



*Is that the around-the-end flag?*



*Bob, Kyle, Ryan & Ned Waiting for Wind*



*Karen, Ryan & Ned on a Wing and a Prayer*



*Three Generations and an Elbow in the Ear*

Mike Aversa made the trip to Burlington, Vermont, for their Spring Regatta with Amy Byron (she gets around) and John Boynton on his team. They had a lot of fun and got better as the regatta wore on, but Mike complained that John's butt was in his face every time they tacked. John's response, "Move your face!"

Bob Shapiro, Greg Shapiro and Dana Montalto teamed up for the Spofford One-Day Regatta. Dana had never been on anything but a Sunfish and was excited to have a chance to learn about jibs, spinnakers and hiking. Unfortunately, the only hiking she got to do was to leeward, and there wasn't enough wind to fill a handkerchief let alone a spinnaker! We did start one race, which was mercifully at the time limit with the lead boat 100 yards from the finish. Greg and Dana agreed to race the next day at Bow Lake, and they hopped in Greg's car and started the two-hour drive. Bob left an hour later and called Margo to let her know extra people were coming. An hour after that Bob arrived but there was no Greg, no Dana. Their two hour tour turned into a five hour slog, as Greg missed a few turns. Perhaps he was distracted? Dana isn't telling.

Ned Hinds, Mike Aversa and Bob Shapiro got together in a boat for the first time at Spofford for the District Masters' Championships. Of course Ned is the only one of the three who is old enough, so he had to be the skipper. It was an exciting day of racing, and at the end, consistent finishes put the team ahead of Mark Gardner by a point, bringing one of the District championship trophies to Bow Lake for the first time ever.

The District Championships were held that weekend at Spofford, and the "no wind" trend continued. Saturday saw lots of games of hearts, plenty of swimming, consumption of some beer—but no sailing. Saturday night saw Mike and Jillian Aversa head home, while the rest of the Bow Lake gang headed out for ice cream and bowling. Bob Shapiro took the bowling prize in a repeat of his 1998 sweep. Amy Byron switched from Mike's boat to Kip Hamblett's boat (she does get around doesn't she?), while Ned, Jeff Baker and Stacey Baker manned Naut! and Bob Shapiro, Karen Hinds and Mike DeWane were on board Miss Behavin'. After some more hearts and swimming, a faint breeze appeared and it was off to the races. Ned sailed great and ended up in the middle of the Fleet with Bob and Kip close behind.

At the Squam Lake Regatta Bob Shapiro teamed up with Guillaume Jofrees for Guillaume's first away regatta, joined by Norb Church whose son goes to camp on the lake. On Saturday there wasn't much wind, so the race committee elected to tow the entire fleet to Canada where a high pressure system was building. The Fleet voted against the portage over the Presidentials, and so we only went to the far end of the lake—places never before seen by visiting Lightning sailors. After an extended swim and some squirt gun fun



# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



Marion Hinds  
on the Race Committee



Close Racing!



Dennis, Pauline, Pam & Werner  
on the Race Committee

(always keep a Super Soaker on board at Squam!) a couple of races were held. The Bow Lake team was looking good in second place, but alas, Norb couldn't sail Sunday and nobody else was available. What to do? Go to the cocktail party, find an attractive lady (Jean Sullivan whose husband crewed for you last year), feed her numerous drinks, tell her about the fantastic opportunity and con her into agreeing to sail. Then quietly mention that she may want to bring foul weather gear, long underwear and a ski hat, as the forecast is for light air, 40 degrees and soaking rains. And this was August! And it was cold! And wet! There is nothing worse than inches of water in the boat from the rain but not enough wind to bail. When all was said and done, the team ended up capturing third place for the regatta, with five other boats within two points of them.

Bob and Greg Shapiro and Mike Baker teamed up to race the Lake Massabesic Annual Regatta. As has been the case the last few years, Joe Ray and his super team of Merciers were the class of the regatta. Saturday the Bow Lake team was just behind, but Sunday saw another change in the team—Mike Baker replaced by Shane Derrant. The wind was so fluky it was very tough to trim the chute, especially for Shane who was trying it for the first time. But he came through with some great jibes, and the team finished third for the regatta.

Fifty sailors, twelve sailboats, ten Race Committee members and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Twenty-three races were held from June 25 through September 3.

Ned Hinds had won last year, Bob Shapiro had won this event for the previous six years, while Ned had won the twenty-two years before that. Would Ned continue his dominance from the year before? Would Bob start a new streak of his own? Local money preseason was on Mike Aversa winning with his new boat and great finish to last year.

2006 turned out to be a year where everyone had trouble finding crew, and many people rotated among several boats. Bob had ten different crew members as well as two guest skippers. Bob Murphy, Dave Sandmann and Norb Church in Three Men in a Tub were the most consistent crew. Most boats were forced to sail with two people at least once. The Gershuny family with Josh, Ryan and Kyle crewing on various boats in various weeks, was a life savor! Jamie Boynton moved to Hong Kong for two years, putting a serious damper on the racing season for What Now? but she did make it out for a few races. And just before he headed to Hong Kong, Jamie bought three brand new bright red racing marks for the fleet. Thank You, Jamie!

At the end of the season, Bob Shapiro had started a new streak, with Ned Hinds second and Mike Aversa close behind. Skippers were awarded engraved apothecary jars, and crew received Bow Lake Sailing engraved shot glasses (renamed votive candle holders for crew under twenty-one). Rumor has it that Three Men in a Tub will add gimboled shot glass holders to their boat next year to go with the gimboled beer holders they already have.

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam Daigneault, Werner Daigneault, Marion Hinds and Sandy Boynton for all of their help. A Bow Lake Race Committee windbreaker was

presented to Roger Williams for stellar crash boat service, including two rescues this year.

Saturday, September 23, 2006, was the 2006 Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta. Saturday dawned cold and rainy with no wind, but twelve Lightnings attended and everyone had a fabulous time. Four boats from Bow Lake joined eight visiting boats from Lake Massabesic, Squam Lake, Newburyport, Lake Spofford, Lake Champlain, Newfound Lake, and Niantic, Connecticut.

The weather was great with 70-degree temperatures and bright sunshine. The wind was lighter than desired, ranging from 0–5 knots during the day. It changed its direction for every race, keeping the crash boats busy moving the racing marks.

Pam and Werner and Pauline Daigneault were on Race Committee. Roger Williams, Dennis Unger and Emma King manned crash boats. Five windward-leeward races were run during the afternoon of sailing.

The caliber of racing was very high. The winner was always tough, Worlds qualifier Bob Bush with Sterling Bush. Sterling fell off a ladder a couple of days before and sported the ugliest bruise you have ever seen on her lower back. And she insisted on showing it to anyone who would look. LBJ watch out! Bob Bush "slept" in Dulles airport the night before and flew in the morning of the regatta. Third place went to perennial contender Ken Deyett with Ken's daughter Ali, and Jeanine McKay from nearby Lake Massabesic. There was a three-way tie for third with Ned Hinds and Mark Gardner. Ned lost it on the third tie breaker.

Local boats, including Greg King sailing with Dan Hertzner, were first to the windward mark and a second place finish. Kerry McCoolle joining Ma and Pa Boynton on What Now?, Miss Behavin' with middle crew Mike Baker and Tris Wallace, Ned, Jeff, and Karen on Naut! and Three Men in a Tub were in great form but politely allowed visitors to finish in front of them.

After the races, the Bow Lake Grange Hall was the center of activity. Appetizers included chips and salsa, guacamole and vegetables with dip. Dinner was a taco bar with tacos, tortillas, beef and chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese, guacamole, sour cream and salsa, along with salad, vegetables and garlic bread. For desert, fresh fruit, home made cookies and more were available. But Amy's Kahlua Trifle, otherwise known as "tub of booze, cream and chocolate" took the cake for the second year running. Thank you to everyone for making the dinner so successful. Special thanks to Caroline King for preparing food and for getting the Grange ready while the rest of us were all out sailing. And to Emma King for doing her community service at the regatta (not sure of the crime she committed to force the service) was amazing!

The Martha Comstock award is given each year to a person who exemplifies the spirit of sailing on Bow Lake. This year Bob Boynton made a drama-filled presentation to Thad Comstock. Thad and his late wife Martha raced many years on Bow Lake, and as Thad said, "We weren't very good but we were very competitive."

See you on the water next year!



Just enough after party!

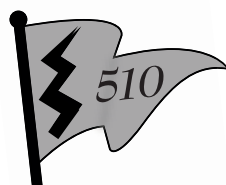


Kitchen  
stars  
Caroline  
& Emma  
King



Too much after party!





**Lagos Yacht Club**  
Sailing in Lagos Harbour  
Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa

Boat#/Name	Owner
43 Sorry-O	David J Use
13520 Nuance	Michael Barnes
13521 Teacer	Wilbert Dresser
13522 Gamba	Winifred Hirmer
13523 Spetters	Exxon Mobil
13525 Khartoum 2	Mike Jones
13527 Bavaria	Juliam Calvin
13752 Turtle	Tad Schirme
13753 Twister	Colin Symes
13754 Tanimola	Syd Warburton
13756 Lady Eleanor	Mike Newton
13757 Standfast	Tony Bowles
13759 White Star	Exxon Mobil
14166 White Swan	David Use
14392 Orioda	Alan Emslie
14448 Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14549 Spellbinder	Kevin O'Farrell
14928 Never Say Never	Laurent Couderc
14929 Just In Time	Mark Haas
15267 Shango	Andrew Barton

Boat#/Name	Owner
15268 Constant Care	Maersk Nigeria
15270 Otitan Daran	John Anderson
15271 Lizard	Wolfgang Stoeigemayer
15273 Scud	Ian Edwards
15274 Now Now	Richard Wilmott
15326 Speed	Gary L Schwantz
T1 Tarpon	Lightning Class
T3 Thunder	Dick Francis
T5 Jacana	Kevin Heuhlefeld
T6 Tarn	Alex Bauer
T7 Constance	Stefano de la Rocca
T9 Thaila	Donald Spencer
T13 Thistle	Franklin Hancock
T17 Kai	Larry Amusu
T18 Taondelayo	Anga Fubara
T22 Xanthippe	Wolfgang Trappe
T27 Windegat	David Alderson
T28 Avanti	Andre De Leebeek
T29 Tamanko	Peter Kolev
T30 Triton	Carol Khouri
T32 Moondance	Chris Axelson
T41 Suzy Tee	Agnes Desport
T43 Sorry-O	Nick Anderson
T45 Henriette	Evangelos Boouljeros
T53 Goodwood	Reinhart Stiegemayer

Boats T1 to T32 inclusive are Woodies



The Lagos Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 510 again enjoyed sailing throughout the year thanks, to the relatively constant climate, a gentle if prolonged monsoon season and no major storm on sailing days. A variety of class, pursuit and team races were held in the harbour, offshore in the Bight of Benin and in the creeks and lagoon. A number of Club cruising events were organized within the Lagos waters, and these family friendly BBQ events attracted good attendance from the Lightning Fleet.

Races for trophies or the quarterly points series were held nearly every Saturday of the year except once or twice when the wind failed or the water hyacinth got too thick. It was normal for 16 to 20 Lightnings to compete regularly with the other classes in the combined fleet. The first quarter was won by Helmut Braun in Kiwi Magic, with Ian Edwards second and Agnes Desport third. The second quarter was won by Ian Edwards in Scud, with Helmut Braun second and Andrew Barton third. The third quarter was again won by Helmut with Ian Edwards second and Mark Haas third. The fourth quarter is still in competition as we go to press. A new programme of Sunday races has also started with a growing participation.

The Lightning Fleet in Lagos is expanding steadily, with six new boats arriving in March. This and the delivery of several sets of new sails has prompted much more vigorous competition in the racing this year, with the lead in series changing place regularly. The fleet of Lightnings is now twenty-eight glass fibre hulls with another fifteen woodies also now in full sea-going condition.

As reported previously, we have re-built the original locally-made wooden Tarpon, based on the Lightning design, first sailed in 1947. This has now been completed and with gleaming varnish looked a fine sight when she was, at last, launched in April. To commemorate this event a T1 Regatta was held on Good Friday with thirteen woodies competing for a new trophy. By careful arrangement of the sailing instructions, T1 won the competition, crewed by the Clubs three trustees (combined age of 216 years). It is intended that this event will become a regular annual fixture.

The National Championships were held on November 4 with a total participation of twenty-five Lightnings and eleven Tarpons (woodies). The weather was kind to us during the racing, although many members would have preferred much stronger winds. However, when a major storm broke soon after the close of sailing, it was agreed that we had been lucky after all. The full programme of five races was completed during a long day within Lagos Harbour. The overall winner for Fleet Champion was Agnes Desport with crew, husband Olivier. Second was Mike Barnes and third Richard Willmott.

The Lightning Class annual dinner was held in April on the open deck of the Lagos Yacht Club, under a tropical starry sky, overlooking the city waterfront. This formal event was well attended, champagne flowed freely and a good time was had by all.

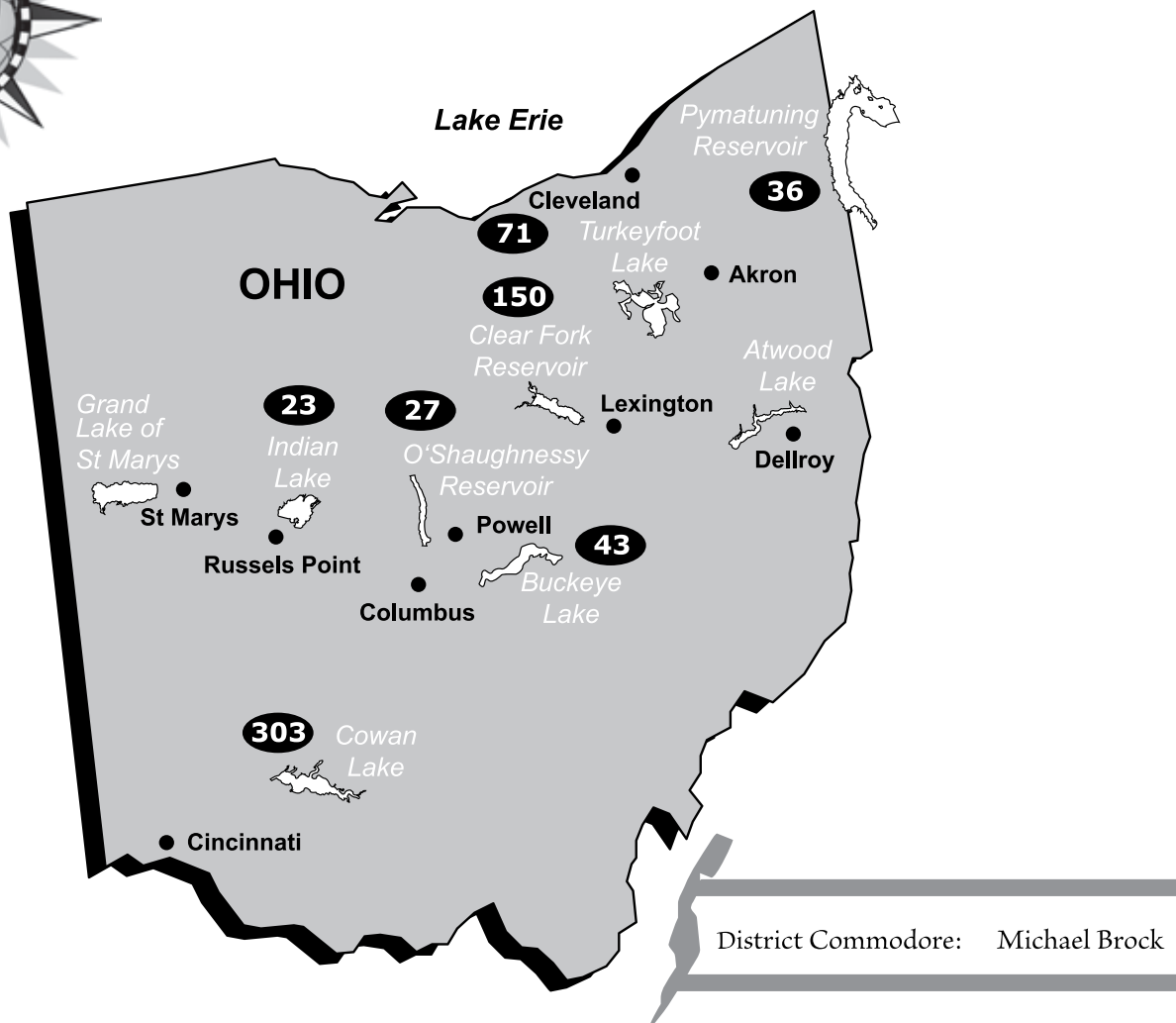


***Lightning Nationals***



***Lightning Dinner—April 6, 2006***





District Commodore: Michael Brock

As the new Ohio Fleet Commodore, I would like to recognize Mike Brock for his years of service as previous Fleet Commodore. Mike served two terms back-to-back and did many great things to help the Ohio District.

Regatta participation continues to be a challenge. During the ten years I have been a Lightning sailor, participation is down across the board. To fight this trend the Ohio District has looked at ways to change things. Participation and communication with neighboring Districts has helped. Several Ohio boats have traveled to Indiana for events, and sailors from the Indiana District have started participating in Ohio events. Cowan Lake is a great example of what needs to be done. They have made boats available for events, and Jim Taylor has offered his boat and instruction and will have a representative from Cowan at the Youth NAs next year. Indy would like to participate in our Districts at Pymatuning this year as well.

We would like to get more juniors racing Lightnings. One idea we have had is to hold a junior regatta in our District and have three junior races on Saturday morning prior to one of our District regattas. If you have juniors that would be interested or if you have ideas, thoughts or suggestions, please let us know.

The 2006 Ohio Districts were held as part of Cleveland Race Week. This allowed Ohio sailors the chance to sail in the open waters of Lake Erie in a major sponsored event. Eighteen boats participated. As fleets shrink or cease entirely, this is a fantastic option for at least an every-other-year open Districts event. The 2006 Ohio District Champion was David Werley.

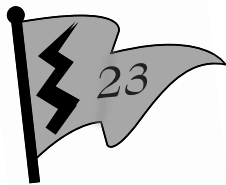
The Ohio District was represented in San Diego by three boats from the Ruhlman family. It should be noted they all qualified to sail in the Championship Fleet. Dave Vieregg and Bill Buckles also represented Ohio.

Twenty-five Lightnings showed up at the annual "Snowball" regatta at Buckeye Lake October 7-8 to help George Fisher celebrate his 80th Birthday and BLYC's 100th anniversary. George Fisher is renowned as a great sportsman and gentleman, having been recognized by US Sailing as the winner of the National Sportsmanship Award, W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. Trophy, a few years back. A past president of the International Lightning Class, old friends, Jim Dressel, Tom and Anne Allen, Bruce Goldsmith, David and Jody Starck, Skip Dieball (winner of the regatta), and scores of others honored him during the celebrations. The Saturday night party was quite a special event that none will soon forget....if they could remember in the first place! Bertie Werley with George's sons Greg and Matt Fisher hosted the event.





1st Place: David Werley, Greg Maras, John Woodall—2nd Place: James Taylor and crew



## Indian Lake Yacht Club

*Sailing on Indian Lake*  
Russels Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....James Young  
Fleet Secretary..... Robert Clover  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Robert Clover

Boat#/Name		Owner
12551	Wind Thief	Robert Clover
13719	Coot	Bill Young
13741	Wind Thief	Robert Clover

Fleet 23 keeps plugging along. Competition has been lacking, but the enthusiasm for pleasure sailing is still strong. We enjoy some of the best sailing conditions in our area of Ohio and are anxious to entice a few more Lightning sailors to our Fleet. It may happen this year.

Robert Clover



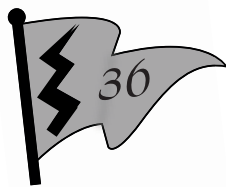
## Leatherlips Yacht Club

*Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir*  
Powell, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....Eric Brandt  
Fleet Treasurer .....Eric Brandt

Boat#/Name		Owner
14897		Kurt Andrews
15191		

# OHIO DISTRICT



## Pymatuning Yacht Club

Sailing on Pymatuning Lake

Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain..... Gary Condon  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Kandi Caley  
Race Chairperson..... Dean Caley

Boat#/Name		Owner
6133		G Scotland Werley
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	G Scotland Werley
9835		June Maltbie
12585	Buzz Off	Diana Pollock
12593		Robert C Baumgardn
12972		Scott Hall
13240	Recess	Janis Garner
13465		Gordon Fink
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymier
13905	Cyzygy	Jonathan Dean
14143	Rigmarole	Edgar Rumble
14208		Beverlu & Brodget Boyle
14242	Blue Moon	M Andrew Sees
14285	Enticer	Frank Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	William H Wiehe, Jr
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14483	Spice	Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor & Marilyn Maras
14573		John M Woodall
14579	Arete	G Scotland Werley
		Nedra Lewis
14657		Justin Proctor
14751	Tog Bog E	Ralph Meacham
14885	Blue Line	Doug Blackburn
14907	Chaos & Creation	Kate Meacham
14914	Cool	Donald P Courtsal
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
14957	Git-R-Dun	Ryan Ruhlman
15000	Jack's Boat	John Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	John Werley
15022	Sight Unseen	Gary Condon
15075		Maegan Ruhlman
15112	Barometer Soup	David E Werley
15221		David N Viereg
15257		Robert & Abigail Ruhlman
15288	Drops of Jupiter	David N Viereg

Fleet 36 at Pymatuning Yacht Club continues to thrive. We have participation from long standing Lightning Class and Fleet members as well as adding some new members along the way. We have over 25 Lightnings in our fleet.

There are very few Lightning Fleet families like the ones at PYC, and very few have multiple families as engaged as the Ruhlman, Werleys and Maras families. Tim Werley and Kate Werley began racing their own Lightning, and Matt Werley and Samantha Maras were seen crewing. This year Rob, Abby, Ryan and Maegan Ruhlman continued to be ambassadors for our Club, Fleet and the Lightning Class as they traveled to the Worlds (finishing in the top twenty), the Southern Circuit, the Canadian Open and the North Americans.

The year begins at PYC in April with an "all hands on deck" club opening work day. The Club is officially brought back to life, and boats roll into the dry sail area. We anticipate our first club race of the season but most of all seeing our friends from around the region at the Spring Classic Regatta, traditionally held on Mother's Day weekend. But this year, and until further notice, this regatta will be held the weekend after Mother's Day to accommodate and attract new sailors to the event. Thirty-two boats registered for the event, but we hope to see more as sailors pencil the date into their racing and social calendars. Racing and social are keys to this event. On the racing side, we had sailors attend from Chicago, Buffalo Canoe Club, Michigan, Toledo, Cincinnati, Canada and Indiana, and not to mention all the local talent. Bill Faude, Skip Dieball and Jim Allen battled it out at the top of the Fleet, with Bill taking home the winners trophy. Skip lead by five points going into the last race when a broken jib halyard put him into second place. Both skippers were gracious with their compliments of each other and the regatta. Oh yea, and Ryan beat dad again, after a 30-knot puff crossed the lake in the final race, taking out numerous boats.

15260	Bill Faude	Jared Drake	Tom Starck	2	8	2	1	4	1	18
14880	Skip Dieball	Derek Gauger	Kristin Medwid	4	1	3	3	1	12	24
15208	Jim Allen	Jane Allen	Valerie Tardiff	5	3	4	10	2	2	26
15082	Jamie Allen	Mike Holly	Jay Deakin	3	2	1	8	17	7	38
15112	David Werley	Jonette Werley	Greg Maras	1	7	5	11	11	5	40
14957	Ryan Ruhlman	Nick Turney	Erin Whistler	11	5	9	7	5	4	41
14922	Jack Huntsman	John Huntsman Jr	Marshall Hunstman	17	6	6	5	6	3	43
14249	George Sipel	Jeff Hahman	Carl	10	9	12	6	7	6	50
15213	Jeff Schmahl	Stuart Webster	Brad Wagnon	6	17	8	4	13	9	57
15257	Rob Ruhlman	Abby Ruhlman	Garry Condon	9	10	13	2	9	14	57
15075	Dave Viereg	Tina Viereg	Caroline Sundman	7	14	11	14	8	8	62
10638	Ernie Dieball	Jim Starck	Brooke	8	4	7	DNS	18	11	80

On the social side, the welcoming hot dog party tradition raged on with free beer. On Saturday night the Trailer Trash Band played as usual, and after many encores, the night finally ended the next morning. Good times were had by all.

### Top 10 reasons to attend Spring Classic:

1. Cool Breezes—after all it's May in Pennsylvania
2. Hot Competition—did you see the list of sailors?
3. Warm Friendships—just ask anyone
4. Welcoming party—can you say free beer and hot dogs
5. On Site Camping/housing—free and convenient

6. 2 hoists—easy launching
7. 3 amigos race committee—the best
8. 30+ boats every year—what a great way to kick off the season
9. Trophies, shirts, lunches, dinner—all included
10. The Trailer Trash Band

After The Classic, our Fleet racing begins with different series (Spring/Summer/Sat/Sun/Fall) through October. We race almost every weekend day, as long as the wind cooperates, and some boats travel to other venues. We had over eighteen Fleet races and at times up to sixteen boats on the line. This year's Fleet Championship went to John Woodall, with Sarah Woodall and Tina Vieregg crewing. John had the most consistent finishes, never seems to get rattled on the racecourse, and is always smiling. John and Dave Werley were second and third respectfully, while Dave Vieregg (borrowing boats all summer) and Tim Werley (newest fleet member) were fourth and fifth.

The Open Ohio Districts, chaired by Dave Vieregg from PYC, were held at Edgewater Yacht Club in conjunction with Cleveland Race Week. It was a way to get some sailing on the open water of Lake Erie, as well as some PR for the Lightning Class and our District. Both goals were accomplished. The weather cooperated and brought hot temperatures, medium breeze on Saturday and heavy air on Sunday. Seven of the sixteen boats came from Pymatuning, with Dave Werley and crew Greg Maras and John Woodall winning. These new Ohio District Champions are the first non-Fisher champs in a very long time. We hope to return to EYC and Lake Erie in the next couple of years for another Open District Regatta. Congrats to Dave Stark on winning the regatta and to Bruce Finisilver for attending this event.

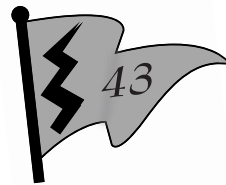
We hosted our annual 4th of July Regatta in conjunction with the Thistles, Highlanders, Fireballs and J22s. Ryan Ruhlman was this years winner of the Big Ugly! Congrats Ryan, your name will be forever etched with the other greats.

Once August hits, the annual trip to the NAs is on, and this year it was quite the trip. Four PYC boats attended—Rob Ruhlman 15257, Ryan Ruhlman—14975, Maegan Ruhlman—15075 and Dave Vieregg—15288. Each boat was loaded onto a flat bed car hauler trailer that accommodated six boats in a maze of metal and straps. The boats made it out west okay (only minor scrapes), and the racing was on. Rob and Abby participated in the Masters', while Maegan raced hard in the Women's out of SWYC on the San Diego Bay Side. Maegan finished a very close, down to the wire, second place. The following week was spent at Mission Bay Yacht Club and off of Mission Beach in the Pacific, with 75+ other boats racing for the North American Championship. All four PYC boats made it into the Blue Fleet with Rob, Abby and Dave Werley finishing tenth—leading the way with a great overall finish! Ryan finished seventeenth, while Maegan and Dave Vieregg were twenty-fourth and twenty-eighth respectively.

Meanwhile, back at PYC the racing continued for the "Stay at Home" Series and Fleet series. The year ended with Lightning Fleet parties such as the Corn Roast and a new event, The Golf Sail Open Triathlon. The triathlon consists of golf, racing and Bocce. Golf nine holes in the morning, race Lightnings in the afternoon and play Bocce in the evening. Same teams for all three events, some eating and drinking in between and fun prizes to the winners.

The very last event on the racing calendar was a trip to Buckeye Lake for the annual Snowball Regatta. Eleven PYC boats followed the Trailer Trash Band to Buckeye Lake Yacht Club for some fun, sailing and partying to celebrate George Fishers 80th birthday and the 100th annual regatta. The top PYC boats were Rob, Abby and Tina Vieregg finishing third, while Dave Vieregg finished sixth.

2006 will be remembered as a year of light winds, travel for some and good friends always at PYC. Come and visit for either the Spring Classic, 4th of July Regatta or anytime!



## Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

*Sailing on Buckeye Lake*  
Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Gary Condon  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Kandi Caley  
Race Chairperson..... Dean Caley

Boat#/Name	Owner
15181	George Fisher



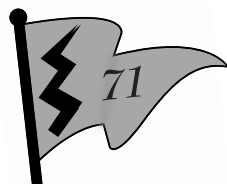
Bruce Goldsmith and Jim Dressel with George Fisher at his 80th birthday party



Snowball Regatta



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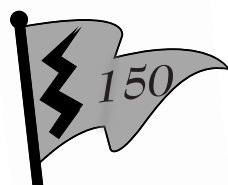


## Rocky River

*Sailing on Lake Erie*  
Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Dave Samanich

Boat#/Name		Owner
0653	Game	Jack Mueller
13726	Fat Chance	Bill Buckles
14143	Snooker	Brant Russel
14433		Dave Samanich



## Mansfield Sailing Club

*Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir*  
Clearfork, Ohio

Commodore .....Sean Dillon  
Vice Commodore ..... Jon Varley  
Fleet Captain.....Tom Varley  
Fleet Secretary..... Dave Emmens  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Bob Shutt  
Fleet Champion .....Tom Varley

Boat#/Name		Owner
6944		Chandler Stevens
10444	Das Boot	Christopher Schneider
13485	Close to the Edge	Christopher Clarke
13935	White Heat	Karla Varley
13979	X stream	Thomas H Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14212	Steam Driven	Sean Dillon
14390	Shifty Characters	James L Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean Dillon
14824	Nuckenphutz	Christopher Clarke
14851	Kokopeli	Susan Baker
14952	X stream	Thomas H Varley
		Patti Schneider

The Mansfield Sailing Club saw a slight increase in our membership in 2006 with the addition of one new Lightning to the Club—14851 owned by Susan Baker. We also had a member upgrade to a newer boat, 14824 for Chris Clarke.

Our Club has three major series, the Sunday AM, won by Bob Shutt, followed by Chris Schneider and Jon Varley. The Sunday PM, won by Tom Varley, followed by Sean Dillon and Chris Schneider, and a Wednesday Evening, won by Bob Shutt, followed by Chris Schneider. All the series have their own rotating trophies.

There are also three holiday series scored individually within the main series of races. The first is the Memorial Day Series, won by Tom Varley, with Sean Dillon in second and Chris Clarke third. Next is the he July 4th Series, won by Tom Varley, with Chris Schneider second and Chuck Shaw in third, The Labor Day Series was won by Jon Varley, followed by Chris Schneider second and Sean Dillon third.

We also have a Fall Series which begins the weekend of our annual Bare Bones Regatta and runs to the end of the sailing season. The Fall Series was won by Tom Varley, with Sean Dillon and Bob Shutt following respectively.

The final event of the season for our Club is the Championship Sail Off Series. This series consists of as many races as boats that have qualified, with skippers and crew switching boats for every race. Tom Varley took first with three bullets in three different boats, followed by Bob Shutt and Chris Clarke.

We hosted our eleventh Bare Bones Regatta in 2006. With six boats traveling to our Club for the event and our seven, we had a total of thirteen Lightnings on the line. The weather was supposed to be terrible, but thankfully, we never did get any thunderstorms. The wind was incredible for the whole weekend, with a substantial increase for Sunday's races.

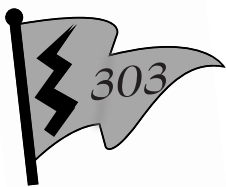




We would like to thank all the people who have traveled to our regattas and worked on them over the years. Thank you all for making our Bare Bones Regatta a success!

Three of our boats are quite active traveling the Ohio District regatta schedule. Tom Varley made it to five Ohio District regattas and also traveled to the Indianapolis Sailing Club for the Burl Harmon Lightning Open Regatta. Bob Shutt traveled to four regattas, sailed in the Ohio Districts and crewed in the Burl Harmon Lightning Open Regatta. Jim Stone made it to three regattas, the Ohio Districts and crewed in the Indian Lake Yacht Club's Stump Buster Regatta.

Our Club is maintaining it's numbers and remains very active with our own schedule and within the Ohio District. All our members are firmly committed to the Lightning and the Class.



**Cowan Lake Sailing Association**  
Sailing on Cowan Lake  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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

2006 was another sustaining year for Fleet 303 and a tale of those who kept boats on the line for club racing and those who did the regatta circuit. On the home front, our master mariner Ken Irwin, Dennis and Kathy Rhoades and Brian Ridderford were Sunday regulars. Steve Weeber insured there was adequate Sunday competition and again won the Fleet championship. Steve and his team took a year off from the regatta circuit as he and Donna welcomed another addition to their family with the birth of their second child. We expect to see Steve back on the regatta circuit

Boat#/Name		Owner
96		John Hayes
10687		Tom Ward
11777		Jim Young
13504	Rocky	James P Taylor
14110		Dick Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14785		Bryan P Riddiford
14287	Talaria	Stephen A Weeber
14824	Nuckenphutz	Michael Shayeson
14851	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades
14867		Mike Kemp
14875		Bryan P Riddiford
14925		Michael H Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades
15207	Talaria	Stephen A Weeber

in 2007 with his other addition—a new Allen boat. We were thankful and blessed to see Jim Young out sailing on occasion as he made a successful recovery from surgery.

Dick Pugh, Jim Taylor and Mike Brock kept busy on the regatta circuit as well as getting in a few club races. Jim represented our Fleet well by winning the Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open, Leatherlips Windshift, Indian Lake Stumbuster and Mansfield Barebones regattas. He also took second at districts and fourth at Buckeye's Snowball regatta. Equally impressive were his scores at ACCs and Bluenose. Jim won the Ohio District Governor's Cup for the fourth consecutive year.

Our Lightning Fleet was well represented at the club level with Dennis Rhoades as clubhouse chairman, past commodore Ken Irwin who is involved in every aspect of the club, and Mike Brock who led the shelter house restoration initiative and Cowan Lake marketing study for the club's five-year strategic plan.

In late October we hosted the 33rd annual Cowan Fall-In regatta. We moved the regatta a week later than when we normally host it due to several conflicting fleet weddings. Even with the move and a very problematic fall weather pattern, fifteen boats showed up to a very cold, wet and blustery weekend. Saturday, sailors were greeted to a high wind advisory of +35 mph winds. As the out of town sailors grudgingly put their boats together and sailed to the club house shoreline in downpour, everyone else waited in the fire-warmed clubhouse silently hoping, or more like praying, the race committee would make the right decision. When the skies cleared Jim Taylor, Eric Brandt and both crews attempted to show, or "show off," what heavy air sailing is all about. The race committee and the rest of the fleet eagerly watched to see who would capsize first. While neither did capsize, we did see a few rudders pop out of the water, and their crews reported the fastest rides they had ever experienced. As the winds continued to build with forecasts of 50 mph gusts, the race committee wisely decided to abandon races for the day. The remainder of the time was spent watching Ohio State football, playing cards and enjoying time with each other.

Sunday brought in less but challenging wind, and the race committee got in three good W/L races. Brad Wagnon from Wawasee was very impressive on Sunday and won the regatta with consistent 2-1-2 finishes. Jason Japikse, a Cowan junior and competitive Thistle sailor, skippered Jim Taylor's boat to a second place finish. Jason had lots of help with long time friend and other Cowan junior Logan Hearn and, of course, Jim Taylor as crew. Jim is letting Jason and Logan campaign his boat at the 2007 junior nationals. These young men are our club's best juniors, and we are expecting great things from Jason and Logan. While we are accustomed to seeing Jason/Logan out racing Thistles, it is great for our Fleet to see them take an interest to Lightnings and be coached by Jim.

Our outlook for 2007 looks to be the same, with a good balance between both club and regatta racers. Ann Brock continues to be a good steward for the Fleet and keeps the Fall-In regatta and social parties well organized.