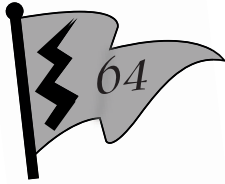




The Northwest district had an interesting year. There was the usual travel to the regatta spots, but the highlight was the sending five teams to the North Americans in San Diego. Jerry Neuburger and John DeBenedetti competed in the Masters' regatta. Then, Philip Parshley, Roger Hicks and the Hickmans came down for the NAs. We were especially proud of the Hickmans, who received the Smither trophy for the highest placing first-timer in the Blue Fleet. This is the second year in a row the award has gone to our District! Parshleys and Neuburger made the blue fleet as well. DeBenedetti and Hicks were in the Green Fleet. See you next year!



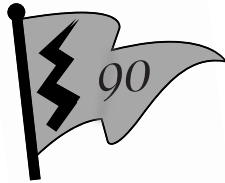
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT



Maple Bay

Sailing on Maple Bay

Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada



Kitsilano Yacht Club

Sailing on English Bay

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
11645		Douglas Ash
13289	Liisa	Campbell Pearce
13685		Menno Bos
		George McLaughlin
14841	Rocket	Matthew Henley



Columbia

Sailing on Vancouver Lake

Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain.....David Collins
 Fleet Secretary/TreasurerGail Hickman
 Fleet Champion Darrell Peck
 Fleet Runner-up..... Doug Hickman

Boat#/Name		Owner
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
10731	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
11151		Darrell Peck
12426	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
12990		Darrell Peck
13788		Gerald L Neuburger
13837	Spook	Gerald Martin
13949	Frenzy	David Collins
		Randy Anderson
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14079	Hippo Thunder	Douglas S Hickman
14246		Darrell Peck
14288	Humuhumunukunuaupua	Philip P Parshley
14453	Blue Bayou	Darrell Peck
		Mark Fischer

A few of us, like John DeBenedetti, have been a part of the Lightning Fleet family since the club started in 1967. Most of us have been a part of the Fleet family for fifteen years or more—some of us less but just as involved in the maintenance of the Fleet. Much of the drive and energy for the Fleet comes from John DeBenedetti, our Northwest District Commodore. We also have a new Fleet Captain, Dave Collins. He has a foot locker full of great ideas to keep the Fleet growing strong and the lines of communication open.

Our racing season starts in February with a Sunday frostbite series and ends in October with team racing. We completed eighty races this year. We usually have at least eight to ten Lightnings on the starting line. It's close, good competition on the water, followed by discussions of the race in the club house while sharing adult beverage and potluck dinner. Randy and Sue Anderson hosted the Christmas/Awards Banquet/Meeting at there lovely home again, where we re-cap the year and hand out awards. Our Fleet Champion is Darrell Peck, and the Runner-Up is Doug Hickman. Our Broken Rudder Award was given to Brian White for trying to beach his Lightning and not removing his rudder. Oops! The Crew of the Year Award was given to Philip Pharsley Sr. Our Mary Kay DeBenedetti Award was given to Doug Hickman for motivating and helping those going to San Diego for the NAs get their boats ready.

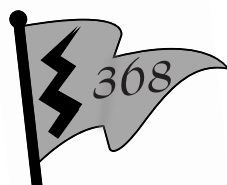
This year the NAs were in San Diego, California, at the Mission Bay Yacht Club on the west coast! It was finally in our neighborhood again. Five boats from VLSC Fleet 283 traveled to the NAs—Doug Hickman, Phil Parshley Jr, Jerry Neuburger, John DeBenedetti, and Roger Hicks. Jerry and John competed in the Masters' and the NAs. Three of our boats made the Blue Fleet. We are extremely proud of Doug Hickman and his crew, Gail Hickman and Kevin Stravers in Hippo Thunder, for winning the Thermis Trophy. What a thrill! This is the second year in a row that Fleet 283 has had the Thermis Trophy in their possession, with Darrell Peck having won it the year before. Mission Bay Yacht Club did a fantastic job. What a great place to sail and play.

This year our circuit included:

<u>Regatta</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Memorial Day Regatta	EYC	Kevin Stravers
VLSC Regatta	VLSC	Doug Hickman
Pacific Northwest District Regatta	VLSC	Doug Hickman
Pacific Coast Championship Regatta	Kitsilano, CA	Darrell Peck
Harvest Day Regatta	EYC	Darrell Peck

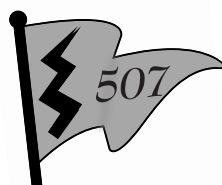


PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT



Okanagan

*Sailing on Okanagan Lake
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada*



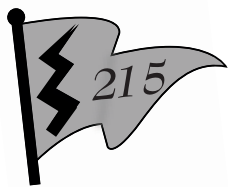
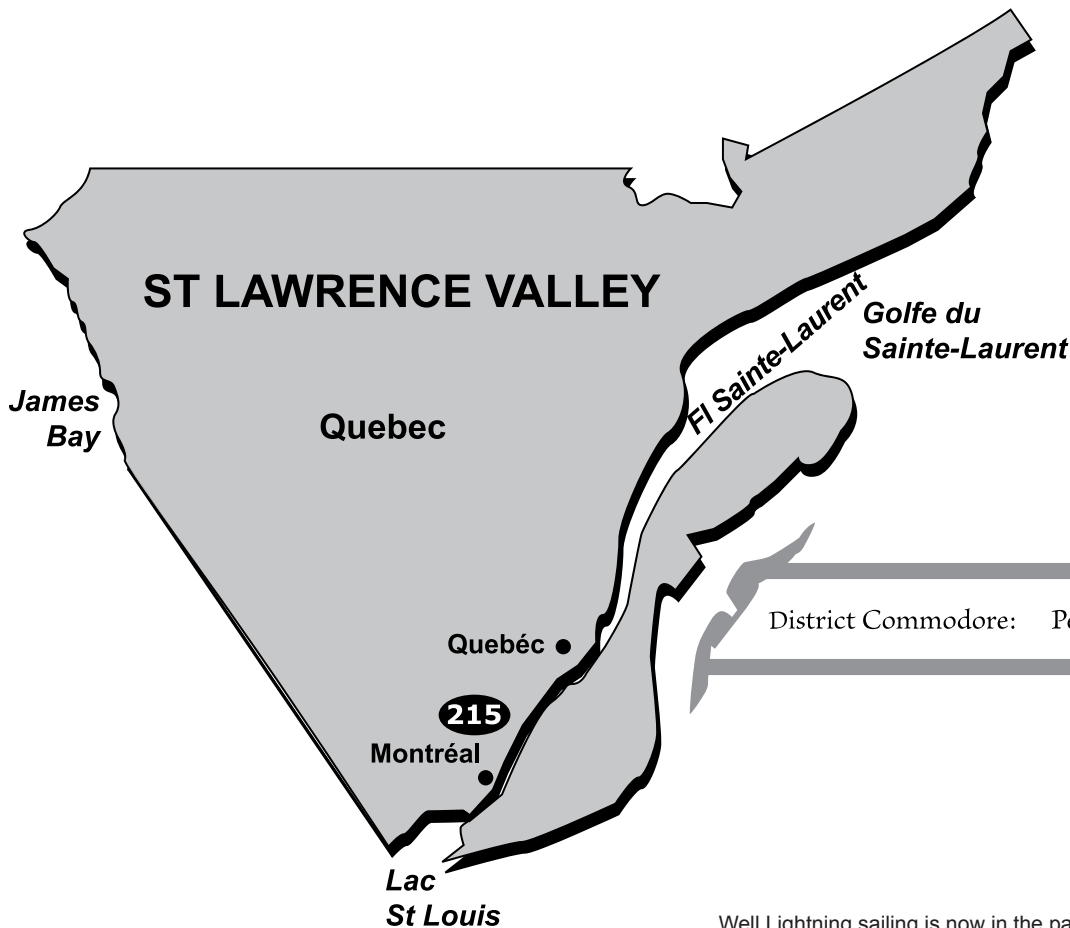
The Prairie Fleet

*Sailing on Okanagan Lake
Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell
in Alberta, Canada, and on Canyon
Lake, Canyon Ferry Lake and Flathead
Lake in Montana*



Fleet Captain.....Karsten Dalbert

Boat#/Name		Owner
10891		Tim Hornett
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten Dalberg



Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club

Sailing on Lac St Louis

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain..... Valérie Tardif-Holly

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
2684	Day Girl	Michael Holly
13855		Louis Brousseau
14114		Alain Ranger
14326		Ka,oe A;;am
14398		Mark Osterman
14443		Rod Hayes
		John Sauter
14591		David Gorman
14768	Kristatoo	Peter Hall
15082	Day Girl	Michael Holly

Well Lightning sailing is now in the past. July was not so great due to lack of wind, but the last few weeks of the summer were much better and with a great turn out!

Jamie Allan, Jay Deakin and Michael Holly won the Class championships and went on to win the Club Championship. Russ must be proud of you guys from sailing heaven. Our district Champion is Michael Holly.

This summer we lost our sailing mentor, Russel Scrim. The Eager Beaver Trophy, which he donated to the Club, will be awarded to him this year in recognition of his passion for sailing and his involvement in the Lightning Fleet through the years. He was also very involved in the ILCA and will be missed by many of his Lightning friends. Every year he would come to the St. Petersburg regatta to say hello to everyone.

We will be hosting the 2007 Canadian Championships next year on June 30 and July 1, 2007. Our Fleet is very excited and we are hoping for a great turnout.

We have the honor to have been chosen as the North American venue for the 2008 Junior Worlds. We will take that opportunity to grow our juniors interest in Lightnings. The event will most likely take place in July 2008. It is a great time to be in Montreal! We have some very excited Fleet members!

We had an evening of racing dedicated to juniors. Every boat had two juniors from the junior squadron on board. It was a very exciting and windy evening. We will definitely have a repeat of that evening next year to promote juniors in the Lightnings and to get a team prepared for the 2008 Junior Worlds.

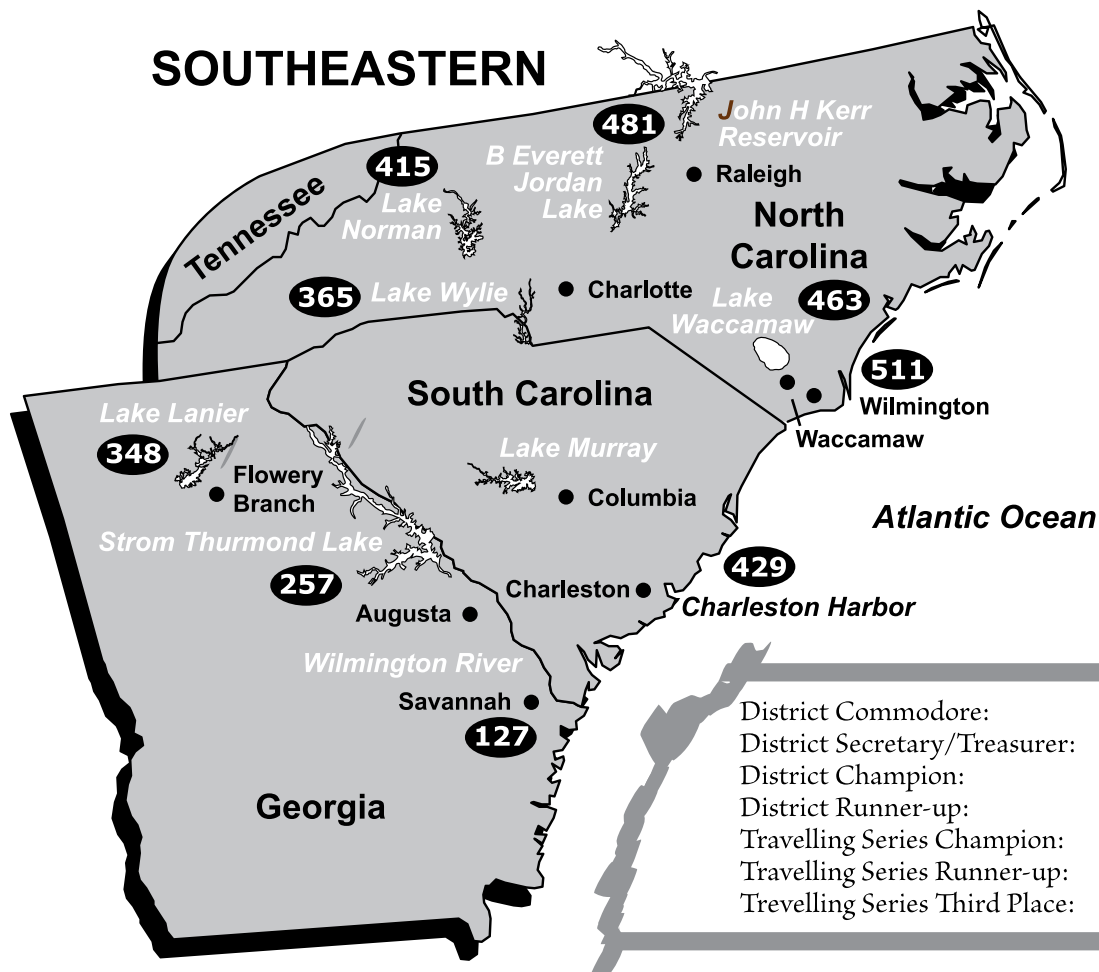
Congratulations to Peter Hall, Jay Deakin and Phil Karrigan who came 2nd at the Soling Worlds, which took place in Annapolis in October 2006! In November 2006, the same crew won the Lightning International Masters Championships in Chile!

We also have Chantal Léger who is doing an Olympic campaign in Ynglings. Go Chantal!

And lastly, our crew roster will increase with the addition of a Holly boy, son of Michael Holly and Valérie.



SOUTHEASTERN



For the second year in a row, Bob Harkrider ran the table in the Southeastern District, winning the Traveling Series and the District Championship. Terry Tyner opened the 2006 season with a win at the Lake Murray Sailfest on his home waters in Columbia, South Carolina. Terry duplicated the win a few weeks later at the VooDoo Regatta on Lake Norman.

On June 3, we turned to our District Championships at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. The competition was fierce. In Race 1 there was rain, Race 2 brought 20-knot breezes, and the day ended with dying breezes in Race 4. Three skippers won races, including Pierce Barden, Bob Harkrider, and John Sawyer. Barden won the day with a low score of eight points. On Sunday, Bob sailed 1-2 while Avis Bridgers won the final race. With a throw-out in effect, Harkrider won the championship with a low score of eight.

When September arrived, we went back to the lakes. John Sawyer joined Bob Harkrider and Terry Tyner as the third skipper to win a traveling regatta, taking first at the Augusta Invitational. Two weeks later, he duplicated the result with a win at Waccamaw. In Atlanta, Marcus Moehlman, new to the District this year, won first place, becoming the fourth skipper to win a series event. That left the Borderline regatta. The Wake Fleet hosts a great October regatta, and the Borderline annually attracts national caliber sailors. Tom Allen, Jr. won the regatta, with Tom Hissam, Pierce Barden, Bob Harkrider, and Terry Tyner going 2-3-4-5. When the season tabulations were in, Bob Harkrider won the traveling series by nearly a full point over Terry Tyner.

Season kudos also have to go to John Pelosi. John sailed more regattas than any other skipper (six). He placed top three in four regattas and earned a solid third place finish on the season.

On the national scene, Bob Harkrider (7), Pierce Barden (13), and Avis Bridgers (15) all raced for the President's Cup at San Diego. Avis finished third in the Women's NAs. Pierce raced the ACCs (36). Lenny Krawcheck (11), Terry Tyner (29) and Pam Barron (38) raced Savannah. Pam also had a great finish at the Bluenose. If you need a home for great Lightning sailing, check us out at www.sailsoutheast.org.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Savannah Yacht Club
Sailing on the Wilmington River
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia



Lake Lanier
Sailing on Lake Lanier
Flowery Branch, Georgia



Clarks Hill
Sailing on Clarks Hill Reservoir
Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain.....Robert Harkrider
Fleet Secretary..... Sharon Harkrider
Fleet Treasurer Richard Mayne

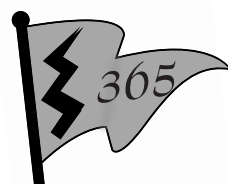
Boat#/Name		Owner
10810	Rode Hard	Bob Harkrider
14127		Marcus Moehlman
15310	Plane Jane	Sharon Harkrider

Fleet 257 had another year of limited activity. We hosted a regatta in September attended by ten boats. It was won by John Sawyer of Wilmington, North Carolina. Finishing in the top half of the Fleet was our newest member, Marcus Moehlman, who bought 14127 from Dick Mayne. Another interesting note, four of the skippers in our regatta were women, Lauren Beauchamp, Pam Barron, Avis Bridgers and new Lightning owner and sailor Sue Holt. Who says women can't be great skippers!

We also added a new boat to our Fleet with the purchase by my wife of hull 15310. I think we are going to call her "Plane Jane" after that wild paint scheme light grey over light grey.

All is well in Augusta Georgia and should anyone who is visiting our fair city decide to go for a sail or just want to talk lightning sailing please give me a call.

Bob Harkrider



Catawba Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Wylie
Charlotte, North Carolina

Boat#/Name		Owner
13941		John Holmes
14355	Spirit	Ronald K Wright
15033		John Holmes



Lake Norman
Sailing on Lake Norman
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain.....Carter Utzig

Boat#/Name		Owner
13957	In Sensitivity Train	Peter Marriott
14044	Whistling Pygmy	Lauren Beauchamp
14432	Blitzen	Gordon P Kellogg
14702		Richard Simpson
14773		Sam L Boone
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Carter Utzig

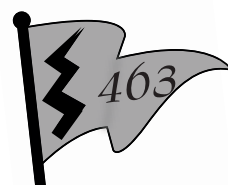
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Greater Charleston

*Sailing on Charleston Harbor
Charleston, North Carolina*

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



Lake Waccamaw

*Sailing on Lake Waccamaw
Waccamaw, North Carolina*

Fleet Captain.....	Paul R Jueschke
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Boat#/Name	Owner
14980 Celebrate	Paul R Jueschke



Wake

*Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan
Raleigh, North Carolina*

Fleet Captain.....	Dave Puckett
Fleet Treasurer	Avis Bridgers
Fleet Champion-Kerr Series.....	John Chaplinsky
Fleet Champion-SE District Racing.....	John Pelosi

Boat#/Name	Owner
12773	Worth A Lutz
13477	Michael Rees
13620	Harry Cline
14080	John Chaplinsky
14637	Charles Moore
14641 In Pursuit	Alan Hawkes
14720 Stinger	Jay R Johnson
14728	Dale Hedin
14747	Alan Krauss
14852	Robert Graves
14932	John W Pelosi
15141	Avis Bridgers
15146 Eleven!	David L Puckett

2006 has been a status-quo year for Fleet 481. We finished this season having neither gained nor lost average participation in our local regattas. For this season, I list eleven "active" Lightning sailors; however, three of these skippers chose only to serve as crew this year, and two skippers participated in only one regatta for the season. So to be most realistic, we currently have six active Lightnings in the fleet.

But this is not bad news for Fleet 481. There is renewing interest and energy, and 2007 promises to be a stronger year for Fleet participation. Dale Hedin is a new boat owner who recently refurbished his boat in time to participate in our Fleet-sponsored "Borderline Regatta." We are looking forward to Dale's participation next season. Alan Hawkes is becoming increasingly active, and we have two new Lightning owners in the area, Tripp Foster and Ambrose Stafford. They have not yet purchased their boats but will hopefully be joining us on the water next season.

Lack of love for sailing the Lightning is never a reason given for lack of participation. Nor is lack of crew. We have a nice supply of capable Lightning crew that participate with several fleets comprising the Carolina Sailing Club. Rather, it is the usual "pressures of life" that seem to be the main culprit. Alan Krauss has family commitments that presently consume his free time, although we look forward to his return to activity in a few years. Michael Rees, as a managing physician, has his sailing time limited by his professional demands but continues to be active with the club. Charles Moore has often sailed with his daughters who have less time for sailing these days (we are going to find Chuck some crew!). It was Charles,

in fact, in a recent conversation, that put his finger on one of the biggest participation challenges facing our fleet. We sail "off the ramps" and do not have a permanent physical club or marina. This means we set-up and tear down for each and every regatta, and this takes extra time for those that are time challenged. Personally, I really disliked this when I started sailing Lightnings in 2005. Now, I'm OK with it—practice makes perfect!

Presently, Wake 481 participation is sustained primarily by six skippers: Pelosi, Puckett, Bridgers, Chaplinsky, Graves and Hawkes. Bob Graves deserves special mention in our Fleet because he travels all the way down from the Williamsburg, Virginia area to participate in our Kerr Lake events. Pelosi and Bridgers, and to a lesser extent Puckett, have carried the Wake 481 flag around the Southeastern Lightning District (SELD). Puckett will be more active in the district in '07 ('06 saw his district season run aground with both of his primary crew developing back injuries that were not sailing related).

Within the SELD, John Pelosi is our Fleet champ. He finished third overall in 2006, missing second place by the narrowest of margins. Avis and Henry Bridgers also campaigned across the southeast, but their '06 season was focused on getting to the NAs in San Diego—a long way to drive from North Carolina! And we cannot report without tipping our hat to our Kerr Lake Series Champion, John Chaplinsky.

For those Lightning sailors out there who may be considering a move to the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area (the "Triangle area" as it is said around here), we offer a variety of racing opportunities:

- Kerr Lake Championship Series—one weekend per month, April through October
- Jordan Lake Informal Series—one Sunday per month, year 'round sailing!
- Governor's Cup Regatta—open invitational in June with a LI one-design start
- Edenton Bay Challenge—held mid-summer on the Albemarle Sound
- The Borderline Regatta—Lightning One-Design each October on Kerr Lake



Cape Fear

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Wilmington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain..... Pierce Barden
Fleet Champion—Ocean Series..... Steve Johnston
Fleet Champion—Sound Series Pierce Barden

Fleet 511 welcomed its newest member, Tommy van Arsdale. Tommy was an active junior sailor at Surf City Yacht Club in New Jersey. He is now a junior sailing instructor at Carolina Yacht Club and joined our Fleet this past year with Jack Elfman's boat #15139, raising the total number of boats in the fleet to twelve.

The Cape Fear Fleet began its season with the Carolina Yacht Club's Ocean Series in May. The Series runs over the course of the summer,

Boat#/Name		Owner
9398	Old School	Jay Taylor
12126		David A Pyle
14062	White Star	Andrew Barton
14318	Soul Sister	John Sawyer
14356	Lightn' Up	William F King
14550	K3	Theresa Kramer
14622	Sasam	Thomas Hissam
14682		Bob Cowen
14695		Richard B Waldkirch
14701	Driving Blind	James A Harris
15139		Tommy Van Arsdale
15156		David A Pyle
15236		Steve Johnston
15241		Pierce P Barden

one Saturday a month with three races per day. First place honors were given to Steve Johnston. Pierce Barden finished first in the annual Sound Series which began in May and was conducted on Tuesday nights throughout the summer, with a total of ten races scheduled. Pierce also took home first place in the club's Independence Day Regatta, and Jim Harris was first in the Labor Day Regatta. The Carolina Yacht Club's Annual SAYRA One Design Invitational held in August boasted a Lightning fleet of fourteen boats, with top honors going to the team of Jay Taylor, Phil Taylor, and Ellie Stone.

The Southeastern Lightning District Championships were hosted by Fleet 511 the first weekend in June, with thirteen boats participating. On Friday night, John and Becky Sawyer hosted a cookout at their new home, giving everyone a chance to socialize before setting off for a weekend of competitive racing and challenging conditions. Saturday's racing was accompanied with lots of wind, big waves and a few moments of wondering why you were out there in the first place. Racing was followed by a catered dinner at the club and the SE District Annual Meeting where events for the 2007 season were discussed. We awoke Sunday to very light winds and no waves, which forced the Race Committee to postpone the racing until the wind increased. Still, we were able to get in two races on Sunday, and the winner wasn't decided until the last race, when Bob Harkrider from Augusta, Georgia, came from behind on the last downwind leg and won the District Championships. Pierce Barden finished second, and three Fleet 511 boats tied for fifth, with John Sawyer winning the tie breaker over Steve Johnston and Jay Taylor.

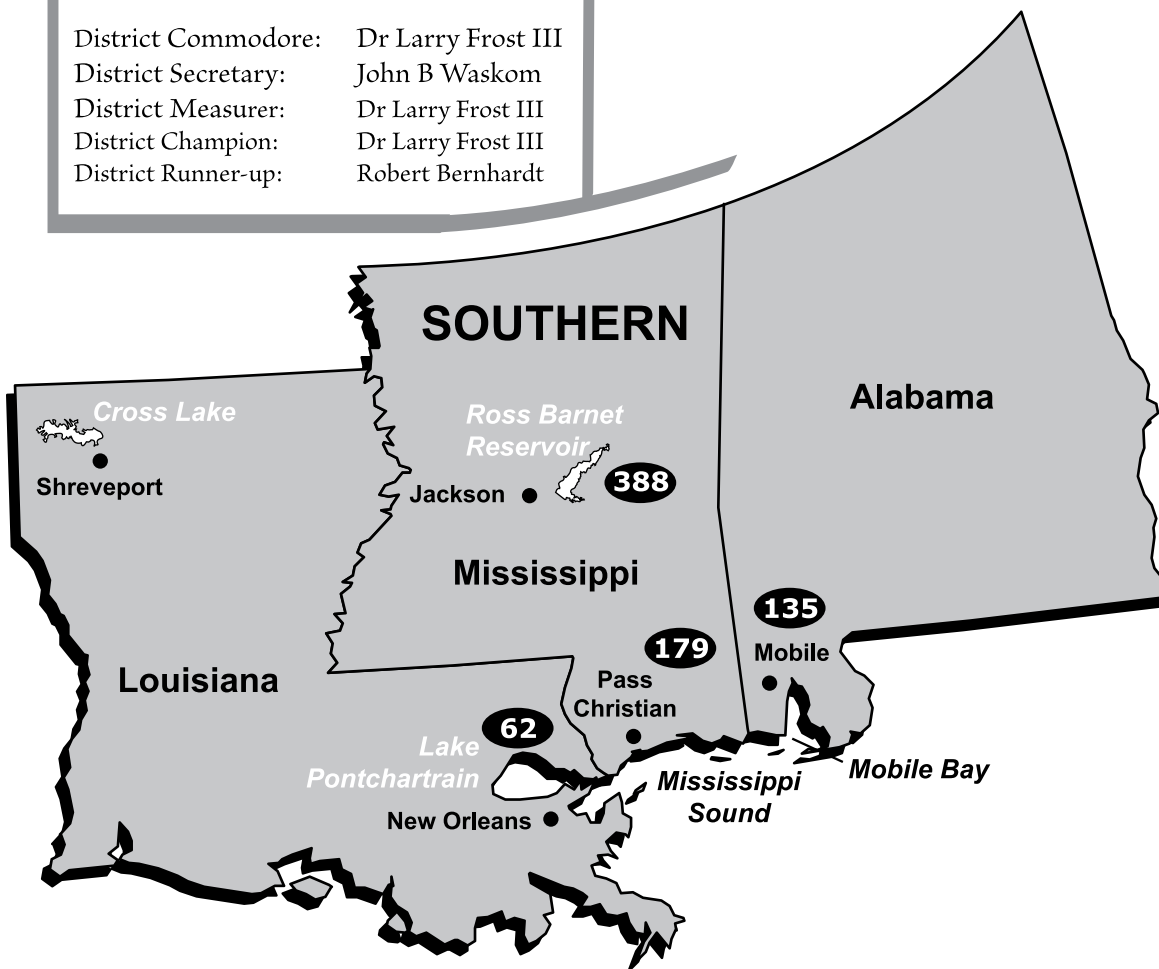
We had two boats qualify for the SELD traveling series, with John Sawyer finishing fourth and Richard Waldkirch finishing in fifth place overall. The Fleet was also represented at larger regattas, with Waldkirch attending the Deep South in Savannah, Dave Pyle and Barden attending the Potomac Cup in Virginia, Barden traveling to New Jersey for ACCs, and then to San Diego for North Americans. Fleet 511 was represented very well at the Borderline, with seven boats competing, consisting of Tom Hissam, Barden, Sawyer, Taylor, Waldkirch, Pyle, and Bob Cowen.

Come join us on June 2-3, 2007 for our annual SE Lightning District regatta held in the Atlantic Ocean.

Ellie Stone
Pierce Barden



District Commodore: Dr Larry Frost III
District Secretary: John B Waskom
District Measurer: Dr Larry Frost III
District Champion: Dr Larry Frost III
District Runner-up: Robert Bernhardt



2006 was a year of stabilization for the Southern District, attempting to return to normal after the devastation of homes, Yacht clubs and boats from hurricane Katrina in September, 2005. The focus of the Southern District's efforts for 2006 was to set and attend a limited schedule of regattas and to maintain our visibility and presence within the local yachting communities.

Interdistrict cooperation and travel with neighboring Texas and Mississippi Valley Districts have resulted in more competitive sailing and more enjoyment for all the participants.

Our District Level 2006 Competitions included:

- The District Championship, May 6 and 7 at Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson Mississippi, hosted by the Jackson Yacht Club and Fleet 388
- An "open" regatta was held to encourage all area Lightning sailors to attend. Two boats from Fleet 274 in Memphis, Tennessee, came south to enjoy racing and proved to be worthy competitors. Five races were completed. Dr. Larry Frost III turned in an unbeatable performance with four bullets and a second followed, by the rest of us.

Open Regatta Results

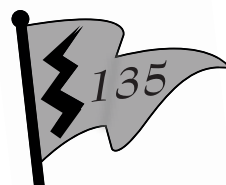
Boat#	Skipper	Fleet#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
15211	Dr Larry Frost III	62	1	1	2	1	1	6
15169	Batton Kennon	274	4	2	3	3	2	14
14666	Crit Currie	274	2	3	1	4	6	16
15201	Robert Bernhardt	135	6	5	6	2	3	22
14736	Ian Lacour	388	3	4	8	5	5	25
14737	Tom Niles	388	7	6	7	8	4	32
13781	Chris Frost	135	8	8	4	7	7	34
9696	Buddy Clark	179	5	7	5	9	8	34
14355	Pete Furze	135	9	9	9	6	10 DNS	43

The GYA Championship was held on July 15 and 16 at Mobile Bay, Alabama, hosted by the Mobile Yacht Club and Fleet 135

The Mobile Yacht Club conducted an excellent multi-fleet regatta in typical light air, warm, humid Gulf Coast conditions. A little weather excitement was generated on the post race Sunday morning return to harbor. A thunderstorm moved into position over the mouth of the harbor. The combination of enough rain to provide a whiteout plus gusts of 30+ knots made for some interesting navigation. Congratulations to Dr. Larry Frost III. By winning both the District and the GYA events, he repeats as the Combined Trophy winner.

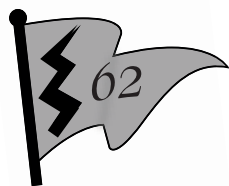
All lightning sailors are invited and welcome to attend our District events in 2007. Schedules are being developed and will be announced in the Flashes and on the ILCA web.

John Waskom



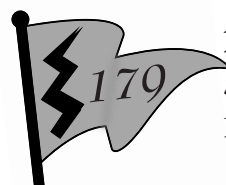
Mobile Bay
Sailing on Mobil Bay
Mobile, Alabama

Fleet Captain..... Christopher Frost
Fleet Secretary..... Barney March



Southern Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

Boat#/Name	Owner
14136	Callender Herman
15126 FF2	Laurence N Frost, Jr
15211	Dr Lawrence N Frost



Pass Christian Yacht Club
Sailing on Gulf Coast, Mississippi Sound
Pass Christian, Mississippi

Fleet Captain..... Buddy Clarke

SOUTHERN DISTRICT



Jackson Yacht Club

Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir

Jackson, Mississippi

Fleet Captain.....John Waskom
Fleet Treasurer.....John Waskom

Boat#/Name		Owner
10959	Hard Tack	John B Waskom
11085		Joe McDevitt
12746		David McNair
14736	Enigma	John B Waskom
14737		Thomas Niles

Fleet 388 experienced some much needed growth during 2006 with the arrival of Lightning veteran Tom Niles, who purchased 14737 and brought it to central Mississippi to sail with his sons Evan and Kenneth in our Fleet and District regattas. Two additional Lightnings were added to the Fleet in 2006. 11085 was rescued after hurricane Katrina and is being restored to racing condition for skipper Joe McDevitt. 10959 was extricated from storage by John Waskom who is refitting her for use in Fleet development.

To help compensate for the hurricane loss of several District sailing facilities, our Fleet efforts for 2006 were directed into utilizing our great facilities at the Jackson Yacht Club to provide a venue for all of the area Lightnings to compete and enjoy sailing together. We were able to host a Lightning Fleet in the April Spring Fling Regatta, Host the Southern District Championship Regatta and host a Lightning Fleet in the fall Hospitality Regatta.

The willingness of fellow Lightning sailors from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas to travel to Jackson and sail in our events is truly appreciated and has attracted the notice of our club officers and members alike. Our newest Fleet member, Tom Niles, responded in kind and attended regattas in the Texas, Michigan and Mississippi Valley Districts.

Southern District Championship

May 6 & 7, 2006

Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson, Mississippi

Boat#	Skipper	Hometown	R1	R2	R3	Ttl
15211	Dr Larry Frost III	New Orleans, LA	6	1	1	8
14817	Scott Anderson	Dallas, TX	3	4	2	9
15201	Robert Bernhardt	Pensacola, FL	2	2	8	12
14666	Crit Currie	Memphis, TN	4	3	8	15
15169	Batton Kennon	Memphis, TN	7	5	3	15
14736	John Waskom	Jackson, MS	6	6	4	15

Our 2006 racing season started March 27 and 28 with the JYC Spring Fling Regatta. Lightnings from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, and Mississippi attended. Three Races were run in warm weather and good winds.

On May 6 and 7 Fleet 388 and the Jackson Yacht Club hosted the Southern District Championship Regatta.

July 15 and 16 found Tom, Kenneth and Evan Niles in 14737 and John Waskom crewing for Batton Kennon in 15169 (Fleet 274) traveling south to the Lightning GYA Championships held at the Mobile Yacht Club. We were treated to some excellent sailing in a variety of conditions, from drifting to 30+ knots in a thunderstorm on the Sunday return after racing.

On September 16 and 17 Tom Niles, with crew Kenneth Niles and John Waskom, sailed in the Hernando De Soto Regatta on Lake Arkabutla, Mississippi. It was hosted by Lightning Fleet 274 and Thistle Fleet 72. Tom enjoyed the regatta, finishing second overall.

On October 7 and 8 Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi Lightnings converged in Jackson for the annual JYC Hospitality Regatta. The desire to sail and have a good time overcame light air weather conditions on Saturday, followed by more pleasant social activities and a good dinner at the club. Sunday brought more of the same, with the Fleet retiring in mass after race four, electing to drink beer, pack up the boats, and wait for the trophy ceremonies.

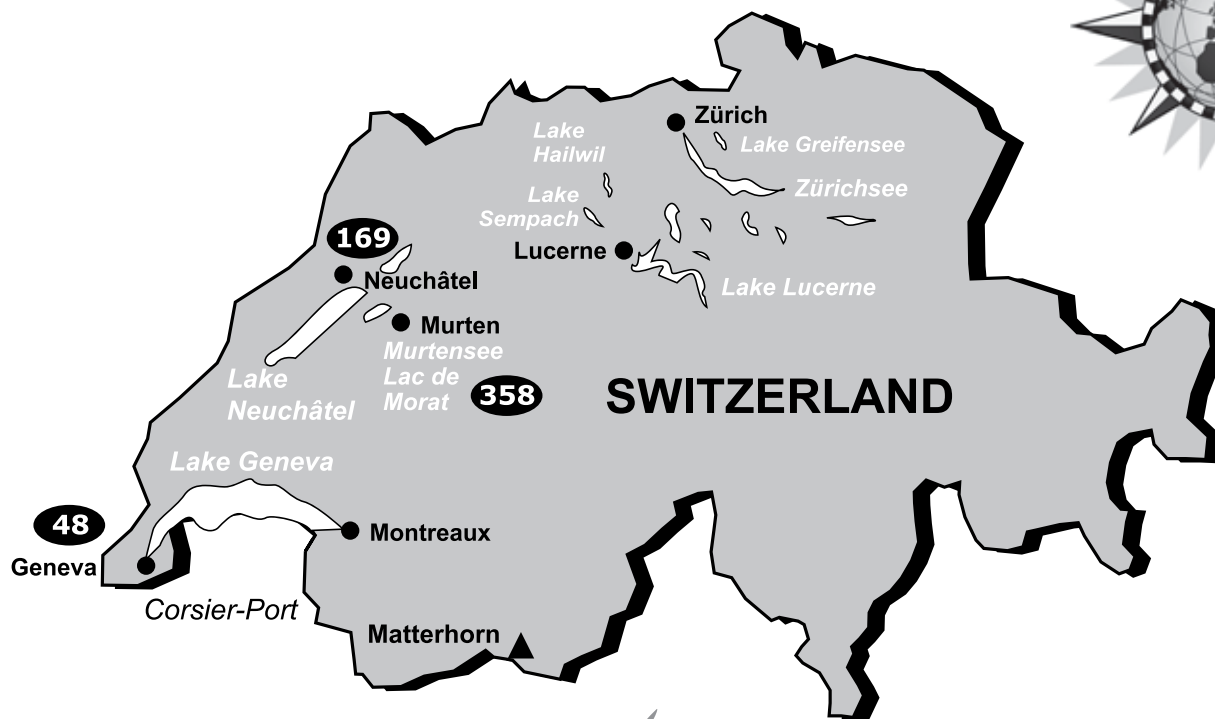
Fleet 388 extends an open invitation to all Lightning sailors to come to Jackson, Mississippi, and join us in our 2007 events and to experience the hospitality of the Jackson Yacht Club.

Hospitality Regatta

October 7 & 8, 2006

Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson, Mississippi

Boat#	Skipper	Hometown	Fleet
15211	Dr Larry Frost III	New Orleans, LA	62
14666	Crit Currie	Memphis, TN	274
14230	Bill Baxter III	Memphis, TN	274
14736	Ralph Leon	Memphis, TN	274



District Commodore: Jacques Perret
 District Treasurer: Margrit Graf
 District Measurer: Urs Wyler
 District Champion: Urs Wyler
 District Runner-up: Jacques Perret

National Activity

Always the same situation for the participation at our Spring regatta on the Lake of Sempach, but this year we have touched the ground! We had just two boats on the starting line.

By contrast, we had a good participation of seven Lightnings for the fourth edition of the "Memorial Claude Lambelet" on 21st and 22nd October in Neuchâtel. There was hard competition between the two top crews.

Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel – Memorial Claude Lambelet—2006

Boat#	Skipper	Crew	Club	Ttl
13790	Urs Wyler	W Durr, A Wyler	SCM	6
14530	Jacques Perret	A de Montmollin, A Louis	CVN	6
12571	Alain Perret	JP Geiser, S Jordan	CVB	11
13692	Hans Peter Schmid	J Menzi	SCM	17
13840	Lukas Gerig	R Huwiler, J Brunner	SKM	19
14664	Peter Graf	J Rutz, A Brauniger	SVT	19
13705	François With	E With, D Wyler	SCVG	28

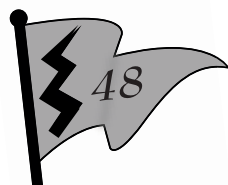
International Activity

We had just one Swiss crew at the Europeans in Finland. Once again our District Champion crew Wyler/Dürr/Dürr failed on the finishing line to bring the European title back to Switzerland. Congratulation for the good second place with the strong concurrence of the Greek youth crews.

I wish to all Swiss Lightning sailors, active and less active, a very good season 2007. Rendez-vous in Sempach!!!



SWITZERLAND DISTRICT



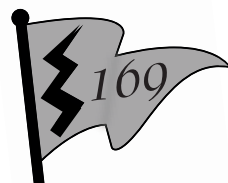
Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port

Sailing on Corsier-Port
Geneva, Switzerland



Flotte Murtensee

Sailing on Lake of Murten
Murtensee, Switzerland



Lac de Neuchâtel

Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel
Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain..... Urs Wyler
Fleet Treasurer Walter Durr

Boat#/Name	Owner
12860	Jean-Michel Luhi
13840 Chiloë	Gilbert Despland

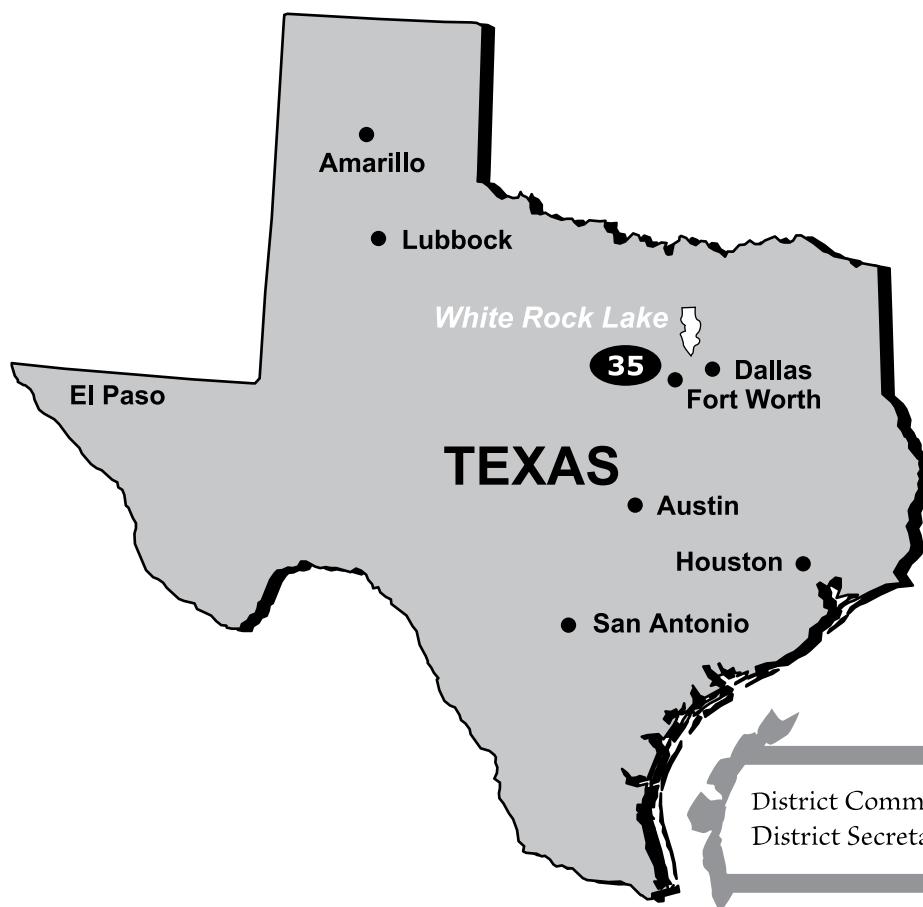
Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13692 Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790 Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14530 Gaston	Jacques Perret
14664 Karhu	Peter Graf



Die Aktivität unserer Flotte hielt sich auch dieses Jahr in Grenzen. Da auf dem Murtensee keine Lightningregatta stattfand, trafen sich Meltemi und Gaston im Mai auf dem Sempachersee zur Frühlingsregatta. Leider nahmen nur gerade 2 Lightnings an dieser traditionellen Regatta teil. Meltemi bereitete sich einmal mehr auf die Europameisterschaft in Finnland vor. Die Crew Wyler, Dürr, Dürr kehrte mit einem guten zweiten Platz aus Jyväskylä zurück. Es wäre mehr möglich gewesen. Der Mastbruch auf der Heimreise konnte die gute Laune über diesen unvergesslichen Ausflug in den Norden nur kurz etwas trüben.

Alle Boote unserer Flotte trafen sich im Herbst zum traditionellen Critérium Claude Lambelet. Die spannende Regattaserie wurde erst auf dem Zielstrich der fünften Regatta entschieden.





District Commodore: Scott Anderson
District Secretary: Amanda Boers

We sail on White Rock Lake in Dallas. Seven boats signed up to sail in this year's Texas District Championship. We had two boats travel from outside the District to help us have a good regatta. The Texas District is in the process of rebuilding, with a combination of new sailors and some experienced sailors taking the sport back up again.

The first race was started in an easterly breeze of around ten knots. The boats that held left on the first beat lead at the first windward mark. As the leaders approached the windward mark, a shift to the right meant an immediate gybe set for the run. The middle paid off on the second beat. The wind died as the leaders sailed the second run. The second beat had spread the Fleet out, but as the wind filled back in, the Fleet bunched up again resulting in nail-biting, overlapped finishes.

The wind died again, and we didn't get any more racing in on Saturday. On Sunday morning we had a steady ten to twelve out of the south. We got three good races in. The second race started in a right phase, but with the mark tucked in under the shore. It paid to hold on starboard to the left shore. The second beat played out the same way, resulting in a lead change.

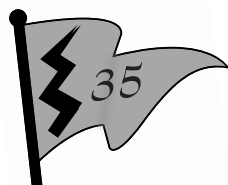
In the third and fourth races, the beats demanded playing the shifts up the middle. Downwind, it seemed to pay off to sail deep along the left, which was important because we had downwind finishes on Sunday morning.

White Rock is a small inland lake with no wave action, so clear air and boat speed were critical. The leaders consistently had the best speed. In the end, we had some good racing, and Texas will send at least two boats to San Diego. See you there!!

2006 Texas District Championships
Corinthian Sailing Club
White Rock Lake—Dallas, Texas
June 3–4, 2006

#r	Fleet	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Place
13806	35	Clarke Newman	Kelson Elam	Deanna Newman	1	2	1	1	5	1
15169	274	Batton Kennon	Stephanie Laughlin	-----	2	1	2	2	7	2
14817	35	Scott Anderson	Brad Winslett	Angela Loud	3	3	3	3	12	3
14737	388	Tom Niles	Evan Niles	Kenneth Niles	4	4	4	4	16	4
10275	35	John Womble	Christie Womble	Amy Williams	DNF	7	5	5	25	5
13311	35	Beth Richard	Gery Osowiecki	-----	DNF	5	6	6	25	6
11118	35	Ralph Bilnowski	Sylvan Newman	-----	5	6	DNC	DNC	27	7

TEXAS DISTRICT



Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club

Sailing on White Rock Lake

Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain.....Scott Anderson

Fleet Secretary.....Amanda Boera



Newman measuring in at the NAs

Boat#/Name		Owner
10002		Jim Crittendon
10014		Rob Edwards
10275	Xanadu	Elizabeth A Richards
10811		Paul Barton
10937	The Flying Spoon	Kerry Cole
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
12085	Spray III	Carl Tackle
13100		Wills McQueen
13228	Andros 3	Vernon Goldberg
13311	Sláinte	Elizabeth A Richards
13644		Michael Daniels
13703	Saguaro	Stephen Bell
13722		Spencer McGowan
13806		Clarke D Newman
13953		Scott Anderson
14045	Blitz	John Womble
14344		Clancy McKenna
14814	Aeolus	Scott Anderson
14817		Scott Anderson

The 2006 sailing season is now coming to a close. We had more boats at the Texas Districts than we have had in many years, and for the first time in ten years, we sent more than one boat to the North Americans. Clarke Newman, after a multi-decade hiatus, won the Texas Districts in June with Deanna Newman and Kelson Elam as crew. Newman last attended the NAs in 1979, and the San Diego NAs was the first out-of-town regatta he had sailed as a helmsman in fifteen years. Needless to say, it was somewhat humbling. Regardless, it was great fun all the way around—even if it took the whole regatta for him to remember out how to hold a lane against good sailors in a chop. Scott Anderson and his crew Brad Winslett also went to San Diego and was the top Texas boat.

Fleet racing moved along from February through November, with many of fleet members participating. Sylvan Newman and Vernon Goldberg, both in their eighties, are still very active in Fleet racing. Ralph Bilnoski, John Womble and Beth Richards were active participants in the fleet series as well.

Scott Anderson and John Womble attended out-of-town regattas this year.

2006 was a transition year for Texas, with one newer boat being added to the Fleet but no new skippers. Activity was higher, and that is encouraging. Also, there has been some interest in restarting the Lake Conroe Fleet. We hope that happens.



Deanna Newman and Amy Williams at the NAs



US @ LARGE DISTRICT



Rocky Mountain

*Sailing in Colorado, Nebraska
and Wyoming*

Denver, Colorado

Fleet Captains.....Mike Taber and Dave Pearce

Fleet Secretaries.....Steve Davis and Nick Farina

2006 was a year of firsts for Fleet 488. We started racing the first Sunday in April and continued well into October, completing three series under the Denver Sailing Association. Spectacular views of snow-covered mountains were an added bonus, as The Thawout Series throughout April experienced good wind, weather, and competition. Traditionally, winds are light and fluky on Cherry Creek, although sometimes there is just a moment separating glass from 25+ knots. However, there are also the very comfortable "come and go" winds of 7-10 knots that grace The Spring Series from May through mid-July and The Summer Series from that point through the end of September.

Boat participation continued to improve this year, with six to eight boats sailing regularly on Thursdays. New to Colorado and Cherry Creek, skipper Nick Farina regularly came down from Boulder with his girlfriend and four or five fellow female PhD candidates at the University of Colorado. Most of these women had never sailed before, and no one had seen a Lightning, thus making for interesting times and good stories.

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



*Bob Stoller, Bill Cabrall and Mary Anne Byrne
chasing Rob Ruhlman downwind*



Reeve Dunne, Dave Pierce & Scott Hathcock



Jan crewed for Neil Hayes in "Woody"

One breezy evening, three of these women were crewing for Mike Ledger. On the downwind leg, they eventually put the chute up and had a good ride until the leeward mark. As no one except Mike knew Lightnings, they couldn't get the spinnaker down as they attempted to sail upwind. Here, we all witnessed our first, and possibly last, "chicken-tack" to avoid the looming dam. During the "chicken-tack," everyone went for an extended swim. Sadly, one of the girls never came down again, but the other two are regulars. Steve will never let Mike live that one down.

After a night of racing, Fleet and DSA members congregate on the dock for grilled brats and burgers for hungry sailors. Since the Denver area has few mosquitoes, this after-dark camaraderie is almost as much fun as the racing. The overall Lightning Fleet winner for the year was Nick Farina, who received the Fleet 488 Champion award at the Denver Sailing Association Annual Awards Dinner in November.

We became more of a traveling Fleet this year with strong showings in national and junior regattas. Steve Davis sailed with Greg and Jo Ann Fisher in the Southern Circuit and the US Pan Am Trials. Steve also crewed for Colin and Karen Park in the Masters' NA, finishing second, and drove his own boat with the Parks to an eleventh in the Championship fleet.

Juniors Reeve Dunn, Ian McKenzie and Gabe Stallings traveled to San Diego and sailed again in the Junior NAs, finishing THIRD! Reeve stayed in San Diego for the open, with Dave Pierce and Scott Hathcock finishing respectably in the President's Fleet. Reeve began his college career this September, entering Tufts University as a freshman, and joined the sailing team. He'll be dangerous next summer after a year of coaching from Ken Legler.

Nick Farina, Ashley Jerman, and Mike Ledger won the President's Cup in San Diego, finishing off a great summer of sailing for all of them. This was the first major Lightning regatta the three of them had sailed together. Other Fleet 488 skippers and crews in the NAs were Bob Stoller, Mary Anne Byrne, and Bill Cabrall, as well as Jan Davis on Neil Hayes' boat.

On the Good Citizenship side, Fleet members were hard at work on a second Lightning to refit and donate to the Denver area Community Sailing Program early in 2007. More boats were added to the Fleet last year, and just as important, more crew and a heightened sense of excitement are part of a growing and sustaining fleet! We look forward to next summer and the continued participation of the unofficial MCDB sailing team from the University.

NA's Awards Ceremony



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Lightning Trivia Answers

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| 1) 12 – Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Italy, Nigeria, Switzerland, and the US. | 18) Urs Wyler – 8 times. | 34) George Fisher – 80 years old. |
| 2) 1938. | 19) Their hands. | 35) Skaneateles, NY. |
| 3) Karl Smither - Anne Allen's father. | 20) Milford, CT. | 36) Carlos Navarro Jr. |
| 4) Matt and Greg Fisher, Jay and Jody Lutz, and Tim and Bill Healy. | 21) 3 – Tom Allen, (1961, 1965), Bill Shore (1971, 1985), and Bruce Goldsmith (1973). | 37) Canada and Italy – 3 each. |
| 5) John Barnes. | 22) Jack Swanson | 38) Bay Head Yacht Club, NJ. |
| 6) Mystic Seaport Museum. | 23) Tito Gonzales – 7 times. | 39) Stu Anderson. |
| 7) Matt Fisher. | 24) 1940. | 40) Jack Mueller. |
| 8) Jody Swanson (Sorry David, she wasn't a Starck yet). | 25) The aluminum mast. | 41) first – blue, second – white, third – yellow. |
| 9) The original schooner America. | 26) Victor Lobos of Chile – Race #2. | 42) Brian Taboada and Allan Terhune. |
| 10) Skaneateles, NY. | 27) Karl (5), Lou (4), Jim (4), and Matt (3). | 43) Green. |
| 11) Tom (8), Bill (6), Bruce (4). | 28) Bob Seidleman, Larry MacDonald and Dave Curtis. | 44) Hale Walcoff. |
| 12) Sparkman & Stevens. | 29) Egyptian cotton. | 45) Mike Healy and Dick Escalera. |
| 13) A formula with 4 measurement points. | 30) Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador – 1975 and 1999. | 46) The Don Bliss Trophy in Miami and the Pelican Trophy in St. Pete. |
| 14) Stephen Craig, and Ned Roseberry. | 31) Larry MacDonald and Jay Lutz. | 47) Tito Gonzales - Lightning, J-24 and Etchelles. |
| 15) Tom Allen Sr. and Tom Allen Jr. | 32) George Fisher, Anne Allen, Jack Swanson, and Bob Wardwell. | 48) Bill Faude. |
| 16) Betsy Allison, and Mandy Hofmeister. | 33) 4 – Brazil, Canada, Chile, United States. | 49) 5 – Tom Allen (8), Bill Shore (6), Bruce Goldsmith (4), John Barnes (3), Ched Proctor (3), Matt Fisher (3). |
| 17) Cedar. | | 50) Brian Taboada. |