

Lake Erie District



Lake Erie

Fleets

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47	Silver Lake Yacht Club		

District Commodore: William E Neal

Fleet 12—Buffalo Canoe Club
Sailing on Abino Bay, Lake Erie
 Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain:	David Starck
Fleet Secretary:	Warren Emblidge
Fleet Treasurer:	Ian Jones
Jester:	Brian Starck

It seems like only yesterday that we sent seven boats to the Southern Circuit. Of course, the bigger surprise is that Grinder and his merry band of convicts made it to the Circuit in one piece, managing to dump only once (in each regatta). Their early departure was no doubt a relief to crash boat operators everywhere. Not to be outdone, however, Tom Allen Jr. usurped their efforts by gracing the pages of Sailing World with his "Dr. Crash" centerfold. The rest of us had a grand old time sipping rum drinks while the tragedies unfolded. Some of us even brought home hardware. Congrats to Dave Starck for winning Savannah and taking second in Miami.

The regular season started off in early May with seven teams and six boats showing up for what some must have thought would be a race amongst the enormous ice floes floating happily through the bay. Instead, racers encountered our typical 80-degree weather accompanied by a lovely ten-knot southwest breeze and comfy-cozy water temps in the mid 70s. (OK, maybe temps were more like 60 degrees with gusty 8–12 knot winds from the northeast, but we can dream....!) The event saw great participation from our juniors. Larry MacDonald and Peter Godfrey both sailed with their kids, while Dick Aubrecht had his granddaughter crewing—nice to see! Larry won the day, followed by Mark Grinder and Dick. Congratulations! Oh, and that seventh team? His crew tells us that he would've been there, had it not been for the water main break, flat tire, sick kids and previously scheduled pedicure...guess you can't win 'em all!

The season also saw intense international match racing, beginning with Team Eagan TNZ winning a hotly contested series over Team Luna Roseberry, 4-1, off the Canadian coastline. Team Luna Roseberry, in USA-261, managed to even the series at one race each, before Eagan's USA-744 reeled off three consecutive wins to take 'Hussey Series' Act 1. TNZ helmsman James F. Eagan credited his experienced navigator, James E. "Old Jim" Eagan, with some timely strategic calls, and main trimmer, Sue Eagan, for her tireless grinding. Luna Roseberry's CEO, PC Fast Eddie, faulted his meteorologists for misleading forecasts, but was encouraged by the performance of his young all-star crew. Hussey Series Act 2 was scheduled to take place the following Sunday, June 3rd, with a crowd gathered and both Luna Roseberry and Eagan TNZ prepared to rekindle old rivalries on the course. However, six new syndicates challenged for their chance at Hussey fame, making matters a bit sticky for the host club. After a lengthy (and at times testy) debate that culminated with one skipper telling another to 'go fish' (which he did) the race committee cancelled the remaining races, claiming that 'zero' knots of wind was simply not enough wind to sail.

Our junior program continued to show us why us 'old farts' should stay off the helm. Eighteen boats showed up for the BCCs first annual Youth Invitational Regatta. For many, it was their first time driving a Lightning, and for some it was their first time ever even being in a Lightning. The youngest skipper was about ten years old, exceeding the emotional

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
4081	Stinky II	Ken Lambert
6983		William E Neal
7286	Cats Eyes	Ken Lambert
10491	Erin Anne	David A Dooley
11117	Electric Dreams	Bergen Ackerman
11770	For Sail	James Eagan
12770	For Sail	James Eagan
13881		Drew Bergan
14112		Bob Dobmeier
14174		David Sprague
14195		David Fretz
14261		Ed Roseberry
14286		Kevin Cavalieri
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker
14347		Daniel Sprague
14371	Confusion3	Robert B Starck
		Brian Starck
14410		Rick Buckley
14416		Peter C Godfrey
14479		Kevin Robinson
14502		Tim Jehle
14519		Erich Steadman
14569		William E Neal
14572		Tim Jehle
14593		Erich Steadman
14672		Peter Jones
14725		Skip Wilday
14744		James Eagan
14811		Tom Allen, Sr
14828	Jib Jab	Ira Johnson
14922	White Lightning	Kevin J Robinson
15125		Jody Swanson Starck
		Monica Jones
15168		Tom Allen
15246		Larry MacDonald
15251		Debbie Probst
15252		David Starck
15272		Mark Grinder
15284		Richard A Aubrecht
15298		Ian Jones
15308		Tom Allen
15339		Warren E Emblidge
15355		David Starck

maturity of 95% of Fleet 12's skippers (writers excluded)! The event was won by Connor Godfrey, with crew of Adam and Larry MacDonald. We also had yet another successful Sean F. Gregory Pro-Am event, and had to 'beg borrow and steal' boats to accommodate the crowd that showed up to race. Credit is clearly owed to Larry MacDonald for putting our junior program on track.

Cuba Lake, which holds the world record for largest tap of Genesee Cream Ale (think tractor trailer with one tap), held this year's Lake Erie District Championships. After 71 tacks, four port / port crossings and three tight spinnaker reaches, the fleet reached the windward mark. About the same time, Debbie Probst was rounding the leeward mark, having clearly taken advantage of starting the race from race organizer Skip Wilday's cottage about twenty-five yards from the 'windward' mark. Sadly, we don't think she won the race, although we do think she won the regatta. Larry MacDonald and Warren Emblidge also finished in the top three. Many thanks to Skip for hosting us!!!

Warren Emblidge

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By late August the water temperature had warmed to nearly 80 degrees, indicating that conditions were ideal for our 'most seasoned of sailors' to endure that annual rite of passage...the 'Old Salts' Regatta. For the second consecutive year, Tom Ward bested the Fleet to take home the coveted bronze cannon and bragging rights for the next year. Last year's 'super group' of Tom Allen Sr. and Mark Grinder returned to best the Fleet (this year with a mast for their boat) but were stymied by their kryptonite—lack of crew.

We're happy to say that the Fleet continues to grow. It may be a bit premature (since he hasn't actually paid for his boat yet), but Kevin Cavalieri will be bringing a boat to the course in 2008. In 2007 he made quite spectacle of himself by single handedly capsizing Brian Starck's boat while standing on the foredeck to jibe the boat (or at least that's the way Brian tells it). Nice indoctrination. Needless to say, we're getting the bumpers ready for deployment...

Many thanks to our members for making 2007 a fun and exciting year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the water next year.

Fleet 19—Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club *Sailing on Lake Chautauqua* Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain: James J McDonnell

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13605		Heinrich Kutschke
14367		Heinrich Kutschke

Fleet 47—Silver Lake Yacht Club *Sailing on Silver Lake* Perry, New York

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9445	Chase	David Nasca
13714	Poitin	Paul Malone
13948		Mark H Dadd
14672		Mark W Grinder
15272		Mark W Grinder
15339		Mark W Grinder

Fleet 146—Toronto Bay *Sailing on Lake Ontario* Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10702		Walter Blackwell
14347		Daniel Sprague

Fleet 180—Conneaut Lake Yacht Club *Sailing on Conneaut Lake* Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Chad C Waldschmidt

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14711		John Andrews
14750		Edward J Benevent
14763		Chad C Waldschmidt

This past summer was the start of a rebuilding process for Fleet 180. Due to time and weather constraints, only a handful of races were sailed. Club stalwarts Chad Waldschmidt, Ed Benevent and Mike Mercatoris, along with Jody Bunting and Randy Hollister, 'stayed the course' to keep the Fleet sailing. Everyone has agreed to devote more time and energy to do more sailing in 2008.



Long Island

Fleets

178 Great South Bay 506 Orient Yacht Club
431 Southampton Yacht Club

District Commodore: George Koch

The 2007 Long Island Lightning District Championships were held at Orient Point Yacht Club. We need to thank George Koch for hosting the event. George had a wonderful Race Committee who did an outstanding job. The sailing conditions were some of the best I have ever sailed in. Light to moderate winds prevailed for the entire day.

Race 1 was captured by Neil Litman with a horizon job; he looked hard to beat at the time. Neil Litman is the newest district member. Welcome Neil. We're glad to have you on board. Race 2 was won by some great sailing and tactics by George Koch in grand style. George Koch is a long standing supporter of the Lightning Class and local fleets. We are lucky to have him as District Commodore. Race 3 and race 4 were won by Malcolm Hendry. Malcolm has been sailing Lightnings since the early 80s. He is also a strong supporter of the Class. Malcolm was late to turn on some sailing skills and some boat speed. The series came down to the last race. George and Malcolm were one point apart going into the last start. The last race Malcolm was 1st, Rachel was 2nd, and George was 3rd. With this end, the Championships were won by Malcolm Hendry and crew.

After racing George Koch produced a wonderful BBQ. He was also very creative, as he filled an Opti dinghy with ice and beer. This was a cool idea for a very hot day. Thanks to Bill and Bets Brewer for coming out from New York City to sail with us. They have been sailing Lightnings for as long as I can remember. The two of them double team to help others in the Class and their Fleet. If they could only burn a fire under Alan Pearlman's skeg and get him to sail a little more. We all miss Alan and his family. Thanks to Orient Yacht Club and G. K. for a great series.

The results are as follows:

M Hendry	14917	1st
G W Koch	14860	2nd
N Litman	153x	3rd
J Lowendowski	14551	4th
A Duell	14455	5th
J Holzaphel	15170	6th
B Brewer	10260	7th

Both Southampton Lightning Fleet and Orient Point Lightning Fleet are doing well. Both Fleets are sailing on weekends for championship trophies. Southampton sails on Wednesday night for a special series trophy. Orient sails on Thursday for their special series trophy. We are blessed to be sailing in place where we almost always get a southerly breeze on the water. I think we are spoiled with such weather. If you get a chance please come to Long Island and sail with us. Lightning sailors are always welcome.

Long Island District

Fleet 178—Great South Bay

Sailing on Great South Bay

Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain: Alan Pearlman

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
5132	Surprise	Michelle Yacob
10260	Bullshit	William P Weiss Elizabeth A Brewer
10392		Richard Braverman

Fleet 431—Southhampton Yacht Club

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay

Southampton, Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain: Richard E Warren

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11071		John Halsey
11219		Bob Bickford
13874		Teresa Hendry Terri Hendry
14024		Ronald Lester
14032		Dr Jim Hull Kent Rydberg
14138		Tim Rumph Chip Rumph
14157		Tim Rumph Mr Fiorre
14551	Outrageous	John Lewandowski
14560	White Knuckles	Richard E Warren
14758		Neil Litman
14917	Moto Iti	Malcom B Hendry III Terri Hendry

Southampton Lightning Fleet had another very successful Season. The Fleet sailed in Shinnecock Bay. This summer our sailing was mostly in a 5 to 10 knot breeze. Some days we had the more traditional 15 to 24 knot breeze. Almost all sailors in Southampton prefer the larger breeze to sail in, as this is what we grew up with. This Fleet sails on Saturdays, starting time is harbor start at 1:30 PM. We then sail two to three races. All races are at least one to two miles long.

Our Fleet depends on all its Fleet members to be as fun and successful as it is. A special mention should go out to Kent Rydberg. Kent has been supporting the Fleet above and beyond the call of duty; he keeps things going behind the scenes. He is also one of the best cooks in the club, with one equal, Steve Lamson, another supporter and former sailor.

Steve is now our angel of mercy, as crash boat master. He is almost always seen with his buddy in crime, Tom Conner, who also is always out there to support us in his own yacht Sea Lion. Tom is always fast with a joke and great fun to have around.

A special thank you is going out to Dr Jim Hull. He is the Fleet member who stands out as the biggest supporter of the Feet. Jim flies up to Southampton from Virginia just to sail four to five times a season. He is responsible for the fine feasts and hijacked British rum that floats all our boats during the 14032 parties that take place as many times each year. Thanks Jim, for your hospitality and your support.

Our entire active membership is out in their yachts to watch our Fleet sail the seasons races. There are many, many people that have not been mentioned. We have all had a marvelous season and are looking forward to the

2008 season which is coming to us fast. If you are in town, look us up and come sail with us. In addition, we sail a Wednesday night series, which starts at 6:00 PM on the water and usually sail two races. We then have a sailors pot luck dinner, where we all share stories and rum. The season ended up as follows:

Saturday series:

1st Malcolm Hendry

2nd Neil Litman

3rd John Halsey

Wednesday Night Series:

1st Malcolm Hendry

2nd John Halsey

Fleet 506—Orient Yacht Club

Sailing in Orient Harbor

Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain:	George Koch
Fleet Secretary:	John Holzapfel
Thursday Night Fleet Champion:	John Holzapfel
Saturday Fleet Champion:	George Koch

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13050		John Holzapfel
13660		Derrick Cephas
14025		Rich Gluckman
14122		Jon Turner Peter Rowsom
14455		Rachel Sorenson
14850	Missy	George W Koch
15170		John Holzapfel

Fleet 506 of the Orient Yacht Club had another very busy and exciting year.

The first event for the year was a District Lightning Lab held at our club. Lightning sailors from the Southampton, Great South Bay and Orient Fleets met in Orient, while Randy Shore came across the Sound and spent two days of sharing his knowledge and experience.

Saturday morning was chalk and talk, while the afternoon was spent out on the water— first with general sail setup and trim and then a number of short races. The day ended with a discussion of the races and then a little food and beverages.



Randy Shore conducting the Lightning Lab

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Randy Shore

On Sunday the club hosted an informal series of races in which everyone could test out their new found knowledge and skills. Randy was kind enough to stay around for the races and sailed aboard different boats helping each of the skippers.

The next event was the Long Island District Championships held in the middle of July. The weather was pleasant and the wind was fine. Malcolm and Terri Hendrey, along with Corrinne from Southhampton Yacht Club, took first place, while George Koch from the Orient Yacht Club took second.

The competition in both the Thursday and Saturday racing series was extremely close for all the positions. Once again, George Koch, ably assisted by an ever-changing crew, convincingly won the Saturday racing series, while John Holzapfel and his crew won the Thursday night series. The rest of the positions were only separated by only a few points. Second place on Thursdays went to George Koch, while third place was a tie between skippers, Rachael Duell and Peter Rowsom. On Saturday, second place went to John Holzapfel and his crew, while third place went to Rachael Duell and her crew.

Congratulations to Amanda Clarke who will be representing the United States in this summer's Olympic Games as the 470 skipper. She won the Lightning's Long Island District Championship just a few years ago.

A very sad note for the Orient Yacht Club and the Lightning Fleet was the passing of Margaret Helfand, the wife and sailing partner of Lightning skipper Jon Turner.



Metropolitan

Fleets

11	North Shrewsbury River	70	Red Bank of the Shrewsbury
16	Paupack	75	Nyack Boat Club
25	Lake Mohawk Yacht Club		

District Commodore: Daniel Parietti

Fleet 11—North Shrewsbury River
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Jon Schwartz

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14786	Le Speu	Jon Schwartz

Fleet 16—Paupack
Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack
Pocono Mountains near Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: George Madel
Fleet Secretary: Bob Hall
Sailing Director: Sandi Scull

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10301		Peter Seeuwen
11907	Halcyone	Sandi Scull
12140	Daisy	John Weiss
13638	Windy	Heinz Kornmann
14278		Ash Scache
14722	Byken	George Madel
15232		Bob Hall



2007 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup

Photo by Denny G.

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—Fleet 16

We sail every Saturday, usually, two races, back to back, five legs, windward/leeward, marks to port. Our sailing area on the lake is large enough to set the windward mark up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the start, no matter which direction the wind is blowing. Our racing season is split into three series, the Folwell Series, the Miller Series and the Baron Series. We score each series separately but also award a trophy for the combined overall winner. This summer the first three places overall went to George Madel 1st, Peter Seeuwen 2nd, and Sandi Scull 3rd. Racing was made possible through the help of many crew members. Including in no particular order: Deni Morgan, Kristen Hancox, Peg Denman, Molly Rodgers, Craig and Chris Compton, Dave Bodwell, Ed Salva, Ken Didion, Paul Gallagher, Jay Demerer and others.

At the end of the season we have a Turnabout Regatta where the skipper must crew and a crew member drives the boat, no spinnakers allowed. Ed Salva, who crewed with Bob Hall, won the turnabout trophy this year.

In mid September we hosted the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta. Gusty winds were from zero to twenty over the two days for a perfect average 10 mph. At least four teams went swimming. This year Richard Hallagan and crew once again captured the cup.

Club member, Bob Hall traveled to the Atlantic Coast Championship at Ceder Point Yacht Club and also to the Down Bays Regatta at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club. He likes the steady ocean breeze in contrast to the shifts that sometimes blow across our lake.

If you want to sail on a beautiful lake, please visit and sail with us any time.

Fleet 25—Lake Mohawk Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Mohawk

Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain:	John Incantalupo
Fleet Secretary:	Donald T Okner
Fleet Champion:	Richard T Miner
Fleet Runner-up:	Perry Anderson

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11565	Ariba-Ariba-Andale	John Marx
13373	The Great Escape	William M Beveridge
13381	Spaghetti	Mark Marussich
13820	Tattoo	Charles Chute
13925	Guardian Angel	John Incantalupo
14198	Sushi	Donald T Okner
14327	Wild Goose	Angela Hopkins
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T Miner
15090	M	Perry Anderson

On April 21 we kicked things off for 2007 with our annual Clean Up followed with a terrific Prep Signal party in the Papoose Room of the LMYC. Two weeks later, on May 5th skippers and crew assembled for Mast Raising followed by a Cinco de Mayo party at the LMYC. Regular racing was scheduled to begin on May 13 but since this was also Mothers Day our first races were deferred until the following weekend. On May 20 the Anderson and Okner Lightnings swapped for first and second in two races on this light air day. Hank Jelinek was our race official.

Things really got going with the Gabor Cup, our first open regatta, on May 27. Seven Lightnings and four Snipes participated in this handicapped event in which John Miller ably served as our lead race official. We sailed an Olympic course for two races in a five-knot wind that prevailed out of the south with a Snipe skippered by Jeff Urbanski edging out Lightning Fleet Champion Rich Miner followed by Perry Anderson.

On June 3rd the fleets returned for regular racing with five Lightnings in competition in a southeast wind that gusted up to ten knots. Club Commodore Chuck Chute gave Rich Miner a good fight and snagged first place in race one. However, Rich came back in the second race and took first place with a commanding lead.

June 10th brought out the sailors but not the wind. Four Lightnings started in the first race but, with an east wind of only zero to three knots, no boats made it to the first mark within the thirty-minute limit. Despite a valiant attempt at a second race, the Fleet again failed to reach the first mark in time forcing a second abandonment.

Five Lightnings came to the line on June 17. Rich Miner and Edgar Braendle were our race officials as we sailed in variable wind of four to eight knots out of the west-southwest. On June 24, with Jeff Urbanski as race official, five Lightnings were on the course even though the Andersons were away and the wind only got up to five knots out of the southwest.

The Marine Base Regatta took place on July 1. Five Lightnings and four Snipes participated in this handicapped event with the Okners, assisted by Pete Brown visiting from Ohio, as race officials. We sailed an Olympic course for two races in an eight-knot wind that prevailed out of the northwest. Perry Anderson was off to an early lead, winning race one and, despite a win by the Miner boat in the second race, Perry prevailed in the regatta, followed by Rich Miner and Jeff Urbanski taking third in his Snipe. This time, the handicap was not enough.

July 3 was the date for our annual Independence Day Family Picnic. This year's party was the largest ever with nearly one hundred people in attendance. There was food, drink, a Jell-o eating contest and other games for the kids as well as a great view of the fireworks over Lake Mohawk.

Regular racing continued on July 8 with the Incantalupos officiating two races in a ten-knot wind out of the southwest. Four Lightnings competed, Rich Miner taking two firsts and with a photo finish by the next three boats in race two. On July 15 we had a strong wind out of the west-southwest, and four Lightnings sailed in two races on an Olympic course that was set by race officials Constance Gill and Angela Hopkins. The Miner, Chute, Anderson and Okner boats finished, in that order, in both races.

July 22 brought five Lightnings to the line in two races that John Marx ran in an eight-knot, northwest wind. Don Okner took a first and a third, Chuck Chute finished in second place in both races, Perry Anderson took a third and a first, and John Incantalupo and Mark Marussich sailed only the first race with Mark in fourth place and John taking a fifth.

The Spring Series ended with one cancellation due to lack of wind on July 28. The results of our Spring Series for the Lightning Fleet have been tallied and Fleet Champion Rich Miner has managed to defend his title for the first half of our 2007 season, followed by Perry Anderson in second place and Chuck Chute third.

Despite not ranking in the top three for the Spring Series, Don Okner and John Incantalupo got off to a good start for the Fall Series which began on August 5, with Don taking two firsts and John taking two seconds in a light, southwest wind. Chuck Chute finished third. We sailed an Olympic course with marks to port. Race official Perry Anderson signaled for a shortened course in the second race and we finished on a downwind run.

On August 11, we held our annual Jack Robertson Cruising Day. We had a terrific turnout for casual sailing plus brats and beer. John Marx took Jack out in his Lightning in the light air while Commodore Chuck Chute grilled the brats. Cathy Chute and Bambi Newton prepared the rest of the great food for the event.

On August 12 Don and Jim Okner served as race officials and set a triangle course for four Lightnings that raced in a five-knot wind out of the southwest. The course worked well for some great spinnaker reaches, with Rich Miner taking two firsts in the two races. August 19 brought no wind so no races were held and on August 26. Only two Lightnings raced, with Rich Miner taking two firsts, followed by John Incantalupo.

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Thanks go to Howard Gooblar for organizing an afternoon of impromptu sailing in the first LaSAR (Last Saturday in August Race), held on August 25. This was a fun event that gave sailors an opportunity to practice their skills and to socialize.

The pace picked up on September 2 with the Miners serving as race officials and five Lightnings plus two Snipes competing in the Commodore's Cup Regatta. John Incantalupo was the first Lightning over the line in both races, and Bill Beverage, with his daughter as crew, made a great team and were the third place Lightning in the first race. But two Snipes, with Jeff Urbanski and John Marx at the helm, came out on top in the handicapped event, with John Incantalupo finishing third. Following the races, Chuck and Kathy Chute hosted a great party at their home.

On September 9 four Lightnings competed with Hank Jelinek setting the course and running the races. The Miner boat took two firsts with the Okner and Chute boats swapping for second and third followed by the Incantalupo boat.

The warm fall weather gave us some beautiful days on the lake. On September 16 the Lightnings had one race, with Rich Miner taking another first followed by Don Okner and Chuck Chute. On September 23 three Lightnings raced, with John Incantalupo taking two firsts over Don Okner and Chuck Chute, as Mark Marussich served as race official.

September 30 brought light and variable wind that was insufficient for racing, but on October 7, we had a fairly steady wind out of the north that came around to the northeast for the second race. Jeff Urbanski, fresh back from a trip to China set two good courses. Don Okner took a first in race one while Perry Anderson, back after travels in Europe and the USA, won the second race. Chuck Chute took two seconds.

The Annual Meeting/Pizza Party was held on October 12 at the LMCC. Chuck Chute was elected as Commodore for the second year in a row and John Incantalupo was chosen to succeed Don Okner as our Lightning Fleet Captain.

Racing ended on October 14, and on November 18 we had our Annual Awards Brunch. This year the event was held at the Lafayette House Restaurant. The brunch is always a great, family event, and this year was

no exception. In addition to excellent food and friendship, the final results for all Fleets were announced and trophies were presented.

The results for the Lightning Fleet were interesting and exciting. For the Fall Series, Rich Miner was undefeated with a score of 1.0, and coupled with his first place position in the Spring Series, he remains Fleet Champion. Perry Anderson, who did not qualify for the Fall Series nonetheless had enough races to qualify overall and retained his position as Runner-Up.

John Incantalupo, a relative newcomer to our sport, advanced from fifth place in the Spring Series to second in the Fall Series. Finally, although Chuck Chute slipped from third in the Spring Series to fourth in the Fall Series, he managed to edge out Don Okner by .25 point. Overall results for 2007 are as follows:

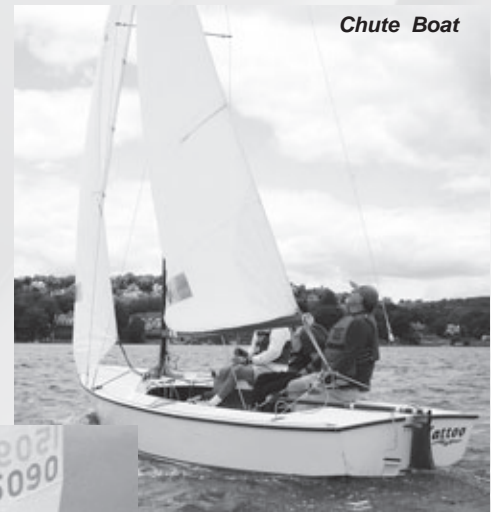
Fleet Champion:	Richard Miner, Skipper Gail Miner & Edgar Braendle/Rob Kevanyi, Crew
Runner-Up:	Perry Anderson, Skipper Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown, Crew
Third Place:	Chuck Chute, Skipper Dave Newton, Crew
Fourth Place:	Don Okner, Skipper Jim Okner, Crew
Fifth Place:	John Incantalupo, Skipper Margie Incantalupo and Claire Incantalupo, Crew

2008 is a special year for us because it was in 1938 that our club was incorporated as non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey. That same year was also the year in which the first Sparkman and Stephens designed Lightning was built. We look forward to a terrific year for our club and for our Lightning Fleet!

We welcome you to visit our web site at: www.lakemohawksailing.org for up to date information. You can Email us at: info@lakemohawksailing.org Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Don Okner

Chute Boat



Metropolitan District

Fleet 70—Red Bank of the Shrewsbury
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Dale Barney

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
39		David Watts
9407	Fathom	Monmouth Boat Club
10626	Sage	William Jaeger
13386	Silver Spoon	Patrick E Corr
14061		Paul R Luisi
14175		Ted Duffy
14276	Snoop De Ville	Dale Barney
14706	Bolt	George E Harrington
14727	Small Axe	David Watts Paul R Luisi
14786	Le Speu	Jon Schwartz
14922	White Lightning	Henry O'Hern Jack Huntsman
15052	Four Ladies	Patrick E Corr
15203	Show Boat	Patrick F Corr Paul A Huntsman
15365		David Watts
15367		George E Harrington

It was a busy year on the Navesink, kicking off with the 46th Annual Long John Regatta. Coming back to Monmouth Boat Club to win was Jack Huntsman sailing with his two sons, followed by Bryan Taboada and Jon Schwartz in the twenty-boat event—we're looking for thirty next year! There were a lot of road miles put on by MBCers as well:

- George Harrington and Ted Duffy headed to St. Pete for the Midwinter Championship
- Ted Duffy went to the Early Bird at Cedar Point (coming 3rd)
- Jon Schwartz won the district champs at Nyack (with George Harrington, Ted Duffy, and Sandy Huntsman all sailing well)
- Leah Samit and Kevin Robinson helped Bill Bogardus to a top five finish at the Central Atlantic Champs at Riverton (open next year, right Faus?)
- There was a caravan to the ACCs at Cedar Point with Jon Schwartz (coming 3rd!), George Harrington, Ted Duffy, Dave Watts, and junior Cole Barney (first time driving a major!), Crissy Van Siclen sailing with team Moyer and the Hodge sailing with Bryan Taboda (MBCers on seven boats!)
- At North Americans Jon Schwartz just missed a top ten in the blue fleet, George Harrington sailed green, and Sandy Huntsman represented at the Masters
- Pat Corr Jr. and George Harrington hit the Pennsylvania Governors Cup, with juniors Ian Sanderson (with team Moyer) and Cole Barney stepping up to the foredeck on a very breezy Saturday
- Dave Watts and George Harrington made the long trip to Vermont for the Leaf Peeper – featuring MBC junior “the Hodge” again

Back at the club, the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series were all hotly contested with twelve boats sailing in the series, and great action on Tuesday nights. Next Summer is already getting a lot of talk at the club. A couple of new boats are rumored to be ready for Long John, and with NAs in Newport and World's in Vermont in '09 we're counting on having a hotly contested Long John April 26–27, and fierce competition for bids at the Districts June 21–22. Hope to see you on the river—if not, we'll probably come to you!



Dave Watts getting it going!



Jack Huntsman winning the Long John

Fleet 75—Nyack Boat Club
Sailing on the Tappan Zee and the Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain: Jan Crittenden
Fleet Corresponding Secretary: George Penny
Fleet Recording Secretary: Dan Parietti
Fleet Treasurer: Stephanie Mayo
Fleet Scorer: Joan Hurban

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7098		George M Penny
7616		Rod Johnson
8252		Daniel Parietti
9909		Leslie Ginsberg
10368		George M Penny
10389		Eric B Beck
10620	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
10796	Kestrel	Christopher Visentin
11143		Marc H Silverstein
12282		Alan Gordon
13625	Corvette	George M Penny
13897		Steven Van Dam
14073	His	Gary Hurban
14140	Fat Chance	William Cook
14277	Flying Patio Furniture	Eric Beck
14363	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
14445	Scratch	Charles A Taus
14482	Otter Confusion	Ronald G McCormack
14484	Little Toot	Art Broadbent
14492	Zepher II	Eric Kent
14514	Special K	Ryan C Sprole Christopher W Sprole
14531	Black Rooster	Bill Roesch
14714	Ruffian	Paul & Kathryn Connell
14888	Lucky Dog	Bob Sengstacken
15059	Heart Breaker	Stephanie Mayo
15093	Hers	Joan Hurban
15178	No Excuses	Daniel Parietti
15296	Legacy	Ryan Sprole
15319	No More Excuses	Daniel Parietti

My boat, my crew and my Fleet are the best things in my life. The camaraderie in this Fleet is the best, but the competition is the stiffest. No one gives anyone a break on the water. Skippers with the best, best scores never sail anything but their very best. When you beat Bob Sengstacken, Chris Sprole, Gary or Joan Hurban, you know you've sailed a darn good race. On the tarmac, post-race winner's circles analyze and critique what we did, candidly and unsparingly. Help and advice are freely given and truly expert.

I have to note two things about this sport. This is a unique boat. She's an extremely well balanced and versatile craft. In weather, you can depower her so much that she can be sailed safely, and in light air she'll move against a river current in a breath. Older ones even have back seats. Woodies are comfortable and still quicker than most boats in your club. And she'll always give you everything she has.

The other is women sailors. My Fleet is full of them—skippers and crew. They're smart, move around the boat, and belie every stereotype, even

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positive ones. They're as ruthless as Attila the Hun. We're very, very proud that for the first time one of our woman sailors has won a long-time Lightning regatta, the Last Blast. Its normally blasting winds and our famous hospitality always draw top racers from all over the Northeast. Consistently in the top of the fleet in four races, Joan Hurban out sailed her own husband, edged out Bob, Chris, and dangerous visitors like Dick Hallagan, and buried 15 more boats on a perfect day on the water. We had two boats with "USA" on their sails. We sail with world class racers (and it ain't easy). The last race was Stephanie Mayo's favorite, she and husband Bill beat ten boats including Gary and Ryan. That's what I mean by a darn good race. These people don't make mistakes, the only way to beat them is to be as good as they are, then get lucky.

We had a great season. We had pre-season seminars, one with Brian Hayes, and a weekend on the water with Adam Walsh. It was almost one-to-one instruction. One Friday night Gary rigged up a Christmas tree stand to a broken mast, and we had spinnaker jibe drills. May, June and July had nice wind almost every weekend; August wasn't bad either, only two Sundays becalmed. September and October were perfect. Normally wicked, the lulls were beautiful sunny days, 7-13, and only one 18-41(!) day drove us off the water. We planed the whole time but couldn't really appreciate it.

May started windy and wet. Larry Decker was sidelined early with a fractured elbow he got when his boat hit him in a knockdown. He did, however, have a nice cruise on a catamaran in the Caribbean, and his wife, our best Fleet Captain Jan Crittenden, thankfully crewed for several of us. Dan Parietti sailed most of the season, despite hospital stays for a slipped disc and a ruptured appendix. His crew, Mike (Star) Carney and Jeff Sorenson were eagerly grabbed by other skippers whenever they were available. Breakdown king was Eric Kent; he snapped his mast and parted a shroud one windy day. It just snapped. She looked so odd sailing in. Like a Lightning with a Laser sail. Ron McCormick was close runner up; he hit the committee boat, crushing his bow. It wasn't

his fault, it was a fast day, and there are so many dings on the committee boat, they couldn't tell which was his. Bill Cook was third. He never capsized, but his boat did. Lent to crew Coleen and her boyfriend on a day I was too scared to go out. The rescue made the papers. Dan hit the dock in Annapolis, but who doesn't come in a little too hot once in a while? Bill and Kelly Roesch were on the water a lot; Charles Taus sailed consistently well, his perfect baby happy ashore; they both sailed too well from my point of view. They're just too young. Art Broadbent and even Les Ginsberg raced, until their teenage children mutinied. Les' son napped on the downwind legs on my boat one day, and Les's kids had their feet in the water most of the time. That's very bad for boat speed. Stephanie and Bill, Ron, Charley Taus, Bill Roesch and George Penny made almost every weekend. Stephanie continued sneaking in from the left, all of a sudden in front of you when you'd thought she'd went way too far inside. On the very last day, after a front, it blew stink from NW to NE. Auto-tacks! Five of us raced, and everybody planed all day. I never went so fast in a sailboat in my life! We were having too much fun to be scared. Bob's bow was 3 feet off the water before his spinnaker exploded. Gary lost one, too. But Shea was in charge all day.

It's been reported that several Fleet members have been seen on other boats, boats other than Race Patrol or Committee boats. One lovely windy day I sail past Bill Watters's Ensign, Black Ice, and he's not driving. Bob Sengstacken is at the tiller. Don't you have to be retired to skipper an Ensign? And I just heard a story about Wednesday Night Racing here, which we one-designers invented, but has been taken over by cruisers. Several of our fleet have admitted to taking out Osman Kurtulus' Morgan 36.5 Val-luga, a very quick cruiser I've been on. One dead evening in August they wanted to practice spinnaker jibing, so they turned on the motor, put it in reverse and jibed the spinnaker. Stephanie, Joan, Gary and Bob were reportedly responsible for this breach of seamanship. This is what happens when you give a Lightning sailor a motor.

Our crews made everything we do possible. Penny Sengstacken and Coleen sailed with Bill Cook. Dramamine works, and Penny is as good on the boat as she is everywhere else. Maude Lindsay, an excellent girl sailor, sailed with Gary all year, and Justin (Laser) Copland did many races. I'd take either in a minute. Mino Titsui and Daniel Zitin went with Bob to the Worlds and God knows where, what a crew! George's girls from Brooklyn, Lizzie Jerez and Ira Romashevskaya, flew the spinnaker all summer, even when up too late the night before and sometimes hung-over. Charlie had Laura and Mike Curren, and Shea Thorvaldsen skippered more than he crewed for Larry. Les's son Graham, crewed, as did Liz Sugg and Art's daughter Katey. She saved George from being cut in half by a J-boat once. Emily and Matt Beck crewed for



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Joan Hurban

Eric and Ann and others. You always want a Beck on the boat. They don't read wind, they feel it, it's in their genes. Joan had Judy Hanlon and Peter Jadosich. What a team! Judy knows this sport better than I will in two lifetimes. And Bob Gibson got his feet wet with Bill and Kelly. Nobody said it was going to be easy. Ryan had his father, Chris, a master, and brother, Steve. I will never know as much as Chris Sprole. Steve Iser crewed all summer for Ron, and Rob Rafferty, in his first season, won the praise of Stephanie and Bill. We also have to thank the members of the fleet who gave up racing days to be Race Officers and do Race Patrol. We know we'll get good races, and we'll be safe when our fleet is in charge. And thank you Joan for scoring, and Steph for watching the money.

Fleet 75 is a presence in the Lightning Class. We've been around for almost the life of the Class and have outlasted several one-design fleets here on the Hudson. It's not just the boat, it's the people it attracts. We held the Districts here with our Magnus Pederson Regatta, named for one of our Fleet's long-time skippers from woody days. Twenty-two boats braved lousy forecasts of heavy rain and thunderstorms to be rewarded with eight races in occasional light rain and winds that varied from two to eighteen knots. The exacting Charlie Green kept the race patrol busy moving marks to adjust in thirty-degree shifts. In eight races, Gary took first with a series of good choices, Bob earned a third, Joan was 4th, and Larry 6th, with long-time visitors from New York and New Jersey filling in the spaces. Bob, Gary, Joan, Ryan, both Erics, Kent and Beck, and Dan dragged their crews up and down the coast, wearing them thin, exposing them to sunburns, contusions and lots of racing. Several boats went to Lake Wallenpaupack in Pennsylvania. Ryan, with his dad, Chris, did the best at the Atlantic Coasts at Cedar Point in Connecticut with an 8, but Bob and Joan did very nicely, and Gary, Dan and Eric did well. At the North Americans in Annapolis, Gary Hurban made the Championship (Blue) Fleet in qualifiers and was in the top third of 85 boats. Mike Carney said that they were too tired to party. Bob, Ryan, and Joan sailed in the President's and Governor's cup races. Joan, Chris Sprole and Dan sailed in the Masters in Leesylvania, VA. Joan did best. This is Joan's year. And luck had nothing to do with it, although crew may have.

You think you're good? Come to Nyack for the Magnus and the Last Blast next year. We'll give you a run for your money. We keep regattas cheap and have great parties. We're almost as famous for our parties as we are for the competition. We love what we do here. And thank you everybody in the Class Office for all you do.



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District Commodore:	John Heagy
District Secretary:	John Waechter
District Measurer:	Mike Welch
District Champion:	John McCree

The District Regatta at Higgins Lake was pleasant, but we had unexpected troubles with wind, which came from many directions with much drifting between wind shifts. For most, this meant at least one really good race, perhaps one not-so-good race, and some kind of comeback. This made for a few stories to tell, especially if you didn't take the racing too seriously. There was a nice mix of talent in the teams, with many sailing a district regatta for the first time, a few returning to the regatta after many years away, and a handful sailing their first regatta ever. Pete Morley took a minute to ask if I thought anyone would protest him for occasionally sailing with four, since his son really wanted to bring a friend along for the ride—I said I didn't think that would be a problem.

The last mark rounding Saturday was typical, the wind line brought the fleet up to the mark with a few drifting in from the right on a starboard beat in the old wind, with others rolling in from the left with spinnakers up—the subtle difference for overlap rules for weather and leeward marks created more than the usual confusion and hails between competitors. Up until that point we had been leading by some distance, so the rounding felt suddenly too crowded from our perspective, but we negotiated an overlap, and held off Morley and kids for a win that probably gave us the regatta.

With the exception of the seemingly unavoidable Klaban protest, the idle time on the island was idyllic. The only gap in the agenda was the traditional volleyball game on Saturday evening due to misplaced net, which left the young guns without enough to do, but probably saved someone from a sprained ankle. We had a thoughtful evening meeting lead by John Heagy, attempted to draft a deed for a perpetual trophy for the district to honor the generous and joyful spirit of our old friend, Bruce Goldsmith. Sadly, there were many among us who had missed their opportunity to sail with one of the masters of the game. I have a fine memory of the Bruin taking the last race from us by a boat-length to win a big fleet, big breeze District Championship at Higgins Lake in 1990, but that's another story from another time.

Stan Dent did a great job as RC to get three races completed in difficult conditions; Rob Rye pulled together a great team to manage the logistics of taking care of all of us on the island, making all feel welcome. Heagy won the style points for hauling the largest cooler and most "camping" gear over to the island. There were several new faces receiving hardware, including John Waechter with Carrie and Cindy (7th), Pete Morley and son with John Dent (6th), John Heagy with Linda Norton and Matt (4th), and Grant Hilger with Drew and Jonathan taking the runner-up slot in their first run at the Districts.

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Commodore's Report

This year may be over, but there is much anticipation for the next season among the members of the Greater Michigan District. We saw an increase in attendance at most of the regattas this year, the average increase was up about 30%. Our newest Fleet 512 out of Boyne City Yacht Club hosted their first regatta as a sanctioned Fleet this year with a race in August.

Each Fleet that held a regatta did a superb job of getting the race notices out and putting on great events. The racing and the on shore proceedings were all top notch. As you can see from some of the photo's they put a lot of effort into every event. I believe that the increase in attendance had a lot to do with the efforts brought forth from these hearty souls. Hats off to those organizers and volunteers.

This District lost one of our finest, Bruce Goldsmith, this year in a boating accident. I had the privilege to have Bruce on my boat along with Nick Gilmore in the Lake Lansing regatta last May. He was sadly taken two weeks later.

John Heagy



Michigan District organizers plus a couple of additional faces



Waiting for the wind to come up at the District regatta



District Champions—John McCree and team



Sunday morning sunrise—District Regatta

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Fleet 31—Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake

Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain: David Laidlaw

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12121	TCB	Hank Hodgson
12607	TCB	Hank Hodgson
13959	Oar Knot	Jeffrey W Clemens
14301	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
14510	TCB	Hank Hodgson
14830		David Laidlaw
14884		Dan Norton

Fleet 42—Western Lake Erie

Sailing on Lake Erie

Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Captains: Jim Davis
John Heagy

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10638	The Missing Piece	Skip Dieball Ernest Dieball
11515	The Missing Piece	Skip Dieball
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H Thomas
14249		George Sipel
14543		John Heagy
14555	Three of a Kind	Joel Hakken
14779	Flash Over II	Jim Davis
14880	Rudie	Skip Dieball Ernest Dieball
15249		George Sipel

Fleet 42 started the season with several boats participating in all or part of the Southern Circuit, with Skip Dieball and Ernie Dieball and Ann Marie Shewfelt winning the Miami Regatta. Several boats traveled to various regattas in the Michigan District throughout the summer. John Heagy, District Commodore, went all out and attended nearly all the Michigan District events. This is a very impressive feat and one that we hope will inspire more District sailors to participate.

We were dealt a serious setback in early June with the untimely accidental death of Lightning Legend Bruce Goldsmith. Bruce, who was sailing his J-29 in an offshore race at the time, was hit with the boom and died instantly. We miss our good friend and hope that we all can add our own "Bruinism" to the designated Boat Grant Boat for the '08 season.

Our annual "Fall Blowout" lived up to its name! In the second race the wind picked up into the twenties with gusts and a large portion of the Fleet went swimming. A huge thanks to those that traveled in, especially those from Bay City/Tawas.

2008 looks to be shaping up for some big fun. We have several additional boats in our Fleet and hope to have a summer regatta in '08. This regatta will be the new Great Lakes Championships. Look for more details as we get closer to summer.

Fleet 51—Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Brian Walter

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13110		Andres Litynskyj
14743	Lil Rush	Andres Litynskyj
14774	Ticket	Tom Vickers
14982		Robert G Brower

Sailing started in early May and continued through the first week of October. This year's series brought out some old faces we haven't seen in a few years. Our Wednesday night series once again continues to be the most popular series for the one design fleets.

Our strong Wednesday Night Series was dominated by Tom Vickers. Tom and his crew of "Ticket" won every race they sailed, winning both the spring and summer series. Second and third place positions were very hotly contested between Mike Williams and his crew of Assisted Suicide and Joe Romer and his crew of Traf. We haven't seen Joe in the last couple of years, and it was great to see they were back racing as hard as ever. Both of these skippers swapped positions throughout the series. For the Spring Series, Mike and his "Suicide" crew came out on top for second place and Joe and Traf coming in third. The Summers Series was just the opposite with Joe and his crew, coming on strong and edging out Mike for second place. Our Sunday Series was won by Paul Nagel and his crew of Zoo Station.

The Lightnings came out for our club's 74th annual Crescent Regatta held in late August. This year's event held two races. Even though we haven't seen much of the Black Pearl this past season, they did manage to take the regatta. Skipping his father's boat, Scott Pfeffer took both races with two bullets. Second place went to Bob Brower and third place to Paul Nagel.

Once again the overall season champion for 2007 was Tom Vickers. Tom and his crew dominated the Wednesday Night Summer Series with nine 1st place finishes. A well deserved congratulation goes out to Tom and his crew!



Fleet 51 Lobster Roast—Crescent Sail Yacht Club October 19, 2007
Brian Walter, Tom Vickers, Tim Pruss, Mike Williams, Wendy & Bob Pfeffer

Our traditional end of the year Lightning Lobster Roast continues to be one of the clubs favorite events. This event is put on by the Lightning Fleet and has been going on for over fifty years. This event brings together members for the last social event of the season and show cases the hard work and warm hospitality of the Lightning Fleet. Thanks and congratulations to all of you that made this past season a success, and we look forward to the 2008 season.

Fleet 53—Lake Fenton Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Fenton

Fenton, Michigan

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14899	Resistance Is Futile	Kevin Nickels
15041	Swag System	David Nickels

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Fleet 54—Pontiac Yacht Club
Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

Commodore: Tom Crosby
Vice Commodore: Gary Reinheimer
Read Commodore: Pat Hillberg
Fleet Captain: Mark Allen
Fleet Secretary: Joyce von Drehle
Fleet Treasurer: Salo Korn

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6151		Stephen Zelle
7676		Mack C Goodwin
7959	Gwaihir	Kevin A Wilson
8479		Bruce T Lessien
9168		Michael Browne-Procaskey
9393	Red Dawn	Edward A Diakow
9594		Gregory J Harris
9900		Joel H Thrutell
10803	Amadeus	Richard O Bukowsky
11537	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
11599		Matthew Foulston
11844		Jeffrey Admonius
11868		Dwight R Smith
11966		Brian M Clancy
12331		Robert M Falberg
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G Palmer
12927		Hank E Callahan
12938		Peter LeWitt
12959		Max M Clixby
12961		Elizabeth Groesbeck
13450		Deanna L Geisler
13451		Timothy Weiler
13468	High 90s	Gary Reinheimer
13606		Edward M Okom
13779		Bob Black
13789		Jim Bowers
13859		Edward R Starback
13985		Norman W Burns
13991		Ryan Flack Joel D Humphrey
13995	Phantasy	Paul von Oeyen
14031		Dennis Hafley
14033		Mark Whatley
14097	No Clue	Edward G Woods
14117		Mark Kramer
14126		Phillip J Matora
14177		Glen J Gray
14215		Philip V Tomlinson
14220		Thomas C Post
14267		Scott Fohey
14280	Shadowfax	James T Crosby
14282		Bruce T Henderson Robert Meyer

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14439		Michael J Roualet
14457	Lightning Bug	Joseph L LaPalme
14477		Stephen Handelman
14511	After Hourz	Michael M Hecker Matt Warner
14515		John B Morley
14531		Stephen M Park
14563		Robert C Padilla
14567	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14590		Christopher Longe
14601	Gator	Wallace P Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo J Korn
14618		Thomas L LaBelle
14628	Over-Engineered	Andres J Monique
14690		Gregory J Harris
14710	Britannia	Neil Willetts
14755		Thomas A De Vilbiss
14767	Renaissance	Richard F Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R Bowers
14842	Flash3	Charles C Hess
14854		Richard A Bukowsky John Strombert
14919	Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
14933		Gregory S McQueen
14970		Stephen R Braski
15021		Matt H Struble
15048		John S Garrison
15120		James M Mick William P Sanders
15148	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15151	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15160	Windward	Gavin Awerbuch
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15200	Overdrive	Thomas E Klaban
15208		James S Allen
15230	Evergreen	Robert H Mathers John Mathers
15239		Dwight R Smith
15245	Midnight Drift	Matthew P Morin
15300		Joel D Humphrey
15313		Matthew P Morin Kevin J Morin
15346		Michael M Hecker

The world's largest Lightning fleet at Pontiac Yacht Club saw fifty-two races sailed out of the sixty-two races scheduled for the Spring, Summer and Fall Sunday and Wednesday Series. Eleven cancelled races were spread out equally through the season, with four in the Spring Sunday and Wednesday Series, four in the Summer Sunday and Wednesday Series, and three in the Fall Sunday and Wednesday Series. As a result of the calm sailing season with most of the races sailed in moderate and light winds and dying breezes on Cass Lake this year, PYC sailors spent a disproportionate amount of time socializing on the Club terrace with the eleven cancellations and only fifty-one races completed.

The Spring Sunday Series had twenty-six skippers sailing one or more races this year, but only three qualifying for the series, which was the same number of participants from the year before, only with far fewer

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Sunday Summer Series

races sailed by each skipper. The Spring Wednesday Series had 38 skippers sailing, with seventeen sailing enough races to qualify which was equal to the number of participants the year before. The Summer Sunday Series saw thirty-two Lightnings being sailed, with twelve skippers qualifying for the series. That also equaled the same number of qualifiers as in the previous year. The Summer Wednesday Series had thirty-five skippers sailing one or more races, with nineteen qualifying. The Fall Sunday Series saw twenty-nine skippers scoring points, while twenty-nine sailors continued to sail in the Fall Wednesday Series. The Sunday Series had the same number of PYC members participating as in the previous year while, the Wednesday Series remained consistent from Spring to Fall, with the number of members competing throughout the year falling off as the year progressed.

The Memorial Day Regatta had ten skippers and crews sailing in the first mini-regatta of the year. Tom Klaban won with Mark Allen and John Garrison following in second and third. The Club Championship was won by Tom Klaban, with Joe LaPalme as the runner-up; twelve boats participated. Eighteen PYC members competed in the Fourth of July Regatta which was won by Tom Klaban, with Mike Hecker and Andy Monique following in second and third place. The Labor Day Regatta saw Tom Klaban winning, followed by Mike Hecker as the runner-up and Tom Crosby in third place, as fifteen Lightnings started the regatta and ten continued on the holiday. The holiday regatta sweep was accomplished by Tom Klaban capping another great year of sailing.

The Commodore's Challenge (when the regular crew gets a chance to skipper for a change) race night saw Eric Klaban winning the only race to get under way, with the wind subsiding as the evening progressed in conditions that were identical to the previous year's racing.

The Club Championship Regatta was held July 28–29. A total of four races were held in light and shifty winds and it paid to watch for the shifts, sail in the patches of breeze that skipped over the surface of the race and avoid

sailing into the holes that caused the lead to swap frequently during the races. Some oscillations were quite large, leading to unusual opportunities to attempt port tack starts and other occasions when "auto-tacks" were called for.

Tom Klaban read the shifts better than the rest of the Fleet to sweep the series. Tom Crosby, sailing with old partner Colin Earles, (who just that weekend sold his house and is moving to Ohio) thought he was well set for a sweet second for the series when he fouled Bob Mathers at the start of the last race, giving a surprised Joe LaPalme the runner-up position by one point. The sole (non-qualifying) singlehander in the race, Mark Whatley, gave a virtuoso performance of spinnaker handling and made life interesting for Tom Klaban on Sunday.

What if you gave a party and everybody came but the big windbag that we were all counting on? That's just about what it felt like on the first day of the 49th Annual Whitecap Regatta held on Cass Lake by the Pontiac Yacht Club on September 8–9, 2007. Twenty-nine crews bobbed listlessly as Race Committee Chair Salo Korn and his team hunted zephyrs for over three hours before calling a postponement, which extended on into the Happy Hour and the Pig Roast afterward. Fortunately, when the boats arrived back at the docks, there was liquid refreshment aplenty provided by Norm Burns' son the microbrew meister. For a change, the grilling was provided by a caterer, and by the time the pig was pulled and served, there was nothing left but the skin.

Apparently, all of the supplications to the various wind gods were answered, and Sunday the sailors were rewarded with building winds out of the north that allowed for three races. Jim Allen and his team of Jane Allen and Martin Brook were fortunate to be consistent enough to win the regatta this year, and in so doing, continued his Whitecap winning streak for the sixth consecutive year. Racing consisted of three races on Sunday morning in a light to building northerly breeze.



Commodore Challenge Start



Commodore Challenge

In the first race Jim was about the only boat to start at the leeward end of the line, although the weather end was slightly favored. As it turned out, the wind was better at the leeward end where Jim was. It didn't look great at the start, but Jim managed to round the weather mark second behind Mike Roualet (sailing the family boat with his two daughters Amanda and Maria). He managed to pass Mike at some point and lead most of the race. In the final moments of the race, the wind lightened and both Ed Dziuba and Ernie Dieball managed to nip Jim at the finish in a port-tack squeaker.

Wind conditions for race two were similar. Jim didn't have a great start and had to tack to port right after the start because of a wind shift. Although he was never near the front, he managed to get in front of his competition and move up the fleet to a respectable finish. Honors went to John Garrison and team for winning that one.

The third and final race was in similar conditions as well, with the wind building later in the race. Once again, Jim didn't have a great start but managed to work up the fleet enough again to stay in front of who he needed to beat in order to seal a victory. Congrats to James Taylor for winning the last race and being the one who traveled the furthest to the sail in the regatta. All of the races were completed without so much as an individual recall. Afterwards, all racers were treated to PYC's famous Sloppy Joes for Sunday lunch before the Regatta winners were awarded their trophies.

The helpful attitude of the PYC membership was in evidence all weekend, as people chipped in to help with the tasks of registration, race course management, food preparation and serving. Although it is impossible to credit all who helped make this year's Whitecap Regatta a success, special credit goes to Ralph Hashoian for contributing his unique talents in providing the artwork for the T-shirt this year. About ten years ago, another of Ralph's designs was used for the Whitecap commemorative shirt. It depicted a crew that was on the verge of losing control of their Lightning during an exciting downwind leg. The skipper had fallen out of the boat and was hanging onto the tiller, the mid-boat crew was being swept off the boat by a jibing mainsail, and the foredeck crew was being clinging to the mast in stark terror, with eyes as big as saucers. This year's shirt was the follow-up to that event. On the shirt, the boat has capsized and turned turtle, and its crew is in the process of righting the boat, while the rest of the fleet sails by, offering its well-wishes to their waterlogged competition. The shirt's design was so well received, that virtually all of the T-shirts were sold out!

Two PYC skippers, Mike Hecker (45) and Bob Mathers (42) sailed over forty races each during the three series of Sunday and Wednesday races this year. An additional group of six skippers sailed over thirty races each at PYC this season including Dick Beaubien, Ed Dziuba, Joe LaPalme, Steve Handelman, Andy Monique and Matt Morin and crews.

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

SPRING

Wednesday Series

- 1 Tom Klaban
- 2 Jim Allen
- 3 Matt Struble
- 4 Mark Allen
- 5 Bob Mathers

Sunday Series

- 1 Matt Struble
- 2 Mike Hecker
- 3 Richard Beaubien
- 4 (no qualifier)
- 5 (no qualifier)

SUMMER

Wednesday Series

- 1 Tom Klaban
- 2 Mark Allen
- 3 Joel Humphrey
- 4 Matt Mori
- 5 Mike Hecker /
Bob Mathers (tie)

Sunday Series

- 1 Mike Hecker
- 2 Norm Burns
- 3 Andy Monique
- 4 Matt Morin
- 5 Bob Mathers

FALL

Wednesday Series

- 1 Joe LaPalme
- 2 Mark Allen
- 3 John Mathers
- 4 Joel Humphrey /
Mike Welch (tie)
- 5 — (see tie)

Sunday Series

- 1 Tom Klaban
- 2 Richard Beaubien
- 3 Mike Hecker
- 4 Andy Monique
- 5 John Garrison



Wednesday Evening Series

A total of sixteen Pontiac Yacht Club skippers won one or more races during the year in one or more of the three series scheduled for the Spring, Summer and Fall including: Tom Klaban (17), Mark Allen (6), Matt Struble (6), Mark Whatley (5) Jim Allen (2), Bob Mathers (2), Greg McQueen (2), Andy Monique (2), Tom Crosby (1), Sean Fidler (1), John Garrison (1), Mike Hecker (1), Charlie Hess (1), Joe LaPalme (1), Bob Meyer (1), and Matt Morin (1). The leader in the fleet was clearly Tom Klaban, who won six more races than the previous year while starting fewer, winning seventeen of the twenty-nine he competed in with Brian Klaban as crew. That was nearly sixty percent of the race he started.

The Sunday Overall Series Title was won by Tom Klaban as in the previous year with Matt Struble as the runner-up. The Wednesday Overall Series Title was won by Mark Allen repeating last year's results, with Joel Humphrey following in second.

Club Championship, Overall Series and Holiday Regattas

Club Champion:	Tom Klaban	Runner-up:	Joe LaPalme
Wednesday Overall:	Mark Allen	Runner-up:	Joel Humphrey
Sunday Overall:	Tom Klaban	Runner-up:	Matt Struble

Memorial Day Holiday Regatta:	1. Tom Klaban 2. Mark Allen 3. John Garrison
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Fourth of July Regatta:	1. Tom Klaban 2. Mike Hecker 3. Andy Monique
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Labor Day Holiday Regatta:	1. Tom Klaban 2. Mike Hecker 3. Tom Crosby
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Alton Grey Cup: (Commodore's Challenge Regatta)	1. Eric Klaban 2. Ginny Wilking 3. Kevin Morin
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Special Awards

Michigan High Point Trophy (Highest Placing PYC Skipper at a Michigan District Regatta) — Tom Klaban

Sportsmanship Trophy — Mike Hecker

Clarence Holman Trophy (Most Improved Skipper) — Joe LaPalme

George Bery Trophy (Persistence Award for sailing participation recognition) — Mike Welch

Louie Haines Award (Junior Skipper) — Jeff LaPalme

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

Michigan District

*Higgins Lake
Safe at anchor early Saturday Morning*



*Fleet 110—Higgins Lake
Sailing on Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan*

Fleet Captain/Secretary: John Dent

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
2138		Scott Carman
9201	BOHICA	Peter B Morley, Jr
10291		Chuck Alday
11185		Peter B Morley, Jr
11520		Frederick J Schuster
12784		Leon Terrian
13493		Rob Rye
13826	Mr Hanky	Peter B Morley, Jr
13999		Scott Carman
14021	Deck-a-Dent	John Dent
14054		Fred Krauss

*Fleet 204—Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Michigan and Macatawa Bay
Holland, Michigan*

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
15193	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris Phillip M Norris

*Fleet 216—Saginaw Bay
Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan*

Captain—Keeper of the Fleet: Matt Princing
Secretary of Finance (Treasurer): Gus Dey

Fleet Champion: 14616
Fleet Runner-up: Sleeper



*District Champ John McCree with crew Dave Corcoran and Sean McCree
receiving their award*



Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7153	Meg	George Ascherl, Jr
9705	(future wall hanging)	Matthew D Princing
12588		Saginaw Bay Comm Sailing
13779		Grant Hilger/Drew Hilger
13858		Tom Hernick, Jr
14022		John Johnson
14048		Blair Moulthrop
14076	Dr. Strageglove	Mike Sulfaro
14077	Full Frontal LaBotimer	Tim Botimer
14087	Score One	John Waechter
14103	Zipper	Clark Howell
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14464	Positive	Joseph C Dissette
14503	Hot Dog Man	George Peet
14603	Hart Beat II	Terry Hart
14616	Adrenaline	Grant Hilger/Drew Hilger
14703	Motion Sensitive	Justin Dey
14775	Shussboomer	Jim Schofield
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15225	Fast Idiots	Chris Jacobson
15233	Carousel XXXV	Joseph C Dissette

2007 will be the year of change for our humble Fleet. Some good, some not so good. On the not so good side, we didn't have Joe Dissette sailing with us this year. Joe is the patriarch of our group and has been the life blood since our Fleet's inception. Thankfully he keeps in touch with us through emails and phone calls to make sure we are all doing well. On the good side, we have a brand new Fleet champion, and they are young guys, so two wins there. We haven't had a new name on the winner's plaque since 2000. Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger and Jonathan Laundra put on a show of consistency, speed and smarts to win the Fleet going away.

Thirty-eight races were sailed this year on Wednesday nights. We missed a few nights due to weather and didn't sail on the fourth of July. I remember a lot of light air and southerly directions, but I don't recall having a thermal all year...very odd.

Our Fleet grew again this year—sort of. We gained some very good crew and future Lightning owners, and the Hilgers bought a newer boat in 14616, which proved fast. Gary Sowden joined us this year as a wandering crew. I believe he sailed on all but one boat this year and is in the market for a Lightning. He brought along Nina to sail and also Jaime from South Carolina. Johnson came out as well.

After thirty-eight races, the real battle was for 4th and 5th places, which ended up being three points apart. Here is how they stacked up:

1st	14616	Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger, Jonathan Laundra
2nd	Sleeper	John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Sue Alexander
3rd	Scars & Scrapes	Matt, Chris, Jennifer Princing, Zak Bowdish
4th	Hart Beat	Terry Hart, John Laundra, Jeff Titsworth, Ann
5th	Fast Idiots	Chris Jacobson, Tom Hernick, Dawn Lunchlady

It was a strange year for me, as I missed our spring meeting due to a wedding and missed our awards due to J/22 sailing. So the annual awards are somewhat but not entirely accurate:

Duct Tape Award:	????maybe Scars & Scrapes
Most Improved:	Hart Beat and crew
Clamso:	Scars & Scrapes
Aquatic Excellence:	Scars & Scrapes

Bay City Lightning regatta was held in early July, and we had a good turnout: thirteen boats with Fleets represented from North Cape, Wawasee, Pontiac, and Lansing. We almost were blown off the bay Saturday but got one in with two boats choosing to swim—minor damage but nothing to stop the sailing. Three more on Sunday with a nice comfortable breeze, and we crowned Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball and Steve as our 2007 Champions. They won all four races. Didn't play nicely with the other children.

We again sponsored a regatta with Tawas Bay Yacht Club the weekend after July 4. Had a fifteen boat turn out representing Fleets from Pontiac,



Devil's Lake, North Cape, Bay City, Crescent, and Lansing. It also marked the return of Dan and Linda Norton to racing Lightnings. Again with four races and Tom Klaban and his sons, Brian and Eric were the winners.

We were once again well traveled with representation all over the place. We sent boats to Lansing, Higgins, Tawas, Boyne City, North Cape, Wawasee, and I probably missed some as well, as two boats that went to St. Pete's for Midwinters.

I continued to offer up a weekly recap to our faithful audience. It was filled with race info from the weeks sailing along with whatever else was on my mind, or if all else failed, it was incredibly embellished for my entertainment. When I was unable to attend, I had two gents step up and play guest commentator, Chris and Gary. They have memory issues like myself and tend to make up more than they recall.

2007 was memorable and will go down in the books as a good year. A year the young guys showed us a thing or two. A year of growth, a year of fun. A year with out Joe.

Well the wind is howling, talking about snow tonight. The Lions are 6-2 (yes the Detroit Lions), and I have another bent spreader to fix on Scars, as I lent her to Gary and crew for North Cape and he heeded my advice. I told him when we were packing up the boat that he really needs to capsize one of these things just to get it under his belt. Don't mention it, I am here to help.

The gravitational pull of the rum is to strong and I must surrender. Off to tell more stories and make up some as well.

Leroy – 14937, Social Director



Michigan District

Fleet 254—Burt Lake

Sailing on Burt Lake

Sheboygan, Michigan

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14770		Clark E Swayze

Fleet 326—Grand Traverse Bay

Sailing on Burt Lake

Traverse City, Michigan

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13932	Holey Cow	Paul C Davis
14460	Spirit	Garret Demarest

Fleet 374—Douglas Lake

Sailing on Douglas Lake

Cheboygan County, Michigan

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12754		David O Peters

Fleet 387—Lansing Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Lansing

Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain:	Blaine Severin
Fleet Champion:	Pat Dolan
Corinthian Award:	Mike Moody
Crew of the Year:	Gil Chesboro and Bob Miller
Jane Marshall Wet Bottom Crew:	Scott Watkins
Rookie Crew of the Year:	John Kolstoe

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13344	Unidentified Flying	Blaine Severin
14294	Shibimu	William S Davidson
14468	Unidentified Flying Pigasus	Blaine Severin
14756	Sail Devre	John R Lefevre
14963	Wind Dancer	Patrick Dolan

Lightning Fleet 387 sponsored a full season, with fifty-nine Sunday races, averaging just over five boats per race. Ten skippers participated, with five skippers qualifying with a minimum attendance of twenty-three races. Our best Sunday skipper was, once again, Pat Dolan in Wind Dancer. The Fleet honored his stalwart crew, Gil Chesboro (Sunfish Fleet Skipper) and Bob Miller (Laser Fleet Skipper) as Co-Crew of the Year. Our Corinthian Award for the skipper that shows most dedication to Lightning Sailing went this year to Mike Moody. While Mike did not qualify as a skipper this year, he was very active on race duty and as a crew member on numerous boats. The "Wet Bottom" crew award for the dedication to racing went to Scott Watkins on Bojangles (skippered by Merrick Hurlbutt). John Kolstoe joined the LSC as a full member late last year and became a consistent Sunday crew on numerous boats.



Corinthian Award Winner, Mike Moody, sailing with Sussana Tellschow, skipper, and Julie Pierce on jib. Photo by Stephen Wagner-2007

Fleet 387 Results for 2007

Skipper	Boat	Races	Score
Pat Dolan	Wind Dancer	53	2860
Merrick Hurlbutt	Bojangles	39	2157
Susanna Tellschow	Oh M	42	2049
Johnathan Ahlbrand	Boat with no name	31	1729
Larry Koster	Shibumi	35	1594
Mike Moody	Moody's Booty	22*	1613
Blaine Severin	Unidentified Flying Pigasus	22*	1579
Jim Fletcher	Splash	16*	744
John LeFevre	Sail Fevre	17*	711
Alana Harver	Unidentified Flying Pigasus	3*	135

* did not qualify

Our 42st Annual Tune-Up Regatta was held on May 19th. We continue to be one of the first regattas in the Michigan District regatta season and hold a one-day (Saturday) venue. Chris Jacobson (Bay City) was the winner this year, with George Nickels (Fenton Lake) and our own Pat Dolan in third. A total of nine boats participated. We were honored to have Bruce Goldsmith visit us as spinnaker man for John Heagy (North Cape).

A new addition for our fleet is a full-time committee. Anna Hamilton has become quite proficient in setting marks and getting us started on-time. She also runs our Sunfish and Laser races on Wednesday evenings.

Stephen Wagner has become a welcome crew member and remains our able photographer. Join us at our web site www.lansingsailing.org to see more of his excellent action photos.



Bruce Goldsmith sets spinnaker for John Heagy (14543, North Cape Entry) and foreman Nick Gilmore during 2007 Tune-Up Regatta 2007. Local skipper John LeFevre with Leif Alton and Bob Bell challenge just to leeward. Photo by Stephen Wagner-2007

Michigan & Midwest Districts

Fleet 512—Boyne City Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Charlevoix
Boyne City, Michigan

Fleet Captains: David J Corcoran
George M Peet

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14323	Sleeper	David J Corcoran
14503	Head Hunter	George M Peet
14775	Schussboomer	James Schofield

Bruce Hubble and George Peet did an excellent job of setting and adjusting courses for a small but competitive Fleet at the Boyne City regatta. George filled the extra boats with crew. Bruce should be commended for fine logistics and hospitality, as the car show landed on the same weekend and location.

Six races were sailed, in a light SW-SE breeze on Saturday, and a building SW-NW breeze on Sunday. Highlights were an inside-out last race on Saturday that all of us were leading at some point during the race (or in our case, trailing by large distance); a fast tight spinnaker reach to the finish of second race on Sunday; an excellent bonus 6th race on Sunday in solid breeze; and a very quick reach back to the docks at the end of the regatta.

Perhaps uncharacteristically, Sleeper dominated in the heavy air races on Sunday and walked away from the fleet on "the reach". Dan Norton schooled us with some textbook "oscillating shift" sailing to win all races on Saturday, and made a nice comeback from a poor start on Sunday to win the regatta.

Results:

1	Dan Norton	14774
2	John McCree	14323
3	Chris Princing	14937
4	Jim Schofield	14775
5	George Peet	14503
6	David Peters	14754



Boyne City Lightning Regatta



Midwest

Fleets

5	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club	167	Lake Davenport
69	Milwaukee Yacht Club	187	Sheboygan
112	Green Bay Sailing Club	442	Fond du Lac/Winnebago

District Commodore: Hans Graf

2007 Midwest District Championship—Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The 2007 Midwest District Championships were held June 23 and 24, 2007, at Sheboygan Yacht Club on Lake Michigan. The weather was perfect, with six to eight mph breezes and flat water.

Thirteen boats showed up to have fun in these ideal conditions. There were local favorites Todd Wake and Ric Larson, who already had tickets for the Worlds in Greece, Bill Faude who had his ticket for Rio and the Pan Am games, the Canadian Pan Am boat of Richard Walsh, current Women's NA Champion Kathy Lundgren and a slew of others who, with the right conditions, will keep the leaders looking over their transoms. All set for a run at current two-time District Champion Todd Wake.

The four races sailed on Saturday were sailed in six to eight mph breezes out of the south, south east and, unlike the NAs, had nice flat seas to contend with. Typical of this breeze, the winners got off the line clean and drag raced out to the starboard layline.

In the first race Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans hit the lay line, tacked to starboard and looked around to find our selves leading at the first mark with Todd Wake and Ric Larson close behind us. We held these positions till the last downwind leg when we split with Brian Phelan, taking the right side and Todd Wake the left. After we came back together, Todd had us by a boat length taking 1st, Ric Larson taking 3rd, David Styx 4th, Kathy Lundgren 5th.

The second race was another battle between Teams Larson , Phelan and Wake, who finished in these positions, with Kathy Lundgren and Peter Orlebecke rounding out the top five.

By the third race, everyone had the formula figured out, with a very busy first windward mark. Team Phelan found themselves buried deep in the fleet. After four legs, they finished 5th and one more race to get in, not realizing at the time that the 1st Ric Larson and 2nd Richard Walsh place boats where OCS, boosting everyone's standings in the race.

With the conditions remaining the same for the last race of the day, we pushed for a mid line start, with Todd Wake to weather, both getting clear out to the left side then flopping over for the long tack to the starboard layline. After several tacks at the top of the leg, Todd rounded first, with us close behind and Team Lundgren following, all boats keeping close in the four-legged race. On the final downwind leg, Team Phelan jibed to port first and caught some steadier wind to pass Todd to take 1st, with Kathy Lundgren 3rd and David Styx 4th and Ric Larson 5th, That's until we realized that Todd did not get a horn and was OCS. Going into the night's party in first is certainly a great moral booster. Kudos to the Sheboygan Yacht Club and its members who put on a superb party at a members house. It put everyone in great spirits, ready for the next days races.

Sunday brought another great day in Sheboygan, but as it turns out, not for sailing. The fleet sailed out in a light southerly wind of four mph, which, as the sun heated up, died leaving the fleet bobbing around watching their watches as the time limit for the day's races came to expire with the sweet sound of the three horns, cancelling the day's races.

Midwest District



Ric Larson, David Stix, Ched Proctor at the Fond du Lac Lighthouse Regatta

SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

June 23, 2007

Pl	Sail#	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	13817	Brian Phelan	2	2	3	1	8
2	14938	David Stix	4	7	1	3	15
3	15301	Denise Cornell	5	4	7	2	18
4	15261	Todd Wake	1	3	2	14	20
5	15119	Ric Larson	3	1	14	4	22
6	15158	Peter Orlebeke	7	5	6	7	25
7	14994	Dan Reichelsdorfer	8	8	4	6	26
8	15064	Richard Walsh	6	6	14	5	31
9	15137	Steve Adamski	10	9	5	11	35
10	15189	Paul Reak	9	10	8	10	37
11	11589	Brad Gruneberg	11	12	9	8	40
12	14921	Bruce VanDomlen	12	11	10	9	42
13	15260	Bill Faude	14	14	14	14	56



2007 Midwest District Champions
Rick Evans, Brian Phelan, Mari Martin

*Fleet 5—Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois*

Fleet Captain:	Bill Gibson
Fleet Treasurer:	Doug Steffenson
Fleet Champion:	Bill Gibson

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
8172		James B Sims
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessy
11316	Wind Rose	John F Tschanz
11663		Jim Reiman
14015	Mermaid	Doug Steffenson
14056		Matt Fisher
14137	Seitz	Tony Seitz
14466	Photon	Bob Smither
14613	Calypso Poet	Doug Nickel Jeanne Ehrenberg
14740	Urban Renewal	Bill Faude
14844	Rayo	Dennis A Burke
14938	Total Recall	David Stix
15167	Pigs on Ice	William Gibson
15243	Jim	Jim Reiman
15260		Bill Faude
15332		Pat Considine

Awarded every year since 1947 to the Fleet 5 champion, the Hildegard Perpetual Trophy is a beautiful handmade scale replica of a wooden Lightning built by Irving K. Campbell. Bill Gibson and crew in the fourteenth season sailing together won the 2007 Fleet Championship. The Fleet Championship was sailed over the entire season from June 3 thru September 16, with races sailed most every Sunday.

The Red Flannels Regatta was held September 22–23 with twenty-two boats racing. Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty and Tobi Moriarty finished first with second going to Bill Faude, Susan Daly and Jared Drake, third Todd Wake, Kristine Wake & Tony Orlebeke, fourth David Stix, Amy Simonson and Pat McBriarty and fifth Jim Allen, Mark Whatley and Ben Marden. Plan to join us in Chicago in September 20-21, 2008 for some great open water racing on Lake Michigan.



Sailing on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Illinois

Midwest District

Fleet 69—Milwaukee Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Michigan Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Martha Pfarr Cushman

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11442	Rampage	Dean S Cady
14162	Hike!	Thomas M Slater
14508	Bonski	Steve Cushman

Fleet 112—Green Bay Sailing Club Sailing on Green Bay Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10349	Think Twice	Douglas E Olson
13589		John Haugh
13817	Surprise	Mari C Martin
13872	Think Twice	Douglas E Olson
14038		Timothy Monday
14084		Dave Wickert
14106	White Lightning	Michael B Kulkoski
14130	K G Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14193	Shadow Hog	Gary Leuer
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14400	Ricochet	Brian L Grahovac
14476	Splash	Carl Manns
14582	Rock n' Roll	Bill Dean
14773		Michael Tennity
15005	Reality Check	Carl Manns
15081	Hot Flash	James Gagnon
15137		Steve Adamski
15207	Bravado3	Stewart Doty



Fleet Champions—Rick Evans, Mari Martin & Brian Phelan
And yes, that is a toga!

2007 Started with a North Sails Seminar with Brian Hayes giving everyone a jump start to launch their season smart and fast. This was all needed due to our twice weekly Fleet racing schedule of thirty-one races.

Fleet 112 is nineteen boats strong, with eight to fourteen boats hitting the line nightly during the season. Team Phelan was consistently at the top of the Fleet to take Fleet honors, with Jim Hopkins, Jim Gagnon, Mike Kulkoski and Team Boncher/Leur rounding out the top five.

Steve Adamski and Brian Phelan traveled to Sheboygan for the Mid-West Championship. After four races on Saturday and waiting for wind to fill on Sunday, the team of Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans came home as the 2007 District Champions. The next regatta on the schedule was the Brotz Regatta also in Sheboygan. The team of Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Dave Wickert came back with the first place trophy after two days of perfect sailing on the big lake. It was Green Bays turn to host its regatta the following week end. A contingent of Sheybogan boats returned to continue the friendly contest between Fleet 112 and Fleet 187. Fresh back from the Lightning Worlds in Greece, Ric Larson, fast as ever ,came away with a convincing win over Brian Phelan, Bill Gibson of Chicago, Pete Orlebecke of Fondu lac and Green Bays Steve Adamski.

The Phelan/Hayes race is the ending race of the season, with trophies handed out for first to finish and handicap. In tough conditions, Steve Adamski scoped out a major win shift and jumped out to a commanding lead to take both trophies. The season ended with a wonderful sailing banquet at Green Bays Angelina's restaurant.

Fleet 167—Lake Davenport Sailing on Mississippi River Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain: Wesley L Johnson

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6033	Kasara	Wesley L Johnson
11456	Off Like a Prom Dress	Brandon Holton
12817		Laurie Elliott
12843		Bill Sturgeon
14831	Irrational Exuberance	Chuck White
14857	Mermaid	Michael Steffenson

Fleet 187—Sheboygan Sailing on Lake Michigan Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Dan Reichelsdorfer
Fleet Champion: Ric Larson, Eric Larson, Lori Jost
Fleet Runner-up: Rony Orlebecke, Dave Bronson, Jason Diener

Midwest District

—Fleet 187

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7879	Puff	Robert T Melzer
11589	D-Toxxx	Brad E Grunebert
11622		Tim Lorenze
13818	Warrior	Joel M LeMahieu
13930		Jim Kennedy
13994	Silent Movie	Michou Reichelsdorfer
14005	Madness	Matthew Wierzbach
14142	Paint it Black	Jack Westfall
14234		Tom Wright
14380	Christiana	Tryg Jacobson
14598		Denise Cornell
14921		Bruce Van Dommelen Jay Hogfeldt
14994	Lake Effect	Daniel Reichelsdorfer
15119	Squito	Eric R Larson
15234	Stay On Target	Todd Wake
15301	Stone Cole	Denise Cornell
15342		Paul Reak

Fleet 187's 2007 season started with four Sheboygan teams participating in all or part of the Southern Circuit. Matt Wierzbach, Cory White and Jake DenBoer spent their spring break in Miami sailing the Midwinters. Joel Lemahieu, Greg Lemahieu and Paul Reak sailed Miami and St Pete. This was Joel's team's first trip to the Circuit, and they had a great time while gaining valuable experience. Denise Cornell's Stone Cold was back again for the whole circuit, teaming up with Kathy Lindgren, Lynelle Reak and Mike Elmergreen. Stone Cold got a couple of boo boos on the race course, but they were nothing Nickels Boat Works couldn't fix. Todd and Kristine Wake sailed the Circuit with Dan and Tobi Moriarty of St Louis. Team 15234 sailed well and finished third overall. Everyone agreed that, in March, sailing in Florida beats the heck out of ice fishing in Wisconsin.

The 2007 Tuesday night series was highlighted by the addition of new sailors. Thirteen-year-old Emily Gapinski crewed for Dan and Michou Reichelsdorfer. Doug Wake, age 7, crewed for mom and dad. And in the last race of the year, Ric Larson, son Eric and Grandson Eric (age 6 in his first race) teamed up for a win. The race was close between the Larson's and the Wake's until Doug's potty emergency on the run broke dad's concentration, allowing the Larson's to slip away.

Brad Gruneberg did a lot of work on his boat in the off season, and it showed with better results on the racecourse. Joel Lemahieu won the inaugural Most Improved Award. Joel's trip to the Southern Circuit and other regattas gained him valuable "time in the boat," and his finishes were better than ever. When the season series results were tallied, the Wakes had sailed just enough races to take 3rd, Tony Orlebeke, Dave Bronson and Jason Diener posted consistent finishes to take 2nd, and Ric Larson won the Fleet Championship.

Sheboygan sailors competed in some other big events over the summer. The Stone Cold team of Denise, Kathy and Lynelle sailed the Women's NAs in hopes of defending last years Championship. They sailed well and finished 2nd. Paul Reak, Brian Phelan and Jen Bogaddi made the trip to Annapolis for the NAs. Paul was having a great regatta until an unfortunate collision kept him out of the last two races. Todd and Kristine Wake crewed for Matt Burridge at the NAs. Matt was trying for a three-peat, but it was not to be, as team Yeti finished 6th.

The big trip this year was to Piraeus, Greece, for the Worlds. Ric Larson sailed the Masters with Eric Larson and Mike Elmergreen. Todd and Kristine Wake sailed the Worlds with Dan Moriarty. The entire Sheboygan entourage numbered fourteen. Ric's team sailed very well, finishing 6th in the Masters, Todd crewed in half the races in the European Championships with eventual winners, Al and Katie Terhune. Todd, Kristine and Dan finished 9th in the Worlds. More important than the racing was the great

camaraderie and cultural experience we had during our two weeks in Greece. We will never forget swimming in the Hotel Mistral Pool with the whole ILCA group. I must thank everyone for tolerating Ben's unending cannonballs; hopefully he didn't get too much water in your drinks.

The real stars of our Fleet are the Race Committee. I believe good race management is the single biggest reason for the recent success of our Fleet. The same core group has consistently run great races for several years. PRO Fred Tyszka has earned his US Sailing certification and is always working to learn and improve. His team of Gail Tyszka, Andy and Sue Morris, Chris Graf and Charles Kinsley are there rain or shine to give our Fleet the opportunity to race.

Todd Wake

Fleet 442—Fond du Lac/Winnebago
Sailing on Lake Winnebago
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain:	Mike Elmergreen
Fleet Secretary:	Sue Dorscheid
Fleet Champion	Tim Baccus

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
15042	Ellie B	Michael Elmergreen
15158	Too Klos	Peter Orlebeke

This year we again had two Fleets racing on Tuesday nights. The Inland 20 gang starts first and five minutes later the Portsmouth Feet, which includes Lightnings, has its start. Tim Baccus again steered 15042 for Mike Elmergreen, with wife Sue sailing in the middle. Tim is in college in Oshkosh and continues to improve at the helm. We had some stiff competition from team Mike and Helene Nimmer in their speedy M16. Tim was still able to claim the Fleet championship by a few points.

The Lighthouse regatta went off as usual the first weekend in June with thirteen Lightnings and five Buccaneers. Todd Wake won the event in a tie breaker over Ric Larson in the shortened three-race series. Todd had his wife Christine as crew, along with Dan Moriarty all the way from St. Louis. Ric, from Sheboygan, had son Eric and Lori Jost as crew.

Our Junior program now has eight Lasers and some Butterflies, which are replacing the aging Sinbad dinghies. Kevin Gratton and his crew are doing a great job with the program and are trying to get the kids out racing on Tuesday nights.

Mike Elmergreen made the trip to Greece in July as crew for Ric Larson sailing in the Master Worlds. It was an exciting trip, fun racing, and it was great to see old friends. We are currently in a Wisconsin cold snap, so we are looking forward more than ever to see everyone in the upcoming season.



It was great to see Paul Wurtzebach back in a Lightning

Midwest & Mississippi Valley Districts



Mississippi Valley

Fleets

74	Decatur	274	Delta Sailing Association
262	Harbor Island Yacht Club	486	Valley Sailing
266	Carlyle Sailing Association		

District Commodore: Rick Bernstein

Fleet 74—Decatur
Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain: Robert H Ohlsen

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13308	DF	Greg Florian
14004		Douglas D Walker
14012	Bobs Last Boat III	Robert W Ohlsen

Fleet 262—Harbor Island Yacht Club
Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain: Robert Mattix

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13875		Bill Killebrew
14533	Message in a Bottle	Robert Mattix
14571		Robert G Hempel
14645		Robert Cotton
14680		Bill Killebrew
15010		David Young
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce Richards
15100	Fang	Bradford Currie
15206	Moon Children II	William Hofmeister
15216	Kat's Kradle	Cully Ward
15308		Bill Killebrew



Bluenose Regatta

Fleet 266—Carlyle Sailing Association
Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain: Scott B Zerban

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
10537		Brad Hamby
13308	DF	Greg Florian
14009	Bemogo	Paul Hanson
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14260		John D Folwell
14614		Scott B Zerban
14636		Daniel J Moriarty
14766	Top Flash	Terrence R Burke
14798		Rick Bernstein
14834	Yeti	Matt G S Burridge
14901	Saflex	Marc Schillebeeckx Ian Schillebeeckx
14920		James Chapin
15364		Tobi D Moriarty

2007 was another fun year for the Fleet 266ers. The season was kicked off by Dan and Tobi Moriarty, as well as Ian Schillebeeckx on the Lightning Southern Circuit. Ian sailed all three events with Brian Hayes, finishing in 7th place for the overall circuit. Dan sailed all three events with Todd Wake, finishing in 3rd place for the overall circuit. Tobi sailed Savannah with Neil Fowler (4th overall), Miami with Allen Terhune (5th overall), and then joined Dan with Todd Wake for St. Pete.

About a month after the circuit, Fleet 266 hosted the annual Mid-Continent Regatta the opening weekend of Carlyle Sailing Association. On Saturday the seventeen teams were able to test their big breeze skills, and Sunday tested their patients in the lighter winds. The Moriartys organized the regatta, and Tobi's mom, Reggie Heisler, helped with the chili-dinner.

2007 Mid Continent Regatta Results

15234	Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Jim Walker	1	4	3	3	2	13
15620	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Tony Orlebeke	3	2	1	5	3	14
14940	Craig Coburn, Randy Shore, Barret Rhoads	6	1	4	2	7	20
14636	Tobi Moriarty, Dan Moriarty, Stacey Zerban	10	3	8	4	1	26
14834	Matt Burridge, Jen Aljets, Jeff Coppens	2	12	2	1	10	27
15158	Peter Orlebeke, Kim Orlebeke, David Bronson	4	9	5	6	5	29
14614	Scott Zerban, Bart Snyder, Carson Menges	8	5	6	8	13	40
14901	Ian Schillebeeckx, Maxim Schillebeeckx, John Songin	12	8	7	10	4	41
14766	Terry Burke, Caleb Leonard, Steve Smith	7	7	9	13	9	45
13726	Bill Buckles, Greg Florian, Nick Florian	5	10	10	9	14	48
14009	Paul Hanson, Kelle Hanson, Andrea Sepanski	14	DNF	12	7	6	57
14798	Denny Heisler, Kay Ward, Bob Ohlson	9	11	11	15	12	58
14938	David Stix, Amy Simonson, Mark Wessel	DNF	6		DNF	11	61
13836	Michael Reed, Keith Vidal, Eric Waldschmidt	11	16	14	12		64
13278	Pete McGinty, Ken McGinty, Tyler McGinty	13	13	15	16		72
13657	Michael Franceschini, Mike Naughton, Frank Wilder	16	14	13	14	16	73
14260	John Folwell, Glenn Grummon, Jessica Snyder	15	15	DNF	DNF	DNF	84

In early June, Dan and Tobi went up to Fon-du-Lac, Wisconsin, and crewed in the Lighthouse regatta. Dan sailed with Todd and Kristine Wake to practice for the Worlds, and Tobi joined Paul Reak to crew for Jared Drake. A few races were squeezed in between Thunderstorms, and a clinic was put on by Ched Proctor. Dan's team won, and Tobi's team came in fourth. As usual, good times were had in the land of cheese!

Fleet 266 hosted the Mississippi Valley District Championships in mid-June. Rick Bernstein finished up his roll of District Commodore by organizing the event as well as performing the Race Committee duties. The winds were light, but three races were sailed.

Mississippi Valley District

2007 Mississippi Valley District Championship Results

14834	Matt Burrridge, Ian Schillebeeckx, Caleb Leonard	1	4	2	7
14636	Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Alina Moriarty	2	1	4	7
14614	Scott Zerban, Bart Snyder, Carson Menges	3	5	1	9
14766	Terry Burke, Edd Burke, Brian Burke	4	2	5	11
15308	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Denis Colby	5	8	3	16
14009	Paul Hanson, Kelle Hanson, Andrea Sepanski	8	3	9	20
14260	John Folwell, Bob Lacker, Jessica Snyder	6	7	7	20
14488	William Baxter, Mike Arndt, George Nagy	7	6	8	21
14798	Nicholas Beckmann, Ian Moriarty, Sam Bibb	9	9	6	24
14065	Carl Penetta, Pablo Sharkovich, Paula Sharkovich	10	10	10	30
14116	Cully Ward, Barbara Ward, Beth Ward	DNC	DNC	DNC	39
14706	Bill Hofmeister, Chip Clifton, Ted Chapin	DNC	DNC	DNC	39

Love was in the air on Lightning Hill in the summer of 2007. Rick and his fiancé, Heather Lea, tied the knot just a couple weeks after the Districts. Their wedding guest-list was similar to that of a CSA Banquet. The ceremony was beautiful, and the reception held at their home had plenty of food and drinks to help celebrate. Scott Zerban's regular teammate, Carson Mengas, also got married in July to his long-time girlfriend (up-and-coming Lightning crew) Courtney Frank. Several from the Fleet made the trip to St. Joseph, Missouri, to help celebrate their union.

The Sunday series was then in full swing, with a few "usual suspects" on the starting line and then a few "guest appearances" from the Fleet members whose lives don't permit sailing every Sunday. There were some races canceled due to wind-conditions, but no more than usual. The Fleet tent was well utilized again this season, as our dieing tree finally met its demise in one of the mid-summer storms. Next summer we hope to sit under the "Augie Paoli Memorial Tree" being planted in the area with funds raised by Gerry Paoli.

Rick loaned his boat to Nicholas Beckmann to race in the CSA club races. We missed having Rick on the Lightning race course but enjoyed racing against Nicholas. Rick was plenty busy between co-chairing the Leukemia Cup Regatta with Stacey Zerban and becoming Chairman of the Board of Directors for CSA, among many other things. Terry Burke also loaned his boat out several times to allow his sons' junior team to race but, he managed to grace us with his presence enough to remind us that he can still kick ass in more than just keel-boats.

Below are the results from the Sunday Championship Series:

1st Place:	14260	John Folwell	38 points
2nd Place:	14636	Tobi and Dan Moriarty	54 points
3rd Place:	14766	Terry Burke	67 points
4th Place:	14614	Scott Zerban	74 points

Other participants include: 14798 Rick Bernstein, 14920 James Chapin, 14009 Paul Hanson, and 14834 Matt Burrridge.

Way to go John!

Alina Moriarty, Erin Zerban, and friends provided lots of entertainment on the hill with their cheerleading stunts and giggles. However, It can't go unmentioned that Ian Schillebeeckx, Nicholas Beckmann, and Edd Burke spent a great amount of time over the summer teaching sailing to the younger juniors. Our very own Ian Moriarty, Bryan Burke, and Alina Moriarty participated with friends from other fleets in the Jr. Snipe program at CSA. When they step back in the Lightnings, it is really impressive to see how much they have picked up while sailing their Laser Radials and Snipes. The Harbor Mice Opti-2007 season was full of Lightning youngsters again, including Patrick Burrridge, Jacob Bernstein, and the crazy tippin' over-man Kyle Bernstein. We look forward to racing against all of you on your Lightnings in the decades to come!

As the summer progressed, Schillebeeckx made the long drive to participate Canadian Open again. Ian sailed a nice regatta, finishing in the top half of the fleet. Fritz Stunzi and long time teammate Lucas Hofmiester sailed with Ian. They got some great practice sailing against the north-erners on bigger waters.

Dan and Tobi made the trip to Greece to crew in the Worlds. Dan raced with Todd and Kristine Wake from Wisconsin, breaking through the top ten, finishing in 9th place. Tobi crewed for Jeff Coppens along, with Jim Sears from California, who returned home with lots of stories of the good times they had. The conditions were hot and shifty. One might think that a summer sailing at Carlyle would prepare them for such a setting, but there is a whole other level of heat and shifts out there!

Four Fleet 266 juniors made their way to Washington D.C. to team two boats in the Junior North Americans. Ian Moriarty drove the Burke boat with teammates Bryan Burke and Edd Burke. They had a great time, as usual. Ian Schillebeeckx had another great year at the Junior NAs, finishing in 3rd place with his usual crew from Nashville, Lucas Hofmiester and Beth Ward. We look forward to cheering Ian on in the 2008 Junior Worlds that he qualified for at this event. While out there with his boys, Terry Burke crewed for Frank Gallagher in the Masters. They finished in 7th place. Unfortunately, all our juniors had to return home for school instead of participating in the North Americans the following week.

Matt Burrridge returned to the North Americans to defend his two- year reign and finished in 6th place out of the eighty boats in Annapolis for the event. It's not often that you walk away from a sailboat race covered in blood, but Matt did after shimmying up the mast to retrieve the main halyard which came loose during a race. I am sure that is a moment that he wishes to soon forget, but it makes for quite a story. We are very proud that Matt was able to represent us with another (of many) top ten finish at the very competitive event.

Rick Bernstein managed to find some time to crew for Joann Fisher, along with her husband Greg in the North Americans. They had a "lucky 13th" place finish with a couple very impressive races.

The fall brought some more traveling. Dan and Tobi participated in the Red Flannels regatta again. They helped Matt Fisher win another pair of pajamas. This was the Moriarty's fourth year in a row to be on the winning team at this regatta in three different configurations.

Also in the fall, Ian Schillebeeckx did some cross-training in scow-boats. This normally wouldn't be mentioned in the Lightning article, but our junior, Ian, walked away as both the I-20 Junior Champion and the I-20 National Champion! It just re-emphasizes the truth in the old saying, "If you can sail a Lightning effectively, then you can sail just about anything."

Matt Burrridge and Paul Hanson went to the US Sailing Champion of Champions Regatta in San Diego, California to represent the ILCA in Snipes. They finished in 10th place. Here is what Matt had to say about the event,

"We won the unofficial "Gomer Award" by mowing down a 4' X 4' X 3' "No Wake" in a race while in the middle of a gybe, snagging the strobe light with the main traveler line and still avoiding the capsize in front of MBYC. We had a front row seat to Jeff Linton's brilliant come-from-behind silver medal finish on the final day. I am still pulling eel grass and kelp out of my boots, hair, teeth, shorts and CB trunk. We "flossed weeds" more that week than my dentist does in a month. Although I limited myself to only one Mai Tai, I still couldn't drive home at the end of the day. We left the event proud to have represented the ILCA but incredibly impressed with the Miami Snipe cartel's skill and ability as they had three out of the top four finishers."

Fleet 266 finished up the season with a good showing at the Bluenose regatta in Nashville. Those who went and sailed include Scott Zerban, Bart Snyder, Carson Menges, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Courtney Menges, Nicholas Beckmann (sailing Rick Bernstein's boat), Jessica Snyder, Stacey Zerban, Ian Schillebeeckx, Marc Schillebeeckx, and Roselyn Hazard. The various conditions reminded them all of what the Bluenose is all about—one last sail and a fun weekend full of camaraderie!

See you all at our Mid-Continent Regatta held every year on the last weekend of April.

Mississippi Valley District

Fleet 274—Delta Sailing Association
Sailing on Arkabutla Reservoir
Memphis, Tennessee

Fleet Captain: W N Baxter

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11386	Dos Mas	Ralph L Leon
11496		Tim Ryan
11999	Turbo Dog	William N Baxter, Jr
12397		Jere Fones
12582		Mark George
13450		Warren Ayers
14000		Richard Powell
14065	Plan B	John C Panetta
14149		Max Shelton
14230		Michael Arndt
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14375	Out of the Blue	William N Baxter
14488	Rodeo Cold	Herbert Cochrane
14571		Michael Arndt
14666		Crit Currie, Jr
15128		Max Shelton

LUKENFURDEWADER!!!!

The 2007 sailing season is one that we won't soon forget—but would like to. The Corps of Engineers kept the dam gates open longer than usual for maintenance, and then the drought of 07 hit and left our Fleet high and dry. For the first time in club history, we were forced to cancel both the Hernando-Desoto and the Cotton Pickin Regattas. We finally had enough water in September for a few short weeks of club racing, but by that time our season was shot.

With no water in our lake, members had to hit the road in order to get some sailing in. Bill Baxter Jr., Crit Currie Jr., and Carl Panetta raced in Jackson, Mississippi, in the Spring Fling, and in Pensacola at the Southern Districts. Lynn Jones joined them in Jackson, Mississippi, at the Hospitality Regatta. Bill Baxter Jr., along with Mike Arndt and George Nagy and the Panetta family, competed at the Mississippi Valley Districts. Bill, Mike and George qualified for the NAs and raced at Annapolis. The Blue Nose in Nashville found Bill Baxter Jr. with Rich Hall and Dean Moonan and Carl Panetta and Jere Fones representing the Fleet.

We are looking forward to the 2008 season. We will be hosting the Mississippi Valley Districts, along with our two regattas, but most of all we are looking forward to lots of rain!

Fleet 486—Valley Sailing
Sailing on Arlton Lake
Machens, Missouri

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

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
453		Nelson Laffey
2555		Nelson Laffey
5555		Nelson Laffey
7041		Nelson Laffey
9246		Nelson Laffey
13379	Top Secret	Stephen A Wyers
13836	Becky Sue	Michael Reed Keith Vidal
14088	Fascination	Rich Conaway
14089	Bar Code	Joe Petitjean

The Mississippi was kind to us allowing us to sail until New Years. Our Wednesday PHRF evening races turnout was the smallest in many years. Dry weather kept the mosquito turnout to a minimum, but our turnout has been small because of the heat. The Lightnings have been having problems with work commitments and finding crew. Even I am sailing a Laser sometimes because the fleet is way larger and I don't have to have anyone else. I do find that the Laser gives me new challenges, however. I'm a great grand master!

The Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta was held September 8. We had five boats lined up, but crew problems cut one. Winds were between 15 mph and 25 mph at race time both days, and the weather was warm, giving us an exciting sail. We got in six races!, Rick Conaway won, Mike Reed second, and Jerry Chapman third.

The Governor's Cup Regatta was without a Lightning Fleet for the first time since 1984 or earlier! Some wanted to sail cabin boats making us short of the minimum for a fleet.

Fall came late this year because of the drought, The trees were at their peak on the last day of scheduled races. The Mississippi can be truly beautiful when the trees turn.

The harbor officially closed on November 17, but some of us have stretched the season, sailing on into December in relatively mild weather.

Steve Wyers



New England District



New England

Fleets

121	Merrimack River	273	Massabesic Yacht Club
145	Spofford Lake	301	Lake Champlain
151	Annisquam Yacht Club	332	Squam Lake
189	Marblehead	493	Bow Lake
227	Bomoseen Yacht Club		

District Commodore: Robert Shapiro

Writing the district yearbook report in the cold months of winter is always such a breath of fresh air. Recalling warmer (well, most) days on the water in the late spring to late fall, and beginning to think about the ones to come, this season is simply good therapy to get through the short, cold days of the "offseason," which we happily spend conditioning for the sailing season on the ski slopes, trails in the woods and ice over the lakes that give us twelve months of opportunity.

Our 2007 season was one of great successes by familiar, unfamiliar and re-emerging sailors. I'm happy to congratulate Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger as this year's District Circuit Champion. This recognition is an important one in the District, as it is not just based on achievement, but also participation.

From May through October, the District hosted eight regattas to which sixty-five different skippers came to compete, learn from each other and have fun. The season kicked off in Burlington, Vermont, at Mallets Bay with the annual Spring Regatta. Mallets Bay always attracts our friends from north of the border, and they always put up a fight to take the trophies back through the border crossing! A dream team of former years from Montreal, Peter Hall, Jay Deakin and Jamie Allen got back in the same boat and showed that they could still work together, posting an impressive ten-point victory in the nineteen-boat fleet.

One great thing about sailing in the New England District is the variety of bodies of water we move through each season. Moving on from the "big lake" of the District, it was then onto the challenging small lake conditions of Lake Spofford and the opening to the Atlantic Ocean in Newburyport for the Brian Hughes Memorial Regatta. Team Wallace (Ben, Karen and Tris) emerged from a tight battle, with Nick Aswad, Chad Miller and Tanya Miller to take the win at Spofford. In Newburyport, Brian Gibbs, sailing with Mike Boardman and Beth Holland, beat out the ten-boat Fleet to take home the hardware.

Our District Championships returned the fleet to Mallets Bay. We had a great turnout for the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' races on Friday. Mark Gardner, Arnie Tran and Marilyn Johnson squeezed out a tight one point victory in the Masters. Meredith Pawlison, Suzy Coburn and Kay Tran took the Women's Championship. Peter Hazelett, Derrik Deming and Ben Lawson emerged as the team to watch after winning the Juniors' Championship.

The District Championship brought together a solid twenty-five boat fleet for five great races. At the end of the weekend, Patrick Zachary, Kika Bronger and Joan Shannon were atop the leader board. The Fleet was buzzing with conversation of Patrick's win and discussions over whether a two-year sabbatical from sailing in order to build a house atop of a mountain was somehow secretly the key to training for Lightning sailing! Whatever the reason, it was a thrill to have Patrick and his crew back in action and competing at such a high level.

We migrated back to the lakes of New Hampshire for a stretch of three regattas in August and September. Pat MacQueen and crew took the victory at Squam Lake. And Ken Deyett, sailing with daughter Ali, had back-to-back wins at Lake Massabesic and Bow Lake. We ended the season with the Leaf Peeper in Mallets Bay, where Jamie Allen took back the helm and finished the season where he started with a win.

New England was also very well represented outside of the District this season. Bob Bush and Sterling Bush made the trip to Greece for the World Championships and shared many stories of great hospitality, fierce sailing and, well, maybe a little bit about the hot weather. Back in the states, Chad Miller, Brian Gibbs, Bretton Gardner, Dan Egan and Bill Fastiggi all went to the Atlantic Coast Championships. Bill and his team came away with the victory, once again showing the strength of sailing in our District!

At Annapolis, for the North Americans, Peter Hazlett and crew came away with a second place finish, Connor Aswad placed ninth in the Juniors' and Sterling Bush placed fifth in the Women's Championship! In the NA Champs, the District was well represented by Bill Fastiggi, Chad Miller, Bretton Gardner, Dan Egan and Scott McBurney.

Looking ahead to 2008, we are thrilled to be able to head back to our familiar locations and to also build our community by heading to Marblehead, Massachusetts, for our District Championships, the first trip to Marblehead in more years than I can remember.

We are looking forward to welcoming new sailors from both within New England and outside who will come to Mallets Bay to "test the waters" before we welcome the Globe to the District for the 2009 World Championships. We can't wait to show everyone a great time in New England!!

Thank you to everyone both inside and outside of the New England District for making 2007 a fantastic year for Lightning sailing! We look forward to seeing everyone in the coming season.

Fleet 121—Merrimack River
Sailing on Merrimack River
Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain:	Sean Fagan
Fleet Secretary:	Mark Dieselman
Fleet Champion:	Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Runner-up:	John Hughes

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14189		Mark Dieselman
14275		John R Hughes
14345		Brian Gibbs
14481	Jamaican Bobsled	Scott McBurney
15182		Ann Snow Sean Fagan

Fleet 121 had a pretty good season in 2007. We have changed to a one race day every few weekends in an effort to boost attendance. Unfortunately, due to some inclement weather, and a very rare day in which the sea breeze did not kick up, there were not a ton of races. However, when things cooperated, the racing was a lot of fun.

John Hughes kept showing us how to sail and pulled out a third overall for the season. Pretty amazing, considering some of the crew he had on the boat—I won't mention names—but it is always good to see Pat McCormack on the water. (OK, I am just kidding. Well, maybe, maybe not!) In second overall was Mark Dieselman, who arguably was the fastest boat out there, but other commitments likely got in the way. He rubbed off on his crew, Bruce Brown, who took that knowledge offshore and cleaned house in the local PHRF racing class. As for us, I certainly had some help. My brother David kept me on my toes in the boat, while either Amy or Ted kept the chute in the air and full, even when I wasn't going in the right direction.

Hats off to Sean and Ann for organizing and conducting the races. It is not a fun job, and they do it with a smile—all that while still trying to put their boat on the water! It has become next to impossible to find a race committee, so you can see the dilemma. Bill Gynan and his son Thomas also got out on the water and kept the boat upright this time—well, most of the time. It was still one of the more impressive capsizes and recoveries that I have seen.

New England District

Our regatta was early this year due to tides and scheduling. It was tough for others to attend. Thanks to Dan Egan and Brian Gibbs for dragging their boats and showing us how to go around the buoys even faster. Speaking of going to regattas, Fleet 121 boats still travel, with boats going to Spofford, Massabesic, and Malletts Bay, and hopefully we will get out even more next year!

Fleet 145—Spofford Lake Sailing on Lake Spofford Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Robert Bush

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10254		Alex D Gemmell
10258		Alex D Gemmell
11210	Smurfin Along	Frederick Turner
11346	FOB	Christopher Hamblet
13792		Joe Rosen
13835	Three Cheers	Tom Fitch
14072	Sunshine	Paul Henkel
14360	Lightning MacQueen	Patrick MacQueen
14621		Ben Wallace
14654	AmBush	Robert C Bush Anne Sterling Bush

The lake surface is silent with ice; the snow is beautiful; another sailing year fades, leaving only pleasant memories. Our sailing days were limited this year, with only a few Lightnings seeing our beautiful lake. Our local regatta in mid-June was blessed with near perfect weather and great breeze. Eight boats competed, with nine races quick as you please. Locals Ben, Karen and Tris Wallace took home top honors. Sunny, shifty and breezy—true lake sailing weather. Fred Turner did his usual perfect RC job.



Ben Wallace



Lightnings downwind

Bob and Sterling Bush sent their boat over to Greece in early June, leaving them boatless for the summer. They made up some of the time by crewing with the double-decking mate Dave Spira in Niantic CT on Dave's "spare" boat. The report from Greece was that it was hot (42 degrees C – you do the math—yikes), but the regatta was extremely well run and the sailing and sailors very pleasant. Bob and Sterling, along with John Depenbrock from Riverton NJ (their old YC) ended up mid-fleet with a couple of nice races. They highly recommend a Greek vacation.

The year's sailing ended with a mid-September Sunday. Bob borrowed Fred Turner's "Smurfin' Along" and managed to find some private breeze at just the right time on a light day. His secret for worst to first: "go away from the other boats – to heck with where the buoys are." Sterling was crewing for Ben, along with son Ian Wallace, making room for new boat owner Jeremy Rathfon and Christin Desilets with Bob. Paul Henkel and crew rounded out the small fleet.

Jeremy also crewed with the Bushes at Mallets Bay, ending the season with a nice finish overall in the regatta and a 1st place in the last race. Paul Henkel teamed with Bob and Sterling and made the trip over to Bow Lake for their regatta (the boat arriving back from Greece with 24 hours to spare). Other travelers included the Wallaces, and Pat MacQueen (honorary Spofford sailor) probably making it to the most regattas and WINNING at Squam—way to go PAT!!! Tom Fitch was seen at the local event – but we missed seeing Joe Rosen and Alex Gimmell, except in their sunfish, where Alex, Joe and Paul terrorize the local (30 boats, 15 on the line) fleet on Wednesdays. We had a Kip Hamblet sighting at Mallets Bay.

Come sail with us—we are on the southeast corner of New Hampshire.

New England District

Fleet 151—Annisquam Yacht Club
Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Geoges Peter

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14688		Georges Peter

Fleet 189—Marblehead
Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Donald R Humphrey Jr

Fleet 227—Bomoseen Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Bomoseen
Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet 273—Massabesic Yacht Club
Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Walter F Colantuono

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11740	River Blues	Walter F Colantuono
13828	Quick Silver	Maurice L'Heureux

Fleet 301—Lake Champlain
Sailing on Malletts Bay & Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain: Arnold Tran

Fleet 301 had a busy year in the New England district. To start it off Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Heather Ambrose made the trip down south for the Southern Circuit. They finished 9th in a very tight race for the places six through eleven.

As always, the Spring Regatta had mixed and variable conditions. Saturday brought no wind, which then built into an unforecasted powerboat ride out to the cliffs of Malletts Bay for swimming and cliff jumping. Many of the well-lubricated entrants spent most of the day sailing around the club in Budweiser 16s, attempting to perfect their bar karate. We finished the night off by dancing to the 80s at Club Metronome. Sunday was a better day for sailing, as a patient Race Committee got off four races in quick sequence. As always, Peter Hall was a persistent threat, walking away with first by ten points in three races. Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and one of the Aswad's took second. Bretton Gardner, Karl Johnston and Matt Gile were third.

Chad Miller, Nick Aswad, Tanya Miller were the only boat to travel down to the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta. They were second to an always strong Wallace boat in conditions that varied from 5–20 knots. Chad Miller and Nick Aswad also competed in the second event of the Fitch Biathlon, Bowling. They were strong through two games, with Nick pulling off a second with a 210, being only beaten by Bob Shapiro, who, it should be mentioned, used to tour with Earl Anthony and the PBA in the 70s.

Malletts Bay Boat Club had a terrific showing at the New England Women's, Juniors' Masters' Districts, which were sailed in light breeze in the inner bay. In the end, the Race Committee was only able to get off two races, with Peter Hazelett, Derrik Deming and Ben Lawson taking the podium for the Juniors. Connor Aswad, Tanya Miller and John Hill were second, beating Chad Miller, Ben Von Reyn and AJ Stephens by only one point to take third. Mark Gardner, along with Arnie Tran and Marilyn Johnson, cleaned up in the Masters' Division. Dick Fastiggi, Bill Fastiggi and Susan Hebler beat four other boats to take second. For the Women's, Meridith Powlison came over from the Lake Champlain Yacht Club to sail with Suzy Coburn and Kay Tran, posting the top scores for the Women's Division. Joan Shannon showed off her Laser helming skills along, with Kika Bronger and Marcy Milton to take third. Janice Lange, Tori Pasek and Carol Hignite were fourth.

After taking a year off to build a house, the Zachary, Bronger, Shannon team were in top form at the Districts by winning the regatta, as well as beating back accusations that they had really spent the year developing exotic Lightning bottom coatings high in the hills of Duxbury. Rumors were flying that the only reason they built the house was to allow Patrick more room in the garage to formulate a coating "so slippery that it was almost impossible to get it on the hull of the boat." All kidding aside, they sailed a great regatta in some variable conditions.

Fleet 301 held the top five positions in the New England Districts, with Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger in second. Bretton Gardner, James Unsworth and Brad Harris continued to deliver results in 2007 with a third. Don Brush, LeeAnn Smith, Erika Beck were fourth, beating Kurt Kling, Hannah Nickerson, Stuart Nickerson who were in fifth. Kurt assured the Fleet that now that the barn and the house are done, he will have more time to sail. Todd Cox, R. Vilamil, Jeff Schwartz had a pair of twos to lift them in to 8th place.

Peter Hazelett, Derrick Deming and Ben Lawson had a great year placing sixth at the spring regatta, winning the Junior Districts and placing second in the Junior North Americans. Peter Hazelett Connor Aswad and Bretton Gardner also sailed in the Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitational placing fourth in a fleet of

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
695		Joe Berry
4614	Eclipse	Tim Hodson
10212	Coast2Coast	Mike J Dewane
10440	Top	Allen H Baker
10480	Annie Oakley	Aaron Frank
11623	Kindred Spirit	Thomas J Papp
11745	Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
12525		William J Fastiggi
13156	Blue Storm	David N Little
13902		Arnold Tran
14050	HUH???	Bretton Gardner
14056		Erik Johnson
14119		Chad Miller
14146	Drop It Like It's Hot	Connor Aswad Nicholas Aswad
14446	Apple	Kurt Kling
14480	Ciao	Richard N Fastiggi
14514	Special K	Arnold Tran
14520	Hare Brained Idea	Todd Cox
14584	AbbaZabba	Peter Hazelett
14640	Wild Goose	Donald C Brush
14644		Michael L Huffman
14658		William J Fastiggi
14876	Southern Cross	Janice Lange
14958		William J Fastiggi
14972	Whatnow	Patrick Zackary
15058		Paul Gutwin
15060	Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
15237	Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
15238	Elixir	William J Fastiggi

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eighteen against names like Larry MacDonald and Jodie Swanson, who were crewing for local youth teams. A close OCS call in the second race surely cost them a few places in the standings but otherwise an awesome finish.

Peter was quoted on the podium saying he was looking forward to graduating from the Junior division, competing in the open format and becoming Fleet Captain of 301 in the coming years. "I'll be taking on additional responsibilities," he went on to say, "organizing regattas and writing the Fleet reports are now my top priorities." Peter also sailed for the University of Vermont in the Western Series Five hosted by Williams College in which UVM finished second.

Three boats made it down to the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta. Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger had a strong showing with only seven points beating the second place by a healthy eight points in a three-race regatta. Bretton Gardner, James Unsworth and Peter Hazelett were the next Fleet 301 boat in 16th. Chad Miller, Tyler Colvin and Tanya Miller came in 30th place, but it should be mentioned that in the scoring, there were four ties and numerous one-point differentials just in front of them.

Connor Aswad, John Hill and Tanya Miller placed 9th in the Junior NAs against some more seasoned competition. This was Connor's first Junior NAs as a skipper.

All four boats that made it down to the North Americans finished in the blue fleet. Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger took eighth overall. While having a great North Americans, Chad Miller, Tanya Miller, and John Hill placed 23rd and would have won the Thermis trophy, the highest finish for a first time blue fleet entrant, had Geoff Becker not won the whole regatta. Bretton Gardner, James Unsworth and Peter Hazelett finished out the regatta in 34th.

The Leaf Peeper has turned into a fall classic. Twenty four boats showed up this year, and eight races were held over the two days. The top five Fleet 301 finishers were Bill Fastiggi, Don Brush, Heather Ambrose, Bretton Gardner and Al Baker.

Perhaps the biggest news was that Fleet 301 won the bid for the World's in 2009. After a very long campaign, Fleet 301 edged out Buffalo Canoe Club for the rights to host the event. Planning has already started for what will be a great event.

Unfortunately, not all the news from Fleet 301 was good this year. David P "Doc" Gorman passed away on Sunday, August 12. We are all saddened by Doc's death. He will be particularly missed by the members of Fleet 301 in Malletts Bay and Fleet 215 in Montreal. He died from complications from prostrate cancer.

About twenty years ago, Doc had a bad heart attack and had been on beta blockers. He'd had new stints put in a few years back. He always said that he felt he was living on borrowed time.

He began racing sailboats in his C&C half tonner "Witch Doctor" in the late 70s. He always thought that was the best boat name a gynecologist could have. He then bought a J-29, and the infamous J-35 Mohawk Warrior. He got into Lightning sailing to refine his skills for the J-35 program. After winning the J-35 Nationals and Midwinters, and many top five finishes in the North Americans, decided to focus his sailing efforts on small boat sailing and hit the Lightning circuit.

He went to Medical School at McGill and helped pay his tuition with his winnings from racing hydroplanes. He was an avid pheasant and woodcock hunter and he won a national championship in field dog trials with his favorite pointer "Jay." He also claims that he won a Canadian national championship in Ping Pong, although no one's ever seen the trophy!

The stories will live on long past any of us, and we'll all miss Doc.

In other Fleet 301 news, Nick Aswad is off to Kings Point Academy. Nicks big send off party was in Montreal and the girls on St Catherine's street may never be the same.

Fleet 301 would like to thank Mark Gardner for being Fleet Captain for what must have seemed like thirty years. As of the writing of this report, Mark was exercising in anticipation for numerous regattas in 2008.

We would like to thank Marty Olsen, Alan Ouellette, Charly Dickerson and countless others for the work they did as race committee.

We would also like to announce that Arnie Tran won his first Thursday night race and took over as Fleet Captain this year, good luck!

*Fleet 332—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:	Garr Corcoran

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9829	Spike	John Cunningham
10212	Coast2Coast	Dan Egan
10320		Garr Corcoran
10555	Jumbo	William G Abbott
10732	Go-mo-shun	David D Closson
12859		Jack Russell
13021		Dan Cunningham
13101		Phil Sullivan
14247	Steppin' Out	Douglas DeCluitt
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Mac-At-Tack	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz Ginny Welles
14953	Fleeting Moment	Tony Wagner P J Blankenhorn
14955		Jeff Dropkin
15089		Al McQuarrie Skip Johnstone

It was a good season high in the mountains of New Hampshire. Under the able leadership of second-term Fleet Captain P. J. Blankenhorn, we completed all of the scheduled series and had good turn outs throughout the season.

When we gathered on Labor Day weekend for our traditional awards dinner, the perpetual trophies were spread out very well. Garr Corcoran won the July series, while Dwight Gertz took home the August trophy. Dan Egan won the long distance Around the Lake race early in August and also won the Closson Bowl, which goes to the best finisher in the last three races of the season. The 47th winner of the Season Championship was Garr Corcoran.

Our annual regatta took place with exceptionally good weather. Dwight Gertz tied for first, with Pat McQueen from Spofford. There was considerable confusion regarding the best method for breaking the tie, but both skippers took prizes home and they can both try again for a clear victory next year.

Our biggest issue at this time is finding enough volunteers with motorboats to provide both a race committee and some degree of safety protection in the event of a squall. We may be moving toward a paid race committee in order to allow all those would be volunteers to do what they really want to do—go sailing with us. A less likely suggestion for restoring order on the starting line involved Dave Closson, who has raced in all 47 of the Fleet's seasons (and has won the season trophy eight times).

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*Squam Lake Committee Boat of the Future (Modified Puffin Class Destroyer)
Premature Starters Beware!*

Dave is also well known locally as the skipper of the antique "laker" powerboat, The Puffin, which can be chartered for tours and to transport wedding parties to the chapel on an island in the lake. The above photo appeared in Fleet email boxes this summer with suggested modifications to turn The Puffin into a committee boat that would never see a premature start!

Fleet 493—Bow Lake *Sailing on Bow Lake* Strafford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain:	Ned E Hinds III
Fleet Secretary:	Bob Shapiro
Fleet Champion:	Ned Hinds
Fleet Runner-up:	Bob Shapiro

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
8301	Jessie S	Linda Karpeichic
9662	Holy Boat	Bob Murphy Norb Church Dave Sandman
12079	Three Men In A Tub	Bob Murphy Norb Church Dave Sandman
13556	Water Log	Bob Boynton
13888	What Now?	James Boynton
14296	Naut!	Ned E Hinds
14577		Rob Donle
14667	Miss Behavin'	Robert D Shapiro

Traveling Regattas

2007 was a light year for traveling for our Fleet. Various personal issues kept most of the Fleet close to home. Bob Shapiro did manage to make it to Spofford and to Burlington for the Districts. Mike Baker made both trips, and Jim Lerner made it up to Burlington. A highlight of the sailing was leading a race in the Districts around the windward mark in a drifter. Quite a contrast to what awaited Bob on the yacht club lawn when coming in from sailing—six-month-old Marisol apparently didn't realize that diaper explosions should be had while Dad is still out on the course—not just as he gets back in!

Bob Evans Regatta

Fifty-four sailors, eighteen sailboats, twenty-two Race Committee members and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Eighteen races were held on Bow Lake from July 1 through September 1. Twelve different Lightning sailors skippered races this summer!

Bob Shapiro had won last year and seven of the previous eight years, but Ned Hinds had won all twenty-two years before that. Would Bob continue his dominance from the year before? Would Ned 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. Would this be the breakout year for Dave Sandman, Norb Church and Bob Murphy in Three Men in a Tub? Would John Boynton charge to the front of the pack?

The year started with Ned, Mike and Bob fighting it out. Mike and Ned fought all the way around the course in the first race, and Mike in The Blind Squirrel won the tacking duel and with crew Amy Byron and Kevin Landt—he took the first bullet of the season. Ned and Karen Hinds, along with 6th degree black belt Master Chang in Naut! took second, while Bob and two Gershunys (Ryan and Josh) took third. Norb Church and Bob Murphy in Two Men in a Tub beat out three Boyntons (Bob, Jamie and Laura) in What Now?

The wind picked up for the second race, and on the run Josh and Ryan in Miss Behavin' did a great jibe, sailing past upside-down-Mike and tangled Ned to round the last mark in first place, only to wrap the jib around the forestay (yes, spinnakers are not the only sails that can be hourglassed on a Lightning) and watch Two Men in a Tub sail on by for the bullet.

As it turns out, Mike spent most of the summer working in Virginia and sold his boat the day after his win and capsize. We hope Mike gets another boat and rejoins the races soon. During the season, we were very happy to have significant participation in Lightnings by Junior sailors. Guillaume Joffrees and Josh Gershuny both skippered one or more races and each won a race. Ryan and Kyle Gershuny were fantastic crew on Miss Behavin'. We welcomed a number of new people this summer, and one of them Rob Donle has bought a Lightning and will be on the line next year. Actually, when he was a kid Rob used to sail on his father's Lightning, and this year he sailed with his father on a Day Sailor. New sailor Marisol Shapiro went out for a couple of pleasure sails, but didn't make it out during any races. Hopefully next season she'll make a race or two, along with her mother Margo. And Star sailor Dennis Unger's daughter Alexandra bought an old wooden Lightning, which we hope to see out on the course next season also.

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Race Committee
Pam Daigneault



all with
black belt Tae Kwon Do Masters to crew and to help out on Race Committee during the summer – nobody was going to mess around with our race Committee! Roger Williams, Bob Murphy, Norb Church and Josh Gershuny all assisted capsized boats during the summer and were congratulated and thanked for their efforts.

At the end of the season, Ned Hinds had started a new winning streak, with Bob Shapiro second and Three Men in a Tub third. The Boyntons finished fourth, with Jamie Boynton living in Hong Kong but flying home to make six of the eighteen races. Skippers were awarded framed photos of their boats in action, while crew received Bow Lake Sailing frisbees.

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam Daigneault, Werner Daigneault, Roger Williams, Joan Joffrees, Marion Hinds and many others for their help. Pam and Werner were presented framed photos of themselves. Pam brought many

Race Committee
Werner Daigneault



quickly returned fire with his super soaker. And meanwhile, Dennis Unger blazed through the Fleet, trying to find someone who wanted him to move a racing mark—even though there wasn't yet any wind with which to judge where to move it to. The first race was finally started in very light air—you might say extremely light air. Pat McQueen with light air crew J J Bell (light air as he decided not to take on a third crew) drifted off the starting line in first and built a huge lead. Alas, drifting conditions often punish early leaders, and soon Ken Deyett and Bob Bush were the lead and trying to avoid drifting into each other. Jeannine McKay and Ali Deyett on Ken's boat and Bush and Paul Henkel on Bob's boat were jumping all over the place helping their skippers avoid contact. (Meanwhile I was hoping they would hit as it would have taken two to three hours to complete penalty turns in that wind!) Eventually, the fleet drifted around the first mark, and halfway to the second mark a breeze line came up.

Rounding the second mark and heading back to the finish the wind died again, with Ken holding off Ned for the lead, Bob Shapiro close behind and the rest of the pack way back. But Bob Bush pulled out of the pack by raising his spinnaker and was charging fast. Ken raised his chute to grab the win by a boat length over Bob Shapiro, who opted to skip the spinnaker. Ned, with long time crew Jeff Baker, and Guillaume, held onto third place, while Bob Bush was close behind in fourth. Aaron Hertzner with father Dan and Pat Mahan ended up fifth, while Tony and Julie Pascone (green boat) came from WAY BACK on the first leg to end up in sixth. Pat McQueen's early lead dropped him into seventh, while Bob Murphy, Dave Sandman and Norbert Church grabbed eighth. Jet lag was in evidence on What Now? manned by John and Jamie Boynton, and Uncle Steve "Pinball Wizard" Smith.

There was a second race, but I don't remember much about it. I know there was more wind, I know there was a huge jam at the starting line (and I think we had a general recall), I know I got a lousy start, I know Ken Deyett won pretty easily and Bob Bush was second. I remember a little less of the third race, but I do recall Mike Baker and Josh Gershuny on board Miss Behavin' saying it was time to win a race, so we did. And I recall feeling very nervous on the beat to the finish with Bob Bush lurking close behind. After three races it was very close. Ken Deyett led with six points, Bob Shapiro was next with seven points and Bob Bush had eight points. Ned was close behind with eleven points. It was anybody's regatta to win. Bob Shapiro led by a nose over Tony and Julie at the windward mark, and with Ken pretty far back, it was Bob's regatta to lose. (So he did.) Tony and Julie grabbed the lead and held it to (but not over) the finish line. Unfortunately, they had hit the leeward mark, and by the time they finished their penalty circle, Ned passed them and eeked out the race win.

Ed Hinds Regatta

What a successful regatta! Thank you to all who participated, helped, watched and celebrated with us.

Saturday September 22 was a gorgeous day—heavy fog in the early morning burned off quickly, and we had a day of bright sunshine, blue skies, and some wind. OK, it may be true that the previous four Saturdays had winds of 15–20 mph and the following Saturday also had winds of 15–20 mph, but we'll happily take the 0–8 mph winds that we got for the regatta.

Nine Lightnings participated in the regatta. All of the racing Lightnings on Bow Lake participated, together with five visiting boats. Sterling Bush desperately rushed to the New Jersey waterfront the day before to get their boat where it had been held hostage in Customs for a few weeks after its return from the World Championships in Greece. Jamie Boynton flew in the night before from Japan via Hong Kong. Imagine how much fun it is to fly twenty-four hours with a bad cold! Tony and Julie Pascone live on the ocean so far up in Maine that they can see Canada. Tony towed the boat down a week ahead of time and then flew off to Chicago for the week, getting up at 3:00 AM Friday to fly back for the regatta. Julie drove down from Maine on Friday, extending the five-hour drive into eight hours when she got horribly, horribly lost in Portland, Maine. Guillaume Joffrees drove down from boarding school in northern New Hampshire to sail with Ned. Aaron Hertzner convinced his father Dan to drive the boat here from Rhode Island so that eight-year-old Aaron could skipper in the regatta.

After the fog burned off there was a period of no wind, but it wasn't a period of no excitement. Mike Baker plunged into the water and swam his way around the Fleet, stopping every now and then to terrorize boats. Pat McQueen opened fire with a boat hook that doubled as a water gun, but Bob Shapiro



You mean we're starting in this wind!

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Two Men in a Tub save the day

Tony and Julie took second in the race to move up to fifth place overall. Ken Deyett came up to grab third and that, combined with Miss Behavin' slipping down to fifth, was enough to give the Deyett team the regatta win. Ned's race win put him in a three-way tie for second place in the regatta. Bob Bush lost the first tiebreaker, as both Bob Shapiro and Ned Hinds had a race win and Bob Bush didn't. Ned Hinds lost the second tiebreaker (Bob Shapiro's next best finish was second and Ned's next best was third) and took third overall, leaving the Miss Behavin' crew in second place overall.

What Now? and Three Men in a Tub had a lot of close racing, including at least one collision and several near collisions. Each team beat the other twice, but John, Jamie and Steve grabbed a sixth place in race three to beat out Norb, Dave and Bob for eighth place overall.

MANY people made this regatta a success! Pam and Werner were aided on Race Committee by Wayne Donle and Marion Hinds. Pam had recently torn her ACL, MCL and all the other CLs she has, so she was on crutches and in a knee brace. We had several crash boats out to help, with Walter Unger, Dennis Unger, Roger Williams, Deb Ames and Jim Murphy on board to tow boats, move marks and stand by to help in case we got a huge gust of wind or a thunderstorm.

After the racing it was on to the Grange for refreshments and the Bow Lake World Famous Taco Bar dinner, which was enjoyed by about seventy people. Many people cooked or helped out with food, service, preparation and clean-up. John Boynton grabbed coffee, munchkins, apples and juice for breakfast, and John and Mike Baker packed up Mike's car and provided mobile eats while everyone got their boats ready. Bob and Sandy Boynton made a great garden salad and an amazing couscous salad, Amy Byron made her now famous tub-of-chocolate-and-booze, Jeff Baker made cookies, Caroline King made pies, Margo made guacamole and all the taco stuff. And in the kitchen, Derek Hilton performed Community Service by slaving away all day on preparation and cleanup, along with Margo, Linda, Erin and Kyle Gershuny,

Karen Hinds and many others who I have missed. Ned Hinds did his usual masterful and thankless job of mopping the floor and taking all the trash. Meanwhile Bob Murphy, Dave Sandman and Norb Church provided all of the beer, water and soda, Gerold and Laura Thorne allowed boats to park across from the Grange, Dennis Unger provided tableware, and Deb Ames and Jim Murphy made four pounds of delicious jumbo shrimp. I apologize to those who I may have missed. Thank You to All!

After dinner it was time for trophies. This year the theme was memories, and the majority of the trophies were framed photographs. Pam Daigneault took most of the photos, while Werner took the one of Pam, and Margo took "Sunset on Bow Lake." Special framed photos were presented to Pam and Werner Daigneault as a thank you for all of their Race Committee work, and to the Gershuny family for their huge positive impact on Bow Lake sailing.

The Martha Comstock trophy was presented to Dave Sandman, Norb Church and Bob Murphy of Three Men in a Tub. They show up all the time, are climbing slowly in the standings, won a race this year, jumped overboard to help Mike Aversa when he capsized, have gambolled beer holders and really know how to have fun while sailing! They are the spirit of sailing on Bow Lake, for which this award is given. We hear that by the next morning they had already scheduled which person gets to have the trophy in their home for each of the twelve months they will hold it.

Next came trophies for the Ed Hinds Memorial Regatta. Although the regatta has been held for about thirty years, history had only recorded sixteen of the past winners. Ned Hinds and Bill Fastiggi had each won twice, and prior to this year, Bob Shapiro and Ken Deyett had each won three times. Ken smashed the tie by winning this year for the fourth time—Congratulations Ken! Ned Hinds, Jeff Baker and Guillaume Joffrees each received a framed photo "Sunset on Bow Lake" for third place, as did Bob Shapiro, Mike Baker and Josh Gershuny for second place. Ken Deyett, Ali Deyett and Jeannine McKay also received photos as their permanent trophies. And then it was time to unveil the Ed Hinds Memorial Regatta Perpetual Trophy for the first time! The trophy, which consists of a wooden base and a silver (OK silverplated) champagne bucket lists all of the known previous winners of the regatta. Ed's wife Marion and son Ned were on hand to help present the trophy to Ken Deyett and his team. Ed Hinds was one of the primary driving forces of sailboat racing on Bow Lake for many years. He will not be forgotten.

Colorful Bow Lake Sailing Frisbees were then handed out to all in attendance. If you didn't get one (or if yours is stuck in a tree or on a roof) stop by and I'll give you one. These will be given out every few years as the minimum order quantity was pretty large!

A personal note: Thank you to everyone who took care of Marisol at various times during the day. Thank you to Margo for supporting my sailing habit. Margo has been aggressive in doing things to make sure that I am able to continue racing, even as we have the little one running around (OK, crawling!). Thank you to Marisol for being an easy baby and letting me sail.

Save the date—Saturday, September 20, 2008, for next year's Ed Hinds Regatta!



Ken Ali and Jeannine Receiving the Ed Hinds Trophy from Ned and Marion Hinds

Nigeria & Ohio Districts



Nigeria

Fleets

510 Lagos Yacht Club

District Commodore: Andrew Baton

Fleet 510—Lagos Yacht Club
Sailing on Lagos, Offshore and Lagoon
Lagos, Nigeria

Fleet Captain: Julian Calvin



Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
43	Sorry-O	David J Use
13527	Vabaria	Julian Calvin
13753		Ian Edwards
14166	White Swan	David J Use
14392	Orieoda	Alan M Emslie
14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14929	Bonfire II	Knut Engebretsen Mark Haas
15267	Shango	Andrew D Barton Kevin King
15273	Scud	Ian Edwards Robert E Overfield
15274	Just In Time	Richard J Willmott
15321		Ted Coventry
15322		Richard J Willmott
15323	Whirlwind	Ian Edwards
15326	Speed	Gary L Schwantz



Julian Calvin, Steve Davis, Lindy Edwards & Skip Dieball



Ohio

Fleets

23 Indian Lake Yacht Club

71 Rocky River

27 Leatherlips Yacht Club

150 Mansfield Sailing Club

36 Pymatuning Yacht Club

303 Cowan Lake Sailing Assn

43 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

District Commodore: Eric Brandt

After two years as District Commodore, Eric Brandt will be stepping down this June. A new Commodore and Secretary will be selected at the winter meeting in February.

Pymatuning and Cowan Lake continue to show strong Fleet growth and participation at a time when other fleets are struggling in both areas. This is due in part to the events hosted by both Fleets: Pymatuning opens the Ohio District Schedule, and Cowan Lake is the last event of the Ohio district schedule.

The Indiana and Ohio District Fleets have been supporting increased membership and sparking interest in Lightning sailing by encouraging inter-district participation. Several Ohio sailors have made the trip west to enjoy some tough competition with their Indiana counterparts, and vice versa. We are also reviewing dates and ideas for a possible event on Lake Erie.

The Ohio districts for 2007 were held this year at Pymatuning, and Ryan Ruhlman celebrated his first District Championship. The 2008 Districts will be sailed at Cowan Lake.

There was a tight race for the 2007 Governor's Cup that wasn't decided until the last event of the season, with Steve Weeber being awarded the trophy.

The Fleets are hopeful that the upcoming season will prove that the efforts to garner new members and promote competition have begun to pay off.

Fleet 23—Indian Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Indian Lake

Russels Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain: James T Young

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12551	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
13741	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover

Fleet 27—Leatherlips Yacht Club

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir

Powell, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Eric Brandt

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9498		Ralph Zimmer
13969		Steve Madara
14897		Kurt Andrews Jim Fenzel Jeff Chalmers
15191		Eric Brandt

The Lightning Fleet of Leatherlips Yacht Club has gained a few new members over the past year or so, and looks forward to increased local activity.

A special "Thank You" goes to George Auer, who performed Race Committee duties many weeks, several times single-handedly.

Ohio District

Fleet 36—Pymatuning Yacht Club
Sailing on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain:	Garry Condon
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer:	Tina Vieregg
Race Chairman:	Dean Caley

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6133		G Scotland Werley
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	G Scotland Werley
9835		June Maltbie
12593		Robert C Baumgardner
13181		Martin Powell
13240	Recess	Janis Gamer
13465		Gordon Fink
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymier
13905	Szygy	Jonathan Dean
14143	Rigmarole	Edgar Rumble
14208		Beverly & Bridget Boyle
14242	Blue Moon	M Andrew Sees
14285	Enticer	Frank Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	William H Weihe
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14483	Spice	Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14523	Moo	Leonard Ciccone
14546	Hakuna Matata	Marilyn & Victor Maras
14573		John M Woodall
14579	Arete	Nedra J Lewis
		G Scotland Werley
14657		Justin Proctor
14751	Tog Bog E	Ralph Meacham
14885	Blue Line	Doug C Blackburn
14907	Chaos & Creation	Kate Scotti
14914	Cool	Donald P Courtsal
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
14957	Git-R-Dun	Ryan Ruhlman
		Timothy Werley
15000	Brilliant!	Kate Werley
		John Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	John Werley
		Bertie M Werley
15022	Sight Unseen	Gary Condon
15075		Maegan Ruhlman
15112	Barometer Soup	David E Werley
15221		David N Vieregg
15257		Robert Ruhlman
15288	Drops of Jupiter	David Vieregg

As I sit by the fireside watching the snow fly, trying to collect my thoughts on the past season, I once again realize how fortunate we of Lightning Fleet 36 at the Pymatuning Yacht Club really are. Perhaps the good fortune is more apparent to those of us who did not grow up in this club.

The Club is located on excellent sailing waters, large enough to allow the wind to settle, with gentle terrain that does not confuse the wind in the first place.

Having started out as a weekend encampment of those interested in sailing and growing from that, this club had a very different starting point from most. So we have inherited a possibly unique club experience.

If you have never been to PYC, imagine a small secluded village that slowly arouses from sleep each Friday evening as members arrive, passing through its gate.

Saturday morning the shoreline of the bay is filled with the voices of children, as our youth sailing program starts the day. We begin with five year olds soloing in Optimist Prams and carry on through the age of eighteen using 420s, Thistle's, and Lightnings.

Saturday afternoons bring our Fleet racing program, after which we gather on the front lawn. This would be the town square scene from a Norman Rockwell. Maybe. Rockwell depicted all one might see there. Food. Laughter. Mentoring. Frustration. I'm not sure he ever painted a keg, but he should have.

Afternoons on the front lawn melt away into evenings, which carry the burden of a densely packed social schedule as each Fleet of the club hosts several events.

Sundays begin as Saturdays with our junior program, another afternoon Fleet race, and another gathering on the lawn. But Sundays draw to a close with our villagers drifting away to return to whatever they do "out there."

With this sort of an environment, what can you expect to encounter? Great friendships and some of the best one design racing you can find.

Our season opens with the Pymatuning Spring Classic regatta using the fitting slogan "Cool Breezes, Warm Friendship, Hot Competition." Each year as this regatta draws top competitors the final standings read like a who's who of Lightning racing. David Stark wrote in his article on this year's regatta: "It's an event that every Lightning sailor should attend." Please do.

After four great races on Saturday, Ched Proctor and crew were leading. The dinner and cocktail party followed with entertainment provided into the wee hours by Fleet 36's own "Trailer Trash Band."

Okay. I admit that the small secluded village is a bit of a trailer park. But with pre-arrangement, we're happy to put you up in one of our trailers when you attend the Spring Classic.

Sunday's wind lived up (or rather down) to predictions with no races held.

Final top five were Ched Proctor in first, followed by David Stark, Skip Dieball, Debbie Probst, and Rob Ruhlman.

The 2007 Ohio District Championship was won by Ryan Ruhlman, a product of that junior sailing program I have mentioned, who is making his mark in the sport. Ryan retained the District honor for our Fleet, as David Werley had held it the year before, also a product of that Junior Program.

Yes. I'm jealous of all those who grew up here, but glad to be able to associate with and be mentored by them.

Rob Ruhlman with wife Abby and David Werley attended the Lightning Worlds in 2007, finishing seventh, and the North American Championships finishing fifth. What a great accomplishment for them! We are all honored in it. And yes. Rob is also a product of...you got it.

In fleet racing, the Spring series saw David Werley in first, the team of John and Katie Werley in second, with Scot Werley in third—proof that one could actually hold a Werley regatta.

The Summer Saturday Series saw the team of John and Katie Werley in first, David Vieregg in second, with John Woodall third.

In the Sunday series it was John Woodall, Dean Caley, and the team of John and Katie Werley.

The Stay at Home saw Dean Caley in first, Len Ciccone second and Ed Rumble in third for his first trophy finish.

The Fall Series was won by the team of John and Katie Werley, with Dean Caley second, and the team of Matt and David Werley third in Matt Werley's first Lightning series.

The 2007 Fleet Championship, which is determined by performance throughout the season, was won by the team of John and Katie Werley, with John Woodall Second, Dean Caley third, Vic Maras in fourth, and Len Ciccone in fifth for his first Championship position.

But we're not simply about the racing. I've alluded to our full social schedule. This summer saw a return of the golf, Bocce, a sailing triathlon initiated in 2006 by David and Tina Vieregg. The idea of this event is to create balanced teams based on golf and sailing skills. We all get to spend the day teamed with someone outside our usual crew, doing some things we may generally not do. It takes a good deal of effort to just to team everyone, and we all appreciate Sarah Woodall's efforts to keep this fun day going.

But I'm jabbering on. The fire needs another log, and it's looking like I need to run the snow blower.

Until next season, from all of us in Fleet 36: Smooth sailing to you and yours.

Fleet 43—Buckeye Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Buckeye Lake Columbus, Ohio

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
15181		George L Fisher

Fleet 71—Rocky River Sailing on Lake Erie Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captains: George Auer
David E Samanich

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13726	Fat Chance	Bill L Buckles

Fleet 150—Mansfield Sailing Club Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir Lexington Ohio

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6944	Toby	Chandler Stevens
10444	Das Boot	Christopher Schneider
13485		Christopher Clarke
13979	X Stream	Thomas H Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14390	Granfalloon	James L Stone
14824	Nuckenphutz	Christopher Clarke
14952	X Stream	Thomas H Varley

Fleet 303—Cowan Lake Sailing Association Sailing on Cowan Lake Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Ann Brock
Fleet Champion: Dr Steve Weeber

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
96		John Hayes
11777		Jim Young
13110		John Tangney
13504	Rocky	James P Taylor
14110		Dick Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14287	Talaria	Stephen A Weeber
14785		Bryan P Riddiford
14851	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades
14875	Duma	Bryan P Riddiford
14925		Michael H Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades
15207	Bravado3	Stephen A Weeber
15309		Patrick G Kirk
15317	Phoenix II	Stephen A Weeber

2007 was a great year for fleet 303 as we welcomed the addition of three boats. Mike LoVullo (#14112), who has been a steady crew over the past few years, decided it was time to get his own boat. He bought a boat from Canoe Club and started club racing late in the season. John Tangey (#13110) and his son have been regulars on the club course for most of the season. John's boat increases our Cowan yellow boat count now to four. So much for Cowan Lake following the rest of the Class to white! Dr. Pat Kirk purchased a new (white) boat (#15309) late in the season, and we expect to see more of him and his daughter Margret.

Dr. Steve Weeber represented our Fleet well by winning Indian Lake Stumpbuster, Mansfield Barebones and placing at Leatherlips Windshift and Cowan Fall-In regattas. Aided by his ever steady crew of his wife Donna and Stan Cummings, he won the Ohio District Governor's Cup. In addition, Steve was impressive at several out of District regattas, including a 2nd at the Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open, 11th at Wawassee Hoosier and an 8th at Nashville Bluenose regattas. By the way, did I also mention he repeated as Cowan Lake Lightning Fleet Champion and won Cowan's multi-fleet one-design men's championship? Congratulations to Steve and his team for an impressive 2007 season!

At the club level master mariner Ken Irwin and Dennis & Kathy Rhoades kept the Lightning's visible on Sunday's when Dick Pugh, Mike Brock and Jim Taylor were off chasing Steve Weeber on the regatta circuit. Jim Taylor had another good year and did especially well for his first time Southern Circuit campaign. Sailing with fellow Cowan sailors Bryan Riddiford and Stan Cummings, he placed no less than 15th at Savannah, Miami and St. Pete. Jim placed 11th overall in the circuit and took home the Top New Comer trophy for highest placing first time participant.

Our Lightning Fleet continues to be well represented at the club level, with Dennis Rhoades as clubhouse chairman and past commodore Ken Irwin, who is involved in every aspect of the club operation. We thank them for representing our Fleet well as they help keep the club running when many of us are on the regatta circuit.

Ohio & Pacific Northwest Districts



30th Fall In Regatta Cowan Lake Fleet 303

In late October we hosted the 34th annual Cowan Fall-In regatta. We had twenty boats show up for the regatta, with nineteen on the race course. Our Fall-In regatta continues to be a great end of the season draw. We are proud to say over the past several years it has been the second most attended Ohio regatta next to Pymatuning's Spring Classic. This year we had several out of District boats, including North Cape, Indy and Wawa-see. We thank them for their participation, as we support their regattas as well. We did hear rumors that Ernie Dieball, who sailed the last few Fall-Ins, was planning to show. However, Jacqueline sent a note saying he was not to miss his wedding or honeymoon. Looks like next year's invite goes to the new boss, and I don't think I am referring to his brother Skip either! Congratulations E-ball from the Cowan folks!

The Fall-In story was nothing but spectacular, with hot competition and great weather. On Saturday winds were blowing down the lake at 12-19 and the Race Committee set a long WL course at 0.75 mile/leg. We sailed three 2 X WL races. The story to be told was about who was hot and who continues to demonstrate how good they are. Nate and Bridgett Ireland continue to establish a name for themselves in Ohio. Nate sailed Bryan Riddiford's boat with two of his old college buddies, and Bridgett sailed Mike LoVullo's Buffalo boat with Mike and Kurt Andrews on board. When the scores were posted Saturday evening it was Bridgett on top. Nate and a few others (including Brock, Varley and Taylor) got called back in an OCS, which dropped him in standing. Sunday was a bit more challenging, as winds were light and from the short side of the lake. The Race Committee was forced to set modified Olympics, and both races were about staying in breeze and predicting what side it would appear from. Unfortunately for Bridgett, two mid fleet finishes put her in 5th overall. The regatta was won by Jim Taylor, followed by Steve Weeber and Brad Wagnon the defending champion.

We finished the season with a year-end dinner party at the Brock's. Ann and Mike prepared their traditional Italian holiday festival. A 1,000 picture slide show of the Fall-In regatta was shown in the background to music, tall stories and plenty of food and drink. Given Ann continues to set a high bar for running an efficient Fall-In regatta and her tasty Italian cooking at the annual party, we've elected her as Fleet Captain again.

2008 will be a busy year for us at Cowan. We host Districts in June, Sears Cup Semi-Finals in Lightnings, and we'll push for twenty-five boats at Fall-In.



Pacific Northwest

Fleets

64	Maple Bay	283	Columbia
90	Kitsilano Yacht Club	368	Okanagan
229	Chinook	507	The Prairie Fleet

District Commodore: John DeBenedetti

Fleet 64—Maple Bay

Sailing on Maple Bay

Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet 90—Kitsilano Yacht Club

Sailing on English Bay

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11645	Shanic	Douglas Ash
13289	Liisa	Campbell Pearce
13685		George McLaughlin/Menno Bos

Fleet 229—Chinook

Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir

Eugene, Oregon

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13942	Green Eggs & Ham	A Morrie Craig

Fleet 283—Columbia

Sailing on Vancouver Lake

Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain: David Collins

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7497		Ralph Crouse
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
9690	Cathouse	Joe Nelson
10541		Brian White
10731	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
11141		Ben Gillespie
11151		Darrell Peck
11700		Scott Lindstrom
11879		Andrew Hubbell
12426		Gary Kostis
12675		Ed Borguignon
12879		Karl Zenk
12990		Kevin Stravers
13029		Brian Minor
13476	Bob	David A Smith
13788	Tacky Two	Gerald L Neuburger
13837	Spook	Gerald Martin
13896		John DeBenedetti
13949	Frenzy	Randy Anderson/David Collins
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14246		Darrell Peck
14288	Humuhumunukunua	Philip F Parshley
14453	Blue Bayou	Darrell Peck

Pacific Northwest & St Lawrence Valley Districts



Humuhumunukunua

Columbia Fleet had another good year. A couple new members have joined us. Racing on Vancouver Lake was its usual good—with Darrel Peck as our Feet Champion and Jerry Neuburger is the Runner-up. Darrel represented the Fleet at the North Americans in Annapolis, placing 12th. We were quite enthused! In the spring Jerry Neuburger went to San Diego for the California Circuit and, John DeBenedetti was there as a crew. Looking forward to an even better 2008.

Fleet 368—Okanagan
Sailing on Okanagan Lake
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet 507—The Prairie Fleet
Sailing on Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell in Alberta Canada
and on Canyon Lake and Canyon Ferry Lake and
Flathead Lake in Montana

Fleet Captain: Karsten M Dalbert

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10891	Old Blue	Tim Hornett
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten M Dalberg



St Lawrence Valley

Fleets

215 Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club 499 Point Claire Yacht Club

District Commodore: Peter Hall

Fleet 215—Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club
Sailing on Lac St Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain: Valerie Tardif-Holly

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
2684	Day Girl	Michael Holly
12217	Cathouse	Valerie Tardif-Holly
13855		Louis Brousseau
14114		Alain Ranger
14326		Jamie Allan
14354		Jacques Trottier
14398	Nickels and Dimes	Mark Osterman
14443		Rod Hayes John Sauter
14591		David Gorman
14768	Kristatoo	Peter Hall
15082	Day Girl	Michael Holly
15189		Stephen Waldie
15210		Peter Hall

We had a great season with great participation this summer. Congratulations to Stephen Waldie who was selected for the Lightning Class Boat Grant. He and his team were a great addition to our Fleet. They participated with enthusiasm to all club races and also traveled. They are hooked on the Lightning!!

2007 World Championships and Masters

Peter Hall sailed in the Masters with Phil Carrigan and Jay Deakin to finish 5th.

He also sailed in the Worlds with Jay Deakin and Jamie Allan and finished 10th. It was hot and tough! Great going guys!

2007 Canadian Championships

We were the hosts this year on June 30 and July 1 2007. We had a good turnout and a good regatta. Peter Hall, Jamie Allan and Jay Deakin won the event, followed by Bill Fastiggi in 2nd place, Bobby Martin in 3rd place, Richard Walsh in 4th, Michael Holly Jr. in 5th and David Doc Gorman in 6th place.

2007 District Championships

We finally ran them on a Wednesday evening because they had been postponed for lack of wind and we were running out of weekends before the NAs. Stephen Waldie won, followed by Michael Holly Jr. and then by Alain Ranger. Two boats went to the NAs in Annapolis: Stephen Waldie and Mike Holly. New baby Thomas Holly came along as ground support for his first NAs.

St Lawrence Valley & Southeastern Districts

2008 Junior Worlds

We have the honor to have been chosen as the North American venue for the 2008 Junior Worlds. The event will take place from July 14 to the 18, 2008. It is a great time to be in Montreal! We have some very excited Fleet members!

David Gorman, Doc



It is with great sadness that we lost our keenest sailor in August of 2007. He traveled every Wednesday evening for more than an hour to race with us. He was so happy to sail and see his friends at the club. He was having one of his best seasons, and he was at the top of his game. We will miss the Doc.

If we can learn one thing from him, it is to take advantage of life and to play hard. He loved sailing, and even though he started in Lightnings later in life, he was a legend! He was one of the kindest and most generous man. Wednesday nights will not be the same without him and his amazing boat speed and his cheerful company. His legacy will live on as his two boats will stay in the Fleet. I am sure he is happy about that! We will love you always Doc!

Valerie Tardif-Holly



*Fleet 499—Point Claire Yacht Club
Sailing on Lac St Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada*



Southeastern

Fleets

127	Savannah Yacht Club	429	Greater Charlston
257	Clarks Hill	463	Lake Maccamaw
348	Lake Lanier	481	Wake
365	Catawba Yacht Club	511	Cape Fear
415	Lake Norman		

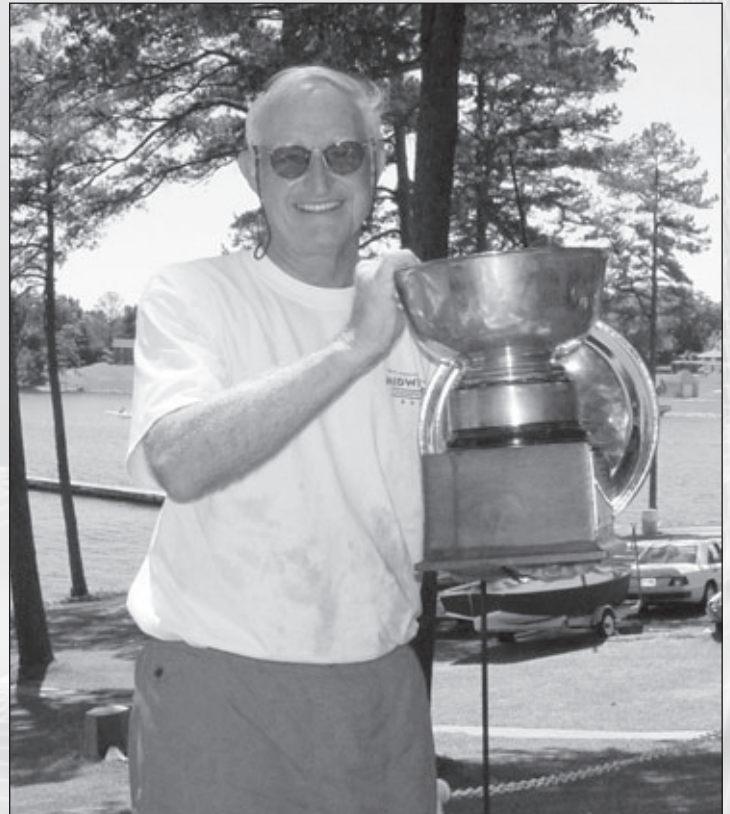
District Commodore:	Terry Tyner
District Secretary/Treasurer:	Lauren Beauchamp
District Champion:	Lenny Krawcheck
District Runner-up:	Terry Tyner
Traveling Series Champion:	Bob Harkrider

Changing places, changing faces might well be the theme for the 2007 Southeastern Lightning District season.

Marcus Moehlman won the WCSC Portsmouth Open, a new District regatta on Lake Hartwell to open the 2007 traveling season.

Our 2007 District Championships moved to a brand new location on Lake Murray, South Carolina, the Columbia Sailing Club. Perennial District Master, Lenny Krawcheck, overcame a six point deficit in races one and two to charge to the top and defeat Terry Tyner by two points. John Sawyer and Bob Harkrider finished three and four.

Pierce Barden dominated racing on the ocean side of his home course at Wrightsville Beach to claim the third district regatta of the year by nine points over fellow Wrightsville sailor, John Sawyer.



Lenny Krawcheck

Southeastern District



Team Harkrider

By now it was mid-June and time for the best regatta party on the circuit—the Low Country Regatta at Beaufort, South Carolina. Bob Harkrider has owned this regatta for as long as anyone can remember, and 2007 was no different. It was a little closer this year, as Marcus Moehlman and Bob were tied for first entering the last race. Team Harkrider finished two boats higher than Marcus, and that was the difference.

Participation was up at the Charleston Open Regatta this year. Six boats vied for the title in beautiful Charleston Harbor. District commodore, Terry Tyner, moved into victory lane with a dominating 1-1-2 performance.

On to Augusta where Bob Harkrider, Tommy Schroeder, and Sharon Harkrider, SELD's most consistent team, sailed to a ten-point victory. John Pelosi and Lenny Krawcheck rounded out the top three.

The 2007 Lake Waccamaw Regatta almost succumbed to an absence of wind, but two Saturday races allowed Dave Puckett to become the sixth skipper to win a district regatta.

That brought us to Atlanta and a full house of fifteen boats. This regatta was another nail biter. With Bob Harkrider sitting on a throw-out eleven, the final race would be a duel between Bob and Tennessee's Bill Hoffmeister. Bill sailed a nice third place race and won the regatta.

Days later we learned, with regret, that our headline regatta, the Borderline, would be canceled because of drought conditions across our region. The traveling series was over.

There were new faces in our District this year. Karen Dial debuted at Atlanta in 2006, but the newcomer sailed a full schedule of seven regattas in 2007. Nick Cumbie, ace crew for Pam Barron, skippered at Atlanta and also participated with distinction in the Sears Cup, winning his region. Will Tyner, crack crew for Dad, Terry, also took the helm this year at Atlanta, Augusta, and Columbia. Will is the proud owner of 10810.

As usual, many of us were all over the national scene sailing the Southern Circuit, ACCs and Nationals.

If you need a home for great Lightning sailing, check us out at www.sailsoutheast.org.

Fleet 127—Savannah Yacht Club
Sailing on the Wilmington River
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Captain: John M McIntosh Sr

Fleet 257—Clarks Hill
Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake
Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain:	Bob Harkrider
Fleet Secretary:	Marcus Moehlman
Fleet Go-To Person:	Tom Schroder
Driving Force to Get Things Done:	Sharon Harkrider

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7947	Mustardseed	Geoffrey W Sheen
10810	Rode Hard	Sharon Harkrider
13190		Thomas L Schroder
15310		Sharon Harkrider Robert E Harkrider

Now that I have sold one of my two boats (Rode Hard 10810), our Fleet is down to two boats. Not to fret, both of us qualified and finished first and second in the Southeastern Lightning traveling series. Out of the eight regattas that were held, our Fleet finished first in three of them.

Marcus Moehlman opened the season by winning the Western Carolina Open in Anderson, South Carolina. Six races were sailed with one throw out race. Marcus threw out a second to finish with five points. Not a bad way to start the season!

Marcus crewed with Ellie Stone and me at the North Americans in Annapolis in August. We had our very best NAs ever, winning the McDermott Trophy as the most improved sailor from the previous years NAs. We finished seventh overall to put the frosting on the cake. Great team! Great time!

Twelve boats came to Augusta to race in our fall traveling series. We should have had fifteen boats there, but our friends from Wrightsville Beach are afraid to take their boats on the highway. Oh well, more beer and wine for the rest of us to consume. We got in four races and were fortunate to finish first, followed by John Pelosi and Lenny Krawcheck.

Now that 2007 is over, I am looking forward to 2008 and another fun year sailing with all of the friends I have met from the Lightning circuit. Once tax season is over—let the sailing begin!

Fleet 348—Lake Lanier
Sailing on Lake Lanier
Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet Captain:	Pamela M Barron
Fleet Champion:	Pamela M Barron

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11149		Nick Cumbie
12935		Ken Wallace
13636		Kevin Phelan
13729	Razorback	Thomas W Wynn
13898	Alice-in-Wonderland	Robert French
15180		Pamela M Barron
15309		David Van Cleef

While we would have preferred to report that we had a gain in the number of boats during this past year, we did retain seven boats with no losses. Of those seven, we had three active Fleet members: Pam Barron, Bob French and Tom Wynn. Racing was tight at the club among them. The series ended in a tie between Pam and Tom, with the tie breaker going to Pam for 2007 Fleet Champion. We hope to get a couple more members active this next year. Nick Cumbie, crew for Pam since he was twelve will be practicing heavily in his old Lightning (given to him by Tom) for the Sears Cup.

Southeastern District

Fleet 348

Pam and crew actively participated in five of eight Southeastern District Regattas as well as the Bluenose. She sailed the entire Southern Circuit for the first time and had a blast! Overall, she was happy with her results for the Circuit, given that she sailed more windy races that week than her previous combined heavier wind experience, as well as sailing among the best of the best national sailors.

We had a good turn-out for the 2007 Atlanta Cup with fifteen boats, with the support of four from our Fleet. Bill Hofmeister and crew of Mandy and Becca Hofmeister from Nashville took home the perpetual trophy, while Bob Harkrider from Augusta and John Pelosi from Raleigh took 2nd & 3rd place honors respectively. Will Tyner from Columbia, with an outstanding series, finished 7th as Best Junior boat. Nick Cumbie, another junior boat, took top honors for the local finishers. A big "Thanks" to Ted McGee, PRO, who led his outstanding Race Committee to get us six races with very good courses. The egg bagels each morning and the appetizers, pork loin and beverages at dinner were enjoyed by all.

Fleet 365—Catawba Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Wylie

Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet 415—Lake Norman

Sailing on Lake Norman

Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Carter Utzig

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13738	Past Due	Lauren Beauchamp
14432	Blitzen	Richard Simpson
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Carter Utzig

Fleet 429—Greater Charleston

Sailing on Charleston Harbor

Charleston, South Carolina

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11771	Wasabi	William R Sloger
15085		Leonard Krawcheck

Fleet 463—Lake Waccamaw

Sailing on Lake Maccamaw

Waccamaw, North Carolina

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14980	Celebrate	Paul R Jueschke

Fleet 481—Wake

Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan

Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Daivd L Puckett

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12603		Harry E Cline
12773		Worth A Lutz
13620	Banana Boat	Harry E Cline
13877		Michael S Rees
14637	Great Escape	Charles L Moore
14720	Stinger	Jay R Johnson
14747		Alan F Krauss
14852		Robert Graves
14932		John W Pelosi
15009	Turtle Time	Richard Phillips
15141	Ciaobebe	Avis Bridgers
15146		David L Pucket

The Wake Fleet had a very slow year with very little activity by most Fleet members. Chuck Moore, Bob Graves, John Chaplinsky, Dave Puckett and John Pelosi were the only Fleet members to get their boats in the water. Chuck sailed with his family in the Carolina Sailing Club regattas at both Kerr Lake and Jordan Lake. Bob Graves sailed with Dale Oller and others at Kerr Lake, and John Chaplinsky sailed with his wife Brenda and others at both venues. John Chaplinsky and his team won the overall season championship, with John Pelosi winning the Spring Series and Dave Puckett winning the Fall Series.

Long time Fleet member Michael Rees is selling his boat and dropping out of sailing completely so he can devote full time to his medical practice. The usually very active Henry and Avis Bridgers team took a sabbatical, and we hope to see them in 2008.

Dave Puckett sold his Lightning in favor of the hard-railed Thistle, which has a much larger fleet in the Carolina Sailing Club. Dave made it out on the Southeastern District Circuit a few times before he defected. In one of those outings he sailed with Pat Terry and Taylor Brockman and not only took three bullets for three races but also horizoned the Fleet in all three races. Maybe he sold the Lightning because it was just too easy for him. John Pelosi not only attended enough District regattas to qualify, but he also sailed the entire mid-winter series and attended the NAs in Annapolis, sailing with Harold Broadwell and former Wake Fleet member Ed Michels. They had fun, and nobody got hurt except Harold. Dan Richards sailed the mid-winter series with John, together with a different foredeck crew at each venue.

The capper on a ho-hum season for the Wake Fleet was that we were forced to cancel the Borderline Regatta this year. Kerr Lake levels got so low that all ramps on the lake were closed to both sailboats and power boats.

Regardless of experiences in 2007, we look forward to a more exciting time in 2008. John Chaplinsky is our new Fleet Captain. Kerr Lake is gradually returning to its typical grandeur. The Lightning is an exciting boat, and life is good.

Fleet 511—Cape Fear

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean

Wilmington, North Carolina

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9398	Old School	Jay Taylor
12126		David A Pyle
13123	Hot Pocket	Jared Lathrop
14062	White Star	Andrew Barton
14318	Soul Sister	John Sawyer
14356	Lightn' Up	William F King
14622	Sasam	Jared Lathrop Thomas Hissam
14682		Bob Cowen
14695		Richard B Waldkirch
14701	Driving Blind	James A Harris
15139		Tommy Van Arsdale
15156	White Lightning	David A Pyle
15236		Steve Johnston
15241		Pierce P Barden
15351		Pierce P Barden

Southern & Switzerland Districts



Southern

Fleets

62	Southern Yacht Club	179	Pass Christian Yacht Club
135	Mobile Bay	388	Jackson Yacht Club
175	Shreveport Yacht Club		

District Commodore:	Dr Lawrence N Frost III
District Measurer:	Dr Lawrence N Frost III
District Treasurer:	Thomas N Les
District Secretary:	Cal Herman
District Champion:	Dr Lawrence N Frost III
District Runner-up:	Thomas N Les
G.Y.A. Champion:	Dr Lawrence N Frost III

This year we had district regattas from one end of the District to the other. Spring Fling started this year in Jackson when Scott Anderson won. Hospitality Regatta was in the fall at Ross Barnett in Jackson with Larry Frost III winning. We had two regattas in Lake Pontchartrain in May and December, with Larry III winning the Juby Wynne, G.Y.A. and Sugar Bowl championships.

This year saw our District Championship in Pensacola, Florida. Robert Bernhardt threw a wonderful party and regatta. The sailing was chamber-of-commerce conditions, with 15-20 knots out of the south each day. Dr. Lawrence N. Frost III was able to capture his eighth District Championship with excellent crew work from Chance Miller and Patrick Ryan.

Fleet 62—Southern Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain:	Dr Lawrence N Frost III
Fleet Secretary:	Cal Herman St
Fleet Champion:	Dr Lawrence N Frost III

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14136		Callender Herman
15126		Larry Frost Jr
15211		Dr Lawrence N Frost III
15329		Hartley Meric Thomas Meric

As this is being written, we are getting our new club house built. The pilings are being driven this month. So we may see some more progress in time for the upcoming sailing season.

This year saw an increase in the level of participation from all of our sailors. Dr. Lawrence N. Frost III nearly swept all the regattas sailed. The only blemish cam at the Spring Fling in Jackson, Mississippi. The Lake saw our annual Juby Wynne serve as our G. Y. A. Championship. There Dr. Frost won. We also had a great turnout for the Sugar Bowl, with ten competitions.

I think this year is a turning point, and our numbers will be growing at future events. So, please come down to the Big Easy and enjoy a bit of sailing with all of us.

Fleet 135—Mobile Bay
Sailing on Mobile Bay
Mobile, Louisiana

Fleet Captain:	Christopher Frost
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Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13060		E Russell March
14507	Oh Baby!	John P Buziak
15201	Bob Sled	Robert E Bernhardt

Fleet 175—Shreveport Yacht Club
Sailing on Cross Lake
Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet 179—Pass Christian Yacht Club
Sailing on the Gulf Coast & Mississippi Sound
Shreveport, Louisiana

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
8131	Woodstock	Eugene H Walet
9696	Smoooth	Buddy Clarke
10812		Henry F Laird
13627	Summer Lightning	Bob Peat
14129		Guy Brierre
14355	Spirit	Eugene H Walet Peter W Furze

Fleet 388—Jackson Yacht Club
Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir
Jackson, Mississippi

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10959		John B Waskom IV
14736	Enigma	John B Waskom IV
14737	Evan's Full Ride	Thomas Niles



Switzerland

Fleets

48	Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port	358	Flotte Murtensee
169	Lac de Neuchatel		

District Commodore:	Jacques Perret
District Treasurer:	Walter Dürr
District Measurer:	Urs Wyler
District Champion:	Urs Wyler
District Runner-up:	Jacques Perret

National Activity

Our traditional Spring regatta on the lake of Sempach was canceled for lack of participants!

In spite of the very cold weather and the strong wind, we had good participation at our District Championship in Neuchâtel during the Memorial Claude Lambelet in October.

International Activity

Two Swiss Crews traveled to Athens for the Europeans and Worlds Championships. Meltemi sailed both Championships, Gaston just the Worlds.

Switzerland & Texas Districts

Once again our District Champion crew Wyler/Dürr/Dürr have found the way to bring the European title back to Switzerland. Congratulations for the good performance.

Next year, we will organize the European Championship in Neuchâtel in July. We are anticipating good participation from the Europeans Districts and maybe some crews from Nigeria and USA!

I wish to all Swiss Lightning sailors, active and less active, a very good season in 2008, and I'm forward to seeing everyone next year in Neuchâtel.

48—Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port
Sailing on Corsier-Port
Geneva, Switzerland

169—Lac de Neuchatel
Sailing on Lac de Neuchatel
Neuchatel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain: Gilbert Despland

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12860		Jean-Michel Luthi
13840	Chiloe	Gilbert Despland

358—Flotte Murtensee
Sailing on Lake of Murten
Murtensee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain: Urs Wyler
Fleet Secretary: Walter Dürr

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

Auch dieses Jahr konnte auf dem Murtensee keine Lightningregatta stattfinden. Meltemi und Gaston bereiteten sich auf dem Neuenburgersee auf den Höhepunkt der Saison vor, die Europa- und Weltmeisterschaften in Athen.

Während Jacques Perret nur die Weltmeisterschaft segelte, konnte die Mannschaft Urs Wyler, Walter und Gilbert Dürr nach 2 Silbermedaillen in einem dramatischen Endkampf den Europameistertitel gewinnen. An der Weltmeisterschaft konnten die beiden Boote von der Flotte Murtensee die Ränge 15 (Meltemi) und 34 (Gaston) erkämpfen.

Zum Saisonschluss trafen sich alle 4 Boote unserer Flotte am traditionellen Criterium Claude Lambelet. Die Bise meinte es an diesem Wochenende etwas zu gut und blies mit 4-6 Windstärken. Am Samstag konnte aus diesem Grund keine Wettfahrt stattfinden. Mit 4 harten Läufen am Sonntag mit Havarien und Kenterungen konnten wir die Saison erfolgreich abschliessen.



Meltemi-Crew mit Betreuer



Texas

Fleets

35 Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club

District Commodore: Clarke Newman

2007 was a growth year for the Texas District and its one active Fleet. We gained a new and enthusiastic Fleet member in Bill Biermann. We continued the get strong participation from our long-time members, Ralph Bilnoski, Vernon Goldberg, Scott Anderson, Clarke Newman, and Sylvan Newman. The most encouraging aspect of what went on in our District this year was the expanded role played by some of our recent additions. John Womble and Beth Richard were more active and more competitive, and Steve Bell began to race his Lightning in addition to his Snipe.

We began the year with our Spring meeting, at which we decided to host the Corinthian Sailing Club Splash Day. The Spring Series began in March, with John Womble winning the Series. The Splash Day festivities were great, and the Fleet made a little money.

In April, John Womble and Scott Anderson traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, for their annual regatta. Scott finished first, and John finished third in his first out-of-town Lightning regatta as a skipper.

Beth Richard made her first out-of-town trek to the Juby Wynn Memorial Regatta in New Orleans. Beth and her crew were greeted with winds above twenty knots and three-to-four-foot chop on Lake Ponchartrain. Joining Beth at this regatta were Clarke Newman, and Scott Anderson. Clarke finished second and Scott finished third. This regatta marked the first time in twenty years that our Fleet sent three boats to an out-of-town regatta.

Our District Championships were sailed in the cold rain, which, while odd for June in Texas, was not odd for this summer. This year was one of the wettest springs and summers on record. It wreaked havoc on our sailing and our club. The lake was up over the docks three different times.

The District Championship was a closely-fought battle between Scott and Clarke Newman, with the regatta hanging into the balance until the last half of the last beat of the last race.

The Summer series saw Beth and her newer boat and John Womble and his newer boat beginning to press the older guys. Bill Biermann was figuring out the Lightning, having grown up sailing catamarans. Bill put his boat in dry dock during August to upgrade all of the equipment which made his boat more competitive.

In August, Clarke Newman and Scott Anderson traveled to Annapolis, Maryland, for the 2007 North American Championships. They took the cold rain with them as a gift for all of the attendees. Clarke and his crew of Gavin Rudolph and Alex Scanlon were the first from Texas to qualify for the Championship Fleet in a long time. Scott competed in the President's Cup. We are looking forward to next year's regatta in Newport. Hopefully, we can continue to build on our gains in Annapolis.

The Fall was capped off by a great showing of the Lightning Fleet in the Club Championships. In the State Fair regatta, Clarke Newman finished first, with Ralph Bilnoski second and John Womble third.

The District continues to work towards reactivating older fleets, and there is even some talk about bringing the NAs to Texas in a couple of years.

Texas District

As I write this report, John Womble is preparing to go to the Bluenose Regatta to gain experience sailing in big fleets.

Next year, we will focus on making everyone more competitive. We will work towards upgrading equipment and sails, and working to improve everyone's skill level.

It has been an active year for the Texas District and Fleet 35, and we look forward to building on our momentum next year. We hope to start the year off with a Lightning Lab, and we would welcome any out-of-town sailors who want to come down to our District Championships to make it more competitive.

Clarke Newman

35—*Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club*
Sailing on White Rock Lake
Dallas, Texas

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10020		Jim Crittendon
10014		Rob Edwards
10275	Xanadu	Elizabeth A Richard
10811		Paul Barton
10937	The Flying Spoon	Kerry Cole
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
12065		Bruce Jenevein
12085	Spray III	Carl Tackle
12132		Bill Biermann
13100		Willis McQueen
13228	Andros 3	Vernon Goldberg
13311	Slainte	Elizabeth A Richard
13644		Michael Daniel
13703	Saguaro	Stephen Bell
13722		Spencer McGowan
13806		Sylvan R Newman Clarke D Newman
13953		Scott Anderson
14045	Blitz	John Womble
14344		Clancy McKenna
14600	Mass Confusion	Jimmie Ankle
14814	Aeolus	Scott Anderson
14817		Scott Anderson



Juby Wynne

US @ Large District



US @ Large

488—Rocky Mountain
Sailing in Colorado, Nebraska & Wyoming
Denver, Colorado

Fleet Captain: Tom McNish
Fleet Champion: Bill Cabrall

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7311	Glory Days	Thomas Plunkett
11138		David Spira
11457	Evenstar	Norman J Jarvis
12290		Greg Mattoon
12871	Dandy Lion	Tom McNish
13857		Martin R Mulhern
14030		Steven H Davis
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15004		R Scott Hathcock
15026	Lively	John Hutton
15103		Steven H Davis
15220	Odyssey	David Spira
15265		Steven H Davis
15315	Rocket Science	William F Cabrall



As with many years, the 2007 sailing season started off at the Southern Circuit for several Fleet 488 members. At the windy 60th anniversary of the Winter Championship in St. Petersburg, the team of Steve and Jan Davis, and Nick Farina finished in the top twenty.

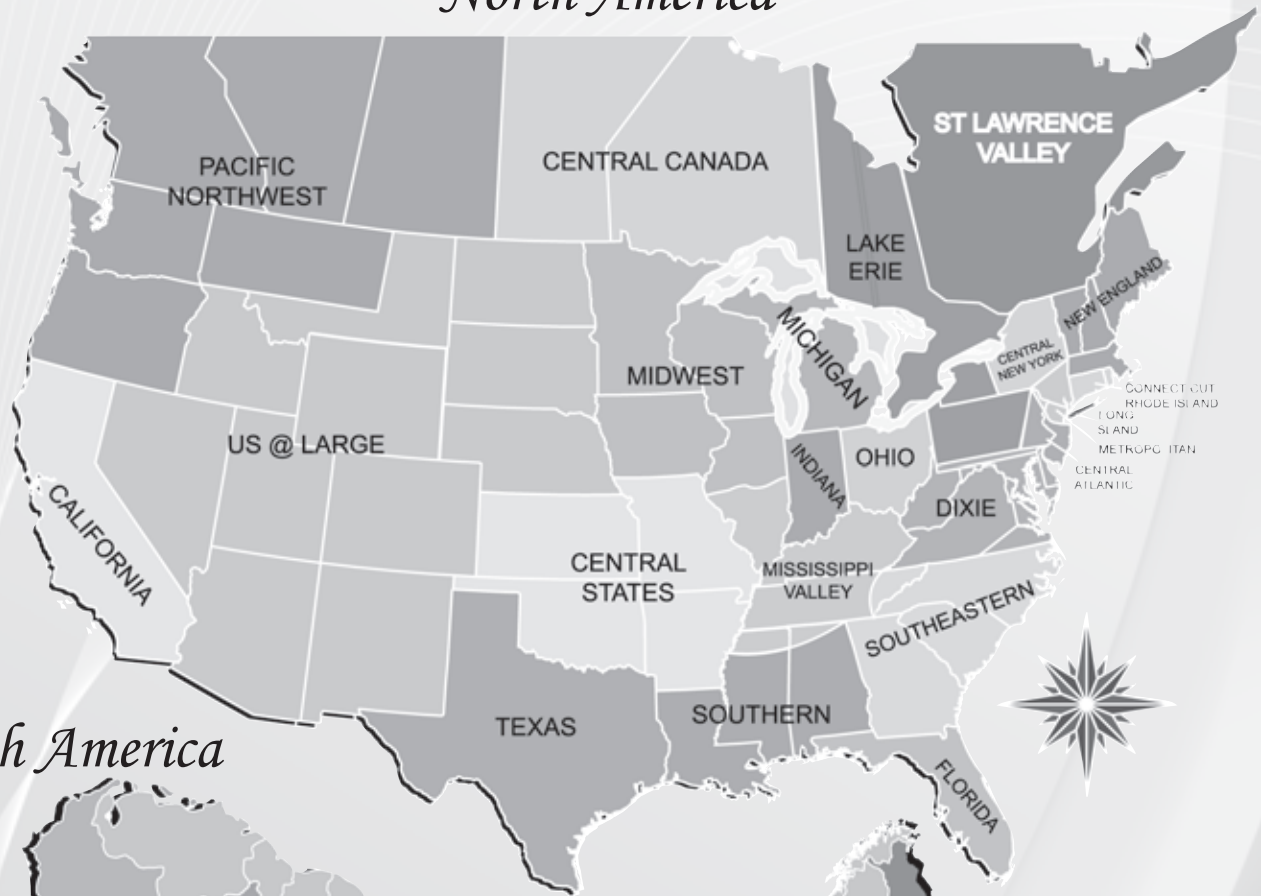
Back in Colorado racing began the first Sunday in April with snow-covered mountains and icy water, which continued well into October. In typical Colorado fashion, the wind kept us alert, ranging from 0–30+ any given night and shifting 360°. Thanks to the hard work of the Denver Sailing Association, three series, Thawout, Spring, and Summer, were sailed, culminating in a fleet champion. Sailing his new boat, Bill Cabrall and crew consistently raced well all season and, for the first time, won the beautiful Fleet 488 Champion trophy that he donated many years ago. After a night of exciting racing, fleet and DSA members congregated on the dock for grilled brats and burgers. Since the Denver area has few mosquitoes, this after-dark camaraderie is almost as much fun as the racing and—often—times more educational.

Fleet 488 and the DSA continued to travel this year, with both Steve Davis and David Spira visiting Greece for the Worlds. Steve, with his excellent crew of Brian Hayes and Laura Jeffers, finished third. Way to go Steve! But the sailing didn't stop there. Steve also has some great memories sailing with Karen and Colin Park in the North Americans for both the Masters and the open, winning the presidents cup. This was the second year in the row that the same Colorado boat, 15103, sailed by a Fleet 488 member, won the Presidents Cup. Bill Cabrall, Raeyane Farell, and Craig Pierce also had an enjoyable time in Annapolis learning all the ins and outs of their new boat.

Our Fleet had a scare early in the fall when Nick Farina broke his neck. Luckily, he'll be sailing soon. On the Good Citizenship side, Fleet members worked hard on a second Lightning to refit and donate to the Denver area children's Community Sailing Program early in 2007. More boats were added to the Fleet last year, and equally important, more crew and a heightened sense of excitement are part of a growing and sustaining fleet!



North America



South America



*Europe/
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