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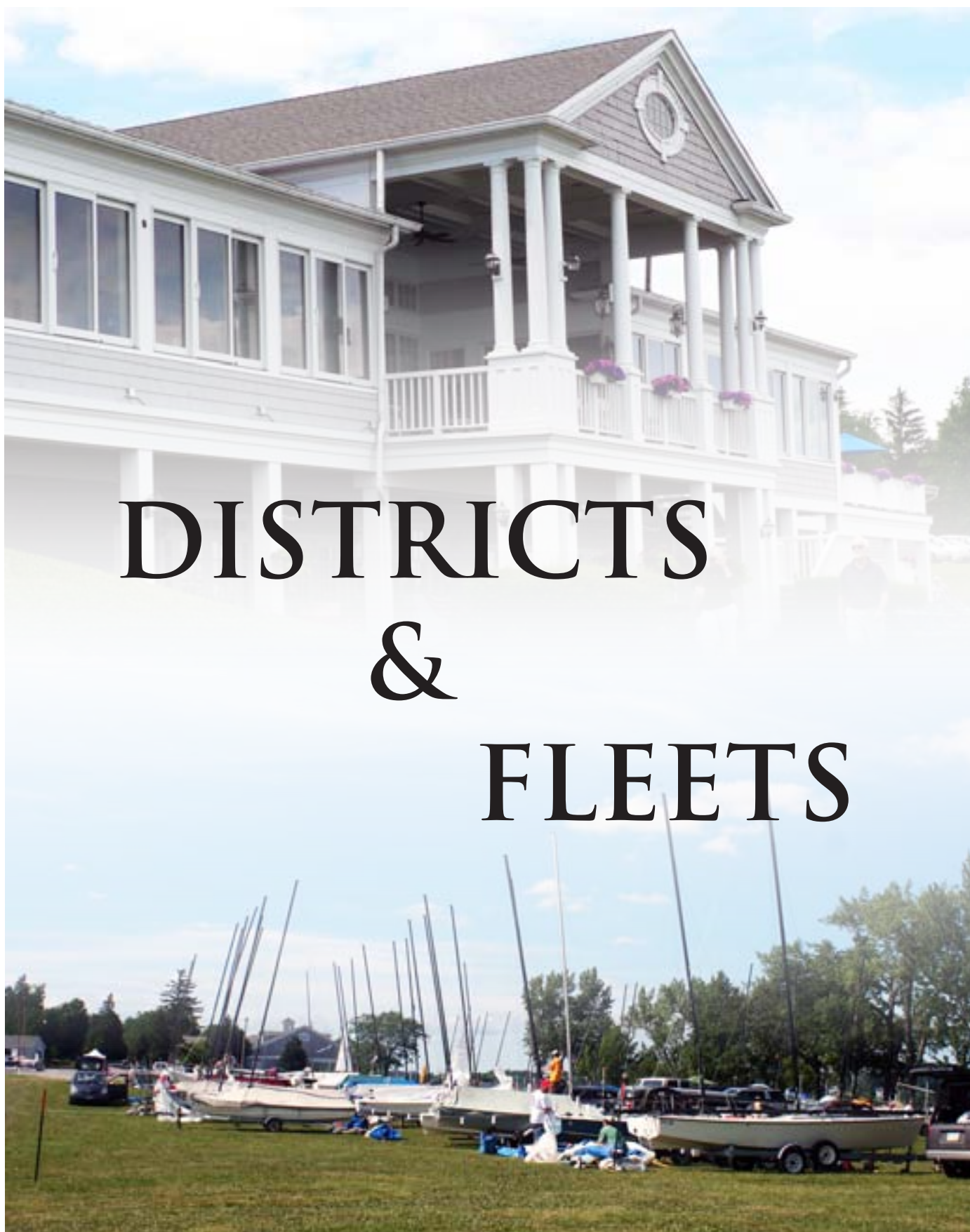




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ARGENTINA & BRAZIL DISTRICTS

ARGENTINA

Fleets

206 Club Nautico Olivos 446 Club Univeritario de Buenos Aires

District Commodore: Alejandro Cloos

206—CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS

Sailing on Lake Olivos
Buenos Aires, Argentina

446—CLUB UNIVERITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES

Sailing on Lake Olivos
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14330	Kirimaw	James Sumner
14378	Meia Noite	Mario Backup
14602	Flash Rider	Claudio Biekarck
14845	Clone Rider	Rafael Krausz
14891	B-Me	Wagner Neils Bojlesen
14892	White Magic	Hans Juergen Ludwig
14893	Layline	George Lewis Rider
14894	Wind Runner	Thomas Sumner
15152	Xamego VI	Nelson S Schmitt
15229	Acquaholic	John Stuart Bennet
15264	Hooligan	James Stuart Birkinshaw
15396	Albatross	John Stuart Bennet
	Marshmellow	Ricardo Costa

147—SAO PAULO

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
São Paulo, Brazil

BRAZIL

Fleets

147 São Paulo 462 Guarapiranga Lake
401 Guanabara

401—GUANABARA

Sailing on Guanabara Bay
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Brazil District Commodore: John Stuart Bennett

465—GUARAPIRANGA LAKE

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
São Paulo, Brazil

2008 in Review

2008 São Paulo State Regional Championship

This event had its nine races spread out over four weekends, with the first part being a preparation for the Brazilian National Championship which selected the teams for the 2008 South American Championship. The last five races closed out a successful season.

Claus Biekarck and Tommy Sumner and crew battled it out race by race, with Cesar Hirsch in 3rd, sailing on Hooligan, showing the great potential of the latest built Brazilian boats.

It was great to see another youth team finishing in 4th with Rafael Krausz. Because of other sailing competitions, our other Youth Team of João Hackerott did not sail in the second part of the championship.

Posição	Comandante	Tripulante	Clube	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Ttl	Ttl
1	Claudio Biekarck	Gunnar Ficker, Marcelo Batista da Silva	YCSA	1	4	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	16	9
2	Tommy Sumner	Felipe Brito, Felipe Gil	SPYC	2	1	3	3	4	2	1	2	3	21	14
3	Cesar Hirsch	James Birkinshaw,	SPYC	10	8	4	7	3	4	2	5	2	45	27
4	Rafael Krausz	Marco Brancher	CCSP	8	6	9	6	6	3	4	4	4	50	33
5	Wagner Bojlesen	Fabio Bojlesen	CCSP	5	7	10	10	8	5	12	3	5	65	43
6	Hans Ludwig	John Bennett, Jorge Soares	SPYC	9	3	7	8	7	6	12	6	12	70	46
7	George Rider	Não Federado	SPYC	4	12	2	4	1	12	12	12	12	71	47
8	Bruno B. Ficker	Marcos Biekarck, Martin Zacher	YCSA	6	2	6	1	12	12	12	12	12	75	51
9	Joao Augusto Hackerott	Ricardo Costa, Maria Hackerott	YCP/YCSA	3	5	12	5	5	12	12	12	12	78	54
10	Jimmy Sumner	Gustavo Bandeira, Luis Felipe Bandeira	SPYC	7	12	11	9	12	12	12	12	12	99	75



BRAZIL DISTRICT



2008 Brazilian National Championship

The Backup family won the Brazilian Nationals after a very close race with Claus Biekarck, George Rider and Tommy Sumner. SPYC hosted the event which classified the teams for the South American Championship.

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1	Mário Backup - Telma Backup - Marc Backup	YCI	1	6	1	2	1	3	14	8
2	Claudio Biekarck - Gunnar Ficker - Marcelo Silva	YCSA	3	3	2	1	3	8	20	12
3	George Rider-Sidney Bloch - Pedro Soares	SPYC	2	2	3	3	5	4	19	14
4	Thomas Sumner - Filipe Gil - Felipe Brito	SPYC/YCSA	5	1	7	9	4	1	27	18
5	Cesar Hirsch - Edgardo Vieytes - James Birkinshaw	SPYC	7	4	4	6	2	7	30	23
6	Marcelo Bellotti - Wagner Bojlesen - Eduardo Molina	CCSP	4	7	8	4	6	5	34	26
7	João Hackerott - Maria Hackerott - Ricardo Costa	YCP-YCSA	OCS	OCS	5	5	8	2	48	34
8	Rafael Krausz - Marco Brancher - Otavio Birman	CCSP	6	5	6	8	11	13	49	36
9	Bruno Ficker - Marcos Biekarck - Martin Zacher	YCSA	8	9	9	7	7	6	46	37
10	Fernando Hackerott - Paulo Pichetti - Paulo Fonseca	YCP	9	11	11	10	9	10	60	49
11	Hans Ludwig - John Bennett - Jorge Soares	SPYC	OCS	8	10	11	10	11	64	50
12	Nelson Schmitt - Cecilia Jahnel - Pamela Cleaver	SPYC	10	12	12	12	12	9	67	55
13	James Sumner - Gustavo Bandeira - Luis Bandeira	SPYC	11	10	13	DNF	13	12	73	59

2008 South American Championship

With a perfect score with five wins in six races, George Rider with Sidney Bloch and Pedro Soares ran away with the South American title.

This event represented a move towards a new way of supplying boats to all competitors that was the object of long discussions between the various South American countries.

The host country must supply all the boats required, with only the top six host country qualifiers being allowed to sail in their own boats. The remaining boats are then offered at no cost to the foreign teams.

For Brazil this was not an easy thing to do since we do not have many good new boats available, and there were some complaints, but overall we were very pleased because every boat owner in the country offered his boat to the organization in order to make the event viable.

São Paulo Yacht Club showed that the local Fleet is very strong finishing 1, 2 with Tommy Sumner beating Juan Santos in the final Race. It was a great Championship.

Rank	Nat	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Ttl	Nett
1	BRA	George Rider	Sidney Bloch, Pedro Soares	SPYC	1	5	1	1	1	1	(15.0 DNF)	25	10
2	BRA	Thomas Sumner	Felipe Gil, Felipe Brito	SPYC	2	4	6	2	3	-10	4	31	21
3	ECU	Juan Santos G.	Juan A. Santos, Sebastian Herrera	Salinas YC	4	2	5	-8	2	3	5	29	21
4	BRA	Mario Backup	Telma Backup, Marc Backup	YC Itaipú	7	1	7	6	-8	2	1	32	24
5	COL	Santiago Uzcategui	Jochen Raute, Sergio Delgado	Club Nautico Munã	5	-7	3	5	5	5	3	33	26
6	BRA	João Hackerott	Maria Hackerott, Ricardo Costa	YC Paulista, YCSA	3	-9	9	3	4	7	2	37	28
7	CHI	Cristobal Perez	Edmundo Perez, Andres Perez		6	6	2	-9	6	9	6	44	35
8	BRA	Ricardo Hackerott	Jorge Soares, Paulo Fonseca	YC Paulista	-13	3	4	7	11	6	7	51	38
9	BRA	Cesar Hirsh	Christian Somers, James Birkinshaw	SPaulo YC	-11	10	8	4	9	11	8	61	50
10	BRA	Rafael Krausz	Alexandre Wissenbach, Marco Brancher	CC São Paulo	9	-14	10	12	12	4	10	71	57
11	COL	Gustavo Tamayo	Javier Delgado, Alejandro Bacot	Club Nautico El Portillo	10	11	-13	10	10	8	9	71	58
12	ECU	Juan R. Santos	Santiago Garcia, Oscar Viteri	Salinas YC	12	12	11	11	7	12	(15.0 DNF)	80	65
13	BRA	Marcelo Bellotti	André Ubinha, Eduardo Molina	CC Castelo	8	8	12	(15.0 RAF)	15.0 DNF	15.0 DNF	15.0 DNF	88	73
14	BRA	Nelson Schmitt	John Bennett, Hans Ludwig	S.Paulo YC	-14	13	14	13	13	13	11	91	77



BRAZIL DISTRICT

Growth

In our last report we mentioned that “our great challenge continues to be finding a way to supply good new boats to replace the ones that have moved on.” This is no longer the case since we presented to all the South American countries the Craftec Custom Boats Lightning.

The first boat built has been fitted with Allen Boat Company parts, and we would like to take this moment to thank Thomas Allen, Jr. for his enormous assistance with getting the first one right.

We must also express our gratitude to Pedro Soares. Pedrinho has participated in the assembly and manufacturing of the last three boats made in Brazil and has produced a log that will allow Lightning boats to be built in Brazil for many years.



Newsletters

Jan Aten has undertaken the responsibility to put out periodic Newsletters to all Class members and friends. This important work has allowed us to continue informing current and potential Lightning sailors of our plans.

The Future

Búzios 2011 World Championship

Several decisions and important meetings have been held that will assist the Lightning Class in Brazil in our effort to host a great Lightning World Championship in 2011.

The Brazilian Sailing Federation is assisting our Class in obtaining the required support and funds for the event.

In 2009 the Organizing Committee will participate in organizing the Búzios ISAF Youth Worlds, together with the Brazilian Federation, in order to obtain local knowledge for the 2011 event and set up the partnerships required.

We shall also be attending the 2009 Lightning Worlds in Vermont to discuss details of the event.

John S Bennett



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



CALIFORNIA

Fleets

194 Mission Bay Yacht Club 372 San Francisco Bay Area

District Commodore: Dan Gravatt

194-MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean
San Diego, California

Fleet Captain: Peter Colantuono

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8778		Dan Gravatt
13742		Eric Ireland & Larry Schmitz
13819	Blue Note, too	Kevin Wixom
13842		Rich Harp
13856	Come Monday	Doc Caroe
13860		Michael Bond
14095	Puddleglum	Kirk Johnson
14202	Moxie	Michael Poltorak
14263		Peter Colantuono
14473		Scott Finkboner
14720	Stinger	Jay Johnson
14846		Mike Brewer
14924		Jeff Coppens
15238	Elixor	Brian Anderson
15280		Donna Collins
15302	Blitz	Dale Bull
15306		Peter Bellin
15330	Hana Hou	Scott Finkboner



2008 brought Southern California not only great weather but incredible sailing conditions almost every weekend. We enjoyed many great racing events both in Mission Bay and in the Pacific Ocean. If you have never sailed here. You should plan to attend one of our regattas or just come out and sail. The California Circuit offers the best of San Diego sailing with racing in South Bay out of Coronado Yacht Club, a Marathon race from Coronado Bridge to Mission Bay, a day in the Pacific Ocean off Mission Beach and then a day in Mission Bay. It is a great way to get away from the winter and do some great Lightning racing.

We have seen some growth and turnover in the Fleet over the past couple of years. Some of our new fleet members have been very active (Brian Anderson, Dale Caroe, Dale Bull, and Larry Schmitz), as well as our long time fleet members who are always up for racing (Scott Finkboner and Kirk and Edna Johnson). Sadly, we said good bye to Dick Brewer. He loved sailing Lightnings as much or more than anyone. His passion for the sport was inspirational.



California Districts



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



Awards	Winner
Fred J. Knauer Trophy Outstanding Lightning Skipper of the Year in Interfleet Regattas for 2008	Scott Finkboner
Fred J. Knauer Trophy Outstanding Lightning Skipper of the Year in Club Races for 2008	Kirk Johnson
Lightning Fleet 194 Fleet Championship Trophy	Scott Finkboner
TNT Trophy For most dedicated Lightning sailor for having competed in the most Thursday Night Things in 2008	Larry Schmitz
California Lightning Circuit Trophy – Overall Regatta is open to any ILCA member	Mike Poltorak
Bernard Gross Memorial Perpetual Trophy California Lightning Circuit - CYC series trophy	Mike Poltorak
The Fred J. Knauer Memorial Perpetual Trophy California Lightning Circuit - Marathon Race	Scott Finkboner
Susan M Arnold Perpetual Trophy California Lightning Circuit – Best Woman sailor in the overall event	Heather Brownsea (Competed in all races as crew with Pete Bellin)
California Lightning Circuit Bowling Trophy	Dale Bull
California Lightning District Championship Trophy Regatta is open to any ILCA member who is also a member of a California Lightning Fleet.	Scott Finkboner
Bowen Memorial Trophy Invitational regatta usually in August or September, open to any Lightning.	Scott Finkboner

372–SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
Sailing on San Francisco Bay
Richmond, California

Fleet Captain: Wayne Clough
Fleet Co-Captain: Terence M Dewane

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7108		Andrianus Rommelse
10481	Jima II	Terence M Dewane
11835		Andrianus Rommelse
13938	Bride of Funkenstein	Wayne Clough
14486	Thunder Run	Thomas Calhoun



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



CENTRAL ATLANTIC

Fleets

3 Bay Head Yacht Club	196 Surf City
26 Little Egg Harbor	228 Riverton Yacht Club
34 Metedeconk River Yacht Club	335 Barnegat Light Yacht Club
99 Great Egg Harbor	430 Ocean City Yacht Club
104 Lavallette Yacht Club	491 Lake Nockamixon
173 Brant Beach Yacht Club	

District Commodore: Mac Deturo

Since I now reside in Connecticut, this is my final article for the Central Atlantic District. I decided to do it a little different. If you don't like it, the job is open. The internet is such a good resource for storing and viewing results, I will leave them there and just recap my perceived highlights of the season.

The Districts. What an incredible weekend of sailing and partying at Barnegat Light. Saturday was a day of big breeze, big shifts and super long races. Bill Clausen said he was training us for the North Americans—he must have known something. After sailing about twenty miles, an octogenarian held the lead, the Saturday sailor was a few points back, and the tri-favorites were looking for redemption on Sunday. Saturday night there was a dinner; I don't remember it very much because John "Great Gatsby" Faus and Mac Deturo threw the

best regatta party of 2009. The frozen margaritas made fools of most of us, and the band knew how to keep people dancing. I won't mention who danced on the railing or who passed out on the beach to protect the guilty!

Of course, Sunday had to come, and, of course, time ran out on the octogenarian in the last race, relegating him to seventh, the Saturday sailor choked on Sunday to finish third, and a Sandy Mitch ignored the stale smell of vomit to move up to second, and, of course, Jody sailed super consistent to win. Needless to say, we will be back for the States next year. The question is, will the frozen margaritas and band be there?

The North Americans. We sailed in the Ocean, we sailed in the Bay, we sailed further up the Bay, I thanked the almighty about 100 times I was man, as we did all of this sailing. We heard Aretha Franklin sing, we sat in traffic with thousand of others who had done the same. The Districts had some high points on the water, with four boats in the blue fleet and the super consistent Jody finishing third. Otherwise, the finishes on the water were either unremarkable, or downright bad, as the Saturday sailor proved that the weekdays don't suit him either.

Off the water, the Great Gatsby outdid himself, living in a bar and entertaining the entire Lightning Class. What happened at the bar, stays at the bar. Funny, I never saw Jody there.

The States. I wasn't there, I moved that weekend. A boat from Monmouth won at Riverton. I guess both of those places are screwed up enough to be analogous.



New Jersey States Junior Award Winners



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



CAD Champion Jay Lutz

The Manahawkin Bay Cup. I wasn't there either, but I mention it to so demonstrate that sailing is a sport with no age limit. The octogenarian righted the wrong of the last race of the Districts to win by six points. If I ever hear anyone say they are too old, I will introduce them to Carson.

For 2009, enjoy the Districts at Ocean City, the States at Barnegat Light, and the ACCs at Toms River.

Thank you Jim Carson, Jack Elfman and John Faus for all of your help in running the District.

The Saturday Sailor

3-BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Barnagat Bay
Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Robert O'Brien

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
579	Gussie Feathers	Robert O'Brien
3798		Robert O'Brien
7296	Claire	Edward Cichone
7678	Cosette	David M Olney

26-LITTLE EGG HARBOR
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay
Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Jody Robinson
Fleet Secretary: Franz K Schneider, Jr
Fleet Champion: Dennis Lojek

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6296	Dreamer	Franz K Schneider, Jr
10768	Procrastination	Dr. Jody Robinson
11124	Spirit	LEHYC
13969		Steven Madara
14634	Phanton	Caroline Hoedemaker
15079	Aries	Franz K Schneider, Jr

The Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club is a family oriented sailing club with a strong dedication to sportsmanship and sailing excellence.

Based on the southern tip of Long Beach Island, we are blessed with an excellent deep water course and a strong prevailing southerly breeze.

Our season start in late June and runs through Labor day. Come and sail with us when you are in this area.



A close finish at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



34-METEDECONK RIVER YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Metedeconk River

Brick, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Mitchell Hnatt
Fleet Secretary: James G Carson

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6577	Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
9852	Club Tub	Metedeconk River YC
10952		Robert G Savarese
11894	Love It	David S Ruiter
12209		Donald Schon
14008	Hornet	Greg Kinzel
14450	Fog Racing Team	George B Francis
14589	Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597	Roadmaster	Keith P Taboada
14719	Green Stripe	William C Bogardus
14739		James G Carson
14882		Greg Kinzel
14889	Stripes	William C Bogardus
14960		Mitchell Hnatt
15052	Four Daughters	Rick Pokorny
15122		James G Carson
15166		Jody W Lutz

A major 2008 goal for Fleet 34 was to invigorate its base with young sailors. Metedeconk has had an illustrious history with ILCA junior sailing and sought to bring more young sailors under the Lightning umbrella. Taking the baton from club mentor Jim Carson, Mitch Hnatt organized a series of Wednesday night sessions that sought to teach the fundamentals of Lightning sailing with fun accentuated. Together with a strong Lightning faculty, including Jody Lutz, Jarrett Lynn, Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter, Class participation was strong in numbers and enthusiasm. In general, the age of most sailors was 14–15, so while it may take a few years to get them immersed in Lightning sailing, the seeds have been planted. The winner of the Club Junior Championship (a product of the class) was Rob Alldian. Rob has also showed as a promising first rate crew.

One junior seed which blossomed in 2008 was Matty Schon. A graduate of Jim's Junior Lightning Program, Matty reached national prominence with a 3rd in the World Youth Championship held in June in Montreal. Club members Jason Lutz and Timmy Crann were his crew. Later in the summer, Matty followed up with a 2nd in the Junior North Americans held in Newport, Rhode Island, assisted by his cousins, Michael and Timmy Crann. Jason Lutz moved over to sail with Cousin Taylor Lutz to win the regatta. Taylor, son of longtime Metedeconk member Jay, also won the Youth Worlds. Matty gave Taylor a battle in Newport, outdistancing all other competitors. We are extremely proud of all our junior sailors.

Metedeconk sailors made strong showings in local New Jersey regattas. The opening Long John regatta, held at the Monmouth Boat Club in late April, was dominated by Fleet 34 members, with four of the top five boats. Mitch Hnatt won, followed by Brian Taboada, Bill Bogardus (4th) and Keith Taboada (5th). Greg Kinzel, Matty Schon and Jim Carson also sailed the Long John. At the Central Atlantic Districts, held in July at Barnegat Light, Fleet 34 took the top four spots; Jody Lutz won, followed by Mitch Hnatt, Bill Bogardus, and Brian Taboada. Jim Carson, Keith Taboada and Greg Kinzel also sailed. Matty Schon won the Junior States, held in Surf City. Jim Carson won the Manahawkin Bay Cup, held at Surf City in September.

Jim was the lone Metedeconk participant on the Southern Circuit, finishing in the top half of every regatta and placing 3rd in the Masters Winter Championship. Jody Lutz carried the honors at the North Americans in Newport, in contention for the championship, ending in a tie for 2nd. Brian Taboada (16th) and Bill Bogardus (38th) competed in the Championship flight, while Jim Carson sailed to an 18th in the Presidents Cup. Jim also sailed the week prior in the Masters Championship, placing 10th. Jody Lutz (12th) and Dave Ruiter (24th) made the trip to Skaneateles for the 70th Anniversary regatta.

In local fleet sailing, Mitch Hnatt won the Fleet Championship series, followed by Jody Lutz and Bill Bogardus. Mitch went on to take the Club Championship (sail-off of fleet season champions, later in the summer). Mitch also won the BBYRA championship, with Jim Carson 2nd and Bill Bogardus 3rd. He then finished with a victory in the Fall Series, with Jim 2nd and Jason Lutz 3rd.

In 2008, we welcomed a new member to the fleet, Kyle Beebe. Alas, we will see less of Bill Bogardus in 2009, as he moved to Connecticut. We will miss seeing "Stripes" on the river and thank him for his contributions to the Fleet and the Club.

99-GREAT EGG HARBOR

Sailing on Great Egg Bay

Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Bill P Clausen III

Fleet 99 and Fleet 430 Ocean City Yacht Club are working together this year to host the 2009 Central Atlantic District Championship.

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14495	Sweetness	Bill P Clausen III
14565	White Lightning	Kevin G Robinson



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

104-LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Barnagat Bay
Barnagat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Matt Reiser

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15197		Matt Reiser

173-BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor
Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Eric Reitingner

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9628	Discovery	Paul L Alberti
11575		James W Titus
11575		
13809	Old Age and Treachery	
14059	Skal	David Long
14325	Verbal Abuse	Glenn Reitingner Carl Reitingner
14660		Ed Sherrill & Bob Seybold

Fleet 173 tried to be as active as it could this season. With only two active boats, there were no club races, only a race on the 4th of July and Labor Day. Team Reitingner (Glenn, Beth and Carl) won both of those races over Ed and Barb Serrill and Bob Seybold.

Eric Reitingner made his way down south with Jim Carson and Mike Rutler for the Southern Circuit. At the Deep South the trio finished 16th out of forty-nine boats. Eric took over the helm in Miami, while Jim made a rare appearance in the front of the boat. Over those five races they finished 20th out of fifty-three. Going into the final regatta, Jim took back the helm and over the three-day regatta they finished 27th out of sixty-nine and 3rd out of seventeen in the masters division. Overall in the circuit they finished 17th out of thirty-three boats that sailed all three regattas.

Lightnings made their way back into the Annual Spring Regatta after a few year hiatus. Six boats sailed in a great sea breeze, with Steve Warren from Surf City winning the three-race series, Max Lopez from Monmouth Boat Club in 2nd and John Faus from Barnegat Light in 3rd. Hopefully we will see more people next year.

Team Reitingner competed at the Down Bay Regatta at Little Egg Harbor winning the fleet, finished 7th out of thirteen in our LBIYRA championships, and 7th out of ten at the Manahawkin Bay Cup hosted by Surf City (Eric sailed with Bill and Frank Mergenthaler from Barnegat Light and finished 4th). Unfortunately, none of the BBYC fleet was able to sail in the CAD championships; they were busy supporting the Laser ACC championships hosted by BBYC.

Eric was able to sail with Jim Carson and Ryan Stagaard at the NAs in Newport. There were some great moments and lots of fun during the week, but they were only able to make it into the Green fleet and finish 18th out of thirty-two.

Another bright side to this year is to see newcomer, Maria Cicciotelli, catching the Lightning bug, sailing whenever she could at the club and other clubs on the island.

It is also sad to see Jeff Carson sell his boat, but it is nice to see it stay at the Club. We do see that there is interest in the boat with some fellow sailors at the Club, and with some luck we will get them in one next year and spark their interest.

196-SURF CITY

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay
Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Richard M Warren

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13139	Moxie	Darryl Waskow
14300	Scrap Metal II	Richard M Warren Randy Swartley
14595	Liberty	Drew Marano Robert Rizzitello
14635		Darryl Waskow
15175	Triple Threat	Timothy G Robinson
15204	Exit 63	Bill Mergenthaler
15218	Jezebel	Steve Warren
15336	Impulse	Steve Warren

228-RIVERTON YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: John Townsend
Fleet Secretary: Kent Steinriede
Fleet Champion: John Haigews

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7660		Gary Birnhak
8616		Hugh J Hutchison
11519		Ken Steinriede
12480		Bart Nicholson
14699		Allan M Crew
14771		John G Haiges
14890		Peter Denton John Townsend
14927		Milan Tweady
15055		Hugh J Hutchison
15154		Mark C Schneider
15385		Peter Denton John Townsend



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Fleet 228

The Riverton Lightning fleet had a busy summer. The focus of our fleet racing is our Wednesday Night Series where we compete head to head for space on the Delaware River with four other fleets. We typically have approximately sixty boats sharing the same confined course each week. Wow! Nevertheless, the Lightning fleet completed twenty-seven races.

John Haiges emerged as Fleet Champion after a very competitive series. Hugh Hutchison was second and Allan Crew third.

In addition to the local races, the Riverton Lightning Fleet competed in several travel regattas throughout the season as well.

Mark Schneider's team traveled to Miami for the Mid-winter Regatta and had a highlighted 7th place finish to start the season off right.

Team Denton/Townsend and Mark Schneider sailing with both daughters, Ashley and Greta, headed north for a great time racing in the North Americans, hosted by the New York Yacht Club in Newport, Rhode Island. Both teams qualified in the Green Fleet and finished in the top ten, with Team Denton/Townsend finishing 3rd. Not to be out done was Team Schneider's performance on the last day of racing in the big wind and surf off the coast with a run away bullet in race #4 and a 3rd in the final race. The entire fleet got to enjoy sailing back in to Newport Harbor with blue skies, picturesque cliffs, and 12m sloops heeled over on Starboard sailing through our fleet while surfing the whole way home. What a great ending.

Riverton hosted the New Jersey States Championships on the heels of Hurricane Hanna coming up the coast. The Race Committee managed to run four races before things got out of hand. When the leading edge of the storm struck, it made for a wet afternoon and an on-the-edge-of-your-seat fourth race with some amazing record breaking speeds. In attendance were three boats from Ocean City Yacht Club, two from Susquehanna Yacht Club, one from Little Egg Yacht Club, the remaining from Riverton Yacht Club, and one from Monmouth Boat Club. We also had an appearance of Randy Shore from Quantum Sails who could experience the river sailing first hand. The teams, volunteers, and PRO (and Lightning Class Chief Measurer) Bill Clausen enjoyed comparing stories around the keg afterwards while watching a couple wind surfers flying back and forth across the river while in a spectacular amount of 'sideways rain' later in the evening. The regatta was a success, and Riverton Yacht Club was very happy to host the event for our fellow Lightning competitors.

We also had Bart Nicholson and later on Milan Tweedy buying boats and joining Riverton this summer. Bart was very active racing all season long, with the added motivation each race of beating his father Bruce, competing for bragging rights around the dinner table.

Riverton Yacht Club looks forward to a new summer of racing. Come out and join us.





CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



335-BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Barnagat Bay
 Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Mark Kaplan

Fleet 335 had the most noteworthy sailing season probably in its history. While not the strongest schedule of fleet sailing, the extracurricular activities, special events and local sailors in the spotlight far out shadowed the lack of Saturday fleet races. The season actually started in March at our Fleet's annual meeting where long, long-time secretary Bill Clarke handed the baton to Alex Klein after 20+ years of service. Bill promises to continue to sail but wanted to reduce the administrative strain. At the same meeting we learned of club member Bill Brown's son Will being awarded one of the ILCA's boat grant program's Lightnings. This is truly an honor for Will as well as great recognition for our Fleet. Finally, we celebrated at the same meeting John Faus' nomination to the Executive Committee of ILCA. This recognition speaks to all of John's efforts as a sailor with an enormous commitment to the ILCA. We haven't even touched the water yet.

Fleet 335's summer 2008 racing season consisted of seven active boats with two new skippers, Chris Gasorek and Will Brown. We completed twenty races over eight weekends including five interclub regattas with up to fifteen boats competing. The season ended in the first week of September with John Faus in 1st place, Pete Menninger in 2nd and Will Brown finishing 3rd for the season. Our annual fleet regatta resulted in the following finishes: Menninger (1st), Faus (2nd), and Fleet Captain Mark Kaplan (3rd).

Other 2008 racing events worth mentioning include the Central Atlantic District Championships that Fleet 335 hosted drawing

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13708	Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13970		Mark A Kaplan
14350	Certifiably Insane	Christopher E Gasorek James C DeCesare
14489	Hot Pepper	William S Clarke
14787	Yeah Baby!	John Demming
14833		Peter D Menninger
14940		Mark A Kaplan
15235	No Discipline	John Faus
15345		John Faus

twenty-six boats for two days of racing in excellent conditions. The regatta was flawless and received rave reviews from all of those in attendance. Fleet 335 had two top-ten finishers including Will Brown in 8th place and John Faus in 10th. Fleet 335 sent three boats (Kaplan, Brown, Faus) to Skaneateles for the 70th anniversary regatta. Two boats (Faus & Brown) from our fleet competed in the Atlantic Coast Championship held in Rock Hall, MD AND finished in the top ten out of thirty-seven boats. Will and team also were awarded the top junior sailor at that regatta. Additionally, Faus and Brown represented Fleet 335 at the North American Championships in Newport with Faus qualifying for the 2009 World Championships. Finally, congratulations go out to Fleet members Chris Gasorek for his 2nd place finish and Arielle de Lisser for her 3rd place finish in the NJ Junior State Championship held in Surf City.

The season and activities could not have been possible without the many club member volunteers who supported the Fleet as PROs and crash boats. We owe them a debt of gratitude for giving up valuable weekend family time to sit in the hot sun while we have all of the fun. Fleet 335 is looking forward to hosting the NJ State Championships in 2009.

Alex Klein



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



430-OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay

Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Richard McCarraher

Fleet Secretary: John Parker

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13078		Richard McCarraher
13649		Howard M Solomon
13873	Freebooter	Russell Hanscom, III
14014	Blue Streak	Samuel Hostvedt
14341	Water Rat	Richard McCarraher
14348	Hornet	Rob Shields
14415		Marc Wagner
14922	White Lightning	Kevin J Robinson
14987	The Architect	Mark Asher
15373	Polar Bear	Erik Hostvedt
15377	Mr. Pinky	Gidge Glenn
15383		John Parker

The 2008 sailing season was again an excellent summer at the Ocean City Yacht Club. Fleet 430 has gone through a summer of great activities and growth. By September our fleet had grown to twelve Lightnings. After sailing in various parts of the world, Gidge Glenn turned his attention to our home racing waters. He became the Chairman of the Ocean City Yacht Club In-Shore Sailing and began to energize the Lightning Fleet in Ocean City.

The season began with a one day symposium on racing and tuning of Lightnings. This was opened to all members of our club and nearby clubs. It proved to be a great way to begin the summer and promote the enthusiasm that grew during the summer.

Fleet 430 hosted ten Bay Races. We had six to eight Lightnings in each race allowing for great competition. John Parker, with his crew of Emily Henderson and Rob Shields blew the competition away this year. In addition to the races sponsored by Fleet 430, we participated in Central Atlantic Districts at Barnegat Light Yacht Club, the Atlantic Coast Championship at Rock Hall Yacht Club and the Frigid Digit at Severn Sailing Association.

Toward the end of the season, Fleet 430 welcomed the return of two previous members, Mark Asher and Russell Hanscom. After spending much time taking their children to sailing competitions, they now are able to rejoin the fleet to compete in their Lightnings.



Allan Terhune, Gidge Glenn and Alex Buzby



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Lightning docking

The fleet continues to grow. This year saw the addition of three new boats purchased by our members. However, the old boats are not going anywhere, having been purchased by current club members. Erik Hostvedt sold his boat "Sailsman" to Mark Asher. John Parker's "Flower Child" went to Rob Shields. And last but not least, "Mr. Pinky," after traveling to two World Championships left Gidge Glenn to go to Marc Wagner.

Fleet 430 had several firsts this year. The Ocean City Yacht Club holds a three day off shore regatta called the Heart Cup. This year Lightnings participated in the Heart Cup Regatta for the first time and for the first time Fleet 430 sailed their races in the ocean. We look forward to making the Lightnings a regular part of this popular South Jersey regatta.

Another first for Fleet 430 was participation in the Friday Night Bay Races. These races are open to all sailboat classes. It is a great time to enjoy some family sailing that includes a little competition. The races do follow regular racing rules but involve less formal crew rules which allowed more family and friends to be aboard the Lightning. Rich McCarraher was able to have his daughter Tiffany Prettyman and granddaughters, Phoebe and Chloe Prettyman, enjoy some of the Friday evenings. Next summer we hope the Lightnings become a regular part of this fun time which includes time for club members and sailors to enjoy Friday night dinner and entertainment after the races.

We are all looking forward to next summer when not only will these new activities be continued but Lightning Fleet 430 will be hosting the 2009 Central Atlantic Districts on July 11 and 12, 2009. We are planning to return to the ocean to share the great ocean racing experience with many other Lightning sailors in the Central Atlantic District.

The Ocean City Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 430 were well represented in other area Lightning races. We had sailors traveling more this year than in the past. Leading our travelers were John Parker, Don Wagoner and Marc Asher.



Lightning symposium

Of course, all of these great races could not be successful without a great Race Committee. We have been fortunate to have a regular and experienced Race Committee of Committee Chairperson Lynda Corrado and Race Committee Dan and Maria Dagit. Not only did they conduct our regular races but in another first for Fleet 430, they hosted a match race. It was a great experience, although a little confusing for some sailors. However, we look forward to having a match race again next year with less confusion but just as much fun. The Flag Officers' Regatta was an exciting race with great wind conditions. The race could not have been better if the committee had been able to hand pick the weather they wanted.

We owe a big thank you to our race committee—Lynda Corrado, Chairperson and Dan and Maria Dagit. They worked tirelessly to provide us with wonderful course setting for our races so that all the participants were able to enjoy themselves. From all of us, we thank you for your hard work in 2008 and look forward to working with you again in 2009.

Richard McCarraher

491-LAKE NOCKAMIXON
Sailing on Lake Nockamixon
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Brent W Benson

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11444		Brent W Benson
13184	Spiderman	James C Lenahan
13824	Cahoots	James C Lenahan



CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT



CENTRAL CANADA

Fleets

279 Temple Reef Sailing Club

District Commodore: Brian K Cox

Lightning sailing has had a pretty good year this summer on Lake Superior and the small lakes around Thunder Bay. We have two new Lightning owners. Chris Saunders purchased 14612 from Ross Bailey, and Hans Shultz bought 9871 from Jim Mikulinski. Both are participating in the local racing, and Chris even went to the Lightning World Youths, Montreal, for some hard-core competition. We have a few others thinking about sailing Lightnings and are doing what we can to encourage them.

Richard Walsh started off the season with a bang by winning the Fond du Lac regatta against the best from the mid-west. We call it a ten-hour drive, but it really is twelve hours once you eat and buy gas a couple of times. But hey, who cares when you can bring home all the marbles. Richard is commuting from Dryden these days, 3 ½ hours west of Thunder Bay, so when we have him sailing with us, it is a treat, and he's very difficult to beat.

Richard's sister Lorrie did a wonderful job chairing the Canadian Opens, hosted by Temple Reef Sailing Club, Thunder Bay, on the July 1 long weekend. The RC brought the fleet way out toward the Welcome Islands for the Friday evening practice race and then again for the first day of racing. Nothing steady filled in, but three good races were had before the fourth race petered out and we all drifted back to the marina.

Sunday morning brought howling northwest winds, so we sat on shore and watched the whitecaps for a while. A lull brought the wind down to about 30 mph and out we went racing, albeit inside the break wall. It was exciting getting to the start, but things settled down once the gun went. Only one boat tipped and a few others limped home, but most made it around the course and then sheltered behind an elevator awaiting the second race. The winds had never really lessened, so finally the Race Committee had to call it quits. Three more boats tipped getting back to the dock. A pretty ragged bunch dried out in what sun the wind didn't chase away. Larry MacDonald, sailing with his kids Joy and Adam, had great speed and a boat full of smarts to win the regatta. His crew are to be congratulated for making dad hike so hard on Sunday.

The Loon Lake Regatta is a fun event with winds guaranteed from every direction at least once each race. But the party at the Walsh's and the lunches at the Maki's give us a chance to cry on each other's shoulders—something most of us did a lot of this year. Not so Richard Walsh. A Loon Lake native, it must be in his blood as he escorted us around the lake, leading at most every mark. Lorrie was second (obviously another Loon Laker). Watch out, because Lorrie just keeps getting better. Lorrie and her crew sailed very well in the Women's NAs in Newport and could have won with boat speed, after getting two bullets back to back in the heavy air, but they ended up taking home second place.

Richard Walsh also went to the North Americans and won the Governor's Cup fleet. He and his crew came home with tales of



Julia Bailey relaxes while dad hikes

cunning calculations, but we know that all they really intend is to win each fleet, one at a time. Seriously, it is great to have these fast sailors in our fleet and congratulations to Richard and crew.

Richard drove too slowly home and missed the Temple Reef Trophy Race out of Amethyst Harbour, letting Ross Bailey ease out in front for the win. However, he made it for the Sunday race around Caribou Island and could not be reeled in. Both days had beautiful winds and not too much wave for exciting, scenic sailing. The get-together at Bailey's on Saturday night was most pleasant, and everyone enjoyed as much corn on the cob as they liked.

The second half of the Districts, held inside the breakwater in Thunder Bay, showed that we might beat Richard yet. He certainly won the regatta, and thus the Districts, but the rest of the Fleet has been learning and its showing. Brian Cox is going like a scared rabbit and poked his nose out front more than once. Jim Cameron dusted off his keelboat cobwebs and sometimes guided us around the course, like the old days. Bob Maki decided to learn from the committee boat and ran the races, for which we are very grateful, but we'd rather you were sailing. After the racing, we had burgers and dogs and a few refreshments and it was fun.

Dinghy sailing in the western half of the Central Canadian District is very much alive, but no longer in Lightnings. By the same token, the only dinghy sailing in the eastern part of the District is in Lightnings. We have exciting, close racing and a keen group of young Lightning sailors who are improving fast. We feel we are quite lucky to be sailing Lightnings and are working on ways to rekindle the word, District wide. We have great people in our District who are fun to sail with and against. We look forward to adding more Lightning and their families.



CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT

279-TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB
Sailing on Thunder Bay and Lake Superior
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain: Brian Cox

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
4976		Matt Handy
6133		John C Barber
6821		Clint M Anderson
11739		Jim Cameron
12755		Richard M Walsh
14499	Twice Before Lunch	Brian K Cox
14516	Flying Toaster	Lorrie Walsh
14612	Play Pen	Christopher Saunders Ross Bailey
15064		Richard M Walsh

A big year for our Fleet! TRSC was proud to host the Canadian Lightning Championships in Thunder Bay. Competitors experienced a wide range of interesting conditions, including some intense winds on day two. The local sailors thought the weather was fantastic. Others may have disagreed. As usual, the Thunder Bay community really went all out for the regatta, ensuring all competitors had an awesome experience. We thank the Race Committee, volunteers, sponsors, and competitors for contributing to make this event a success, especially those competitors who drove such a long way to take part.

Richard Walsh, Alex Cox and Alec Smith placed second overall in the Canadian Championships and will be representing our Fleet at the Worlds this September in Vermont. The team also won the Governor's Cup at the North Americans after an unfortunate and humorous qualifying experience.

The local Women's team of Lorrie Walsh, Katrina Oostveen and Tina Corness also travelled to Newport, Rhode Island, for the Women's NAs, taking second place in the regatta after spending a couple of fun-filled evenings in the protest room.

TRSC also sent a Junior team to the Junior Worlds in Montreal. Christopher Saunders, with his crew Neil Paterson and Breanna Bakkelund represented us very well and gained a wealth of knowledge and experience, and possibly some new fiberglassing techniques.

Our two-part District Championship proved to be a battle, not a very hard battle for Richard Walsh who won both regattas, but for the rest of us it was tight racing. Loon Lake did not disappoint with its famous shifty and frustrating conditions. Seems like Walsh siblings used their home-field advantage to place first and second, with Jimmy Cameron in third. Part two of the Districts, held in the Thunder Bay harbour, proved to be just as exciting with close competition. Again Richard Walsh won with Ross Bailey hot on his tail in second and Lorrie Walsh in third.

Amethyst weekend was a huge success, as per usual. It's always so nice to sail in the open water of Lake Superior and take in the beautiful scenery—from a reasonable distance. Getting too close to the scenery often results in slow, dangerous and aggravating conditions.

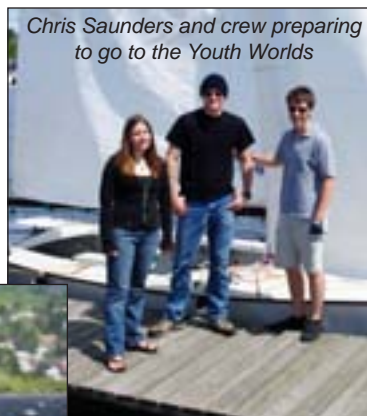
The most challenging event of all was the Pirate Day Poker Run where teams were seen cheating, stealing, lying, doing the jig, and eating marshmallows from the bottoms of their boats after taking them in the head. If there ever is an eye patch regatta, you better believe we'll be ready for it.

Even through our busy summer racing schedule, Temple Reef Sailing Club made the time to renovate our Clubhouse and upgrade our facilities, including Sail Thunder Bay, the local sailing school managed by our Club. The school saw many new boats and a much needed face lift. We may be a small Club in size, but we lack nothing in spirit and determination.

We look forward to another fabulous season and wish all Lightning sailors Happy Sailing in 2009.



Alain Boucher & Crew
Canadian Championships, Thunder Bay



Chris Saunders and crew preparing to go to the Youth Worlds



Larry, Joy & Adam MacDonald
Winners, Canadian Championships, Thunder Bay



Lorrie Walsh, Katrina Oostveen & Tina Corness
Canadian Championships, Thunder Bay



CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT



CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS





CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

CENTRAL NEW YORK

Fleets

1	Skaneateles Country Club	164	Willow Bank Yacht Club
4	Lake Delta Yacht Club	225	Henderson Harbor
10	Onondaga Lake	252	Keuka Lake
46	Irondequoit Bay	338	Galway Lake
77	Newport Yacht Club	484	Ithaca
108	Great Sodus Bay		

District Commodore: Alan R McReynolds

1-SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB

Sailing on Skaneateles Lake

Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captain: John A Barnes

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
39	Told Ya!	Schyler Barnes
373	E'clair	Eric Verley
768		Christopher Moore
10705	Allegro	John A Barnes
13677	Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck
13900	Ego Tripped	Christopher C Kuhns
14303		David Loftus
14631		Peter Swartz
15088	Lun	Bent L Thomsen



4-LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Delta

Rome, New York

Fleet Captain: L James Jones

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13143	Run Away	L James Jones

10-ONONDAGA LAKE

Sailing on Onondaga Lake

Liverpool, New York

Fleet Captain: W Craig Thayer

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
736	Huntress	W Craig Thayer
8656	The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
9392		W Craig Thayer
10370		W Craig Thayer
11425		W Craig Thayer
14411		Peter S Osborne
14645		W Craig Thayer

The 2008 season consisted solely of our Club's Sunday Portsmouth handicap racing. Our annual "Wooden Lightning Get Together" in late July was forgone as a result of the 70th Anniversary Regatta being held in nearby Skaneateles earlier in the month.

Despite the lack of wind, the 70th was a great event. Craig Thayer returned with # 736, sailing in the vintage fleet with his crew from the 60th, Dan Pope and Jeff Ennis. Fellow club member Brian Colvin crewed for another woody owner from the southeast. Our Lightning fleet has dwindled to basically one active boat, but it is hoped that Brian and another local woody owner will put the finishing touches on their boats and become active next summer.

If you are a "Woody" owner and live within a reasonable driving distance, we hope you will plan to attend our 2009 event, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 25. We offer hoist and ramp launching, casual racing and daysailing, and great food!

46-IRONDEQUOIT BAY

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay

Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain: James I McIntosh

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12150		James I McIntosh
13080		James I McIntosh
13433		James I McIntosh
14713		James I McIntosh
14737	Evan's Full Ride	James I McIntosh
15279	Blue Jacket	James I McIntosh



CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



77-NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario
Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain: Daniel Pope
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Howard Sticknet
Fleet Champion: Logan McReynolds
Runner-Up: Daniel Pope

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
470	Willow	Marc Schieber
654		Bruce Olson
1361		Michael Trenkler
11050	Pondhawk	John Boettcher
11074	Cookie Boat	Howard Stickney
13081	Irish	Richard Doherty
14298	Money for Nothing	Mark Sertl
14397	Plan B	John Atkins
14605	Windswept 2	Andy Smith
14949	Comfortably Numb	Leland Atkinson
15121		David and Chris Reynolds
15165	Gandalf The White	Logan and Alan McReynolds
15250	Madame X	Daniel Pope
15255	Nicadeamus	Richard Hallagan
15276	Ride Me	Philip Lange

The 2008 sailing season at Newport Yacht started out with the election of a new Fleet Captain to replace outgoing Fleet Captain Lori Foster, who held the position more than the required two-year term. With a little enticement, I was honored to take over the helm. Not knowing really what my responsibilities were going to be, Lori Foster pointed me in the right direction, and I must say the duties went very smoothly. Thanks Lori.

The sailing at our Club started out a bit slow, mainly due to weather and only four boats and three races sailed for the spring series. Dick Hallagan took the honors with 1st, Dan Pope 2nd and Logan McReynolds 3rd, followed by John Boettcher in 4th.

NYC has a very successful summer series with ten weeks of sailing on Thursday evenings, and this past season was one that followed suit. We had eleven Lightnings that came out to sail, and we averaged around seven boats each night. Andy Smith had the most races sailed with fifteen, while Logan McReynolds ending up with fourteen races sailed. He won the series, followed by Dan Pope in 2nd place, and Andy Smith and his new boat #14605 placed 3rd overall.

The fall series had six boats competing with a total of four races. Dan Pope ended up 1st overall, with Logan McReynolds 2nd and Landy Atkinson 3rd. After tallying all the series scores for club champion, Logan McReynolds ended up with the big honors, sailing a total of twenty-one races, followed by Dan Pope 2nd with eighteen races, and Landy Atkinson 3rd with twelve races total.



Newport Regatta awards



CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



One must not forget to discuss our annual "Celebration of Spring" regatta held May 31 and June 1. With the help of Mike Mincher as PRO and Dick Hallagan as Regatta Chairman, this past year's event was a great success. With thirteen boats entered, Saturday sailing on the bay proved to be quite a challenge. The west winds were light and typical bay shifty. There were times you would see big position changes, boats once leading would end up at the tail end of the fleet, and the boats behind would suddenly find themselves in the front. What good fun this was! One would wonder if you would ever get around the weather mark with such shifty and light conditions.



Sunday morning we all arrived ready to sail, only to notice our Race Committee sailboat was completely under water at dock side. Legend has it that the thru-hull plug had been bumped with some equipment below deck which took out the plug, and water filled the inside of the boat, sinking it. It was quite a scene to see our 25-foot committee boat on the bottom of the bay dock side and wondering how this happened. After failing to raise the good old ship with lots of manpower and lines, we ended up getting two sump pumps working simultaneously to raise her from the bowels of Irondequoit Bay.

While this was underway the Race Committee decided to take us out using our whalers for the day of sailing. The wind velocity was picking up, direction was the dreaded westerly, so some folks decided to stay ashore to help raise our boat off the bottom of the bay instead of fighting the difficult shifty westerly breeze.



CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



In the end we all had a great time, and the old Doc Mac is back floating again. Jed Dodge and crew ended up winning hands down, with Dick Hallagan taking 2nd. Thanks to all that helped with this event, which I'm sure will be one to remember.

Many thanks have to go out to Alan McReynolds who kept track and logged the scores for the season, Eric Schoenhardt for managing Race Committee, and all the volunteers who helped out the Thursday night series with all the great food, beverages and fun. Let's all look forward to an exciting 2009 season at NYC and the North American Championships just down the road at Sodus Bay Yacht Club.

Daniel Pope



Logan McReynolds

108-GREAT SODUS BAY

Sailing on Sodus Bay
Sodus Point, New York

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12764		Michael Healy
14044	Whistling Pygmy	Charles C Wardwell
14898		Nancy Ghertner
14923		Robert S King
15164		John E Dodge

164-WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake
Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain: Duane E Cramer

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12004	Gentry	Charles I Woods
13787	On the Fritz	Fritz Koennecke
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Edward W Eagan
14212	Steam Driven	Jeff Shaw
14369	Hastalavista	Federico Meira
14465	Motion	Richard P Tuttle
14527		Peter King
14642	Crusader	Richard B Hartt
14772	Blackjack	Duane E Cramer
14849		Clay & Pamela Murphy
15132	Temerity	Peter H Pundt

225-HENDERSON HARBOR

Sailing on Henderson Bay and Lake Ontario
Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain: Duane E Cramer

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14192	Runaway	John H Treadwell
14254	Footloose II	Richard C Grissinger
14321	You Bet	Jack Jones
14808		John Boxberger

252-KEUKA LAKE

Sailing on Keuka Lake
Hammondsport, New York

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9249		Leon A Fontier
14431		Leon A Fontier
15205		Robert C Wardwell



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338—GALWAY LAKE
Sailing on Keuka Lake
Galway, New York

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12573		John H Buhrmaster
15134	Huggie 3	R James Millard
15161	Dead Meat	John A Korkosz

484—ITHACA
Sailing on Cayuga Lake
Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain: Jesse Miller

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10113	Whisper	Byrne O'Brien
11347	Anna T	Terrel Moore
14249	Green Acres	John Rudd
14799	Hot Flash	Jesse Miller
14968	Witch of the Wave	Byrne O'Brien
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Steve Little
15313		Ed Severlein

We finally gave up on sailing on Thursday nights because of lack of wind or evening thunder storms and because of a busy District schedule, and even busier personal schedules. This year we decided to race one Sunday afternoon each month for the four summer months and get in three races if possible. It worked out well. In June we had five Lightnings racing and the sixth doing recreational sailing in the area. On the other three race days there were at least three boats. We always had good breezes.

Byrne O'Brien blew us away, with nine firsts out of the twelve races. We had great competition and a little excitement until Ginny Miller fell out of the boat with two minutes to the start in the third race in June.



Ithaca Frostbite sailing

This left Jess with the dilemma of how to single hand the boat in the 12–15 knots of breeze and still rescue her. Luckily Byrne O'Brien and his stalwart crew of two strong young men came to her rescue. Then Jess had to negotiate for her return.

Three of us were also active in the District regatta scene and five of the six of us attended the 70th Lightning Regatta in Skaneateles, New York.

Ithaca Yacht Club hosted the one day Frostbite Regatta in October. It has become a tradition to hold it on the day after the Nyack Regatta. We had thirteen boats, with five from our fleet. We sailed three races in freshening breezes. Jack Jones won, and Dan Pope was second.

Steve Little spent two long weekends on Cayuga Lake in October working with Charley Cook, the Olympic Principal Race Officer. They were Race Committee for the High School Single Handed National Championship and for the Collegiate Single Handed National Championship. "He liked it" and plans to take the race management course in South Carolina in January.

We look forward to a similar fleet schedule in 2009 and the North Americans at Sodus Bay Yacht Club, in our District.



*Byrne O'Brien Fleet Champion
and Jess Miller Fleet Captain*



*Ithaca Frostbite Regatta 2008
Jack Jones winner*



The Fleet group



CHILE DISTRICT



CHILE

Fleets

318 Algarrobo Yacht Club

514 Flota Sur

District Commodore: Edmundo Perez

When a Lightning sailor lives hundreds of miles from the nearest fleet, and thousands of miles from the US, getting boats and a fleet together might seem to be an impossible feat. Dreams of getting other boats to sail with you, or having more people enjoying a Lightning, are things you think about but are really just dreams. For this sailor the end of 2007 will not be forgotten.

The winds came from the perfect direction, planets were perfectly aligned. I don't really know, but I found myself in the right place and at the perfect moment to be able to finally fulfill this dream—a Lightning fleet in my hometown. If you are interested on how to do this, here's is the recipe for getting a new fleet.



The ingredients you need are: four good friends, lots of water, a touch of wind, sunshine, lots of beer (other harder drinks also work fine), and one Lightning. First start by talking to your friends about the good times you have when you are sailing a Lightning. Depending on your friends interests, talk about how good it sails or maybe how wild the parties at the regattas are. Remember, there's something in the Lightning for everyone. When you get their attention, keep bringing it up, whenever you get the chance. After the stories have set, mix the friends with the Lightning, the water, the wind and the sunshine. When you see that their faces are smiling, throw in some beers, and let it sit for a while. Then look for a chance to get these friends to talk about getting a Lightning. This part of the recipe can be tricky, but there are many ways to do it. The way it was done here was to tell one of the guys that the other friend would get one if he did, repeat the same thing to all four of your friends. This might be regarded as a dumb con job, but it was for a good cause, and I don't know how, but soon enough I had four friends looking for boats.

In order to finish the recipe, a strong and supportive Class is a must. To be able to get the boats lots of lightning sailors helped out finding them and getting them shipped. People like John Faus, Todd Wake, Jim Carson, Tom Allen, JP del Solar, Steve Davis, and Ryan Flack to name a few, all kicked in to stir up this awesome recipe.

Well, I must say we are looking forward to tasting this recipe. The table is set and the most southern Lightning Fleet in the world is ready to sail!!

Victor Andres Lobos





CHILE DISTRICT

318-ALGARROBO YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Cofradia Nautica del Pacifico
 Algarrobo, Chile

Fleet Captain: Edmundo Perez

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11011	Entel-Lan	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
14794	No Desesperez	Cristobal Perez

514-FLOTA SUR
Sailing on Laguna Grande de San Pedro
 Concepción, Chile

Fleet Captain: Victor A Lobos

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11641	Memphis II	Victor A Lobos
14655		Andres F Daroch
14740	Memphis II	Victor A Lobos
15252	Zihk	Juan Pablo Del Solar

It's always good to have good news. Our recently chartered fleet has gone from crawling to running in less than a year. We have eleven boats sailing and great group of friends who enjoy sailing as much as barbecuing and having a couple of beers.

Right now our Yacht Club is pretty simple, a couple of containers, a small dock, and a barbecue. But we have big dreams, so this year we were elected to host the Chilean Nationals. We took the opportunity to launch the "Circuito Sur 2008" or "Really Southern Circuit," mirroring what the US does in March.

For the Circuito Sur 2008 we had fifteen boats registered—a record number for Chile. Among the sailors we had the pleasure of having two crews from the US: Jeff and Amy Linton, and John Faus and Chip Till (the third). These guys not only provided us with great sailing and awesome enthusiasm but an incredible ability to crowd surf. Jeff won the Circuit, and also caught 80 fish, so I guess he went home happy.

Our plans for the future will not disappoint. We will host the South Americans 2009, which will also be a part of the Circuito Sur 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everybody to come down south to sail with us in Chile.

Victor Andres Lobos



COLOMBIA DISTRICT



COLOMBIA

Fleets

73 Club Nautico Muña

501 Club Nautico Portillo

District Commodore: Mauricio Valenzuela

73-CLUB NAUTICO MUÑA

Sailing on Lake Tominé

Botatá, Colombia

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13044		Carlos Alvarado
13990		Ragael Esguerra
14085		Johan Roesel
14181		Rafael Concha
14322		Jaime Restrepo
14536		Philippe Jacob
14552		Hernando Ramirez
14700		Jorge Uscategui
14704		Jochen Raute
14801		Mauricio Valenzuela
14804		Felipe Castillo

501-CLUB NAUTICO PORTILLO

Sailing on Lake Tominé

Botatá, Colombia

Fleet Captain: Gustavo Tamayo

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

Our District had a nice season with many regattas and activities, such as the Salinas Tomine Championship, the National Championship, and the District Championship.

Eighteen boats made up the fleet for this year's National Championship held at Club Nautico Muña, on Lake Tominé, an hour drive from Bogotá. The regatta was sailed over three days and six races were completed in light wind and raining conditions. Philippe Jacob took first place, winning with Paula Douat and Pedro Latiff as crew; they were very fast in all conditions.

Santiago Uzcategui and crew won the District Championship.

This year the Club Nautico el Portillo held the "Campeonato Salinas Tomine 2008." The winner was Santiago Uzcategui with Jochen Raute and Delio Delgado; the runner up was Mauricio Valenzuela with Alberto Valenzuela and Tomas Valenzuela; Juan Santos with Juan Andres Santos and Alejandro Santos were third. As always the party was great with our friends from Guayaquil.

We hope to have a nice 2009 season.

Mauricio Valenzuela



Salinas Tominé 2008

From left to right: Jochen Raute, Delio Delgado, Santiago Uzcategui, Mauricio Valenzuela, Tomas Valenzuela, Alberto Valenzuela, Juan Santos, Alejandro Santos and Juan Andrés Santos



COLOMBIA DISTRICT



CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO SALINAS TOMINE 08 Noviembre 14, 15, y 16 2008 SERIES SUMMARY

PI	B#	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	17	Santiago Uzcategui, Jochen Raute, Delio Delgado	2	1	(30	2	1	6
2	85	Mauricio Valenzuela, Alberto Valenzuela, Tomas Valenzuela	3	(4)	2	3	4	12
3	50	Juan Santos, Juan Andres Santos, Alejandro Santos	7	2	(11)	1	6	16
4	78	Felipe Castillo, Juan P Castillo, Rodrigo Mora	1	6	(9)	8	2	17
5	111	Gustavo Tamayo, Javier Delgado, Antonio Tamayo	5	5	1	6	(10)	17
6	03	Carlos Luis Lecaro, Francisco Soriano, Jorge Norero	6	3	(10)	10	3	22
7	25	Francisco Sola, Arturo Iturralde, Francisco Sola	(10)	7	7	5	5	24
8	32	Juan Diego Escallon, Alejandro Bacot, Lorenzo Rojas	4	8	4	(12\ OCS)	9	25
9	97	Juan Rafael Santos, Jose Castro, Diego Gonzalez Rubio	9	(11)	6	4	7	26
10	21	Pincho Calderon, Justus Klemperer, Carlos Febres-Cordero	8	(9)	8	7	8	31
11	72	Richard Deeb, Nevardo Guerrero	11	10	5	9	(12\ DNF)	35

Campeonato Distrital de Lightning Noviembre 1, 2 y 3 de 2008 Club Náutico el Portillo TABLA DE POSICIONES

Pos	B#	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	Total	
1	17	1	1	(3)	1	1	1	1	1	7	Santiago Uscátegui
2	111	3	3	1	4	2	2	2	(5)	17	Gustavo Tamayo
3	78	5	(6)	2	3	3	3	3	3	22	Felipe Castillo
4	85	2	2	5	5	5	(7)	4	2	25	Mauricio Valenzuela
5	34	(8)	4	6	2	4	6	5	6	33	Julian Ramírez
6	36	6	5	(8)	6	6	4	7	4	38	Felipe Recaman
7	99	4	7	4	7	8	8	8	(10)	46	Pedro Londoño
8	32	7	(8)	7	8	7	5	8	7	49	Ernesto Borda
9	23	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	(10)	69	Guillermo Sánchez



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

Fleets

6	Housatonic Boat Club	129	Madison Beach Yacht Club
85	Niantic Bay Yacht Club	134	Noroton
126	Cedar Point Yacht Club		

District Commodore: R Neil Hayes Jr

6-HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: Brian W Hayes

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10801	Woody	R Neil Hayes
11381		Brian W Hayes
14890	Ultimate Pressure II	Peter R Denton
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Brian W Hayes
15385	Dark Horse	Peter R Denton

85-NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Niantic Bay and Long Island Sound
Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: James Gardner

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6315	Au Gust	Melanie A Ginter
7170	Baby Makes III	Martin J O'Meara
10801	Woody	David M Pterson
11912	Crazy Train	Bill Healy
12069		William A Sebestyen
13940	Zing	James Gardner
14033	DC	Christian Whatley
14289	Ciao	Thomas W Emch
14417		Donald R Barrett
14619	Hillaryus	Larry Colantuono Theresa Colantuono
14655	April Thunder	Gregory J Hall
14848		Daniel R Hertzner
14950		Tim Healy
15047	SCUD	Christian Whatley
15130		Christopher J Vann
15215		David Peck

Niantic Bay Lightning sailors had another busy year in 2008. Fleet 85 members competed all over the country in regional and national competitions. Yale women's sailing coach Bill Healy placed 7th in the 97-boat North American Championship in Newport, Rhode Island, after winning the qualifying series. Don Barrett took 3rd in the Master's division.

Long time sailing supporter Chris Vann placed 5th in the 2008 Southern Circuit Master's division down in St. Petersburg, Florida.

For the second year in a row, Dave Peck won the Cedar Point Earlybird, the Connecticut Governor's Cup and the Connecticut/Rhode Island District Championship. Both Bill Healy and Dave qualified for the World Championship to be held in September 2009 on Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont.

Racing member Bob Bush was 2nd in the Vermont Leaf Peeper regatta this past fall. Christian Whatley won the Squam Lake annual regatta up in New Hampshire.

In April of 2009 Theresa Colantuono was 2nd in the Long John regatta down in Red Bank, New Jersey. In March, the team of Tim Healy, Randy Shore and Nicole Breault finished fourth overall in the recent three-regatta Lightning Southern Circuit in Savannah, Miami and St. Petersburg.

Our own Dan Perkins was a 2008 recipient of the Lightning Class Boat Grant award. We welcome him to the Lightning Class and hope to see him continue sailing with us all.

We are working towards building up the local fleet and have attracted five racing members who sail regularly in our weekend races: Bob and Sterling Bush, Dan Hertzner, Keith Kraner, Dave Spira and Christian Whatley. We are hoping to add a couple more this summer, namely Bill Bogardus and Dave Johnson. We are close to reaching a critical mass so that active local racing may continue while other sailors hit the regatta road.

Niantic Bay will be host this summer to the Connecticut/Rhode Island District championship regatta and the annual Connecticut Governor's regatta. (June 20-21 & July 18-19) The Districts are the qualifier for the North American Championship hosted by Sodus Bay Yacht Club on Lake Erie this August. We anticipate that three or four boats will represent Niantic at this North American Championship.

If you would care to try out a Lightning, there are both local events and about 76 regattas throughout the country scheduled for 2009. We encourage you to ask any Fleet 85 member about joining us for a race or two or consider becoming a racing member of Niantic Bay Yacht Club.



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

126—CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Long Island Sound

Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: David Fried
Secretary: David Marseli
Treasurer: Richard Thackaberry

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11385	Ol' Blue	Richard Thackaberry
11570		Liviu Vogel
13889	Wind Breaker	David Marseli
14035	Mimi	Christopher Kirkland
14642	Crusader	Richard Swann
14807	Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14819	Too Hot!	Eric S Heller
14821		Charles E Proctor
15889	Stripes	David M Fried
15111		Gianni L Cuccio
15116	Amethyst	Douglas Latour
15171	High Cheese	Joshua Goldman

Cedar Point Yacht Club has been home to Lightning Fleet 126 for over forty years. CPYC hosted the Lightning North American Championships in 2003 and Atlantic Coast Championship in 2007. Fleet 126 races every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. On the major holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day), we sail three-day regattas, culminating with club barbecues and a competitive Commodore's Cup Series. We also host two invitational regattas. The Early Bird Regatta takes place the weekend before Memorial Day and is hosted together with the Flying Scot Fleet. The Fall Classic takes place the last weekend in September and is run in conjunction with the Thistle Fontelieu Regatta. The parties at these regattas are becoming legendary, so if there's any way you can attend, you'll be happy you came.

The 2008 season started out exceptionally well at Cedar Point Yacht Club with a terrific Early Bird Regatta. Gianni Cuccio chaired the regatta, which included a North Sails rigging and tuning clinic for us and the Flying Scots. The racing was tight with a competitive fleet. Dave Peck from Niantic out-dueled Gianni for the title, everyone had a lot of fun, and the North Sails video analysis helped everyone shake off the early season rust.

With the North American Championships in nearby Newport this summer, we knew the District Championship was going to be a tough regatta. We all spent a lot of time getting ready.

PRO Harrison Gill served the Lightning fleet well again, getting off four races over two days for the 26-boat fleet. Gianni Cuccio, Josh Goldman, Dick Thackaberry, Ched Proctor and Eric Heller all qualified for NAs. At NAs a few weeks later, Ched took 11th, Gianni took 20th in the Championship Fleet, and Josh took 22nd in the President's Fleet.

The 2008 Club racing was a steady season for Fleet 126. 2007 was a season of stellar growth for us, increasing boats on the course and qualifiers. So, we had a hard act to follow this year. But we managed to eke out one extra race day this season with thirty races over fifteen days. We had a few more total boats competing in the season, recording 162 total finishes in the season series. Beating our 2007 numbers was encouraging, but we're looking forward to an even stronger 2009 with some new boats coming to CPYC and hopefully expanding the fleet even more.

The Fall Classic was a bit of a disappointment, with a terrible weather forecast scaring off most of the fleet. We ended up with three good races on the first day in iffy weather, with the second day getting cancelled. Josh Goldman won the event with David Fried in second and visiting skipper Bob Hall from Lake Wallenpaupack taking 3rd place.



The Districts Championship fleet converges on the leeward mark



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT



Gianni Cuccio has had a tough stretch...he has not won the fleet championship in two seasons. His streak of fifteen consecutive championships was ended in 2006 by his daughter Laura. And last year Johnny Jr. took home the Championship Trophy, named for Gladys Cuccio, Gianni's mother. Gianni got back on the tiller this season and left very little doubt about the final season rankings, winning the Vice Commodore's Cup, the Commodore's Cup, the Rear Commodore's Cup and the Gladys Cuccio Season Championship Trophy.

The major award of Fleet 126 is the Dayton Titsworth Trophy, awarded to the Lightning Fleet to the member who encourages sportsmanship, camaraderie and the love of sailing as exemplified by Dayton Titsworth. This year we recognized a skipper who has represented Fleet 126 and CPYC well, both in our home waters and at all levels of travel regattas. Every year he

Pos	Hull	Skipper	Score	Races
1	15111	Gianni Cuccio	98.30%	19
2	15171	Joshua Goldman	89.40%	17
3	11385	Dick Thackaberry	88.00%	28
4	14819	Eric Heller	74.50%	18
5	15116	Doug Latour	74.30%	17
6	14807	Rod Ratcliffe	70.90%	11
N/Q	15051	David Howe	n/a	12
N/Q	14889	David Fried	n/a	11
N/Q	13889	David Marseli	n/a	13
N/Q	14821	Ched Proctor	n/a	4
N/Q	11501	Gary Wippick	n/a	1
N/Q	14466	Fleet Boat (Guests)	n/a	11

battles fiercely with our Fleet champion, but always in a sportsmanlike manner. It's clear that his competitive intensity is more about being on the race course and enjoying himself, rather than the absolute outcome. He's always been quick to help out with gear or advice, and he makes a solid regatta travel partner. All of us in Fleet 126 have been lucky to have this skipper in the fleet. The 2008 recipient of the Dayton Titsworth Award was Josh Goldman.

If you are interested in coming to Cedar Point Yacht Club to try out a Lightning, we have a very competitive Fleet boat. Contact Fleet Captain David Fried (friedd_76@yahoo.com), and he'll reserve it for you. Or, if you're interested in crewing, contact anyone in Fleet 126, and they'll most likely be glad to have you on board. At CPYC, we offer dinghy friendly facilities and top-notch race committee work. We hope to see you out on the water next season.



Cedar Point Ironman Dick Thackaberry relaxing on the run



Fleet Champion Gianni Cuccio with good upwind speed



Doug Latour works up to the finish in light air



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

129-MADISON BEACH YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Long Island Sound

Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: James Deepphouse

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11207	Early Times	James R Deepphouse
11933		J Michael Sulzbach
14243	Foxtrot Corpen	Timothy Millhiser
14441	Challenge	Katherine E Black-Lee
14509	Early Times	James R Deepphouse
15400		Timothy Millhiser



This summer's Sunday Lightning series at the Madison Beach Club was filled with fun competitive racing. The Fleet consists of nine boats with a few different color gel coats, which all have a unique sailing style. The MBC Lightning fleet is small, yet still growing, with the addition of a new boat for the 2009 summer. With each boat representing a different generation of the Class, one can observe how the Lightning Class has evolved over the years. The Fleet as a whole may defeat the purpose of one-design racing, but every team competes with an established history and reputation signified by their vessel.

The Madison Beach Club hosted and won the 2nd Shoreline Team Racing Series Championship. The STRS now consists of four Yacht Clubs along the eastern Long Island Sound coast and up the Connecticut River. Throughout the series competitors race in fleets of boats provided by the host Club for that week. Races are run in Sonars, Etchells, Ideal 18s, with the series Championship held in Lightnings. Each team must



enter an experienced boat (Crew ages 40 years+), a professional boat (post college-39), and an alternate boat (college/juniors/women). The races are mid week, after work, with a social time after racing while the sun sets. This series presents opportunities for neighboring yacht clubs to compete in a new and exciting way.

Bobbo Simmons won the summer series with and in Jim Deepphouses' red boat "Early Times," followed by Tim Millhiser, who has recently sold his boat to Jim Cutler, an up and coming perpetual trophy winner. Commodore Jeff Swiggett won this year's Baylis Cup (4th of July, 3-race series) in the boat formally known as "Tootles." Peter Young won the feared and equally praised Roger Pape Memorial Race (skippers switch boats, crews stay with boat), again in the big red boat. Finally, on the last weekend of the summer, Kate Lee won the most prestigious cup of the season, The Fisher Cup. This giant silver bowl is filled with the Beach Club's finest sparkling wine, courtesy of the winner and distributed to every competitor taller than five feet.

The Madison Beach Club fleet looks forward to a great 2009 Sailing Season!

134-NOROTON

Sailing on Central Long Island Sound

Central Long Island Sound, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: James Deepphouse

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14900		Jim Crane
15380		Jim Crane



DIXIE DISTRICT



DIXIE

District Commodore: Nabeel Alsalam

Fleets

50	Potomac River Sailing Assn	329	Severn Sailing Association
192	Lower Susquehanna	508	Solomons
253	Susquehanna Yacht Club	509	Hampton Roads
314	Sassafras River	513	Rock Hall
325	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn		



Dixie Districts

50-POTOMAC RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION
Sailing on the Potomac River
Washington DC

Fleet Captain: David Thompson
Fleet Secretary: Marian Bruno
Fleet Treasurer: Bob Astrove
Wednesday Night Racing Coordinator/Training Coordinator:
Joe Warren
Scorer: Russ Roberts
Webmaster: Cathy Bleakly

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
32		David & Barbara Thompson
3343	Little Bit	Alan R Rogers
7603	Pandora II	Robert Astrove
10215	Medio y Medio	Charlie Helfinstine
10745	EGV	Doug & Kelly Palmer
10814	Fast and Loose	Collin Kirby
11792	Rogue	Bobby Fulton/Brendan Walsh
11908	Envy	Eric Swanson
12416		Chris & Megan Kent
12417	Redline	Emily Asmus

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13832		Marshall & Megan Pattie
13977	Lord Jim	Chandler Owen
14019		Peter Grimes
14037	Bony Buns	Joe Warren
14100	Moonshadow	Red Fehrle
14187	!Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14222	Windchaser	Russ Roberts
14375	Out of the Blue	Peter M McDonnell
14395	String Theory	Bob Wilbur
14485	Deux Poissons Et Un Chat	Ron Buchanan
14521	Puff the Magic Dragon	Joe Anderson
14532	Boonoonoonos	James Greenwell
14553	Sinistra	Rich Welch
14566	Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher
14592	Beedobeat	John Butler
15117	Shamrock II	Marian & Gary Bruno
15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15195	It's the Water...	Patrick McGee
15202		Todd Johnson
15228	Blue Two	David & Barbara Thompson
15256	Ariel	Jeff Storck
15311		Jim Dillard



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2008 Season—Celebrating 65 Years of Lightning Racing on the Potomac During the Lightning 70th Anniversary Year!

Fleet 50, in its 65th year, started the New Year with a goal of continuing the tradition of racing excellence on the Potomac and in the Dixie District, and to be one of the largest fleets in attendance at the Lightning 70th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles, New York in July. How did we do? Read on...

Season Highlights

Nineteen Fleet 50 skippers and ninety-seven crew members sailed a total of 173 boat-race days on the Potomac in 2008. Twelve skippers qualified for the 2008 Championship series that included fifty-four races spread over sixteen Sunday race days, plus the Potomac Cup and the PRSA Spring and President's Cup regattas. Fleet 50 organized and ran the Potomac Cup Regatta and provided seventy-five PRSA race committee person-days, including eleven Primary Race Officer days during the season—for a total of 674 person-hours of service to PRSA. Additionally, David Thompson served as Regatta Chair for the PRSA Spring Regatta and Nabeel Alsalam was the PRO for the Spring Regatta Upper Course. Fourteen Fleet 50 boats participated in twelve out-of-town regattas, including the WJM and North American Championships Regattas, and one Fleet 50 boat sailed the 2008 Southern Circuit. Ten Fleet 50 boats sailed in the Lightning 70th Anniversary regatta, the second-largest contingent attending.

Awards

At the Annual awards banquet on February 7, 2009, we offered congratulations to Russ Roberts and Team Windchaser who took first place in the Fleet 50 Championship Series! The Fleet Championship series runners-up were Nabeel Alsalam, 2nd; Frank Gallagher 3rd; Rick Welch 4th; and Jeff Storck 5th. Nabeel Alsalam won the Bloody Rudder, awarded for doing the best among Fleet 50 skippers in out-of-town regattas, and the Iron Skipper award for sailing the most days on the water as a skipper. Skipper-nominated crew awards went to Becky Mach and Michael Scott for Best New Crew; Stefano de Leo and Alan Rukin for Most Improved Crew; and to Brian Kuzon, Rebecca Thomasson, and Piercarlo Brunino for High-Impact crew. The Crew-nominated Skipper awards went to David Thompson for Mr. Hospitality/Congeniality; Red Fehrle and Collin Kirby for Team Spirit Skipper; John Pemberton for the Bungle Bucket and Collin Kirby for Skipper of the Year. Catherine Calvin was awarded the All-Weather Sailor Award for the most Fleet 50 crew days on the water.



Nabeel Alsalam accepts the 2008 Bloody Rudder award as spouse Lura and crew Lisbet look on

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Potomac Cup

Our signature event each year is the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta at Leesylvania State Park. This year the Regatta saw two of the nicest back-to-back sailing days in recent memory, weather-wise, with sunny skies, temperatures in the 70s, and good brisk winds. We couldn't ask for better conditions! Allan Terhune, sailing with spouse Katie and Fleet 50 skipper Todd Johnson, scored an unprecedented five bullets to take first place. Jon Guth and Dick Hallagan tied for second; Steve Constants took 4th, and Jason Werner 5th. Frank Gallagher was the highest-placing Fleet 50 skipper, in 7th place. Eleven other Fleet 50 boats competed in the regatta.



*Team Gallagher in action at the 2008 Potomac Cup Regatta
Photo by Lorelei Studios*



*Pandora II on a reach at the Potomac Cup
Bob Astrove, Doug Dixon, Mary Ann Hendershan
Photo by Lorelei Studios*

PRSA Spring and Fall Series and Regattas

The PRSA spring season of eight Sundays kicked off on April 13, later than usual, and the Sunday weather patterns treated us to five nice days, one no-race day (thunderstorms) and a couple of days with interesting weather conditions. One of those was Spring Series # 6 on May 18 when the river flow was way up due to heavy rains in the preceding week, and winds of 16–19 MPH were forecasted. In actuality, the winds never got above sixteen, and while the cold rain that fell could have been discouraging, it was never a distraction for skippers and crew dressed for it. PRO Pat McGee set up a long windward-leeward course in front of the Power Plant, with the windward mark in front of the Robbins-Gioia office building in Old Town and the leeward mark well north of the green channel mark north of the Naval Research Lab. This did put some of the racecourse in the navigable channel, where we had to dodge the Spirit, the Dandy, a big barge and other large boats (one boat got a bit too close to the Spirit, which objected by sounding five angry blasts of a horn). However, we had great downwind legs with chutes up. For the final windward leg of the third race, RC decided to move the windward mark farther south, placing it in front of the Chart House restaurant, but the anchor didn't hold and the current carried the mark almost to the Wilson Bridge. That could have made for a really fun long downwind finish leg, but unfortunately, after the last boat rounded, the wind died, not to pick up again until after the race was abandoned, and we had accepted tows home. Russ Roberts finished the spring series in first place, but followed closely by Frank Gallagher, Nabeel Alsalam, Rick Welch and Pat McGee.



*Fleet 50 Championship Series winner Team Windchaser—Russ Roberts; Alan Rukin; Lisbet Kugler
Photo by Lorelei Studios*



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Nine Fleet 50 boats participated in the PRSA Spring Regatta on Memorial Day weekend. On that weekend we had good winds on Saturday, and PRO Nabeel Alsalam got off three races run before it was time to come in. However, there was not enough wind to race on Sunday.

Our summer went by quickly, and before we knew it, the fall season had started, with the 64th annual PRSA President's Cup Regatta, run concurrently with the 14th annual Leukemia Cup regatta, on the weekend of September 6/7. All week we knew that troublesome weather could be coming for the weekend, and it did—on Saturday the river was closed to boating by the Harbor Patrol due to the passage of the remnants of Tropical Storm Hanna. On Sunday the winds were from the NW at 9 mph in the morning but became light and variable in the afternoon. Still, that was enough to get in three races. Frank Gallagher took first place in a Lightning field of eleven boats. Frank also won the Norman C. Schaller trophy for the highest-finishing boat in the largest class in the regatta.

The eight Sunday races of the fall season saw light winds for the remainder of September but good winds in October and November, except for October 12, a no-wind day. On November 2 we sailed the last races of the Fall Series, with Bobby Astrove as PRO and a Race Committee provided by Lightnings. Winds were forecasted to be from the ENE at 8–9 MPH, but they were better than that, and RC got off four races, one on a triangular course and three on a windward-leeward course, before it was time to come in. What a great way to end the season! Nabeel Alsalam took first place in the Fall Series, with Russ Roberts, Rick Welch, Jeff Storck and Frank Gallagher rounding out the list of the top five finishers.

Lightning 70th Anniversary Regatta July 4th Weekend

The high point of the season for ten Fleet 50 skippers and 23 crew members was the 70th Anniversary Regatta hosted by the Skaneateles Country Club on a sunny and pleasant July 4th weekend. Kudos to the members of the Skaneateles Country Club who orchestrated the entire event and welcomed all who participated.

This was an extraordinarily well-run, historically significant event, with a total of 129 boats on the water, including the ten Fleet 50 boats. Bob Astrove and Doug Dixon sailed their woodies in the Red (classic Lightning) Fleet; where Bob took first place and Doug won the People's Choice award for his restoration of hull number 584. Skippers Butler, Dillard; Keith, Kirby, Storck, and Thompson sailed in the White (club racers) Fleet, and Chandler Owen and Nabeel Alsalam sailed in the Blue (regional/national competitors) Fleet.

Winds were light on Saturday and non-existent on Sunday, but the social activities and the opportunity to meet so many dedicated Lightning enthusiasts far outweighed the slow pace of racing on Saturday. The water of Lake Skaneateles was so clear and so refreshing that it tempted many skippers and crew to dive in during lulls in the racing or for a quick dip before hitting the road on Sunday.

Other Out of Town Regattas

John Pemberton took his boat and crew to Savannah for the first leg of the Southern Circuit in March; Nabeel and Russ hit the No Gas Regatta in May. The 2008 Dixie District Championships were held on the Chesapeake, hosted by Fleet 329, the weekend of June 14 and 15. Four Fleet 50 boats participated, and all four (Alsalam, Gallagher; Pemberton; and Thompson) qualified for the North Americans to be conducted in August.

Also, several Fleet 50 skippers enjoyed summer Wednesday Night sailing on the Potomac, and also contributed as coaches to the Virginia Special Olympics program. Additionally, Nabeel and Bobby and their crews hit the Atlantic Coast Championships at Rock Hall on the Eastern Shore in July. Collin Kirby, our 2008 Grant Boat recipient, sailed in the North American Junior Championships in Newport, Rhode Island, in August, placing a respectable 11th out of 18 boats, while Nabeel and Frank sailed in the North American Championships, also in Newport, with Frank sailing in the Yellow Fleet and Nabeel in the Green Fleet.

Later in August four Fleet 50 boats (Butler; Roberts; Thompson and Warren) hit the Duck Challenge in Havre de Grace; then in September David Thompson represented Fleet 50 at the SMSA Invitational in September at Solomons. Subsequently in October, Nabeel and Collin hit the Frigid Digit at Annapolis, with Collin getting a taste of a capsizing in the Chesapeake, and David Thompson represented Fleet 50 at the Pennsylvania Governors Cup at Susquehanna. In November David covered the Hampton Fall Fling. This was a most active out-of-town series for our fleet.



*Team Blue Two—Joe Kimak, Catherine Calvin, David Thompson
at Skaneateles*

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Collin Kirby, 2008 Boat Grant recipient, checks his rigging at the NA Junior Championships

Hellos and Good Byes

Fleet 50 added new skippers and crew to its roster this year, but also saw the departure of some cherished friends. New skippers joining the Fleet included Marshall Pattie, a new professor at Towson State, who bought Lightning 13832 from a skipper in Connecticut; Chris Kent, who bought Lightning 12416 from Bobby Astrove; and Charlie Helfinstine, who purchased 10215 from Brunino and Primavesi. We also welcomed back Harry Keith who sailed with Fleet 50 in Skaneateles. New crew included Megan Pattie, Meghan Kent, and Alex Helfinstine, also Sarah Kellogg, Becky Mach, Ian Turnipseed, Todd Ross, Brenna Copeland, Katie Zeglis, Sarah Evans, Mladen Karcic, and Kate Smith-Morse. Mark Boaz joined the Fleet with the intention of buying a Lightning but got transferred to Dallas in July.

Departures of cherished friends included Associate member Aimee Storm, who transferred to Chicago, and first-time crew Janet Cohen, who moved to Phoenix. Our new skipper Marshall Pattie moved to Staunton to begin a new assignment teaching at JMU. Also Bill Laux, who traveled to Pontiac to purchase Lightning 15148 in the fall of 2006, sailed her infrequently in 2007, and sold her in the spring of 2008, has left the Fleet. And Jim Greenwell, who purchased 14532, Boonoonoonos at the end of the 2007 season, sailed her infrequently in 2008, decided to take a year off and travel around the world, so we will not see him again until 2010..

Looking Ahead

2009 will be a challenging year for Fleet 50 as we bring on new skippers and crew, compete in and run regattas, elect new officers, and enjoy our sailing on the Potomac.

192-HAVRE DE GRACE
Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Mark M Hergan

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9544	Disco Volante	Peter G Harsh Adam Dolezal
10302	Blueberries for Sal	Michael Magyar Mark M Hergan
14366	Radiant	Patrick Phelan Mark M Hergan
14629		Thomas Compton
15131		Patrick Phelan

253-SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB
Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Michael Wertz

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10493		John Bates
11329	Rare Vos	Joseph Lauver
11596		Steve Nudel Joseph W Deerin
13047	Shamoo	Gary Hoffer
13218		Kenneth C Kuzdro
13813	Double Whammy	Frederick S Bush
14074		Trevor D Prior
14204		James R Godfrey Russell Godfrey
14365	Strikes Twice	Kenneth C Kuzdro
14525	Spitfire	John Bates
14692	Potluck	Matt Potvin
14777		Joseph W Deerin
14902	Miss Conduct	Carol A Park
14927	Thunder	Michael Wertz
15118	Yellow Boat	Starling H Mikell
15159	It's the Water	Frank X Hanson





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314–SASSAFRAS RIVER
Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chestertown, Maryland

Fleet Captain: David J Horne

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

325–REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION
Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

329–SEVERN SAILING ASSOCIATION
Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Stephen Constants
Fleet Treasurer: Todd Johnson
Fleet Champion: Jon Guth

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9655	Sundance	James Bielefeld
10860	Still Crazy	Gregory & JoAnn Fisher
13872		Jason Cosler
14049		Diana Lohmeyer
14073		Gary Hurban
14139	Boatbox	Robert Harmon
14221	Iwakuni	Mark Whitson
14548	Pain Killer	Johathan Guth
14581		E Joseph Friebele
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Gregory Virgin
14940		Craig Cobbum
14950	Ultra Lightning	Ed Michels
15016	Loon	James & Susan Brickell
15024		Jason Werner
15054	Blue Highway	Jonathan Lange
15093		Joan Hurban
15151		Geoff Becker
15202		Todd Johnson
15240		Stephen Constants
15353		Allan Terhune
15386		Mark Boaz

SNAPSHOTS FROM 2008:

NEW MEMBERS: Guy Tawney, Alister Thomson, Gary and Joan Hurban, Craig Cobbum, Mark Boaz and Katie Zeglis.

PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Mark Boaz and Katie Zeglis got married during their trip to take delivery of their new Allen Lightning in Buffalo/Niagara Falls. Rumor has it Tommy Allen is coming out with a new honey-moon special Lightning package. Greg and Christine Virgin welcomed in their first child, Eliza born on July 31. Craig and Agnes Cobbum also welcomed in their first child Mary, born on September 4.

Our Southern Circuit road warriors for 2008 included Allan Terhune, Todd Johnson, Joan Hurban, Craig Cobbum, Gary Hurban, Allister Thomson, Jonathan Lange, and Steve Constants.

Our RV road warriors, Jamie and Susie Brickell, spent seven months touring the western United States with their dog Daisy.

Allan and Katie Terhune prevailed over a talented fleet to capture the 2008 North American Championships held in Newport, Rhode Island.

2008 was a good year coming off running the NAs in 2007. The good news is that we added six new fleet members to our roster. The bad news was that our participation was down substantially from 2007, although that seems to be the typical year after result for running such a large event. We anticipate that our upcoming year will see everyone back out on the water. We start each year with our annual winter fleet party. Held in February, the thought of good food and drink with the fellowship of your favorite sailing friends, the winter bash as always was a big hit.

Fleet 329 held three Invitational Regattas in 2008. The No Gas Regatta was held in early May, followed by the Districts held in June, and the fall classic Frigid Digit Regatta in October. In addition to the invitationals, Fleet racing takes place over numerous weekends designated into Spring, Summer, and Fall Regattas. Our Fleet racing is always highly competitive with a closely matched fleet. In addition every Tuesday evening during the season, there is informal racing available to all the fleets at SSA. It is a great reason to leave work early and race three or four short races and then come in and have some cold beer and food from the "Dark N Stormy" snack bar.

Our Fleet series winners were: Spring Series-Jon Guth, Summer Series-Steve Constants, and Fall Series-Steve Constants.

The No Gas Regatta had another great turnout—seventeen boats for the early season invitational. Allan Terhune, by then already in mid season form, easily won the regatta, followed by Jon Guth and Geoff Becker.

We had the pleasure of hosting the Dixie Districts on June 14–15th. Twenty-four teams competed, and we were able to get in three good races on Saturday. Everybody enjoyed the party and cookout that followed racing, for many competitors the obligatory Annapolis bar hopping tour completed their evening. Sunday's light and variable wind allowed us to only get one more race in for the regatta. Our fleet took seven out of the top ten finishes, with Allan pacing everyone, followed by Steve and Jon.

Joe Friebele chaired our fall invitational, the Frigid Digit, again this year. Besides being the chair for the event, he is our unofficial Fleet historian, which comes in handy for our invitationals, which have been run for the past fifty or so years, being able to provide all the historical and anecdotal insights.





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Although participation was down some from last year, with \$4 per gallon gas, we had a number of teams that made it in from Canada and Buffalo. Typical F.D. weather prevailed for the weekend. Saturday weather turned out to be fall perfect, 15–20 knots with sunshine. Three races were held and followed by a cookout at the Club in the evening, and for those with any energy left, the bar hopping night tour.

Sunday saw 25+ knots out on the Chesapeake and with past F.D. memories still relatively fresh in everyone minds, nobody seemed to mind too much that racing was cancelled—allowing for everyone to get an early start on their drive home. Jamie Allen from Canada sailed great on Saturday to win, followed by Allan Terhune and David Starck. Fleet 329's Jon Guth finished 6th, Steve Constants 9th, Joan Hurban 14th, Gary Hurban 22nd, Jonathan Lange 23rd, Jason Werner 24th, and Joe Friebele 29th.

508–SOLOMONS

Sailing on the Potuxent River and Chesapeake Bay
Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Captain: David H Meiser
Fleet Co-Captain: Don Behrens

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9991	Spartina	Lindsay M Bach
14028	Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14748		James Alman
14800		David H Meiser
15101	Nor' Easter	Dan Liston

509–HAMPTON ROADS

Sailing on Hampton Roads Flats
Hampton, Virginia

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14975	No Big Heel	Travis Weisleder
15084	Irie	Joe Buczkowski
15221		George J Nagy

513–ROCK HALL

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Rock Hall, Maryland

Fleet Captain: David H Meiser
Fleet Co-Captain: Don Behrens

This was our first full year of existence. We have seven boats and can usually count on having at least four show up for one of our Club races. We had two formal multi-class regattas that had more classes than just the Lightning. They were RHYC Opening Day on May 10 and RHYC One Design June 17 and 18. We did have a couple of Lightning-only races among ourselves, and on July 26 and 27 we hosted the Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship. I am including the write-up of the regatta sent to Lightning E-Flashes by Ellen Stark, crew on the winning boat.

For the coming year 2009 we are planning a repeat of the two multi class regattas—Opening Day on May 2 and One Design June 21 and 22. We will not have the ACC again this year but want to have another Lightning-only Regatta in 2010, either September or October, as many of the Lightning Skippers who sailed the ACC wanted to be able to come back. We will also have our Regular Club Races and hope to start a Thursday or Friday evening race schedule. We are trying to expand our Feet and hope to add at least two more boats this year.

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12379		Doug & Paige Megargee
13139	Moxie	Tomas J Tontarski
14008	Hornet	Charles G Parry
14024		Lee Urbani
14068	Anser	Lansing Williams
14711		Scott Jarret
15328		Ron Mullar





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Atlantic Coast Championship

Arriving at the Rock Hall Yacht Club, one is welcomed by a modest but meticulously maintained and hugely accommodating facility. There are what easily feels like a few football fields worth of green, rolling grounds (ten acres, I'm told), including car, boat, and RV parking, camping areas, an in-ground swimming pool, large dining tents, a pavilion, and a homey clubhouse with all requisite furnishings (i.e., stocked bar and spacious deck overlooking the entire scene). Although this was the first Lightning class event hosted by Fleet 513 and RHYC, the experience, hospitality, and professionalism of club members and staff were clearly evident.

On the water conditions, combined with an excellent job by the Race Committee, made for two days of thoroughly enjoyable and challenging sailing. We were lucky to have good breeze both days, which allowed for a total of five well-run races. On Saturday evening, sailors were treated to a catered feast of some of the best regatta fare I've had in a long time. After fifteen legs of 10–15 knots, this was much appreciated, along with the band and good company. On Sunday, after two more good races in 8–12 knots, it was as if the timing was scripted with (almost?) everyone able to pack up and tie a bow around NAs bound double-deckers before attending the awards and departing down the stone driveway in the afternoon downpour.

There were thirty-seven boats, including four out of six 2008 Boat Grant Program recipients: Justin Coplan



Robert Harkrider, Geoff Becker, Justin Coplan

with crew Ellie Turk and Fiona Gordon, Nick Farina with crew Ian McKenzie and Jenii Bernet, Clinton Hayes with crew Tyler Baeder and Steven Widdis. The award for the top Junior skipper went to Boat Grant skipper William Brown with crew Ian Donahue and Dan Gilman. Awards were also given to the top placing female and grand master's skippers, Heather Rowe-Ambrose and Gary Hurban.

At a time when the Lightning Class is demonstrating organizational strength and promoting the next generation of competitors, it's fitting to scout new locations and add a great venue such as RHYC. Thanks to all who made it a successful event.



1st Place—David Starck, Scott Ikle & Ellen Starck



Runnerup—Meg Muller, Katie Terhune & Allan Ternume



ECUADOR DISTRICT



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Fleets

405 Salinas Yacht Club 447 Club Nautico San Pablo

405-SALINAS YACHT CLUB
Sailing on the Pacific Ocean
Guayaquil, Ecuador

447-CLUB NAUTICO SAN PABLO
Sailing on Lago San Pablo
Quito, Ecuador

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11365	White Shark	Julio Velez
14145	Alzheimer	Jose Gonzalez-Rubio
14163	White Shark	Julio Velez
14379	EXTREME	Jaime Calderon
14383	Alegato II	Jimmy Pazmino
14389	Bada Bing	Sebastian Meira
14671	Magia	Juan Rafael R Santos
14673		Juan Santos Garces
14676	Garufa	Carlos Lecaro
15080	For Sale	Paco Sola Tanca
15095	Culilla	Santiago Romero Barst
15096	Pataki	Xavier Monge

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14370	Achachay	Gustavo Cordovez
14765	Quicky	Oalf Dyck



Eduardo Viteri, Carlos Lecaro, Paco Sola



FINLAND DISTRICT

FINLAND

Fleets

166 Helsinki

456 Tuusulanjärvi

328 Jyväskylä

District Commodore: Juha Aromaa

The Finland District sailing season 2008 was like the winds in Finland this year. Rising.

Our former commodore Sakari Pesola had started a project to get six new boats from US to Finland. After many discussions between Juha Aromaa and Hugh Armbruster, Nickels made an offer of new Lightnings if we were able to get four buyers. Thanks to enthusiasm shown, work done, and the favorable currency rate of dollar, six boats were packed in a container and shipped to Finland. New boats were absolutely needed; the only disappointment was that the boats arrived a bit too late for the European Championship in Switzerland. If we ever put together another order, the project should be started before Christmas.



After unpacking the containers, six teams from Finland traveled to Neuchatel, Switzerland, to participate the Europeans. In the practice race it was so windy that we had swimming practice, and the floating capacity of the charter boat was tested. No essential physical or mental damages were experienced that effected the actual races. The highest finishing Finnish team was led by Kimmo Aromaa, with Juha Aromaa and Mika Aromaa from Helsinki as crew—they were 4th. The youngest skipper was Risto Pesola (age 11); he finished his first European Championship 14th out of sixteen boats. Well done.

The Finnish Championships were arranged in Lohja, a lake that is famous for shifty winds. The weather was cold, wind from the north, and the breezes were quite strong. One boat lost its rudder, three boats capsized—some of them even twice.

Lightnings came to Finland 60 years ago. The 60th Anniversary Regatta was held in Merenkävijät Helsinki, where the Lightning story started. In the evening there was a gala dinner where the seniors recalled the good old days, and a photo show reminded us of the fun we have all had with the Lightning Class. The funniest thing we saw was the changes that have been made in transporting the boats (see the ILCA 2006 Yearbook for a horse drawn sled pulling a boat to the snowy waters edge). Participating in the races, and being part of the Lightning family makes it all worth it.

Merenkävijät Yacht Club during our 60 Anniversary Regatta



Suomen Districtin kausi 2008 oli kuten tuuletkin tänä vuonna. Kiihtyvää. Edellinen kommodorimme Sakari Pesola oli aloittanut projektin kuuden uuden veneen saamiseksi US:asta Suomeen. Juha Aromaa ja Hugh Armbrusterin keskustelujen jälkeen Nickels teki tarjouksen uusista veneistä, jos vain saisimme kasaan neljä ostajaa. Kiitos innostuksen, tehdyn työn ja taalan suosiollisen kurssin lopulta kuusi venettä pakattiin konttiin ja lähetettiin Suomeen. Uuden veneet tulivat ehdottomasti tarpeeseen, ainoa pettymys oli, että ne saapuivat maahan vähän liian myöhään ehtiäkseen Sveitsin EM:iin. Jos toinen projekti saadaan aikaiseksi, se pitäisi käynnistää jo ennen joulua.

Kontin purkamisen jälkeen kuusi venekuntaa matkasi EM:iin Sveitsin Neuchateliin. Jo harjoituskisassa oli niin tuulista, että sekä uintitaidot että vuokraveneen kelluntaominaisuudet tulivat testattua. Ei oleellisia fyysisiä tai psyykkisiä vahinkoja ja kisaan. Lopputuloksissa paras suomalaisjoukkue oli Kimmo, Mika ja Juha Aromaa Helsingistä (4.) Nuorin kippari Risto Pesola (11 v) aloitti Lightning EM-uransa sijalta 14 (16 osallistujasta). Hieno saavutus.



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SM:t järjestettiin Lohjanjärvellä, joka on kuuluisa vaihtelevista tuulistaan. Sää oli kylmä, tuuli pohjoisesta ja puuskat varsin kovia. Yhdestä veneestä meni peräsin, kolme venettä ui ja paras niistä kahdesti.

Lightningit rantautuivat Suomeen 60 vuotta sitten. 60-vuotisjuhlaregatta pidettiin Merenkävijöillä Helsingissä, josta koko Lightningin tarina sai alkunsa. Illalla järjestettiin juhlaillallinen, jossa vanhat parrat muistelivat vanhoja hyviä päiviä ja kuvakavalkadi vahvisti, kuinka hauskaa touhu on oikeasti ollut. Täytyy myötää, ettei mikään näytä niin hupaisalta kuin vanha muoti, lukuun ottamatta ehkä veneiden kuljetukseen kehiteltyjä luovia ratkaisuja. Mutta kisoihin osallistuminen ja litiperheeseen kuuluminen ovat olleet sen arvoisia ja ovat yhä.

by Riitta Kangas

photos by Ilkka Koenkytö

166–HELSINKI

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland

Helsinki, Finland

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15281	Masi VII	Kimmo Aromaa

The 2008 season was one of increasing activity for Fleet 166 on Helsinki.

Our most active boat was Masi VII with Kimmo Aromaa as skipper and Mika and Juha Aromaa as crew. The team was third in Districts, fourth in Europeans, and second in the District ranking series. Kimmo is acquiring several boats, having one Lightning in Finland, another was bought for the 70th anniversary regatta, a 31-footer and an Optimist for next generation training. Lauri Hemming bought a new Nickels, and he was elected as our next District Commodore.

A Finnish Anniversary Regatta was arranged in August to celebrate 60 years of Lightning sailing in Finland. The regatta

was organized by the 1971 Worlds host club, Merenkävijät, in Helsinki. We had many boats on the race course—and a few capsizes. A lot of old salts as well as active members enjoyed the Gala dinner after racing. Some of the visitors from 1971 might still remember the old fortress with dark corridors, now there is a nice club room.

Plans for the next season are sailing, racing and training. There will be new boats, international championships and new crew members.

328–JYVÄSKYLÄ

Sailing on Lake Paijanne

Jyväskylä, Finland

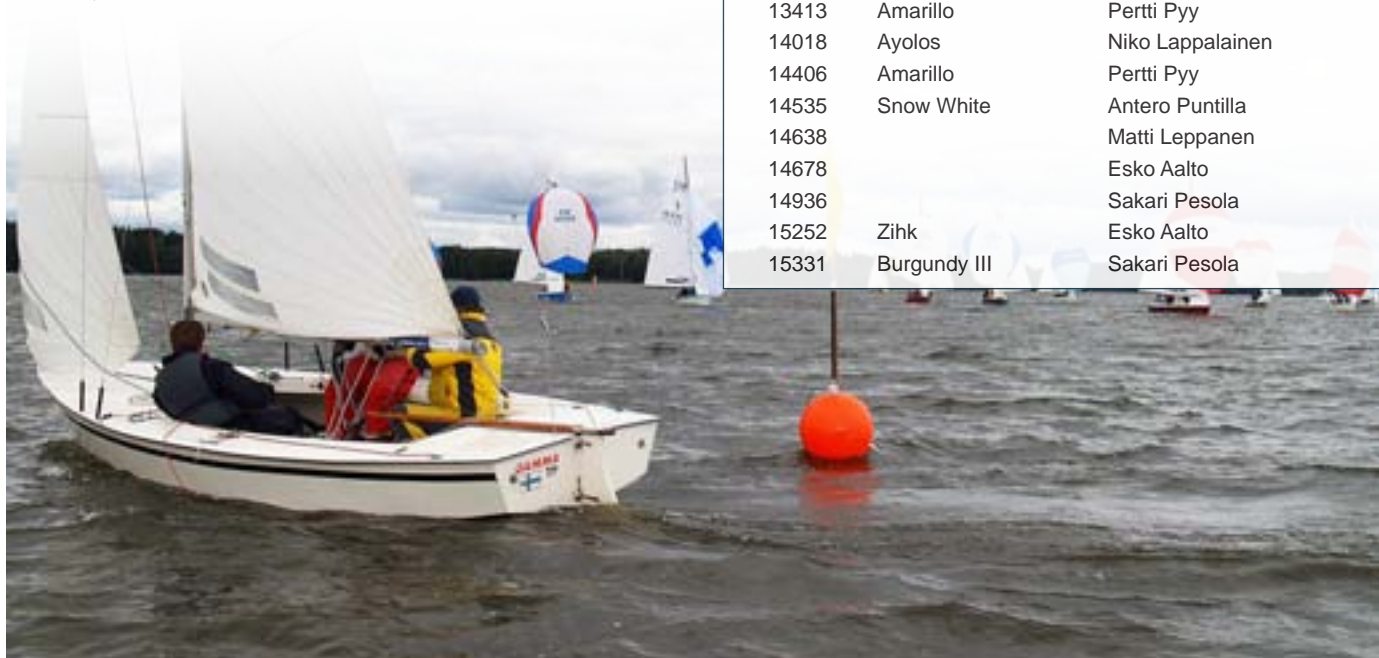
Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12908		Timo O Jarvinen
13505		Lars Hammar
14364	Nikea	Samppa J Salminen
15371		Markku Paloma

456–TUUSULANJARVI

Sailing on Tuusulanjärvi

Tuusula, Finland

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13130	Masi III	Juha I Savela
13413	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14018	Ayolos	Niko Lappalainen
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14535	Snow White	Antero Puntilla
14638		Matti Leppanen
14678		Esko Aalto
14936		Sakari Pesola
15252	Zihk	Esko Aalto
15331	Burgundy III	Sakari Pesola



Ensio Toikkanen



FINLAND DISTRICT

—Fleet 456

The 2008 sailing season was much better than in average for our Fleet.

Most notable was the arrival of six new boats in Finland; three of them are now sailing on our lake. Training with Lightnings was not so active than last year, but participating on races outside of our home lake was very good.

A total of ten boats from our Club were sailing on Districts, and Matti Leppänen won the title for Fleet 456. In our national ranking circuit there were thirty-one skippers this year; sixteen of them were from our Fleet. Leppänen won also that title, while Niko Lappalainen was 3rd. This year, for the second time, we also had the single handed "Big Challenge," where only brave participants came from our Fleet; Leppänen took quite easily that prize too.

In long distance races our sailors were very successful. Pyry Aalto, Sari Aalto and Matti Aalto won Keitele Regatta (about forty miles), while Risto Pesola, Sakari Pesola and Tomi Oikonen were second. Both skipper and fore crews were juniors. Winning time this year was thirteen hours and twenty-three minutes. The race is sailed in three separate legs; one night we slept in tents. In another long-distance race Pajannepurjehdus (over 65 miles) team Gamma with Matti Leppänen, Kimmo Kalliola and Lauri Sumanen were the fastest. That race is done without any stops. This year the night was very light so even the winners spent twenty-three hours and fifty-two minutes on the lake. Winners said that it's not so hard with small Lightnings when you have a very good picnic bag with you. Of course, in forty footers you could have an even bigger lunch box.

Our Fleet was again very active on Europeans, with three teams in Switzerland this year. Niko Lappalainen and crew were 7th, Risto Pesola (junior skipper) 4th and Pertti Pyy 15th. Overseas trips were made by couple of sailors to 70th Anniversary in Skaneateles.

Summarum, this windy and rainy summer was very good when we calculate our Fleet end results. But what was most important was the arrival of many new juniors to our Lightning Class. Maybe they were only testing this year, but we hope they will continue. Next year we are waiting even more fun because we have bigger, younger and stronger Lightning fleet than in many years.

Matti Leppänen

photos by Mikko Rantala, Matti Leppänen and Ensio Toikkanen



Matti Leppänen



Mikko Rantala



FLORIDA DISTRICT



FLORIDA

Fleets

109 St Petersburg 502 The Suncoast Fleet
226 Biscayne Bay

District Commodore: Dr Stephen Horwitz

109-ST PETERSBURG
Sailing on Tampa Bay
St Petersburg, Florida

Fleet Captain: Matt Bryant
Fleet Co-Captain: Karen M Park

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14780	Comedy Central	Karen M Park

226-BISCAYNE BAY
Sailing on Biscayne Bay
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain: Matt Bryant

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8330		Frank H Atkinson
11708		Frank H Atkinson
13307	Sara Liz	Ray Gavin
14374	Vigilante	Carol Stout Ewing
14684		William E Johns
14708	Booby Trap	Frank H Atkinson
14866	Progressive	Bill Mauk
14930	Widespread Panic	Stephen Horwitz
15143	Who Do You Love	David Helmick
15151	Palindrome	Frank H Atkinson



502-THE SUNCOAST FLEET
Sailing on Tampa Bay
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
2	Upset	Fisk Hayden
8746		David C Backus
11379		Fisk Hayden
12928		David C Backus
14006	Fired-up	William H Meyer
14428		Robby Brown
14705	The Answer (my friend)	Roger W Roddy
14752		Steve Hayden
		Fisk Hayden
15083		Jeff Linton
15320		Michael & Joanna Beaver





GREECE DISTRICT

GREECE

Fleets

251 Salamis 287 Dolphin Fleet
286 Parthenon Fleet

District Commodore: Costas Limberakis

251-SALAMIS
Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain: Mitakis Michael
Fleet Secretary: Chris Bonas

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15245	Midnight Drift	Giannis Manolakis

286-PARTHENON FLEET

Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain: George Andreadis
Fleet Secretary: Andrew Sinopoulos

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14544		George Andreadis
15144	Crinis IX	George Andreadis

287-DOLPHIN FLEET

Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain: Admiral G Dimitriadis
Fleet Secretary: CDR C Daoulas



The Lightning Sailing Academy in Athens, founded by Nick Vazakas, introduces the Lightning to school children on an outing



INDIANA & ITALY DISTRICTS



INDIANA

Fleets

154 Wawasee Yacht Club 270 Silver Fox Squadron/
Indianapolis Sailing Club

District Commodore: Bill J Allen

District Winner: Jeff Schmahl

District Runner-up: Bradley Wagnon

This year it was the Indianapolis Sailing Club biannual turn to host the Indiana Districts in June. The weather cooperated and six races were completed. Brad Wagnon led Jeff Schmahl and Bill Allen by six points after Saturday racing. But, Jeff came back Sunday with two firsts took the win, followed by Bradley Wagnon and Bill Allen, all from the Wawasee Yacht Club. Joe Lassaux of the Indianapolis Sailing Club followed up with a fourth. Jeff had sons Michael and Andrew; Brad's crew consist of Michael Richey and Brian Bahler; Bill had father and son, John and Gabe Selby; Joe's crew, Mike Naughton and Joan Naffziger.

The District's sailing starts in May with the Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta, generally known as the Indy Open, and sailed on Geist Lake. The annual event is hosted by the Indianapolis Sailing Club. Only two races were sailed due to weather. Dan Moriarty with wife Tobi and crew Nicholas Beckmann won both races to take first place. Dan was followed by James Taylor of Cowan Lake; his crew Nate and Bridget Ireland. Third place captured by Ryan Flack and crew Jennifer Flack and Kevin Moran.

Twenty boats representing nine fleets found their way to Lake Wawasee for the annual Hoosier Regatta. All teams were provided housing by local sailors. Ernie Dieball won the last two races and the tie-breaker to take away the win from John McCree. Jacqueline Dieball and Steve King crewed for Ernie. Rachel Dey and Bobby Flack crewed for John. George Sipel, a former winner, finished third with crew Jeff Hagman and Chris Snyder. Pat Considine, crew Kevin Considine and Peter Considine rounded out the top five.

The District was not represented this year at the North American's or the Master's.

We ask all of our neighboring districts to join us in May and September of next year for two of the finest regattas in the Midwest.

154-WAWASEE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Wawasee

Syracuse, Indiana

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11181		Dale E Fulkerson
13851		Stuart Webster
13851		Gary Froshaug
13910	Golden Harvest	Bill J Allen
14125	Miller's Merry Manor	Stephen C Miller

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14173	Thor Play	Jim Sabens
14600	Mass Confusion	Edward Bradley Wagnon
14835	El Zorro	Alan Fox
14870	Con Brio	Herbert Snyder
15213		Jeffrey A Schmahl
15259		Edward Bradley Wagnon
15299	JOE BFSPLK	Geroge E Buckingham
15399		Jason P Hubbard

270-SILVER FOX SQUADRON/

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Geist Reservoir

Indianapolis, Indiana

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
1342	Thunder	Mike Naughton
9350	FLASH	Joseph H Lutz
12296	Siochain	Peter J McGinity Kenneth V McGinity
12963	Navigo	Mark A Cudworth
13278		Peter J McGinity
13279		Andrew A Cook
13657		Michael R Franceschini
14020	Dream Chaser	Frank A Wilder
14359	Sundance II	Joseph A Lassaux
14449	Fins Up	Dale Krcek
14537	Winsome	Walter B Tinsley

ITALY

Fleets

449 Marsala

466 Flotta Del Conero

District Commodore: Renzo Bozzi

449-MARSALA

Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea

Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12027	Wanted 1	Giovanni Pellegrino
14784	Lady White Tina Two	Luigi Pellegrinia

466-FLOTTA DEL CORNERO

Sailing on the Adriatic Sea

Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13462	Areknames	Carlo Jommi



LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

LAKE ERIE

Fleets

12	Buffalo Canoe Club	146	Toronto Bay
19	Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club	180	Conneaut Lake Yacht Club
47	Silver Lake Yacht Club	198	Chautauqua

District Commodore: William E Neal

The Lake Erie District had another successful year, highlighted by the spring party at Grinders.

Other than sailing—Eby Series, District Championship, Canadian Open, Old Salts, and BBC Youth Invitational—we worked hard to continue the youth sailing program being developed at the BCC, increase ILCA membership, and promote Fleet activity within the District.

The last ten years the District Championship has been hosted by the Buffalo Canoe Club, Cuba Lake Yacht Club or Silver Lake Yacht Club. We worked with members of the Chautauqua Lake Fleet to hold the District Championship there in 2009. Tim Scanlon is the Regatta Chairman, and we are looking forward sailing again on Chautauqua Lake.



Ellen Starck, David Starck & Scott Ikle— AND Sabrina with the red blanket trophy!



Anne Allen, Karl Allen and Shelby Allen



Tom Allen III and Carl Eichenlaub

12—BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
Sailing on Abino Bay, Lake Erie
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain: David Starck

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
909		Sarah Neal
4081	Stinky II	Ken Lambert
6983		William E Neal
7286	Cats Eyes	Ken Lambert
7420		Carl M Eichenlaub
10491	Erin Anne	David A Dooley
14261	Berry III	Edwin Roseberry Jr
14286	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	Kevin J Cavalieri
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker
14371	Confusion3	Brian Starck
14461		Peter C Godfrey
14502	West Wind	Thomas M Ward
14519		Erich Steadman
14569		William E Neal
14651		Tom Allen
14744		Richard A Aubrecht
14774	CO2	James Eagan
14895	Bloody	Larry MacDonald Jr
14905	Rum Lime	Tom Allen
14922	Bad Boys	Kevin J Robinson
15125		Jody Starck
15168		Tom Allen IV
15196		Tom Allen III
15246		Larry MacDonald Jr
15251		Debbie Probst
15284		Richard A Aubrecht
15298		Ian Jones
15308		Tom Allen IV
15339		Warren E Emblidge
15355		David Starck
15406		Tom Allen IV



LAKE ERIE DISTRICT



—Fleet 12

Abino Bay, The Buffalo Canoe Club and Fleet 12 are well known for great sailing conditions and some of the top sailors in the Lightning Class.

We are now building on our Youth Sailing Program. The BCC Youth Invitation Regatta was the most successful Regatta held at the Club this past season. We have taken from the ILCA and started our own Boat Grant Program. With the financial help of several of the members and friends, we purchased a competitive boat that was put into top race condition by Mark Grinder, Brian and Bob Starck, David Fedak and Tommy Allen.

The 2009 recipient is Connor Mangan.

19-CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua
Lakewood, New York

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13605		Heinrich Kutschke
14367	Mathilde	Heinrich Kutschke

47-SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Silver Lake
Perry, New York

Fleet Captain: Craig Nobbs

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8004	Cirrus II	Roger K Slade
9845	Chase	David Nasca
13948		Mark H Dadd
14580		Larissa Cox
14672		Mark W Grinder
15272		Mark W Grinder
15339		Mark W Grinder

Silver Lake Yacht Club has always been part of the Silver Lake Golf Club. As we all know, things change. The golf club was sold last year—the 18-hole golf course, two Har Tru tennis courts, club house and water front for 1.3 million. What a deal, but not for the Yacht Club. There has been no organized Lightning sailing in two years.

Several of the sailing members are hoping for re-birth. While we wait, just keep in mind the wonderful times racing, fellowship, and the Harvest Regatta Parties!

Thank you to Mark and Lora Grinder for carrying on the on the tradition at your Spring Party!

146-TORONTO BAY

Sailing on Lake Ontario
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10702	Liesl	Walter Blackwell
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague
14650	Second Wind	Phil W Jager



David Sprague getting a little winter practice in

180-CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Conneaut Lake
Conneaut, Pennsylvania

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

198-CHAUTAUQUA

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua
Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain: Kevin Dietly

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9402		Kevin Dietly
19022		J Bradley Neville
13222		Candy Neville
14948		J Bradley Neville
		Candy Neville



LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

LONG ISLAND

Fleets

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

District Commodore: George W Koch

178—GREAT SOUTH BAY
Sailing on Great South Bay
Amityville, New York

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

431—SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Shinnecock Bay
South Hampton, Long Island, New York

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11071	Windy Too	John Halseh
11219		Bob Bickford
13874		Terri Hendry
14032	Our best fleet member	Dr Hull
14138		Tim Rumph
14157		Sue Rumph
14551	Outrageous	John Lewendowski
14560		Richard E Warren
14758	Blind Fun	Neil Litman
14917	Moto iti	Malcom Henry III

2008 was a spectacular year of sailing at Southampton Yacht Club. The Fleet champ this year is John Halsey—good job John. Our Club had the following: The 10th annual Father's Day Cup, won by Malcolm Hendry two years in a row, a spring series, summer series, and to top it off, the fall series. This was followed by the regatta to promote friendship between our two other fleets close by, Great South Bay and the Orient Fleet.

When it was windy and rainy and we could not sail, there were still PRICELESS MOMENTS to be had—sitting around a warm fireplace on a cool rainy day, drinking tropical delights and telling the biggest whoppers you ever heard!

Dave Elliston did a great job as Commodore, helping to motivate people and to make sailing just plain fun. Thank you Dave. The Fleet would also like to thank Chris Weeks for RC and Bruce Hendry for the donation of his power boat. It was used for the RC boat for the entire season. And last but not least, we love Tom Conner for towing us home when the wind died and for having a cold beer for the first boat on the tow rope. Steve Lamson also did the same. Thank you guys. We take our hats off to these gentleman.

We are all looking forward to another great season of sailing. Come join us.

506—ORIENT YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Orient Harbor
Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain: George W Koch

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13050		John Holzapfel
14122		George W Koch
14850	Missy	George W Koch
15170		John Holzapfel
15247		George W Koch



Fleet 431

