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Fleets

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

District Commodore: Ted Duffy

11-NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
New Jersey

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14786	Le Speu	Jon Schwartz

16-PAUPACK
Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack
Pocono Mountains near Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: George Madel
Fleet Secretary: Bob Hall
Sailing Director: Sandi Scull
Fleet Champion: George Madel
Fleet Runner-Up: Ash Scache

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10301		Peter Seeuwen
11907	Halcyone	Sandi Scull
12140	Daisy	John Weiss
13638	Windy	Heinz Kornmann
14278	Harelin Ash	Ash Scache
14256	Mangy Moose	Sue Brandon Odenath
15232		Bob Hall

The regular sailing season consisted of thirteen Saturdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The season is divided into three series. The first is the Folwell Series. It was won by George Madel, with Peter Seeuwen second and Ash Scache third. The Miller Series was again won by George, with Ash second and Peter third. The final, Baron Series, was captured by George, followed by Peter and Ash.

Our Fleet increased by one when Brandon Odenath joined us with his well maintained Lightning.

Bob Hall and Ash Scache travelled to the 70th Anniversary Regatta July 5 and 6 at Skaneateles, New York and raced in the Blue Fleet. It was a superbly organized affair, beautiful weather, lots of old woodies to look at, but very light air.

We sail Saturdays, usually two races, and can set a good windward leeward course no matter which way the wind blows. Please join us anytime with or without your boat.

25-LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Mohawk
Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Hank Jelinek
Fleet Secretary: Donald T Okner
Fleet Champion: Richard T Miner
Fleet Runner-Up: Perry Anderson

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11565	Ariva-Ariba-Andale	John Marx
11738	Tabasco	Hank Jelinek
13373	The Great Escape	William M Beveridge
13820	Tattoo	Charles "Chuck" Chute
13925	Guardian Angel	John Incantalupo
14198	Sushi	Donald T Okner
14327	Wild Goose	Angela Hopkins
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T Miner
15090	"M"	Perry Anderson

Overall Results for 2008:

Fleet Champion: Richard Miner, Skipper
Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle, Crew

Runner-Up: Perry Anderson, Skipper
Margaret Anderson, Ali Brown and James Nam, Crew

Third Place: Chuck Chute, Skipper
Dave Newton, Crew

Fourth Place: John Incantalupo, Skipper
Margie Incantalupo and Claire Incantalupo, Crew

Fifth Place: Donald Okner, Skipper
Josh Oldridge, Crew

2008 was a special year for us because it was in 1938 that our Club was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of New Jersey. That was also the year in which the first Sparkman and Stephens designed Lightning was built. The Lake Mohawk Yacht Club therefore proudly celebrates its status as Fleet #25 in the I.L.C.A. You can't beat it—70 years of sailing the best one design in the world!

We kicked things off with a social event on May 3. It started off as a cold, rainy day and did not look promising for our clean-up and Cinco de Mayo party, but the weather cleared sufficiently and allowed us both to work and celebrate. Thanks to Cathy Chute, Bambi Newton and Jan Oldridge, we had great Mexican food, beer and Margaritas. There was also Champagne for the dedication of our new bulkhead, which looks terrific.

The Gabor Cup Regatta, our first open regatta held on May 25, was a terrific event, especially because of the party that followed. The wind was light and variable, but we had enough air to complete two races; five Lightnings, three Snipes, one Sunfish and a guest in an O'Day competed for trophies. After



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the wake settled and the results were computed, Jeff Urbanski in his Snipe took first place followed by a Lightning sailed by Perry Anderson and Rich Miner in another Lightning taking third. We Lightning skippers insist that the Portsmouth handicap made the difference. It favors the Snipes!

The “Jimmy Buffet” party after the race was a real success. There were fish tacos, boiled shrimp, cheeseburgers in paradise, margaritas and Mexican beer, all served at our Club, which was decorated with hints of island grass and palm trees. Thanks to John and Margie Incantalupo, and all others who helped, in running a great race and social event.

On June 1 regular racing resumed with winds that built to over 15 knots. Only one race was held, with Perry Anderson holding first place for the Spring Series. The tides changed the following week when, on June 8 in a steady and strong wind out of the southwest, Chuck Chute captured two firsts.



Chuck Chute edges ahead of Rich Miner

On July 4 our Club participated in the Sparta Independence Day parade. John Incantalupo rigged his Lightning with a short mast and decorative, nautical flags and had it towed down East Shore Trail accompanied by his “crew,” attired in tee shirts made for the occasion.

The final event for the weekend was the Marine Base Regatta on July 6. Light air forced a delay in the start, but the wind eventually picked up and six Lightnings, four Snipes and three Sunfish completed two races in light air that prevailed out of the southeast. The regatta was won by Jeff Urbanski in a Snipe, with John Marx, also in a Snipe, in second place and Perry Anderson with his crew of Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown, taking third.

Kudos went to future Lightning skippers, Haley Chute, Sabina Incantalupo and Claire Incantalupo who sailed their first regatta in Sunfish.

Following the racing we finished off the hamburgers and hot dogs that were left from the picnic, and Snipe Fleet Captain John Marx awarded the trophies.

Thanks go to race officials Howard Gooblar and Jorge Cardiellos for their time and effort in setting the course and running the races.



John Incantalupo heads for the line



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July marked the end of the Spring Series for the Lightnings, with Rich Miner holding on to his lead, followed by Perry Anderson, Chuck Chute, Don Okner and John Incantalupo in that order. Due to cancellation of racing on July 27 (the only cancellation for the series) because of storms followed by lack of wind, Hank Jelinek did not get in enough races to qualify for the series in his newly acquired boat, "Tabasco." We also bid a fond farewell to Ali Brown, Perry Anderson's terrific crew, who headed off to Ethiopia where she is now teaching school.

Junior Sailing School ended on July 31 with twenty-one young sailors successfully completing the course. Sean Incantalupo ably served as our lead instructor, assisted by Calvin Hopkins and Josh Oldridge. Once again, we were able to introduce some of our youth to the thrill of sailing and to provide them with life-long skills.

August started with two races on the third day of the month that brought six Lightnings to the line, with Perry Anderson winning the first race and Chuck Chute taking the honors in the second race. On August 10 we had to cancel racing due to rain and no wind. We were back on the 17th with a 6–8 knot wind out of the west-southwest. Rich Miner served as our race official.

On August 24 Rich Miner lead the way over three other Lightnings in both races. The following weekend, we held our last open regatta for the year, the Commodore's Cup. John Marx prevailed (in his Snipe) with Lightning skipper John Incantalupo and crew in second place and Perry Anderson and his crew in his Lightning taking third place in this handicapped event. There go those handicaps again! The Portsmouth scale must be wrong!



Miner and Anderson head to head

During the evening, following the regatta, Commodore Chuck Chute and Cathy Chute hosted a terrific party at their beautiful home. Food and drink were enjoyed and trophies were awarded. Most importantly, and in no small part due to Chuck and Cathy's hospitality, a great time was had by all.

September 7 brought us wind out of the northwest and the west-southwest—take your pick. Six Lightnings crossed the line, with Chuck Chute and Rich Miner each taking a first in the two races that we sailed. While September and October are usually great sailing months on Lake Mohawk, with good wind and crisp sunny days, this year was the exception to the rule. Although we were scheduled to sail through October 12, our last races for the year were on September 14 due to the lack of wind on the following four Sundays.

So, while we went through the Spring series with no cancellations, the Fall series had eight cancellations. Nonetheless, 2008 was a great year that brought new members to our Club. We had new crew on board some of our boats, new junior sailors and upgrades to our facilities that will serve us now and well into the future. It was a great year for social events, both planned and impromptu.

The Fall ended with Rich Miner and his crew Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle in first place and with Perry Anderson and crew Margaret Anderson and James Nam in second place. Chuck Chute and his crew, Dave Newton captured third place in the series.

On October 18 we had our Finish Line Party and Annual Meeting at which our officers for 2009 were elected. Our Commodore will be Perry Anderson with Rich Miner serving as Vice Commodore, John Incantalupo as Rear Commodore, Margie Incantalupo as Treasurer and Jan Oldridge as Secretary. The Lightning Fleet Captain will be Hank Jelinek.



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Fleet Champion Rich Miner



Fleet Runner-up Perry Anderson

Our official activities for 2008 concluded on November 23 with the annual Awards Brunch at the Lafayette House. Both serious and gag trophies were presented. Rich Miner, with his crew Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle, successfully defended his position as Lightning Fleet Champion despite some great competition, especially from Runner-Up Perry Anderson and crew Margaret Anderson and James Nam.

A number of people were particularly important to us this year. Chuck Chute, Perry Anderson and John Miller were key figures in our bulkhead and dock project, and we thank them for doing a great job. Kudos also go to Sean Incantalupo, who ran a terrific Junior Sailing School, with thanks also going to his assistants Josh Odrige and Calvin Hopkins. John Incantalupo updated our web site and displayed his Lightning in the July 4th Parade.

On the social front, Cathy Chute, Bambi Newton and Jan Oldridge planned and ran many fun-filled parties, and Madeleine Okner made sure that our Buoy Room facilities were in good shape with a well-stocked refrigerator. We also thank Shirley Miller, our "Craft Fleet" Skipper, for her creativity and for running a tote bag stenciling event.

As we start a new year, we must take one last look back at 2008 to savor the great accomplishments that we made and the fun we had. The annual Awards Brunch at the Lafayette House was a wonderful opportunity to honor those who contributed in a special way to our club. John Incantalupo was deservedly awarded Most Improved Skipper of the year, Margaret

Anderson most assuredly earned the title of Crew of the Year, and Perry Anderson properly received the John Meyers award for his service to the club. Don Okner was presented with the Ed Syracuse sportsmanship trophy.

John Miller outdid his own usual creativity with the gag trophies that he awarded. Turtles went to Constance Gill, Haley Chute and Sabina Incantalupo, and they took the official Turtle Oath. Kathy Chute and Bambi Newton were "honored" with a record album and a spy glass for standing the "Spinnaker Watch," while Fleet Champions Jeff Urbanski and Rich Miner received "Victory at Sea" albums. Dave Newton was recognized for his Bogart-like pursuit of Chuck Chute's "African Queen," and Margaret Anderson received a trapeze in honor of her acrobatics aboard "M."

Hank Jelinek and John Marx sportingly took a good ribbing for their lettering mishap on our docks and not only received new stencils with plenty of "Rs" but also were presented with a spelling book and tee shirts in dubious honor of their efforts. On a more serious note, John Marx also took home the Commodore's Cup trophy for our last regatta of the year that he had previously won.

As we look forward to 2009, we welcome you to visit our web site at: www.lakemohawksailing.org for up to date information. You can also Email us at: sail@lakemohawksailing.org.

Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Don Okner



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70—RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: George E Harrington

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
39	Told Ya!	David Watts
9407	Fathom	Monmouth Boat Club
10626	Sage	William Jaeger
10787	Club Boat	Monmouth Boat Club
13386	Silver Spoon	Patrick E & Patrick F Corr
14175		Ted Duffy
14276	Snoop De Ville	Dale Barney
14706	Bolt	George E Harrington
14727	Small Axe	David Watts
14922	Bad Boys	Jack Huntsman Henry O'Hern III
15052	Four Daughters	Patrick E & Patrick F Corr
15203	Show Boat	Patrick F Corr Paul A Huntsman Jr
15365	Las Vegas	David Watts
15367	Bolt	George E Harrington

It was another busy season for Fleet 70, sailing out of Monmouth Boat Club on the Navesink River in Red Bank, New Jersey. Two new boats came into the fleet: Nickels 15365 sailed by Dave Watts and Allen 15367 sailed by George Harrington. Two major regattas were hosted: the 47th running of the Long John Regatta and the Metropolitan District Championships. We were on the road a lot—that's the great thing about being centrally located, we can get North and South fast!!

Long John 47, featuring twenty-four boats, six races, and big breeze Saturday, was won by former champion Mitch Hnatt. Former NA Champion Brian Taboada was second, and sail maker Bill Fastiggi was third in a talented fleet.

As usual, the parties were epic—apparently the Friday pre-party dragged on to 2:00 AM!—and the Vermonters kept the keg team busy! Preparations are already underway for Long John 48. Mark your calendar now for April 25 and 26, 2009, for this classic season opener!

The Metropolitan District Championship, with bids at stake for the NAs in Newport, was even more closely contested. Ten boats saw very tight action, with Justin Coplan's Boat Grant team emerging victorious. Justin went on to Newport to grab second in the Presidents Cup—nice job! Jon Schwartz and Jack Huntsman were second and third respectively, with both qualifying for the Blue Fleet at a stacked NAs.

Also exciting news was Fleet 70's Ian Sanderson qualifying for the Sears Championship Final in Chicago this summer, also sailed in Lightnings!





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As said above, Fleet 70 likes to travel and this summer was no different! Here's where we were:

- *Lightning Winter Champs (St. Petersburg):* George Harrington, Paul Luisi, and Dave Watts
- *Long John Regatta (at MBC):* 9 home teams
- *Pymatuning Spring Classic:* George Harrington
- *Metropolitan District Championship (at MBC):* 8 home teams
- *70th Anniversary Regatta:* Jack Huntsman, Sandy Huntsman, Jon Schwartz
- *ACCs:* Dale Barney, George Harrington
- *North Americans:* Jack Huntsman and Jon Schwartz
- *NJ Jr. State Championship:* Marisa Bloodgood
- *NJ State Championship:* George Harrington
- *Last Blast Regatta:* Ted Duffy
- *Leaf Peeper Regatta:* Ted Duffy and George Harrington
- *Frigid Digit:* Jon Schwartz

Fleet 70 is sailing year round out of Monmouth Boat Club, with one of the fastest growing and most active Laser Frostbite Fleets on the East Coast. Lightning Sailors Catherine Baricevich, Cole Barney, Dale Barney, Marisa Bloodgood, Ted Duffy, Aaron Freeman, Art Guerrero, George Harrington, Molly Lucyk, Brooke Luisi, Paul Luisi, Graham Mergenthaler, Sarah Mergenthaler, Paul Michalowski, Kevin Robinson, Leah Robinson, Ian Sanderson, Matt Smith, Wendy Thrower, Crissy Van Siclen, Dan Vought, Rich Warren, and Dave Watts are all active participants.

Come check us out on Sundays at noon, and if the river is frozen, we'll set you with up a DN ride! If not, see you at Long John!!!

George Harrington

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75-NYACK BOAT CLUB

Sailing on the Tappan Zee, Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain: Stephanie Mayo
Fleet Corresponding Secretary: George Penny
Fleet Recording Secretary: Dan Parietti
Fleet Treasurer: Eric Kent
Fleet Scorer: Charles Taus

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7310	Slippery	Lou & Carol Mauriello
7616		Rod Johnson
9909		Leslie Ginsberg
13625	Corvette	George Penny
14063		Mike Carney
14073	His	Gary Hurban
14140	Fat Chance	William Cook
14277	Flying Patio Furniture	Eric & Ann Beck
14363	Thumbs Up	Larry Decker Jan Crittenden
14445	Scratch	Charles Taus
14482	Otter Confusion	Ron McCormack
14484	Little Toot	Arthur Broadbent
14492	Zepher II	Eric Kent
14714	Ruffian	Paul & Cathy Connell
14888	Lucky Dog	Bob & Penny Sengstacken
15059	Heart Breaker	Stephanie & Bill Mayo
15093	Hers	Joan Hurban
15178		Bob Gibson
15296	Legacy	Ryan Sprole
15319	No More Excuses	Dan Parietti
15356		Rachel Avenia-Prol Bob Prol

Fleet 75 had an excellent year. We were on the water in May with good wind and finished in October with unseasonably nice weather. We added boats, and we're still the most cohesive and active fleet in the club. As I've said often, this little boat attracts the best people. We want, want, want to win races, but once onshore, we share our insights and strategies generously. We attract crew who trust us, love to be on the water, and advise us wisely. We sent our skippers and crews all over and showed what kind of sailor a fiercely competitive fleet makes. Sailors from Fleet 75 have been to every major competition held this year in the East. Our own Justin Coplan, recipient of one of the Lightning Class Boat Grant boats, ripped through our Fleet and put his name in the record books and on a couple of trophies.

We started in March with all of our boats wrapped up tight, electing Stephanie Mayo as our new Fleet Captain. She's the only replacement for Jan Crittenden that anyone could even think of. Soon after, we had our Fleet awards dinner, acknowledging who'd won the regattas and seasons and also recognizing those of us who had done special service or amused us particularly. Awards were given to Ron McCormack for his excellent fiberglass repairs, to Justin Coplan, the Lucky Puppy Award, for scoring a brand new boat for the summer, and to the recently retired Gary Hurban, the "What day is it?" award, among a score of others. We also had several Friday night seminars, thanks to Bob Sengstacken and a handful of regulars.

Our first regatta was the Magnus Pederson in June, named for the founder of our Fleet. The weather was beautiful, but the wind was light and shifty. We had fifteen boats on the line, including visitors from Surf City and Metedeconk, New Jersey, and Cedar Point and Niantic, Connecticut. It only filled in from the south after lunch, but we got three races in before our traditional delicious barbecued steak dinner. Gary Hurban had first by the end of the day and held onto it Sunday; Bob took second, and Tim Milhiser from Connecticut took third. Justin took out his new Lightning with Fiona Gordon and Lizzie Turk, and with very little practice behind them, left two-thirds of the fleet in their wake. Eric Kent ran his first regatta, and it went off without a hitch.





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The summer was excellent, with mostly moderate, southwest, southeast, north and those troublesome westerlies. We lost only two Sundays to no wind and none to northeast blasters. With light turnout for the Club's Guy Moulton Regatta, three of us switched crews for the last races. Their observations about the different skippers pointed out distinguishable quirks that most of us enjoyed hearing about. A brazen group of us spent several Wednesday nights on a Morgan

36. Bill Cook with Colleen Witttrup was around about half the time, Ryan Sprole with his dad, and Chris in the middle, made many races and won an awful lot of them. George Penny, with his Brooklyn girls, Lizzie Jerez and Irina Romashevskaya, made the spring, then broke his boat in July. Gary and Joan Hurban divided their time between the Southern Circuit, their new home in Maryland, and here. Gary had Mike Carney all season it seemed and shared Maude Lindsay and Peter Jadrosich with Joan, who had the expert Judy Hanlon often. Dan Parietti with Jeff Sorrensen, Stephanie and Bill, Ron, Eric Kent with Les' son, Graham, and Bob with crew Daniel Zitin and Mino Tsutsui were the backbone of the fleet. Larry Decker and Jan Crittenden were back on the water this year, always in front of me, Larry's shoulder all better. Justin was around a lot; we saw his stern often, but we also saw Ellie and Fiona standing on his centerboard (it took them both to get her up). Ron shared the indispensable Penny Sengstacken with Bill Cook. Les Ginsberg seemed to pick only very windy days to go out, and new members Lou and Carol Mauriello, with their restored woody, reminded us of why we love these boats. Art Broadbent got out more, and he, Andrew Graham and Bob Gibson were invaluable at every event, as was our lucky Penny. Charles Taus came when he could get away from his beautiful babies. Rachel and Bob Avenia-Prol bought themselves a very new Lightning, apparently weirded out by their oddly rigged Freedom something (Rachel said that friends

don't let friends race PHRF), and Mike Carney scored a low 14000 that he just needs to tune up. Getting the bottom paint off of it will help. We ran the Labor Day Regatta, and had a positive cash flow (!) and held our annual "Chile" Party in October. No one to had ship his boat to Chile for the Worlds. In the spring, Bob, Ryan and Justin took the top honors. Bob, Stephanie and Ryan, held the summer; and Bob, Gary and Eric Kent captured the fall in that order. Bob Sengstacken took the season overall, followed by Ryan and Justin. We sent boats up and down the coast and still had six to eight boats on the line for every race.



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In mid June our Justin took the Metropolitan District Championship in Red bank, New Jersey, beating no less than three Class legends, as well as his mentor, Bob Sengstacken. Several boats drove up to Skaneateles, including Justin and Gary who sailed in the Blue Fleet for the Lightning Class 70th Anniversary Regatta. Justin, Bob and the Hurbans went to the Atlantic Coasts in Maryland. At the North American Championships and the Masters held in Newport, we



made an impact, and not only because of how well we partied. Bob, Gary, Joan, Dan, Bill and Stephanie, Ron, Ryan, Jeff, Mike, Justin, Ellie, Fiona, Peter and Judy Hanlon skippered or crewed with four boats in each competition. Stephanie, a dedicated rival of Joan, did front for her and complained that crewing gave her many more bruises than skippering did. Justin, now fully acquainted with his boat, pulled out a second in the President's Cup, with Bob, Joan and Gary doing well.

Our Last Blast Regatta in October brought boats from Riverton, Ocean City, Red Bank, Newport, Cedar Point, Southampton and the Maritime College. We had twenty-four boats on the line, and a crowded line it was. Superior racers come to the Nyack Boat Club because we are legendary for our parties, our competition, and our patch of river. This regatta is known for its usually wicked conditions. Not so this year. The temperature was in the 80s, and the wind was an easy westerly with its typical shifts. Justin said that consistency was what paid off, as well as the ability to read the shifts and exploit the port lifts. "It wasn't your best race," with so many different winners, he said, "but your worst race that determined the regatta." He won the event with only one 6th, edging out Gary who had an 8th and Dick Hallagan, whose rare 12th gave him a third. We are very proud of Justin and his crew. It was a wonderful day on

the water, and Stephanie had it organized like a clock.

We continued racing until the last day of the season. The fall was uncommonly warm, and the nasty north-erlies didn't roll in until we were safe in our backyards and the cruiser owners had to haul their moorings in the cold. We invite you to the Tappan Zee for the Magnus and the Last Blast. Once you've raced here, you'll come back.





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31	Devils Lake Yacht Club	216	Saginaw Bay
42	Western Lake Erie	326	Grand Traverse Yacht Club
51	Crescent Sail Yacht Club	374	Douglas Lake
53	Lake Fenton Sailing Club	387	Lansing Sailing Club
54	Pontiac Yacht Club	512	Boyne City Yacht Club
110	Higgins Lake		
204	Macatawa Bay Yacht Club		

District Commodore: John Heagy
District Secretary: Paul Nagel
District Treasurer: Ed Dziuba
District Measurer: Mike Welch
District Champion: Jim Allen

2009 Michigan District Regatta Schedule:

May 9th	Lake Lansing One day Regatta, Fleet 387
June 20-21	Bay City Fleet 216
June 27-28	Michigan Districts, Boyne City Fleet 512
July 18-19	Tawas Fleet 216
July 24-26	Great Lakes Championship, North Cape YC, Fleet 42
Aug 8-9	Higgins Lake Sailing Club Fleet 110
Sept 12-13	WhiteCap Regatta, Pontiac Yacht Club Fleet 54
Sept 19-20	Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta, Devils Lake Fleet 31
Oct 10th	Fall Blow Out, North Cape YC, Fleet 42

The 2008 sailing season, once again, saw an increase in almost all regattas. The Bruce Goldsmith regatta held at Devils Lake was one of the most memorable, with 25+ boats in attendance from all over the area.

The 2008 Michigan District Championship regatta was hosted by Tawas Bay Yacht Club, a beautiful setting that gave us a great sailing venue with six races, southerly winds somewhere between five and eighteen knots. Jim Allen and crew took the regatta honors with another amazing performance, three wins and three thirds. Ernie Dieball from Quantum Sails gave the Fleet a well organized race workshop on the water, practicing starts and mark roundings. Ernie couldn't sail due to an injured knee, but he was on hand offering rigging advice and other bits of racing information.

I want to thank all of the hosting clubs for their outstanding attention to detail at their regattas. It's that type of consideration that makes our regattas eventful and growing.



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District Champion Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Brenda Allen Crane



2nd Place—Sean Fidler and crew



3rs Place—George Sipel and crew



4th Place—John McCree and crew



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31-DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Devils Lake

Manitou Beach, Michigan

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13959	Oar Knot	Jeffrey W Clemes
14301	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
14830		David Laidlaw
14884		Dan Norton

42-WESTERN LAKE ERIE

Sailing on Lake Erie

Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Jim Davis

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10638	The Missing Piece	Dennis Dieball Ernest D Dieball
11515	The Missing Piece	Dennis Dieball
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H Thomas Michael Thomas
14249		George Sipel
14345		John Heagy
14555	Three of a Kind	Joel Hakken
14779	Flash Over II	Jim Davis
14880	Rudie	Dennis Dieball Ernest D Dieball
15249	purchased-not yet built	George Sipel

51-CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake St Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Brian Walter

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
835	Estrellita	Paul J Nagel
12511		Benjamin Gravel
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter
14652	Zoo Station	Paul J Nagel
14774	CO2	Tom Vickers
14982		Robert G Brower

53-LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Fenton

Fenton, Michigan

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14899	Resistance Is Futile	Kevin Nickels

54-PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Cass Lake

Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Mark Allen

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
884	ROT-PAS-U	Scott Groves
7959	Gwaihir	Kevin Wilson
9393	Red Dawn	Edward A Diakow
9584		Gregory J Harris
11537	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
11599		Bill B Williams
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G Palmer
12927		Hank E Callahan
13606		Ed Okorn
13859		Edward Starback
13970		Ryan Flack
13985	Minnie Mae II	Norman W Burns
13991		Ryan Flack
13995	Phantasy	Paul von Oeyen
13999		Scott Corman
14117		Mark Kramer
14126		William P Sanders
14215		Philip V Tomlinson
14267		Scott Fohey
14280	Shadowfax	James T Crosby
14457	Lightning Bug	Joseph L LaPalme
14477	Shenandoah	Stephen E Handelman
14511	After Hourz	Matthew Warner Michael B Hecker
14567	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14601	Gator	Wallace P Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo J Korn
14628	Over-Engineered	Andrew J Monique
14690		Gregory J Harris
14710	Britannia	Neil Willetts
14767	Renaissance	Richard F Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R Bowers
14842	Flash3	Charles C Hess
14854		John Stromberg
14919	Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
14964		Michael J Welch
14970		Stephen R Braski
15048		John S Garrison
15120		William P Sanders
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15200	Overdrive	Thomas E Klaban
15208		James S Allen
15230	Evergreen	Robert H Mathers
15239	Miss Demeanor	Sean Fidler
15245	Midnight Drive	Matthew P Morin
15313		Matthew P Morin
15346	Last Dance	Kevin Morin
15363		Michael B Hecker
15391		Sean Fidler
		Michael J Welch

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110-HIGGINS LAKE
Sailing on Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain: John N Dent

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9102		Peter B Morley Jr
11185		Peter B Morley Jr
13826	Mr Hanky	Peter B Morley Jr
14021	Deck-a-Dent	John N Dent

204-MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Lake Michigan and Macatawa Bay
Holland, Michigan

216-SAGINAW BAY
Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Matt Princing
Fleet Treasurer: Gus Dey
Fleet Champion: Adrenaline
Fleet Runner-Up: Scars & Scrapes

Twenty-six degrees outside as I wrack my brain for the details of what was the warmer months. Bear with me, as it is all a little fuzzy. What I can't recall I will make up, and what I do recall I will embellish. So enjoy Lightning sailing on Saginaw Bay 2008.

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7153	Megs	George Ascherl Jr
9705	ashes to ashes	Matthew D Princing
12588		Saginaw Bay Community Sailing
13858		Tom Hernick Jr
14022	Teko	John Johnson
14048		Blair Moulthrop
14076	Dr Strangeglove	Mike Sulfaro
14077	Full Frontla LaBotimer	Tim Botimer
14087	Score One	John Waechter
14103	Zipper	Clark Howell
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14503	Hot Dog Man	George Peet
14603	Hart Beat II	Terry Hart
14616	Adrenaline	Grant & Drew Hilder
14703	Motion Sensitive	Gus Dey
14775	Shussboomer	Jim Schofield
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15146	Big Meanie	Gary "the actor" Sowden
15225	Fast Idiots 2004	Chris Jacobson
15233	Carousel 35	Joe Dissette

Some things never change. One of those things is the fun we have in these little boats and the competition on Saginaw Bay. Our little Fleet added another member and boat this summer in last years—new crew Gary "I'm an Actor" Sowden. Seems he was all set to crew again this year on Scars & Scrapes when he got a little phone call telling him about a certain boat. Well, the next thing you know, we are sitting in Flint talking to his Grandma, drinking her last two beers with a boat behind us, hmmm, ironic.

Michigan Districts





MICHIGAN DISTRICT

We had good participation by the members, averaging about nine boats on Wednesday nights, with a lot of different winners on given nights. Not really sure how many races were sailed but quite a few and for the second year in a row. 14616 "Adrenaline" with Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger and Jonathan Landra won the series.

1st	Adrenaline	Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger, Jonathan Landra, Squeaks Tompa
2nd	Scars & Scrapes	Matt, Chris, Jennifer Princing, Zak Bowdish
3rd	Sleeper	John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Sue Alexander
4th	Big Meanie	Gary Sowden, Nina Lacey, Bill Coberly
5th	Shussboomer	Jim Schofield, Kim Shotwell, Bob Goddard

Other awards given out at our year end gathering were:

Aquatic Excellence:	Gary Sowden and Nina Lacey for the show they put on at Northcape
Clamso:	John Waechter and crew for capsizing excellence
MIP:	Gary Sowden and kind gay Big Meanie

No regatta notes this year as the weather didn't cooperate. We were stormed out for the weekend. This did not stop us from draining the keg of beer, however, and many stories, some true, were told in the rain under the tent on Saturday or a BW3 down the road over lunch. Great bunch of people to be stranded with for an afternoon.

Co-hosting in Tawas again this year, we helped with the Michigan Districts. A great event with seventeen registered and lots of great sailing. We had a variety of conditions, including the always present thermal on the bay. This year we had sponsor in the form of Atlantis Foul Weather Gear and Award & Sports in Saginaw, Michigan. After six races, Jim Allen and crew squeaked out a one-point victory over Sean Fidler. Awards were given out and the winner received Atlantis Foul Weather Teddies (vest actually but it was more fun to say foul weather teddies). Lots of comments to have Tawas always host Districts that can be arranged. Sorry, but no lewd or crazy stories to tell this year. No streaking in the parking lot, no drunken sailors passed out on the lawn, just good sailing, well behaved participants and good weather. We will try to do better in the future.

The day before the Districts we were lucky enough to hold a Lightning lab, with the help of Quantum Sails Toledo and Ernie Dieball. We had seven or eight boats join in the fun. And fun it was. We all laughed and learned a lot with the able tutelage of E. Video review was fun and added to our camaraderie.

Fleet notes. Joe is doing well. Saw him the other day. He misses the sailing but gets to spend more time with Ann. Terry (former Fleet Captain and Commander in US Navy) is still in sand land protecting our freedom. He hopes to be home for Christmas. Thanks Terry. Gus says our bills are paid. 2009 race schedule is set with a June regatta in Bay City this year before the first ever District in Boyne City sailing on Lake Charlevoix—should be a hoot. Tawas is back in July, look for a nine year old to make her first ever regatta appearance.

Well, going to put another sweater on and curl up with the dog. Men's town is but a distant memory anymore, and I am in search of a new one. So this winter I will cower in a dark corner of the basement and gargle hardener whilst dreaming of summers to come...you buying any of this?

Leroy—14937—Social Director



MICHIGAN & MIDWEST DISTRICTS



326-GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay

Traverse City, Michigan

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

374-DOUGLAS LAKE

Sailing on Douglas Lake

Cheboygan County, Michigan

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12754		David O Peters

387-LANSING SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Lansing

Haslett, Michigan

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14294	Shibimu	William S Davison
14963	Wind Dancer	Patrick Dolan

512-BOYNE CITY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Charlevoix

Boyne City, Michigan

Fleet Captain: David J Corcoran

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14323	Sleeper	David J Corcoran
14503	Head Hunter	George M Peete

MIDWEST

Fleets

5	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club	187	Sheboygan
69	Milwaukee Yacht Club	442	Fond du Lac/Winnebago
112	Green Bay Sailing Club	515	Du Bay Corinthian
167	Lake Davenport		

District Commodore: Todd Wake

5-CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain: William D Gibson

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessey
11316	Wind Rose	John F Tschanz
11663		Jim Reiman
14015	Hot Flash	Doug Steffenson
14613	Doug's Boat	Jeanne Ehrenberg
14844	Rayo	Dennis A Burke
14938	Total Recall	David W Stix
15167	Pigs on Ice	William D Gibson
15243		Jim Reiman
15260		William G Faude
15332		Pat Considine

69-MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11442	Rampage	Dean S Cady
14508	Bonski	Steve Cushman





MIDWEST DISTRICT

112-GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Green Bay

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Brian L Grahovac

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11307		Brial Keller
13589		John J Haugh
13817	Surprise	Mari C Martin
14038		Timothy Monday
14084		Dave Wickert
14106	Bill the Cat	Dennis A Burke Craig Pomeroy
14130	K G Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14400	Ricochet	Brian L Grahovac
14408	Hurricane Mom	Brian Keller
14476	Splash	Carl Manns
14478		Michael Tennity
15005	Reality Check	Carl Manns
15081	Hot Flash	James B Gagnon Jr
15137		Steve Adamski

The season started with an excellent fleet party at a favorite watering hole, Fox Harbor, with stories flowing along with some refreshments. Many hours and stories later all were ready for the season.

Our season starts in May the week before Memorial Day and runs to September the week after Labor Day. This leaves ample time for everyone to get their sailing fix and make up for the long winter here in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The season was a success due to all the people who stepped forward and volunteered for the numerous Fleet activities. A hearty thanks to them.

While attendance was down this year, this did not lessen the competition on the race course. Racing was always fun and tight, with 30+ races on the season schedule. Consistency was key to Brian Phelan's, Mari Martin's and Rick Evans' success.



Mike Merkatoris and John Haugh at Evens Regatta

Jim Gagnon, Brian Grahovac, up-and-comer John Haugh, Steve Adamski rounded out the top five.

In late June the Midwest District Championship was held in Green Bay. This season sailed in very trying conditions. Todd and Christine Wake with Lynell Reak bested the Fleet, with Bill Faude, Pete Orlebeke, Brian Phelan and David Stix rounding out the top five.

After the Brotz in Sheboygan in late July, it's the Evans Regatta in early August. Once again Ric Larson schooled the Fleet and took top honors, with Pete Orlebeke, Brian Phelan, Tim Monday and District new comer Craig Pomeroy rounding out the top five.

This year we finished the year with a delightful awards banquet, and we're already looking forward the upcoming season.

167-LAKE DAVENPORT

Sailing on the Mississippi River

Davenport, Iowa

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6033	Kasara	Wesley L Johnson
11456	Off Like a Prom Dress	Brandon G Holtona
14831	Irrational Exuberance	Chuck White
14857	Mermaid	Michael Steffenson

187-SHEBOYGAN

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Lynelle Reak
 Fleet Secretary: Michou Reichelsdorfer
 Fleet Champions: Todd, Kristine & Douglas Wake,
 Lynelle Reak
 Fleet Runner-Up: Ric and Eric Larson, Lori Jost

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7879	Puff	Bob Melzer
11589	D-Toxx	Bran Gruneberg
13818	Warrior	Joel LeMahieu
13994	Silent Movie	Michou Reichelsdorfer
14005	Maddness	Matt Wierzbach
14142		Jack Westfall
14234		Tom Wright
14380	Christiana	Tryg Jacobson
14921	Blind Squirrel	Jay Hogfeldt Bruce VanDommelen
14994	Lake Effect	Daniel Rechelsdorfer
15119	Squito	Ric Larson
15234	Stay on Target	Todd & Kristine Wake
15261		Sheboygan Youth Sailing
15262		Sheboygan Youth Sailing
15301	Stone Cold	Denise Cornell
15342	Monkey La La	Paul Reak
15390		Todd & Kristine Wake

MIDWEST DISTRICTS



Sheboygan's Lightning Fleet #187 had a very successful and WINDY sailing season. It seemed that while the SYC PHRF fleet was skipping weekly races due to lack of wind on Wednesday nights, the Lightning sailors were experiencing massive amounts on Tuesday nights. No matter what the wind conditions were like, we came to race, and standing on shore watching the waves crash over the break wall wasn't as much fun as being tossed around in a Lightning out on the lake. In spite of the breeze, Lightning skippers and crews made a good showing early in the season.

When looking over the names of our skippers and crew members, it becomes evident that our Fleet is based on family. Fleet champion this year was Todd Wake, along with his wife Kristine, and Lynelle Reak. This husband-and-wife team has made a name for themselves in the national Lightning scene and is grooming their son Douglas to take over the helm when he is older. Ric Larson competed strongly this year to finish as Fleet Runner Up with the help of his son Eric Larson and Lori Jost. At times, the Fleet saw all three "Eric's" on Ric's boat (Eric's son Eric joined the crew on lighter nights). Having these young boys share in our love for the Lightning hopefully will secure the future of our one design fleet at SYC.

Some of the other boats and crews that involve family members include the following.

- Joel LeMahieu sails with his twin brothers Greg and Paul
- Paul Reak (his wife sails with the Wakes) has crew Jennifer Bogadi and Jason Allard
- Denise Cornell with skipper Kathy Lindgren (whose daughter Amy got a strong start in the Lightning fleet) and crew Matt
- Danny Reichelsdorfer and his wife Michou, who sometimes crew together, but who feel just as comfortable competing against each other
- Tryg Jacobson, who can be seen a few Tuesday nights during the summer, usually with his daughter Christiana on board (the namesake of his boat)



Ric Larson with grandson Eric



Jay Hogfeldt and Bruce VanDommelen

The other strong competitors include this year's winner of the Most Improved Trophy, Brad Gruneberg. Brad's boat may be one of the older Lightnings in our Fleet, but he knows how to get the boat going fast up the course, and he can be seen at all the mark roundings in the middle of all the action. Two men that could be considered family are Jay Hogfeldt and Bruce VanDommelen. These two men co-own a boat and compete weekly. We don't see them much at weekend regattas, but they are tried-and-true competitors on Tuesday evenings. Four skippers that we hope to see on the course next season are Matt Wierzbach, Tom Wright, Jack Westfall, and Bob Melzer.

Our Fleet has been successful because of the participation of all the people sailing the boats, but mostly because of small group of people who did not actually sail. The head of this group was our trustworthy and fearless leader, Fred Tyska, PRO. Fred is Kristine Wake's stepfather and is more dedicated to our Fleet than some of the sailors. He has educated himself in all aspects of race management, and as a result, he ran some of the finest races our Fleet as ever seen. We cannot thank Fred and his dedicated crew enough. Next season, we dream of great winds, great competition, and great camaraderie. See you all in 2009!



MIDWEST DISTRICT

442-FOND DU LAC/WINNEBAGO

Sailing on Lake Winnebago

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Michael Elmergreen

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13580	Splurge	Darrel Greening
15042	Ellie B	Mike Elmergreen
15158	Too Klos	Pete Orlebeke

This year we had cooperative weather which allowed us to complete thirteen of our fourteen scheduled Tuesday night races. For 2008 our Portsmouth fleet included three Lightnings, two Buccaneers, Vanguard 15, Force 5, Wayfarer, and a new addition of a Melges 17. So how do the Lightnings stack up against the others? How about the square boats taking the three top spots in the season championship. The early season was won by Tim Baccus sailing with Mike Elmergreen and Sue Dorscheid. The late season and overall championship was won by Pete Orlebeke sailing with his wife Kimberly and either a son or a daughter (one of our best youth programs).



Plenty of breeze

Our big event each year is the Lighthouse Regatta in the first week in June. This year we again had two courses with nine Lightnings and six Bucaneers. Saturday was a blow out with 25-35 knots of breeze. However, the Ketel One Vodka party and dinner at the Club went of just like clockwork. Of course, Sunday showed up with light and variable winds, but we still managed to complete two interesting races.



Kristine says too much breeze

Fifth place was taken by local Pete Orlebeke with wife Kimberly and Sheboygan's own Dave Bronson. In fourth, from Chicago, it was ex-class president Bill Faude, with trusted Jared Drake and Cortney Menges in the middle. Getting the first podium position was Sheboyganite Todd Wake with wife Kristine and Carson Menges in the middle. Second place was secured by Dan and Toby Moriarty, coming all the way from St. Louis with the always fun Tony Orlebeke as crew. And this year's winner, coming all the way from Thunder Bay Ontario, was Richard Walsh with hard working friends and crew Alec Smith and Alex Cox. Somehow Richard took two firsts in the tricky conditions. Congratulations to his skill and long distance driving abilities.

Fond du Lac continues to build its youth program with new boats and experienced instructors. Come sail on the largest inland lake in Wisconsin and meet the colorful local sailors.



Kristine and Tobi hangin' out

515-DU BAY CORINTHIAN

Sailing on the Upper Wisconsin River at Lake Du Bay

Knowlton, Wisconsin

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6039	Jabberwock	James Force
15207	Bravado3	Stewart Doty

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Fleets

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

District Commodore: Matt G S Burridge



Dan Moriarty, Denny Heisler, Rick Bernstein and Greg Florian



Tobi Moriarty, Dan Moriarty, Kristine Wake, Reggie Heisler

At the Mid Continent Regatta

74-DECATUR
Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

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

262-HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain: Bill Killebrew

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9401		Bradford Currie
13370		Leif Asgeirson
13875		Bill Killebrew
14533	Firefly	Robert Mattix
14645		Robert B Cotton
14680		Bill Killebrew
14720	Stinger	Jay R Johnson
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce Richards
15100	Fang	Bradford Currie
15206	Ninos do la Luna	William Hofmeister
15216	Kat's Kradle	Cully Ward
15308		Bill Killebrew

266-CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION
Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
10537	The Galloping Duck	James S Irwin
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14260		John D Folwell
14636		Daniel J Moriarty
14766	TopFlash	Terrence R Burke
14798		Rick Bernstein
14834	Yeti	Matt G S Burridge
14901	Saflex	Marc Schillebeeckx Ian Schillebeeckx
15364		Daniel J Moriarty Tobi D Moriarty

The season was kicked-off early again with a few Fleet 266ers participating in the Southern Circuit, or a portion thereof.

Tobi and Dan Moriarty took delivery of their new Lightning over the winter and christened her in the waters of Savannah along with Nicholas Beckmann. The threesome also raced in Miami, but Dan and Tobi had a crew job in St. Pete.

New 266er, Mike Reed, raced in Savannah and then was joined by boat-partner Keith Vidal in St. Pete.



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

The 2008 sailing season at Carlyle Sailing Association started out, well, flooded. The water was on the rise in March with a dismal outlook for the Mid-Continent Regatta, planned for the last weekend in April. Matt Burrridge, who volunteered for the 2008 regatta planning, had his work cut out, as the regatta venue was moved to Lake Decatur. Everything fell into place nicely. Members from both the Decatur and Carlyle Fleets helped out wherever needed, and another fun Mid-Continent went down in the record books.

2008 Mid-Continent Regatta Results:

15364	Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Rick Bernstein	1	1	1	1	4	DNS	1	8.00
14834	Matt Burrridge, Jim Sears, Jeff Coppens	3	8	2	3	1	1	2	10.00
15234	Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Brian Hayes	2	2	4	5	2	5	3	15.00
15260	Bill Faude, Jacsline Dieball, Ernie Dieball	4	3	3	OCS	10	3	4	23.00
14766	Terry Burke, Edd Burke, Bryan Burke	13	4	6	2	6	7	5	25.00
13726	Bill Buckles, Greg Florian, Nick Florian	5	6	5	6	1	6	6	28.00
14798	Denny Heisler, Kay Ward, Nick Beckmann	8	5	8	11	3	8	7	32.00
14012	Gerry Paoli, Bob Olsen, Doug Walker	6	7	9	7	5	9	8	34.00
15332	Pat Considine, Ryan Considine, Kevin Considine	9	10	10	4	11	2	9	35.00
14260	John Folwell, Mark Paoli, Courtney Menges	10	9	12	8	9	4	10	40.00
15158	Peter Orlebeke, Kim Orlebeke, David Bronson	7	DNF	7	9	8	10	11	41.00
14636	Bart Snyder, Jessica Snyder, Carson Menges	11	11	11	10	DNS	11	12	54.00
13836	Michael Reed, Cris Reed, Amira, Ian Moriarty	12	12	13	12	7	12	13	55.00

The waters of Carlyle Lake finally receded enough for the Fleet races the weekend after Memorial Day. The typical story swapping and beer drinking resumed on the hill under the new shade tree, between and after races. The usual Sunday competitors enjoyed the addition of the Reed/Vidal boat and the Snyder boat on the starting line this year.

Districts were held in Memphis this year. Two CSA teams competed in the light-air event. Tobi Moriarty, Dan Moriarty, and Carson Menges won the Mississippi Valley Districts, while Terry Burke, Matt Burrridge, and Edd Burke came in third overall, but was the second-place MVLD boat.

The Fleet welcomed its newest addition, Zach Zerban, son of Scott and Stacey Zerban, in early July. Also, this winter our Fleet anxiously awaits the arrival of another new member, Oliver Snyder, son of Jessica and Bart Snyder.

Other news on the Junior-front, Ian Schillebeeckx competed in the Lightning Junior Worlds hosted in Canada. He and his team had a great regatta, finishing with a strong 2nd place. Later that month Ian Moriarty, Caleb Leonard, and Bobby Lacker competed in the Area K Sears Cup Semi-Finals in Lightnings. The CSA team was runner-up at that event and qualified for the Sears Cup Finals hosted in Chicago later the same month. Bryan Burke joined Ian M. and Caleb for the final event. Ian Schillebeeckx's team and Ian Moriarty, Caleb Leonard, and Bryan Burke then met up in Newport, Rhode Island for the Lightning Junior NAs. Ian Schillebeeckx finished his junior career off placing 3rd at the Junior NAs, and Ian M., Caleb, and Bryan came in 15th place.

Ian Schillebeeckx's team stayed in Newport and competed in the North Americans. They qualified and competed in the Championship Fleet. Terry Burke was the only other boat from CSA to compete in the event, with Caleb Leonard and Bryan Burke as his crew. They competed in the President's Cup Fleet. Dan Moriarty and Tobi Moriarty crewed for Matt Fisher from Ohio, who was runner-up in the overall event.

The Lightning Fleet hosted the CSA Club Championship "Blue Ribbon Regatta" this year. Ten Lightnings were used in the round-robin event. Several Lightning sailors and former Lightning sailors enjoyed the day on the water. Dan Moriarty and his crew Matt Burrridge and Bryan Burke won the event, proving that nobody from a different class should beat them in their own boats.

Results from the 2008 CSA Sunday Club races. Twenty-seven races in the Overall Championship Series, six races held in the flooded Spring Series, sixteen races held in the Summer Series, eight races held in the Fall Series.

Championship Results (in order):

15364 Moriarty, 14766 Burke, 14260 Folwell, 14798 Beckmann, 13836 Reed, 14636 Snyder, 14920 Chapin, 14834 Burrridge, 14901 Schillebeeckx, 14009 Hanson.

Spring Results:

14260	Folwell	4.00
14798	Beckmann	6.00
14766	Burke	8.00
14636	Snyder	9.00
15364	Moriarty	17.00

Summer Results:

15364	Moriarty	8.00
14766	Burke	16.00
14798	Beckmann	18.00
14260	Folwell	24.00
13836	Reed	26.00

Fall Results:

15364	Moriarty	4.00
14260	Folwell	9.00
14766	Burke	10.00
13836	Reed	23.00

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT



Rick Bernstein's son Jacob, whose face was painted by daddy at his daughter Marina's 4th birthday party

486-VALLEY SAILING

Sailing on Alton Lake

Machens, Missouri

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
453		Nelson Laffey
2555	Olivia	Nelson Laffey
5555		Nelson Laffey
7041		Nelson Laffey
9246		Nelson Laffey
13379	Top Secret	Stephen A Wyers
13836	Becky Sue	Michael Reed



274-DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on the Arkabutla Reservoir

Memphis, Tennessee

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11311	Ogo Pogo	Mark A George
11386	Dos Mas	Ralph L Leon
11999	Turbo Dog	William N Baxter III
12505		Batton Kennon
12852		Mark A George
13258	Rodeo Cold	Herbert Cochrane
14065	Plan B	John C Panetta
14149		H C Dunathan
14230		Robert T Ryan Michael Arndt
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14375	Out of the Blue	William N Baxter III
14488	Float Boat	Herbert Cochrane
14571		Michael Arndt
14666		Crit Currie Jr
15169	Square Grouper	Batton Kennon



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

NEW ENGLAND

Fleets

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

District Commodore: Robert D Shapiro
District Secretary/Treasurer: Tris Wallace
District Champion: Bill Fastiggi
District Runner-Up: Pete Hazelett
Season Circuit Champion: Bill Fastiggi
Sportsmanship Award: Bob Shapiro
Pratt Award: Connor Aswad

Come join us here in New England for some great sailing and fun. Travel to any destination over covered bridges and gaze at cascading waterfalls. The scenery at any of our lakes is outstanding, especially in the fall. Come take an extended vacation or over a long weekend and enjoy the leisure time by feeling the cool summer breezes going through your hair and hearing a loon's call in the distance on a northern lake. Check out a historical site and the countryside vistas. Stop at a Sugar Shack for a pancake breakfast with real maple syrup or at a farm stand along the way. We have it all, right here in New England!

Our schedule for 2008 was:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Waters</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 31 – June 1	MBBC Spring Regatta	Lake Champlain	Malletts Bay Boat Club, Colchester, VT
June 21 – 22	Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta	Spofford Lake	Spofford Yacht Club, Spofford, NH
July 11	M-W-J's Districts	Atlantic Ocean	Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
July 12 – 13	New England Districts	Atlantic Ocean	Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
August 2 – 3	Brian Hughes Leukemia Cup	Merrimack River	American Yacht Club, Newburyport, MA
August 23 – 24	Annual Regatta	Squam Lake	Squam Lake Sailing Assoc., Holderness, NH
September 6 – 7	Annual Regatta	Lake Massabesic	Massabesic Yacht Club, Auburn, NH
September 20	Ed Hinds Memorial One Day	Bow Lake	Bow Lake Social Club, Strafford, NH
October 11 – 12	Leaf Peeper Regatta	Lake Champlain	Malletts Bay Boat Club, Colchester, VT

We generally follow the same format for our scheduling. Keep checking the ILCA website for updates in the District's 2009 schedule. All are welcome to sail along with us from far away. It is always a pleasure to share the waters, even on the starting line. Check with the local club members for free housing when you do decide to join us.

<u>Fleet Name</u>	<u>Fleet Number</u>	<u>Fleet Captain</u>
Newburyport	121	Sean Fagan
Spofford	145	Bob Bush
Annisquam	151	Georges Peter
Marblehead	189	Rick Humphrey
Massabesic	273	Joe Ray
Malletts Bay	301	Arnie Tran
Squam Lake	332	Dan Egan
Bow Lake	493	Ned Hinds

Our District Championships were held in Marblehead, Massachusetts, this year, giving us a chance to sail in the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean. The first day met us with perfect weather: sunny skies, moderate temperatures and a nice breeze. Rather than a building sea breeze, we sailed the first race in a dying breeze, with Bill Fastiggi leading the way. The next race started but came to an abrupt stop—half way down the first run, when the breeze shut off completely. A tow-in gave us non-locals a chance to view the scenery and take in the beauty of the harbor setting.

Maura Power and her regatta crew continued with a great party (with band)! Sunday proved to be a spectacular day of sailing with good breezes having everyone going full speed through the easy rollers on the race course. Bill Fastiggi continued his winning ways, keeping in front or near the front in all races. Peter Hazelett and crew were the best of the rest in a tightly bunched group. With the NAs next door in Newport RI, the nine qualifying positions were tightly contested. The Friday before the District Championships, Georges Peter bested all for the Master's fleet win and visiting Ian Schillebeeckx won the Junior's with New England district crew Connor Aswad and Will Schwartz.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



At the North American Championships in August, Narragansett Bay was challenging with its waves and currents. Our shining star, Bill Fastiggi with crew Suzy Coburn and Chantal Leger, finished 19th. Connor Aswad and Will Schwartz (sailing with Ian Schillebeeckx) finished 34th overall. It was an excellent job in tough competition in the Blue Fleet by all. Several summer thunderstorms rolled through the regatta, but at least no hurricanes invaded the New England area like 1993s Hurricane Bob.

Others attending the North Americans were Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Brad Harris in 15th place and sailing right behind them were Peter Hazelett, James Unsworth and Derrick Demming. Don Brush, Tammy Kolbe and Clark Bailey followed close behind them as well in the Green Fleet. In the Yellow Fleet, Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman and Beth Holland placed very well in 5th place. Heather and Tim Ambrose, Bob and Sterling Bush, Brian Comfort as well as Nick Aswad, Steve Holm and Brett Baker followed close behind, not losing sight of the competition.

Bob Shapiro chartered his boat to the Ecuadorians. In the Master's competition Georges Peter and C.H. Ritt finished 7th, and in 17th place was Mark and Lynn Gardner. Sterling Bush attended the Women's as crew. In the Juniors', bringing home some nice trophies, were crew Will Schwartz and Connor Aswad (sailing with Ian Schillebeeckx) finishing 3rd. Some newcomers on the scene this year were the Gershuny family. Borrowing a boat from Bob Shapiro, they showed that they were ready for some real competition and future experience. Josh Gershuny skippered, and brothers Ryan and Kyle did a great job as crew.

This year's Leaf Peeper Regatta showed its true colors. Earlier summer rains made for glorious vibrant leaves that were outstanding. Look for more information on this in Fleet #301's report.

In September, 2009, we look forward to seeing you all at the Malletts Bay Boat Club for the International Masters' Championship and the World Championships on Lake Champlain. Come help with the regatta in some way or watch the goings on. The city of Burlington, Vermont, is known for good food, historical sites, wonderful bicycle trails, unique businesses and shopping. Take the ferry across the lake for something different. It is a great time to be in New England.

121-MERRIMACK RIVER
Sailing on the Merrimack River
Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Sean Fagan
Fleet Secretary: Patrick Gallagher

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11136		John R Hughes
11150		Patrick Gallagher
14189		Mark Dieselman
14275		John R Hughes
14345		Brian Gibbs
14384		Patrick Gallagher
14481	Jamaican Bobsled	Scott McBurney
14547		Patrick M McCormack
15132	Temerity	Brian Gibbs

It was a slow summer for Fleet 121 this year, as participation is down considerably, and getting new blood into the Fleet has proven to be challenging. With a reduced schedule, we still only managed to muster enough boats to go racing once for a fleet race. This is very disappointing for the Fleet, but hopefully things will improve in the years to come.

The Leukemia Cup Regatta was taken over by the yacht club's PHRF fleet, and looks to be going strong. As for the Brian Hughes Regatta, five boats participated, and Joel Humphries schooled all of us on how to go around the buoys the fastest. It may have helped to have Molly and Deb aboard keeping Joel in line. Joel was the only outside boat to attend, and we are as always very glad to see him. One point behind Joel was Mark Dieselman, with his son Andrew and also Dan Dolph, racing alongside him. It is always great watching Mark race, and some of the battles between him and Joel were terrific.

We came in 3rd, with myself dragging Jen Stone out of retirement (ha ha ha) and Dong Zhao who had never raced before! Wow, was he in for a rude awakening. Our regatta chair, John Hughes, also called in some favors to get Ed Tiunan and Stacey Johnson to guide him around the course. And last, but not least, Bill Stasiuk got the boat pieced back together, and with his family aboard, made a very nice showing.

I don't know what is in store for the future of the Fleet, as it seems most have opted to take the lift to another side of the course, but we can all hope the winds will shift back and hold steady and true in the future.

Have a nice winter and see you all when the snow thaws.

Patrick Gallagher

145-SPOFFORD LAKE
Sailing on Lake Spofford
Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Robert C Bush

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



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



Ben, Karen and Tris, doing it right



Tris Wallace, Karen Wallace, Ben Wallace

Fleet 145

2008 found our small fleet sailing at many locations, but only a few times at Spofford. Our annual regatta had two great days of sailing

with Karen and Ben Wallace, with Tris Wallace nearly sweeping the regatta. There were a total of nine races, six on a perfect Saturday, with three more Sunday morning. Fred Turner and team did their routinely excellent race committee work, keeping us all going. Windward-leeward gate with starts and finishes in the middle make for quick races. True domination by the Wallaces. Wait 'til next year!

Paul Henkel, Joe Rosen and Alex Gemmell keep the Sunfish fleet looking forward to find them and try to entice a few Wednesday night sailors to try Lightnings, where you do not need to duck quite so low.

Bob and Sterling Bush did their usual amount of traveling this year, sailing in the entire Southern Circuit for the first time, as well as regattas in New York (including the 70th), Connecticut/Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont and New Hampshire. They also got some other Fleet members to a few of the District regattas. A poor showing at the NAs was more than made up with some excellent fall regattas results.

Our regatta is June 27 and 28 on beautiful Spofford Lake. Come for a trip back to the good times of the summer camps of your younger days.



All alone, in front

151-ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Georges Peter

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter

227-BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen
Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain: Raymond Harrington

273-MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Walter F Colantuono

189-MARBLEHEAD

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Donald R Humphrey

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13991		Joel D Humphrey
14275		Joel D Humphrey
15148	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15151	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15300		Joel D Humphrey

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8390	Mongoose 2	Gordon Geick
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter Colantuono
13828	Quicksilver	Maurice L'Heureux
14180		Toby Frank
14273		Norman Deyett
14394		Kenneth Deyett
14418		Ray Whitley
14442	Amarcord	William Berry

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



—Fleet 273

2008 saw some shrinkage in the Fleet participation, with some Lightning sailors moving their homes or moving to other sailing classes. Fleet 273 did welcome a new Lightning sailor, Ray Whitley, who competed regularly in Sunday races and has become Fleet Captain for 2009.

The weekly Sunday races brought out the usual three to six boats for some good competition, with Ken usually winning. He also won the fall regatta, with Gar Cochran second and Walt Colantuono third.

The Lake Massabesic Fall Regatta is always held the weekend after Labor Day, and in 2009, the weekend before the Worlds in Burlington, Vermont. All Lightning sailors who might be coming to New England for any of the World's activities are welcome to join us at Lake Massabesic in New Hampshire for some fine fall racing.

Lake Massabesic is considered a prime New England iceboat lake, and we are still waiting for the ice to be safe enough to enjoy the winter on the lake.

301-LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain: Arnold M Tran

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8390	Mongoose 2	Gordon Geick
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter Colantuono
13828	Quicksilver	Maurice L'Heureux
14180		Toby Frank
14273		Norman Deyett
14394		Kenneth Deyett
14418		Ray Whitley
14442	Amarcord	William Berry

Fleet 301's season started in late May when several boats made it out for the first fleet race of the year in a perfect tune-up breeze of 5–8 knots out of the South. Of the eleven boats that participated, it was good to see Ray and Toni Harrington with Carl Fjeld on the start line. Ray and crew ended up with bookend firsts for the day—not bad for being out of a Lightning for two years. Ray had to spend the better part of the week before the fleet race scraping the bird poop off the deck, as the birds liked the barn for the same reasons he did. Dave Little unveiled his new Lightning, a brand new beautiful blue Nickels.

Fleet 301 once again hosted their Spring Regatta in early June. Five races on the first day of the regatta quickly whipped skipper and crew into shape, making people realize that sitting on the couch all winter does nothing to get you in shape for a summer of hiking. Marty Olsen set-up two twice-around and three once-around races, which brought everybody's boat handling skills back up to speed quickly and made for a very

close point spread by the end of the first day. Although the weather was a bit crummy with lots of rain earlier on, a moderate breeze of 8–10 knots remained throughout the day. Luckily, the forecasted thunderstorms did not materialize, and the fifth race was sailed under blue skies.

Eighteen boats made it out to the race course, with one from as far away as Illinois. Ian Schillebeeckx, sailing with Connor Aswad and Will Schwarz, used the Spring Regatta as a practice for the Junior Worlds in Montreal. Additionally, Eric Johnson made his return to Malletts Bay to sail with Bretton Gardner after a multiyear world skiing extravaganza. Dave Little in his brand new Nickels showed what a new boat upgrade can do. He was right in the thick of it for most of the day. The Spring Regatta also saw the return of John Hughes and Patrick Gallagher. Ray Harrington was apparently made of sugar, as he was afraid of the threat of a little rain and couldn't make the trip up from the Bomoseen Yacht Club.

After a good day of racing and a great party, Patrick and Kika chose not to make the commute to and from their home in the mountains, instead opting to spend the night on their new power boat, "One more time." Patrick made the most of Sunday by waking up at 6:00 AM to work on the bilge pump, where he proceeded to put a six inch gouge in his leg and then sealed it with super glue! Meanwhile, Kika had arrived back at the boat an hour earlier after a night out with Canadians.

Day two of the Spring Regatta brought longer races and a whole new breeze direction. The breeze in the morning was out of the South, switching to the North before the start of the first race. Close sailing meant the individual recall flag went up for all three races, with many of the top place contenders turning back to restart (whether they were over or not!). Jamie, Jay and Mark had a clean day of racing, finishing second overall, despite a long night at the Burlington Jazz Festival. .

The fleet converged at each mark rounding, despite the two-lap races with very long beats, making for very tight racing. Marty Olsen pointed out that there were no protests for the weekend and only minor contact between boats. This is also the first Spring Regatta in a number of years in which no boats capsized. The puffs were significant during the second race on Sunday, allowing many boats to plane. Those who were able to plane moved up in the pack, where others were not so lucky and slid back in the standings. Congratulations to Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger for winning the 2008 MBBC Spring Regatta!

Later on in the summer, Local Fleet 301 sailor Connor Aswad competed with Ian Schillebeeckx and Will Schwarz in the Youth Worlds in Montreal. Six races in all were sailed by eleven teams. Conner and his team sailed exceptionally well. The regatta winner was determined in the last part of the last beat of the final race. In a heartbreaker, Connor's team placed second, three points out of first. Overall, they had an awesome series.

Also in July, the Sears NSA qualifier and Area A qualifier were both sailed in Malletts Bay in Lightnings. Kolby Kruger, Tanya Miller and Daniel Tabet, sailing for the first time as a team, won the NSA qualifier and then went on to place second in the Area A qualifier. At age fourteen, this was Kolby's first time participating in the Sears qualifying event. He will be back!!



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Heather and Suzy

Eleven boats headed down to Marblehead for the first Lightning event held there in at least two decades. The Corinthian Yacht Club really pulled out all of the stops for this event. Not only was the sailing and race committee work top notch, but the pool side party, for those who can remember it, will be re-told and reenacted for many years to come. If anybody wants footage of Mark "the skinny one" Gardner dancing up a storm, contact Kolby Kruger. Additionally, every boat in the fleet had its own mooring, and reasonably priced housing was provided by Salem State College, only a ten minute drive from the Club.

Fleet 301 had a great showing at the New England Districts with many of the top ten spots occupied by Malletts Bay boats. Additionally, Connor Aswad, sailing with Ian Schillebeeckx and Will Schwarz won the Junior Districts. Fleet 301 would like to thank the Commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club, Timothy Dittrich, as well as the organizers of the regatta for a great time.

Two Fleet 301 teams took the eight hour drive to the Atlantic Coast Championships in Rock Hall, Maryland. It was difficult to find anyone who had sailed there before, but it is easy to say that everybody who sailed there would definitely make the trek back to Rock Hall. The setup area for boats is an enormous field with two hoists, making launching and hauling simple. And for those who feared sailing in the Chesapeake area during the dead of summer, the wind bill was paid in advance, as great sailing was to be had for both days. Housing was a bargain as both teams stayed at the Washington College for only twenty five dollars a night!

Six teams qualified for the North Americans in Newport, Rhode Island. Sail Newport is an efficient, well-laid-out facility that provided an excellent venue for over ninety boats. Races were sailed outside in the ocean as well as inside, one day just north of the bridge, while another day we sailed north of the island in the river. Every breeze condition known to sailors was present during the North Americans. Big breeze and big waves greeted all of us while sailing outside, and many boats had to remember how to tune and trim for those conditions. Congratulations to Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Chantal Leger for qualifying for the 2009 World Championships in Malletts Bay, Vermont.

Fleet 301 ended their season with the annual Leaf Peeper Regatta in the middle of October. This year's Leaf Peeper was highly unusual, as no dry suits or fuzzy hats were donned over the two days. In fact, the regatta was only a one-day regatta due to a lack of wind on Sunday. Saturday's racing did not start until 2:00 PM as everyone patiently waited for the breeze to fill in. Some crews had imbibed in liquid lunches during the delay, which made racing in the afternoon quite interesting.

Three races were sailed back to back in a 5–10 knot northerly. That evening the Canadians once again took to the streets of Burlington without their fearless leader Kika, as she was shamed into going home with Patrick that evening by her mother who was visiting from Brazil. Ahhh, Kika!!!

Unfortunately, Jamie's crew, Mike, got separated from Jamie and Jay sometime during the late evening. He tried to find his way back to the club, but the cab driver didn't know where the Malletts Bay Boat Club was. Needless to say, Mike spent the evening in the hallway of the La Quinta hotel, as all hotels were completely full due to leaf peeper season and the antique car show being in town. The story gets even funnier by the fact that Mike got the same cab driver the next morning, and the cabbie was able to find the club without any problem! Go figure.

Sunday found the lake glassy calm. It remained that way until 2:00 PM. Unfortunately, racing for the day was cancelled at noon, and all boats were packed up and gone by the time the wind came in. A most highly unusual Leaf Peeper!

Congratulations to Bill Fastiggi and crew for winning the Leaf Peeper and the 2008 District Trophy.

332–SQUAM LAKE

Sailing on Big Squam Lake

Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Dan Egan
Fleet Secretary: P J Blankenhorn
Fleet Treasurer: Dwight Gertz
Social Chairman: Garr Corcoran
Fleet Champion: Garr Corcoran

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9829		Art Cunningham
10555		Will Abbott
10732		Dave Closson
12859		Squam Lakes Association
13021		Dan Cunningham
14247		Doug Decluitt
14881		Dan Egan
14814		Wally Ackley
14926		Dwight Gertz
14953		Tony Wagner
14955		P J Blankenhorn
14955		Garr Corcoran
15089		Al McQuarrie
15089		Skip Johnstone
15258		Brian Comfort

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Fleet 332 potluck dinner

2008 was the year in which our backwoods Lightning Fleet showed signs of achieving an unprecedented level of respectability. As the accompanying photo shows, we celebrated this trend at our annual dinner when several of our skippers sported a very classy assortment of genuine yachting type blue blazers.

Why this display of unaccustomed sartorial splendor? Well, this is the first year in living memory in which one of our members, Dan Egan, not only agreed to serve as our new Fleet Captain (replacing the beloved P J Blankenhorn, who accepted a new role as Secretary, but also was elected New England District Commodore. As if this wasn't enough, we agreed to host the 2009 District Championships. This will mark the first time in at least thirty years that a major sailing championship has been held at Squam Lake.

Our level of participation in New England regattas also reached the highest level in years, as Squam sailors made it to the Districts, the NAs, Massabesic, and Bow Lake. There is even talk of sending a boat or two to Burlington next summer for the International Masters' Championship.

On home waters, we completed all the scheduled series for the summer. Garr Corcoran was the 47th winner of the Howdy Wood Trophy for the fleet season championship. Monthly winners were Wally Ackley for July and Dwight Gertz in August. Garr took home the Custance Cup for a brilliant performance in very shifty conditions in the annual long distance "around the lake race." Dwight won the Closson Bowl for the last three races of the season.

Our annual regatta served as rehearsal of sorts for the Districts. Former fleet member Christian Whatley, now living in Rhode Island, returned to the scene of his many past triumphs to post a convincing win. Bob Shapiro from Bow Lake was second, while Dwight Gertz was third.

We can only conclude this report by inviting everyone to the 2009 New England Districts. Competitors at the Districts will enjoy beautiful mountain scenery, and challenging racing, as well as some innovations that we tested in 2008. The most notable of these innovations was a mobile mojito barge at the finish line that was a big hit with thirsty sailors. See you next summer!

493-BOW LAKE
Sailing on Bow Lake
Strafford, New Hampshire

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8301	Jessie S	Linda Karpeichic
-----		Alexandra Unger
9662	Hold Boat	Jeff & Stacey Baker
12079	Three Men in a Tub	Bob Murphy, Norb Church, Dave Sandman
13556	Water Log	Bob & Jamie Boynton
13888	What Now?	Bob & Jamie Boynton
14296	Naut!	Ned Hinds
14577	Infinite Sloop	Rob Donle
14667	Miss Behavin'	Bob Shapiro
15239	Miss Demeanor	Bob Shapiro
-----		Ed Hinds

Traveling Regattas

2008 saw Fleet 493 well represented on the road. Bob Shapiro and the Gershuny clan traveled to Lake Spofford in June and came away with third place. July saw Josh, Kyle and Ryan Gershuny competing in the ocean off Marblehead in their first New England District Junior Championship and coming away with third place hardware. They finished all four races and got closer to the fleet in each race, finishing ahead of some of the Masters in a couple of races.

That weekend Josh and Kyle sailed the District Championships with Bob Shapiro, getting a 5th place finish in light air and finishes in the teens in the four heavy air races. With each race the crew got better and better; it was great to know that you could gybe at any time and the team would be ready and able.

In August, the Gershuny boys headed to Newport, Rhode Island, for the Junior North American Championships. It was a fantastic learning experience, with the boys getting better every day and having a great time.

Later in August, Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro brought their boats to Squam Lake; Josh Gershuny was able to borrow a boat and put a team together at the last minute as well. Bob, Ryan and Kyle took second place in the regatta; Ned, Karen and Guillaume took fifth, and Josh and his team ended up eighth. Next year we hope to see even more teams traveling to away regattas.



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The Gershuny Clan after the Junior Districts

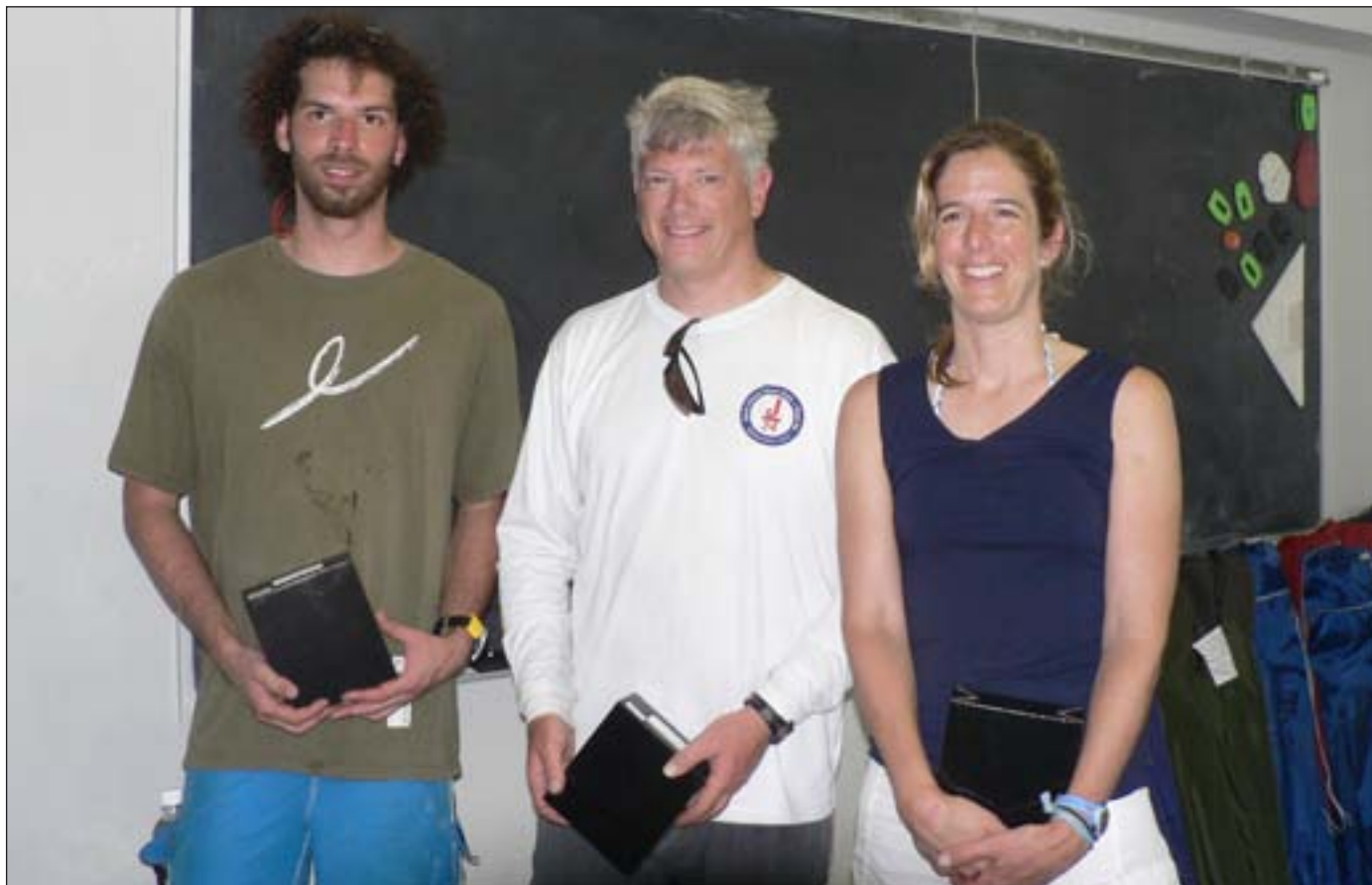


Kyle Gershuny at the NAs

Bob Evans Regatta

Forty-five sailors, seventeen sailboats, sixteen Race Committee members and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Nineteen races were held on Bow Lake from July 5 through August 30. Twelve different Lightning sailors skippered races this summer!

Ned Hinds had won last year, but Bob Shapiro had won seven of the previous eight years, and Ned had won all twenty-two years before that. Would Ned start a new winning streak? Would Bob start a new streak of his own? Would a dark horse emerge from the pack and beat them both?



St Petersburg Winter Championships — Nick Farina, Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn



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The year started with some new boats and skippers on the line. Rob Donle purchased 14577 and had been out for numerous trial and training runs with Dave Darrah, Ben Schurman, father Wayne, Uncle Bruce and others as training partners. By the end of the year, Dave had bought his own boat (not a Lightning!), Ben had bought a brand new set of sails for the Lightning he hopes to buy this year, and the previous owner of the boat, Victor Rossi, had driven down from Burlington to crew on it. Rob had many exciting moments on board Infinite Sloop but none more exciting than the maiden voyage. With the wind blowing around 25, he and his father headed out to see how the new boat worked. Well, most of it worked pretty well, but there was that one weld on the rudder head that gave way...as they drifted aimlessly towards the rocks, Bob Shapiro raced along the shoreline to save them. Oops—turns out he was after photos of the carnage!

A couple of weeks later Bob had a maiden voyage of his own. Friday of Memorial Day weekend he drove out to Buffalo and back (16 hours round trip straight through) to pick up his new boat 15239. Eventually named Miss Demeanor, her maiden voyage was on Memorial Day with Greg Shapiro and Alex from Romania crewing. But Bob didn't get to race her very soon; Josh, Kyle and Ryan Gershuny used her to tune up for their run at the Junior Districts and Junior North Americans. If you catch the boys, ask them how their first few gybe-sets went.

Three Men in a Tub was in their always top form again this summer. Dave Sandman, Bob Murphy and Norbert Church had some great duels with Infinite Sloop.

At the end of the season, Ned Hinds had added onto his new winning streak with Bob Shapiro second, Rob Donle third and Three Men in a Tub fourth. The Boyntons never got their Lightning to the starting line this year, with Jamie Boynton living in Hong Kong (since moved to Tokyo); his flights home weren't timed properly to make the racing. Although our Fleet is small, the first three boats made every race! Skippers were awarded engraved wooden pencil boxes, while crew, race committee and crash boats received Bow Lake Sailing key fobs.

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam and Werner Daigneault, Roger Williams, Walter and Phyllis Unger, Joan Joffrees, Marion Hinds and many others for all of their help. Roger Williams, the Gershunys, Bruce Donle and others served as crash boats to keep us all safe.

Ed Hinds Regatta

What a successful regatta! Thank you to all who participated, helped, watched and celebrated with us. Saturday September 20 was a gorgeous day of bright sunshine, blue skies, and some wind. OK, it may be true that the previous four Saturdays had winds of 15–20 mph, and the following Saturday also had winds of 15–20 mph, but we'll happily take the 0–8 mph winds that we got for the regatta.

Eleven Lightnings participated in the regatta. Visitors came from Burlington, Newburyport, Spofford and Squam Lake to join the local boats. Young Josh Gershuny was a guest skipper on board Cheap Shot with Dan and Isabel Cunningham. We were thrilled to have Kay and Arnie Tran come down from Burlington to join us at Bow Lake for the first time. And you should have heard Kay whooping it up as they finished quite well in the last race!



Bob Greg and Alex—Maiden Voyage 15239



Norb and Dave—Two Men in a Tub



Werner on Race Committee



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



Infinite Sloop incredulous at the competition

Bob Bush won the first two races and had the regatta in the bag (until he relaxed a bit too much in the last race). Ned Hinds won the third race and could have had the regatta in the bag (until he relaxed a bit too much in the last race). Bob Shapiro had the regatta in the bag at the last leeward mark of the last race (until he relaxed a bit too much in the last race). Sigh...

MANY people made this regatta a success! Werner was aided on Race Committee by Wayne Donle. We had several crash boats out to help, with Walter Unger, Dick Juno, Roger Williams, Greg King, Ian Gershuny, Linda Gershuny, Erin Gershuny and Bruce Donle on board to tow boats, move marks and stand by to help in case we got a huge gust of wind or a thunderstorm. And the Gershunys raced around between races passing out drinks, sandwiches and trail mix! Thank You!

After the racing it was on to the Grange for refreshments and the Bow Lake World Famous Taco Bar dinner, which was enjoyed by about seventy people. Many people cooked or helped out with food, service, preparation and cleanup. Margo made guacamole and all the taco stuff—do you have any idea how much work it is to cook twenty-five pounds of taco meat? Jim, Murphy, Deb Ames, the Boyntons and others all brought some great food. And in the kitchen, Linda and Erin Gershuny did the lions share of the work, assisted by Margo Krukonis, Deb Ames, Clarinda Donle and Carol Law. Ned Hinds did his usual masterful and thankless job of mopping the floor and taking all the trash. Meanwhile, Bob Murphy, Dave Sandman and Norb Church provided all of the beer, water and soda. Gerold and Laura Thorne allowed boats to park across from the Grange. I apologize to those who I may have missed. Thank You to All!

After dinner it was time for trophies. The Martha Comstock trophy was presented to Greg King, a Hunter 14 sailor who occasionally crews on Lightnings. He shows up all the time, is climbing slowly in the standings, won a race this year and knows how to have fun while sailing! He is the spirit of sailing on Bow Lake, for which this award is given. On a sad note, a previous winner of the award, Gerold Thorne, was ill and could not make it to the dinner. He will have to be there in spirit only in the future.

Next came trophies for the Ed Hinds Memorial Regatta. When the results were tallied, Patrick Zachary, wife Kika Bronger and

Greg Beshore were the winners. Check out Kika drinking from the Ed Hinds Memorial trophy! Ambush and Miss Demeanor tied for second, with Bob and Sterling Bush and Sinan Yordem winning the tiebreaker base don bullets in the first two races. Bob Shapiro, Ryan and Kyle Gershuny took home third place. Brian Gibbs, Molly Hopkins and Ty Whitman were one point behind in fourth, while Naut! with Ned and Karen Hinds and Nathaniel Hendrickson on board, finished in fifth place. Ned was tied for second until the last race of the regatta.

On a personal note, Greg Shapiro has been on other continents most of the last few summers, and Margo has been on shore tending to future crew Marisol, so I've had the pleasure of sailing with "the Gershuny boys" the last few years. What a pleasure! It's fantastic to see them growing—as young men and as sailors. Thank you to the boys for all their help, and to their family for supporting the boys costly and time-consuming sailing habit. There is a rumor that Greg will be stateside for the summer of 2009; I hope that means he'll be back on board a Lightning or two.

Save the date—Saturday, September 19, 2009 for next year's Ed Hinds Regatta!



Linda and Marisol waiting for the sailors to come in

NIGERIA DISTRICT



NIGERIA

Fleets

510 Lagos Yacht Club

District Commodore: Andrew D Barton

510-LAGOS YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lagos, Offshore and Lagoon
Lagos, Nigeria

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13527	Bavaria	Julian Calvin
13753		Ian F Edwards
14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14929	Bonfire II	Knus Engebretsen Mark Haas
15267	Shango	Kevin C King Andrew D Barton
15273	Scud	Robert E Overfield Ian F Edwards
15274	Just in Time	Richard J Willmott
15322		Richard J Willmott
15323	Whirlwind	Ian F Edwards
15324		Knut Engebretsen
15326	Speed	Gary L Schwantz
15340	Odyssey	Andrew D Barton
15362	Tornado	Ian F Edwards



"It's been a very busy year for the Lagos Yacht Club. We have about 65 monohulls (40 Lightnings, 15 GP14s, 12 Ospreys) in the Club and 60 catamaran Hobie-16s. On any given weekend we are able to get about fifty of those boats on the water. Additionally, our sailors are made up of thirty-two different nationalities—makes for interesting comments both on and off the water.

We competitively race almost every weekend, with about one-half of those races being sponsored events by local businesses (many with international parents) that provide giveaways, wine, beer, drinks, food, and prizes. Most of the time we sail in Lagos Harbor with occasional races off-shore. Our biggest (literally) competitors are all of the large sea-going vessels transiting up and down the channel during our races.



Helmut ducking a tanker



LYC pursuit



NIGERIA DISTRICT



The club was represented by three boats in the Southern Circuit competition this past March with races in Savannah, Georgia, Miami, Florida and St. Petersburg, Florida. The competition was against mostly U.S. teams.

The Nigeria Lightning Nationals were conducted in April 2008 with 30 boats.

Winners were:

- 1 Easy Life (T70/15325); Helm - Lloyd Crisp
Crew - David Kruyt, John Kruyt.
- 2 Orioda (T55/14392); Helm - Mike Barnes
Crew - Ken Aitken, Elspeth Aitken
- 3 Odyssey (T72/15340 Helm - Andrew Barton
Crew - Andrea Barton, Geir Skarstein

This past July, one boat competed on Lake Neuchatel in Switzerland in the European Lightning Championships, sailing against teams from Finland, Switzerland and Greece.

During the year, a woody race was conducted, with twelve boats out on the water.

The Nigeria Lightning Nationals are scheduled for 9–10 May 2009. We will have members competing in the European Lightning Championships in Sicily in early July next year as well as at the Worlds in Vermont next September.

Should you visit Lagos, we'll be sure to get you into a boat and onto the water."

Scott Laidlaw





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Fleets

23	Indian Lake Yacht Club	71	Rocky River
27	Leatherlips Yacht Club	150	Mansfield Sailing Club
36	Pymatuning Yacht Club	303	Cowan Lake Sailing Assn
43	Buckeye Lake Yacht Club		

District Commodore: Thomas H Varley Jr

District Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Brock

Southern Circuit

Rob Ruhlman placed 11th in the Circuit, and he and his family continue to be an example of stewardship for the Lightning Class as a family sport.

Districts

2008 Ohio Districts were held at Cowan Lake Sailing Association. The regatta started out with a prayer service led by Mike Brock and Bertie Werley to remember the spirit of George Fisher who had won this Championship so many times. With twenty-four boats and good wind on Saturday, we put in three good races. Sunday was light, and we all agreed after the first race not to try our patience. John Werley won the Championship, followed by Maegan Ruhlman and Jim Taylor. Tim Werley placed 11th and received the District's trophy for first district highest placing.

2009 Districts will be held at Mansfield.

BCC Youth Invitational

Ohio had a very strong "Werley" representation at the Canoe Club. Tim won the regatta, followed by Katie in 3rd and Matthew in 5th.

The 70th Anniversary Regatta

Ohio had good representation at the 70th with Mansfield bringing the most boats. In attendance from Mansfield were Tom Varley, Sean Dillon and Bob Shutt. Kirt Andrews (Leatherlips) and Jim Taylor (Cowan) also participated.

NAs

Ohio representation at the NAs was very light this year, but nevertheless strong. Matt Fisher placed second in the Championship Fleet. Rob Ruhlman won the President Cup, followed by Jim Taylor in 5th, Ryan Ruhlman in 7th and Maegan Ruhlman in 25th.

Governor's Cup

The Cup is awarded annually to the Skipper with the highest four finishes in the Districts' sanctioned regattas. Steve Weeber (Cowan) won the Cup with a series of impressive wins at Leatherlips Windshift, Indian Lake's Stumpbuster, Mansfield's Barebones and Buckeye's Snowball regattas.

Sportsmanship Award

The District's Sportsmanship award went to Jim Young (Indian Lake) for his many years of service. Most notable were his efforts to maintain the Indian Lake Stumpbuster as a District venue and his unselfishness in helping others, including the occasional disassembling of his boat to offer up spare parts for others during regattas.

District Website

Our website has been up for over a year (www.ussailing.net/ILCAOHIO/). We continue to look for local fleet articles and pictures. Send any news for postings to taylorjp@fuse.net.

2008 District Leadership

Tom Varley was elected Commodore for the 2008 and 2009 sailing season. Mike Brock will serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 2008.





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Tom Varley



23-INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Indian Lake
Russels Point, Ohio

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12551	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
13502		Jim Sewell
13741	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
14751	Wing Thief	Robert L Clover

27-LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB
Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir
Powell, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Eric Brandt

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14897		Kurt Andrews
15191		Eric Brandt

36-PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Dean Caley
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Maras
Race Chairman: Justin Proctor

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8635		June Maltbie
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	Scot Werley
12593	Caaution!	Bob Baumgardner
12787	Buzzoff	Greg Pollock
12972	Trouble	Bob Baumgardner
13240	Recess	Jan Gamer
13255	Covert Maneuver	Jim Martuccio
13608		Bridget Frymier
13905	Syzygy	Jonathan Dean
14186	Silly Daddy	Marc Cline
14208		Bev Voyle
14242		Andy Sees
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	Bill Weihe
14365		Gordon Fink
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean Caley
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14523		Len Ciccone
14546	Hakuna Matata	Marilyn & Vic Maras
14573		John Woodall
14579	Arete	Nedra Lewis
14657		Scot Werley
14678	Rigamorole	Justin Proctor
14751	Tog Bog	Ed Rumble
14885	Blueline	Ralph Meacham
14907	Chaos & Creation	Doug Blackburn
14914	Cool	Kate Scotti
14957		Don Courtsal
14965	Encore Pizzazz	Ryan Ruhlman
15000		Herb Jestel
15015		Tim Werley
15022	Slitely Cantankerous	John Werley
15075		Garry Condon
15112	No Time to Kill	Maegan Ruhlman
15257		Dave Werley
15288		Rob Ruhlman
15357		John Dunne
		Abby Ruhlman

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March in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, is not ideal sailing weather, so several of our members head south to start the sailing season early. In 2008, PYC had seven members representing Fleet 36 at the Southern Circuit. Rob and Abby Ruhlman, along with their kids, Ryan and Maegan, headed south, as did Jo and Dave Werley and Vic and Samantha Maras (a high school graduation present to beat all presents). Congratulations to Rob for winning two races in Miami. It was great to be in a Lightning so early in the year, and the friendship and camaraderie were well worth the long commute. It is one of those events that once you go, you want to find a way to keep going.

May brought sailing back to Pymatuning. The 24th annual Spring Classic was held with a mixed bag of weather. There was a lot of rain around the sailing on Saturday, but we were able to hold four races. Saturday evening brought out the Trailer Trash Band again for a great evening of entertainment. Sunday brought no wind, which is not unusual for this regatta. Top five finishers were 1) Geoff Becker, Bill Ward, Dan Rabin; 2) Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Kevin Morin; 3) Ryan Ruhlman, Ernie Dieball, Rynne Gallagher; 4) Jim/Tom Allen, Karl Allen; 5) Jody Starch, Jim Starck, Tom Starck.

2009 is the 25th Annual Spring Classic. We're hoping to make it a special event and hope to have some corporate sponsorships and giveaways. We guarantee an excellent time and hope everyone who has joined us in the past will consider coming back for the 25th!

After the Spring Classic, Fleet 36 settled into regular weekend sailing, holding races most Saturday and Sunday afternoons with great participation. There were twenty-nine races held throughout the summer. Eight people qualified for the Championship Series, meaning they sailed at least 50% of the races.

With all of the great competition at our home club, it is sometimes hard to travel to other clubs to sail, but many of our members did. The Ohio Districts were held in June at Cowan Lake in Cincinnati. Our own John Werley was the Ohio District Champion, and Fleet 36 took four of the top five places. This brings our Fleet's active District Champions to three—John Werley, Dave Werley and Ryan Ruhlman.

In July, several of our Lightning juniors traveled to Put in Bay for the ILYA Junior Bay Week Championships. Sailing a Thistle, Tim Werley with sister Katie and cousin Beth finished 4th in the Championship Series. Samantha Maras, sailing in the new Laser purchased by Don and Frascourt for our Junior Sailing program, finished 7th in the Commodore Series. All that Lightning sailing pays off for our Juniors!

In early August, we had four Lightnings travel to Buffalo for the Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitational. This was the second year for this regatta, and one that our fleet enjoyed very much. Our own Tim Werley took first place, sailing with Beth Werley and Gwen Mulvey. His sister Katie Werley was 3rd, sailing with Samantha Maras and Maegan Ruhlman, and his cousin Matt Werley was 5th, sailing with Adam Maras and Dave Werley (are you seeing a theme here??). Tim's friend J.D. Dunne was 11th with Tristan Jackson and Annie Jackson. Rob Ruhlman was a crew on the 13th place boat of Julianne MacDonald, crewing with Christine Moloney. Our Fleet 36 juniors really enjoy this regatta and plan to take even more boats next year.

In mid August, the Ruhlman clan took three boats and traveled to Newport, Rhode Island, for the North American Championship. Our own Rob Ruhlman (sailing with a very bad hip) with wife Abby and Dave Werley won the President's Cup—way to go Rob, Abby and Dave.

In September, we held our 2nd annual Triathlon, organized by Sarah Woodall. The events included golf in the morning, sailing in the afternoon and bocce in the evening. The teams are made up of various levels of skills of golfers and sailors. We have both the serious golfers (Nedra Lewis) and the people who have little or no experience golfing. The teams for golf



Lis Blackburn, Kandi Caley & Kay Sees—our cracker-jack registration team!



Dean Caley, John Woodall, Ed Werley and Andy Sees



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then sail the afternoon race with each person taking a turn at skippering a leg of the race (always fun). Dinner and bocce are held in the late afternoon and early evening with a team winner being crowned just after dark. This year's triathlon winning team was John Werley, Bev Boyle and Ruth Dean. Much thanks to Sarah because organizing the teams is challenging to say the least—especially when you have people cancelling the morning of the event.

Regular sailing continued through the fall with the awards party being planned for early in 2009 (by this time we have been apart for a long enough time and are ready to see each other again). Results for the various series for the year were as follows:

<u>Series</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Spring	Dave Werley	Rob Ruhlman	John/Kate Werley
Fall	John Woodall	Dean Caley	Scot Werley
Saturday	Garry Condon	Dean Caley	John Woodall
Sunday	Dean Caley	John Woodall	Justin Proctor
Early Summer	Len Ciccone	John Dunne	Bob Baumgardner
Late Summer	Doug Blackburn	Tim Werley	Ralph Meacham
Stay-at-Home	John/Kate Werley	Vic Maras	Scot Werley

Championship Results: 1st: John Woodall; 2nd: Dean Caley; 3rd: Dave Werley; 4th: John/Kate Werley; 5th: Garry Condon

2008 was a great year of sailing at Pymatuning and we look forward to even more wind in 2009. Again, we invite you all to come to the 25th annual Spring Classic being held May 16 and 17—a guaranteed fun time for all.

43-BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Buckeye Lake
Columbus, Ohio

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14056		Matt V Fisher
15045	Ladies Choice	Matt V Fisher

71-ROCKY RIVER
Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain: George Auer

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9567	Game	Jack Mueller
13726	Fat Chance	Bill L Buckles

150-MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB
Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir
Lexington, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Tom Varley
Club Secretary: David Emmens
Club Treasurer: Bob Shutt
Fleet Champion: Tom Varley
Club Champion: Tom Varley

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10444	Das Boot	Chris Schneider
13485	Close to the Edge	Christopher Clarke
14067		Bob Shutt
14390	Shifty Characters	Jim Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean Dillon
14433		Dave Samanich
14824	Got Mojo	Christopher Clarke
14851	Kokopeli	Susan Baker Charles Shaw
14952	XStream	Tom Varley

In 2008 we welcomed Dave Samanich with 14433 to the Club. Several newcomers to sailing joined the Club, crewing for several skippers: Matt and Jenny Barnett, Chelsea Vocal and Joe Kelner.

Sadly, we have to report the passing of Chris Schneider after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Chris had been a member for several years and was Commodore in 2006. He sailed #10444, which he restored and upgraded over the years. Chris was an excellent and competitive sailor, placing in the various club series over the years. He contributed a great

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Mansfield Sailing Club encampment at Skaneateles

deal of time to the club's facilities. He loved sailing Lightnings and Mansfield Sailing Club. We will all miss him very much.

We have four series throughout the season. The Sunday AM Series, comprising short one lap races every Sunday, was won by Jon Varley with Sean Dillon second. The Principal Series comprises one longer race on Sunday afternoons from the start of the season in May until Labor Day. This year Tom Varley won the series, with Sean Dillon second and Chris Clarke third. It is a testament to the extent to which our lives are pulled in other directions that insufficient races were sailed in the Wednesday Evening and Fall Series to produce any results.

The final event of the season is the Club Championship Sail Off Series in which the qualifying skippers sail as many races as boats qualified with skippers and crews switching boats for every race. Owing to light airs, this Series was sailed over two weekends. Tom Varley took first with Sean Dillon second.

We hosted the Bare Bones Regatta in September. Nine boats travelled to Mansfield and with our four boats had a total of thirteen Lightnings on the line. Steve Weeber from Cowan won, with James Taylor, also from Cowan, second and Eric Brandt from Leatherlips in third place. The highest placed MSC sailor was Tom Varley in fourth place. We would like to thank all of the visiting sailors who traveled to Mansfield and helped make this regatta a success. We are also grateful to the many people who help with this Regatta each year, including our veteran Lighting sailors Bill Woodrow and Bill Schamadan, and Marion Zaugg from the Mohican Sailing Club, who provided the Race Committee.

As usual our boats traveled to participate in other regattas. Four of our boats participated in the Ohio Districts at Cowan. Tom Varley was the highest placed at 14th.

For many of us at Mansfield Sailing Club one of the highlights of the year was participating in the Lightning 70th Anniversary celebrations at Skaneateles. Tom Varley, Bob Shutt, Chris Clarke and Sean Dillon and their crews all attended. Tom Varley finished 49th in the Blue Fleet, and Chris Clarke and Bob

Shutt finished 13th and 38th in the White Fleet respectively. It was a great party!

Our Club continues to maintain its membership levels and is increasingly active within the Ohio District. Our Lightning Fleet Captain, Tom Varley, has been a great inspiration to all of us in the club and over the years. With his help and encouragement, we have all become more competitive.

303-COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION
Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Captains: Ann and Mike Brock
Fleet Champion: Dr Steve Weeber

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11777		Jim & Phyllis Young
13110		John & Pamela Tangney
14110		Dick & Bonnie Pugh
14112		Mike LoVullo
14216		Ken & Miriam Irwin
14287		Dr. Steve & Donna Weeber
14875		Bryan & Rachel Riddiford
14925		Mike & Ann Brock
15172		Jim & Susan Taylor
15179		Dennis & Kathy Rhoades
15309		Dr Patrick Kirk
15317		Dr Steve & Donna Weeber

2008 was a good year for Cowan Lake sailors. We hosted the Ohio District Championship in June with twenty-five boats as well as our annual Fall-In regatta in October.



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Fall-In Regatta



At the club level master mariner Ken Irwin, Dennis and Kathy Rhoades, Mike LoVullo and Mike Brock kept the Lightnings visible on Sundays when Dick Pugh and Jim Taylor were off chasing Steve Weeber on the regatta circuit. Steve won the District's Governors Cup with wins at Leatherlips Windshift, Indian Lake's Stumpbuster, Mansfield's Barebones and Buckeye's Snowball. Steve also placed 4th at the Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open.



Dick Pugh

Jim Taylor had another good year on both the local and national circuit. He had a string of second place finishes at Leatherlips, Stumpbuster, Mansfield and the Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open. He placed 3rd in Districts and won Cowan's Fall-In. Jim also placed 17th at the St Pete Winter Championship, 15th at the 70th Anniversary Regatta, 5th in the President's Cup at NA's and 7th at Bluenose.

Jim Young was the 2008 recipient of the District's Sportsmanship Award, for his many years of off the water service to others at both Cowan and Indian Lake. We are very proud of Jim!

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



Jim Young

In late October we hosted the 35th annual Cowan Fall-In regatta. We had thirteen boats show up for the regatta with twelve on the race course. The cold and windy weather forecast, and likely a bit of the slowing economy, kept us from our usual 18+ boat attendance. On Saturday winds were blowing across the lake at 18-24, and the race committee set a WL course. With some reluctance the fleet ventured out. We sailed four 2X WL races. As the day progressed the winds and velocity shifts had settled down to a manageable fifteen. Saturday's story was all about foul weather gear and staying dry and warm! Sunday we were greeted with a brisk 35° morning and light and variable winds. One long raced was sailed. In the end, Jim Taylor won another Fall-In, followed by Eric Brandt and Tom Varley who held off Mike Brock by one point for third place.

We finished the season with a year end dinner party at the Brock's. Ann and Mike prepared their annual traditional Italian holiday festival. A 400-picture slide show of the Fall-In regatta was shown in the background to music, tall stories and plenty of food and drink. Given Ann continues to set a high bar for running efficient District and Fall-In regattas, as well as being a gracious hostess for the annual dinner party, we've elected her as Fleet Captain again.





PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

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Fleets

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

District Commodore: John DeBenedetti

64—MAPLE BAY

Sailing on Maple Bay

Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada

90—KITSILANO YACHT CLUB

Sailing on English Bay

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain: Menno Bos

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11645	Shanic	Douglas Ash
13289	Liisa	Campbell Pearce
13685		George McLaughlin
13685		Menno Bos
14089	Bar Code	Menno Bos
14841	Rocket	Matthew Henley



From our Home Base at Kitsilano Yacht Club

Participation was steady all year on Thursday nights—the highest number of sailors regularly in KYC club events. Two boatloads of us took part in the Pacific Northwest

Districts in June at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and plan on it again in 2009. The hospitality of the sailing fraternity is awesome. Three boatloads of VLSC Lightning sailors made the trip up for the Kits Regatta to kick our butts again. I don't feel as bad since I learned Darryl Peck is a US sailing team member most years and really pushes the competition level up at VLSC!



Sheridan and John bought Bill Rimmer's boat to keep it active once they got over the idea that it is a boat and not a piece of furniture ;-). It's one of the classic redwood plank woodies from the early 60s. It's a classic. With the addition of the Fleet Captain's "new" boat, we are up one boat in the Fleet. Next year's project will be to get all of them in the water and off the dock.

One of the issues facing the Club, as a whole as KYC enters its 75th year, is the demographics of our membership. There are too many of us guys over fifty and not enough under thirty-five. Personally, I plan to sail at least as long as Dick Pearce and Fred Dill, so I'll be around on the water for another thirty years or so...come to think of it, the Lightning is a great boat to support a lifetime of sailing.

The Lightning Fleet will offer an open invite to come out for an introductory sail like Pacific Reach does for paddling. No good idea should go uncopied. George McLaughlin donated his Lightning to the Kitsilano Yacht Club training program to give our keen graduates an easy way to try out Lightning sailing.

Menno Bos





PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

283-COLUMBIA
Sailing on Vancouver Lake
Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain: Jeff Stong
Secretary/Treasurer: Gail Hickman

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6725	Natural Speed	Dale J Drevdahl
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
10731	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
11151		Darrell Peck
12078		Spencer Carson
12426	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis Edward Bourguignon
12675		Edward Bourguignon
12990		Darrell Peck
13788	Too Tense	Gerald L Neuburger
13837	Spook	Gerald Martin
13869	Flash	Jeff Stong
13949	Frenzy	Randy Anderson David Collins
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14079	Hippo Thunder	Douglas S Hickman
14233	Taxes Due	Gerald L Neuburger
14246		Darrell Peck
14288	Humuhumunukunua	Philip P Parshley Philip F Parshley
14453	Blue Bayou	Darrell Peck

2008 was a great year for Lightning Fleet 283, with fourteen active boats. Fleet 283 had its annual meeting at the Anderson's in December, wrapping-up a busy 2008 season.

We hosted the Districts during the VLSC Annual Regatta and had a large contingent travel to Eugene for the Pacific Coast Championships, held during Eugene Yacht Club's Harvest Regatta.

Darrell Peck placed 10th at the North Americans in Newport Rhode Island and is planning for the Worlds. 2009 fleet planning is underway with some great events scheduled.

507-THE PRAIRIE FLEET

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

Fleet Captain: Karsten M Dalberg

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13674	Hard Tack	David Martin
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten M Dalberg

2008 Pacific Northwest Lightning District Championship

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2008 Pacific Northwest Lightning District Championship

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club
June 7th & 8th, 2008

Sailed:5, Discards:1, To count:4, Entries:14, Scoring system:Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Helm	Club	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Pts
1st	Lightning	Blue Bayou	Lightning	14453	Darrell Peck	VLSC		(3.0)	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	6.0
2nd	Lightning	Quicksilver	Lightning	11879	Kevin Stravers	VLSC		1.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	(5.0)	11.0
3rd	Lightning	Hippo Thunder	Lightning	14079	Douglas Hickman	VLSC		4.0	(8.0)	7.0	1.0	2.0	14.0
4th	Lightning	Humuhumunukunua	Lightning	14288	Lisa Parshley	VLSC		(7.0)	5.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	15.0
5th	Lightning	Poopy Diapers	Lightning	13788	Jerry Neuburger	VLSC		5.0	(7.0)	5.0	2.0	4.0	16.0
6th	Lightning	Roaring Forties	Lightning	14040	roger hicks	VLSC		2.0	2.0	6.0	(DNC-13.0)	9.0	19.0
7th	Lightning	Rocket	Lightning	14841	Matthew Henley	KYC		(8.0)	4.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	24.0
8th	Lightning	Frenzy	Lightning	15255	Dave Collins	VLSC		6.0	(13.0)	11.0	6.0	7.0	30.0
9th	Lightning		Lightning	14089	Merno Bos	KYC		(13.0)	6.0	9.0	11.0	5.0	31.0
10th	Lightning	foamheads	Lightning	14495	john DeBenedetti	VLSC		9.0	9.0	8.0	(DNC-13.0)	13.0	39.0
11th	Lightning	Natural Speed	Lightning	6725	Dale J Drevdahl	VLSC		(11.0)	10.0	10.0	9.0	11.0	40.0
12th	Lightning	Tin Hau	Lightning	1407x	Gary Kokstis	VLSC		10.0	11.0	(13.0)	10.0	10.0	41.0
13th	Lightning	Spook	Lightning	14397	Jerry Martin	VLSC		12.0	12.0	12.0	7.0	(14.0)	43.0
14th	Lightning	Cathouse	Lightning	1378X	Jeff Cavanaugh	VLSC		(14.0)	14.0	14.0	12.0	12.0	52.0

ST LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT



ST LAWRENCE VALLEY

Fleets

215 Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club 516 Beaconsfield Yacht Club
499 Point Claire Yacht Club

District Commodore: Peter Hall



215-ROYAL ST LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Lac St Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13855		Louis Brousseau
14114		Alain Ranger
14768	Kristatoo	Anthony Staples
15210		Peter Hall

Fleet 215 had a wonderful 2008, welcoming back some former Lightning sailors to the Fleet and hosting the Junior Worlds. The spring began with the return of long-time Lightning sailor Tony Staples who, along with his wife Valerie, picked up Peter Hall's old boat and got back out on Lake St. Louis. We had very favorable winds to start off our Wednesday evening series and the summer seemed to fly by.

Our focus this year was to get two youth boats up and running in time for the Junior Worlds in July. The approaching Worlds managed to bring about renewed interest in the Lightning among our junior sailors, and we ran a number of successful junior training events in the frigid spring waters.

In the end, Fleet 215 was able to field two very competitive boats in the Junior Worlds. Cedric Garnier, William Hall and Charles Jones finished as the top Canadian entry in 6th, while Francois Ranger, Cedric Campbell and Baptists Guez ended up 10th, a very respectable finish in their first international event.

All those who participated in the Junior Worlds said it was one of the greatest experiences of their young sailing careers, having the chance to compete against other sailors from all over the world and share in the wonderful experience that is racing a Lightning.

499-POINT CLAIRE YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Lac St Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

516-BEACONSFIELD YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Lac St Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
2684	Day Girl	Michael Holly Jr
12217		Valerie Holly-Tardif
14326		Jamie Allan
14905	Rum Lime	Jamie Allan
15082		Michael Holly Jr



Winners at the Frigid Digit — Jamie Allen, Jay Deakin, Michael Holly



SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

SOUTHEASTERN

Fleets

127 Savannah Yacht Club	429 Greater Charleston
257 Clarks Hill	440 Palmetto
348 Lake Lanier	463 Lake Maccamaw
365 Catawba Yacht Club	481 Wake
391 Lake Hartwell/Western Carolina	511 Cape Fear
415 Lake Norman	

District Commodore: Pamela M Barron

District Secretary/Treasurer: Lauren Beauchamp

District Champion: Richard Waldkirch

Traveling Series Champion: Bob Harkrider

Like 2007, it was musical chairs vying for Top Honors in the Southeastern Lightning District with nine different winners for nine regattas.

Josh Putnam won the Springboard Open at Western Carolina with three points in four races. Josh, a graduate of Citadel, was not an unfamiliar face, as he began sailing as a junior with one of Bob Harkrider's boats with other junior crew. Henry McCray and Marcus Moehlman finished 2nd and 3rd respectively with six and seven points each. Sailing began after a rain delay with 5–15 conditions. Sunday brought on a little more breeze from 12–25 knots with low 50-degree temperatures. After one race, everyone headed in due to the combination of wind chill, water temperature and unstable puffs. A Flying Scott demasted and turtled in a huge puff. The crew was rescued and then later the boat was recovered.

Our 2008 District Championships was held once again at Columbia Sailing Club, which is at the center of our District. The Club had just completed its beautiful new clubhouse which featured a very large fireplace. Lightning members refinished an old wooden Lightning with a side cut-out for bar tender entry. It would no longer give pleasure through sailing

but would do so as a center for libations après sailing. Greg Griffin from Florida joined us at our SE Championship and won the regatta of eighteen boats hands down with seven points in three races. A rain storm forced us ashore after the first race, and racing resumed after a short delay. Unfortunately, the winds, or lack of, did not cooperate on Sunday, which led to no races. The District Championship was awarded to Richard Waldkirch, the first SE District member with fifteen points who edged out Terry Tyner in a tie-breaker. Pierce Barden followed with sixteen points in 4th. Our District meeting was held and Columbia was awarded the District Championships again for 2009. The Savannah "Deep South" was added to the traveling schedule for next year and will be scored as other regattas that may have out-of-district sailors.

Pierce Barden once again dominated his home ocean course at Wrightsville Beach to claim the 3rd title with consistency with fifteen points in five races and sixteen boats. Lenny Krawcheck of Charleston and John Sawyer of Wrightsville finished in 2nd & 3rd respectively in a tie-breaker with 27 points each. While Lenny had bullets in the second and fourth races, John had the same in the first and fifth races. The tie went to Lenny with a 2nd in the third race. Bob Harkrider and Bob Cowan rounded out the top five.

Now for the best regatta party in the series—the Low Country Regatta at Beaufort, South Carolina, in late June. The band, swim party and Low Country Boil in the heat are hard to beat! Bob Harkrider continued his legacy of winning this regatta once again with six points in four races. Greg Griffin from Florida Yacht Club joined us this year and finished with nine points, while John Sawyer finished in 3rd with eleven points.

At the Charleston Open Regatta at the Carolina Yacht Club, six boats vied for the title in Charleston Harbor. The harbor always presents an interesting challenge with the currents from the Cooper and Ashley Rivers. What a great venue! Marcus Moehlman dominated the courses with three bullets and a 2nd to win with five points. I was glad to see that Marcus did not leave his sails behind in Augusta this year. Competition was tight between second and third place finishers, Dennis Baker and Karen Dial who finished with ten and eleven points respectively.



Marcus Moehlman—2nd Place Governor's Cup



SE District Traveling Series Champion Bob Harkrider

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



At Augusta Sailing Club this year, the RC managed to get in five races in very light wind. Racing was tight between the top three boats, but Lenny Krawcheck took home the top trophy with fourteen points, which included two bullets in the first two races. Marcus Moehlman and Bob Harkrider, the home boys, rounded out the top three. Marcus finished in 2nd with fifteen. Bob with bad first race finished with two bullets which put him just behind Marcus with sixteen points.

The Wrightsville beach boats dominated the top three places at the Lake Waccamaw Open this year. Racing was particularly tight between John Sawyer and Bob Cowan. John Sawyer walked away with top honors with three bullets and eight points in a six-race regatta with one throw-out. Bob Cowan had had great series with two bullets and nine points. Richard Waldkirch rounded out the top three with a bullet and thirteen points.

October brings us to the 41st Atlanta Cup at Lake Lanier Sailing Club. Attendance was down substantially this year due to a number of circumstances within the normal traveling group but is expected to be back in the teens again next year. Launching was more difficult due to the low water level, but the lake is deep and did not affect the racing. You can always count on there being a battle between Bill Hofmeister from Harbor Island Yacht Club, Bob Harkrider and Lenny Krawcheck. Bill won the perpetual and top trophy again with eleven points in five races. He came on strong with three bullets for the last three races for the win. Bob Harkrider finished in 2nd with fifteen and two bullets, while Lenny finished in 3rd with consistency.

The water level was up at Kerr Lake, and the Borderline Regatta was on. It was surely missed in 2007. Attendance was drastically down from years past with thirteen boats. I'm sure the high gas prices were a huge factor. Three races were sailed on Saturday. Sunday there was little breeze, and the races were called that day. Brian Hayes won the regatta with two bullets and six points. Bob Harkrider's bullet in the third race cinched 2nd place with eight points. Pierce Barden was close behind with nine.

Seven skippers and crew qualified for district traveling series awards this year. Scoring was particularly tight between the top three finishers, with Bob Harkrider being crowned the Traveling Series Champion. Marcus Moehlman and John Sawyer finished second and third respectively.

There were about a dozen new faces this year on the circuit. Two more boats joined the District near the end of the calendar year. With hope of the economy improving, we hope to see the number of boats at district regattas increasing. Competition remains tight, as evidenced here in this article with nine different skippers winning. Seasoned skippers within this District have always been helpful to newcomers. That kind of support makes for good competitive regattas.

As usual, many of us were all on the national scene sailing the Southern Circuit and Nationals. Of particular note, Will Tyner, a junior finish 30th out of fifty in his first "Deep South" regatta this year in Savannah. Also, at the NAs, Marcus Moehlman finished 2nd in the Governor's Cup. Congratulations to both.

Check www.sailsoutheast.org for district schedule, notices of race, news and regatta results.

127-SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB *Sailing on the Wilmington River* Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12480	Captain Obvious	Katarina & Melissa Pulver

257-CLARKS HILL *Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake* Augusta, Georgia

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10810	Rode Hard	Sharon Harkrider
13877	Adrenaline	Robert E Harkrider Jr
15310		Robert E Harkrider Jr Sharon Harkrider

348-LAKE LANIER *Sailing on Lake Lanier* Flowery Branch, Georgia

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11070	Crew-zen	Lamar Wingate
13898	Alice-in-Wonderland	Robert French
15180		Pamela M Barron

365-CATAWBA YACHT CLUB *Sailing on Lake Wylie* Charlotte, North Carolina



SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

391-LAKE HARTWELL/WESTERN CAROLINA

Sailing on Lake Hartwell

Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Captain: Dennis Baker
Fleet Secretary: Lisa Baker

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14412	Yea Baby	Dennis Baker
14376	Wicked	Mike Phelan
11090	Baby Doll II	Charter
11771	Wasabi	Bill Sloger
12613		Brent Benson
12102		Gene Linville
11396	Light'n Up	Frank Mendenhall

2008 was a year of re-birth for fleet 391. The Fleet was re-activated in 2008 after laying dormant for a number of years. We started with one Lightning back in 2004 and have managed to grow our Fleet to six boats of which three to four are very active. We also have two more in the wings that we hope to bring on board in 2009. We had one active SELD travel series participant in Dennis Baker, who Qualified 5th this year on the circuit.

Fleet 391 races out of Western Carolina Sailing Club on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina. The Club has a very active and competitive racing program, and Fleet 391 participates in that series under the Portsmouth handicap system. The club hosts twenty-six races on thirteen race dates annually. In 2008 one of our own Dennis Baker in 14412 was the Overall series winner for the season, beating out eleven other qualifiers.

Fleet 391 participates in and co-hosts our annual Springboard Regatta, which is a stop on the Southeastern Districts travel series circuit. We had right participants in the event this year, which was won by Josh Putnam. Henry McCray picked up the 2nd and Marcus Mohleman was 3rd. Attendance was a little low this year as a number of "Regulars" on the circuit were attending Ellie Stone's wedding that same weekend. Ellie has been in the SELD for a number of years crewing for Bill Sloger.

The future looks bright for Fleet 391. Mike Phelan, who had been borrowing 11090 and was very active in club racing, has now purchased 14376. He is chomping at the bit to campaign his new ride out on the travel circuit. We believe we have found another interested party to charter 11090 for the '09 season, and they may also travel. That would put three Fleet 391 travelers on the circuit in '09, up from zero just a few years ago. We also know of two Lightnings that are a stone's throw from the Club that were planning to join and get out on the water with us next year. We are hopeful that Fleet 391 can put four or five boats on the line for our Springboard Regatta in April. If we get the usual suspects traveling to the event, we should see our participation reach solid double digits for the first time.

Check out all the happenings on the web at:

<http://www.wcsc-sailing.org>

Dennis Baker

Annual Springboard Regatta



Dennis Baker, Lisa Baker,
Eric Hakanson
(2008 WCSC Fleet Winners)



It was a heavy air year



Fleet Racing at WCSC

415-LAKE NORMAN

Sailing on Lake Hartwell

Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Carter Utzig

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
6889	Banana Split	Dale E Johnson
14432	Blitzen	Richard Simpson
14702		Sam L Booke III
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Carter Utzig

429-GREATER CHARLESTON

Sailing on Charleston Harbor

Charleston, South Carolina

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14266	Green Wing	Harvey McCormick
15085		Leonard Krawcheck

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



440-PALMETTO
Sailing on Lake Murray
Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain: Terry E Tyner

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10810	Rode Hard	Will Tyner
13983	Rumrunner	Karen Dial
14825		Terry E Tyner

463-LAKE WACCAMAW
Sailing on Lake Waccamaw
Waccamaw, North Carolina

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14980	Celebrate	Paul R Jueschke

481-WAKE
Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan
Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: John W Pelosi

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12773		Worth A Lutz III
13738	Past Due	Lauren W Beauchamp
13877	Adrenaline	Michael S Rees
14637	Great Escape	Charles L Moore Jr
14747		Alan F Krauss
14852	Magnum Force	Robert L Graves
14932		John W Pelosi
15141	Ciaobebe	Avis L Bridgers



Terry Tyner graciously accepts the Middle of the River Award at the Deep South Regatta

511-CAPE FEAR
Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Wilmington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Pierce P Barden

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12126		David A Pyle
13123	Hot Pocket	Jared Lathrop
14062	White Star	Andrew C Barton
14318	Soul Sister	John R Sawyer
14356	Lightn'up	William F King
14622	Sasam	Jared Lathrop
14682		Bob Cowen
14695		Richard B Waldkirch
14701	Driving Blind	J Gates Harris
15156	White Lightning	David A Pyle Dave Chervenik
15236		Steve Johnston
15241		Pierce P Barden
15351		Pierce P Barden



SOUTHERN & SWITZERLAND DISTRICTS

SOUTHERN

Fleets

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

District Commodore: Thomas S Meric Jr

62-SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain: Lawrence N Frost

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13957	In Sensitivity Train	Ted Prechter
14136		Callender R Herman
15211		Lawrence N Frost III
15329		Thomas S Meric Jr
15393	yo-yo-smuggler	Marcus Eagan

135-MOBILE BAY
Sailing on Mobile Bay
Mobile, Alabama

Fleet Captain: Christopher Frost

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13060	Bigeminy	E Russell March Jr
14507	Oh Baby!	John P Buziak
15201	Bob Sled	Robert E Bernhardt Jr

179-PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Gulf Coast, Mississippi Sound
Pass Christian, Mississippi

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8131	Woodstock	Eugene H Walet III
13627	Summer Lightning	Bob Peat
14355	Spirit	Eugene H Walet III Peter W Furze

388-JACKSON YACHT CLUB
Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir
Jackson, Mississippi

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14737	Evan's Full Ride	Thomas Niles

SWITZERLAND

Fleets

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

District Commodore: Jacques Perret



48-CHANTIER NAVAL DE CORSIER-PORT
Sailing on Corsier-Port
Geneva, Switzerland

169-LAC DE NEUCHATEL
Sailing on Lac de Neuchatel
Neuchatel, Switzerland

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12571	Joy	Alain Perret
13358	Chyloe II	Gilbert Despland
13840	Chiloe	Gilbert Despland

358-FLOTTE MURTENSEE
Sailing on Lake of Murten
Murtensee, Switzerland

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



TEXAS DISTRICT



TEXAS

Fleets

35 Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club 435 Rush Creek Yacht Club

District Commodore: Dr Clarke D Newman

2008 has been a good year for the Texas District. We have added several new boats and sailors. For the first time in ten years, brand new boats were purchased within the District. We have added Ian and Lindy Edwards, and they are trying to establish some Lightning sailing in Houston.

Before we got under way in 2008, the Lightning Fleet hosted the CSC Splash Day festivities on White Rock Lake.

We began the year with folks attending some regattas. We got our feet wet with two local regattas, the Leukemia Cup Regatta, followed by the Spring Dinghyfest regatta. We had six boats compete in the Leukemia Cup and five go to the Dinghyfest.

Our District Championship was held in late May with great wind and weather for a change. A spirited battle ensued between Tommy Meric from New Orleans and yours truly. The battle continued race after race, with the home team of me, Deanna Newman, and Gavin Rudolph winning in a tie breaker.

Beth Richard traveled to the 70th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles, New York, and she finished sixth in the Classic Division out of twenty-one boats.

For the first time in many years, the Texas District sent three boats to the North American Championships. Team Newman (Clarke Newman, John O'Riordan, and Michael Gent), Team Womble (John Womble, Ginger Armstrong, and Amy Williams), and Team Edwards from Houston / Nigeria (Ian Edwards, Lindy Edwards, and Bill Biermann from Dallas) made the



Texas Districts—14045 John Womble and 10275 Beth Richard



Texas Districts—Team Newman rounds ahead of Tommy Meric



Teresa Richard, Beth Richard, Suzi Conroy



Texas Delegation Lightning NAs 2008:

(L-R) Amy Williams, John O'Riordan, Clarke Newman, Bill Biermann, Lindy Edwards, Ian Edwards, Michael Gent, Ginger Armstrong, John Womble

trek. Team Edwards sailed the Masters and the NAs.

While none of us had a very good regatta, we all had a bunch of fun. Having qualified for the Blue Fleet last year, a Green Fleet performance for Team Newman this year was understandably a downer. Newport is quite a bit more complicated than tiny, ole White Rock Lake. We will reload for Sodus Bay next year.



TEXAS DISTRICT



Bill Biermann

Our Spring Series was won by Clarke and Deanna Newman, and our Fall Series was won by Team Womble. Our Summer Series was sabotaged by very light winds, scorching temperatures, and three boats gone to Newport for two weeks.

The Corinthian Sailing Club, our home club, hosted the State Fair regatta, and Team Womble came out on top.

The Fall Dinghyfest regatta at Rush Creek saw Mark Haas of Houston win in his first Lightning regatta in Texas.

In the fall, we also had some boats travel to regattas. Teams Newman and Womble went to Jackson, Mississippi, for the Hospitality Regatta. Team Newman finished second behind Larry Frost of New Orleans. These same two teams traveled to Nashville for the Bluenose Regatta, and we all know how that turned out.

This year marked my first trip to the Bluenose, and I swear the lack of wind wasn't my fault.

Probably the biggest news was that we voted to move the Dallas Lightning fleet from White Rock Lake back to Lake Ray Hubbard and the Rush Creek Yacht Club. White Rock was very convenient to most of us, but the sailing and the facilities at Rush Creek are much better.

Corinthian Sailing Club has great people, but the facilities are limited to davits, which have become high priced commodities that rarely come available. With davits costing upwards of \$4,000 to \$5,000 and only one or two available each year, building our Fleet has been difficult.

Combine that with the fact that we are competing for space and people with the world's largest Flying Scott fleet (111 boats), and you can see why it is difficult to grow. This decision was very hard, but we did what we had to do. We will miss the White Rock people, and we wish them well.

So, fleet #435 is now reactivated. About eight boats will stay behind at White Rock. So, for the first time in ten years, Texas has two fleets.

Ian Edwards, who was a tremendous fleet builder in Lagos, Nigeria, will try to work his same magic in Houston. Hopefully, we can keep Mark Haas involved, and the two of them can build in the wake of Hurricane Rita.

The last thing that we have been working on is creating a Southwest Circuit. We have been working with the Southern District and the guys in Memphis at Delta Sailing Association to have three regattas in the spring and three more in the fall combine to form the Circuit. Once upon a time, we had a Tri-District Championship between the Texas, the Southern, and the Mississippi Valley Districts. Our goal is to have the winner of the Circuit be the Tri-District Champion, and revive a really great trophy that has not been awarded in a long time.

We are working hard to bring Lightning sailing in Texas and the Southern Coast back to where it once was—a featured region within the Lightning Class. Come join us!

35-DALLAS CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB *Sailing on White Rock Lake* Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain: Clarke D Newman

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
13953		Scott Anderson
14600	Mass Confusion	Jimmie Ankle
14814	Aeolus	Scott Anderson

435-RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB *Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard* Dallas, Texas

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
10275	Xanadu	Elizabeth A Richard
12132	All Flash/No Dash	William Biermann
13311	Slainte	Elizabeth A Richard
13806		Clarke D Newman
14045	Blitz	John M Womble
14817		John M Womble
15360	Lunatic Fringe	Clarke D Newman

US @ LARGE DISTRICT



US @ LARGE

Fleets

488 Rocky Mountain

488-ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Sailing in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming

Denver, Colorado

Fleet Captain: Nick Farina
Fleet Champion: Bill Darling

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7084		Tom Cochran
11138		David Spira
11211	Stress Relief	Christopher Safford
11457	Evenstar	Norman J Jarvis
13857		Martin R Mulhern
13858	Grey Goose	Al Gawthrop III
14030		Steven H Davis
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
14860		International Lightning Class
15004		R Scott Hathcock
15026	Lively	John Hutton
15103		Steven H Davis
15220	Odyssey	David Spira
15265		Steven H Davis
15315	Quest	William F Cabrall

2008 began on a good note for Fleet 488, as a team of young sailors was awarded one of the Lightning Boat Grants. Skippered by Nick Farina, the team, including Elizabeth Henry-Hooker, Jenii Bernet, and Ian McKenzie, consisted of both new Lightning sailors and experienced juniors. After sailing in many weeknight series and local regattas, they traveled to the East Coast to first sail at Rock Hall, Maryland, in the ACCs and then to Newport, Rhode Island, for the North Americans. The competition was great at each had the constructive criticism and atmosphere needed for learning. With all the comments in mind, the team returned to Colorado to finish the season with a win in the Lightning Class at the Colorado Governor's Cup, including three bullets and narrowly missing the overall trophy.

From early April through the end of October, the Lightning Feet sailed in three series run by the Denver Sailing Association. While Colorado has few mosquitoes or raining days, making an evening sail especially enjoyable, the wind kept us alert. It ranged from 0-30+ on any given night and shifting 360°. Bill Darling and his sons dominated the Thaw-out, Spring, and Summer series, illustrating how good communication and



Nick Farina at the NAs

consistency wins regattas, series, and championships. Bill received the Fleet 488 Champion trophy at the annual Denver Sailing Association Banquet.

Fleet 488 members remained active in the Lightning Class, traveling to regattas on both East and West Coasts, with Bill Cabrall, Raeyane Farell and Jenii Bernet sailing in San Diego for the CA Districts and in Newport for the North Americans. Colorado had three representatives in Newport, with David Spira, Bill Darling, and George Darling, as well as the Boat Grant team joining Bill, Raeyane and Jenii. We all enjoyed the tough competition, good camaraderie, and great sailing in the world renowned venue.

Our Fleet grew this year with both new boats and new sailors. Al Gawthrop and crew started sailing early in the year and rapidly improved weekly, learning the hard way about sailing in heavy wind and how to right a Lightning. After crewing throughout the summer, Jerry Shustrin purchased a new Nickels, while Lucas Armstrong and crew decided to switch to a Lightning from a C15.

We look forward to a great 2009 season, especially with the prospect of two new boats out on the water.



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Tom Allen, with the tools of his trade, shares his knowledge of fiberglass repair at the 70th Anniversary Super Lightning Lab