



## FLEET 118, FLYING BEAVER HAMILTON BAY, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

0	KT	LARRY MacDONALD, SR.
11289		DIMITRI ILIADIS
12443		J. PAUL EICHENBERG
14834		LARRY MacDONALD, JR.
15064		LARRY MacDONALD, JR.

## FLEET 121, MERRIMAC RIVER THE AMERICAN YACHT CLUB, NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

0	O'MON	DAVID SESTINI
2544	DOO DAH	BILL STASIUK
7557		R. SCOTT McBURNEY
9434	ZIPPITY	PATRICK McCORMACK
10804	KABOOM	BILL STASIUK
10857	SHARK BYTE	ALFRED J. MARTIN
11150	HEALING OVER	PATRICK GALLAGHER
11640	SWAN	MARK R. WINDT
13517		WINTHROP SNOW
13576		NADINE LAVENDER
14189		MARK DIESELMAN
14275		JOHN R. HUGHES
14384	SHARK BYTE	PATRICK GALLAGHER
14478	UTOPIA	JENNIFER STONE
14481	JAMAICAN BOBSLED	R. SCOTT McBURNEY
14547		PATRICK McCORMACK

This is the year! Cedar Point, Fleet 126 will host the 2003 North American Championship. We are looking to hold this event the week of August 15th through the 22nd. See the ILCA website, and check out the club facilities at cedarpointyachtclub.org. Also, check out last year's yearbook article for our racing schedule and highlights. Looking forward to seeing everyone in August!

Now, highlights from 2002.

The Lightning fleet adds yet another new member! Christian Andrew Miller came into this world on St. Patrick's Day at a whopping 8lbs. Congratulations to mom, Melissa, and dad, Chris. Now that's something to raise a Guinness to! Then, in April, I see Gianni made it down to Red Bank for the Long John and captured third place. Nice job!

The Lightning's held their first regatta, the Early Bird, on May 18th and 19th. A total of 21 boats showed up for this one. Race Chairman Steve Purcell handled the awards presentation. The winners certainly had earned it under very breezy and shifty conditions. The top three were Brian Taboda, Bill Healy, and our own Gianni Cuccio. Five points separated first and second and then from third through seventh, one and two points were the only difference. Also, Nice job by Gianni, pulling off a third place at the Governor's Cup at Niantic. It

15111	GTO	Gianni Cuccio
14821	Charlie Horse	Ched Proctor
11385	Ol' Blue	Dick Thackaberry
14479		Bob Martin
12853	Personal Issues	Dave Marseli
14176	Kismet	Chris Miller
11486	Generic Boat	Greg Titsworth
14396		Josh Goldman
14114	Waka Tava	Dave Howe
14238	Lloyd On Acid	Steve Wexler
13832		Doug Latour
11570		Rod Ratcliff/Scott Potter
13889	Prowler	Mike Sawa
13056	Sexi Flexi	Jenny Howe
11381		Dick Price
14860		Tom Glynn
11752	Upstart	Steve Purcell
14971		Dave Peck
15093		Brad Thompson

## FLEET 126, CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB LONG ISLAND SOUND, WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

Fleet Captain.....	Bob Martin
Fleet Treasurer.....	Dick Thackaberry
Fleet Secretary.....	Dave Marseli
Fleet Champion.....	Gianni Cuccio
Runner-up.....	Dick Thackaberry
Third.....	Bob Martin

should also be noted that Gianni took the first cup weekend on Memorial Day.

By June, the fleet had become tighter. Maybe those clinics with Ched last year and the Super Saturdays are paying off? It was good to see some of the people that took a sabbatical back on the line. Also, a couple of boats finally made it out of the dry dock. Jenny Howe changed the name of Bob's old boat and the crew dynamics. Sexi Flexi, and her all woman crew was seen out there mixing it up. Also, Brad Thompson a Thistle guy, really gave the guys in front a run for their money this year in his brand new hull.

By July, the Lightnings had been getting around 10 boats out on the weekends. The two Super Saturdays brought out almost everyone, and also gave tiller time to the crews. Super Saturdays consist of up to five short races set up just for the



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Lightnings and Thistles to give us practice on starting, and quick chute sets and takedowns. The two races are usually crew at the helm races. Gianni captured first for the second holiday cup weekend.

Cedar Point was the host of this year's CT/RI Districts July 20-21st. In the past, this regatta drew the usual 18 or so boats from the area, but with the North Americans only a year away, we saw a healthy 31 boats on the line! Some people that were in the area on vacation decided to take a glance at our facilities. On Thursday, I was helping Bill Mauk from Florida rig his mast. There also was a contingent from Colorado using the fleet boat! It still has the name "Rocky" in electrical tape on its stern.

The wind and weather cooperated on both days. Three races were sailed on Saturday and two on Sunday. After a great dinner on Saturday, "The House Band" took center stage. Greg Titsworth, Doug Latour, Mark Foster, Pete Amis and the master blaster, Dick Price brought the house down with their mix of classic rock and roll. The party lasted until the early morning hours.

Our own fleet 126 was well represented with 13 boats on the line. However, it was the veteran Jim Crane that dominated the field with nothing higher than a third place in any race for a total of 11 points and the championship. Ched Proctor had been leading until the last race in which he ended up in a heartbreaker 9th place (16 points overall) that spoiled his bid for top honors.

That next weekend, Brad and Gianni took their boats down to Rehoboth Bay in Delaware for the Atlantic Coast Championship. In a field of 63 boats, Gianni took a fourth and Brad a 27th.

August brought the North Americans with one hundred and ten boats making the trek to North Cape Yacht Club in La Salle Michigan on the Western end of Lake Erie. Four of our guys made it into the top fleet! Ched ended up in 4th overall, Josh Goldman was 24th, Gianni was 25th (I see an 8th in one of the races!) and Brad Thompson, making his first appearance in his own Lightning at the NA's was 38th. Of note, Dave Peck, brother-in-law to Gianni and a frequent sailor in our parts was a very respectable third place. Congratulations, as all of you in your recent travels have represented our neck of the woods very nicely! Also, did you take notes for us on how things were run up there?

Labor Day weekend brought out about ten boats. The wind and waves were probably the biggest we had seen all year. On Saturday there was a rare sighting of Tom Glynn on the starting line! Unfortunately, he didn't make it to the finish line. With Dick Price and Eric P. as crew, the chute was flying and then next thing you see is the bottom of the boat. The boat turtled and the mast snapped in half since the tide was still very low at that time. Now I think I'm the only one in the fleet that doesn't have a new mast. The important thing was that nobody was hurt, and they eventually got the boat back to the dock and on land. Ched and Gianni were tied with two firsts each. Monday was a blowout. Ched took the last cup weekend.

And the band played on! On the weekend of September 28th and 29th, the Lightnings joined the Thistle class for the combined Fontelieu Invitational and Fall Classic. This is the third year we have combined forces, and the regatta is already getting a reputation as one of the best of the year in both fleets. Last year we got blown out both days, and it almost looked like

a repeat for a while. On Saturday, the remains of a tropical storm really stirred things up. There was a reading of 38 knots at one point that morning, and the race committee decided to postpone.

Sunday we got out of the harbor on time. The wind was from the Northeast at about 10 knots. Beautiful. However, the forecast was for it to shift to the South by the end of the day. Boy, were they right. The race committee, which included Dick Thackaberry and Ted Fontelieu, should be commended for their efforts. We started the first race with a heading of 60 degrees to the windward mark. The second race, the heading was 90, and the third race (in very light air by now) was 120 degrees. Scores were everywhere! One could come in first or second in one race, then drop to an eighth. If you were caught on the wrong side of a shift, you could easily watch four or five boats take off while you stood still. Mike Breault and Chris Vann from Niantic came in first and second, with Gianni Cuccio just behind in a respectable third.

Overall, it was a great season, with very few weekends being cancelled due to the weather. We are going to increase the frequency of our NA meetings this winter. Some of the major issues are close to being resolved as of this writing! Keep your fingers crossed. Once the big picture is taken care of, we can focus on the little things. Of course, it's the little things that sometimes make the regatta stick out in people's minds, so we still have our work cut out for us. Looking forward to seeing all of you in throughout the coming year!

### FLEET 127, SAVANNAH WILMINGTON RIVER, BRADLEY POINT, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

0		Life JOHN M. McINTOSH, SR.
0		Life J. WALLACE AGGETT





## FLEET 129, MADISON BEACH CLUB LONG ISLAND SOUND, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

11207		JAMES R. DEEPHOUSE
11773	MOO	STEVEN M. ADKINS
11933	ROSIE	J. MICHAEL SULZBACH
13871	STATIC	LEIGHTON LEE
14342	S.S. OSHPOODLE	TIMOTHY MILLHISER
14441	CHALLENGE	KATHERINE LEE
14509	EARLY TIMES	JAMES R. DEEPHOUSE
14765	WAYPOINT	JOSEPH M. KOBYLAK

Ten weekends of racing goes by all too quickly at the collegial Fleet 129. This year's season series was won by John Sulzbach and crew Michael Sulzbach and Rebecca Thomason followed by Tim Millhiser (who may well have had better speed) and, for the first time in the top three, Kate Black Lee. John Sulzbach also won the Baylis Trophy (4th of July Three Race Series) followed by one of our star young sailors, Robert Simmons, sailing Jim Deephouse's boat. Jim is a good sport, crewing in his boat for talented young sailors such as last season's Fleet Champion, Erin Reilly. Steve Adkins won the Pope Memorial Race where skippers change boats, and Rory Coster drove Jim Deephouse's boat to victory in the Fisher Race. The latter being a mixed blessing because the winner (or in this case the winner's father) has the honor of filling the large trophy with champagne. All in all, this was another good year which may explain why Madison sailors tend to race in this fleet rather than in the events of the very fine district in which we reside.

## FLEET 135, MOBILE BAY MOBILE BAY, MOBILE, ALABAMA

14136	BOHDACIOUS	L.M. (MITCH) BOHNENKAMP
14736	ENIGMA	ROBERT E. BERNHARDT, JR.

Lightning fleet 135 has survived another year on mobile bay. Our season started out in the big easy sailing at the sugar bowl regatta with Robert Bernhardt winning the five series. Mitch bohnenkamp and Robert sailed in the districts sailed on the north shore of lake Ponchartrain at Mandeville LA. Robert took a second. Mitch then went on to pas Christian, Ms. to sail in the annual Gulf Yachting Association Lightning regatta and took a second after leading the series after Saturdays finishes were posted and not being able to sail on Sunday. In October Robert sailed in Jackson Ms. at the hospitality regatta and took a distant second. The fleet is looking for skippers for the many boats that are in driveways all over our area. fair winds.

## FLEET 137, GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB GULL LAKE, RICHLAND, MICHIGAN

Lightning activities on Gull Lake have been limited. A few of the

14474	BINGO	DAVID J. DECKER
14712	BE CALM	THOMAS HUDSON

vessels/skippers can be spotted daysailing on Gull Lake and various other locations or regattas.

## FLEET 145, SPOFFORD LAKE LAKE SPOFFORD, SPOFFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Spofford Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 145 sponsored two back to back regattas on the week-end of June 28-29-30. The Lightning Fleet hosted the 2002 New England Lightning District Womens, Juniors and Masters Championship on Friday June 28th. The fleets were about half way up the windward leg of the first race when a severe thunder cell suddenly appeared and sent everyone scurrying for cover. The fleets came in for repairs and lunch and went out to the starting line only to be chased back to the club by the threat of another thunder storm. Unfortunately, we ended up rescheduling this regatta to be a part of the Bow Lake regatta which was held on Saturday September 14, 2002. So, The New England Womens, Masters and Juniors results for 2002 have been reported by The Bow Lake Lightning Fleet.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30th, Spofford Yacht Club sponsored the Dave Fitch Memorial 39th Annual Spofford Lightning Invitational Regatta. Lightning sailors from New England participated in the 4 lively races on Saturday. However, the wind did not whisper on Sunday. The First Place winner was Gardner Bretton with Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn as crew and Third Place was Patrick Zachary, all from Malletts Bay Boat Club, Burlington, Vt.

Spofford's own Ben Wallace turned in a fine performance to receive the 2nd Place Trophy. His crew was his wife Karen and his brother, Tris.

Dave Fitch's widow, Dot Fitch crewed with Bob and Greg Shapiro, from placing 4th overall.

Dave Fitch's son, Tom Fitch, with his wife Debbie and young Ashley and David, raced the family Lightning as an unofficial entry in Dave's memory. Other Spofford entries were Alex Gemmell, Paul Henkel, and Joe Rosen. Fred Turner chaired the Race Committee which did an excellent job of setting the courses.

Yacht Club Members served coffee and donuts, noontime lunches, a Friday night hotdog/hamburg/corn roast, and a Saturday eve Steak BBQ. At the Awards Ceremony,

Dot Fitch presented a personally written poem about her husband, Dave, the enthusiastic, capable sailor with the big smile. The poem was from the perspective of a wife, mother, Lightning sailor and grateful SYC Member. Popular on the Spofford Lake race course Dave was also known on the New England District circuit in "Three Cheers", as well as at four National Competitions. Before Dave died of cancer in 1999 at the age of 67, he organized (and won!) many PPYC Boat Races in Florida for retirees who enjoy the sport!

Sail on, one and all!!

10254		ALEX GEMMELL
11210	SMURFIN ALONG	FREDERICK TURNER, JR.
13792		JOE ROSEN
13835	THREE CHEERS	DOROTHY FITCH
14072	SUNSHINE	PAUL HENKEL
14621		BEN WALLACE



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### FLEET 146, TORONTO BAY LAKE ONTARIO, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

0	IN LIEU	J.R.G. BLEASBY
14174		DAVID SPRAGUE
14347		DANIEL SPRAGUE

Well a slow year for us in Toronto.

Little sailing except Dave Sprague went to the Southern Circuit and tried to make a few summer regattas. His son Daniel sailed a few times while teaching sailing at the Buffalo Canoe Club and they are both hoping for a more active summer in 2003.

### FLEET 147, SAO PAULO LAKE GUARAPIRANGA, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

11708	CIRANDA	ROBERTO MARINELLI
11710		JAN PETER ZACHER
12513		JAN PETER ZACHER
14602	FLASH RIDER	CLAUDIO BIEKARCK

### FLEET 150, MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB CLEARFORK RESERVOIR, LEXINGTON (MANSFIELD), OHIO

0	T-BIRD	MRS. THOMAS J. McDERMOTT
11912		NATE IRELAND
13935	WHITE HEAT	KARLA VARLEY
13973	AFTERBURNER	THOMAS H. VARLEY, JR.
14424	SHIFTY CHARACTERS	JAMES L. STONE
14952	EXTREME	THOMAS H. VARLEY, JR.

### FLEET 151, ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB IPSWICH BAY, ANNISQUAM, MASSACHUSETTS

14688	MOUETTE	GEORGES PETER
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### FLEET 154, WAWASEE YACHT CLUB LAKE WAWASEE, SYRACUSE, INDIANA

2002 ended with a blaze of glory for Bill Allen, Christy

Cobbum, and Peggy Lehman as they grabbed glory out of the chomping jaws of defeat and became the new fleet champions for 2002. Bill will no longer be known as the Michele Kwan of Lightning Sailing. Congratulations, Bill, Peggy, and Christy! As you can see in the picture, Bill doesn't look too bad flanked by his all girl crew.

The past season was plagued by light winds allowing us to only complete about 70% of the scheduled races. The races we did have were highly competitive with no clear season champ until the very end. Craig Cobbum, the season champ for the last several years, Bill Allen, and Jeff Schmahl were neck and neck for most of the summer. Brad Wagnon and Alan Fox were in there at times, but lacked the necessary consistency to prevail.

Debbie Probst, finishing fifth in the green fleet, was the highest 154 fleet member at the Na's this year. Debbie says she is going to participate in more fleet racing next year. But she's just a girl so how tough can she really be?

Come on Debbie, we dare ya! We double dog dare ya!



10134		STEPHEN C. MILLER
11181		DALE E. FULKERSON
12316		WILLIAM STUCKY
13001		JOHN R. NIXON
13721	JOE BFSPLK	WILLIAM STUCKY
13895	BRANDYWINE II	DOUGLAS A. SCHMAHL
13910	GOLDEN HARVEST	BILLY J. ALLEN
13975	DIVINE WIND	VIRGIL L. SNYDER
14024		RONALD LESTER
14125	MILLERS MERRY MANOR	STEPHEN C. MILLER
14173	THOR PLAY	JIM SABENS
14190	PLATE SPINNER	JEFFREY A. SCHMAHL
14475	WHY KNOT	DAVID WISLER
14507	WOBBLY POPS	MICHAEL R. KNOX
14600	WOLF COOKIES	EDWARD BRADLEY WAGNON
14647	3 BALD GUYS	MARTIN KAPLAN
14870	CON BRIO	HERBERT SNYDER
14940	LAST LEG	JOHN R. NIXON
15125		DEBBIE PROBST





## FLEET 164, WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB CAZENOVIA LAKE, CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK

12004	GENTRY	CHARLES I. WOODS
13675	MANOLETE	FEDERICO MEIRA
13933	TRIVIAL PURSUIT	RICHARD H. RYCZEK
14212	STEAM DRIVEN	JEFF SHAW
14369	HASTALAVISTA	FEDERICO MEIRA
14418		CLAY MURPHY
14465	MOTION	RICHARD P. TUTTLE
14527		PETER KING

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## FLEET 166, HELSINKI GULF OF FINLAND, HELSINKI, FINLAND

During the sailing season 2002 the Helsinki Fleet 166 continued to work in close co-operation with the Tuusulanjärvi fleet 456. Attendance at Districts events has varied, with 5 to 23 boats attending each ranking regatta. Lauri Hemming with Red Snapper was our most active sailor and Kimmo Aromaa with Masi V the second. An old Lightning sailor, Harri Raikamo, attended the Europeans and Districts in Kemi with a borrowed boat.

Lauri sailed four ranking regattas and was fifth in

Kemi. The weather in Kemi was fine, perhaps too heavy winds in last race. Kimmo sailed quite well the first two days, but could not get boatspeed in the heavy wind of the last day. Masi was fourth in the final results. Lauri sailed both good races and poor races and thus his Red Snapper was ninth in the final results. In the Europeans Urs Wyler with Walter and Gilbert Dürr were unbeatable. They scored seven first and two second positions out of nine races. The arrangements in Kemi were good. Those who were not able to participate missed a very fine championship.



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0	KESAHEILA	RAIMO AROMAA
14534	MASI V	KIMMO AROMAA
14761	RED SNAPPER	LAURI HEMMING

## FLEET 167, LAKE DAVENPORT MISSISSIPPI RIVER, DAVENPORT, IOWA

the final results.

Kimmo spent his summer mostly in building a new home and sailed only two regattas. He was seventh in the ranking series. Our main event was the European Championship that was sailed in

6033	KASARA	WESLEY L. JOHNSON
11456	OFF LIKE A PROM DRESS	BRANDON HOLTON
13611		WILLIAM GANOE
14720		Capt. JAY R. JOHNSON
14831	IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE	CHUCK WHITE
14857	MERMAID	MICHAEL STEFFENSON



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### FLEET 169, LAC DE NEUCHÂTEL LAC DE NEUCHÂTEL, NEUCHÂTEL, SWITZERLAND

*Fleet Captain.....Jean-pierre MONNIER*  
*Fleet Secrétaire.....Claude LAMBELET*

Fleet 169 organized October 19-20 the 35<sup>th</sup>. Regate Fondue on Neuchâtel Lake.

Garoupa SUI 12860 and Chiloe SUI 13840, both from our Fleet took part of the event.

Saturday, as usual, we had the annual Lightning meeting followed by the traditional cheese fondue with food

Neuchâtel with mine at the yacht Club of the Cercle de la voile de Neuchâtel.

12860 13840	Garoupa Chiloe	Claude LAMBELET Gilbert DESPLAND Jean-Claude DU PASQUIER Anne-lise PAUL Anika VUITHIER-LAMBELET Jean-pierre COMTESSE Yann DU PASQUIER Jean-pierre MONNIER Pierre GRANDGUILLAUME
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## RESULTS

1	Urs Wyler	Walther Durr	Gilbert Durr
2	Jacques Perret	Natacha Godel	André de Montmollin, J.-P. et R. Geiser
3	Alain Perret	E. Jeanneret	H.-P. Schmid
4	Pasquale Liechti	Jurg Menzi	Team Prozac
5	Titoche Zeisiger	Alex Mallet	Alain Grosvernier
6	Peter Graf	Thomas Heusser	Joachim Kutz
7	Olivier Wirth	François Wirth	Carla Schulze, Elisabeth Wirth



### FLEET 173, BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB LITTLE EGG HARBOR, BRANT BEACH, NEW JERSEY

The Lightning fleet had another good season at Brant Beach Yacht Club, New Jersey. The Reitingers family (14325) continued to dominate the racing. Under the direction of skipper Glenn Reitingers, they finished first in 14 of 16 races. With 5 discards, they finished the season with a perfect 11 points. Glenn has been sailing with wife Beth (front) and brother Carl (spinnaker) for many years and their teamwork is evident in every race.

New to the rankings this year was the Carson-Pierce boat (13809) which finished second for the series with 26 points. Josh Carson, a recent high school graduate, was on the helm all summer and proved to be a steady and improving skipper. The crew's performance improved greatly this season under the

expert coaching of long time lightening sailor Pete Pierce. Jeff Carson continued in his most important role as financier of the operation!

Bob Seybold, Ed and Barbara Serrill (14660) finished third for the series with 31 points. Jim Long, the skipper of boat 14059, missed many of the races as he prepared for his wedding at the end of the summer. He promises to return with enthusiasm for next summer with crew Doug Pierce and Frank Zappa.

9628	DISCOVERY	PAUL L. ALBERTI
11575		JAMES W. TITUS
13809	OLD AGE AND TREACHERY	JEFFREY L. CARSON
14325	VERBAL ABUSE	CARL REITINGER
14660	911	BOB SEYBOLD



## FLEET 178, GREAT SOUTH BAY GREAT SOUTH BAY, AMITYVILLE, NEW YORK

<i>Fleet Captain</i> .....	<i>Alan Pearlman</i>
<i>Fleet Sec'y</i> .....	<i>Bill Weiss</i>
<i>Fleet Treasurer</i> .....	<i>Betsy Brewer</i>
<i>Fleet Champion</i> .....	<i>Alan Pearlman</i>

5132	Surprise	Pat McKeegan, Jackie Mazgala, Michelle Yacob
9251	Red Cloud	John Maselli
10260	BullsHit	Bill Weiss and Betsy Brewer
10690	Mardi Gras	Joe Turecamo
10892	(Fleet 178)	(Fleet 178)
17744	Alevai	Al Pearlman

Here is the 2002 roster for Fleet 180 - Conneaut Lake Yacht Club. The season opened at Joe and Fran Turecamo's party in April, with the opportunity to meet the new crew, Michael. May was mainly occupied with club and boat set-up work. By June the boats were at the club, but the Spring Series was bedeviled by blowouts and thin attendance. We did get in some clinic time with new and prospective members.

To start July, Betsy and Bill grabbed Jim Connelly, visiting from his Caribbean digs, and won the Babylon Invitational in Handicap, then Al Pearlman dragged his boat out of the garage for the Fleet Championship at the Narrasketuck Invitational. Alas, it wasn't seen, again. In August, Betsy Brewer won the Unqua Invitational, again, in Handicap.

Labor Day Weekend, Pat McKeegan and company threw a 50th birthday party for Surprise, and then we had three boats out for part of the Fall Series, with Betty Minson helping Surprise get going, and Bill Weiss sailing short handed.

The biggest news was the receipt of a donated boat, 10892, with which we hope to spur further development. We are seeking a trailer donation to make it fully useable.

We're looking forward to bigger and better next season.

## FLEET 180, CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB CONNEAUT LAKE, CONNEAUT, PENNSYLVANIA

11063	Jon DeArment
13506	Lawrence Levine
13899	Bob Asmus
14128	Tom McFate
14041	Mike Mercatoris
14146	Skip Ragghianti
14422	Geoff Taylor
14444	Ken Pote
14711	John Andrews
14750	Ed Benevent
14763	Chad Waldschmidt
14763	& Jody Bunting

## FLEET 187, SHEBOYGAN LAKE MICHIGAN, SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

0		JAY HOGFELDT
0		BRUCE VAN DOMMELEN
10363		NEIL JENSEN
11188	ABOUT TIME	KC SCHMIDT
11622		TIMOTHY J. LORENZ
13224	SECOND CHANCE	LINDSAY VOGEL
13930	BLACK MAGIC WOMAN	ERIC R. LARSON
13994	SILENT MOVIE	MICHOU J. REICHELSDORFER
14005		PAUL REAK
14007	I SAW ELVIS	HANS C. GRAF
14142		JASON BEMIS
14234	PTERODACTYL	TODD WAKE
14994		DANIEL REICHELSDORFER

## FLEET 189, MARBLEHEAD ATLANTIC OCEAN, MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS

12706	FOG HORN LEG HORN	RICK HUMPHREY, JR.
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## FLEET 192, LOWER SUSQUEHANNA (NEE NORTH EAST RIVER) SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

This year was a year of rebuilding. Fleet 192 was inactive for many years until Garrett Pensell and Myrl Stone got together and started thinking about getting the fleet active again. 2 years ago there were 0 boats in the fleet. Last year there were 3. This year we had a great year with 9 boats in the fleet! Along with that we ran a successful regatta, competed regularly in the Havre de Grace Yacht Club's Thursday night racing program, and continued a Tuesday night sailing regiment. The fleet has really grown with the help of the fleet's excellent internal support, Tidewater Marina's location, and Havre de Grace's excellent sailing venue. The winter started with many projects. To say this fleet was rebuilt means many things, but one of which is literally the fleet rebuilt several boats. 14165, 13047, and 12613 all went through major renovations to remove waterlogged foam, rigging vital components such as the mast, and in some cases totally rebuild missing components. The end result were three boats; that while none are going to set the world on fire with speed, they are super competitive within the fleet and local events. People who think that older boats are a waste of time or money are those who believe that keeping up with the Jones's is the only way to compete. It proves that someone can get into the class with \$5000 or less invested in a boat that is 100% worth the investment in fun and enjoyment.

The season started with lots of local interest in the fleet. The local yacht club is well established, yet it was missing a low cost and easy to sail class. With strong J-24, PHRF, and Star fleets already in the area, the Lightning fit right in as a great daysailer and entry level racing boat, yet with a HUGE future that never gets old! Spring brought the fleet's first Lightning race. Havre de Grace Yacht club ran their One Design regatta and several Lightning's participated. Saturday brought 25+ mph winds, so racing was canceled, but Sunday brought 3 races and excellent spring conditions. The regatta was won by one of our area J24 aces, Woody Brumfield. Woody sailed his new (old) Lightning. Overheard comments, "I have not had this much fun in

25 years...since I last sailed the Lightning!" The event was an excellent introduction of the boat to many. This event saw Carl Muska saying goodbye to his trusty 14366 and standing by to take delivery of 15131! The season quickly evolved into a two evening per week program. Tuesdays became a training and informal racing night. Thursday's saw formal racing participation in Havre de Grace Yacht Club's sail racing venue. The fleet put in an excellent showing for the Thursday night series and ultimately put 7 local Lightnings on the line for the end of the season race! Of course Carl's new boat was an easy target, and everyone at one time or another took a shot at beating Carl's new toy. To Carl's credit, his experience and time in the class showed, and he was always one of the top boats regardless of the day. The fleet made such an impact locally that the HdGYC will be scoring the Lightning

15131	Carl Muska *
14366	Myrl Stone *
14165	Garrett Pensell *
13184	Vince Townrow
13047	Jason Werner *
12613	Mike McCusker
11278	Mark Sanford
9xxxx	Robert McAnally *
9xxx	Woody Brumfield
	Patrick Phelan**
	Karen Lempereur**
	Faith Haltzer
	Jennifer Adams **
	Scott Gordon **
	John Roland
	Carol Stone **

\* = ILCA member \*\* = ILCA crewmember

separate from the other daysailers this coming season. This was an excellent recognition of the fleet's success and future promise.

In August the fleet ran it's first regatta. Late summer on the Chesapeake Bay can result in 90+ degree temps and zero wind, but the weather gods were on our side and gave us an excellent weekend. Garrett Pensell and Larry Parotta headed out for RC duty, and did an excellent job rounding everyone up and onto the course, and setting square courses in minimal time. Saturday





started with a light rain and light winds, and after one light wind race a postponement was called. This showed one of HdG's biggest advantages in that the marina is a short couple minute sail (or paddle) from the course allowing the RC to suspend racing without taking much time. After the timeout, and one very polished bottom on 15131, the racing started in a building 8kt breeze from the NW. 2 races ensued, and exciting flat water racing took place.

Sunday was again prompt racing with the RC setting a line WAY out on the flats. Yes, the upper Susquehanna has a very shallow area that ranges from 2-3 feet in depth, in some places shallower. Almost every racer in the area has hit bottom at some time, and following the RC towards the start found 2 "beached" trees and lots of local people wondering about running aground. Again, the RC proved that they know more than we do, as the races started in 10+ feet of water on a GREAT square course. Garrett's local knowledge from years of fishing on these waters showed that he has the knowledge and experience to make a nice long course. Racing commenced in a good breeze from this area, about 8-10 kts, with flat water and little powerboat chop. Add

in a moored barge on the course, the proximity of a shoreline, the local river current, and tidal changes, and you had an excellent racing venue. Dick Moyer and Carl Muska waged a great battle to end up neck and neck in the end. Dick took the overall title with the benefit of a throwout score ending a great first time regatta. The traditional HdG duck decoys presented as trophies were a great hit, and to make sure that everyone was happy, the fleet took that extra step to make sure that the "side show" portions of the regatta were top notch. Myrl, Scott, and many others put together a top notch dinner and there was an ample amount of Caribbean rum available at breakfast to keep everyone happy. (If one can't beat the competition, ply them with alcohol)

Thanks again to everyone involved and hope to see everyone next year!





## REPORTS

### FLEET 194, MISSION BAY MISSION BAY & PACIFIC OCEAN, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

8966	EXCALIBUR	RICHARD F. BREWER
11404		DAVID KEARY
11514		AL POINDEXTER
11603	DIRECT ACCESS	JOEL F. VANN
13742	MOJO	SCOTT PFENNIGHAUSEN
13842		MERLIN GREEN
14095	PUDDLEGLUM	KIRK JOHNSON
14095	PUDDLEGLUM	EDNA JOHNSON
14308		JEFF COPPENS
14473	ALGONQUIN J CALHOUN	CARL M. EICHENLAUB
14486		JOHN NORTHROP
14846	WHITE LIGHTNING	MICHAEL BREWER
14904	HANA HOU	SCOTT FINKBONER

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### FLEET 196, SURF CITY MANAHAWKIN BAY, SURF CITY, NEW JERSEY

*Fleet Captain:*.....*Jack Elfman*  
*Secretary:*.....*Bob Rizzitello*  
*Treasurer:*.....*Tim Robinson*  
*Champion:*.....*Rich Warren*

12454	Charles Howe
13139	Darryl Waskow
14068	George Schmidt & Steve Warren
14131	Frank Temme, Tim Robinson & Andy Temme
14300	Rich Warren & Randy Swartley
14595	Bob Rizzitello
14739	Jack Elfman & Samantha Sutter
15139	Cindy Lister-Elfman
00000	Ambrose Stafford

Fleet 196 started 2002 with two boats and 11 members sailing, serving as pit crew or shoppers (Temme's, Robinson, Wattis', Warrens & Elfmans and Tarantino) making the trip south for the Circuit. No great sailing to report.

The first weekend in June Fleet 196 hosted a two day Lightning Labs with Greg Fisher. We had 20 boats participating and everyone came away with a ton of good stuff to use on the race course. Thank you Greg it was great, as usual.

The Central Atlantic District Championship was sailed in early June, down the island at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, with five fleet 196 boats participating. Rich Warren, sailing with his son Mike and Randy Swartley, won.

Racing at Surf City Yacht Club started in June with all boats on the line. The Elfman's and Samantha Sutter won the July 4th series. The Elfman - Sutter team sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championships and made the trip to North Cape for the NA's. They returned with a victory in President's Cup Fleet. In August we went back to Little Egg for their Down Bay Regatta and the Steve Warren - George Schmidt team came away with the victory.



Our fleet racing goes on over the course of the summer with a throwout race being given after the 5th, the 10th race being sailed in each of our Championship and Commodores series. Going into Labor Day weekend, with two races scheduled for each series, racing was tight in both. Several boats needed to get in a race or races in the hope of dropping a bad race. In the Commodores Series Sam' Sutter had a string of firsts and two DNS's. If both races were sailed she had a great shot at winning her first Lightning event. Unfortunately for those needing races the weather would not co-operate and we were blown out both days. Rich Warren was winner of the Championship Series and Randy Swartley won the Commodores Series.

At SCYC's annual fall multi class regatta the Lightning fleet was won by the Steve Warren - George Schmidt team. Fleet 196 hosted the "Canon Business Solutions" Manahawkin Bay Regatta in late September (the best little one day regatta, anywhere). We had 20 boats on the line. Allan Terhune, sailing with his wife Katie and Matt Smith, easily won "the Frank Temme, Sr. Memorial Trophy", with four firsts.

Bob Rizzitello joined our fleet this year and worked very hard at learning how to get up to speed in a Lightning. With his daughter, Alyssa, as regular crew he improved steadily during the season. Bob also received "Sailboat Racing with Greg Fisher" by Tom Hubbell at the June Lightning Labs for being the hardest working team and for showing the greatest improvement.

In closing Fleet 196 would like to thank Dick Warren, SCYC's Race Committee Chair, and his race management team, for another season of providing us with fair courses and great racing.

Looking ahead to 2003 - the Temme Robinson team are looking at a new boat and Darl Waskow and his crew, Ambrose Stafford are talking about teaming up and getting a newer boat. The fleet is working on some younger sailors regarding the purchase of their old boats and joining Fleet 196. The future of Lightning sailing at SCYC looks positive.



## FLEET 215, ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB LAKE ST. LOUIS, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Fleet Captain.....Tony Staples  
Fleet Secretary.....Valerie Tardif

Life	* Russel C. Scrim	
0	J-F Cloutier	
14326	Jamie & Andrew Allan	
14354	* Jacques Trotter	
14398	Mark Osterman	
	Rod Hayes &	
14443	John Sauter	
14591	* Alain Boucher	
14758	* David Gorman	
14768	* Peter Hall	Krista Too
15055	* Anthony Staples	
	* Mike Holly &	
15082	* Valerie Tardiff	

The summer of 2002 was again an active one for the sailors of Montreal's Fleet 215. Fleet 215 is based at the historic and comfortable Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and sails on Lake St. Louis which is where the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers meet south of the island of Montreal. We made the most of the summer, launching the boats just after the ice went out in April. But well before that, we had keen sailors running around North America attending almost every major or noteworthy event from the Southern Circuit to the North Americans.

The highlight of the summer would be the Canadian Open in Thunder Bay. Our fleet proved that it is the power house of Lightning sailing in Canada. There were five (5) boats from the RSTLYC that drove the 18 hours to Thunder Bay in the hopes of securing a spot for the Worlds in Miami in 2003 (and to participate in the first half of the Pan Am Trials). Alain Boucher, Chantal Leger and Jay Deakin placed first overall with three wins out of

five races.

Andrew Allan, Jamie Allan and Brent Basserman placed a close second place and qualified as well. They are well positioned for the second Pan Am trial to be held next spring in Montreal. Peter Hall, Catherine Josenhaus and J.F. Simard placed third. Peter has qualified for the Worlds by winning the Master World's in Italy last summer. Tony Staples, Scott Collins and Neal Burnham were fifth. Mike Holly, Valerie Tardif and Marc Robin were seventh.

We raced our District Championships at Pointe-Claire YC this past June, with Jamie and Andrew Allan with Brent Basserman taking the George Layton Trophy. It was a light wind event, but we enjoyed the weekend.

Fleet 215 has momentum with several new additions to the fleet — notably John Sauter and Rod Hayes as well as Mike Holly permanently settling in to our gang. Russ Scrim added a boat and we have a number of members considering joining our fleet.

David Gorman was voted the most improved sailor at the North Americans this summer — I feel that we helped in some small way! Doc is one of the keenest sailors I have ever encountered and it is our great luck that we have him joining us on a regular basis to race around the cans.

The summer of 2003 is looking great with the Worlds in April — that will surely kick the season into high gear for many of our players! We will be racing again every week — but maybe on a Tuesday rather than Wednesday — and will host a full slate of Sunday afternoon regattas. Jay Deakin will be taking over as Fleet Captain for me. I am happy to have contributed to the fleet transitioning from the older guard to the new guard — I think the time is right for Jay to inject new vigor into the job and I look forward to being a mere participant! Thanks to Valerie Tardif for all her moral support as co-fleet captain. Mike and Valerie are to tie the knot October 5th — one way or another, we will grow fleet 215!

2684		MICHAEL HOLLY
13667		JEAN-FRANCOIS CLOUTIER
13822		RUSSEL C. SCRIM
14176		ANTHONY STAPLES
14354		JACQUES TROTTER
14591		ALAIN BOUCHER
14768	KRISTA TOO	PETER HALL
15055		ANTHONY STAPLES
15082		MICHAEL HOLLY



## REPORTS

### FLEET 216, SAGINAW BAY SAGINAW BAY, BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Fleet Captain:.....Terry Hart  
Fleet Treasurer:.....Chris Jacobson  
Fleet SWB:.....Matt Princing  
  
Fleet Champion:.....Scars & Scrapes  
Fleet Runner-up:.....Fast Idiots

9705	Some day it will be done	Matthew D. Princing
12588		Saginaw Bay Community Sailing
13385	Halcyon	James Peters
14022	Teko	John Johnson
14048		Blair Moulthrop
14077	Full Frontal LaBotimer	Tim Botimer
14087	Scare One	John Waechter
14103	Zipper	Clark Howell
14888		New Guy????
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14503	Hot Dog Man	George Peet, SR
14577	Fast Idiots	Chris Jacobson
14603	Hart Beat II	Terry Hart
14616		Chick Pinkerton
14703	Motion Sensitive	Justin Dey
14775	Shussboomer	Jim Schofield
14933	Carousel 34	Joe Dissette
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D. Princing

43 races were run on Wednesdays this past summer, and this is with the fleet opting not to sail on 3 Wednesdays.

Scars & Scrapes came off the starting line with a bone in her teeth dominating the first 1/3 of the season only to falter mid-way through and tighten up the standings. For the first time in four years the first and second place boats did not go down to the wire as Scars & Scrapes (congratulations to crew Chris & Jennifer Princing and Chris Norton) held on to claim their third fleet championship in a row. Chris Jacobson and crew had a big charge and a well deserved second place finish. The real battle was for 3rd through 5th, with only a hand full of points separating them. The top five are as follows:

1. Scars & Scrapes, Matt Princing
2. Fast Idiots, Chris Jacobson
3. Sleeper, John McCree
4. Carousel 34, Joe Dissette
5. Shussboomer, Jim Schofield

This years Most Improved award goes to Jim Schofield and crew of Shussboomer who found the speed they have showed in past years. The Clamso award (for brilliance in capsizing) once again goes to Tim Botimer and crew on "Full Frontal LaBotimer".

Bay City's Annual Lightning regatta was held two weeks before NA's and was lightly attended. 16 boats arrived and sailed three races on Saturday, none on Sunday due to a big storm. John McCree won by one point over Colin Park (ILCA President) who was one point ahead of third place Jim Allen who was one point ahead of fourth place Ryan Flack. 5th went to Chris Jacobson.

Fleet 216 also cosponsored the Michigan Districts in Tawas Michigan. The event was held at the Tawas Bay Yacht Club, arguably the best sailing venue in North America. 43, yes 43, boats registered and 41 sailed out of the small club on the point in Tawas Bay. It was quite a spectacle to see that many lightnings sailing in one place. Six races were sailed in perfect conditions and Jim Allen became the Michigan District Champion. Second was Colin Park (ILCA President), 3rd Paul Wurtzbach, 4th Charlie Hess, and 5th went to Ernie Dieball.

Fleet Building is our topic for the winter. With that said I'm going to pour me another glass and wander out to "Men's Town" and talk dirty to my boat.



## FLEET 225, HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB LAKE ONTARIO, HENDERSON BAY, HENDERSON HARBOR, NEW YORK

*Fleet Captain.....Tom Boxberger*  
*Fleet Secretary.....Sara Treadwell*  
*Fleet Treasurer.....John Treadwell II*  
*Sailing Activities.....Richard Grissinger*

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### ROSTER FLEET #225 BASED IN HENDERSON HARBOR, NEW YORK

It was another beautiful summer sailing on Henderson Bay. Winning skippers for the 2002 season were: Jack Jones – Apple Blossom; John Boxberger – Spring Series; John Boxberger – Barnes Memorial; Jack Jones – Captains Cup; Brad White – Thursday Series; Jack Jones – Skippers Series; Hunt Treadwell – Junior Trophy; Hunt Treadwell – Stoney Race; Jack Jones – Sunday Series; Jack Jones – Fall Series; Jack Jones – May's Trophy.

We again held our one-day Womens, Juniors and Masters Regatta in late July with good participation and great sailing. Next year we hope to make it a two-day regatta. Tuesday Night Suppers were held during July and August, hosted by Fleet members with cottages around the harbor. Our sailing season ended with our annual Awards Banquet in October at the Charter House Inn.

10709		Harry McMillan
10712	"May Day May Day"	Leonard Montague
12696	"Velocity Girl"	Canaan Leonard
13232	"Fata Bella"	Steve Ahlgrim
13353		Fleet #225
13894	"White Lightnin"	Bradford White
14192	"Runaway"	John Treadwell II
14254	"Footloose II"	Richard Grissinger
14321	"You Bet I'm Chicken"	Jack Jones
14808		John Boxberger
14825		Robert Wardwell

