

FLEET 226, BISCAYNE BAY BISCAYNE BAY, COCONUT GROVE, MIAMI, FLORIDA

8330	ANT FARM	FRANK ATKINSON JR
11171	FOLIE A TROIS	DEAN R. GOSSELIN
11702	GLOCKENSPEIL	LARRY J. AMES
12050	CAJON DE GINEBRA CHICO	FEDERICO GALLIA
13861	HI-VOLTAGE	RANDY CLEE
13983	RUMRUNNER	ONOFRE TORRES
14066	GLADIATOR	DMITRIY YAKOVENKO
14084	TURBO DOG	JOHN ROUSE
14309	BULLET	DAVID KURTZ
14374	FREE BEER YESTERDAY	JON W. EWING
14588	TUJANA TAXI	CHARLES VIRGIN
14698	LIKE A MONKEY	JIM BIGHAM
14708	BOOBY TRAP	FAY REGAN
14809	MAIN SQUEEZE	EAMONN deLISSER
14866	MACH II	BILL MAUK
14930		STEPHEN HORWITZ
15143	D'MON	DAVE HELMICK
15151	ANT FARM	FRANK ATKINSON JR

The Worlds are coming... The Worlds are coming!!! The year 2002 was very exciting and offered a new challenge, as The 2002 World Championships will be coming to our back yard. We welcomed some new sailors to the fleet and, regrettably, some moved on. As always, we are stronger and have great participation from all our members.

We said goodbye to 2001 and ushered in 2002 with the 2002 Orange Bowl Regatta, December 27th to 30th, 2001. Our second annual OBR was even better than the first. We had 27 boats compete in warm weather. Bill Faude, David Starck and Jared Drake, the champions, were happy they left the bitter cold in Chicago that weekend. We had many other crews from the Great Snowy North and crews from South America as well. We expect an even bigger turnout for the 2003 Orange Bowl as crews prepare for the 2003 Worlds.

Our next big event for 2002 was the Miami Midwinter Regatta at Coral Reef Yacht Club, March 12th and 13th. We had another great turnout with 50 boats attending. Canadians Larry MacDonald, Maria Keogh and Tim Marshall won the event. Our traditional steak dinner at Coconut Grove Sailing Club was a big success, as always. Many thanks to Tom Allen, Jr. for tending to the grilling...I know my steak was cooked just right. But the biggest thanks goes to all the local fleet members who contributed a lot of time and energy to setup, prepare all the food and help clean up.

Shortly after the Miami Midwinters came the District Championships at Coral Reef Yacht Club, April 19th to 21st. We had 18 boats attend, and it was tight racing to the finish.

The Florida district is proud to be home of the reigning North American and World champion teams. North American champions Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer and Angie Hayden beat out World Champions Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor and Amy Linton by one point for the top honors.

Our local sailing season is 12 months a year. In the summer, in addition to our monthly Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association races, we have our famous sandbar parties. These are family events, and we thank Fay Regan and Bill Mauk for their grilling skills, Eammon and Heidi deLisser for their killer Jamaican Rum Punch, and Dmitriy and Lisa Yakovenko for delicious stuffed cabbage. While the summer series is just the middle of our sailing season, the summer, as most Northerners know it, ended with the North American Championships at North Cape Yacht Club in LaSalle, Michigan, August 10th to 16th. We had several crews attend, including David Kurtz, Dave Helmick, Bill Mauk and Charlie Virgin. Congratulations to Dave Helmick for making it to the Blue Fleet.

Our year started winding down with the annual Chris Young Memorial Regatta. We had a modest showing, but great competition. Jeff Linton took the top spot, Bill Mauk second and Cam Carlin third. And, finally, our yearlong Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association series concluded in late November. Fleet captain, Steve Horwitz, claimed the top spot with a lot of help from his team, Paco Calvet and Bob Hannau. Second spot went to Jon and Carol Ewing and third was David Kurtz.

This was the third year the Lightnings participated in the Orange Bowl Regatta. Participation in this memorable event has grown every year, with 33 teams registered this year. We had Chamber of Commerce weather with temperatures ranging from the low 60s on day one to high 70s on day three...all under crystal clear blue skies. Wind speed ranged from 8 to 18 knots. Many aspiring competitors for the World Championships representing three countries and the United States attended, all hoping to sharpen their skills on the bay. Chilean champion, Tito Gonzales, with his crew Jay Lutz and Juan Pablo del Solar, was first; Olympic Yngling hopeful, Jody Swanson, and her crew Skip Dieball and Brenda Crane second; and Chile's Perez cousins, Cristobal, Francisco and Cristian, were an impressive third. The host club, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, provided an outstanding race committee and fantastic social events.

Now we are preparing for the 2003 Worlds. Regatta Chairman, Bill Mauk, and his committee are organizing a memorable event. Thanks for another great year. We look forward to seeing everyone for the Southern Circuit and, of course, the 2003 Worlds.

Sail Fast!



FLEET 227, BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB LAKE BOMOSEEN, BOMOSEEN, VERMONT

Fleet Commodore.....Raymond P. Harrington
Fleet Secretary.....Toni Harrington

15056	Raymond P. Harrington Jr.
15056	Raymond E. Harrington
10482	Brian Harrington

We again hosted the Maple Leaf Classic June 15th and 16th. We had eleven boats sail in the event. We managed to get 6 races in over the weekend with one throw-out. Bill Fastiggi with crew Suzy Coburn and Noah Pasackow took home the "gold." Ray Harrington with crew Toni Harrington and stand-in Karl Fjeld (Suzanne, where are you?) came in second, Don Brush with his crew of Jason and Jansa was third, Patrick Zachary finished fourth and Erik Johnson was fifth.

We had a lot of fun with the racing and the traditional barbecue cook-out after the races. This year the cook-out moved from the lawn, lakeside, to the Gardner's "condo" across the road, due to the inclement weather. Many thanks to the Burlington Lightning Fleet (301) for their help in putting the regatta together and especially to the Gardner's for pitching in

as the race committee and as the host of the Saturday night party (prior to traveling to the local bar to play foosball and pool). We are looking forward to seeing everybody again next year.



FLEET 228, RIVERTON DELAWARE RIVER, RIVERTON, NEW JERSEY

What is happening at Riverton? There is always something happening. For example, this winter the entire club property is getting a face lift. Our club, one of the oldest clubs in the country, sits on a peer in the Delaware River. Thanks to our Board members and a grant work has begun to rebuild the peer. Next season the peer will be bigger and ready to withstand the beating it takes for say another 30 years. You will have to come and sail with us in 2003.

www.rivertonyachtclub.com, book mark it look at it. Watch the reconstruction, look at what we are doing as a fleet.

Riverton Yacht Club is not a social yacht club but a down and dirty sailboat racing yacht club. Wednesday night racing starting in early April and ending Late August when the sun starts to drop before 6PM. It is a convenient club for excellent sailors to enjoy mid-week racing, just

minutes away from Philadelphia making it close to work and easy to get to. Nothing beats a mid-week race.

Our river how ever unique has supported fleet 228 for many years. It is the home of the legendary Lippencott Lightning. Now strong and full of champion sailors, our fleet races this year averaged 8-10 boats on the starting line make for some good racing.

For starters we sailed over 35 races through the entire spring, summer, and early fall to generate a fleet champion.

14771 - John Haiges and his new bride Lisa prevailed, the 2002 Fleet Champions. It was their endurance, he just wore us down. Consistency was his technique and it worked. Winning the first series with 2nd and 3rds... having a little trouble in our Governors Cup Regatta... and finishing off the season dominating the last series strong.

John wasn't the only story to tell our fleet is deep -

14840 - Mark Schneider popped back into his boat and clearly raised all of our levels of competition. Beating him is simply hard.

11519 - Maury Benbow, the only Riverton sailor who has sailed in the Champion of Champions, turned his old Allen into a rocket ship. Everyone knows why he named it "Smidge" if it is close watch out for "Smidge"... he is quiet, fair and can get you at anytime.

14890 - Peter Denton, clearly his boat would get the most improved sailor award. Peter, a veteran in both Lightning and Shields sailing when not around allows his crew to take the helm. Well, his crew has improved significantly and his boat seemed to always be in position to take us all.

12140 - Ron Bearwitz, a top dog from the Flying Dutchman class took 12140, better know as "Daisy" and gave anyone he sailed against a light weather here on the river or on the regatta circuit. We will miss Ron, he has left the east coast to go West... now in LA we need to get him back involved in racing Lightings.

14942 - Dick Moyer didn't sail much at Riverton Yacht Club, he spent his time on the road. Of all people, Dick, represented our fleet at more regattas up and down the east coast then any other Riverton boat. We can't forget what Dick has done for the Lightning Class, Mike Holly, now of Canada started out crewing for Dick on the river.... We still consider Mike Holly as part of our fleet.

14634 - Caroline Hoedemaker, now a family lady, juggled being a

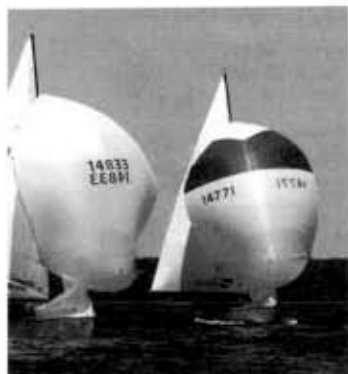
8616	ENTERPRISE	HUGH J. HUTCHISON
10956	ZONE	GARY SWANGLER
11519	SMIDGE	MAURY BENBOW
11958		ROBERT DOUD
12140		RON BAERWITZ
12480		BRUCE NICHOLSON
13380		MICHAEL FINLEY
13624	AIR BALL	GARY BIRNHAK
14214		HUGH J. HUTCHISON
14634	OPTIONS	CAROLINE HOEDEMAKER
14699	TOODLE-OO	ALLAN M. CREW
14840		MARK C. SCHNEIDER
14890	ULTIMATE PRESSURE II	PETER R. DENTON
14942	PRIMAL SCREAM	RICHARD MOYER



REPORTS

mom and sailing what she could.

14771 - Allan Crew, mister Boat Speed, when he is hot he is hot.



Allan's light gray machine will sometimes sail right past you as if you are standing still and you are left wondering if it was you, your boat or just incredible speed.

14214 - Hugh Hutchinson his cool head never up tight and always getting around the course with a smile.

12480 - Bruce Nicholson, year number two in lightnings. Sailed Comets for years on the river and now back in a lightning. Born river rat, knows where to go and where not to go. Do you know there are times where you cannot see a dark green spinnaker, it can almost be invisible.

13740, 13380, 13765 Mike McCourt, Mike Finley and Mike _____ all started this year. Great to

have them, give them time and they will be trouble. Even being their first year, Mike McCourt best race was a 2nd, and Mike Finley best race was a 5th. Always in the hunt.

That is our fleet, 35 races all right out in front of our club, most on a Wednesday evening, and most with the majority of our fleet is saying something. We enjoy it, we make it fun, and we want to invite you to join us. Especially after the club is rebuilt.

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FLEET 229, CHINOOK FERN RIDGE RESERVOIR, EUGENE, OREGON

FLEET OFFICERS:

<i>Fleet Captain</i>	<i>Jon Guth</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Jen Millar</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Phil Grotheer</i>

9665	Jim Bielefeld
15016	Jamie Brickell
14139	Todd Casey
14222	Jim Connally
14629	Steve Constants
14581	Joe Friebele
14881	Phil Grotheer
14548	Jon Guth
15101	Todd Johnson
15054	Jonathan Lange
15131	Carl Muska
11628	Eric Olsen
14217	Steve Palmer
14221	Mark Whitson

Fleet activity for 2002 started off as it does most years with our No Gas Regatta. This years' event was special in that Bob Shapiro of the New Hampshire fleet come down and established a new perpetual trophy in memory of his late father George Shapiro, a long time Fleet 329 member and past Fleet Captain. George helped establish the No Gas

and was also instrumental in bringing the Frigid Digit to Annapolis. 14 boats were registered, but very high winds on Saturday kept several ashore while 6 or 7 ventured out. Three rough races were sailed, while chase boats were kept busy with several bottom-up Lightnings. Sunday brought much lighter and shifty breeze, but with it better participation. After 2 more races, we called it a day, and Bob Shapiro and his mother presented the Memorial Trophy, a beautiful half-hull model with sails, to Phil Grotheer - no surprise there (I wonder if I'm ever going to be able to stop saying that). The fleet enjoyed refreshments and snacks compliments of the Shapiros, and we sincerely thank them for establishing this fitting memorial.

Several weeks later, many of our active fleet members went down to Deltaville, VA for the Dixie Districts at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. What a fantastic place to visit and sail! The regatta went off without a hitch, with the 15-knot sea breeze filling in just at the right time Sunday to cap off the event. 329 faired well with Grotheer winning, Jon Guth second, Steve Constants third, and Jamie Brickell fourth. Along with these 4, Todd Johnson and Jonathan Lange also qualified to go to the NA's with pass-throughs.

In June and July we held our usual spring and summer series with solid participation in both. Constants won the Spring Series with very consistent sailing, recording no worse than a 4th across 7 races, while Brickell won the 9-race Summer Series. In addition, several brand new fleet members, Jim Connally and Todd Casey, were out and sailed quite well. These guys are excellent new additions to our fleet.

The ACCs were held nearby at the end of July over at the beach in Delaware, and a number of our guys went over for that and some also helped out the Rehoboth fleet. It ended up being a big regatta with 60 boats, which made for a great party that night with live music and kegs a flowin'. Rehoboth really is a perfect location for this event.

In August, the six boats that qualified made the trip out to the NA's in Michigan with their respective teams and/or families. Everyone had a great time, the weather was ideal, and we faired pretty well too. Grotheer qualified for the Worlds by finishing 6th in the Blue fleet, and several just missed qualifying for Blue, so the rest enjoyed the Green or Yellow fleets.

Capping off the season was the annual Frigid Digit Fall Championship. We had lobbied hard in the winter to get the club all to ourselves that weekend and the class didn't disappoint. 47 boats attended and we had big breeze Saturday and lighter, shifter Sunday. SSA hosted a festive dinner with live music that was enjoyed by all. This is the one event we hold every year where the fleet really pulls together to chip in and get the job done, and this year's ran like clockwork. Come on back next year and bring another boat from your fleet!

Our Fleet Championship trophy was won by Todd Johnson in only his second year racing Lightnings. We're all looking forward to another fun season next year.



"Fleet Champion Todd Johnson leads a pack downwind."



FLEET 250, SEMPACHER/HALLWILER/ VIERWALDSTÄTTER/GREIFENSEE LAKES OF SEMPACH, HALLWIL, LUZERN, AND GREIFEN, ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND

Fleet Captain.....Christoph Lüthy Francois With (2003)

8190	Fortuna	Anton Fuchs
10463	You newer know	Hubert K. Stocker
10467	Csardas	Heinrich Leimgrübler
12306	White Star	Jakob Blickensdorfer
12571	Joy III	Rudolf Herzog
13099	Domi-Nike	Christoph Lüthy
13099	Domi-Nike	Frederik Huck
13705	Cézanne	Francois With

Sempacher-, Hallwiler-, Vierwaldstätter-, Greifen- und Zürichsee fleet 250, Switzerland District, sailing on the lakes of Sempach, Hallwil and Vierwaldstättersee near Luzern and on the lakes of Zürich and Greifensee near Zürich.

The fleet 250 was again not very active in 2002. Only some daily sailing events were held on our 5 lakes of fleet 250 sailing in the easterly part of Switzerland. In spring yet the fleet captain finished his sailing career selling his boat to Fredrik Huck sailing on the lake of Greifensee. We hope that Fredrik will enjoy now the lightning sailing very much, aware of that he got the winning boat of the Europeans 1985. He always wished to get such a white/red/white boat as Domi-Nike is (and earlier Brasil 13091 was). Francois With of the lake of Greifensee will now kindly take over as enthusiastic new captain all the fleet affairs from me. I wish him good luck in getting back a good participation in the Lightning fleet 250 in the oncoming years.



Your old fleet captain Christoph, who always - since 1954 - liked Lightning sailing very much.

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FLEET 252, KEUKA LAKE KEUKA LAKE, HAMMONSPORT, NEW YORK

The 2002 season was a very active one for Keuka Fleet #252. While the numbers of boats in our fleet has varied in the 48 years of its existence, the enthusiasm never seems to wane.

The first big event of the year was our 34th "Champagne" regatta. Twenty boats attended with

Fleet Captain.....Brent Gillette
Fleet Vice Captain.....Paul Schnipelsky
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Robin Crist
Fleet Champion.....Leon Fontier
Fleet Runner up.....Brent Gillette

7312		Peter & MaryBeth Gamba
12711		Peter Maier & John Brown
12855		Bob Costigan
13816		KYC Junior Sailing
14119		*Brent Gillette
14368		*Michael Kalinich
14416		Paul Schnipelsky
14431	Electric Lady	*Leon Fontier

boats coming from as far away as Long Island. With winds gusting up to 30 knots it made for an exciting start to the CNY District season. Bob Wardwell from Watertown took 1st place honors with Leon Fontier taking the prize for the best KYC finisher. Combatants enjoyed a Chicken BBQ night with a superb wine tasting by the Frank's.

Other special events of the season were "Crew Exchange" day and "Margarita" day. On Crew Exchange day, all crewmember names were placed in a hat. Skippers then drew their crews for the day from the hat. This proved to be one of our most fun days as

everyone got to see "how it was done" on someone else's boat. Everyone learned something new and all requested that we do it again next year. Margarita day needs no explanation but to say it was a very happy day and was also requested to be included on next season's calendar.

In addition to the above events fleet #252 is planning on starting a "Home & Home" event with Ithaca Fleet (?) for the 2003 season. Each fleet will visit the others club for a day of racing and prizes will be awarded for the combined results. Both clubs are looking forward to series and hope to make it an annual event.

The competition amongst the KYC Lighting fleet was as fierce as ever this summer. While the number of boats starting was down slightly, we had enough boats on the line every Sunday to have a very full season of "official" fleet racing. After years of working their way up through the fleet, Leon and Eileen Fontier dominated the racing at Keuka this season. Even when Leon handed over the tiller to Jr. Sailor, Steve Stocking, #14431 usually found its way to the finish line first. Leon is in charge of the Jr. Sailing program at KYC and Eileen is the CNY district secretary.

Brent Gillette, with crew Robin Crist and Mary Lou Carlucci, followed up the Fontiers for the season but finished strong with 3 firsts in the Labor Day series. Brent and Robin have sold #14119 to the Rick Miller family of Waterbury, Vermont where their son and daughter will be racing it out of Mallet's Bay Boat Club. Brent who was our Fleet Captain for 4 of the last 5 years will be missed. Brent will still be at KYC racing his Laser, cruising on his S2, and helping out with the Lighting fleet. Robin Crist will stay on as fleet secretary.

Paul and Claire Schnipelsky continued to come on strong in #14416 and will be the boat to look out for in the

coming season. Peter Maier and John Brown in 12711 were great companions on Sunday and also did very respectably. They have been a most welcome addition to your fleet. Special mention also needs to go to Peter Gamba who filled in as crew on various boats and is a great sailor in his own right.

Fleet 252 would like to give special thanks to all those who helped throughout the year, especially Richard Sands for heading the RC for the Champagne Regatta and Bob Wilder for running the RC every Sunday.



If your travels ever bring you to the beautiful Finger Lakes region, please stop at KYC to visit. Plan now to attend our 35th Champagne Regatta to be held in June.



FLEET 253, SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, LONG LEVEL, PENNSYLVANIA

Fleet Captain.....	John Bates
Fleet Secretary.....	Pete Pundt
Fleet Champion.....	Carol Park

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9887	Jonsella	Steve Tiley
9904	Fort Knox	Craig Cassel
10493	F.S. Trueman	John Bates
11137	Temerity	Pete Pundt
11329		Court Dunn
11582	Crescendo	Walt Payck
12081	Swill Dog	Brian Schooling
		Tom Dexter &
12470	Lightning Bug	Anita Blackaby
12941	Debstar	Star Mikell
13218	Sneak Attack	Ken Kuzdro
13813	Double Whammy	Fred Bush
14074		Rick Doherty
14156	Starthrower	Charlie Noble
14204	Ma Jolie	Michele LeFevre
		Tom Dexter &
14365	Strikes Twice	Anita Blackaby
14902	Miss Conduct	Bill Remorenko
14927		Kevin MacNeil
15118		Star Mikell

It just keeps getting better and better on the scenic Susquehanna.

Eighteen Lightnings now on our roster, 12 regularly on the starting line, a "bang-up" Lightning Lab tutored by Brian Hayes, 27 combatants for our Sweet Corn Regatta, and the first winner of our Gene Frey Trophy (best Fleet sailor) from the distaff side.

Thanks to Tom Dexter, we had an honest-to-goodness race committee for every scheduled club race this year, with racing buoys and all. Plus thanks to Charlie Noble, who ram-rodged the project, we had a nicely-refurbished Susquehanna Yacht Club pontoon boat on which the race committee could operate.

And there's more - we all had a much better handle on racing rules this year, thanks to a great mid-winter fleet skull session on the Blue Book, conducted by Lightning Worlds competitors and long-time fleet friends Sterling and Bob Bush.

The three factors gave us much more formalized racing, increasing our knowledge and enjoyment during the whole season.

And best yet, fleet competitiveness was such that 11 different boats

earned first place finishes during the season that included 48 races.

And our ranks swelled.

Prior to the season Brian Schooling came to our organizational meeting and announced that he had purchased the venerable Swill Dog. Then, at the beginning of the season, Bill and Linda Remorenko, who crewed last year drove in with 14902, fresh from Georgia. They were closely followed by another of last year's crew contingent Kevin MacNeil with 14927 down from Connecticut. And veteran Star Mikell, not to be outdone, helped the Michigan economy by purchasing a new boat, 15118.

The first weekend of June brought us a Dixie District Lightning Lab, with sailmaker and blue-fleeter Brian Hayes to fill us with go-fast ideas, and offer constructive criticism of our performances on the racecourse. While only 12 boats signed up for this fantastic opportunity, all went away having gained at least some new ideas.

The annual SYC Sweet Corn Regatta in August had the highest turnout ever, with 27 boats registering. Unfortunately, the wind gods were not among those in attendance, and the Race Committee turned in a yeoman's performance just to get one race off. Visitor Jeff Storck of Washington's Fleet 50 won it, followed by Star Mikell and Kevin MacNeil.

But the biggest story of the year was definitely Carol Park, an occasional skipper and crew in past years, who was signed up by the Remorenkos to helm their boat while they continued crewing and learning more about racing.

Carol showed us all the way home by winning both our Summer and Fall series. A veteran sailor who has raced at collegiate, national and international levels, Carol had a tough fight for the Summer series, as the three fastest boats were within a point of each other and the outcome came down to the last day of racing.

But the Fall series was another matter entirely. With a six-victory run in the very beginning, Carol won handily to become the first woman in fleet history to capture our coveted Gene Fry Trophy, named in memory of a beloved fleet sailor from 253's early years.

Better and better indeed.

Frey Trophy standings:

1. Carol Park
2. Rick Doherty
3. Star Mikell
4. Pete Pundt
5. Kevin MacNeil, Fred Bush, Tom Dexter - tie



REPORTS

FLEET 254, BURT LAKE BURT LAKE, CHEBOYGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Commodore.....Ted Smith
Vice-Commodore.....Mary Street
Treasurer.....Ann Swayze

13509	John Beery
14505	Guy Cheney
12890	Jim Fraser
14077	Jordan McCormack
11812	J. D. Otto
13969	Gary Street
14770	Clark Swayze

Summer of 2002 brought fair winds and tight racing to the Burt Lake Lightning fleet. Clark Swayze finished on top of the fleet in the first three races of the season, establishing an early lead in the standings. By Labor Day defending champion Gary Street had been unable to catch up, and Swayze ended Street's two year reign as fleet champion. Street finished second overall, followed by lightning #12890 with Sally Fraser at the helm.

Neither Guy Cheney nor John Beery were able to compete in enough races to contend for a trophy, but both added excitement and top notch racing when they did join the fleet.

Cheney was the only Lightning skipper who raced in the BLYC annual 4th of July Sunfish regatta. In ideal 13 to 14 knot winds Cheney represented the Lightning fleet well (2nd place overall), but was beaten in regatta points by BLYC guest Pierre Crosby.

And now as the ice piles up on the shores of Burt Lake all of us in Fleet 254 look eagerly forward to the summer of 2003!

Thanks you all of your work on behalf of the Lightning Assoc-

CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET (257)

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT SAILING ON STROM THURMOND LAKE AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Fleet Captain.....Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....Richard F. Mayne

9486	Hot FLASH	Nancy Klemmann Sproul
10810	Jr. Boat	Sharon Harkrider
13190	Intrepid	Gilbert L. Klemmann MD
14127	No Excuses	Richard F. Mayne
14532	Boonoonoonoos	Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.

The Clark's Hill Fleet had minimum of Fleet activity this year only hosting the ASC Annual Lightning Invitational on September 14,15. This is a Southeastern District circuit regatta and drew ten crews. It was a beautiful fall day with light wind. All that attended had a great time Friday night at the traditional Harkrider cook out. After a short wait for the wind to settle in, we had two light air races on Saturday, and a long race on Sunday.

ASC Fleet member Bob Harkrider won on his home water, followed by a sterling performance by John Pelosi for second. Ex ASC Fleet member Jim Harris was third followed by Peter Marriott, then John Sawyer.

Bob Harkrider was our delegation to the NA's. The trip was memorable in that Bob finished sailing with Dave Johnson and Andy Buckingham finished in 14th place in the Championship Fleet. His best at that level.



FLEET 262, HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB OLD HICKORY LAKE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

9211		CHANDLER OWEN
10191		HARRY K. WHITVER
10621		CHANDLER OWEN
11333	THE CIRCLE OF LIFE	GARY MARKHAM
11480		BILL KILLEBREW
11600		CHANDLER OWEN
11737	DOC GILBERT EXPRESS	CHANDLER OWEN
13370		LEIF ASGEIRSON
14116	KAT'S KRADLE	CULLY WARD
14533	REPRISE	ANNE BEESLEY
14571	WILDEBEEST IV	ROBERT G. HEMPEL
14571		CRIS HEMPEL
14645	AIRBORNE	DR. ROBERT COTTON
14680	TAYLOR	BILL KILLEBREW
14706	GUS THE FISH	WILLIAM HOFMEISTER
14748	SPIRIT	FRANK L. KELLY, JR.
15078	PANDAMONIUM	BRUCE RICHARDS
15100	CHANCE	BRADFORD CURRIE

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FLEET 266, CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION CARLYLE LAKE, CARLYLE, ILLINOIS

Fleet 266 is located within Eldon Hazlet State Park on Carlyle Lake, Carlyle Illinois. Over the years, we have had some pretty rough years. This year was by far the roughest. The season started out very promising. As is our tradition, the season starts off with a bang beginning with our Annual Mid-Continent Regatta. This year seventeen boats gathered for two days of racing on the first full weekend on May. This year there was representation from Milwaukee, Memphis, Nashville and Chicago/Decatur. Racing on Saturday was in light condition, but two very competitive races were sailed. On Sunday morning, a new weather pattern finally emerged resulting in two races being sailed in the developing breeze. In the end, Matt Burrige once again showed all of the other sailors how to go around the course. Matt finished in first with a seven-point total,

Gerry Pooli was second followed by Bill Hofmeister, John Huhn and Terry Burke.

Unfortunately, the Mid-Continent was nearly the beginning and the end of the sailing season. The week following the Mid-Continent, the weather turned ugly in central Illinois. The rain just came and stayed. The Kaskaskia River (which feeds the lake) started flowing like the Mississippi. The lake level starting rising and then rising more. We have experienced flooding before, but nothing like this. By the peak of the flood just before Memorial Day, nearly all of our sailing facility was under water. The dry sailing area (no pun intended) where the



boats are stored was under 8 to 9 feet of water. Finally, the water started receding in June. What a mess laid in its place. All the grass was dead. All the paved area was covered with an inch of stinking muck. But Carlyle Sailing Association pulled together and cleaned the facility. By the time of rescheduled Leukemia Cup, one could hardly know the flood had occurred.

So what does one do when flooded out? Travel! This

year many of our fleet members went to regattas. For many, the Mississippi Valley districts in Hernando, MS the second weekend in June was first time sailing since our regatta five weeks prior. Five boats including Dan Moriarty, Matt Burrridge, Terry Burke, Marc Schillebeekx and Ben Williams represented Fleet 266. Dan won the district followed by Matt's fourth and Terry's fifth. Dan, Matt and Terry continued on to the North Americans. Matt had a glorious qualifier series while Dan and Terry decided to try racing in two feet of water. All three boat combined for five OCS's in the event and choose not to discuss the matter any further. One note though, Lal



Burrridge, Matt's father, came out of sailing retirement to race the Masters.

Back to the home front. Not much to report here. The season that was not flooded lacked breeze. This year's Fleet Championship consisted of only eleven race days with twenty-four races. Nonetheless, the series was contested to the very end with Dan winning followed by Terry and Tobi Heisler (now Tobi Moriarty...more on that later). The Spring and Summer Series (what there was of them) was won by Dan and the Fall Series by Tobi.

With all the time on shore this year, other activities must have occurred. Whatever happened, it seems to have resulted in more engagements and weddings announcements than the fleet has seen in years. Just two weeks after attending the Blue Nose, Dan Moriarty and Tobi Heisler tied the knot. The best man from this

wedding, Scott Zerban, and Stacy Worley, has a wedding planned for next May. Gerry Paoli and Sue Alberts after many, many years of togetherness are getting married in Antigua in January. Gerry won the trip to Antigua at this year's Chicago NOODs. And if that is not enough, long time crew (and hopefully future boat owner) Bart Snyder and Jessica Schaffer are planning a marriage.

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0	HOOCHIE MAMA	GERRY PAOLI
0		JOHN HUHN
2555	OLIVIA	RAYMOND MYERS
8144	CHAOS	JERRY VALLI
11125		BILL BROCK
13870	PAMPERITO	MARC SCHILLEBEECKX
14009	BLUE TORNADO	PAUL M. ALLEN
14089	WARLOCK	ARTHUR MERDINIAN
14118		DANIEL MORIARTY
14260		JOHN D. FOLWELL
14324	CLAIRBOUYANT	BENJAMIN D. WILLIAMS
14636	SNAKEWAKE	TOBI HEISLER MORIARTY
14766	TOP FLASH	TERRY BURKE
14798		RICK BERNSTEIN
14834	YETI	MATT G.S. BURRIDGE
14901		MARC SCHILLEBEECKX



FLEET 270, SILVER FOX SQUADRON/INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB GEIST RESERVOIR, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

<i>Fleet Captain</i>	<i>Paul Vos</i>
<i>Fleet Secretary</i>	<i>Anne Foster</i>
<i>Fleet Treasurer</i>	<i>Ken McGinity</i>
<i>Fleet Champion</i>	<i>Joe Lassaux</i>

Since 1955, Fleet 270 has been an active member of the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist Lake. Our Fleet members participate in regularly scheduled weekend racing during the season, which begins in Mid-April and continues through the end of October. The Indianapolis Sailing Club season also enjoys four annual Club regattas with four to five races and Saturday night dinners and entertainment.

This year, we were pleased to welcome three new boat owners into our Fleet: Andy Cook, Andy Davis and Dan Ramsey. All three look forward to a competitive 2003 season.

We will once again host the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open the first weekend in May 2003. Spring usually welcomes the new season with a fresh breeze, great for hiking. We invite our fellow Lightning Class sailors to join us for a weekend of competitive racing and camaraderie.

0	YIKES & AWAY	ANDREW DAVIS
8679		STEVEN D. HAYES
9050	NO EXCUSE	JOHN B. LEATH
11203		KENNETH D. WOODS
12296	SOCHAIANT	PETER J. MCGINITY
12896		NORMAN L. CUBELLIS
12963	NAVIGO	MARK A. CUDWORTH
13279		ANDREW COOK
13657		MICHAEL R. FRANCESCHINI
13954	L'ECLAIR ROUGE	JOHN B. LEATH
14359	SUNDANCE II	JOSEPH A. LASSAUX
14537	WIN-SOME	DR. WALTER TINSLEY, JR.
14610		KENNETH D. WOODS
15035	BALENO	FRED NOVINGER

FLEET 273, MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB MASSABESIC LAKE, MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

11401	SUNDAY PUNCH	MICHAEL ADAMS
11401		RONALD G. ADAMS
11740	RIVER BLUES	WALTER COLANTUONO
11885	ANNIE OAKLEY	NICK MERCIER
12455	BANANA SPLIT	JOHN K. WEBB
13828	QUICK SILVER	MAURICE L'HEUREUX, JR.
14180		JOSEPH P. CELIA
14442	AMARCORD	WILLIAM BERRY
14895	BLOODY	JOE RAY

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FLEET 274 DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION BEAUTIFUL ARKABUTLA RESERVOIR, HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI

14230		Marc Cunningham
14047		Warren Ayres
14357		Bill Baxter
14000	Stirred, not Shaken	Bill Baxter III
11999	Disco Lemonade	Bill Baxter III
13966	Dutch Helm's Disease	Frank Bermel
12716		John Bertolacci
14488	Blind Hog	Herbert Cochran
14666	Rebel Devil (WBP)	Crit Currie Jr.
14149		Harmon Dunathan
12397		Jere Fones
13258	Wet Paint	Posey Hedges
9876		Jeff Helms
14388	Leap Frog	Lynn Jones
14171	Jill E.	Joe Kelly
14969	Radar Love	Batton Kennon
12505	IT	Batton Kennon
11386		Ralph Leon
14375		Jim McDannell
12082	Metrognome	Dick Ranta
14270	Show Boat	Roy Robbins
15128		Max Shelton

Fleet 274 sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir this year had an outstanding season, highlighted by competitive club races and well run regattas. Now as the year end approaches the fleet contemplates a frost-bite series to get us back on the water.

Thanks to an abundance of rainfall the lake level remained high all year. Sailing is possible all the way down to 213.0ft on Arkabutla, the chocolate soldier of lakes. The normal flood stage of our muddy reservoir is 238.0 ft. When the windiest lake in North Mississippi reached 241.7 ft on Christmas day 2001 Mother Nature delivered the best gift of all a full lake for the



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whole year.

Delta Sailing Association races every Saturday and Sunday from March to October. This year our Fleet ran a Spring, Summer and Fall Series. In all we completed 52 fleet races this year. Club races typically are four to ten boats playing kinetic chess with Sundays generating the biggest number of players. No one dominated the fleet this year with the top finishers in each series changing. Final point spreads in each series between first and fifth place averaged sixteen points. At the year end a fleet champion did emerge Bill Baxter, 14357, followed by second place Bill Baxter III, 14000, third place Crit Currie, Jr., 14666, fourth place Batton Kennon, 14969, and fifth place Max Shelton, 15128.

One of our newest members Ralph and Debbie Leon, 11386, novices to the Lightning Class sailed all year steadily improving from twelfth place in the spring series to seventh place in the fall series. We are glad to have them with us and look forward to racing with them next year.

This year our good friends from Harbor Island Yacht Club, Fleet 262, showed up for the Hernando Desoto Regatta and took home the lion's share of trophies. Congratulations to Bob Cotton, 14645, for a well run series and first place. As well to Bill Killebrew, 14680, finishing one point behind Bob for second place. Mandy Hofmeister, 14706, recovered from a knockdown to finish in fourth place. Since we are so generous with our trophies to visitors we expect them all back next year. Batton Kennon, 14969, did an excellent job of organizing this regatta. It is always a great spring regatta, the competition and fellowship with our friends in the Lightning Class make every year better. Come join us in 2003. Did someone mention party? We got it just contact Bill Baxter III chairman of the North Mississippi All-Star Sailing Team for more details.

This year was our turn to be the venue for the Mississippi Valley District Championship. Frank and Gail Bermel pulled everything together for the regatta. The six race series was dominated by our district champion Dan Moriarty, 14118. The twenty boat fleet representative of this five fleet district produced good competition.

Our Dead Elvis Regatta in August has traditionally been

scheduled for a night with a full moon closest to the day of the King's demise. A bar-b-que and cocktail party followed by moonlight racing what could be better. This year however considering the West Nile Virus and Mississippi Mosquitoes the size of Bumblebees the regatta was revised to a four race series in lieu of club races. Club hound dog Max Shelton, 15128, got us all shook up and won the whole peanut butter and banana sandwich. Max actually prefers bologna and hoop cheese.

This year the North Mississippi All Star Sailing Team featuring the White Belly Posse took it on the road. Scott Anderson, 13953, invited us to participate in the



Texas District Championship. Bill Baxter III and Crit Currie Jr. teamed up and Batton Kennon and I paired off to travel to Dallas to sail on White Rock Lake. Fleet 35 and the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club were great hosts. A special thanks to Jeff Bodkin, 15117, for putting us up and putting up with us. We had as much fun on shore as on the water.

Scott won a good series and Baxter/Currie took second with Batton/Ryan finishing third.

We will be back these are good folks.

Jackson Yacht Club Fleet 388 extended an invitation for us to sail in their Hospitality Regatta. Currie Jr., Baxter III and JoJo Krenshaw teamed up to take first place. Batton, Becky Winsette and Marc Cunningham got together to take third place.

Our fall regatta the Cotton Pickin' was another great event. Once again those Nashville cats came to collect trophies and did. Bill Hofmeister, 14706, was first with a consistent performance and just plain old going fast. Scott Anderson, 13953, rolled in from Texas to take second place. Cully Ward, 14116, placed third. Off the lake the Bar-B-Que at Pat & Dave Dickson's house Saturday night was enjoyed by one and all.

This has been a great year for our fleet and friends. Come join us next year and enjoy sailing Arkabutla or as we locals say the 'Butt' of the Mississippi Valley District.



**FLEET 277, CLEARWATER BAY
LAKE OF THE WOODS, CLEARWATER BAY,
ONTARIO**

11711	U-BET	GUS CAMPBELL
14878		MIKE COUTURE

**FLEET 279, TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB
THUNDER BAY, LAKE SUPERIOR, ONTARIO,
CANADA**

11009	ZAMBOANA TOO	CHRIS BAILEY
12755		RICHARD WALSH
12826	PUFF DADDY	RUSSELL GORDON
13115	NATURAL GAS	BOB MAKI
13267	BLUE MAX	WILLIAM EVANS
13587	VIRAGO	BRIAN COX
14013	TBA	JIM CAMERON
14499	HONK ON BOBO	RICHARD WALSH
14612	PLAY PEN	ROSS BAILEY



**FLEET 283, COLUMBIA
VANCOUVER LAKE, WASHINGTON AND
THE COLUMBIA RIVER, OREGON,**

**FLEET 280, CHEQUESSET
WELLFLEET HARBOR, WELLFLEET,
MASSACHUSETTS**

11096	NIKE II	STAFFORD FRAZIER
11249	MUMA WORKS	CHRISTINE JONES SORESENSEN
11379		W. STUART NICKERSON
11751	SCRUPLES	ALBERT PRESTON MOORE
14310	WINDS WILL	ERIC H. CUTTING
14310	CUTTING WIND	ROBERT CUTTING

0		PAUL R. FISCHER
10643	SPECULATION	WILLIAM TIMOTHY ELAM
10731	FORWARD	GARY KOKSTIS
11141	CHIQUITA	BEN GILLESPIE
11151	SAXY	DARRELL PECK
11879		KEVIN STRAVERS
12426	FLOPPY	EDWARD BOURGUIGNON
12990	QUICKSILVER	DARRELL PECK
13476	MINNOW	DAVID SMITH
13896	FOAM HEADS	JOHN DeBENEDETTI
13961	SLY	TERRY BUSBY
14040	ROARING FORTIES	ROGER HICKS
14079	HIPPO THUNDER	DOUGLAS S. HICKMAN
14246		DARRELL PECK
14288	Humuhumunukunukuapuaa	PHILIP P. PARSHLEY
14841	HAIR OF THE DOG	JOHN DeBENEDETTI

FLEET 301, MALLETT'S BAY LAKE CHAMPLAIN, COLCHESTER, VERMONT

MEMBERS OF FLEET 301

Heather and Tim Ambrose	Janice Lange
Don Brush	Ed Ziemer
David Gorman	Todd Cox
Kurt Kling	Mike Huffman
Patrick Zachary	Dave Little
Bill Fastiggi	Kathy Manning
Dick Fastiggi	Allen Baker
Bill Dutcher	Chad Miller
Bretton Gardner	Peter Tourin
Erik and Karl Johnson	Peter Hazelett

Fleet 301 had an incredible season with many personal improvements, regatta successes and new members. The highlights of the season ranged from Junior sailors Erik and Karl Johnson and Kate Brush's 2nd place finish at the Junior World's and first place finish at the Junior North American's to Doc Gorman's McDermott trophy at the NA's and Bill Fastiggi's first place finish at the ACC's. But I have to say that one of the biggest achievements for Fleet 301 is the addition of three new fleet members, Peter Tourin and two junior sailors Chad Miller and Peter Hazelett.

All three started out as crew and then quickly realized the potential of the class for personal improvement and with the help of a few local sailors (who helped them find just the right one), purchased their own boats. Fleet 301 will be initiating a Junior Lightning sailing night for the 2003 season in order to encourage more junior sailors within the area to try the Lightning racing experience.

The 2002 season got off to an early start with Dave "Doc" Gorman, Don Brush, Bill Dutcher, Bill Fastiggi and Mark and Bretton Gardner attending the Southern Circuit. Dave Gorman finished 3rd in Savannah!

In April, a few of our boats traveled to the Long John Regatta in Red Bank, NJ where Erik Johnson, with Kate and Don Brush crewing won the event! Erik is the only Junior skipper to ever win this classic event.

Fleet 301's home racing schedule got underway with the Memorial Day tune up regatta. This is a unique regatta for Fleet 301 because not only is it the first regatta of the season and some fleet members are sailing for the first time since the winter but it is also the day after the Vermont City Marathon in

which a few fleet members have participated. It's especially difficult on the runners if it blows really hard!

MBBC's Spring Regatta, hosted by Fleet 301, was a resounding success as usual with strong winds, great racing and a good turnout. The regatta was won by Bill Fastiggi, Alan Ouellette, and Suzy Coburn. Don Brush, Tris Wallace, and Erica Beck were second and Alain Boucher, Chantal Leger, and Jay Deacon of Canada were third. All three winners enjoyed their "towel" trophies especially since it was such a windy regatta.

Many Fleet 301 sailors then traveled to Lake Bomoseen in the middle of June for the Maple Leaf Classic hosted by Ray and Toni Harrington. We hope that Ray and Toni continue hosting this regatta because it truly is a lot of fun and our fleet really enjoys sailing there. Well, actually, the sailing is kind of interesting but the party is what makes the regatta. Bill

0		ANDREW HORTON
0		JOAN SHANNON
7829	WIND HARP	PETER TOURIN
10440	TOP	ALLEN H. BAKER
10846	TWO BOYS	EDWARD GUILD
11331	ONDINE	WILLEM JEWETT
11623		THOMAS J. PAPP
11754	RITE OF PASSAGE	KATHY MANNING
11754		JIM CONNELLY
12366	RAINBOW RIDER	TODD COX
13156	BLUE STORM	DAVID N. LITTLE
13856		SEAN CARROLL
14050	HUHI	MARK GARDNER
14056		ERIK JOHNSON
14297	ZOOM	EDWARD J. ZIEMER
14438	ESPRESSO	JEAN TWOMBLY
14446	APPLE	KURT KLING
14480	CIAO	RICHARD N. FASTIGGI
14520		TODD COX
14640	WILD GOOSE	DONALD C. BRUSH, JR.
14644	CREATURE OF HABIT	MICHAEL L. HUFFMAN
14758	BLIND FAITH	DAVID P. GORMAN
14876	SOUTHERN CROSS	JANICE LANGE
14958	SCALLYWAG	BILL DUTCHER
14972	WHATNOW	PATRICK ZACHARY
15058	DANGER KITTY	BILL FASTIGGI
15060	PURE INSANITY	HEATHER ROWE

Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Noah Pasackow won the gallon of VT gold just nosing out Ray and Toni Harrington and Karl Fjeld. Don Brush's team was third. The highlight of the weekend was Tim and Heather's engagement.



In the end of June, Fleet 301 women's, Junior's and Master's traveled to Spofford for the NE WJM Districts. Unfortunately the winds were erratic and ranged from 0 to 30 knots as squalls repeatedly moved through the area. The race was postponed until later in the season. That same weekend, Local Fleet 301 sailor Bretton Gardner won his first District regatta by winning the Dave Fitch Memorial regatta.

Erik and Karl Johnson and Kate Brush spent the first week of July in Rochester, NY finishing a close second in the Lightning Youth Worlds. We are really proud of their success!

Malletts Bay Boat Club and Fleet 301 hosted The New England District Championships after a last minute change of venue due to a scheduling conflict. Many thanks go out to Dave White for all his efforts! We are still hoping to get back to Maine soon. Although the wind looked very promising early on, the breeze didn't remain solid for any of the five races and the series ended up light and shifty. Doc Gorman sailed a great series and seemed to have it in the bag until a 4th race OCS opened the door for everyone else. After the dust settled, visiting skipper Joel Humphrey from Pontiac Michigan had an amazing comeback in the last race. Coupled with consistent finishes, Joel won the regatta with his brother Rick and Molly Hopkins as crew. Rounding out the top five were Bill Fastiggi, Ray Harrington, Erik Johnson, and Don Brush.

We're looking forward to hosting the Atlantic Coast Championships next summer as Fleet 301 sailors Bill Fastiggi and Karl Johnson along with Carrie Howe won the ACC's in Rehoboth, Delaware the last week of July. Don and Kate Brush and Erik Johnson finished 4th at this 63 boat event! The organization has already started and we plan to run this regatta in a similar manner to how we ran the 2001 NA's. We are looking forward to a great turnout!

Fleet 301 was well represented at the junior North Americans with Erik and Karl Johnson and Kate Brush finishing 1st, and Bretton Gardner, Scott Thibault, and James Unsworth finishing 4th.

Six local teams made it to the NAs with Don Brush, Bill Fastiggi, and Doc Gorman sailing in the Blue fleet, Bretton Gardner and Erik Johnson sailing in the Green fleet, and Bill Dutcher sailing in the Yellow. Doc sailed a great qualifying series and won the

McDermott trophy as the most improved qualifier from 2001 to 2002, and Bill Dutcher finished 5th in the Governors cup. Don and Bill qualified for the Worlds in Miami.

In early September, a few of us traveled to the American Yacht Club in Newburyport for the Brian Hughes Regatta. Bill Fastiggi was first just nosing out Joel Humphrey and Patrick Zachary.

Once again Fleet 301 WJM's traveled to Bow Lake for the rescheduled district regatta which was run in conjunction with the Bow Lake one day regatta. Kika Bronger is the current women's district champion by winning her first regatta and Bretton Gardner is the current Junior district champion.

Fleet 301 ended their season by hosting the Leaf Peeper. Once again, it was a spectacular regatta with winds ranging from 8 to 12 knots on Saturday and then 10 - 25 knots on Sunday. Don Brush beat Bill Fastiggi on a tiebreaker in the 7 race series with Peter Hall finishing 3rd. The season ended with screaming downwind legs in 25 plus knot winds and for those that stayed upright - one heck of a ride!

Fleet 301 looks forward to the start of the 2003 sailing season and increased activity with our junior sailors. We invite all Lightning sailors to join us in Malletts Bay for the 2003 Atlantic Coast Championships. Hope to see you then!

