

## FLEET 303, COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION COWAN LAKE, CINCINNATI, OHIO

2002 Fleet Champion.....James Taylor

2003 Fleet Captain.....Ann Brock

96		John Hayes
10687		Tom Ward
11368		Rich Niemeyer
11777	Sweet Pea	Jim Young
13236		Chris Mercer
13275		Dennis Rhoades
13504	Hazardous Waste	James Taylor
13719	Coot	Bill Young
13807	Scars & Scrapes	Michael
14020		Meredith
14110	Figment	Bob Frantz
14216	Adrenalin	Dick Pugh
14287	Phoenix	Ken Irwin
14867	Jokers Wild	Steve Weeber
14875	A Smooth Emergence	Mike Kemp
14925		Augie Bales
		Mike Brock

2002 was a soft year for club racing at Cowan. Several spring weekends were canceled due to heavy conditions and in the summer we suffered through multiple hot and muggy high-pressure drifters. Only a few boats got in enough races to qualify for the fleet championship trophy. James Taylor finished on top followed by Mike Brock and Ken Irwin. In between club races Taylor, Brock, Dick Pugh and Steve Weeber were regulars on the regatta circuit.

### Major Regattas

Representing Cowan, James Taylor, Mike and Alicia Kemp and Mike Brock did a few of the major championships. Starting out at 02' St. Pete championship, Mike and Mike crewed for Jim to a 36th place finish. In July Taylor/Kemp and Brock double-deck their boats and headed to the ACC's at Rehoboth. Jim, Mike and Alicia sailed exceptionally well placing 3rd and qualifying for the Pam Am Trials. Mike Brock with an east coast crew finished 37th. The all night trip back to Cincinnati was a bit long and tiring as they endured two flat trailer tires. In August, the same two boats head to the NA's. Taylor/Kemp team finished 12th in the Championship fleet and qualified for the World's. Mike Brock finished 24th in the Governor's fleet.

In November, Dick Pugh and Bill Young took their boats to Bluenose. Bill finished 21st and Dick 25th. Jim Taylor

crewed for Eric Brandt (Leatherlips) and guided him to a 5th place finish.

### Fall-In Regatta

Cowan's annual fall regatta is the district's second most attended regatta other than Pymatuning's Spring Classic or the district venue. This year we hosted 17 boats in cold, wet and windy conditions. Cowan was proud to put ten of its own boats on the line. Some new additions included Jeff Pugh (son of Dick Pugh), who came back from Chicago to skipper Mike Kemp's "Hazardous Waste" club boat. Bob Frantz and son Eric got some first time experience in their boat that they usually club race. John Hayes who spent the last 15 years restoring Lightning #96, yes #96, had his daughter Betsey and Ed Auer join him on the race course. While #96 is not competitive with the newer boats, it was a real delight for us to see #96 on the course. In Joker's Wild we saw a skipper change as Jim Taylor turned the helm over to its owner Mike Kemp, and did the crewing with Mike's wife Alicia.

Saturday started out with a 30-minute delay to see if the wind would settle down. With little change in the wind and some light drizzle, the race committee sent the fleet out. Three long races were sailed in shifty conditions. After Saturday, Cowan boats including Mike Kemp, Dick Pugh, Steve Weeber and Mike Brock dominated the top of the fleet. Unfortunately for Mike Brock a 4th place in the third race was DSQ Sunday morning that dropped him in overall standings. In the end it was Mike Kemp showing us he is as good as Jim Taylor with a second place overall finish. Dick Pugh, or "master of Cowan", followed in third with steady regatta crew Jeff and Susan Ross. Other places include Steve Weeber (6th), Bill Young (8th), Jeff Pugh (10th), Mike Brock (12th), Ken Irwin (14th), Jim Young (15th) and John Hayes (17th).

2003 will be Cowan's 30th year for its Fall-In regatta. We plan to do extra marketing to get 25 boats on the line. For those out of district boats, this is a perfect venue to get ready for Bluenose.

### Fleet Membership

Fleet skipper activity has remained about the same level as 2001. However, we saw a significant increase in crew activity. One boat has changed hands and we expect the new owners (Kathy & Dennis Rhoades) to become active club racers.

### Year-End Get Together

Mike and Ann Brock hosted the annual year-end Christmas party at their house with traditional Italian food, drinks and plenty of pool hustling. Many long-time and past Cowan Lightning sailors were on hand along with the new crew.



## KEMI FLEET 310 FINLAND DISTRICT SAILING ON PERAMERI KEMI, FINLAND

10059	Wilma	Seppo Posti
12917	Veera	Mauri Jestila
12995	Pohjan-Akka	Aulis Näykki
13563	Due	Taimo Huusko

The summer started this year early and was beautiful and warm.

In the beginning of the summer we had a rather low activity in races / regattas. We held some practice races with sometimes only one boat and sometimes a few more, because our sailing clubs had got the responsibility to arrange the Finnish Championships and European Championships.

It was a pity that Italy did not have representatives here, but we were pleased that two boats from Greece and two from Switzerland were daring enough to come here up north.

The Finnish Championship and European Championship regattas started pretty well from our point of view, because Kari Huusko (Mika Viide - Jarkko Limnell) and Aulis Näykki (Heikki Ulen - Erkki Puuperä) won the Finnish Team Championships.

The Finnish and European Championships were raced in optimal weather conditions and on very interesting tracks. In the sunny weather and average wind everyone had equal possibilities. And with short tracks you always had someone to compare your speed with.

In the evenings we had activities. Live music every night, barbeque and learning to know each other. You could say that the event was successfully organized and that pleasant memories will stay with us for a long time.

Once again we would like to thank everyone who participated and at the same time send our greetings from Kemi.

With Best Sailing Regards

Aulis Näykki

Kesä alkoi tänä vuonna aikaisin ja oli kaunis ja lämmin.

Varsinainen kilpailutoiminta oli alkukesästä hiljaista. Harjoittelemassa kyllä käytiin yhdessä ja yksin, koska laivueemme purjehdusseuroille oli myönnetty järjestettäväksi SM- ja EM-kilpailut. Valitettavasti Italiasta ei tullut ketään, mutta onneksi kaksi venekuntaa Kreikasta ja kaksi Sveitsistä oli uskaltanut näin kauas Pohjolaan.

Varsinaiset kilpailut alkoivatkin laivueemme osalta loistavasti, koska Kari Huusko (Mika Viide - Jarkko Limnell) ja Aulis Näykki (Heikki Ulen - Erkki Puuperä) voittivat joukkuekilpailussa Suomenmestaruuden!

SM- ja EM-kisat käytiin ihanteellisissa olosuhteissa ja varsin



The boat 12558 Elf from Tammisaari is totally renovated by Henry Elfving. Here Ralf Sundberg (crew) is repairing to participate in the Europeans in Kemi.

mielenkiintoisilla radoilla. Aurinkoisissa ja korkeintaan keskituulissa oli kaikilla varmasti tasapuoliset olosuhteet. Ja sähköän lyhyillä radoilla kaikilla oli aina joku kilpakumppani taistelemassa vierellä.

Iltaisin oli järjestetty pientä ohjelmaa. Elävä musiikki soi joka ilta, makkaraa syötiin ja seurusteltiin. Kisojarjestelytkin onnistuivat, joten koko tapahtuma jäi varmasti kaikkien mieleen pitkäksi aikaa. Kiitoksia vielä kaikille mukana olleille, terveiset Kemistä. Ensi kesänä nähdään.

Purjehdusterveisin

Aulis Näykki



## REPORTS

### FLEET 314, SASSAFRAS RIVER SASSAFRAS RIVER, CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

*Fleet Captain.....Howard Edson*  
*Fleet Secretary.....Dave Horne*  
*Fleet Champion.....Jim Hopkins*

9391	Les Moorhouse
12381	Robert B. Horne
12710	Alfred B. Mast
12964	John D. Farquhar, MD
13926	James Hopkins, MD
14218	Howard S. Edson
14265	Ted Ganley, MD
14648	F. Thomas Hopkins, MD
14651	Alfred B. Mast
15023	Robert B. Horne

We followed our same format as in the past few years by splitting the season into four series of four races each. Each series winner is awarded one of the Fleet's perpetual Trophies. This season saw an average of five boats each weekend with a maximum of seven boats on the line on one occasion.

Ted Ganley started the season off dominating the first series (Walbert Cup) with three firsts and a third. Bob Horne and Jim Hopkins rounded out the top three. The next two series (Buss Neff and Skippers Cups) were won by Tom Hopkins with Jim Hopkins and Al Mast trading second and third place finishes. The Commodore's Trophy was won by Jim Hopkins, followed by Bob Horne

and Tom Hopkins.

The Summer Bay Race was won by Al Mast with Ted Ganley and Tom Hopkins in hot pursuit. The Fall Bay Race marked the end of the racing season with another Bullet by Al Mast followed up by Jim Hopkins and John Farquhar.

The James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Trophy went to Jim Hopkins this year after a very close battle with his father. This was the first year since the inception of this award that the Fleet Champion was not decided until the final race of the season.

After two seasons of inon-award, the Butt Award was awarded to Ron Williamson for his poor decision to take a iswim in the middle of a race. If not for his ideath gripi on the jib sheet, lim not sure whether the skipper (Father-in-law) would have considered retrieving him.

This season's annual Banquet was once again held at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club. The evening concluded with the presentation of the Forrest R. Schussler Award for Outstanding Service to the Kentmore Park Sailing Club. Once again, it was awarded to Chuck Voorhees for his dedication to the Club and the Lightning Fleet as Race Committee.



## FLEET 325, REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION REHOBOTH BAY, REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE

10226	LORETTA	JAMES W. GREENWELL
11540	MAL DE MER	W. DAVID RACINE, III
11899	PISCES	W. DAVID RACINE, III
14207		JOHN P. DOLAN

Fleet 325 sails at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on the beautiful Rehoboth Bay, acclaimed to be among the finest sailing waters on the east coast. Our fleet has dwindled down from a one time fleet of over thirty boats, to only three boats and we have not been having fleet races for several years. Each year we have tried to sponsor at least one open regatta. This has normally been the Delaware Governors Cup Regatta with 10 to 15 boats attending.

This year, things were different. We had planned to hold the Governors Cup, but in January we were asked if we would cosponsor the Atlantic Coast Championships. We were told to expect 30 to 40 boats, and after the proposal was accepted by the RBSA Board of Trustees, three members of our fleet, Chris Raubacher, Barry Pierce, and Dave Racine began to plan for the event with the help of Mike Beaver. With a lot of help from Washington and SSA people, we began to expand and detail our plans.

As we moved along, the attendance picture began to change with the notice that this regatta was to also be a qualifier for the Pan Am Games. So we upped our preparations to handle 45 boats. Things worked out well with lots of people offering to help with the regatta. A great race committee was lined up and the use of several motor boats were offered, plus several necessary items were donated.

As the beginning day of the regatta approached and came to be, we found ourselves with 64 boats registered to sail. There was a great deal of anxiety as to our ability to handle that many boats.

However, the early planning proved to be good and the regatta came off with very few problems. In fact it was so successful that RBSA has been asked about hosting other regattas and this thought has been received favorably by the club.

Due to scheduling conflicts it was decided to forgo the Governors Cup this year, but we are hoping to reschedule it for 2003 and expect it to be bigger and better than ever.

## FLEET 326, GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB GRAND TRAVERSE BAY, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

7007		MICHAEL FISHER
13932	HOLEY COW	PAUL C. DAVIS
14460	SPIRIT	R. GARRET DEMAREST, III

## FLEET 328, JYVASKYLA LAKE PAIJANNE, JYVASKYLA, FINLAND

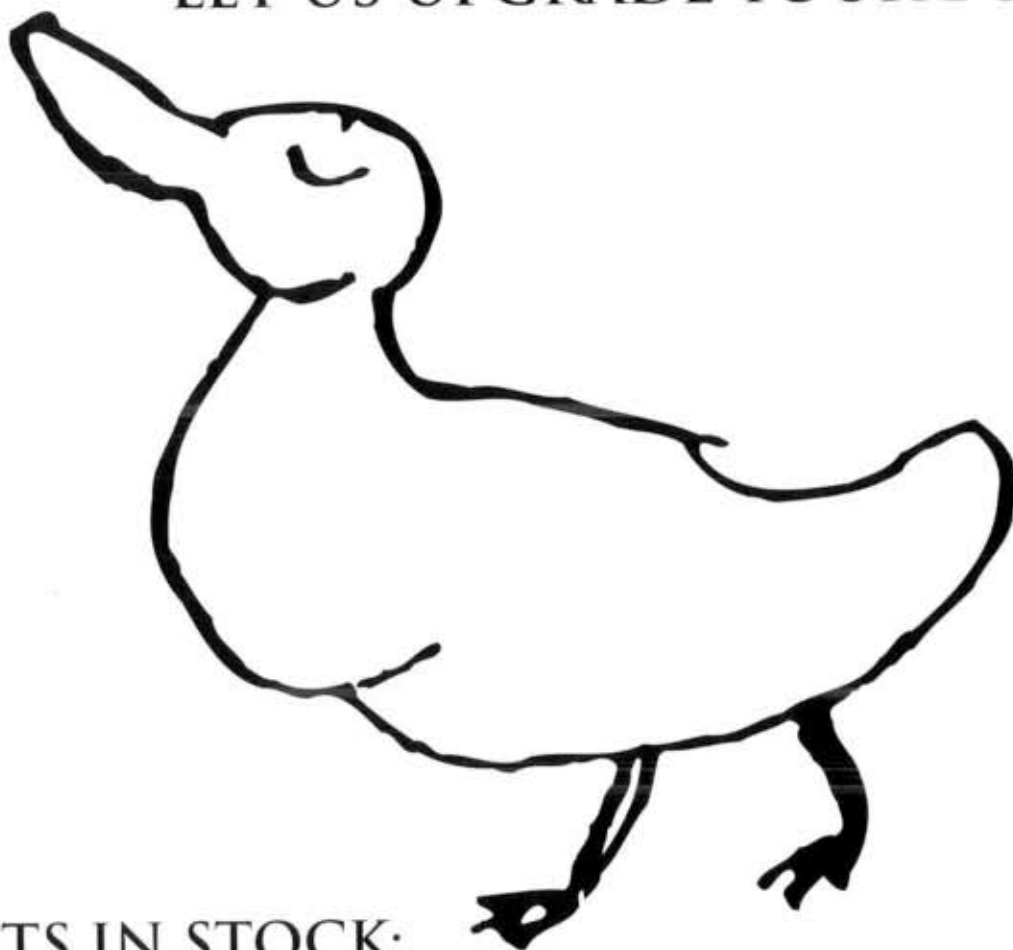


*The European Runner-Up and Finnish Champions: team Nikea (from left to right) Keijo Tulomäki, Samppa J Salminen and Tero Kotimäki.*

0		VESA T LILJA
12479	MELANIE	ANTERO WESTERLUND
14364	NIKEA	SAMPPA J. SALMINEN

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## SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332 NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SAILING ON BIG SQUAM LAKE HOLDERNESS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fleet Captain:	Art Cunningham
Fleet Secretary:	Crecia Closson
Fleet Treasurer:	Dwight Gertz
Fleet Champion:	Christian & Allen Whatley

5639	Stephen Corzilius
7944	Bob & Kay Hanson
8268	Brad Eaton
9829	Art Cunningham
10212	Dan Egan
10320	Robert W. Sengstaken, Jr.
10555	Will Abbott
10613	Alan Hurley
10724	Marty Riehs, Jr.
10732	David Closson
10818	John Osuchowski
12509	Bill Elmore
12859	Squam Lakes Association
13101	Phil Sullivan
13382	Skip Johnstone & Barry VanDemoere
13697	Jack Murphy
14229	Tony Wagner
14247	Douglas R. DeCluitt
14814	Wallace E. Ackley
14926	Dwight Gertz
14950	Ed Michels
14953	Bill Burgess
15047	Christian & Allen Whatley
15089	Al McQuarrie
	Crecia Closson
	David Rodgers
	Betty Russell

The rest of us did have fun in the wake of the Whatley's. Dwight Gertz received the Pop Closson Bowl for the last three races of the season. Art Cunningham came within a point of winning the July series and finished up second for the season. Wally Ackley, Bob Sengstaken, and Doug DeCluitt rounded out the top five for the season. As the roster shows, there are now over 20 Lightnings in our neighborhood. 14 of them raced at least once in the Summer of 2002 and several others were seen day sailing. Two owners didn't race themselves but crewed for other sailors.

The fleet's annual dinner saw a record number of other awards. 13 children received participation awards donated by Art Cunningham. Janet Rosenquist was recognized as a super crew for eight years of sailing in every race. The coveted Golden Bucket trophy was awarded, after much deliberation, to Will Abbott, who managed to capsize twice in one day. The Fleet Spirit award was given by outgoing Fleet Captain Doug DeCluitt to Barry VanDemoere for his "can do" approach to constructing an apparatus that allowed us to weigh boats for the first time in recorded history. Special recognition was also given to Tony Wagner who survived a close call with an overhead power line while towing his boat exactly where a parking lot attendant told him to. We even got an advance look at a new trophy under construction (built with New Hampshire granite) to recognize sailors who have unplanned encounters with the bottom of the lake.

We ended our festivities by electing Art Cunningham as our new fleet captain for 2003. We all left the party grateful for the fellowship of sailing with such a nice group of people and the privilege of spending our Summers in such a beautiful place.

The Whatley Lightning has always been fast. This year saw the arrival of a new Whatley craft (#15047) and this one was REALLY fast. With Christian doing most of the skippering and his dad serving as an able substitute, Team Whatley won the Blair Trophy for the July Series, the Custance Cup for the Around the Lake Race, the Russell award for the August Series, and the Howdy Wood Trophy for the season championship. They capped their stellar season by winning the annual regatta. This is the first time in many years that the regatta trophy hasn't gone to a visiting boat.



"Allan Whatley, David Rogers, and Kyla Rogers keep the new Whatley Lightning moving at top speed against a typical Squam Lake backdrop of deep woods and granite boulders."



## REPORTS

### **LIGHTNING FLEET 335 SAILING AT BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB HARVEY CEDARS, NEW JERSEY**

*Fleet Captain.....Jim DeCesare*  
*Fleet Secretary.....Bill Clarke*

We had a series of 24 races in June, July and August. The series went off safely without damage to any of the boats or participants. However, the season was notable for its strong winds at the end of the summer which somewhat abbreviated the season.

The results for the Club series were John Faus, first, Paul Wood, second, and Jim DeCesare, third. The crew on the Faus boat was Joe McGinnis and Clay Shaner. Paul Wood had Eamon and Heidi DeLisser, son-in-law and daughter, as crew. Amy DeCesare and Jen Ryerson joined Jim DeCesare.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was attempted to be sailed on two weekends in August but was blown out on each occasion. That is the first time that happened.

The Pumpkin Bowl had great attendance but once again strong winds hurt the sailing activities. It will be sailed again in 2003.

The Fleet's significant achievement this summer was the addition of two new Lightning skippers and boats - Mark Kaplan and Steve Gilman. Also, Alex Klein finished sailing his boat for the first full season. We are looking to have eleven Lightnings in the fleet in 2003. This is a record number for recent years. With the increase in boats, we have added to our crew. Maggie Shuler and Shane Cantwell were enthusiastic new regular crew this year.

Another significant achievement was the success of our young BLYC Lightning sailors in the Sears events. This

included Dan Gilman, Mark Epstein, and Jen Ryerson. The District and Area events were sailed in Lightnings. The BLYC team took firsts in both regattas. Together with Derek Day, they participated in the National event in Annapolis on August 11 to 15, 2002. The final series in Annapolis was sailed in Colgate 26s with a crew of four. Skip Miller, our Junior Program Director, did a great job coaching the team and was a big help in getting our junior sailors involved in Lightning sailing. Skip sailed in the Club's summer Lightning series with Mark Epstein as a crew but graciously declined a trophy at the end of the season.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committee folk led by Wayne Shaner who got out there in all kinds of weather to make our races a success. What would we do without their volunteer efforts?

Planning is underway for another really great season of Lightning sailing in the year 2003. Another mid-winter party is scheduled for February 8, 2003 at the Clarke's house in Princeton. Our plans for the 2003 summer season will be set then. Hopefully, there will be fewer DNSs in the results for the 2003 summer series.





## **GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338 CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT SAILING ON GALWAY LAKE GALWAY, NEW YORK**

Fleet Captain.....Bill Kohler  
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Millard

15134	Huggie III	Jim Millard
13655	The Pretender	John Orton
13251	The Eng_neer	Bill Kohler
12832	Watta Humma	Fred Lyngard
12636	Chicken Ship	Dale Brown
12573		Eric Seyse
9844		Maury Gardner

The 2002 season brought some fleet changes – Jim Millard now has a brand-new boat – Huggie III, and the infamous “red boat”, now named The Pretender, is skippered by John Orton, whose previous boat is now sailing someplace near Montreal. College freshman Eric Seyse brought his grandfather’s boat out of mothballs and proceeded to show the old-timers some really serious competition! And with his even younger crew, they had to overcome a serious lack of ballast! He

earned a special “Most Improved New Sailor” award for the season!

Even with all the changes, we again had seven active boats this year competing for the Summer Series trophy, five of which made it out for the Opening Series. The winner in both cases was Jim Millard in Huggie III. On the very first day, Jim managed only a tiny lead, but then we realized he was still trying to find the controls in that new cockpit layout. The remainder of the summer was all Jim’s!

The Opening Series (3-day) results were: 1st place - Jim Millard, 2nd place – Bill Kohler. The remainder of the fleet missed at least one of the three races.

The regular Summer Series results were: 1st place - Jim Millard, 2nd place – Bill Kohler, 3rd place – Eric Seyse, 4th place – John Orton, 5th place – Fred Lyngard, 6th place – Maury Gardner, and 7th place – Dale Brown.

As proof that every race counts, the very closely-contested third place was captured during the very last race when the then-current holder of that position capsized in a rogue wind gust and was passed in both that one race and the season standings! What a contest!!

We have heard rumors that we may have two new boats in the fleet next year, and that Baby Doll may return with a new skipper, potentially bringing the fleet up to 10 boats! I can’t wait!!!







## REPORTS

### 348, LAKE LANIER LAKE LANIER, FLOWERY BRANCH, GEORGIA

0		ROBERT S. SKORUPSKI
11723		PAMELA M. BARRON

### 351, FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNINGS DE NITEROI GUANABARA BAY, NITEROI, BRAZIL

0		DENIS RICHARD CLEMENCE
14101		MARCO ANTONIO GANTOIS

### FLEET 358, MURTENSEE LAKE OF MURTEN, MURTENSEE, SWITZERLAND

<i>Fleet Captain</i> .....	<i>Urs Wyler</i>
<i>Fleet Secretary</i> .....	<i>Walter Dürr</i>

12951		Kurt Gloor
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14530	Gaston	Jacques Perret
14664	Karhu	Peter Graf

Auch dieses Jahr konnte keine Flottenmeisterschaft ausgetragen werden. Die 2 Boote Gaston und Meltemi bereiteten sich wie gewohnt an der Semaine du Joran in Neuenburg auf die Europameisterschaft vor. Es waren dann auch diese beiden Boote, die die Schweiz in weit entfernten Kemi an den Europameisterschaften mit Erfolg vertraten.

Die Mastereuropameisterschaft wurde von Meltemi (Urs Wyler, Gilbert und Walter Dürr) knapp gewonnen vor dem finnischen Boot Amarillo mit Pertti Pyy und dem

zweiten Schweizerboot Gaston (Jacques Perret, Natascha Godel, André De Montmollin).

27 Boote aus 3 Nationen (die Italiener fehlten leider) nahmen an der Europameisterschaft teil. Diese wurde überlegen von Meltemi (7 Laufsiege

aus 9 Läufen) gewonnen vor dem Finnen Samppa J Salminen und Pertti Pyy. Gaston wurde guter elfter. Die Reise in den hohen Norden hat sich verbunden mit Ferien in Finnland, Schweden und Norwegen trotz der 8000 km langen Reise für die zwei Boote der Flotte sicher gelohnt, und bleibt als unvergessliches Erlebnis in guter Erinnerung.



### ANSWERS TO TRIVIA ON PAGE 23:

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- 1st World Youth Championship, Lima Perú • Cleating
- John Schneider • 1893 • Clayton, NY • Finland



## FLEET 365, CATAWBA YACHT CLUB LAKE WYLIE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

*Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Ron Wright*

14383	Chip Arnett
11241	Robert Johnson
11897	Bill Campbell
10527	John Holmes
13941	Wayne Ingersoll
11553	Len Little
14620	Ron Wright
10086	Paul Yandle

The 2002 Lightning season began at Catawba Yacht Club with a tuning clinic. Greg Fisher from North Sails provided the expertise. Greg brought his down to earth teaching style and friendly personality to help us all improve our tuning knowledge.

On April 27-28, Fleet 365 hosted the kick-off regatta for the Southeastern Lightning District. John Sawyer won the event. Ron Wright, with Christianne Cormier and Jason Bell as crew, took high club honors. The regatta party featured southern bar-b-que complete with a ten-piece bluegrass band.

The club's spring series concluded on May 26. In a very competitive series, Ron Wright won the Lightning class with Chip Arnett placing second. Ron also won the overall club trophy edging out a host of J-22s, Vanguards, and phrf boats.

Catawba started a summer series two years ago and it has grown ever since. 2002 saw fifteen boats participate in the Tuesday evening races. In the overall standings, Wayne Ingersoll (13941) edged out Larry Jordan and Ron Wright on the last night of racing to win the series.

Ron Wright, Wayne Ingersoll, and John Holmes ventured out to support the SELD traveling series this year. Tom Martin, Christianne Cormier, Jason Bell, Robert Johnson, and Jim Higgins supported as crew.

For the first time in fleet history, 365 fielded a Lightning in enough SELD series races to qualify for the overall standings. Ron Wright, 14620, participated in five of the ten races held throughout the southeast. Wayne

Ingersoll participated in the Wrightsville Regatta, which Fleet 365 members turned into a real weekend event by renting a condo on the beach. John Holmes sailed in the Catawba SELD Regatta and crewed for a variety of SELD skippers in the traveling series.

The Catawba Fall Series cranked up on August 24 and concluded on November 2. John Holmes won the Lightning class.

2002 was an up and down year for Fleet 365. Participation in sailing at Catawba Yacht Club has reached an all-time high. Our J-22 fleet and Vanguard 15 fleets continue to grow. The V-15 fleet added a spring regatta this year, which was held in conjunction with the Catawba SELD Regatta. The J-22 fleet held a regatta on November 16-17, another first for the club. Our fleet racing series continue to grow in size and popularity. Participation in SELD district racing has grown. But Fleet 365 will lose a great friend and sailor in Wayne Ingersoll this year as Wayne moves his family and business to the coast of North Carolina and says goodbye to Fleet 365 and Lightning sailing. We wish him good luck. 13941 will stay in our club and district with John Holmes as the new owner and skipper.

We look forward to another season of great racing and friendship in 2003.



*Greg Fisher explains shroud tuning to Christianne Cormier, Ron Wright, and John Holmes.*



*John Holmes sails downwind at the 2002 Catawba SELD Regatta.*



*In one of the lighter moments of the 2002 Summer Series, Tom Martin (sunfish) plays a little havoc on the starting line with Len Little (foreground) and a near-broaching Wayne Ingersoll (background).*



*John Holmes and Leonard Little beat to the windward mark in the 2002 CYC Fall Series.*



## REPORTS

### 368, OKANAGAN OKANAGAN LAKE, KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

(NO MEMBERS LISTED)

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### FLEET 372, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA SAN FRANCISCO BAY, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

*Fleet Captain.....Dave Anderson*  
*Fleet Secretary.....Elissa Hall*  
*Fleet Treasurer.....Mike Molina*

7606		Howard Macken
9169		Micheal A Molina
13467	Feral Bogan	Fred Chandler
		Ted Goldbeck
12337		Nathan Peruman
13626	Crusader Rabbit	Dave L Anderson
13783	Peppermint Patty Too	Elissa Hall
13869	Maniacial	Peter Beecher
13943	Raggedy Ann 4	Jim Hoey
14305	Double Happiness	Micheal A Molina
14681		David Gallup

Our season started as usual in December with our midwinters at Richmond Yacht Club. While five of us registered for the series, not everyone showed up for each race. Elissa won the series only because she sailed every race.

Dave, Mike, Ted and Elissa traveled to the Circuit. This

was Ted's and Elissa's first time sailing the circuit, and Dave's first time sailing his own boat. Mike has sailed the Circuit numerous times and was justly rewarded with top honors. Mike also placed second in the King Harbor Series and third in the Mission Bay Series.

We hosted the Districts in June at Clear Lake State Park. This was a fun venue as the winds were consistent, the water was warm and weather was perfect. Mike finished second. Dave crewed for the Brewers and placed third.

Peter, Nathan and Elissa headed down to Lake Cachuma for a small fun regatta with some of the San Diego boats. Peter, who is actively racing his boat this year, took second. Elissa steered her old boat with new boat owner Nathan as crew. Nathan is having way too much fun with his new toy.

Our season is starting all over again and should be another fun one.

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### FLEET 374, DOUGLAS LAKE DOUGLAS LAKE, CHEBOYGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

12754	SHRUB	DAVID O. PETERS
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## FLEET 387, LANSING SAILING CLUB LAKE LANSING, HASLETT, MICHIGAN

Fleet Captain.....George F. Siegle  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Larry Koster  
Fleet Champion.....George F. Siegle  
Runner-up.....Mike Moody

10366	Baka	Dave Vietti
11520		John LeFevre
12888	Do-Rite	Dennis Dudley
13254		Jim Ault
13344		Don Baron
13730	Evergreen	John Fishbeck
14133	Fastidiots	*Matt Dahline
14147	Moody's Booty	*Mike Moody
14267	Fubar	*Neil Harrison
14294	Shibumi	*William S. Davidson
14447	Ohm	Ron Marshall
14468	UFP	Blaine Severin
14760	Fins	*George Siegle
14963	Wind Dancer	*Patrick Dolan
14964	Dragon Tail	*Terrill L. Kleiman

Last year, we wrote that 2001 was one of our best years ever. Few could argue that 2002 wasn't just as much fun. Participation in our Sunday Series remained strong, and we had many 'Road Warriors' carrying the LSC Bugee to away regattas around the state. For a small fleet, we had a lot of sailing going on! All but three of our boats raced.

**Sunday Series Racing** The traditional LSC Sunday Series kicked off this year on April 21. The usual suspects claimed the podium positions. George Siegle, with Ann Siegle and Gil Chesbro on 'Fins' had two bullets and a 2nd. Pat Dolan with Stacy Kotecki and Gary Marx aboard 'Wind Dancer' got the other 1st, plus a 2nd and a 3rd. Mike Moody with Ken Knight on 'Moody's Booty' sailed consistently to score a 2nd and two 3rd-place finishes. Dying winds shortened sailing on the following Sunday, but not before 'Fins' and 'Wind Dancer' each claimed one more bullet. You know it must be light when an LSC race is called off - we love our Sunday sailing. With two weeks of sailing practice, we were ready for the regatta.

**LSC Regatta** 'Big Water' Lightning skippers came from near and far to attend Lansing Sailing Club's 37th Annual - Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta. Justin 'Gus' Dey, with daughter Rachel and George Peet, came

from the Saginaw Bay fleet. The Lake Michigan sailors, Bill Gibson, Steve Jenkins and Dave Gibson, arrived after the 4+ hour drive from Chicago. Jeff Hagman, Jennifer Wood and Al Newell represented the Western Lake Erie Fleet 42. The other long distant traveler was Jeff Bodkin of the Pymatuning YC, a resident of Shaker Heights, OH (near Cleveland) came with Eli Milonas and Julie Pierce of LSC was their 3rd.

We again used the one day regatta format: 1st start at 10:30 am with 2 short races back to back, come in for a delicious chili - cornbread lunch break, then plan on 4 more races, but no race to start after 4 pm.

David Nickels of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club, with Jennifer and Nancy Armbruster, took 1st place honors, after the tie-breaker with Jeff Hagman of the North Cape Yacht Club, both were at 13 points after the 5 race one-day regatta. David had 1st place finishes in race 1 and race 4. Jeff had a 1st place finish in race 2 and a 2nd place finish in race 5. The Chicago crew, Bill Gibson, Steve Jenkins and Dave Gibson, with 20 points, placed 3rd. Their best results were 2nd place finishes in races 2 and 4. LSC skipper Pat Dolan with Doug Carlson and Gary Marx, earned 22 points to place 4th. Their best race was a 1st place finish in race 5. LSC's Fleet Captain, George Siegle with Ann Siegle and Gil Chesbro had a 2nd in race 1 and a 3rd in race 5 earning 29 points to place 5th in the regatta. LSC's Pat Dolan was awarded the "Ye Olde Silver Platter" for the third year in a row. This honor goes to the highest placing Fleet #387 skipper as visitor boats usually drive away with the top regatta honors.

**Back to Sunday Sailing...** Our Sunday format is two races, back to back, with the first starting signal at 1 p.m. A lunch break is followed by the third race. The three-races-per-day format was new for 2001 and has proven popular. We managed to get in 66 races this year, the most ever. Only a few days were completely shut out due to either no wind or too much wind. Even though we sent a lot more boats to away regattas, our average number of boats on the starting line remained above 6, with a couple of 9 and 10 boat days. The three usual suspects 'Moody's Booty,' 'Wind Dancer' and 'Fins' battled throughout the season, with Moody leading most of the season followed by Dolan and Siegle. The Marshalls, sailing 'Ohm,' proved tough on light air days, picking up a number of first-place finishes. After missing most of August and September, Siegle edged back in front of Dolan in early October, but just barely. The three arrived at the final Sunday, October 20, with only 90 points (out of about 3000+) separating them. Behind the scenes, skippers and crews were calculating the possibilities. Though incorrectly reported at the time (it's that 'new math'), it later was determined that with five boats on the line, three wins would allow Dolan to pass Siegle for 2nd, three wins would allow Siegle to pass Moody for 1st, and one win would secure the championship for Moody. The 'Fins' crew continued their hot streak and won the first two races, but not by much; it was close all the way around. So it was down to one race - seven legs windward-leeward on a chilly, windy and typically shifty day. Moody and Siegle both started cleanly on the left side of the line and headed up the course nearly even and on starboard. Getting near the west side of the lake, 'Fins' tacked first to get back in touch with a boat going up the middle. This proved to be a huge mistake. 'Moody's Booty' tacked almost immediately as well. But the Lake Lansing winds gave it a ten degree lift that 'Fins' did not get, and by the



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first mark, 'Moody's Booty' had a sizeable lead of 20+ boat lengths over second-place 'Fins.' The lead expanded and contracted, and by the bottom of downwind leg four, the gap was almost a quarter leg. After two big shifts on the beat, the gap was closed down to six boat lengths heading into the last of the downwind legs. 'Moody's Booty' did a bearaway set, but gybed shortly onto port. 'Fins' gybe-set the chute and tried to cover from behind on port. The margin was down to about three to four lengths when boat boats gybed simultaneously for the mark. 'Fins' dropped the board, put the pole on the forestay and hiked for a fast reach to the mark. 'Moody's Booty' headed up to protect their wind, but started to get overpowered. The slippery cockpit kept them from getting their weight out, and the combination of the puff, a stalled rudder and the lightning's big square chines induced a slow knockdown. The two boats exchanged offers of assistance and congratulations to close out the season. The 'Fins' crew sailed alone up to the finish, but mused on what could have been a great mark rounding and an epic tacking duel up the final beat.

In the end, it was 'Fins' by only 11 points (21 wins, 3167 points) over 'Moody's Booty' (17 wins, 3156 points) - a margin of just 0.3 %. But for the quirks in our scoring system, this is about as close to a draw as you can get. A wind shift here, another boat on the line there and it could have been a different result. 'Wind Dancer' was close behind with 14 wins and 3066 points. Ron Marshall, usually sailing with Jane Marshall and many-times fleet champion Bob Hill, sailed to fourth in 'Ohm' with 7 wins and 2640 points, and Blaine Severin skippered 'UFP' to fifth with one win and 2166 points. Skippers needed 26 races out of 66 possible to qualify, and the best 26 were counted. Nine skippers qualified for season honors and there were 21 different skippers on the starting line in 2002.

Away Regattas Lansing skippers hit the road in record numbers in 2002. Despite our small size and conflicting Sunday races, the fleet skippers made a concerted effort to attend district regattas this season - and it shows. Competition for people's time was tight, with EIGHT home MSU football games (a big factor in this college town - many alums in the club), the Detroit NOOD, Sunfish and Laser regattas, and a season series that came down to the final downwind leg of 66 races. But we still managed to send boats all over Michigan. At North Cape, Larry Koster crewed for George Peet. Three boats made the trip to Michigan Districts at Tawas - George Siegle, Gil Chesbro and Ann Siegle in 'Fins'; Blaine Severin, Koster and Tom Rasmussen in 'UFP' and Mike Moody, Helio Vogel and friend in 'Moody's Booty.' Competition was intense on this beautiful bay of Lake Huron. Though memories are a bit fuzzy, it's widely believed that the 'Fins' team, with their 28th place finish, was the first Lansing boat to have qualified for NAs. Higgins Lake is a favorite among LSC sailors. Making the short trip up US-27 were Neil Harrison, Alanna Harvey and Jim Newton in 'Fubar', Severin, Koster and Dennis Dudley in 'UFP' and Siegle, John LeFevre and Ann Siegle in 'Fins.' This was Harrison's first away regatta. Congratulations Neill Bay City is also a popular destination for LSC sailors because it's Matt and Andrea Dahline's hometown. Severin, Rasmussen and Harrison sailed 'UFP', and Matt Dahline, LeFevre and Koster sailed 'Fastidiots.' George Siegle with Ann Siegle and Koster had a great week at North Cape - North Americans aboard 'Fins.' Although they had to miss the last day of racing, Team Fins enjoyed the competition and camaraderie of NAs -

and they came back better sailors for it. The nearby Pontiac White Cap Regatta was attended by Severin, Julie Pierce and LeFevre aboard 'UFP', and Pat Dolan, Stacy Kotecki and Terry Kleiman on 'Wind Dancer.' Pat Dolan reports that he will be sailing in the upcoming Bluenose with Moody and Kleiman. Severin and Koster are our official 2002 Road Warriors!

**Season Awards** This year, LSC combined its traditional "Crew Appreciation Night" with the "Annual Banquet." In addition to trophies for the fleet champion (Siegle) and runner-up (Moody), several other awards were presented. Ken Knight, sailing with Mike Moody, was awarded 'Crew of the Year.' Tom Rasmussen was presented with the 'Wet Bottom Award' for going 'all out' for his team. Legend holds that Tom did a 'missed hiking strap with a full twist and half-gainer' from Severin's 'UFP' but didn't even get his head wet. Tom would have won gold, but the French judge was bought off by the Russian mafia and he scored only an 8.7.

We had no real rookie crews this year, so the 'Rookie Crew of the Year' will have to wait for 2003. Neil Harrison was our most improved sailor this season, moving up a whole finishing place, on average. The final award, and one of the most important, is the 'Corinthian Award.' The award is presented annually to the skipper who most actively advances the interests of the Lansing Lightning Fleet. Mike Moody was a regular instructor in LSC's Discover Sailboat Racing Class. In addition, he was active in fleet racing and away regattas. And, he showed great competitive spirit and sportsmanship throughout the year and especially on the final day of the Sunday Series. Way to go Mike!

For more information about the Lansing Sailing Club and Fleet 387, visit [www.lansingsailing.org](http://www.lansingsailing.org).





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## Great racing in the center of the Michigan mitten!

(R) Ron Marshall, Jane Marshall and Bob Hill on Ohm, rounding the leeward mark



(R) Blaine Severin, skippering UFP "Unidentified Flying Pig"



(L) John LeFevre and crew on a sparkling Sunday afternoon



(A) Terry Kleiman and crew

FINS (14760) crew is the first LSC Lightning to qualify to sail at the North American Championships (L) George & Ann get in NAs the lift line (B) Larry and George before Championship Race 1.



(L) Pat Dolan's WindDancer goes head to head with Terry Kleiman



(A) Neil Harrison, new owner of FUBAR



(A) Gil Chesbro Skippering Terry Kleiman's Lightning



(R) Andrea Dahline "Fastidiots" on RC. Matt and Andrea are growing their own crew



LSC Fleet coming in from racing

Fleet 387 Season Results		
Place	Skipper	Points
1	George Siegle	3167
2	Mike Moody	3156
3	Pat Dolan	3066
4	Ron Marshall	2640
5	Blaine Severin	2166
6	Neil Harrison	1486
7	John LeFevre	1143
8	Jim Ault	1077
9	Don Baron	924

### Regatta Results

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Lake Lansing at Haslett, MI, May 4, 2002, 13 Boats, 5 Races, No Throwout

Place	Boat/Crew	Points	Total
1	15041 David Nickels, Jennifer, Nancy Armbruster	1 3 4 1 4	13
2	14824 Jeff Hagman, Jennifer Wood, Al Newell	4 1 3 3 2	13
3	14137 Bill Gibson, Steve Jenkins, Dave Gibson	3 2 7 2 6	20
4	14963 Pat Dolan, Doug Carlson, Gary Marx	5 7 5 4 1	22
5	14760 George Siegle, Ann Siegle, Gil Chesbro	2 5 8 11 3	29
6	15051 Bill Ziegler, Brian Ebner, Rachel Ziegler	7 8 2 6 11	34
7	14133 Matt & Andrea Dahline, Larry Koster	6 6 9 9 9	39
8	14049 Diana & Eric Fernando, Chip Lowmeyer	11 9 1 5 14	40
9	14703 Justin & Rachel Dey, George Peet	8 4 12 12 5	41
10	14147 Mike Moody, Ken Knight, Terry Kleiman/Helio Vogel	9 11 6 10 10	46
11	14955 Tim & Kristy Coles, Dan Przedwiecki	10 10 11 7 8	46
12	15117 Jeff Bodkin, Eli Milonas, Julie Pierce	12 12 10 8 7	49
13	14267 Neil Harrison, Alanna Harvey, Nancy Walls	13 13 13 13 12	64

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