



## REPORTS

### FLEET 488, ROCKY MOUNTAIN IN COLORADO AND NEBRASKA, DENVER, COLORADO

5945		Dean Lausten
7311		Tom Plunkett
9808		John Sollenberger/Matt Osborn
10767		Kyle Jermyn
11138		Dave Spira
11305		Tim McKenzie
11446		Bill Sickles
11457		Mike Ratliff
12428		Beth & Brad Hamilton
12871	Dandy Lion	Tom McNish
13478	Heron	Fred Denny
13857		Marty Mulhern
14030		Jan & Steve Davis
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15004	Aldonza	Bill Cabrall
15103		Jan & Steve Davis
151xx		Dave Spira

As you can see from our roster, we have become a mid-sized fleet as Lightning Fleets go. There are some 17 Lightning's in our greater sailing region – Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming (this may be the largest local region in the world). Of these, 9-10 berth at Cherry Creek Lake and the others are scattered throughout the intermountain west. On any given Thursday night, 4-7 of these boats is on the starting line. Over half our fleet (Bill Cabrall, Steve Davis, Marty Mulhern, Dave Spira, and Bob Stoller) went "outside" to venues as far away as the Orange Bowl, California Circuit, North Americans, and Bluenose this year.

In our local racing, Bill Cabrall won our Spring Series; Steve Davis won our Summer Series and clinched our Season Championship on the last evening of racing. Steve also became the undisputed burger-flipping champion of our club's Thursday night "buck-a-burger"

post race parties. It's worth mentioning that Jan Davis did such an amazing job organizing social events that we have had to elect a 3 person committee this year in order to the momentum going.

Beth & Brad Hamilton joined the fleet this year with 12428, Nancy Nowak sold her boat to a man in Arizona. Dave Spira and Steve Davis are both running 2 boat campaigns, with one boat sailed locally and the other campaigned "outside". This can be a mixed blessing, as Steve & Jan Davis spent Christmas Day locating the boats in Nashville and heading South to the Orange Bowl. Earl Harris sold #584 back East this fall, after keeping it inside for over 40 years. We hated to see this boat go, but love the idea of having it sail again.

Increasing the number of boats on the starting line is our biggest challenge. We're working on it, with techniques typically western. While shopping today, for example, I noticed the car in front of me had a Michigan license plate and an "I'd rather be sailing" frame. I pulled into a parking lot behind him, got out, introduced myself, and gave him my phone number and the fleet sailing schedule. He claimed to be a big boat guy, but we'll fix that. First you rope'm, then you haul'em in!

We are very proud of our participation in the organizations that make sailing possible both locally and nationally. At this writing Marty Mulhern is the vice-commodore of S.A.I.L., the regional US Sailing body. Four of our members are officers of the Denver Sailing Association (DSA), and we've had a Lightning Fleet member as Commodore of DSA for the last 4 years. This year Steve Davis became the Treasurer of the ILCA, and next year Bill Cabrall may end up as a measurer or member of the technical committee.



We sponsored a Lightning Lab this year over the Memorial Day weekend, and had a fantastic time. A Lightning Lab is one of the best, if not the best things, a fleet can do for itself and it's members. In our case, Bill Faude agreed to come out and instruct, and was also able to spend time with relatives here in Golden, Colorado. The shore sessions were extremely informative, filled with all the little tips and tricks that it can take years to discover, particularly in a geographically challenged fleet such as ours. Now if we'd only had wind ...

Next year we intend to increase our numbers on the water locally, our presence at national events, and start to build a junior sailing tradition. We hope to hold another Lightning Lab, and we'll have some of our young people at the North Americans. It's going to be a great year.



## FLEET 491, LAKE NOCKAMIXON LAKE NOCKAMIXON, QUAKERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

6378	The Bolt	James Perkins
13211	So What	
10318 (will join the ILCA next year)	Red "E" or Not	Ken Urbanski
11444		Brent Benson
13720		Gary Bonner

Lightning sailors participated in the Nockamixon Sail Club's "Club Fleet", Invitational Regattas, and The Leukemia Cup.

We expect the fall Cap-it-Off regatta to return in October 2003 after missing the past couple of years because of various personal commitments of our small fleet membership.

We welcome visitors at any of our regular racing days (many Saturdays and some Sundays April through October) and especially at our single-day invitational regattas including the Leukemia Cup. Contact Brent Benson, or Jamie Perkins for dates.



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### FLEET 493, BOW LAKE BOW LAKE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fleet Captain.....	Ned Hinds
Fleet Secretary.....	Bob Shapiro
Fleet Champion.....	Bob Shapiro
Fleet Runner-up.....	Ned Hinds
Most Improved.....	Bob Boynton
Most Trouble Finding Crew.....	Mike Aversa
Most Trouble Keeping the Boat Floating.....	Tie - Boyntons and Murphy/Church/Sandmann

8301	Jessie S	Linda Karpeichic
9662	Holy Boat	Bob Murphy, Norb Church, Dave Sandmann
Unknown	---	Bob Murphy, Norb Church, Dave Sandmann
11579	Old Paint	Mike Aversa
13556	Water Log	Bob and Jamie Boynton
13888	What Now?	Bob and Jamie Boynton
14111	Hours Too	Bob Shapiro
14296	Nautl	Ned Hinds
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The season started with Bob Shapiro heading down to the Southern Circuit with Margo Krukonis and Brad Winslow.

**Southern Circuit Highlights:** Eating ice cream on the sidewalk in St. Pete, "creative" word games in the car driving between regattas, finishing 25th out of 71 in a race at St. Pete, dinner at Brad's parents in Seminole, no capsizes, lunch with Bob's Mom in Maryland on the way down, lots of sun and fun and laughter and camaraderie and good food and great sailing.

**Southern Circuit Lowlights:** Snowstorm in Massachusetts the day before we left, Margo (first time racing) asking "Why are all the other boats in front of us?" boat leaking like a sieve - an inch of water in the "air" tank during each windward leg, snowstorm in Connecticut on the way home.

**Southern Circuit Summary:** 3600 miles of driving and 80 miles of sailing - the most fun you can have and still be G-rated (except for those word games...).

Fleet 493 races on Bow Lake in Strafford, NH. On Golden Pond may have been filmed on Squam Lake, but the sounds of the loons for the movie were recorded at Bow Lake. Our summer series, the Bob Evans regatta, is named after Chief Bob Evans who for many years organized and ran the races on Bow Lake. This summer we raced 14 races. When it was all over, Bob Shapiro came out on top, thanks to great crew work, lots of luck and a boat that no longer leaked. Margo and Brad both sailed lots of races with Bob. Also crewing were Greg Shapiro, Marc Couch (who was plucked out of a daysailor on the starting line to round out the crew), David deSwaan Aarons (no chance that is spelled correctly!), and Norbert Church.

Ned Hinds finished in second place, using an almost all family crew of wife Karen and son Derrick. Ned did use a neighbor as crew for a couple of races. Ned has won the Bob Evans

Regatta 22 of the 26 years it has been held!

Mike Aversa in third place was tough as always, but had problems finding crew and couldn't make all the races. Seems as though outfitting nuclear subs comes ahead of sailing sometimes - what a crazy world we live in! Daughter Jillian sailed all the races with Mike, and Peggy Martheze also sailed one day. After that day, Mike remarked that Peggy (never having sailed before) did "a great job of staying out of the way!"

In January 2002 the Boynton bunch declared the end of an almost 3 year project to restore the family's Lightning. The project started with the boat's foam core filled with water at a weight of almost 1400 pounds. Two summers were spent digging out the foam and refitting. Alas in November 2001 at an estimated 1000 pounds, the crew declared mutiny and made a surprise 2001 Christmas purchase of Pat Zachary's 13888. In early June 2002 the 13888 made a new home on Bow Lake. After three months of sailing in the Bow Lake Summer Series the Boynton's were back to true racing form. In 2002 the 13888 came away with wins in both the endurance category (only boat to sail in every race all summer long) and most crew (at least one different crewmember each weekend). They were also first to the windward mark in one race! The crew of the 13888 What Now? is looking forward to 2003 as the year when they master that thing wrapped around the front stay - AKA the Spinnaker. Watch out!

Son Jamie Boynton made every race, Papa Bob made all but two (Greg Shapiro guest-skipped those two races and beat his old man to the windward mark in one of them!), Uncle Steve, Mom Sandy, Daughter Laura, Son John and Roommate Jacques rounded out the Boynton's crew.

9662 was looking great the first couple of weeks of the season, but then disaster struck. It was destroyed - oops - not destroyed, merely broke off its mooring, wound up on the rocks and has numerous huge holes in it. Bob Murphy reports: "Don't refer to it in the past-tense just yet. That boat has more lives (or at least as many lives) as Wal-Mart has fiberglass kits." Rumor has it that the Bob Murphy/Norbert Church/Dave Sandmann trio of sailors has acquired a newer boat, and that they'll be out for bear on the racecourse next year. But first, they'll have to move the gimbaled beer holders from their old boat to their new boat!

In the middle of the summer, Bob Shapiro got an email from Joe Ray of the Massabesic Fleet. Could Bob and his son Greg possibly resist this offer?

Bob, Was very much looking to do the NA's but nobody at Massabesic is interested.

I'll bribe- flight out, expenses paid, Cubs game, etc. You and yours interested? Joe

NA's Lowlights: Practiced gybe sets 427 times and still screwed up every one we tried in the races, drove home 13 hours overnight and then went to work, taught Joe how to capsize in the qualifiers, wish the boat was 2 feet shorter (see highlights).

NA's Highlights: Tiger's game, oysters in Detroit, fried turtle and turtle soup, hanging out with friends from New England, Go Karts, great racing! Our results in the Yellow Fleet got better every day. After opening with an 18th and a 23rd, we got a 4th and a 2nd, and then on the last day, got a 2nd and a 1st! Alas, the first 2nd was actually an OCS (now you know why we wish the boat were 2 feet shorter!).

Bob Shapiro traveled off the lake to four regattas during the



summer. True to form he capsized at two of them. Please not that for Bob's last 4 capsizes (including 2 in Lake Champlain in the middle of October) - Jim Lerner has been on board. Is there a pattern here?

The Spofford Regatta was renamed the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta in honor of Dave Fitch. Bob and Greg were proud to have Dottie Fitch on board 14111 for the regatta. Dottie hopped around the boat like a 25-year-old - not like the 39-year-old that she really is! (Wink! Wink!) Dottie read a wonderful poem about Dave at the awards ceremony - leaving nobody with a dry eye. In the 37 (is that a typo?) years I have been sailing Lightning's, Dave and Dottie are two of the nicest people I have met.

At the Squam Lake Regatta, Bob Shapiro, Greg Shapiro and Jim Lerner co-skipped. (Bob was at the helm for the capsizing on the way out to the race course!) This is one of the prettiest places in the world to sail - and sometimes the wind shifts no more than 83 degrees during a race! At the end of the regatta, Bob's team was in 7th place, and Mike Aversa with daughter Jillian, and Jamie Boynton, was in 8th.

At the Massabesic Regatta, Ned Hinds joined Bob and Greg on the boat. The team got steadily better, with finishes of 4, 3, 2 and 1 - good for 2nd place overall. If Massabesic agrees to start providing crew trophies, we'll be back again next year!

Bob's last capsize of the year was in Burlington, VT with Jim Lerner (sound familiar) and Adam on board. Nobody seems to know Adam's last name, but he works at the TV station with Kika and did a great job crewing.

The Bow Lake One Day Lightning Flash Regatta was held on September 14. In addition to being an open regatta, it also included the New England District Master's, Women's and Junior's Championships. The open regatta was close to the end. After 5 races Ned and Bob were tied for first but a strong finish in the last two races by Bob (with Greg and Margo on board) gave him the title for the second year in a row. Ned Hinds, with Karen Hinds and Ken Deyett, was runner up. Out of the silver were Mike Aversa, with Jillian Aversa and Bruce Donle, and Bob Boynton with Jamie and Steve. Visitor Todd Cox took home third place silver. In the Master's Championship, John Hughes was the winner. Our own Jeff Baker (just back from hiking the ENTIRE Appalachian Trail with wife Stacey) picked up third place silver sailing with Pat McQueen in the Master's. Kika Bronger won the Women's Championship (and also caused the most damage - but to her own boat). James Unsworth, with Stephan Demers and Brad Harris sailing, came down from Burlington to win the 1st race (beating all the women, masters and "regulars") and went on to an easy win in the Junior's. Please race with us on Bow Lake next year on Saturday, September 20, 2003!

After the races, the Fleet 493 Auxiliary served refreshments and a taco bar dinner. A big thanks to Karen, Caroline, Stacey, Margo, Pam, Werner, Bob, Jamie, Charna and all the other helpers! Pam and Werner Daigneault were race committee all year, with help from Wayne and Bruce Donle. Pam had major surgery at the beginning of the season and against doctor's orders was back on the committee boat a week later!

The Martha Comstock award is presented each year to the person who best exemplifies the spirit of Bow Lake sailing. This year it went to Ned Hinds. Ned has been the backbone of sailing on Bow Lake for many years and truly deserves the award. Congratulations Ned!



"Pam and Werner - Now we know what happens on the committee boat while we are at the windward mark!"

## FLEET 496, SWIFT CREEK SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(NO MEMBERS LISTED)

## FLEET 498, SELKIRK LAKE ONTARIO, PULASKI, NEW YORK

(NO MEMBERS LISTED)

## FLEET 499, POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB LAC ST. LOUIS, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

0		R.A. (TONY) McBRIDE
14326		JAMIE ALLAN
14443	FLIP	ROD HAYES
14591		MARK ROTSART

## FLEET 501, CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO TOMINE LAKE, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

8957	ROBERTO LAIGNELET
14132	SOLMAR BERMUDEZ CORTEZ
14183	RICHARD DEEB
14322	ROBERTO LAIGNELET
14552	HERNANDO RAMIREZ
14802	RAFAEL TAMAYO
14803	RICHARD DEEB
14813	FELIPE RECAMAN
14863	ALVARO BUSTOS
14864	ROBERTO LONDONO



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### FLEET 502, SUNCOAST DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB, TAMPA, FLORIDA

Fleet Captain:.....Bill Meyer  
Fleet Secretary:.....Amy Smith Linton  
Fleet Champion:.....Jeff Linton  
Fleet Runner-up:.....Cort Steck

		Laura Jeffers Donald W. Sherbourne Dave White Jim Alman Fisk Hayden Kenneth See Cort Steck Mark Rodgers Mark Taylor & Amy Smith Linton Cameron Carlin Nate Villardebo Dan Kupiec Vaughn McIntire William H. Meyer, III Michael S. Maher Sandy Scheda Klaus Dave T. Bell Sr. Steve Hayden Colin & Karen Park Judith Hanlon Jeff Linton
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2924	Dream On	
6350	Uncle Mills	
9098	Zapper	
10565	Panzy	
10944	Black Watch	
11981		
12396	Short Circuit	
12612	First Strike	
14006	Fired Up	
14414	Emmeline	
14428	Yellow Kitten	
14730	Soggy Bottoms	
14752		
14780	Comedy Central	
14781		
15083		

Sailing out of Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, St. Petersburg Sailing Center, St. Petersburg, and Lake Tarpon.

#### Membership

More additions than subtractions this year!

We were very glad to welcome Mark Rodgers from Alabama. Mark and his son Gabe have been active at the Davis Island YC, putting in time on race committee and crewing in the PHRF fleet.

Likewise we are pleased to add Judith Hanlon to our fleet. She moved to Land O' Lakes from Connecticut, where she sailed out of Nyack, New York.

Cort Steck, a perennial fleet sailor, unveiled his beautifully restored Uncle Mills this year and promptly scared the pants off the fleet with the old boat's uncanny speed.

We are also quite delighted that Colin and Karen Park have decided on which part of the States to call home – and it's right here in Florida. Now, if they can overcome their native timidity about rain showers! (Thought we were past teasing you? Wrong! It's a sign of affection!) Meanwhile, Tim Ruman, whom we poached from the J-24 class a few years ago has switched his primary energy back on those round-bottom boats. We miss him, but he is not far away, and he is still one of our star race committee go-to guys. And he was civic-minded in selling "Lucky Strike" to Dan Kupiec. Welcome Dan! Hurrah!

As seems to be with these Lightning folks, families happen. Jim Allman got a number 2 son, Mark in August. On-hiatus Lightning skipper Dave Marsicano had baby number 2, Hannah Louise, in July..

And while Barr Batzer lives closer to Miami, we claim him as ours since he's Steve Hayden's middle-man. Barr added the lovely and talented Suzanne M. Scalzo, to the family by marrying her. Clever Barr!

#### Year's races

Our racing season opened this year with the 2001 Orange Bowl regatta. Three boats went (Teams Hayden, Bell, and Linton), with Haydens coming in third. It closes with the 2002 Orange Bowl, with only one Fleet 502 boat making the trek south. Team Linton finished sixth at the event.

Congrats to Steve Hayden for his 2002 Deep South win. Teams Hayden and Linton did the whole circuit, while Teams Bell and Meyer both did a partial circuit. Road





trips rule!

The Fleet 502 Championships were held in July of 2002. It's not the most auspicious time of the year, what with the heat and the afternoon thunderstorms, but a hardy bunch of 7 skippers sailed early morning, then came ashore for a very civilized lunch at Davis Island Yacht Club followed by some poolside relaxation before taking advantage of the late afternoon breeze. Skipper, Race Chair, Awards guy and Chef Dave Bell did a terrific job.

As always, our Thursday night series gives us tons of racing and play time. All summer, during Daylight Savings Times, we had between 3 and 7 Lightnings on the line, racing in a 50+ fleet that includes Fireballs, windsurfers, J-24, Melges 24's, J-109s, and a host of big boats. The weather was relatively kind, with only a few capsizing nights out there this year.

Davis Island YC has begun to attract a handful of Flying Scots, and instead of competing for crew and skippers with this similarly-sized dinghy boat, the Lightning fleet has combined forces with the Scots. Twice a month practice sessions on Sunday mornings draw as many as six Scots and five Lightnings for short windward-leeward races. All boats start together on a short starting line, which gives all the skippers practice in close quarters. While the Scots originally wanted to record their finishes, we Lightning folk convinced them to keep the "play" in practice by not keeping score.

Likewise we joined up to "tag along" with the Flying Scot Districts, which gave us another good quality regatta on this side of the state.

The Thanksgiving Regatta brought some terrific

competition from out of town, including Team Harkrider and Pete Marriott from parts North, as well as Frank Atkinson, Bill Mauk, Steve Horwitz and Dave Helmick.

## Special Honors

Dave Bell was nominated Sailor of the Year at DIYC, which makes us all proud. He deserves it - he's always ready to sail, always ready to volunteer, and his sailing gets smarter and faster by the race. All hail Dave!

## Matchracing

This year put the spotlight on Matchracing among the fleet. Not only did Jeff Linton take a mostly-Lightning team to Sardinia, Italy for the Coppa dei Campioni match races, but young Evan Brown lead a youth team to the Sears semifinals, racing in Lightnings along the way. The kids practiced against Jeff and his Coppa team (including Mark Taylor and Mike Gable), in a series of fundraising benefits that brought Bill Mauk and others from Fleet 226 to town. While Jeff was away (the team earned 4th place in Italy), youth sailor Josh Willis (Evan's middle guy for the Sears Cup) ably took the helm of the Lightning for Thursday night series. Meanwhile, Evan won the Dore Drake woman's regatta (in a J-24), and then took her all-woman youth team to the Osprey Cup in St. Petersburg. Hurrah kids!

As ever, check out our website: [www.mastheadsailinggear.com/fleet502/](http://www.mastheadsailinggear.com/fleet502/) for gossip, our Dr. Biff photo feature, and more.



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### **FLEET 506, ORIENT YACHT CLUB ORIENT HARBOR, ORIENT, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK**

Once again, George Koch ably assisted regularly by his daughter Georgeann dominated the Thursday night racing while this same team came through to win the Saturday series of racing.

Additionally, Fleet 506 of Orient Yacht Club hosted the 2002 Long Island Districts on the waters of beautiful Orient Harbor on July 13th, 2002. After a great day of sailing, the Long Island Districts were won by Malcolm Hendry and his wife Teri, second place went to Bruce Hendry while third place went to George Koch.

In 2002, Fleet 506 also sent two boats to the Southern Circuit.

As always our emphasis for this winter is to find a few more lightning sailors to add to our fleet. Anyone interested please let us know.

<i>Fleet Captain.....</i>	<i>George Koch</i>
<i>Fleet Secretary.....</i>	<i>John Holzapfel</i>
<i>Saturday Fleet Champion.....</i>	<i>George Koch</i>
<i>Thursday Night Fleet Champion.....</i>	<i>George Koch</i>

10545	*****	Derrick Cephas
11775	*****	Rob Buchanan
13050	*****	Fausto Monacelli
14050	Tursiops	John Holzapfel
14122	Missy	George Koch
14455	Spirit	Rachel Sorenson





## **FLEET 507, THE PRAIRIE CHESTERMERE LAKE & LAKE NEWELL IN ALBERTA, CANADA, & CANYON FERRY LAKE & FLATHEAD LAKE IN MONTANA**

10891 (will join ILCA)	Tim Hornett
13509	Ian R Taylor
13680	Craig Narraway
13713	Karsten Dalberg
14194 (will join ILCA)	Ralf Southwell

With now 5 boats racing actively in Fleet 507 we had our first local regatta with separate start. Previously the local Lightning's always had to race handicap against other boat types.

The annual "Icebreaker Regatta" at Calgary Yacht Club had for the first time a separate Lightning Class. Winner was Ralf Southwell and crew.

Currently all active boats are sailing out of Calgary Yacht Club and with 5 boats constantly churning up the water at club functions we have a growing interest for more boats. Also we hope to bring other existing boats into the fleet.

We held our first Fleet 507 Champion Ship in conjunction with our Club Races and Ralf Southwell and crew who after fierce competition

became our very first winner of our brand new Fleet Championship Trophy. Ralf and his wife are former Fireball sailors so they used their vast experience as a secret weapon.



First entry on the trophy was our former fleet captain Ismo Palm as honorary winner as a thank you for his work in getting Prairie Fleet 507 started.





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### FLEET 508, SOLOMONS PATUXENT RIVER/CHESAPEAKE BAY, SOLOMONS, MARYLAND

9991	Spartina	Lindsay Bach
10096	Patriot	Dan Liston
11154	Blitzen	Spencer Wait
11983	Lolly	Jeff Kumke
13640	Bolta	Dan Schneider
14028	Permanent	Don Behrens
14800	Accessory	David Meiser
11951	Girlfriend	Matt Oster
	(the banana boat)	Shawn Stanley
	n/a	

Fleet 508 retained all members for 2002. We enjoyed Spencer Wait's addition this year immensely, however, we were sad to see him relocate to Jacksonville, FL this fall. We hear he is looking to join an existing or start his own Lightning fleet there! Hopefully our fleet will grow in 2003.

What has now become a tradition on Thursday nights is a classic weekly battle of Team 'Girlfriend' and Team 'Permanent Accessory' in our all-dinghies-welcomed summer series, with continued participation of at least 3 Lightnings every week from May until September. After countless tacks, gybes and hails, the 2002 summer series winner was Don Behrens' "Permanent Accessory", able to make it to the start line every week except for one. One evening while racing in 15+ knots, Don even had a local newspaper reporter going sailing for the first time, while one of his regular crew was attempting some "modifications" while sailing on rival 'Girlfriend'.

Our 6th annual Fall Regatta had a total 33 boats, with a great Lightning showing of 15 boats on the starting line. The top Fleet 508 finisher was Don and crew with a 5th

place finish. The regatta winner was Jamie Brickell (15016), who was able to throw out a worst finish of 2 in the 5 race series. The area competition is obviously improving! Top 5 finishers were: (1st) J. Brickell 15016/329, (2nd) J. Friebele 14581/50, (3rd) F. Gallagher 14019/50, (4th) R. Buchanan 14485/509, (5th) D. Behrens 14028/508.

Fleet 508 also supported other Dixie District fleets by traveling throughout the area, including regattas at Fleet 50 (Washington D.C.), Fleet 253 (Susquehanna, PA), Fleet 325 (Rehoboth, DE), Fleet 509 (Deltaville, VA), and Fleet 481 (Henderson, NC). More traveling is on the agenda for 2003, and we will be hosting the Dixie District Championships.

Fleet 508 extends a huge congratulations to skipper Dave Meiser and his forward crew Jacki, who were wed this year. Which brings us to the dilemma of renaming #14800 to 'Affair'. What a predicament.... rename the boat, bad luck in and of itself, or keeping your 'Girlfriend' after you are married?



14800 'Girlfriend' and 14028 'Permanent Accessory' on a run towards the Solomons bridge during a Thursday night race series held weekly on the Patuxent River during the summer.



## FLEET 509, FISHING BAY FISHING BAY, DELTAVILLE, VA

*Fleet Captain:*.....Ron Buchanan

*Fleet Secretary:*.....Joe Buczkowski

*Fleet Champion:*.....Ron Buchanan



15084		Joe Buczkowski
14485	Luck of the Draw	Ron Buchanan
14202		Gallahue, Blaise L CPT

It continues to be tough for fleet building at Fishing Bay. In 2003, Fleet 509 will be re-chartered as sailing on the Southern Chesapeake Bay and will encompass Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Hampton Yacht Club and Norfolk Yacht Club.

We had a great year at Fishing Bay. The Dixie Districts were held June 8-9th with wonderful weather. The Dixie District event was the first one-design fleet event to "christen" the new clubhouse at Fishing Bay.

First Name	Last Name	Boat #	Fleet	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	4th Race	5th Race	Total Pnts	Final Standing
PHILIP	GROTHER	14881	329	2	DSQ Time	6	1	1	10	1
JONATHAN S.	GUTH	14548	329	1	DSQ Time	5	4	5	15	2
STEPHEN	CONSTANTS	14629	329	5	DSQ Time	1	6	6	18	3
JAMES (JAMIE) B.	BRICKELL, JR.	15016	329	3	DSQ Time	15	2	2	22	4
RONALD R.	BUCHANAN	14485	509	7	DSQ Time	3	3	11	24	5
E. JOSEPH	FRIEBELE	14581	329	6	DSQ Time	2	17	4	29	6
JOHN R.	BUTLER	14592	50	13	DSQ Time	8	5	8	34	7
CARL	MUSKA	15131	192	10	DSQ Time	7	9	10	36	8
DON	BEHRENS	10096	508	9	DSQ Time	10	7	14	40	9
TODD	JOHNSON	15101	329	14	DSQ Time	19	8	3	44	10



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### FLEET 510, LAGOS YACHT CLUB LAGOS OFFSHORE AND INSHORE, LAGOS, NIGERIA

This year Lagos Yacht Club proudly celebrated Seventy Years of sailing in Lagos waters and environs.



0	BAVARIA	RICHARD SANDISON
13523	KIWI MAGIC	HELMUT BRAUN
13753	TWISTER	JOHN TUFFREY
13759	WHITE SCAR	KEVIN O'FARRELL
14392	NUANCE	LARRY PERRAS
14549	SPELLBINDER	KEVIN O'FAR
14929	JUST IN TIME	RICHARD J. WILLMOTT

#### History

Founded in 1932 as a British Officer's sailing club with 17 members and nine boats Lagos Yacht Club membership now stands at 250 active members and

123 boats.

Lagos commands the entrance to a large inland lagoon and is the major deep water port for Nigeria. Tides range plus or minus 3ft (depending on the rains). With temperatures varying from 25 C to 35 C, racing and cruising takes place every weekend throughout the year with a mixture of harbour, creek and off-shore sailing. These include both one and two day events, in Lagos Harbour dodging commercial shipping, in the creeks avoiding canoes and fishing stakes. At times offshore swells reach up to 20 ft thus producing some very challenging conditions. The best sailing can be expected during the rainy season between March and October with wind-speeds ranging from 12 mph to 24 mph and occasional line squalls (gales). The rest of the year is marked by light wind mixed with Harmattan haze (fine dust from the Sahara desert), particularly in December and January.

Presently the club operates a mixed fleet of over a hundred dinghies comprising 39 Lightnings ("Woodies" and "Fibres") still in sailable condition, approx 29 Hobie 16s, 26 GP 14s, 14 Ospreys and a few Lasers.

#### Lightning Fleet 510

The first "Woodies" were built locally in 1946 to the plans and specifications of the Lightning Class but were too heavy to be registered as such. The cost of these boats is very revealing. In 1951 it was reported that a prefabricated boat, excluding sails, could be bought for £120-6-0d per boat (about \$190). One of these original boats still sails albeit occasionally as befitting her age. The "Fibres" were imported from USA and Switzerland starting 20 years ago with the latest additions within the last 3 years. Maintaining the boats is not a major problem since the Club has excellent carpenters and fibreglass craftsmen. The mast and boom sections are extruded locally. In the absence of any ship chandlers fittings, sheets and wire ropes are imported by members when returning from overseas travels.

#### Hermitage Cup Race

For many years the Hermitage Cup Race was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest dinghy race regularly sailed. The race was established in 1940 and covers a distance of approx. 127 kilometres from Lagos along the inland waterways (creeks) meandering parallel to the Atlantic coast line to Badagry Town and



back. Initially it was a 3-day-event with overnight stays in Government rest houses. Nowadays it has reduced to a combined two day race with no outside assistance allowed meaning that every item of equipment required for sailing, eating, drinking and sleeping has to be carried along. It is an endurance race with helms and crews fighting exposure to the elements (hot sun, rain, dew etc.) and mosquitos. Each boat keeps a log and is allowed to deduct stops (anchoring or mooring) in excess of 1 hour from its sailing time. The logs are cross-checked with those of other competitors. Due to prevailing south westerly winds the outward leg tends to be a series of beats all the way to Badagry and can be achieved in daylight if the winds are good. The return journey is usually done under Spinnaker ranging from

only 3 boats (1 Lightning, 1 GP 14 and 1 Hobie) completed the course, albeit the GP 14 and Hobie 16 finished after the time limit (18:30 hours) and had to retire. The winner was Lightning 14448 "Kiwi Magic" helmed by Helmut Braun and crewed by Dolly Braun and Martin Hannah with a total sailing time of 20:37 hours (last year 13:28 hours) out of which the last 13:12 hours (04:00 to 17:12 hours) were sailed non-stop.

## General

Life in Lagos is never dull.

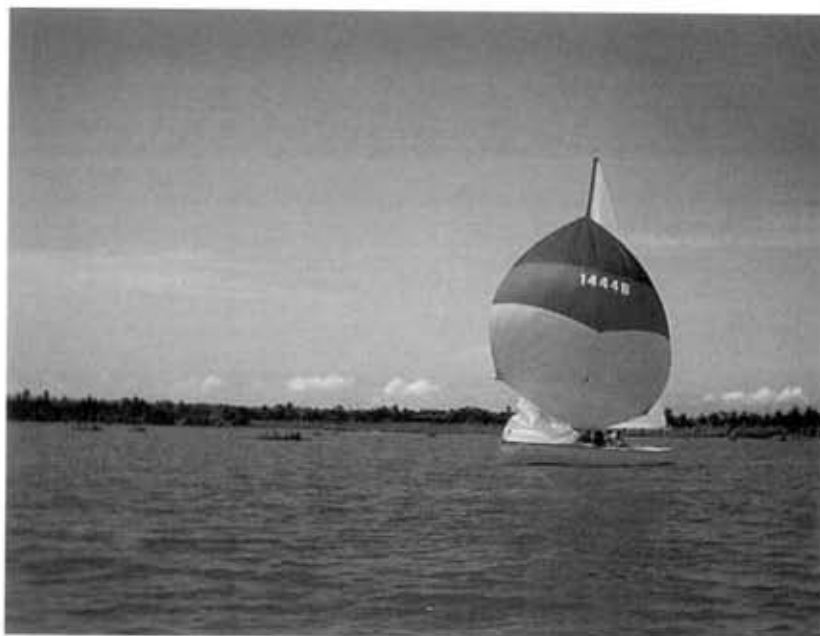
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runs to fine reaches while negotiating the S-bends of the creeks. Night sailing is permitted outside the Lagos Harbour limits and nothing can match the exhilarating feeling of flying at midnight under spinnaker through a creek filled with fish traps, sprinkled with floating islands of weeds (water hyacinth) and bordered by mangrove swamps on one side and palm trees on the other under the ethereal glow of a full moon while listening to the rollers breaking on the beaches of the nearby Atlantic Ocean occasionally interrupted by frantic shouts of helms and crews trying to avoid an unexpected obstacle.

This year 9 Lightnings (including 1 "Woodie"), 2 GP 14s and 2 Hobie 16s participated in the race out of which





## REPORTS

### FLEET 511, CAPE FEAR ATLANTIC OCEAN, WILMINGTON NC

*Fleet Captain.....Billy King*

*Summer Series Fleet Champion.....Steve Johnston*

*Fall Series Fleet Champion.....Pierce Barden*

14266	Greenwing	* David Pyle
14318	Soul Sister	* John Sawyer
14356	Lightin' Up	* Billy King
14550	K cubed	* Theresa Kramer
14622		* Steve Johnston
14695	Cachincuf	* Richard Waldkirch
14701		* Jim Harris
14941		* Pierce Barden



Cape Fear Fleet 511 gained two boats in the 2002 season when Jim Harris and Pierce Barden relocated to Wilmington, NC, raising Fleet 511's total number of Lightning's to eight. Jim and his family came to us after an extended stay with Clarks Hill Fleet 257 in Augusta, GA, while Pierce and his family moved back from cold Harrisburg, PA having spent the prior season with Susquehanna Fleet 253.

The Carolina Yacht Club, founded in 1853 and third oldest in the US, held a variety of races throughout the season. The fleet began sailing in April when Richard Waldkirch won the Dorman Cup regatta. The summer series consisted of fifteen races held over the course of



five Tuesday nights and was won by Steve Johnston. This series was sailed mostly in heavy air, and even had one race in which the race committee clocked wind gusts of 48 knots! Harris convincingly won the July 4th Cup regatta. The fall series was won by Barden and consisted of nine races held on three Sunday afternoons.

In late August, the fleet hosted a two-day regatta that counted as part of the Southeastern District traveling circuit. Jim & Connie Harris hosted a spectacular Friday night party while other fleet members handled regatta logistics and responsibilities. Fifteen boats competed in varying conditions. Saturday saw lots of wind, waves, surfing, one broken mast, and other minor breakdowns. That night the club hosted a social and talk given by Dr. Stuart Walker, followed by dinner. Sunday brought light air that required lots of patience and a race that barely finished within the official time limit. Four Fleet 511 members placed in the top half with Barden winning the regatta, Harris in second, Johnston in fourth, and Sawyer in sixth.

Fleet members that sailed a minimum of five regattas fared well in the overall 2002 Southeastern District standings, with Sawyer and Waldkirch finishing third and seventh, respectively.

Our fleet was also well represented at some of the larger Lightning events. David Pyle and Sawyer each attended the first leg of the Southern Circuit in Savannah, GA in March. Sawyer and Barden went to the Atlantic Coasts in Rehoboth Beach, DE in July, and Barden sailed in the North Americans in La Salle, MI in August. To conclude the season, Theresa Kramer, Sawyer, and Waldkirch competed in the Borderline held at the NC/VA border.