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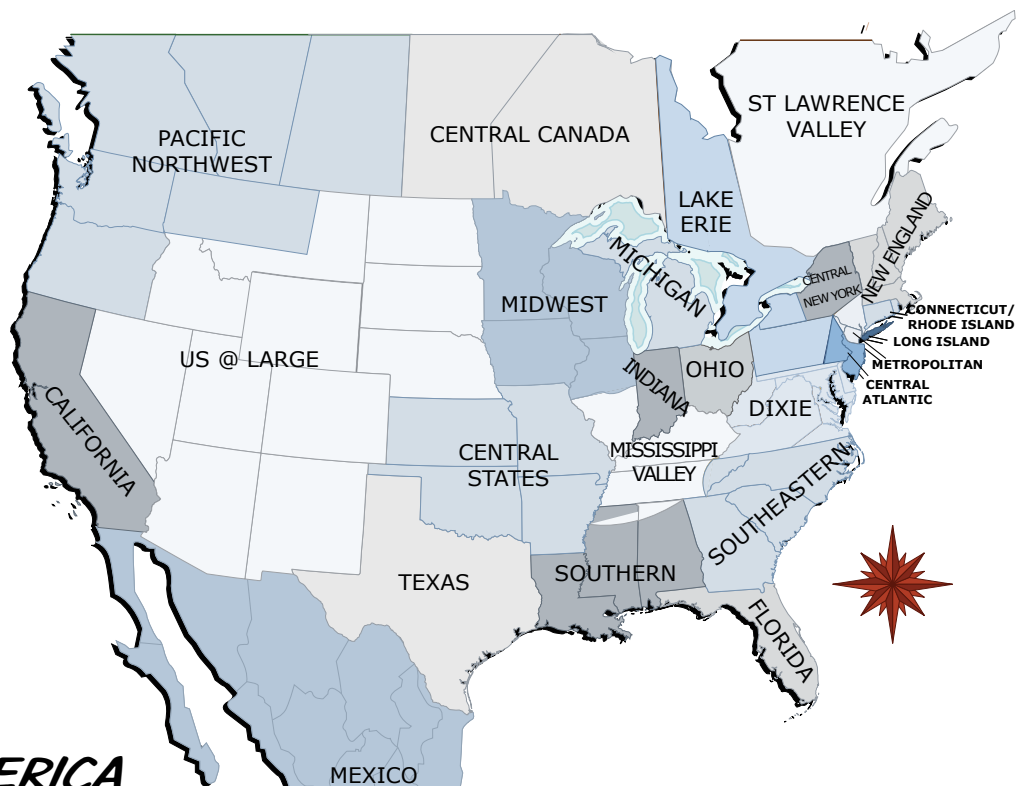
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EUROPE



ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

ARGENTINA

FLEET

446 Club Univeritario de Buenos Aires

FLEET 446

CLUB UNIVERITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES

Sailing on Lake Olivos
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fifty years ago there was a Lightning fleet sailing in Rosario, Argentina. Through the passage of time, the fleet disappeared, but the memories lived on among those that had the opportunity to sail on the Lightning. Such memories drove Mario Fuma Gallo, long-time sailor from Rosario who had sailed the Lightning with his father almost fifty years ago, to contact the Class and take advantage of the Fleet Development Program. With the help of the Class, he was able to purchase the boat, 15057, and ship it to Chile, where he took part in a couple of regattas. Afterwards he drove the boat across the Andes, all the way back into Rosario waters. I'm sure this incredible postcard will be the first of many to come. Welcome back into the Class, Mario!!



This is the moment when the Lightning Class crosses the Andes to recapture Argentina

BRAZIL

District Commodore: Nelson Schmitt

Fleets

147 São Paulo 462 Guarapiranga Lake
401 Guanabara

FLEET 147 SAO PAULO

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain: Claudio Biekarc

FLEET 401 GUANABARA

Sailing on Lake Guanabara Bay
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

FLEET 462 GUARAPIRANGA LAKE

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
São Paulo, Brazil

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14330	Kirimaw	James Sumner
14378	Meia Noite 8	Mario Buckup
14596	Marshmellow	Ricardo Costa
14602	Flash Rider	Claudio Biekarc
14845	Clone Rider	Rafael Krausz
14892	White Magic	Hans Ludwig
14893	Layline	George Lewis Rider
14894	Wind Runner	Thomas Sumner
15152	Xamego VI	Nelson Schmitt
15264	Hooligan	James Birkinshaw
	Acquaholyc	John Stuart Bennett
	B-Me	Wagner Neils Bojlesen

2009 in Review—submitted by Fleet Captain John Bennett

2009 São Paulo State Regional Championship

The São Paulo State Championships were held over four weekends with seventeen races. There were three canceled races, so we missed a weekend.

Thomas Sumner ended up in 1st place with the crew Felipe Brito and Filipe Gil. Cesar Hirsch took 2nd place with James Birkinshaw and Christian Somers, putting the Brazilian mad boat Hooligan on its first podium. In 3rd place Rafael Krausz held on, despite not being able to participate in the final five races. He missed races due to the heavy study workload required to get into university in Brazil.

The Brazilian Lightning Class is extremely pleased with these results, as it shows that our push to renew the Class is paying off. We old folk suffer to keep up with these youngsters. Have you ever seen Tommy and crew roll jibing in all kinds of wind? It is a treat, and I swear I'd either fall overboard or put my back out if I were to attempt something so extreme.

2009 Brazilian National Championship

The Buckup family shows that they are still the name to beat when sailing on Guarapiranga Lake in São Paulo. By only 0.5 points they beat João Hackerott racing with Ricardo Costa and his father, Fernando Hackerott. He returned to the Class after a 2nd place back in the 1983 Worlds in Ilha Bela. João is rapidly becoming one of Brazil's sailing stars.

With Tommy Sumner and team in 3rd, as well as Rafael Krausz and team in 5th, we are very pleased with all the recent competing juniors showing that they are here to stay.

The YCSA hosted the event and, as usual, they put on a very professional weekend.

Campeonato Brasileiro de Lightning 2009

RANK	HELMNAME	CREWNAME	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	TTL	NETT
1	Mario Buckup	Telma Buckup, Mark Buckup	(7)	1	1	1.5	2	5	2	4	23.5	16.5
2	João Hackerott	Ricardo Costa, Fernando Hackerott	2	5	4	(10)	1	1	1	3	27	17
3	Tommy Sumner	Felipe Brito, Filipe Gil	1	2	2	3	6	3	(7)	2	26	19
4	Caio Prado	Roberto Martinelli, Mark Bremer	4	4	5	5	4	4	(8)	6	40	32
5	Rafael Krausz	Eduardo Molina, Otavio Birman	3	3	(14.0 OCS)	9	5	2	6	7	49	35
6	Frede Bojlesen	Fabio Bojlesen, Renata Bojlesen	(11)	7	9	7	3	7	10	1	55	44
7	Per Orlov Hornell	Per Cristian Hornell, Catherine Hornell	10	9	7	1.5	9	(11)	5	5	57.5	46.5
8	Marcos Ashauer	Toni Muller, Cassio Ashauer	8	(11)	8	4	7	10	4	8	60	49
9	Cesar Hirsch	James Birkinshaw, Christian Somers	5	8	6	8	8	6	9	(11)	61	50
10	Adriana Kostiw	John Bennett, Maria Hackerott	6	6	3	6	(14.0 DSQ)	9	12	9	65	51
11	Hans Ludwig	Jorge Soares, Paulo Fonseca	9	10	(12)	11	10	8	3	10	73	61
12	Nelson Schmitt	Cecilia Jahnel, Pamela Cleaver	12	12	11	13	11	12	(14.0 OCS)	12	97	83
13	Sidney Bloch	Carlos Matos, Neiva Jacques	(13)	13	10	12	12	13	11	13	97	84



1st Place: Mario, Thelma And Mark Buckup



2nd Place: João Hackerott,
Ricardo Costa, Fernando Hackerott



3rd Place: Tommy Sumner,
Felipe Brito, Filipe Gil



4th Place: Caio Prado,
Roberto Martinelli, Mark Bremer



5th Place: Rafael Karusz,
Eduardo Molina, Otavio Birman



Most Improved: Team Rafael Karusz

2009 South American Championship

We found out just a few weeks before the 2009 South American Championships that this was a qualifying event for the 2011 Pan American Games being held in Mexico. We felt it was the best opportunity for Brazil to qualify.

As George Rider is not able to make the trip to defend his 2007 title, Mario Buckup is starting a new representation in Brazil, and Claudio Biekarck is recovering from health problems, we turned our attention to the two teams who will be racing.

Tommy Sumner and his three-time Junior World Champion team were ready. Caio Soares reached out to Sidney Bloch, one of George Rider's crew, to put together a very strong team.

Since Brazil held qualifiers for the 2010 South American games a couple of weeks before the South Americans, both teams were able to practice with the best the Lightning Class has to offer in Brazil. They were pumped up for the trip.

They didn't win, but Tommy took 2nd place and Caio took 3rd behind Tito. This was not a bad result for Brazil. Well done both teams!

The Future — Búzios 2011 World Championship

Schedule of Events July 2011

16-17 (Sat & Sun)	Early arrivals. Open to competitors for practice
18 (Monday)	1500-1900 hours. Registration and measurement for the International Masters and South American Championship
19 (Tuesday)	0800-1200 hours. Registration and measurement for the International Masters and South American Championship 1400 hours. Practice race PM 1800 hours. Skippers meeting 1900 hours. Opening reception
20 (Wednesday)	1300 hours. Race 1 and 2, Masters and South American Championship 1900 hours. Social event
21 (Thursday)	1300 hours. Race 3 and 4, Masters and South American Championship 1900 hours. Event
22 (Friday)	1300 hours. Race 5 and 6, Masters and South American Championship After racing - Masters and South American Championship Awards ceremony and event 1000-1800 hours. Registration and measurement for the Worlds 1130-1400 hours. Lunch 1800 hours. ILCA Governing Board meeting
23 (Saturday)	0800-1300 hours. Registration and measurement AM 1100-1300 hours. Lunch 1400 hours. Practice race PM 1800 hours. Opening ceremonies and competitors meeting
24 (Sunday)	1300 hours. Race 1 and 2, Worlds ILCA general meeting Open night
25 (Monday)	1300 hours. Race 3 and 4, Worlds 1800 hours. Event
26 (Tuesday)	1300 hours. Race 5 and 6, Worlds 1800 hours. Event
27 (Wednesday)	Reserve day (Flex schedule weather dependant)
28 (Thursday)	1300 hours. Race 7 and 8, Worlds Open night
29 (Friday)	1300 hours. Race 9, Worlds 1900-2300 hours. Awards ceremony and banquet

CALIFORNIA

District Commodore: Dan Gravatt

Fleets

194 Mission Bay Yacht Club 372 San Francisco Bay Area

The California District had an exciting year of racing in 2009. The District has two active fleets racing on a regular schedule.

The District hosted three major regattas this past year. The first regatta was the California Lightning Circuit. The Circuit consists of five racing days over three venues. One is the 'Longest Race' of the class, the seventeen mile marathon race from San Diego Bay to Mission Bay. This year's event became a three-way battle between local boats skippered by Mike Poltorak and Jeff Coppens and the team of Tom Allen Jr. and Steve Davis, sailing two-up. Jeff's team handi-capped themselves from the start with what was dubbed Burritogate. They enjoyed their breakfast burritos a few minutes too long and missed the first race start by two minutes, finishing 8th in the first race, then scored bullets the rest of the day in heavy air. The wind lightened up the following four days. Tom Jr. and Steve did the best job changing gears, winning the Marathon race and the overall Circuit Championship. This year's Circuit had eleven boats, our highest turnout in ten years. We are excited to welcome more boats to sail our 2010 Circuit. How can you beat twenty races in six days in medium wind sailing in shorts in February and March?

The CA District Championship was held in June at Mission Bay Yacht Club. Nine boats competed in the District Championship with Jeff Coppens from MBYC winning the regatta. Scott Finkboner from MBYC placed 2nd, and Richmond Yacht Club's Mike Molina placed 3rd.

Richmond Yacht Club in San Francisco Bay hosted the 2009 Pacific Coast Championship. A fleet of five boats competed in the September event. After one race of light air the first day, classic heavy air bay racing ensued with wind from 18-25 knots. The three-knot current into the wind created a steep nasty chop to weather but turned the Lightnings into surfboards downwind. Jeff Coppens from San Diego won the event scoring all bullets. Mike Molina from Richmond Yacht Club took 2nd place, and David Rumbaugh from Washington Lake Sailing took 3rd. David is the Coronado 15 North American Champion and sailed the PCC as a warm-up to the US Sailing Championship of Champions. This is a great example how events like the Championship of Champions can bring in participation from sailors outside our Class and expose Lightnings to new sailors. David and his crew had a great time racing the Lightning. We hope to see him out for more events in the future. Mike Molina created some amazing handcrafted trophies for the PCCs.

The California District is also proud to report that some of our local juniors had some amazing racing results this year. MBYC Lightning Fleet regulars Evan and Scott Hoffmann, along with Eric Alamillo in 2007 and Colleen Hackett in 2009, won the US Sailing Three-handed Junior Championship, Sears Cup, for the second time in three years. Scott and Evan have gained a lot of their three-handed experience on the Lightning. In addition, Olin Paine, FJ North American champion competed in the Championship of Champions, placing a very respectable 6th place. Mission Bay Yacht Club will be hosting the 2010 Sears Cup in Lightnings. We look forward to exposing more juniors to the Lightning during this event.

FLEET 194 MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean
San Diego, California

Fleet Captain: Peter Colantuono

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6613	La Salle	Christopher Barclay
8778		Dan Gravatt
11514		Ben Thoron
13742		Larry Schmitz
13819		Kevin Wixom
13842		Rich Harp
13856	Come Monday	Dale "Doc" Caroe
13860		Michael Bond Dan Gravatt
14095	Puddleglum	Kirk Johnson
14202	Moxie	Michael Poltorak
14233	Taxes Due	Dan Gravatt
14263		Peter Colantuono Peter C. Bellin
14308		Dale Bull
14473		Scott Finkboner
14846	White Lightning	Mike Brewer
14924		Jeff Coppens
15021		Guy Hatlie
15238	Elixir	Brian Anderson
15280		Dan Gravatt
15302	Blitz	Dale Bull
15306		Peter C. Bellin
15330	Hana Hou	Scott Finkboner
		Carl Eichenlaub

Mission Bay Yacht Club is home to Lightning Fleet 194. Located on El Carmel Point in Mission Beach, MBYC is one of the best locations for small boat racing and general boating activities in southern California. We are fortunate to have two great venues for racing. In the bay we typically have wind from 7 to 15 mph in flat water. We also race in the ocean in similar wind and big waves and chop.

In the four years that I have been sailing here, the competition within the Lightning fleet has improved quite a bit. This year we have had a lot of very close races/regattas with a variety of skippers/crews coming out on top. Jeff Coppens and crew had a great year winning the Midwinters West, the CA Districts and the Pacific Coast Championships. He was also second overall in the CA Circuit. Tommy Allen Jr. with crew Steve Davis won the CA Circuit, taking first place in all three events.

Our Fleet Champion is determined by the skipper who has the best score overall for 75% of all qualifying races for the year. I wasn't in the top three in the big interfleet regattas but managed to compete strongly in our club races. It was a close competition between Scott Finkboner and me going into December. My crew for the Hot Rum (Bowen Memorial Regatta), Dylan House and Ed Petit De Mange, were awesome, and we had the kind of regatta we needed to in order to win the honors. Dylan, Ed and I sailed together a few times this year, but the teamwork really came together for the Hot Rum.

The Thursday night races were a lot of fun this year. Larry Schmitz made the most of them, being the most frequent competitor. It is a great way to start the weekend a little early and enjoy the summer nights on the bay.

MBYC is also the home club of some of the nation's top junior sailors. Twins Scott and Evan Hoffmann, along with Colleen Hackett, won US Sailing Three-handed Championship, the Sears Cup, this past summer for the second time. It was sailed in Rhodes 19s at Marblehead's Pleon Yacht Club in Massachusetts. They also won the F. Gardner Cox Sportsmanship Trophy, which is US Sailing's oldest junior championship sportsmanship award and is a perpetual trophy awarded to the team who exhibits the highest tradition in fairness during the regatta.

The 2010 Sears Cup will be hosted at Mission Bay Yacht club and will be sailed in Lightnings. It is the last year that Scott and Evan will be able to compete before they age out. I hope they can win for the third time at home in Lightnings.

2009 was my second and last year as Fleet Captain. The incoming 2010 Fleet Captain is Dr. Dale Bull.

Pete Colantuono



Jamie Hoffman, Peter Colantuono and Dylan House



Dr. Brian Anderson on duty as RC



CA District Winners: Jeff Coppens,
Jim Sears, Evan Hoffmann



CA District Participants



CA Circuit Participants



CA Circuit Winners: Tom Allen Jr. and Steve Davis

2009 Fleet 194 Awards

Winner

Fred J. Knauer Trophy: Outstanding Lightning Skipper of the Year in Interfleet Regattas for 2009	Jeff Coppens
Fred J. Knauer Trophy: Outstanding Lightning Skipper of the Year in Club Races for 2009	Pete Colantuono
Lightning Fleet 194 Fleet Championship Trophy for 2009	Pete Colantuono
TNT Trophy for most dedicated Lightning sailor for having competed in the most Thursday Night Things in 2008	Larry Schmitz
California Lightning Circuit Trophy: Overall Regatta is open to any ILCA member	Tom Allen Jr.
Bernard Gross Memorial Perpetual Trophy: California Lightning Circuit/CYC series trophy	Tom Allen Jr.
The Fred J. Knauer Memorial Perpetual Trophy: California Lightning Circuit/Marathon Race	Tom Allen Jr.
Susan M. Arnold Perpetual Trophy: California Lightning Circuit/Best Woman sailor in the overall event	Sandy Neuburger
California Lightning Circuit: Bowling Trophy	Kirk Johnson
California Lightning District Championship Trophy	Jeff Coppens
Regatta is open to any ILCA member who is also a member of a California Lightning Fleet.	
Bowen Memorial Trophy: Invitational regatta	Pete Colantuono
Pacific Coast Championship	Jeff Coppens

FLEET 372 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Sailing on San Francisco Bay
Richmond, California

Fleet Captain: Wayne Clough

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7108		Adrianus Rommelse
11835		
13783		Elissa Hall
13938	Bride of Funkenstein	Wayne Clough
14305	Double Happiness	Michael Molina

Pacific Coast Championship

POS	BOAT#	SKIPPER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TTL
1	14924	Jeff Coppens	1	1	1	[2]	1	1	5
2	14305	Mike Molina	2	2	3	1	2	[3]	10
3	14681	David Rumbaugh	3	3	2	3	[3]	2	13
4	13938	Wayne Clough	4	4	7/ DNC	4	4	[7/ DNC]	19
5	13475	Ashley Tobin	5	7/ DNC	7/ DNC	7/ DNC	7/ DNC	[7/ DNC]	32
6	12337	Elissa Hall	6	7/ DNC	7/ DNC	7/ DNC	7/ DNC	[7/ DNC]	34

2009 Regatta Results for Fleet 194

Event	1st Place Skipper	Boat #
February Midwinters	Jeff Coppens	14924
Coronado YC Series	Tom Allen Jr.	15265
Marathon Race	Tom Allen Jr.	15265
MBYC Series	Tom Allen Jr.	15265
CA Circuit Overall	Tom Allen Jr.	15265
April Short Courses	Pete Colantuono	14263
May Short Courses	Jeff Coppens	14924
CA Districts	Jeff Coppens	14924
July Bay Series	Kirk Johnson	14095
July Short Courses	Doc Caroe	13856
August Short Courses	Larry Schmitz	13742
September Bay Series	Pete Colantuono	14263
September Short Courses	Scott Finkboner	15330
October Short Courses	Pete Colantuono	14263
Turkey Regatta	Pete Colantuono	14263
December Short Courses	Scott Finkboner	15330
Hot Rum/Bowen Memorial	Pete Colantuono	14263



Pacific Coast Championship Participants

CENTRAL ATLANTIC

District Commodore: Ross Bailey

Fleets

3	Bay Head Yacht Club	196	Surf City
26	Little Egg Harbor	228	Riverton Yacht Club
34	Metedeconk River Yacht Club	335	Barnegat Light Yacht Club
99	Great Egg Harbor	430	Ocean City Yacht Club
104	Lavallette Yacht Club	491	Lake Nockamixon
173	Brant Beach Yacht Club		

Central Atlantic District is well positioned between the Dixie District to the South and the Metropolitan District to the north. CAD member fleets provide a variety of home waters that include lakes, rivers, bays and ocean sailing venues. CAD offers sailing opportunities from highly competitive regattas to Wednesday night series outside Philadelphia.

CAD recently voted to open up the District Championship to provide additional sailing for sailors from all districts. We hope sailors from all over will join our District series and create a more competitive environment for our racing events.

CAD would like to recognize Ocean City Yacht Club for hosting an exciting and challenging District series. The weather cooperated to allow two days of ocean sailing. Conditions included big shouldered waves with fun fast downwind runs and challenging driving back to the weather mark. On our boat, we only buried the bow a few times. Many of us learned that you should not board the Coast Guard's boat unless you plan to be hauled all the way into shore. In the end, all skippers, crew and boats made it back to port. CAD is looking forward to New Jersey States at Ocean City Yacht Club next season. Thanks to OCYC for a fun series.

Barnegat Light Yacht Club hosted a two-day event for the New Jersey State Championships. The winds were moderate for the bay, but competition was strong. As usual, the party was as much fun as the sailing. A live band, good food and drink accompanied mark-rounding tales that sounded better every time they were told. Thanks to my home club for hosting a large group wild and crazy Lightning sailors. Good luck to Caroline who joined our boat for the series and will be a force to be reckoned with when she gets her hands on her own Lightning. I passed the tiller to Caroline and watched a future star of the Lightning fleet in action.

The coming year, 2010, will be as fun as last year. We are looking forward to Districts at Little Egg Yacht Club. Little Egg always hosts an excellent regatta, and Franz enjoys when we come to visit. The 2009 Atlantic Coast Championship at Toms River provided a warm up regatta for the North American Championships coming in 2010. We look forward to hosting the national fleet in the Central Atlantic District.

For those of you looking for good competition, pictured in the CAD report is Jody Lutz sailing in the 2009 World Championship where he placed 5th. CAD has plenty of other top notch competitors, and I've seen my fair share of sterns to prove it. Please come and join us, as we always welcome Lightning sailors from all areas and have plenty of events throughout the spring, summer and fall.

To the Lightning fleet at large, I would like to extend a big thank you for making my entry back into sailing very enjoyable. After years away from competitive sailing, my family and I have enjoyed many fun racing events. Fleets up and down the coast have made us feel welcome. To anyone considering a one design or are looking for a fleet to join, Lightnings are a great choice, and fleets will make you feel welcome. In addition, experts in the fleet will help you with tips and support. Here's to another good year of sailing and camaraderie.

Peter Menninger

FLEET 3 BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Barnegat Bay
Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: David M. Olney
Fleet Secretary: Robert O'Brien
Fleet Treasurer: Ed Cichone

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
579	Gussie Feathers	Robert O'Brien
3798		Robert O'Brien
7678	Cosette	David M. Olney

Fleet 3's present activity is the rehabilitation of two wooden Lightnings. David Olney, master carpenter, is working on both his boat, #7678, and an historic boat, #3798. Hubert Johnson, a famous Bay Head New Jersey boat builder, built this boat as a birthday present for his daughters in the early 1940s. The first ILCA national race was held at Bay Head in 1939. At that time, the Bay Head Yacht Club had about thirty Lightnings in its fleet.

We long for the "good old days" here on Barnegat Bay, as our Lightning fleet has diminished. The Metedeconk River Yacht Club and the Lafayette Yacht Club still sail Lightnings competitively. The Marshall Cat and several E Scow dominate the Bay today.

Bob O'Brien

CENTRAL ATLANTIC

FLEET 26 LITTLE EGG HARBOR

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay
Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Jody Robinson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
167		Franz K. Schneider
6296		Franz K. Schneider
10768	Procrastination	Jody Robinson
15079	Aries	Framz K. Schneider



FLEET 34 METEDECONK RIVER YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Metedeconk River
Brick, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Mitchell Hnatt

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	Djoerd HoekstraOWNER
6557	Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
10952		Robert G Savarese
11894	Love It	David S Ruiter
12209		Donald Schon
14589	Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597	Roadmaster	Keith P Taboada
14706		Kyle Beebe
14739		James G Carson
14855		Jay Lutz
		Taylor Lutz
14882		Greg Kinzel
14960		Mitchell Hnatt
15052	Four Daughters	Rick Pokorny
15122	Logical	James G Carson
15166		Jody W Lutz
		Michael Schon
		Jay Lutz
		Paul Gelenitis

In 2009 we learned that Metedeconk would have the honor of hosting the 2010 Women's, Juniors', and Masters' Lightning North Americans. Slated for early August, the event will continue Metedeconk's tradition of holding major sailing events. Regatta Chairman Jody Lutz promises an excellent experience. The club is poised to put on a memorable regatta.

Metedeconk was one of the first hosts of the Junior North Americans (1978), has hosted two Lightning Youth Worlds (1984 and 1996) and the Lightning Pan American Trials (2002) in addition to many regional events. Two factors enable Metedeconk to hold top-flight regattas. The first factor is that sailing is held on Barnegat Bay with a prevalent sea breeze and navigable waters perfect for the Lightning. The second factor is that races will be run by Jim Carson. Jim has been Race Committee Chair for all the major Metedeconk national regattas. His race management skills are second to none. A sixty-year history with Barnegat Bay suggests Jim knows these waters inside and out.

The return of the National Junior Regatta is especially appropriate given Metedeconk's commitment to junior Lightning sailing. From the program's development by Jim and Dave Ruiter in the mid-1970s to the stewardship of Mitch Hnatt today, Metedeconk has held weekly classes in the summer dedicated to creating Lightning sailors. The list



Jody and Jay Lutz

of accomplishments cited in the rest of this article is an example of the culture towards sailing at Metedeconk.

Jody Lutz had a very successful 2009 season. He began with a 2nd on the Southern Circuit. Jody finished 3rd in the Central Atlantic District regatta, while taking home the trophy as first CAD finisher. He followed with winning the New Jersey State Championship and placing 5th in the Atlantic Coast Championship. In the fall, he ventured to the Worlds in Vermont and finished 5th. Jody's team in these events was typically family oriented, including brother Jay, nephew Taylor, son Jason and extended nephew, Matty Schon. All but Taylor grew up sailing at Metedeconk. In local politics, Jody will be the 2010 Commodore of Metedeconk River Yacht Club. Hopefully his executive commitments will not keep him off the race course in 2010.

As always, Jim Carson's 2009 season was prolific. Jim began the season on the disabled list with a bad knee but served as pit crew in lending out his Lightning for the Southern Circuit. One member of the team was Don Schon who steered St. Pete. Jim made it back for the summer regattas, the Districts, ACCs and New Jersey States. His best finish was a 7th at the States. Jim followed with a fine two weeks of sailing at the North Americans with a 4th in the Masters and making the Championship flight. He followed with a 6th in the International Masters in Vermont in September.

Local sailing was highlighted by three major regattas held in a three-week span in July: Central Atlantic Districts



Jim Carson



The Shons

at Ocean City, New Jersey States at Barnegat Light and Atlantic Coast Championship at Toms River, site of the 2010 North Americans. Besides Jody and Jim's presence at the Districts, Keith Taboada (5th) and Mitch Hnatt (9th) sailed well. George Francis had perhaps the most unique regatta of the year at Ocean City where a capsized in the Atlantic Ocean led to unwanted assistance from Coast Guard boats and helicopters. Despite the efforts of the USCG, George's Lightning survived. Metedeconk finishes after Jody's victory at the New Jersey States included Brian Taboada (3rd), Jim Carson (7th) and Greg Kinzel (16th). The fifty-nine boat ACCs had three Metedeconk sailors in the top ten: Jody Lutz (5th), Brian Taboada (8th) and Mitch Hnatt (9th). Keith Taboada (16th) also finished in the top half. Keith also won two local regattas: the Long John at Monmouth in the spring and the Manahawkin Bay Cup at Surf City in the fall. Metedeconk sailors dominated the Long John with four finishers out of the top five besides Keith: Brian Taboada (3rd), Greg Kinzel (4th) and Mitch Hnatt (5th).

Local fleet sailing was down as some focused more on regattas. The Spring and Fall Series were won by perennial Fleet Champion, Mitch Hnatt. Both series were competitive, especially the Fall Series where Jason Lutz and Jim Carson had strong sailing days which were eventually overcome by Mitch's consistency. Dave Ruiter finished 2nd in the Spring Series. A back to "normalcy" occurred in 2009 as the Yankees once again won the World Series and Jim Carson won the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship. I'm guessing both have somewhere around twenty-seven titles.

Besides the advanced class run by Mitch Hnatt and other fleet members, junior sailing continued to flourish at Metedeconk. Jason Lutz finished 5th in the sixteen-boat fleet at the Junior North Americans, an excellent finish by a first time skipper in the event. In the Junior State Lightning Championship, Timmy Crann finished 2nd and Jason 3rd. Timmy also won the Junior Club Championship held in Lightnings.

As described above, we are very excited for the 2010 season both on a national and local scope. Come visit—you won't be disappointed!

CENTRAL ATLANTIC

FLEET 99 GREAT EGG HARBOR

Sailing on Great Egg Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: William P. Clausen

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14495	Sweetness	William P. Clausen



Fleet 99 has been active since 1947.

This year we went in with Fleet 420 at the north end of Long Beach Island to host the Central Atlantic District Championship. It was a fantastic weekend. We sailed thirty Lightnings in the ocean in front of the Elephant in Margate. Saturday was fantastic racing in 10–15 mph winds from the south. There were a number of good races. Sunday brought tougher conditions. There were two light air races. OCYC's John Parker, Gidge Glen and Chappy Hopkins really pulled off a great regatta with limited dock and bulkhead space.

Thanks to OCYC. We hope to host the New Jersey State Championship next July.



FLEET 104 LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Barnagat Bay
Barnagat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Matt Reiser

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15197		Matt Reiser

FLEET 173 BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor
Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Eric Reitingner

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9628	Discovery	Paul Alberti
11575		James W. Titus
11666		William Kelly
13809	Old Age and Treachery	Andrew Potash
14059	Skal	Jim Long
14325	Verbqal Abuse	Glenn Reitingner Carl Reitingner
14660		Ed Serrill Bob Seabold

2009 was a slow year for Fleet 173. Other activities took precedent over the sailing; therefore, we didn't get as much as we hoped out of the Fleet. Eric Reitingner started off sailing the Southern Circuit with Don Schon and Bobby Martin. The three rotated skippering duties over the series. Bobby drove to Savannah and finished 30th out of forty. Eric drove to Miami and finished 26th out of forty-eight. Don sailed at St. Pete finishing 24th out of fifty-seven. Big thanks go to Jim Carson for making the trip with us despite his health issues. We hope to see him in the boat next year.

Ocean City held the Districts. The team of Eric Reitingner, Chris Williams and Arielle Delisser finished 11th out of thirty. The conditions were great, and the sailing was a lot of fun. Thanks to Ocean City for hosting the regatta on the ocean.

Fleet 173 had the pleasure of hosting the 2009 Laser, Radial and 4.7 Nationals. Two hundred and seventy-six boats raced. It was the largest Laser regatta of the year in North America.

Team Reitingner (Glenn, Carl and Beth) sailed at the Down-bay at Little Egg and finished 3rd.

Next year with all the major regattas being close by, an enthusiastic junior team and the possible addition of two more boats, the Fleet is looking forward to next year.

FLEET 196 SURF CITY

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay
Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Richard M. Warren

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13139	Moxie	Darryl Waskow
14300	Scrap Metal II	Richard M. Warren
14595	Liberty	Robert Rizzitello
14635		Darryl Waskow
15175	Triple Threat	Timothy G. Robinson
15204	Exit 63	Bill Mergenthaler
15218	Jezebel	Steve Warren Michael Warren
15336	Impulse	Steve Warren

FLEET 228 RIVERTON YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: John Townsend

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	NAME
8616		Hugh J. Hutchison
12780		John H. Mangan
12920		Mark C. Schneider
13740		James B. Nicholson
14060	Gypsea II	John H. Mangan
14214	Chees Whiz	Bruce A. Nicholson
14890	Ultimate Pressure II	John Townsend
14927	Thunder	Milan P. Tweardy
14942	Primal Scream	Richard R. Moyer
15055	Enigma	Hugh J. Hutchison
15154		Mark C. Schneider
15385	Dark Horse	John Townsend



Mark Schneider at the Worlds

FLEET 335 BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay
Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Mark A. Kaplan
Fleet Secretary: Alex Klein
Fleet Treasurer: Maggie Shuler

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	NAME
11087		Daniel G. Dawson
13708	Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13970		Mark A. Kaplan
14350	Certifiably Insane	Christopher E. Gasorek
14489	Hot Pepper	William S. Clarke
14787	Yeah Baby!	John Demming
14833		Peter D. Menninger
14940		Mark A. Kaplan
15345	The Situation	John Faus

The BLYC Fleet 335 summer season saw the return of some Lightning veterans. John Demming, Steve Wright and Joe McGinnis committed themselves to keeping Hot Pepper sailing while her skipper, Bill Clarke, recovered from a mid-summer operation. Rumor has it the three are looking for a boat for 2010. Bill looks to renew some of the hardware on Hot Pepper before he returns to the water in 2010.

The highlight of the season was Fleet 335's hosting of the New Jersey State Championships. With twenty-four boats participating in the regatta held on our North Course on July 18 and 19, we sailed five grueling races in deep water in perfect sailing conditions. The party was as much a success. We are all deeply appreciative of all of the positive comments we received in the weeks that followed.



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Our Fleet summer season ended up consisting of five out of nine scheduled weekends. We had a total of sixteen races, capped off by our annual Regatta held on August 29th. A very strong and competitive regional regatta season (the 2009 "New Jersey Circuit") and unfavorable weather conditions forcing cancellations affected our Saturday fleet races.

We again enjoyed sailing together as reciprocal hosts with our neighboring fleet at Surf City Yacht Club a few times over the season. This is a way to combine efforts, increase numbers and build Lightning sailing on Long Beach Island. Congratulations to the top three finishers for both the annual regatta and the season: 1st place to John Faus, 2nd to John Demming and 3rd place to Pete Menninger.

Special recognition needs to be given to Fleet members and members' families who sailed beyond Barnegat Bay during the 2009 season. These include the 2009 New Jersey State Junior Champion Arielle DeLisser with crew Tyler Menninger and John Faus. They sailed both in the North American Championships at Sodus Bay and the World Championships at Malletts Bay. Two boats represented the Fleet on the 2009 Southern Circuit: John Faus with crew Tyler Menninger and 2008 Lightning Boat Grant recipient Will Brown, as well as Pete and Jacky Menninger with crew Mark Kaplan. We are also very proud of our Fleet members who are taking active roles in the Central Atlantic District and ILCA management namely, Peter Menninger, CAD District Commodore, and John Faus, ILCA Treasurer.



The Fleet would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that have made all of the above possible. We would not be able to do any of this if it were not for the commitment of Wayne Shaner, Larry Murphy, Paul Wood, Mike Appleby, Mac DeTuro, Jim Bigham, and Frank Shuler, to name just a few.



FLEET 430 OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Richard D. McCarraher
Fleet Secretary: John Parker

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13078		Richard D. McCarraher
13649		Howard M. Solomon
13873	Freebooter	Russell Hanscom, III
14014	Blue Streak	Samuel Hostvedt
14341	Water Rat	Richard D. McCarraher
14348	Perfect Wife	Robert Shields
14415	Asgard	Marc Wagner
14565	White Lightning	Kevin J. Robinson
14987	The Architect	Mark Asher
15220	Odyssey	OCYC Junior Sailing
15373	Polar Bear	Erik Hostvedt
15377	Mr. Pinky	George P. "Gidge" Glenn
15383	Flower Child	John J. Parker

This season showed tremendous growth in our Fleet. We went from a fleet of eight boats for the 2008 season to a fleet of twelve boats in 2009, and we are still growing. This growth is attributed to a few hard working, high energy individuals who strongly promote the Fleet from within the local sailing area. We have fun, and there is a lot of camaraderie.

We also expanded our season racing schedule to three warm-up races on June 5, thirty-four season races, five races in the Mid Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (MAYRA) Regatta, five races in the OCYC Heart Cup Regatta, and twenty-eight plus match races to culminate the season.

The most outstanding facts of the season are the finishes for the top four placers and their central points of tendency



in their scores. The lead was always changing, and not one team dominated. It was close until the very end. For instance, Eric Hostvedt, the season champion, had an average finish of 2nd place, but his final finish was 3rd; while Sam Hostvedt's average finish was 3rd, overall he scored 1st. This indicates that although a strong finisher, he was inconsistent with his placements. Gidge Glenn was a close contender in 3rd with very consistent 3rd place finishes for the season. One aspect of the scoring was to keep data on the finishes to help analyze their performances. These results are also located on the website and are compared to last year's results.

For the July 4th Regatta, MAYRA Regatta, Heart Cup Regatta and CADs, we had a minimum of nine strong boats and up to thirty-five boats on the line. This created some spectacular racing which was viewed from the deck of the Yacht Club. Although many express that the inner Bay is difficult to sail with its strong currents, tides and fluky winds, it makes for better sailors. The sailing was spectacular and consistent throughout the season. Many came to watch. The addition of a strong spectator fleet helps make the Fleet strong.

In 2009, the Ocean City Yacht Club hosted the Central Atlantic District Championships with thirty-five boats on the line. The first day started with average winds but soon built up to winds so strong that everyone had their seamanship tested and used their sailing skills to complete the last race. Conditions became so serious that the Coast Guard aided as the boats returned to the club. The second day brought calm to medium winds out in the Atlantic Ocean. The changing winds provided for challenging ocean racing for all. Between the extremes of wind and sailing skills being tested, there were two parties full of fun for everyone to share stories and recount the day's events.

We culminated the season as we did last year with our annual match race regatta. This year we had eight boats participating, incredibly strong winds and tough racing. A round robin series, meaning twenty-eight round robins then the semi-finals, produced a few surprises in the final match.



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Our junior sailing team, the newest addition to the Fleet, had the best overall score by far for the event. They most likely would have beaten Gidge Glenn for the title had they not been over early at the start, a killer for sure in match racing. Nevertheless, the Fleet is still learning how to engage in the box. We are expanding the event to a two-day regatta next year as well as adding a team race.

Fleet 430 is a very active, involved fleet that we expect to grow by three more boats next year. It is **the** fleet to watch.

Lynda Corrado



George "Mr. Pinky" Glenn



FLEET 491 LAKE NOCKAMIXON

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Brent W. Benson
Fleet Secretary: Barbara Benson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11444		Brent W. Benson
13184	Spiderman	James C. Lenahan
13624		James C. Lenahan
13720		Gary Bonner
13824	Cahoots	James C. Lenahan

Currently the Fleet is not scheduling fleet racing since James Lenahan doesn't race, and we need four boats on the line to have separate fleet racing. There are other Lightnings on the lake, but they are not racers.

11444 and 13720 did race in invitationals and in the Club Portsmouth events. 13720 raced the Wednesday evenings. Both boats held up the tradition of winning some of the races.

For more information, please Google on the Internet Nockamixon Sail Club to find out what sailboats are doing on the beautiful waters of Lake Nockamixon.

CENTRAL CANADA

District Commodore: Ross Bailey

Fleets

279 Temple Reef Sailing Club

The Central Canadian District had originally been part of the Midwest Lightning District, but during the 1960s, as area fleets grew, the Central Canadian District was formed to avoid the twelve-hour drives to championship events. Thunder Bay became the eastern centre of the new district, and the Winnipeg crowd at Lake-of-the-Woods made up the western centre. Now we were down to about a five-hour drive, barring flat tires. In the early 1960s Temple Reef Sailing Club was formed, as the dinghy sailing migrated to camps (cottages) at Loon Lake and Amethyst Harbour, Lake Superior. Both had great summer sports programs which attracted the sailing families and the racing schedule recognized this more and more. The dinghy sailors who had all been Thunder Bay Yacht Club members finally decided to form their own club, named after quite an imposing reef off Amethyst Harbour in Lake Superior. The quality of racing was very high, and the after-race get-togethers at the different cottages were really something. Each party even had a kid's area with all the pop and nibbles you could want. In those days the Winnipeg sailors and Thunder Bay sailors travelled back and forth with as many as forty-five Lightnings on a starting line. The regattas had great racing and were real events.

In the western half, most Winnipeg Lightning sailors had cottages on beautiful Lake-of-the-Woods, with a smattering also on Lake Winnipeg at Gimli. Lake-of-the-Woods sailed

in two locations, with the Zig Zag Yacht Club at Clearwater Bay and Royal Lake-of-the-Woods Yacht Club off Kenora. While Zig Zag was just getting started at that time, it has since grown remarkably and still runs an excellent dinghy program. Royal Lake-of-the-Woods Yacht Club had a history back to the turn of the century when the King had conferred the title "Royal" upon the club. This club is also very healthy with a multi-million dollar expansion just completed.

Sadly, Lightning racing is mostly a memory now in this half of the District, as Lasers pretty well took over the whole dinghy fleets. However, the odd Thunder Bay Lightning sailor continues to attend regattas on Lake-of-the-Woods and at Gimli, usually with quite respectable results, and therefore, some admiration for the Lightning Class. Most of the dinghy sailing in the Winnipeg area is done by young people, but they are starting to become adults now and are finally attending regattas in Thunder Bay once more. We are working on ways to get these excellent sailors into Lightnings and continue to hope that the Lightning will make a come back in the western half of the District.

In Thunder Bay the 70s saw the racing shift back into town, but it seemed a shame to forget the reef after which the club was named, so a "cruising" race was held yearly from town to Amethyst Harbour. The only "buoy" in the race was Temple Reef itself. That race was held every year, through thick and thin. The one rule was that each boat must have an extra crew, for safety's sake, to be eligible to win the Temple Reef Trophy. The logistics of delivering trailers, uniting families and the odd drifter year eventually put everyone's thinking caps on. Two years ago, instead of town, the race was started in Amethyst, headed towards town and past several islands, then came back around Temple Reef and finished in Amethyst. Regular crews were allowed and it certainly made going into Sunday's race around nearby Caribou Island a lot easier.



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An invite was extended to the Manitoba sailors, and this year they were able to partake, with one 29er and six Lasers—quite a commitment after weeks on the road at the Canada Summer Games and CORK. Friday was fairly breezy, and Saturday dawned quite windy from the north-east, with very solid puffs. However, the race did follow the shoreline, so the Race Committee gave the green light and off we went. Most of the Lasers tipped before getting out of the bay, and one Lightning decided that maybe a day upright on land was better than one upside down on the lake. By the turning point at Mary's Island, several of the Lasers and another Lightning had decided enough was enough and pulled onto people's beaches or into shelter. Puffs capsized most everyone, including two more Lightnings, so that finally only Richard Walsh in a Lightning, Rob Ewanchuck and Kyle Ross in Lasers, and Chris Bailey in a C&C 32 were left. It was at this point that area support boats, including the Coast Guard, suggested those remaining not continue around Temple Reef. Rob was able to slip around the reef, but Kyle, who had been determined to sail the whole course, was escorted back into the bay. The C & C powered around the reef, but Richard Walsh, sailing with great skill, finished first and won.

The great thing about this event is that for the first time in many years Winnipeg sailors have traveled to Thunder Bay to race. Granted they were not in Lightnings, but they saw a Lightning win and handle very difficult conditions convincingly. These Winnipeg sailors unanimously plan to return in 2010 and have asked if they can somehow sail in Lightnings. The Thunder Bay Lightning Fleet plans to accommodate them.

The Central Canadian Districts were held in two parts this year, with Loon Lake being Part 1. The winds are always extremely tricky at Loon, making the sailing both fascinating and frustrating, but the warmth and hospitality shown by the Maki and the Walsh families once off the water give everyone the real reason for sailing the Loon regatta. The open waters of Lake Superior outside the Thunder Bay breakwater saw the racing for Part 2. The winds really piped up for this event, so we battened down the hatches and went racing. Richard Walsh continued his dominance with convincing wins in both regattas, but Richard's sister Lorrie with her crew of Kat Oostveen and Tina Corness, finishing second, will beat him eventually.

Richard Walsh and Lorrie Walsh also sailed in the North Americans and were joined by Ross Bailey at the Lighthouse Regatta in the spring and at the Worlds. Brian Cox, another Thunder Bay Lightning skipper, sailed with Ross at the Worlds to give the District real representation. Hopefully, lessons learned can be passed on back home to other District sailors. Several keelboat sailors have expressed interest in joining the Lightning fleet, but so far have not taken the plunge. Perhaps they worry that they may not shine right off the bat, but haven't we all had to learn as we go, and sometimes even repeat the lessons. Thankfully, we sail in a wonderful boat that rewards good sailing and encourages learning to sail better. We are impatiently looking forward to next season.

FLEET 279 TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Thunder Bay and Lake Superior
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain: Brain K. Cox

Fleet Co-Captain: Laurie Walsh

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
4976		Matt Handy
11739		Jim Cameron
12755		Richard M. Walsh
13180	Away from the Keyboard	David M. Wadson
14499	Twice Before Lundh	Brian K. Cox
14516	Flying Toaster	Lorrie Walsh
14612	Play Pen	Ross Bailey
14787	Yeah Baby!	Ross Bailey
15064		Richard M. Walsh



Bow 58: Richard Walsh



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District Commodore: Alan McReynolds
 District Secretary: Jillian Erika Dart
 District Measurer: Edward Seyerlein
 Assistant Measurer: John Atkins
 District Champion: Jed Dodge
 District Runner-Up: Bob Wardwell

Fleets

1	Skaneateles Country Club	164	Willow Bank Yacht Club
4	Lake Delta Yacht Club	225	Henderson Harbor
10	Onondaga Lake	252	Keuka Lake
46	Irondequoit Bay	338	Galway Lake
77	Newport Yacht Club	484	Ithaca
108	Great Sodus Bay		

The Central New York District had another active sailing season. In addition to our four two-day regattas, the District held five one-day regattas. The competition remained fierce throughout the summer.

Location	Regatta	Winner
Newport	Two-Day	Ched Proctor
Cazenovia	Two-Day	Dick Hallagan
Champagne Bash-Keuka	One-Day	Mark Sertl
Centrals-Ithaca Yacht Club	Two-Day	Dick Hallagan
Districts-Crescent Yacht Club	Two-Day	Kirk Reynolds
Lake Delta	One-Day	Dan Pope
Skaneateles	One-Day	Dick Hallagan
Cazenovia	One-Day	Bob Bush
Ithaca Frostbite	One-Day	Bob King



WJM: Ryan Palm



WJM: John Buzzell



WJM: Merrit Moran



CENTRAL NEW YORK

FLEET 1 SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB

Sailing on Skaneateles Lake
Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captain: John A. Barnes

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
378	Acme	Mike Yates
10355	Bismarck	Kirk Reynolds
10705	Allegra	John A. Barnes
11331		Kirk Reynolds
13677	Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck
14781	Old Crow	Kirk Reynolds
14968	Witch of the Wave	Rebecca J. Dickerson Mark Fleckenstein
15088	Lyn	Bent L. Thomsen

It was quiet year here in the hometown. After the excitement and hard work of the 70th Anniversary Regatta, we all enjoyed a quiet, laid back year. Maybe it was a little too quiet, as our Fleet action was pretty much confined to the Sail School Racing Program. Most of our older sailors have retired or cut back to daysailing only. We were happy to host the annual One Day Regatta to cap off the summer with the usual good turnout. Those who made the trip were rewarded with light but continuous wind which lasted all afternoon. Mick Barnes' famous home brew was its own reward.

Meanwhile, our Sail School obtained the like-new boat of retiring Fleet 1 stalwart Bent Thomsen, who is pleased to see it getting used all summer. Recognizing that this program is a great springboard, Skaneateles Country Club is investing in rejuvenating the Fleet of club Lightnings, dumping two older boats and building toward a fleet of competitive boats. This investment over the past few years has resulted in several new additions to Fleet 1. And so it goes.



We will continue to nurture new Lightning sailors here at the hometown as well as welcome anyone back between major regattas. Next year we will christen a new Sail School building overlooking the harbor, as always including a few square bottom boats.

Dave Penfield

FLEET 4 DELTA LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Delta
Rome, New York

Fleet Captain: L. James Jones

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
86	Viking III	Eric C. Ringdahl
2795		
4252		
5894		
9332	Dumb Ash Idea	L. James Jones
9415		
13143	Run Away	

We finally got our 2009 season off to involve Lightning racing again, after a 25-year hiatus. We are gradually rebuilding our fleet, and Fleet 4 is back to active status. The LDYC currently has five fiberglass and three woodies in the Fleet. We're hoping to get a Thursday night race league started this summer, and we'll continue with our Sunday races. Hopefully our small fleet will be more active in attending CNY races this summer as well. Saturday, August 28, 2010, will be our second annual Lightning Regatta. There will be both fiberglass and woodie classes.

So, anytime anyone with a Lightning is in the area, come sail with us. We'll include you in our fun and set you up with lakefront camping if you'd like.

L. James Jones Jr.

CENTRAL NEW YORK

FLEET 10 ONONDAGA LAKE

Sailing on Onondaga Lake
Liverpool, New York

Fleet Captain: W. Craig Thayer

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
736	The Cheese	W. Craig Thayer
8656	Last Chance	
9392		
10370		
11425		
14645		

While prospects for two additional wooden Lightnings never materialized this season, Craig Thayer, sailing his "new" glass boat #14645, sailed in the majority of the club handicapped races, and with his wooden boat #736, comprised the "fleet" at OYC.



FLEET 46 IRONDEQUOIT BAY

Sailing on Irondequoit Lake
Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain: James I. McIntosh

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12150		James I. McIntosh
13080		
13433		
14713		
14737		
15279	Blue Jacket	



FLEET 77 NEWPORT YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario
Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain: Daniel Pope
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Howard Stickney
Fleet Champion: Richard Hallagan
Runner-Up: Daniel Pope



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Fleet 77 continued

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
470	Willow	Marc Schieber
654		Bruce Olson
1361		Michael Trenkler
11050	Pondhawk	John Boettcher
11074		Reynolds Hahn
11538		NYC
12008	The Green Room	Matthew Richter
12220		NYC
12400	Womdswept	Andy Smith
12480	Stuck on Stupid	Philip A. Lange
13081	Irish	Richard Doherty
14298	Money for Nothing	Mark Sertl
14397		Logan McReynolds
14522	Holy Cow	Robert Crum
14605	White Cap	Andy Smith
14949	Comfortably Numb	Leland Atkinson
15121	whY dock?	John H. Atkins
15165	Gandalf The White	Alan R. McReynolds
15250	Madame X	Daniel Pope
15255		Richard W. Hallagan
15276	No Worries	Philip A. Lange

The 2009 sailing season at Newport Yacht Club was a busy one. With phase one of the club renovations completed just before the season started, everyone coming together to clean up the construction and getting things back in place, it shows how projects can get finished in just a short amount of time. The results of the club renovations were well received by our members and guests. We had a new member join the Fleet this past year, Graham Leonard, who was a Lightning Class Boat Grant recipient. Graham and his crew really enjoyed the fleet sailing, as well as all the traveling to other regattas. We hope for his return to NYC in 2010.

Spring sailing at our club started out a bit slow, mainly due to weather, with only six races sailed for the series and a total of eight boats fighting it out. Alan McReynolds took the honors with 1st, Dan Pope 2nd and John Atkins with his newer boat 3rd, followed by Dick Hallagan in 4th and Logan McReynolds in 5th. Logan purchased John Atkins boat #14397 this year. Welcome Logan!

NYC has had a very successful summer series with ten plus weeks of sailing on Thursday evenings. This past season was one that followed suit. Great sailing on the bay during the week avoids the weekend powerboat traffic and waves. Throughout the summer we had ten different Lightnings come out to sail and averaged around six boats each night, with a total of fourteen races. D. Hallagan and L. McReynolds got the most races sailed with twelve. The final outcome for the Thursday-night sailing was: Dick Hallagan taking honors, Dan Pope a close 2nd, John Atkins 3rd, Logan McReynolds 4th, Andy Smith rounding up the top five. One note is that most every evening the bay had decent breeze,



so we never made it out to the big lake. This allowed the fleet to get back on shore earlier to enjoy the barbeque and beverages before dark.

The fall series had six boats competing with a total of six races. Gotta give John Boettcher the credit for sailing all of them. R.Hallagan ended up 1st overall, with D.Pope 2nd, Philip Lange 3rd, John Boettcher 4th, followed by Alan McReynolds 5th.

After tallying all the series scores for Club Champion, Dick Hallagan ended up with the big honors, sailing a total of eighteen races, followed by Dan Pope 2nd with nineteen races, Alan McReynolds 3rd with thirteen races, John Atkins 4th fifteen races, followed by Logan McReynolds in 5th with sixteen races sailed throughout the season.

Our annual Celebration of Spring regatta was held June 5 and 6. With the help of Peter Allen as PRO and Philip Lange as Regatta Chairman, this past year's event went on with great success. Twenty-one boats entered the regatta that supported an awesome barbeque pork dinner from the famous Sticky Lips Restaurant. Thanks to all that helped with this event, which I'm sure will be one to remember.

Many thanks have to go out to Alan McReynolds who kept track and logged the scores for the season, Eric Schoenhardt for managing Race Committee, and all the volunteers who helped out the Thursday night series with all the great food, beverages and fun. Lets all look forward to an exciting 2010 season at NYC.

Daniel Pope

FLEET 108 GREAT SODUS BAY

Sailing on Sodus Bay
Sodus Bay, New York

Fleet Captain: John E. Dodge

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12764		Michael Healy
14898		Nancy G. Ghertner
14923		Robert S. King
15164		John E. Dodge

FLEET 164 WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake
Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain: Duane Cramer
Fleet Secretary: Sam Woods
Fleet Treasurer: Pam Murphy

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12004	Gentry	Charles I. Woods
13787	On the Fritz	Fritz Koennecke
13933	Trivial Pursuit	
14369	Hastalavista	
14465	Motion	Edward W. Eagan
14527		Federico Meira
14772	Blackjack	Richard P. Tuttle
14849		Clay Murphy Andrew J. Murphy

We had a busy season with our thriving Fleet. At our end of the year meeting we all talked about our own personal memories of the summer.

Jeff Shaw capsized on the first race of the year, just to start the summer off right, and had to be rescued by the club staff, one of whom turned out to be his son.

The Caz Flash Bash was a success, even though on day two we were fogged in. The lake is only three-quarters of a mile wide, which makes this somewhat unusual.

Sadly, Ed Eagan fell off his trailer, broke his collar bone and ended up missing most of the sailing this summer. We lost the Ryczeks when they moved to Cape Cod. The Hartts managed to race their Lightning, remodel two homes, sell one and move into another, host our fall meeting and keep up with their three boys. WOW!!

Pam and Alix secretly plotted to get Gail Woods to skipper in the Crewettes race with them. That's something!! A.J. and Peter Murphy continue to sail Clay, their dad's Lightning in fleet races, usually winning and putting us old guys in our place. They truly are the next generation, and we are very proud of them.

Duane and Debbie Cramer missed having their daughter Leigh to crew for them. Thank you, Duane and Debbie, for all your work as Captain the last two years and all your wonderful meals and hospitality.

Federico Meira sailed happily with his new crew from Down Under, Mathew Oakey. Alex King took his dad for a nice swim at the Caz One Day which saw 20-25 knot winds and no spinnakers. Sam Woods sailed the on-loan Cramer boat (thank you, Duane) to a 4th in the Caz One Day, after ole' #12004 took a fall off the hoist (ouch). Maybe it's time for a new boat for the Woods.

The Koennecke boat was busy at the beginning of the summer, and we hope to see even more of it next year.

Dick Tuttle was forced out of retirement and elected Captain of our fine Fleet for next season.

FLEET 225 HENDERSON HARBOR

Sailing on Henderson Bay and Lake Ontario
Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain: Jack Jones

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14192	Runaway	John H. Treadwell
14254	Footloose II	Richard C. Grissinger
14321	You Bet	Jack Jones
14808		John Boxberger
14923		Jack Jones
15387		Graham Leonard



CENTRAL NEW YORK

FLEET 252 KEUKA LAKE

Sailing on Keuka Lake
Hammondsport New York

Fleet Captain: Dave Chervenec
Fleet Co-Captain: Peter Gamba
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Robin Crist

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9249		Leon A. Frotier
10940	Incontinent	Barry Brogan
14431		Leon A. Fontier
15156	White Lightning	Dave Chervenec
15205		Robert C. Wardwell

I will characterize Fleet 252 at the Keuka Yacht Club (KYC) as being in a rebuilding phase. We have been able to increase our yacht club physical boat numbers from one just two years ago to three today, two of which were active participants in regional and club sailing events this year. We are hopeful that we can continue our growth trend as well as build longevity and sustainability in the fleet at KYC.

Our annual Champagne Regatta was held on June 27. We had great winds to go with the spectacular Keuka Lake views. Four races were completed. Twelve boats participated, two of which were from KYC. Mark Sertl, Dick Hallagan, and Dan Pope skippered the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed boats, in that order. It was a great day for sailing and much fun was had by all.

POS	BOAT	SKIPPER	R1	R2	R3	R4	TTL
1	14298	Mark Sertl	1	1	1	1	4
2	15255	Dick Hallagan	2	3	2	3	10
3	15250	Dan Pope	4	2	3	2	11
4	14968	Mark Fleckenstein	3	4	5	5	17
5	15246	Graham Leonard	5	DNF	4	4	26
6	14949	Landy Atkinson	9	7	6	7	29
7	15121	John Atkins	10	5	7	8	30
8	14917	Malcom Hendry	6	8	8	10	32
9	15156	David Chervenec	7	9	11	6	33
10	15165	Alan McReynolds	8	6	10	9	33
11	14431	Leon Fontier	DNF	DNS	9	11	46
12	12711	P. Maier/J. Brown	11	10	DNF	DNS	47

Looking forward, we feel that we have achieved critical mass in numbers to support a weekly Lightning club racing schedule at KYC in 2010. We continue to look for opportunities to grow our Fleet and introduce the Lightning to new perspective sailors at KYC. We hope to build on the past success of the Champagne Regatta and grow it back into a larger event, as time progresses, as it once was years ago.

Bob Wilder

FLEET 338 HENDERSON HARBOR

Sailing on Galway Lake
Galway, New York

Fleet Captain: R. James Millard

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12573		John H. Burhmaster
15134	Huggie 3	R. James Millard
15161	Dead Meat	John A. Korkosz

FLEET 484 ITHACA

Sailing on Cayuga Lake
Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain: Jesse W. Miller

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	NAME
10113	Whisper	Byrne O'Brien
11347	Anna T	Terrill Moore
13372	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen E. Little
14249	Green Acres	John Rudd
14799	Hot Flash	Jesse W. Miller
14968	Witch of the Wave	Byrne O'Brien
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen E. Little Jeannette L. Little
15314		Edward Seyerlein

Fleet 484 had five registered Lightnings in 2009. Because of other commitments for nearly everyone, there was very little fleet racing. Two boats participated in District regattas.



CENTRAL NEW YORK AND CHILE

Ithaca Yacht Club hosted the multi-class Centrals at Ithaca on July 11 and 12. Seven Lightnings participated. Two were Ithaca boats. We did three races each on Saturday and Sunday. The highlight of the weekend was a very enjoyable pass-the-dish picnic at the Millers on Saturday evening with twenty-two Lightning folks in attendance.

Jess and Ginny Miller did the North American Masters at Sodus in August with Byrne O'Brien crewing. Jeannette Little and Mary Lou Carlucci participated on other boats as crew. It was an outstanding week and the highlight of our sailing season.

IYC hosted the one-day Frost Bite Regatta on October 4. Eleven Lightnings participated in five races in light breezes. Steve Little and Byrne O'Brien did a great job as Race Committee.

We finished the year with a very enjoyable year-end pass-the-dish dinner at Ed Seyerlein's in November. We look forward to a more active fleet racing schedule in 2010.

CHILE

District Commodore: Cristobal Perez

Fleets

318 Algarrobo Yacht Club 514 Flota Sur
490 Acuelo Lake



November Lightning Dinner



Steve Little, Byrne, Jess Miller, Ed Seyerlein, Karen O'Brien, Chris Seyerlein, Ginny Miller



They've got rhythm!!

FLEET 318 ALGARROBO YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Cofradia Nautical del Pacifico
Algarrobo, Chile

Fleet Captain: Edmundo Perez

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12925	Veterano	Ignacio Perez
14454		Gustavo Beotsch Bascunan
14794	No Desesperez	Cristobal Perez
14795	Peligro	Ignacio Perez

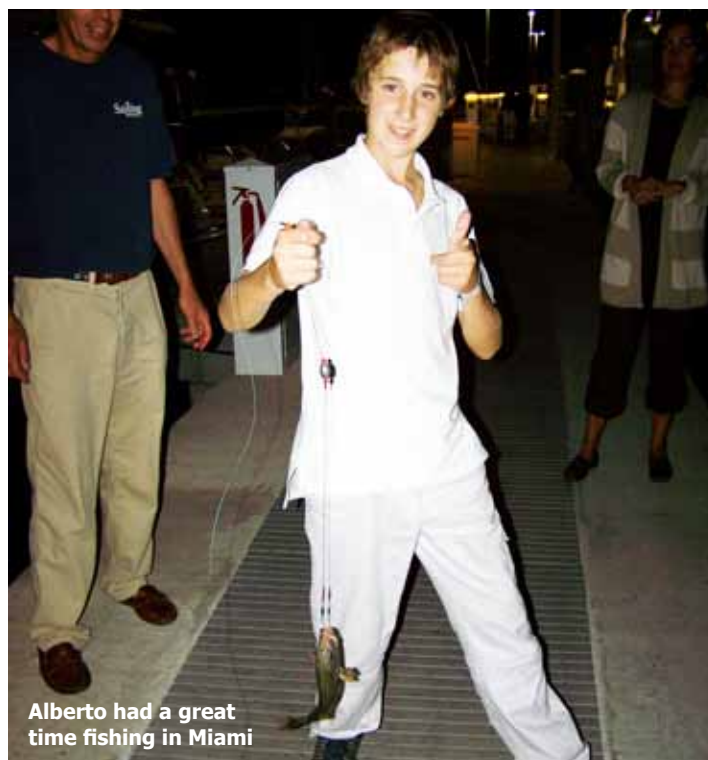
CHILE

FLEET 490 ACULEO LAKE

Sailing on Aculeo Lake
Champa, Paine, Chile

Fleet Captain: Alberto Gonzalez Mas

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11011	Entel-Lan	Alberto Gonzalez Mas



Alberto had a great time fishing in Miami

FLEET 514 FLOTA SUR

Sailing on Laguna Grande de San Pedro
Concepcion, Chile

Fleet Captain: Victor A. Lobos

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11641	Memphis II	Victor A. Lobos
14655		Andres F. Daroch
14740	Memphis II	Victor A. Lobos
15252		Juan Pablo Del Solar



Victor Lobos at the Worlds

COLOMBIA

District Commodore: Jochen Raute

Fleets

73 Club Nautico Del Muna 501 Club Nautico El Portillo

FLEET 73 CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA

Sailing on Lake Tomine
Bogata, Colombia

Fleet Captain: Mauricio Valenzuela

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14704	Garza	Santiago A. Uzcategui Jochen Raute
14801		Mauricio Valenzuela

FLEET 501 CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO

Sailing on Lake Tomine
Bogata, Colombia

Fleet Captain: Gustavo Tamayo

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14802		Gustavo Tamayo
14806	Bora Bora	Richard Deeb Paez
15401		Gustavo Tamayo



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

District Commodore: R. Neil Hayes

Fleets

6 Housatonic Boat Club 129 Madison Beach Yacht Club
85 Niantic Bay Yacht Club 134 Noroton
126 Cedar Point Yacht Club

FLEET 6 HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: Brian W. Hayes

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	NAME
10801	Woody	R. Neil Hayes
11381		Brian W. Hayes
11752		David W. Schrader
14287	Talaria	David Lutian
14890	Ultimate Pressure II	Peter R. Denton
14947		Brian W. Hayes
15385	Ultimate Pressure IV	Peter R. Denton



Steve Davis and Brian Hayes



FLEET 85 NIAN TIC BAY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound
Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: Donald R. Barrett

BOAT	BOAT NAME	NAME
6315	Au Gust	Melanie A. Ginter
7170	Baby Makes III	David G Dickerson Martin J. O'Meara
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson
11912	Crazy Train	Bill Healy
12007	Fast Tango	James P. Sullivan
12069		William A. Sebestyen
13940	Zing	James Gardner
14055		Robert Stack
14289	Ciao	Thomas W. Emch
14417		Donald R. Barrett
14619	Hilarryus	Larry Colantuono Theresa Colantuono
14665	April Thunder	Gregory J. Hall
14848		Daniel R Hertzner
14950		Tim Healy
15130	Vann Bros	Christopher J. Vann
15215		David Peck



Skipper Don Barrett, Crew Donna Barrett and George Wiedermann



Dave Peck at the Worlds

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FLEET 126 CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: James R. Deephouse
Fleet Secretary: David Marseli
Fleet Treasurer: Dick Thackaberry

BOAT	BOAT NAME	NAME
11385	Ol' Blue	Richard Thackaberry
13889	Wind Breaker	David Marseli
14287		David Lutian
14466		Fleet Boat
14719	Green Stripe	William C. Bogardus
14807	Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14819	Too Hot!	Eric S. Heller
14821		Charles E. Proctor
14889	Stripes	David Fried
15051		David C. Howe
15111		Gianni L. Cuccio
15116		Doug Latour
15171	High Cheese	Joshua Goldman

Cedar Point Yacht Club has been home to Lightning Fleet 126 for over 40 years. CPYC hosted Lightning North American Championships in 2003 and Atlantic Coast Championships in 2007. Fleet 126 races every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. On the major holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day), we sail 3-day regattas culminating with club barbeques in a competitive Commodore's Cup Series. We also host two invitational regattas. The Early Bird Regatta takes place the weekend before Memorial Day, and is hosted together with the Flying Scot Fleet. The Fall Classic takes place the last weekend in September and is run in conjunction with the Thistle Fontelieu Regatta. The parties at these regattas are becoming legendary, so if there's any way you can attend, you'll be happy you came.

The 2009 season started out really well at Cedar Point Yacht Club, with a terrific Early Bird Regatta. PRO Dick Thackaberry got eight races in over the two days. Josh Goldman won the event, and Jay Mueller grabbed second place. Everyone had a lot of fun, and as always, the Early Bird helped everyone shake off the early season rust.

Our Commodore's Cup Series was interesting this year. The Vice Commodore's Cup (Memorial Day Weekend) was a total wash-out, with all three days cancelled for lack of any wind at all. We more than made up for it at Commodore's Cup (July 4th Weekend) with eight races over three days. Dick Thackaberry won the event, with Gianni Cuccio in second and David Fried in third. We finished out the series at Rear Commodore's Cup (Labor Day Weekend) with



a four-race affair, leaving Josh Goldman atop the podium, with Gianni Cuccio in second and Dick Thackaberry in third.

The 2009 club racing season was a fleet-building season for Fleet 126. We welcomed four new Lightnings to the dry-tall during the season, and got acquainted with several new sailors on the race course. Even with several days in the early season cancelled for no breeze, we managed to pack in 29 races over 13 days. We recorded 161 total finishes in the season series, just one finisher short of our excellent 2008 season. With all the new boats and new sailors in Fleet 126, the 2010 season should be an exciting time.

We were very proud to root for two of our skippers who sailed in North American Championships in Sodus Bay, NY. Ched Proctor sailed a great event and finished in 6th, with Josh Goldman in 19th. We also watched with excitement as three of our skippers travelled to World Championships in Mallet's Bay, Vermont. Ched Proctor finished the ultra-competitive event in 9th, with new CPYC member Bill Bogardus in 20th and Gianni Cuccio in 43rd.

Fall Classic was also a great event. The weather only gave us one day, but it was a great day, and PRO Dick Thackaberry got us five races to make a solid scoreboard. Jay Mueller won a crazy event that saw five different boats taking a bullet, including David Lutian without hoisting a spinnaker.

After another strong season, Gianni Cuccio held onto the season championship, but the standings were closer than in several previous seasons. Josh Goldman gave Gianni a good run for his money this year. By holding onto the championship, Gianni Cuccio again hoisted the trophy bearing his mother's name, the Gladys Cuccio Trophy.



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2009 final standings were as follows:

Position	Hull	Skipper	Score	Races
11385	11385	Dick Thackaberry	84.60%	19
N/Q	13889	David Marseli	N/A	2
N/Q	14287	David Lutian	N/A	11
N/Q	14466	Fleet Boat (Guests)	N/A	3
N/Q	14807	Rod Ratcliffe	N/A	10
N/Q	14819	Eric Heller	N/A	11
N/Q	14821	Jay Mueller	N/A	3
4	14889	David Fried	81.70%	24
5	15051	David Howe	81.30%	20
1	15111	Gianni Cuccio	95.00%	17
6	15116	Doug Latour	74.60%	23
2	15171	Joshua Goldman	92.10%	18

The major award of Fleet 126 is the Dayton Titsworth Trophy, awarded by the Lightning Fleet to the member who encourages sportsmanship, camaraderie and the love of sailing as exemplified by Dayton Titsworth. This year, we chose to recognize one of the most consistent, dedicated and skilled crew in the history of Lightning Fleet 126. This year's recipient is a constant fixture in the Lightning Fleet, but also on several other boats at CPYC. She contributes to



CPYC in many critical ways, serving on Race Committee for events big and small. Regardless of any personal circumstances, this year's recipient is involved with the fleet, with a positive attitude and truly making Fleet 126 a better fleet. The 2009 recipient of the Dayton Titsworth Award is Mary Margaret Poster.

If you are interested in coming to Cedar Point Yacht Club to try out a Lightning, we have a very competitive fleet boat. Contact Fleet Captain David Fried (friedd_76@yahoo.com), and he'll reserve it for you. Or if you're interested in crewing, contact anyone in Fleet 126, and they'll most likely be glad to have you on board. At CPYC we offer dinghy friendly facilities and top notch race committee work. We hope to see you out on the water next season.



Bill Bogardus at the Worlds

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FLEET 129 MADISON BEACH YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Co-Captain: James Deephouse

Fleet Co-Captain: Timothy Millhiser

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	NAME
11207	Early Times	James R. Deephouse
11933		J. Michael Sulzbach
14342	Foxtrot Corpen	James W. Cutler Timothy Millhiser
14441	Challenge	Katherine E. Black-Lee
14509	Early Times	James R. Deephouse
14765	Quickly	Jeff Swiggelt
15400		Timothy Millhiser

While many considered the chilly and rainy weather of summer of 2009 a disappointment, Fleet 129, accustomed to the light air Long Island Sound waters of Madison, Connecticut, welcomed the challenges of a windier season. The seven-boat fleet was one of the most competitive in recent history, with a different skipper winning each of the three trophy races and the season championship. The Baylis Cup was an event to remember as the fleet celebrated the life of Sally Baylis, the series' namesake, who passed away over the winter. Tim Millhiser's racing debut of hull #15400 was successful, as he and crew Sam Davidson and Dylan Farrell topped the six-boat fleet in breezy conditions.



Very close race at the windward mark

Later in the season, on his eighteenth birthday, Sam Davidson transitioned to skipper and sailed to a win in the Roger Pape Memorial Race. As tradition dictates, skippers swap boats for this race to experience sailing with a different crew. Sam benefited from his patient crew of uncle George Young and boat owner Kate Lee to come from behind and seal the victory.

The G.B. Fisher Cup, sailed on a very windy rainy Saturday in late August, was another win for Kate Lee's #14441. Skipper Peter Young led at the first windward mark and never looked back as he topped the field for the duration of the seven-leg race. Although his father George Young was also on board as crew, Peter, now twenty-six, was solely responsible for the honor of filling the silver bowl trophy with champagne for all to share at the Annual Awards ceremony.

In the end, consistency was the key to success as J. Michael Sulzbach won his ninth season championship in Rosie. With help from skipper John Sulzbach and skippers/crews Erin

Fleet Champions Mike Sulzbach, Erin Riley and Scott Howard sailing downwind



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Riley and Scott Howard, the oldest boat in the fleet, #11933, sailed every race of the series, winning nine to capture the victory. The crew attributed its success to teamwork, as each of the sailors on board contributed to the decision making on the course.

The defining quality of Fleet 129 lies not in victories but in each boat's dedication to promoting Lightning racing within families that transcend generations. Over the course of the season, each of the seven boats featured parent-child combinations. The most notable were boats #13871 sailed by Leighton Lee, Marietta Lee Keeler and Cashen Keeler, as well as the newly acquired Foxtrot Corpon #14342 sailed each week by Jim and James Cutler. Both Cashen and James are successful Opti sailors learning the teamwork of a larger boat. We look forward to watching them develop into competitive Lightning sailors in their own right.

Under the leadership of Fleet Co-Captains Jim Deephouse and Tim Millhiser, Madison Beach Club Fleet 129 looks forward to 2010 as another great season. We thank Jim and Tim for their hard work over the years, promoting Lightning racing, mentoring young crew, and maintaining a wonderful fleet camaraderie.

Erin S. Riley

FLEET 134 NOROTON

Sailing on Central Long Island Sound
Central Long Island Sound, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: Jim Crane

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14900		Jim Crane
15380		Jim Crane



Fleet 134 and the Noroton Yacht Club in the distant past were home to more than thirty Lightnings. Unfortunately, time has taken its toll, and the Lightning fleet was replaced, first by the Tempest, then the Soling and J-24, and now by the Sonar. This unfortunate turn of events has reduced the Fleet to two boats.

This past summer both boats lived in my garage, venturing out only for an occasional regatta. To make matters worse, one of my all time favorite boats, #14900, was recently sold to Gary Hurban. My son Rob, the skipper of #14900, is spending the next couple of years doing an Olympic campaign in the Laser. However, #15380, the remaining fleet member, saw an active summer competing in the Connecticut Rhode Island District Championship, as well as both the Open and Masters' World Championships in Vermont. As always, we had a wonderful time sailing in the few events we entered, and I anticipate we will own a Lightning for a long time to come. To this day, there is nothing that I enjoy more than racing a Lightning. It's in my blood and I hope it stays there.

Jim Crane



DIXIE

District Commodore: Jason Werner
District Secretary: David Thompson
District Treasurer: Todd Johnson
District Champion: Allan Terhune
Purnell Trophy Winner: Trevor Prior
Road Warrior Winners: Trevor Prior and
David Thompson

Fleets

50 Potomac Sailing Assn	329 Severn Sailing Assn
192 Havre de Grace	508 Solomons
253 Susquehanna Yacht Club	509 Hampton Roads
314 Sassafras River	513 Rock Hall
325 Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn	518 Poquoson River

The Dixie District has once again proven that, despite the gloom and doom economy, Lightning sailing in the area is still going strong. Yes, participation at most events was down, but many new boats and skippers came into the District. Fleet racing was once again a strong point within the District.

Our season started with a strong contingent going down south for the Circuit. As in years past, Allan and Katie Terhune set the pace for the entire event. But the PA/

SYC contingent was again on site: John Bates, Star Mikell, Trevor Prior, and all their crew, as was Joan and Gary Hurban and Jonathan Lange. It is an exciting thing to see so many boats from our District make the trek every year. More should try it!

The District Championships were run by Fleet SMSA and Fleet 508 in Solomons Island, Maryland. A fun destination (especially the Tiki Bar), once again the lower Potomac River presented challenging conditions for the competitors. The Terhunes showed the way, repeating as District Champions. But the highlight was the battle for 2nd between Jon Guth and Steve Constants (Guth 2nd and Constants 3rd in the tiebreaker). The event was well attended and was one of the highlights of the season.

I will leave the individual event reports for each Fleet to report on but would like to congratulate Trevor Prior for winning the Purnell Trophy. The Purnell Trophy is a traveling "weighted" trophy that awards performance and traveling to the nine District events each year. Along with the Purnell Trophy, we also have two skippers and crews who attended six events in the District, earning the District "Road Warrior" awards: David Thompson and Trevor Prior (and crews).

The District is really about the local racing, and each of these events I will let the fleets detail in their reports. Suffice to say, I think the District did a remarkable job in troubling times and really showed how strong the Lightning sailing is in the Dixie area.

Jason Werner



2009 ACCs hosted by Toms River Yacht Club

FLEET 50 POTOMAC RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on the Potomac River
Washington, DC

Fleet Captain: Russell Roberts
Fleet Secretary: Bob Wilbur
Fleet Treasurer: Bob Astrove
Wednesday Night Racing
Coordinator/Training Coordinator: Joe Warren
Scorer: Jeff Storck
Webmaster: David Thompson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
32		David and Barbara Thompson
584		Doug Dixon
3343	Little Bit	Alan R. Rogers
7223	Hannabelle	Tom Capehart
7603	Pandora-II	Robert Astrove
9183	Resistance is Futile	Frank J. Gallagher
10215	Black Adder	Phil Metlin Andy Clark
10226	Watterbug	James W. Greenwell
10745	EGV	Doug and Kelly Palmer
11453		Todd Ross
11792	Rogue	Bobby Fulton Brendan Walsh
11908	Envy	Eric Swanson
12416		Chris and Megan Kent
12417	Redline	Emily Asmus
13306	Resistance is Futile	Laurie Duncan Frank J. Gallagher
13977	Lord Jim	Chandler Owen
14019		Peter Grimes
14037	Bony Buns	Joseph Warren
14100	Moonshadow	Red Fehrle
14120	Hubris	Collin Kirby
14187	!Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14222	Windchaser	Russell Roberts
14366	Radiant	Patrick McKnight
14375	Out of the Blue	Peter M. McDonnell
14395	String Theory	Chris Kozel
14485	Deux Poissons E Un Chat	Ron Buchanan
14521	Puff the Magic Dragon	Joseph G. Anderson

14532	Boonoonoonos	James W. Greenwell
14553	Sinistra	Rick Welch
14566	Resistance is Futile	Frank J. Gallagher
14592	Beedobeat	John Butler
14627	Anger Management	Pemberton, John
15052		Chandler Swallow
15117	Shamrock II	Bruno, Marian, and Gary Roberts
15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15195	It's The Water ...	Patrick McGee
15228	Blue Two	David and Barbara Thompson
15256	Ariel	Jeff Storck
15311		Jim Dillard
15384	Krusty Krab	Andy Wescoat
15386		Mark Boaz

Lightning Fleet 50, based at the Washington Sailing Marina just below Ronald Reagan National Airport, sails with the Potomac River Sailing Association for two series, Spring and Fall. The Spring Series runs from April to early June. The Fall Series runs from September to early November. We sail in the stretch of the Potomac River that runs between downtown Washington and the Ronald Reagan National Airport.

"You sail in Washington?" sailors from elsewhere often ask incredulously. Yes, it's good small boat territory; the river runs straight there for well over a mile, southeast to northwest, with plenty of depth for Lightnings. The wind is often from the southeast, well lined up for our course. When a front comes through, it lines up equally well from the northwest. The Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial are visible as we sail. We have very little powerboat chop. It is true that the winds can be shift, which puts a premium on alertness and small boat tactics. We have a large fleet of Lightnings, thirty-seven boats. Fifteen sailed during our Spring Series and sixteen sailed in the Fall Series.

In addition, Fleet 50 organizes and hosts the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta, our premier event of the year. It is always held in early May at Leesylvania State Park on a very wide stretch of the Potomac River. It is about an hour south of Washington by car. For the 2009 Potomac Cup on May 2 and 3, twelve boats from out of town joined thirteen from our own fleet. PRO Bruce Bingman, serving in this role for the second year, did a splendid job of setting courses and getting us off timely in challenging conditions. The fleet sailed two races the first day in winds of about ten mph for the first race and eight mph for the second race. As the wind shifted dramatically then died soon after the third race start, Bingman wisely sent up the "abandon race" flag, sending us to shore for our traditional Potomac Cup steak dinner in the shelter of the Leesylvania State

Park pagoda. On Sunday we sailed three long races in good northeasterly winds and steady, though not cold, rain. The rain ended as we returned to shore. Most sailors changed to dry clothes for the final barbecue and awards ceremony.

First place in this year's Potomac Cup regatta was taken by Larry McDonald from the Buffalo Canoe Club, Ontario, Canada. 2nd, 3rd and 4th were Jason Werner from the Eastport Yacht Club, Maryland, Sam Septembre from Solomons Island, Maryland, and Philip Lange from Rochester, New York. Nabeel Alsalam, the highest finisher from our own fleet, was 5th.

Another major event for Fleet 50 was the Leukemia Cup Regatta. It was organized by the Potomac River Sailing Association at our usual sailing site. It was held on the first weekend after Labor Day. Frank Gallagher, sailing with crew Mladen Karcic and Brenna Copeland, was in top form with four bullets and a 2nd. Next in line were Nabeel Alsalam and John Pemberton.

Winner of the Spring Series was Nabeel Alsalam, with Craig Hutzway and Stefano de Leo as regular crew. 2nd was Rick Welch and Pat McGee took 3rd. Fifteen boats competed in this eight-race Sunday series.

Sixteen skippers sailed in the seven Sunday Fall Series. Frank Gallagher again with Mladen Karcic and Brenna Copeland as crew for most races came out on top. Rick Welch was 2nd with Nabeel Alsalam in 3rd.

Several Fleet members participated in regattas outside our fleet. Nabeel Alsalam, Jim Dillard, Frank Gallagher, Russ Roberts and Dave Thompson competed in the Dixie District Championship at Solomons Island. Nabeel took 5th. Nabeel Alsalam and Russ Roberts sailed in the Atlantic Coast

Championship, and Nabeel, Russ, and Craig Hutzway went to the North American Championship.

Bob Astrove, who usually leaves more than half of our fleet behind him in his beautifully restored Woodie #7603, took 1st place, for the fifth straight year, in the annual Woody Regatta in Syracuse, New York.

A racing schedule as extensive as ours requires commitment from Fleet members. Fifty-nine Fleet members took one or more day out of their own racing schedule to work as PRO or helper in our races or regattas.

Special mention must be made to Collin Kirby, a young sailor who began crewing with Fleet member Pat McGee in 2006 while a junior in high school. The ILCA Boat Grant Program recognized this potential talent and provided him with his first Lightning. In Spring 2008, he received the Most Improved Skipper and Skipper of the Year awards from our Fleet. He placed 11th in his fleet in the Lightning Class 70th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles, New York, and 10th in the Juniors' North American Championship in Newport. Most recently Collin crewed for 1st place winner Allen Terhune in Savannah during the 2009 Southern Circuit and again in the Atlantic Coast Championship. He came back with new skills, often picking up 3rds when he was able to take time off from school during our Fall Series. He placed 3rd in the Hampton Fling in November 2009. Watch out for him in the future.

We reluctantly report that our long time friend, fellow sailor and current Fleet president, Russ Roberts, who lives on his forty foot sloop, has moved it to Annapolis, taking his Lightning with him. We will miss him at our Sunday races but count on seeing him again at the Potomac Cup or other venues.



FLEET 192 HAVRE DE GRACE

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Thomas Compton

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	NAME
9544	Disco Volante	Peter G. Harsh
14139		Peter G. Harsh
14366	Radiant	Patrick Phelan
14629		Thomas Compton
15131		Patrick Phelan
15136		Thomas Compton

We sail out of Tidewater Marina in Havre de Grace, Maryland, where the Susquehanna becomes the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. We generally have light to moderate wind and sail on flat water. We are a fleet within the Havre de Grace Yacht Club, racing on Tuesday evenings, March through September.

We had five Lightnings in our Fleet during the 2009 season. Skippers were Bill Johnson, Peter Harsh, Mike Magyar, Pat Phelan, and Tom Compton.

Pat went to the North American Championship, the Dixie Districts, the Atlantic Coast Championship and several other regattas. Tom went to the Atlantic Coast Championship.

Seventeen boats participated in our Duck regatta. Steve Constants from SSA in Annapolis won again. We give hand carved duck decoys as prizes (a specialty of the Havre de Grace). Steve has a bunch.

We hosted a crewing clinic in May. We made personal contact with people we knew had some interest in crewing. We divided the crewing into bow upwind, bow downwind, and middle. We did the initial training on land with sails up and then practiced on the water. It seemed to be a workable approach to recruiting and training crew.

We also implemented a "guest skipper" program where we encouraged skippers to invite a person to skipper their boat when they couldn't make it. We are a small fleet, and it's important that all the boats sail every week.

A tornado destroyed three of our Lightnings in July. A witness said that the tornado picked up three boats from their trailers, twirled them around, and dumped them in the parking lot. The small whaler we use for Race Committee boat was blown across the parking lot and ended up in the launch ramp with only minor damage. None of the other boats at the marina were damaged. Two of our boats were not at the marina at the time.



Peter repaired his boat. Mike and Tom both bought much newer replacement boats. Mike's damaged hull was combined with another "project boat" to make a worthy Fleet boat which will sail with us next season. Parts from Tom's damaged hull found their way to other boats in the fleet. A former skipper in our Fleet who has extensive boat repair experience took Tom's damaged, mostly bare hull and plans to repair it well enough to be a fleet boat which he will sail with us next season.

So from a five-boat fleet with three heavily damaged boats, we expect to grow to seven boats next season.

FLEET 253 SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Matt Potvin
Fleet Secretary: Mike Wertz
Fleet Treasurer: Ken Kuzdro
Fleet Champion: Trevor Prior

BOAT	BOAT NAME	NAME
10493		John Bates
11329		Walt Poyck
13218		Kenneth C. Kuzdro
13818	Double Whammy	Fred Bush
14074		Trevor D. Prior
14158		Kevin Smith
14204		James R. Godfrey
14365	Strikes Twice	Kenneth C. Kuzdro
14425		Mel Keen
14525	Spitfile	John Bates
14692	Potluck	Matt Potvin
14777		Joe Deerin
14902	Miss Conduct	Carol A. Park
15024	Lube Tube	Trevor D. Prior
15118	Yellow Boat	Starling H. Mikell
15159		Frank Hanson

Lightning Fleet 253 continues to flourish and foster the great tradition of Lightning sailing.

Members of our Fleet participated in ten regattas over the course of the 2009 sailing season. These included the Southern Circuit Championships, Doc Gilbert Regatta, Dixie District Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship, Duck Challenge Regatta, King of the River Team Racing, Frigid



St. Pete



Governor's Cup: Star Mikell, Kathie Wild, Mike Wertz

Digit, Rock Hall Regatta, Pennsylvania Governors Cup and the Hampton Fall Fling.

Trevor Prior and crew were the winners of the Dixie District Purnell Cup in 2009.

In late October, our club once again hosted the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup. The first day of the competition brought very breezy, rainy and challenging conditions. Sunday followed with more moderate winds and the seventeen-boat fleet finished the regatta with three more races to complement the previous days' four races. Jack Jones emerged as the 1st place finisher with Charlie Wardwell in 2nd place and Jason Werner in 3rd.

Our Junior Sailing Day events this year were overwhelmingly successful once again! Thanks to Kathie Wild and all of the club volunteers for helping with the planning and execution of the one-day events in June and July. We had twenty students for the first event and twenty-two students for the July date. There were twenty-six different members and parents of guests who helped with the program.

This annual event continues to grow and will produce some first-rate sailors to continue the sport of sailing at our fine club.

Our Spring racing series began with an average of eleven boats on the line. The first series was won by Trevor Prior and crew. Second place was won by Star Mikell with Matt Potvin coming in third.



Governor's Cup: Eric Rodenburgh, Barb Hill, John Bates



The Fall series continued with a strong showing at the starting line. Matt Potvin won the series, followed by Trevor Prior in second place and Star Mikell a close third.

The overall 2009 Frey Cup champion was Trevor Prior. This was Trevor's first win. Congratulations! Matt Potvin gave a spirited challenge and was a close second within .64 of a point. Star Mikell finished third and was a consistent challenger throughout the season.

Our club facilities are continuing to improve dramatically. This fall, we will embark on a project to replace the existing bulkhead and hoist launching area for the Lightning Fleet. It will result in a first-rate improvement with an investment of over \$250,000. Future regattas and the Fleet sailing series at our club will benefit from the improved features. In addition to the stone bulkhead and its amenities, we will recapture an additional twenty-three feet of drysail area which has been eroded by the river over the past five decades.

Fleet 253 looks forward to contributing to the fine sport of sailing and to the camaraderie and friendships that endure. Until next year, see you down at the river.

Frey Trophy Standings:

1. Trevor Prior
2. Matt Potvin
3. Star Mikell
4. John Bates
5. Kevin Smith

FLEET 314 SASSAFRAS RIVER

Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chesterton, Maryland

Fleet Captain: David J. Horne

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12381	Star O'Dust	Robert B. Horne
15023	Star O'Dust	Robert B. Horne

FLEET 325 REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Fleet Captain: Fred Mertes

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8381		Fred Mertes

FLEET 329 SEVERN SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chesterton, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Jamie Brickell
Fleet Treasurer: Todd Johnson
Fleet Champion: Steve Constants

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6345		Ned Daly
8381	Bill & Ben	Fred Mertes
9655	Sundance	James Bielefeld
10860	Still Crazy	Greg & JoAnn Fisher
12480	Stuck on Stupid	Johnathan I. Lange
13872	Think Twice	Jason D. Cosler
14019		Diana Lohmeyer
14221	Iwakuni	Mark E. Whitson
14222	Windchaser	Russ Roberts
14548	Pain Killer	Jonathan S. Guth
14581		Joe Friebele
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Greg Virgin
14950		Ed Michels
14975	No Big Heel	Allan Terhune
15016	Loon	Jamie & Susie Brickell
15024	Lube Tube	Jason Werner
15054	Blue Highway	Jonathan I. Lange
15083	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15151	Palindrome	Geoffrey D. Becker
15181	What Kinda Gone	Greg & JoAnn Fisher
15202		Todd Johnson
15232		Allan Terhune
15240	Bella	Stephen Constants
15353		Allan Terhune
15386		Mark Boaz

Fleet 329

Fleet 329 sails from Annapolis, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay, with boats from the Severn Sailing Association and the Eastport Yacht Club comprising the Fleet. We are growing and very lucky to have several great sailors who are generous with their time and expertise. The result is a fleet that has fun and helps the 'up and coming.' We are part of the Dixie District and have several fleets nearby to fill out the racing calendar. The Fleet ran the successful North American Championships in 2000 and 2007, numerous Dixie District and Atlantic Coast Championships and the ever popular and season ending Frigid Digit in October.

Fred Mertes rejoined the Fleet and sailed his beautifully refurbished Woodie #8381 in the fleet races.

Chris Gildea purchased #14550 and joined the Fleet this fall. We are looking forward to his active participation in 2010. Jason Werner and Heather Dodd upgraded to #15083 and Gary Hurban to #14900.

LOCAL REGATTAS

The winner of the Fleet 329 Spring Lightning Regatta was Geoff Becker, followed by Steve Constants and Jason Werner. The winner of the Fleet 329 Summer Regatta was Jon Guth, followed by Steve Constants and Mark Boaz with wife Katie Zeglis. The winner of Fleet 329 Fall Regatta was Joe Friebele followed by Jamie Brickell and Joan Hurban. The Fleet 329 overall champion for 2009 was Steve Constants, followed by Joan Hurban then by Mark Boaz with wife Katie Zeglis.

Our very popular Frigid Digit Regatta was held the weekend of October 17–18. Thirty-three boats signed up on the 'Who's Coming' list, but the weather gods decided that it was to be a weekend of extreme weather for racing small boats—cold, rainy and windy. In spite of NOAA weather posting gale warnings, the Race Committee was able to complete all five races in two days. Six Fleet members participated, with Geoff Becker 1st, Jon Guth 4th, Steve Constants 5th, Gary Hurban 10th, Joan Hurban 13th, Joe Friebele, the Regatta Chair, 18th, while Jonathan Lange and Mark Boaz tied for 19th.

AWAY REGATAS

Not satisfied with just racing in local events, numerous members of the Fleet traveled outside the area and competed in various major Lightning regattas.

The first away event was the Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup held by sister Dixie District Fleet 50 at Leesylvania, the site of the 2010 Atlantic Coast Championship. Jason Werner finished 2nd, and Joan Hurban and husband Gary were 9th.

Our Fleet made an impressive show at the Dixie District Championship held in Solomons, Maryland. Six boats participated with Allan and Katie Terhune 1st, Jon Guth 2nd, Steve Constants 3rd, Joe Friebele 8th, Jason Werner 9th, Mark Boaz 15th and Jason Cosler 17th.

As a warm up for the 2010 North American Championship, the Atlantic Coast Championship was held at the Toms River Yacht Club on Barnegat Bay. Five Fleet members participated with Allan and Katie Terhune 2nd, Geoff Becker 4th,



Allan Terhune, Sarah Mergenthaler, Katie Terhune

John Guth 11th, Jason Werner 24th, Steve Constants 32nd, Gary Hurban 42nd and Joe Friebele 53rd.

The 2009 Southern Circuit participants included Allan and Katie Terhune, Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban and Jonathan Lange. Allan and Katie won the Deep South Regatta at Savannah, Georgia, the Miami Midwinters and placed 3rd at the St. Petersburg Midwinter. Katie and Allan were the overall Champions of the Southern Circuit. In the Masters Series, Gary Hurban was 2nd, Joan Hurban was 8th and Jonathan Lange with brother Philip and wife Loree Benziger were 15th.

Four Fleet members participated in the North American Championship. In the Championship Division, Geoff Becker finished 2nd and Katie and Allan Terhune finished 4th. In the President's Division, Joan Hurban finished 23rd and husband Gary Hurban was 24th. In the Masters' Regatta, Gary Hurban was 8th, his wife Joan 12th and Jonathan Lange with brother Philip and niece Alexandra were 15th.

At the World Championships, Allan and Katie Terhune finished 4th, Geoff Becker was 6th, Steve Constants with Todd Johnson and Sarah Evans were 34th, and John Guth with Peter Rich were 38th. Gary Hurban with Joan Hurban and Laura Johnson participated in the Masters' Regatta and finished 20th.

Allan and Katie Terhune finished off a wonderful year by placing 3rd in the US SAILING Champion of Champions Regatta sailed at Lake Carlisle in Illinois.

SNAPSHOTS FROM 2009

New crew arrivals:

Jake Roland Beaver born May 12, 2009

Stuart Dodd Werner born October 13, 2009

George Brickell Frank born November 20, 2009

Zachary Thomas Virgin born December 17, 2009



Jonathan Lange

FLEET 508 SOLOMONS

Sailing on the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay
Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Captain: David H. Meiser

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14028	Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14800		David H. Meiser
14101	Nor' Easter	Sam Septembre

FLEET 509 HAMPTON ROADS

Sailing on Hampton Roads Flats
Hampton, Virginia

Fleet Captain: Joe Buczkowski

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10518		Jeane Bice
14044	Whistling Pygmy	Charles C. Wardwell
14485	Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ronald R. Buchanan
15084	Irie	Joe Buczkowski

Well, 2009 was an improvement over 2008. Fleet 509 was present in the Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup, the Atlantic Coast Championship and the Duck Regatta.

As always, the highlight of the year is the honor of hosting the Hampton Fall Fling, which saw great participation from across the Dixie District. Ten boats participated this year. Unfortunately, #509 was not represented, as Joe was out serving on a Navy ship when the regatta was hosted. That being said, the membership of Hampton Yacht Club did a phenomenal, top notch job. From all accounts, everyone had a great time, including the famed "oyster roast" at Leigh Morgan's home! For anyone who has not attended and is thinking about coming down, the hospitality is second to none. The club loves to have everyone and is looking to increase participation in the Class. We might even be able to do a \$0 entry fee again next year plus 60 degree weather in November! Can't go wrong there!

Since I was not present, I will include the words of Patrick Phalen, a good friend and supporter of the regatta, as a summary of the Hampton Fling. Hopefully it will entice new participants. If there are any Lightning sailors out in the Hampton Roads area, give me shout and let's try to build the local fleet here! Now Patrick's take on the Fall Fling!

The AccuWeather forecast, always subject to change for the weekend of the Hampton Fall Fling, called for sunny skies, 7-8 mph winds and highs in the 60s. The skies were clear for the Saturday oyster roast. We had two back-to-back magnificent sailing days on the Hampton Flats under

sunny skies with temperatures reaching 60 degrees on Saturday and 70 degrees on Sunday. Winds were excellent on Saturday, out of the south at 8-12 mph, with gusts to 15. We got in four races before calling it a day. On Sunday the winds were lighter in the morning and petered completely out right after the end of the third race. The oyster roast was, as usual, to die for. Crews arriving on Friday and/or going to dinner after the oyster roast on Saturday found excellent seafood at Harpoon Larry's, just up the street on Armistead Avenue.

Despite the absence of local Joe Buczkowski, who was out to sea serving our country, there was a great turnout from the far reaches of the District. First time Fall Flingers Constants, Constants and Constants sailed untouched for the weekend, in what turned out to be very comfortable conditions with great winds save the last race of the regatta. The first leg, as is often the case, was pivotal for boats. In the first race of the regatta, the Prior boat won the top mark but lost boats due to course confusion at the leeward mark, allowing several boats to move up behind Constants. After that, the top mark would belong to Constants for the remainder of the regatta—not always by much but they defended well thereafter.

The first day's races were sailed with nice winds but sometimes confusing waves which needed to be watched closely or boat speed was temporarily reduced. Also staying flat and hiking hard paid dividends. We all too often had a good view of the Constants boat, which sailed flat despite some struggles to do the same on our part.

The Sunday races began warmer and with less wind, which progressively lessened as the day advanced. Throughout the regatta one had to keep an eye on which end of the line was favored, as there were usually small but significant differences. The wind was often oscillating in the 5-10 degree range. There developed enough of a shift that the committee eventually moved the mark to keep the course square. This was likely obvious to them when boats rounded the top mark set their chutes and immediately jibed onto port to head to the leeward mark.

The Kirby boat did a fine job Saturday and Sunday, racing consistently to finish ahead of the Alsalam boat for 3rd. Our focus as the regatta played out became less one of finishing ahead of Constants than rather to cover the perceived challengers from behind. As a result, we often saw the fierce concentration of Kirby and associates! The last race provided some entertainment with a dying breeze. Our boat noticed a shaft of wind which went down the center of the course causing boats which ventured to the edges to slow down. So despite not wanting to tack or jibe much in light air, we decided to just stay in breeze which worked well.

As further indication that this regatta weekend was "owned" by the Constants boat, we attempted to catch and pass their boat on the final race to the dock by paddling while under light spin. We managed to nearly catch up but then the wind filled in ahead, thus negating our gains. It

could have been worse, as the Boaz boat had a long tow/sail back. Their tow boat's engine failed and they had to sail all alone in the light breeze from behind, arriving at the dock as everyone was putting the last touches on their boats for the ride home.

Thanks go out to Hampton Yacht Club for another fine regatta, dinner, awards and general welcoming attitude. It's one regatta which helps shorten the winter season and which is getting more competitive and well attended. See you next year!

FLEET 513 ROCK HALL

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Rock Hall, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Charles G. Parry

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14008	Hornet	Charles G. Parry
14024		Lee Urbani
14068	ANSER	Lansing Williams

We started the year with a roster of seven boats. They have been drifting away for various reasons. One boat we were counting was under renovation but seems to be stalled, as there has been limited reported progress. Another has decided to go fishing. Another seems to be staying home and polishing his new boat that might get a scratch if it went racing. We do have three boats that sailed all of our club races. Two of them actually traveled to other locations to race. Chuck Parry has a boat for sale. While he had been holding it to sell to a buyer that would keep the boat in the fleet, it has now been listed on the ILCA website. The last boat missing has been sailed a bit but not raced.

We ran a spinnaker seminar using the DVD Taming the Spinnaker Beast and some dry land practice to get the boats that have been sailing without spinnakers in our club races to start using their spinnakers. We set a spinnaker on a trailered boat on a windy day and ended up chasing it across the yard! As a result, all of the Lightnings in our club races have been sailing with spinnakers. These may seem like small accomplishments to the more established fleets, but to us they are a big deal.

We have several people looking for inexpensive used Lightnings and expect that we are just getting started. 2010 will be a busy year, as RHYC will be hosting the Junior Olympics for the Chesapeake July 9, 10 and 11. There will be two Lightning regattas: Opening Day on May 1 and the One Design Regatta and Dixie District Championship on June 12 and 13. These are preceded by the Down River Race on June 11 from Chestertown to RHYC.

Chuck Parry

FLEET 518 POQUOSON RIVER

Sailing on Poquoson River
Poquoson, Virginia

Fleet Captain: John M. Shepherd
Fleet Secretary: Rob Watts

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10266		Rob Watt
11364		Davis & Kevin Crossett
11369	No More Excuses	Jamers H. Dillard
12741	No More Excuses	Clark Dewing Charles Wood James Dillard
14209		John M. Shepherd
14627	Anger Management	James H. Dillard
15311		James H. Dillard

The origin of Fleet 518 began with \$250.00 used to pay for derelict #12741. It was hauled away from the Washington Sailing Marina to Dare, Virginia. Not surprisingly, Jim's next door neighbor, Rob Watt, having taken one sail in #12741, immediately fell in love with the Lightning. So it was back to the Marina for the purchase of a beautifully restored Mobjack Lightning. It wasn't long before Jack Shepherd, sailing a Hobie monohull, hailed us and asked about Rob's new boat. Before we knew it, Jack hauled his new Lightning back from South Carolina. In the meantime, Jim was hauling his #11364 back to Washington to sell when the trailer separated from the car. The boat, trailer and mast all went their separate ways, with the boat planeing along I-64 on a Friday afternoon. (That disaster is a whole other story). The good news was that Dave and Kevin Crossett bought the mast and SS centerboard with what was left of the hull thrown in. They performed a miracle and #11364 sails on. So counting #15311 that also sails with Fleet 50, we have five boats.

The First Annual Poquoson Challenge was held on August 8, 2009. The regatta was at the entrance of the Poquoson River, a small estuary that separates Poquoson, Virginia, from York County. The event was sponsored by Fleet 518, our Class's newest fleet! Jim Dillard, long-time Lightning sailor and fleet organizer, was instrumental in setting up our Fleet and the regatta.

Four Lightnings competed and put on an unusual and entertaining event for the numerous homes on this beautiful river. Typical August winds varied from light and variable to moderate and variable and gave us an excellent day to remember. Four races were held with the winner Jim Dillard being followed by Jack Shepherd. 3rd place went to Chuck Wood with Rob Watt 4th, due he says to his forward crew sleeping on the foredeck. Following the morning races was a nice lunch with plenty of beer and an awards ceremony.

DIXIE AND ECUADOR



The day was capped with a dinner party at Jack and Lynn Shepherd's.

Next year, with more publicity, we could have more boats and a truly outstanding regatta.

On Labor Day weekend two boats, #15311 with Jim and Nabeel Alsalam and #10266 With Rob, Chuck and Clark, sailed northeast across the Chesapeake Bay to Jim's daughter's home on Mattawoman Creek on Virginia's eastern shore. On the return trip they were caught in a violent storm. All hands survived while sailing through a blinding rain squall with the GPS registering 12 mph.

The Fleet will be looking for more sailors to become Lightning sailors.

James H. "Jim" Dillard II

ECUADOR

District Commodore: Justus Klemperer

Fleets

405 Salinas Yacht Club 447 Club Nautico San Pablo

FLEET 405 SALINAS YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Pacific Ocean
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Captain: Justus Klemperer

Our 2009 calendar was successfully completed with a total of thirteen championships.

With normal weather conditions, sunny and calm between January and May, cold and windy by our standards during the rest of the year, we had an average of ten to twelve boats per regatta. As it has become usual over the past years, Juan Santos dominated the circuit, winning all but one championship.

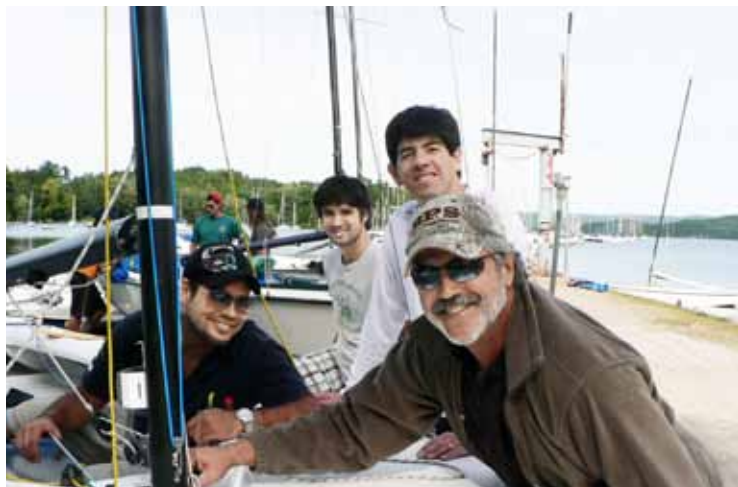
Besides the local regattas, we had some international exposure. In March, Juan proudly represented us in the Southern Circuit, finishing 3rd. In May, we hosted the 19th annual Salinas-Tominé Championship. Later in September, a total of four crews traveled to the World Championship in Mallets Bay. At the end of the season, we participated in the South American Championship with two crews.

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PL	SAIL #	NAME	FROM	FLEET	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TTL
1	14673	J.Santos G J.R.Santos/J.A.Santos	AZUL	Blue	1	1	1	1	2	-8	6
2	ARG	J.Calderon J.Klemperer/S.Garcia	AZUL	Blue	2	2	2	2	3	-5	11
3	14676	Carlos L.Lecaro Oscar Viteri/Jorge Norero	AZUL	Blue	-3	3	3	3	1	2	12
4	14389	Juan M.Meira Mauricio Jacobson/E.Rodri	VERDE	Green	4	6	5	4	-7	1	20
5	14163	J.Velez Samuel /Sebastian Herrera	AZUL	Blue	5	4	4	-6	6	4	23
6	14383	J.Pazmiño S.Salem/ G.Cordova	VERDE	Green	-7	5	6	5	4	6	26
7	9411	E.Granja M.Granja /E.Rodriguez Jr.	AZUL	Blue	6	-7	7	7	5	3	28
8	14558	Ernest Martinez Sebastian Martinez	AZUL	Blue	-8	8	8	8	8	7	39

ECUADOR

For 2010 we have a similar program. In addition, we will be hosting several international championships, such as the World Youth Championship in July and the South American Championship in December. In addition, we are developing a younger generation of sailors, as well as getting Opti parents involved in Lightning crews.



**FLEET 447 CLUB NAUTICO
SAN PABLO**

Sailing on Lago San Pablo
Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain: Olaf Dyck

FINLAND AND FLORIDA

FINLAND

District Commodore: Lauri Hemming

Fleets

166 Helsinki
328 Jyvaskyla

456 Tuusulanjarvi

FLEET 166 HELSINKI

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland
Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain: Kimmo Aromaa

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14761		Lauri Hemming
14958	Masi VIII	Kimmo Aromaa
15281	Masi VII	Kimmo Aromaa
15369		Lauri Hemming

FLEET 328 JYVASKYLA

Sailing on Lake Pajanne
Jyvaskyla, Finland

Fleet Captain: Timo O. Jarvinen

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12908		Timo O. Jarvinen
14364		Samppa J. Salminen

FLEET 456 TUUSULANJARVI

Sailing on Tuusulanjarvi
Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Captain: Sakari Pesola

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13130	Masi III	Juha I. Savela
14406	Amarillo	Waltteri Karhusaari
14534	Masi IV	Esko Aalto
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638		Matti Leppanen
14936		Sakari Pesola
15056		Juha I. Savela
15331	Burgundy III	Sakari Pesola
15415		Sakari Pesola

FLORIDA

District Commodore: William Johns

Fleets

109 St. Petersburg
226 Biscayne Bay

502 The Suncoast Fleet

The Florida District Championship was held April 18–19 this year at Edison Sailing Center in Ft. Myers, in beautiful spring weather (read that summer for all you lubbers north of the Mason-Dixon line). As usual, the hospitality was not to be matched, and the new facilities at Edison made the going easy. It was great to see Steve Hayden back on the line after a brief hiatus. Still fast as ever, Steve took home top honors, followed in 2nd by Team Linton and 3rd by Frank Atkinson. Frank also took home the Florida Masters' trophy. The District had an excellent turnout at the North Americans in Sodus Bay, sending five qualifiers: Hayden, Linton, Helmick, Johns, and Mauk.

Otherwise, action around the District unfortunately remains at a low ebb compared to previous years. The three Fleets in the district are all suffering from critical mass issues. Efforts to revive our traveling "Triple Crown" series for this year also fell by the wayside due to scheduling problems. We need some new recruits! Maybe it's time for some of you guys up north to retire and come down here to sail with us. Property is pretty darn cheap here right now!

We're looking forward to a good turnout at the Orange Bowl Regatta over the holidays and, of course, to seeing everyone at the Southern Circuit.



District Skippers



Fisk Hayden at the Masters'

FLORIDA

FLEET 109 ST. PETERSBURG

Sailing on Tampa Bay
St. Petersburg, Florida

Fleet Captain: Matt Bryant

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14780	Comedy Central	Karen M. Park



FLEET 226 BISCAYNE BAY

Sailing on Biscayne Bay
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain: William E. Johns

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8330		Frank H. Atkinson
11708		Frank H. Atkinson
13848		Patrick W. Ellis
14374	Vigilante	Carol Stout Ewing
14684		William E. Johns
14708	Booby Trap	Frank H. Atkinson
14866	Progressive	Bill Mauk
14930	Widespread Panic	Stephen Horwitz
15143	Who Do You Love	David Helmick
15151	Palindrome	Frank H. Atkinson



FLEET 502 THE SUNCOAST FLEET

Sailing on Tampa Bay
Tampa, Florida

Fleet Captain: William H. Meyer
Fleet Secretary: Amy Smith Linton

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2	Upset	Fisk Hayden
8756	Aurora	David C. Backus
11379		Fisk Hayden
12928	LimeLight	David C. Backus
14006	Fired-Up	William H. Meyer
14705	The Answer (my friend)	Roger W. Roddy
14752		Steve Hayden Fisk Hayden
15083		Jeff Linton
15320		Michael Beaver Joanna Beaver

With the growth of families and the economic downturn, local Lightning racing has slowed even further in our little corner of the Lightning world. We host the Districts on alternating years with Miami and Ft. Myers. But 2009 marked the first year that Lightnings did not make a class at the Thanksgiving regatta. Fleet 502 did not hold a Lightning event during the calendar year.

While Bill Meyers continues to race Fired-Up on the Thursday Night Series in the summer and two other boats are poised to sail, local sailors are more active away from home. Representatives sailed at the NAs, Worlds, ACCs and more. We are glad to see several out-of-towners (Adam Prettyman!) spending time here in Tampa chipping ice from their boats and getting in a little practice.

Even as erstwhile Lightning sailors compete in Melges 24s, Flying Scots, Windmills, and PHRF boats, the Class still enjoys a reputation of popularity and prestige, with the Boat Grant Program generating a lot of interest and enthusiasm. We hope to see the pendulum swing back as the population of sailors continues to change.



Jeff Linton



Amy Smith Linton



Laura Jeffers



Fisk Hayden being awarded the Karl Smither Award at the Southern Circuit



The proud Hayden Family watches

GREECE AND IRELAND

GREECE

District Commodore: Kostas Lymberakis

Fleets

251	Salamis Fleet	287	Dolphin Fleet
286	Parthenon Fleet	517	Syros Island

FLEET 251 SALAMIS FLEET

Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

President: Michael Mitakis
Secretary: Vagelis Romeos

FLEET 286 PARTHENON FLEET

Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain: George Andreadis
Secretary: Andy Sinopoulos and Marina Procopiou

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9447		Kostas Lymberakis
14544		George Andreadis
15077	Tzini II	Alexandros Dimou
15144	Crinis IX	George Andreadis

FLEET 287 DOLPHIN FLEET

Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain: George Dimitriades
Secretary: Constantine Daoulas

IRELAND

District Commodore:

Fleets

427 Killyleagh Yacht Club

FLEET 427 KILLYLEAGH YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Stratford Lough
Belfast, County Down, Northern Ireland

Fleet Captain: Rachel Bennett

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
77	Mean Machine	Rachel Bennett



INDIANA

District Commodore: Bill J. Allen

Fleets

154 Wawasee Yacht Club 270 Silver Fox Squadron/
Indianapolis Sailing Club



John Selby, Bill Allen, Kevin Keller, Michael Richey, Brad Wagon, Brady Wright, Jeff Schmahl, John Call

FLEET 154 WAWASEE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Wawasee
Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain: Edward Bradley Wagon

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12586		Brian Bahler
13851		Stuart Webster
13910	Golden Harbest	Bill J. Allen
14125	Miller's Merry Manor	Stephen C. Miller
14600	Mass Confusion	Edward Bradley Wagon
14870	Con Brio	Tyrus W. Campbell
15213		Jeffrey A. Schmahl
15259	JOE BFSPLK	Edward Bradley Wagon George E. Buckingham

FLEET 270 SILVER FOX SQUADRON/ INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Geist Reservoir
Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain: Mike Naughton
Fleet Secretary: Joan Naffziger
Fleet Treasurer: Ken McGinity
Dockmaster: Norm Cubellis
Membership: Norm Cubellis
Safety: Walt Tinsley
Social: Sally Naughton
Indiana Open Regatta Chairperson: Pete McGinity

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
1342	Thunder	Michael Naughton
9350	Flash	Joseph H. Lutz
12294		Jay Kennedy
12296	Siochain	Kenneth V. McGinity
12392	Yikes!	Daniel Ramsey
12963		Mark A. Cudworth Andy Harmon
13278		Peter J. McGinity
13279		Andrew Cook
13657		Michael R. Franceschini
13721		Steve Stucky
13954	L'éclair Rouge	John & Jennifer Leath
13958		Brian Huckabee
14020	Dream Chaser	Frank A. Wilder
14311		Norm Cubellis
14359	Sundance II	Joseph A. Lassaux
14449	Fins Up	Dale Krcek
14537	Winsome	Steven Tinsley
14610		Frank Wilder
15300		Jason P. Hubbard



INDIANA AND ITALY

Fleet 270

We had an exciting and very busy year in the Fleet. We ran eighty-three races in great weather throughout the sailing season. Our Fleet Champion this year was Joe Lassaux, #14359, with 2nd going to Frank Wilder, #14020, 3rd third to Pete McGinity, #13278, and 4th to Norm Cubellis, #14311. A total of eleven boats from our eighteen-boat fleet participated in the racing program. Joe has won the Fleet Championship 80% of the time over the past thirty years.

On the traveling front, Pete went to Lansing, Michigan, in May, the Districts at Wawasee in June, the Pontiac Whitecap Regatta in September and finished with the Hoosier Regatta in October. Mike Franceschi made the trip to the Red Flannel in Chicago in September. Ken McGinity made the Districts and the Hoosier at Wawasee, while Joe Lutz made it to the Hoosier Regatta.

The Indiana Open Regatta was again strong, with twenty-two boats from nine fleets in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana. This was the third year in a row at twenty plus boats. The races were sailed in light to moderate air both Saturday and Sunday. The winner was George Sipel from North Cape by one point, which was decided in the last race in which he had his only win of the regatta. 2nd place was James Taylor from Cowan Lake by Cincinnati. 3rd was John McCree from Saginaw Bay, Michigan, followed by Ernie Dieball of Dieball Sailing Group and North Cape Yacht Club near Toledo. The final trophy of 5th place was earned by Jeff Schmah of Wawasee.

George was our winner in 1997, the last time he was here. He stated that his team would be back to defend his win on May 1 and 2, 2010. We had fifteen teams travel to Indy, with seven local boats also competing.



ITALY

District Commodore: Renzo Bozzi

Fleets

449 Marsala

466 Flotta Del Conero

FLEET 449 MARSALA

Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea
Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Fleet Captain: Giovanni Pellegrino

FLEET 466 FLOTTA DEL CONERO

Sailing on the Adriatic Sea
Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Fleet Captain: Carlo Jommi



LAKE ERIE

District Commodore: William Neal

Fleets

12	Buffalo Canoe Club	146	Toronto Bay
19	Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club	180	Conneaut Lake Yacht Club
47	Silver Lake Yacht Club	198	Chautauqua

FLEET 12 BUFFALO CANOE CLUB

Sailing on Abino Bay, Lake Erie
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain: David Starck

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
909		Sarah Neal Emily Neal
6983		William E Neal
7420		Carl M. Eichenlaub
11000	Thermis XI	David F. Fedak
11117	Electric Dreams	Bergen Ackerman
11617	Joanie Bee	Richard J. Cubinie
14261	Berry III	Edwin Roseberry
14286	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	Kevin J. Cavalieri
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker
14371	Confusion3	Brian Starck Robert B. Starck
14416		Peter C. Godfrey Connor Godfrey
14502	West Wind	Thomas M. Ward
14569		William E. Neal
14572	Sputnik 2	David F. Fedak
14651		Tom Allen
14744		Richard A. Aubrecht
14774	CO2	James Eagan
14895	Bloody	Larry MacDonald
14905	Rum Lime	Tom Allen
15168		Tom Allen
15196		Tom Allen
15246		Larry MacDonald
15251		Debbie Probst
15284		Richard A. Aubrecht
15298		Ian Jones
15308		Tom Allen
15355		David Starck
15399		Jody Starck
15417		Peter C. Godfrey

Fleet 12 undertook an exhaustive search to name this year's fleet-poet laureates. Indeed, overtures were made to no fewer than 180 of our finest Fleet members. Brian Starck and Warren Emblidge, the 181st and 182nd choices, respectively, duly accepted the honor after receiving assurances from top Fleet 12 brass that ignorance of the rules of racing would not constitute a protestable event against said poet-laureates. With contract in hand, our intrepid poet-laureates returned from their one-year sabbatical in Tahiti, paid for with Fleet 12 dues, to memorialize the 2009 sailing season. This task proved difficult, however, as they once again recalled very little from the season so recently past. Perhaps it was because they were on sabbatical. With this seemingly debilitating issue at hand, our scribes nonetheless pressed on in the hope their musings might contain some semblance to the truth.

Although we can't say much about it, the Hussey Series trophy is sitting next to the Chesterfield, reminding us that Warren won the series, with Brian and Kevin Cavalieri as crew. With the Eby Series cancelled by high winds, this marked the beginning of the Fleet 12 season. The Lake Erie District Championship regatta returned to Chautauqua Lake for the first time since Jim Neville skippered to a top-five finish in the World Championships. The opportunity to sail in such pristine waters attracted a large contingent of Fleet 12 members, including "Fast Eddie" Roseberry, who overcame his aversion to Democrats to join the festivities at the Chautauqua Institute, the liberal bastion where Bill Clinton famously prepared for his presidential debates. Mark Grinder took home the coveted fourteenth place trophy. Other top finishers included unknowns Larry MacDonald (1), David Starck (2) and Tom Allen, Jr. (3). On a more serious note, many thanks are owed to the Scanlon family and Regatta Chair Tim Scanlon for putting together what was perhaps the best weekend the District has seen in many years. Anne Emblidge tells us the cookies were great.

Fleet 12 hosted the Canadian Open, which attracted a nice contingent of out-of-town boats, most of whom hadn't been to the BCC since Mark Bryant was still getting into fisticuffs at skippers' meetings. Tom Starck returned from his perch in Cleveland to try his hand with Jody's brand-new azure and white Lightning. The boat proved to be fast—but only when it was upright. We hear the second mast was much quicker than the first. Ched Proctor won the regatta, followed by David Starck and Marcus Eagan. The regatta also saw Jack O'Donnell make his star-studded return to Lightning sailing after a three-year hiatus, cracking only three ribs in the process.

Larry MacDonald continues to provide the inspiration and drive for our junior sailing program. The BCC and Fleet 12 hosted its 3rd Annual Youth Invitational Regatta. Connor Godfrey, with crew Henry Ring and Griffin Orr, won this year's event, which drew twenty boats. Maddie Murphy, with crew Abbie Probst and Jody Swanson, finished second, while Tim Werley with crew Katie and Beth Werley finished third. Congratulations to everyone! Team Godfrey went on

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to win the Junior North American Championships, while Connor Mangan, with crew Jeffrey Markarian and Lauren Jones, finished second. The two teams will represent the U.S. at the Junior World Championships in Salinas. Joining them will be Fleet 12 juniors Joy MacDonald and Adam MacDonald, who will be representing Canada. Good luck to our four teams!!

Tuesday night racing continued to draw fifty boats every week (maybe more like twenty, but on a fifteen-minute course it sure does seem like a lot more!). David Starck and whatever nieces and nephews he was teaching to sail on a given night won the first two series, while 'Team Allen' won the final series. Peter Godfrey, whose boat was expropriated by son Connor, bought a new ride that was promptly hijacked by daughter Kayleigh, who sailed superbly—besting much of the fleet in the process.

"Fast Eddie" Roseberry won this year's Old Salts regatta, unseating three-time champ Tom Ward, proving again that past results are no guarantee of future returns. Unfortunately, Ward had built a \$20,000 custom mahogany and crystal cabinet in his beach house to permanently display the perpetual trophy, under the misguided assumption that he just couldn't lose. Given the stranglehold he's had on the event, we didn't think he could lose either. Perhaps he should have used that trophy (a cannon) to shoot Eddie out of the water. Dick Aubrecht finished second, and Bob Starck finished third.

In out-of-district news, Brian Starck started the season where he left off—in the drink. After dumping in the Frigid Digit with Emblidge, he managed to capsize with David Starck at Pymatuning. David shook off the experience to finish second at the Worlds. Brian was not invited. Of course, David also won the Atlantic Coast Championships and finished second at Savannah and St. Petersburg. Bride Jody finished 3rd in the Miami regatta, and Larry MacDonald won the Doc Gilbert regatta.

We're looking forward to the Spring Party, which will again be hosted by Mark and Lora Grinder. Many thanks to Lora for putting up not only with Mark but with the rest of her Lake Erie District family.

Here's wishing everyone many happy returns in 2010!

FLEET 19 CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua
Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain: Heinrich Kutschke

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13605		Heinrich Kutschke
14367	Mathilde	Heinrich Kutschke

FLEET 47 SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Silver Lake
Perry, New York

Fleet Captain: Mark Grinder

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6983	Cirrus II	Hoss Bone
9845	Chase	David Nasca
13948		Mark H. Dadd
14580		Stephen & Larissa Cox
14672		Mark W. Grinder
15272		Mark W. Grinder
15339		Mark W. Grinder



FLEET 146 TORONTO BAY

Sailing on Lake Ontario
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain: Daniel Sprague
Fleet Secretary: Phil Jager

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10702	Liesl	Walter Blackwell
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague
14347		Daniel Sprague
14650	Second Wind	Phil W. Jager

Fleet 146 is looking forward to the 2010 sailing season. Having been inactive for the last couple of years, the Fleet has re-organized and has sailed a little westward to re-locate from Toronto harbor to Mississauga Bay.

The Fleet will be sailing from the Mississauga Sailing Club. MSC is one of the premier small boat sailing clubs on the north shore of Lake Ontario with a focus on boats twenty one feet and under. Weekly Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon racing is scheduled

Fleet 146 produced promotional brochures for this year's activities that were made available at the January Toronto International Boat Show. We'll also be marketing in some other local venues with the intention of developing a larger and stronger Lightning fleet in the area.

Phil Jager

FLEET 180 CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Conneaut Lake
Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Chad C. Waldschmidt

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14711		John P. Andrews
14750		Edward J. Benevent
14763		Chad C. Waldschmidt

FLEET 198 CHAUTAUQUA

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua
Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Co-Captain: Brad Currie
Fleet Co-Captain: Kevin Dietly

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9402		Kevin Dietly
10922		J. Bradley Neville James D. Neville
13222		Candy Neville
13922		J. Bradley Neville James D. Neville
14948		Robert Scanlon Candy Neville
15100	Fang	Bradford Currie
15395	Smokestack	Alan Bates
15412		Robert Scanlon

The summer of 2009 was an eventful one for the small but energetic Fleet sailing out of Chautauqua at the upper end of Chautauqua Lake. We continued to build our Fleet and had a more stable number of boats racing week to week. The big event from a Class perspective was our hosting the Lake Erie Districts—a first for our Fleet and the first Lightning regatta at our end of the Lake since 1974.

Chautauqua's Lightning Fleet has resurfaced after a lengthy period of dormancy when a sizeable generation of Lightning sailors made the awful mistake of growing up, getting jobs, and having a hard time getting back to the Lake to sail. Those who stayed behind had to make some painful choices to keep sailing—racing inferior classes of boats, for example.

A lot has changed on the Chautauqua sailing scene in the last few years. Chautauqua Institution now boasts a state-of-the-art sailing facility, the Turney Sailing Center, established by his family to honor the memory of John Turney, a devoted son, father, husband, and Lightning sailor. The Sailing Center houses an extensive instructional program and provides vastly improved docking, dry-sailing, and meeting space, especially welcome since our Fleet and Yacht Club have never had any sort of facility to call home.

Districts took place on June 20 and 21, before the normal sailing season commenced, so it took a heroic combination of energy and planning to pull off a successful regatta. Regatta Chairman Tim Scanlon deserves a mountain of credit for his commitment to staging a competitive, well-organized, and entertaining weekend. Tim and his dedicated volunteers, enlisted largely from within the extended Neville and Scanlon families, assembled an ace Race Committee, led by Doug Heussler, brought in good competition from across the District, and hosted a relaxed and enjoyable

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evening at the Turney Sailing Center after Saturday's racing. Fourteen boats made the trip to Chautauqua Institution for the weekend, joining four local boats.

Conditions were pretty rough Saturday, as the start of the races had to be delayed waiting for heavy rains, lightning, and thunder to push through the area. The unstable weather that lingered presented a challenging combination of strong winds, periodic blinding rain, and choppy water. The Race Committee squeezed in three races Saturday before rising winds claimed a few boats and some equipment. As gusts approached thirty, we abandoned the last race in consideration of the health of our 45-year-old Lippincott.

Sunday dawned at least partly sunny and a little less frantic, allowing the RC to run an additional three races in a more moderate breeze. Larry MacDonald won the regatta with consistent high finishes, followed by Dave Starck, and Tom Allen. Tim Scanlon was the top finisher among the locals.

We wish to acknowledge the commitment and contributions of the Scanlon and Neville families in hosting a terrific regatta to launch the 2009 season. We also had great support from Gary Snyder who directs the sailing program at Chautauqua and from the Athenaeum Hotel on the grounds at Chautauqua which handled the catering.

We are looking forward to adding some boats to the fleet, greater integration between Fleet activities and the Chautauqua sailing program, and more regular involvement in District events. Finally, we offer our fond remembrances of and condolences for the loss of Charlie Scanlon who derived so much pleasure from his time sailing and being outdoors.

Brad Currie and Kevin Dietly



LONG ISLAND

District Commodore: George W. Koch

District Secretary: Terri Hendry

District Treasurer: John Holzapfel

Fleets

178 Great South Bay 506 Orient Harbor
431 Southampton Yacht Club

This was a great sailing season for the fleets of the Long Island District. There was great racing in the usual good weather and wind conditions. The District Championship races were held at the Orient Yacht Club on Orient Harbor on July 18, 2009, with the following results:

Malcom Hendry	First
George Koch	Second
John Lowendowski	Third

Racing was tight, as after four races there was a three-way tie for first. The final standings were only determined after the fifth race. The races were all sailed in a WNW breeze in the 12-18 range.

After the races there was a BBQ and awards ceremony attended by all participants and accompanying family members. A good time was had by all.

We are all looking forward to a great 2010 season.

FLEET 178 GREAT SOUTH BAY

Sailing on Great South Bay
Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain: Alan Pearlman

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
5132	Surprise	Michelle Yacob
10260	BullsHit	William P. Weiss Elizabeth A. Brewer
10392	Arcturus	Richard Braverman

FLEET 431 SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay
Southampton, Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain: John Lewandowski

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11071	Windy Too	John V. H. Halsey
11374	Outrageous	John Lewandowski
13874		Teresa Hendry
14551	Outrageous	John Lewandowski
14917	Moto Iti	Malcolm B. Hendry

FLEET 506 ORIENT YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Orient Harbor
Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain: George W. Koch
Fleet Secretary: John Holzapfel
Thursday Night Fleet Champion: George Koch
Saturday Fleet Champion: John Holzapfel

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13050		John Holzapfel
13660		Derrick Cephas
14025		Rich Gluckman
14122		Jon Turner
14455		Rachel Sorenson
14850		James Morton
15070		John Holzapfel
15247	Missy	George W. Koch

Fleet 506 of the Orient Yacht Club had another very busy and exciting year.

George Koch, the Fleet Captain, contributed his other boat for a year to the Lightning Boat Grant Program, and a local sailor James Morton was one of the recipients. He used the Orient Yacht Club as his base and campaigned the boat locally, in the Districts, the Atlantic Coast Championship and in the North American Championships. Read his comments on the Program in the October/November 2009 Flashes. It was great to have him active in our Fleet.

The next event was the District Championships held in Orient on July 12. The weather was pleasant and the wind was just perfect. Malcolm and Terri Hendry from Southampton Yacht Club took first place, while George Koch and his crew from the Orient Yacht Club took second and John Lewandowski and his crew of the Southampton Yacht Club took third place.

The competition in both the Thursday and Saturday racing series was extremely close for all the positions. Once again, George Koch, ably assisted by an ever-changing crew, convincingly won the Thursday night racing series, while John Holzapfel and his crew won the Saturday series. The rest of the positions were only separated by only a few points. Second place on Thursdays went to John Holzapfel, and third place went to Rachael Duell. On Saturday, second place went to Rich Gluckman and his crew, while third place went to George Koch.

There is hope throughout the Fleet that the Lightning might be used for the junior sailing program, which would be a big step in increasing our fleet numbers.

