

METROPOLITAN

District Commodore: Edward Duffy

Fleets

11	North Shrewsbury River	70	Red Bank of the Shrewsbury
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FLEET 11 NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER

Sailing on North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Jon Schwartz

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14786	Le Speu	Jon Schwartz



Jon Schwartz at the NAs

FLEET 16 PAUPACK

Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack
Pocono Mountains near Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: George Madel

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14278	Stormy Weather	Robert W. Hall
14722	Byken	George Madel
15232		Robert W. Hall

FLEET 25 LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Mohawk
Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Hank Jelinek
Fleet Secretary: Donald T. Okner
Fleet Champion: Tichard T. Miner
Fleet Runner-Up: Charles Chute

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11565	Ariba-Ariba-Andale	John Marx
11738	Tabasco	Henry Jelinek
13373	The Great Escape	William M. Beveridge
13820	Tatto	Charles Chute
13925	Guardian Angel	John Incantalupo
14198	Sushi	Donald T. Okner
14327	Wild Goose	Angela Hopkins
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T. Miner
15090	M	Perry L. Anderson

Anyone who sails on a smaller, inland lake surrounded by hills (we call them mountains in New Jersey) knows that the winds are rarely steady, at times non-existent and sometimes overpowering. We indeed had it all this year, and we made the best of it, having good competition and great fun.

Here's how things ended up for our 2009 racing. Rich Miner led the way in the both the Spring Series and the Fall Series. Perry Anderson was in second place in the Spring Series, and Chuck Chute took second in the Fall Series. When



Most Improved Skipper John Incantalupo and crew Margie and Claire Incantalupo



Don Okner and Crew Josh Oldridge and Jim Okner

the overall scores were computed, Rich Miner successfully retained his position as Lightning Fleet Champion for 2009, assisted by his able crew, Gail Miner and Ken Potts. Chuck Chute and crew Dave Newton took Runner-up honors.

We began our Spring Series on May 17 with Chuck Chute and John Incantalupo match racing and swapping for first and second place in two races. On May 24 we held our Gabor Cup Regatta. Unfortunately, a thunder storm shortened our first race, precluded a second race and forced a one-day postponement of the "Jimmy Buffet" Party until Labor Day. Four Lightnings and two Snipes competed, and the regatta was won by Chuck Chute, with Perry Anderson taking second place and John Incantalupo in third position. The party was a great success, thanks to the Incantalupos who outdid themselves with the decorations and food.

The following week, on May 31, three Lightnings competed in a southwest wind that gusted up to 21 knots. Rich Miner

won both races with John Incantalupo taking two seconds. Don Okner was third in the first race and did not finish the second race after a near capsize. On June 7, Perry Anderson and Don Okner match raced and traded for first and second place in two races.

June 14 brought a NE wind of only 4-6 mph; however, four Lightnings competed in two races. Perry Anderson and Chuck Chute each took a first. The next week, June 21, brought three Lightnings out in NNE wind that varied up to 8 mph. Rich Miner and Hank Jelinek tied for first and third in the two races while Perry Anderson finished second in both races.

On July 4, John Incantalupo "sailed" (trailed) his Lightning down East Shore Trail in the Sparta Independence Day Parade, and later that evening we held our annual Independence Day Family Picnic. On the following day, July 5, we held our Marine Base Regatta in which thirteen boats (six Lightnings, six Snipes and one Hobie Cat) participated. The event was won by Rich Miner in his Lightning, with John Marx and Mike Kelly taking second and third place respectively in their Snipes. We would like to attribute the success of John and Mike to the Snipe handicaps but must confess that they are both good sailors.

On July 12 we sailed in a shifty and gusty wind that prevailed out of the WSW. At times there were holes and at other times we were hiked out hard to hold our boats down. Rich Miner took two firsts over the four other Lightnings that raced with John Incantalupo coming in second in race one and Don Okner taking second in race two.

On the strictly fun side, Saturday, July 25 marked our first Mutiny Regatta. Crew members manned (or "womaned") Snipes and Sunfish with their regular skippers serving as crew. John Marx was the official for three races. After the racing, we had a terrific feast with hot dogs, chicken and all the fixings, while the mutinous sailors walked the plank off of Mark Marussich's Cat Boat. Thanks go to Constance Gill for her creativity in planning this event and to all those who cooked, served and helped.

On Sunday, July 26, regular racing continued with two races. The Lightning winners were Perry Anderson in races one and two, followed by John Incantalupo and Don Okner swapping for second and third.



Commodore Perry Anderson & Crew Margaret Anderson & James Nam



Fleet Captain Hank Jelinek and Crew Adam Enea

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Jack Robertson Cruising Day, an annual favorite event, took place on Saturday, August 1. On the following day, August 2, the weather did not cooperate so regular racing was canceled. However, on August 9, we began our Fall Series with Rich Miner and Perry Anderson going head to head in an east to southeast wind that diminished from 10 to 6 mph. Both races were won by Rich Miner.

August 16 and 23 brought little wind, so we did not race for two weeks. However, things picked up on August 30, allowing for two races. Rich Miner captured two firsts, Perry Anderson two seconds, Chuck Chute two thirds and John Incantalupo two fourths.

Our last open regatta for 2009, the Commodore's Cup, took place on September 6. Six Lightnings, two Snipes and two Sunfish participated in two races in variable wind out of the northeast. The event was won by Rich Miner and crew Gail Miner and Ken Potts. John Incantalupo and crew Margie and Claire Incantalupo came in second, and John Marx in his Snipe took third place honors. Following the regatta, Commodore Perry and Margaret Anderson hosted a terrific party at their home.

The following week, on September 13, four Lightnings raced in wind from the north-northwest with Chuck Chute snagging two firsts, John Incantalupo a second and a fourth, Don Okner a third and a second and Hank Jelinek a fourth and a third. On September 20, we had a light wind out of the west-southwest that brought three Lightnings and three Snipes out. Rich Miner took two Lightnings, with John Incantalupo taking a third and second in two races and Chuck Chute a second in race one. We closed the month out on September 27 with a cancellation due to rain early in the day followed by calm wind.

Racing on October 4 was also canceled due to light air, but on October 11 we had two races. Chuck Chute took a third and a first, John Incantalupo a first and a second, and Don Okner sailed the first race taking second place. Bill Beveridge and his children sailed both races taking a fourth and a third. The wind was out of the west-south west and varied from 1 mph to gusts of 12 mph.

Our last scheduled day on the course was October 18. However, the weather did not cooperate so there were no races. Although the wind and weather could have been better in our Fall Series, we still managed to make the most of what Mother Nature provided.

We also had another terrific year with our Junior Sailing Program—which is so popular that it is booked months in advance. We thank Sean Incantalupo, as well as Josh Oldridge and Sabina Incantalupo, for their time and efforts in this activity. Sailing is a skill that those who participated will enjoy for the rest of their lives.

The LMYC's final event for the year, the Annual Awards Brunch, was held at the Lafayette House Restaurant on Sunday, November 15. This perennially popular party provided an opportunity for skippers and crew as well as families and friends to enjoy food, share stories about 2009 on the "high seas" of Lake Mohawk and for serious and gag trophies to be presented. Among the recipients were John Incantalupo, Most Improved Skipper and Dave Newton, Crew of the Year.

We remain one of the oldest fleets in the ILCA and are proud of our tradition. We look forward to more terrific competition and fun in 2010.

Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Don Okner



Fleet Champion Rich Miner and Crew Gail Miner and Ken Potts



Fleet Runner-up Chuck Chute and Crew of the Year Dave Newton

FLEET 70 RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY

Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: George E Harrington

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9407	Fathom	Monmouth Boat Club
10626	Sage	William Jaeger
10787	Club Boat	Monmouth Boat Club
14175		Edward Duffy
14217	Brace for Collision	Kevin Robinson
14276	Snoop De Ville	Dale Barney
14706	Bolt	George E. Harrington
14727	Small Axe	David Watts
14922	Bad Boys	Jack Huntsman
15203	Show Boat	Paul A. Huntsman
15365	Las Vegas	David Watts
15367	Bolt	George E. Harrington

2009 was another great year on the Navesink River for Fleet 70. Club racing remains very active with around eight boats competitive in the Spring, Summer and Fall series, and a hotly contested Tuesday night series all summer. As always, the year kicks off with our Long John Regatta. We had nineteen boats competing this year, which was slightly down for us but well below the hits other regattas took. Brian Taboda and the Roadmaster team beat out a very competitive fleet that featured some of the warmest and shiftiest conditions on record. Monmouth Boat Club represented well with eight boats on the line and a great party.

As usual, Fleet 70 sees a lot of road miles and this year was no different. St. Pete has become a fixture for MBCers, with two boats making the trip this year. Paul Luisi and George Harrington both attended and are already signed up again for 2010.

Our neighbors up the road in Nyack combined the Metropolitan Districts with their Magnus Pedersen regatta, which was a great time as usual. Jon Schwarz, George Harrington and Dave Watts all sailed well enough to qualify for NAs. New Jersey States were hit by Jon Schwartz and Paul Luisi, and New Jersey Junior States were sailed by Ian Sanderson.

The ACCs, thirty minutes away in Tom's River, was a big show ahead of the NAs next year, with Ted Duffy, Dave Watts, Paul Luisi, Jon Schwartz, George Harrington, Cole Barney, and Kevin Robinson all sailing. The NAs weren't a bad ride up to Sodus Bay, with Jon Schwartz sailing Blue and George Harrington sailing Green. Fall regattas at Little Egg and Westport were sailed by Paul Luisi, and George Harrington sailed at Manahawkin Bay.

2010 is already looking great. The Long John will open the

northeast season on April 24-25, and Metro Districts will be at MBC in June. With the NAs in Toms River, count on serious competition for spots! As always, hope to see you on the river.

George Harrington

FLEET 75 NYACK BOAT CLUB

Sailing on Tappan Zee, Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain: Stephanie A. Mayo
Fleet Corresponding Secretary: Dan Parietti
Fleet Recording Secretary: Dan Parietti
Fleet Treasurer: Jeffrey Sorensen
Fleet Scorer: Rachel Avenia-Prole

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	NAME
7098		George M. Penny
7310	Slippery	Lou Mauriello
7616		Rod Johnson
8252		Daniel Parietti
9909		Les Ginsburg
10207	Otter Confusion	Ronald G. McCormack
10368		George M. Penny
10389		Eric B. Beck
10620	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
10796	Kestrel	Christopher Visentin
13625	Corvette	George M. Penny
14036	Whale	Michael Carney
14073	His	Gary S Hurban
14140	Fat Chance	William G. Cook
14238		Richard Leonard
14277		Eric B. Beck
14363	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker Jan Crittenden
14482	Otter Confusion	Ronald G. McCormack
14484	Little Toot	Arthur Broadbent
14492	Zepher II	Eric Kent
14514	Special K	Christopher W Sprole
14514	Special K	Ryan C. Sprole
14888	Lucky Dog	Bob Sengstacken
14900		Gary S. Hurban
15059	Heart Breaker	Bill & Stephanie A. Mayo
15093	Hers	Joan A Hurban
15178	No Excuses	Daniel Parietti
15296		Christopher W. Sprole
15296		Ryan C. Sprole
15319	No More Excuses	Daniel Parietti
15356		Bob & Rachel Avenia-Prole



With my Lightning in the back yard with a delaminated deck, I spent most of the summer on a small keelboat. Toward the end of the season, feeling guilty, I crewed for some friends and had a Lightning tiller in my hand again. What a difference! Yes, she's a machine in some ways, but her design is as elegant as it is efficient. Lightnings attract certain kinds of people. We like perfection, and we like to have fun. Our Fleet has members who never race; we have wooden masts in our yard, and we have members who have been to the Worlds. We also have knowing and incredibly committed crews. Spending most of my time in the back steering where there's plenty of room, I was appalled at how cramped it is in the front of our boats. The boom is so low you have to hit it. And you'd better have a companion you don't mind being intimate with, because you're always kneeing, elbowing, sitting on and smelling each other. Thank you, our crews!

We had a great year. There was wind from spring to fall, few wicked days, though I know some in our Fleet like those days, and few dead ones. We started early with several Friday night sessions with videos, discussion and pizza. We had our Fleet awards party in February and a fun picnic in May. Even though some members of our Fleet moved away and others were racing things with motors, new members kept attendance for Sunday races at six to ten boats. Rachel and Bob Avenia-Prole sold their weird keel-



boat and bought a real boat, a very new 15000s, and Dick Leonard brought his new yellow boat to line with Laura Rice and Andrew Graham. Bob Gibson was available for every regatta, and his son, Minsoo, crewed for Bob and jibed the spinnaker like a pro. Leslie Ginsburg's son Graham crewed too, and his young eyes and quick mind were welcome on every boat he sailed in.

Our first major regatta, the Magnus Pederson, named for the putative founder of our Fleet in 1945, was held in June. We had sixteen boats on the line, with visitors from Noroton, Riverton, Shrewsbury, and Red Bank. Justin Coplan, former Boat Grant recipient, won it with crew Mike Carney and Alex Feldman. Erratic winds from literally every direction over the weekend, dying and building for no reason, had boats towed in and back out for races. Justin edged out Jim Crane and Bob Sengstacken with crew Dan Zitin. Dick Leonard placed next. Rachel and Bob chaired their first regatta, and our party was as good as our racing. Check out Justin's article in the June 2009 Flashes for an excellent analysis of the races, and a nice read.

We don't give hot-shot travelers an easy ride here in Nyack, so if you think you're good, sail against an Hurban or a Sprole and you'll learn something, for example, why the "kid" of the Fleet, Justin, has beaten men and women with twenty years of national wins behind them. Stephanie and Bill persist in taking these long tacks so far out into the current that you don't even think of them until they pass ten boat lengths in front of you and you ask your crew where the heck they came from. Bill was here a lot this summer, and Penny Sengstacken got her share of racing with Colleen Wittrup. His boat was a lot better to look at than anyone else's, and no less unpredictable. He really comes out of nowhere, often after recovering from horrible catastrophes. Eric Kent has a new front crew, Susanna Baranski, who loves racing sailboats. After one season every skipper is being nice to her and buying her beers. Eric also had Baris Yagci, and Stephanie and Bill had Paul Fishkin in the middle. Mike Carney spent a lot of the summer with Justin and Gary Hurban. After two



years he knows more than I do about this stuff. I know I will rue the day he takes the tiller. Dan had Jeff Sorensen and is moving steadily up the fleet. Ron McCormack is still noted for his calmness behind the tiller. Dick Leonard is moving up through the fleet with unnerving speed. Justin, with a stunning array of bullets, followed by Bob and Gary, took the spring series. Bob took first in the summer, with Larry and Eric Kent taking 2nd and 3rd. Larry and Jan were back this summer, always a threat and in the wind you wanted. Shea Thorvaldsen hurt his hand early in the year, but Leon Spec-thrie, Charlie Davidson and Mia Connell, daughter of former Lightning racers Paul and Cathy Connell, filled in. In the fall Bob again took first, Ryan took second and Joan third, with Eric and Gary close behind. Dan kicked into the Fleet in sixth place with some nice 2s and 3s late in the season.

We also travelled this year. Our best sailors carried the N.B.C. burgee all over the northeast and beyond. First,

Justin Coplan, in Mike Carney's boat with Alex Feldman, placed 2nd in a fleet of thirty-three boats at the Central Atlantic Districts in Ocean City, New Jersey. Justin then sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championships in Toms River. He placed right behind all the top seeds in a fleet of fifty-five boats. Gary and Joan Hurban, and Dan Parietti, with Ann and Eric Beck, competed at the Masters' North American Championships in Sodus Point, New York. Judy Hanlon, with crew Jan Crittenden and Rachel Avenia, won the Adams Cup Area "B" semifinals in Westport in Flying Scots. Justin Coplan took 1st place in the President's Cup division of the Lightning North American Championship, and then he went to the World Championships at Mallets Bay in Lake Champlain. He placed 15th in a fleet of sixty boats. Gary Hurban and Judy Hanlon competed in the International Masters in a fleet of thirty-two boats. Mike reminds us that middle crew must always be ready to "do whatever it takes." At the Masters', Bob recalled pounding through close rollers five feet high on Lake Ontario with Eric and Ann Beck, racers in their own right, who you always want on your boat, and not just because they're fun to be with.



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Gary and Joan Hurban

In October we hosted the Last Blast Regatta, brought to Nyack from Miniceongo Yacht Club many years ago. If you're in the northeast in October, it's always a good race and a good party. The whole Fleet showed up Friday night to greet visitors and make sandwiches for Saturday. You can't let the cheese touch the tomatoes—it's a fleet taboo. The normal conditions are nasty northerlies with a confused chop, but this year it was 70 degrees and tres variable. It was a big fleet of seventeen boats, eight of them visitors. Dave Peck from Niantic, Connecticut, won the race. John Townsend of Riverton, New Jersey, took second, and Gary Hurban was third. "Where's Bob?" was the mantra," said Dave in his report in Flashes. The current was strong, then ebbing in spots, and the winds were there if you were. Intuition mattered as much as science. It was a wonderful day on the water. Eric Kent, with Susanna and me, did an actual ace!

I end on a sad but proud note. This year saw the passing of Ro Hoffe, wife of Joe, one of the founders of Lighting Fleet 75. Ro was there for the Fleet's first and formative decades. Although she hadn't sailed in many years and knew few current Fleet members, she attended every regatta we held while she lived. I'm including her in our Fleet roster one last

time in honor of all of the people that made and built and got joy from this Fleet and these boats.

If your boat is in the backyard or the driveway right now, pat her on your way to work tomorrow and don't be too embarrassed to give her a quick kiss on her forehead now and then.



MICHIGAN

District Commodore: John Heagy

Fleets

31	Devils Lake Yacht Club	204	Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
42	Western Lake Erie	216	Saginaw Bay
51	Crescent Sail Yacht Club	326	Grand Traverse Yacht Club
53	Lake Fenton Sailing Club	374	Douglas Lake
54	Pontiac Yacht Club	387	Lansing Sailing Club
110	Higgins Lake	512	Boyne City Yacht Club

FLEET 31 DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Devils Lake
Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain: David Laidlaw
Fleet Champion: Merrill Bales
Fleet Runner-Up: David Laidlaw

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8381		Richard E. Stanbridge
11449		Geoff Moehl Ryan Mabie
13959	Oar Knot	Jeffrey W. Clemes
14301	Hay Bales	Merrill E. Bales
14649		Bill Rogge
14818	Gobsfun	Criag Gabel
14830		David Laidlaw

Fleet 31, sailing on Devils Lake Michigan, enjoyed the 2009 sailing season. There were seven different skippers with an average of four per race. The Race Committee of Bob Hardesty, Mary Jo Price and Donna Brown ran twenty-nine races over twelve sailing days; seven other scheduled days were cancelled because of no wind or storms. The Memorial Day Series was won by Craig Gabel, followed by Merrill Bales and Jeff Clemes. The 4th of July Series was won by Dave Laidlaw, followed closely by Gabel and Bales. The Labor Day Series was also won by Laidlaw with Bales and Gabel again close behind. The Summer Series finished with Merrill Bales as Fleet Champion, Dave Laidlaw Fleet Runner-up and Jeff Clemes third.

At our end-of-the-season party Doug Haskell received the Board of Governors award, Craig Gabel received the Sportsmanship Award, Kathleen Mabie the Best Crew Award and Women's Sailing Trophies, Merrill Bales the Most Improved

and the Jack Beal Participation Awards, Lisa Thomas the Female Sailor Award, Mary Jo Price the First Mate Award, and Merrill Bales again "won" the Bottoms Up Trophy for his capsizing early in the season. Kudos were also given to Geoff Moehl for making the junior program a success. Finally, we said goodbye to our 50+ year old metal "custom" hoist which was replaced by a "modern" crane.

Our 66th Annual Regatta was also our Second Annual Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta. RC Chair Merrill Bales and his assistants got in six races for the twelve Lightnings and twenty-five Sunfish present. George Sipel, with crew Jeff Hagman and Chris Snyder, were the winners, followed by the Vanderhorst crew, Laidlaw crew, Jim Davis crew and Mark Wessel crew. The "Special" awards were all won by Sunfish sailors. There were many Bruin stories and Bruce drink specials. Plans are already being made for next year's regatta. Weather will be guaranteed. See you there.

FLEET 42 WESTERN LAKE ERIE

Sailing on Lake Erie
Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Captain: James Davis

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10638	The Missing Piece	Dennis Dieball Ernest D. Dieball
11515	The Missing Piece	Dennis Dieball
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H. Thomas
14249		George Sipel
14543		John Heagy
14779	Flash Over II	James Davis
14880	Rudie	Dennis Dieball Ernest D. Dieball
14975	No Big Heel	Dennis Dieball





Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball and Mark Presley

Great Lakes Champagne Regatta

FLEET 51 CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake St. Clair
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Brian Walter

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
835	Esterllita	Paul J. Nagel
12511		Benjamin Gravel
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter
13998		Paul J. Nagel
14652	Zoo Station	Paul J. Nagel
14774	CO2	Tom Vickers

Sailing starts in early May and continues through the first week of September. Our sailing competition consists of a spring and a summer series which takes place on a Wednesday nights. Both the spring and the summer series were won by Tom Vickers and his crew of Ticket. They dominated the series with six wins out of the ten-race series. Second and third place positions were very hotly contested between Mike Williams and his crew of Assisted Suicide and Robert Brower and his crew. Both of these skippers swapped positions throughout the series. For the Spring Series, Mike and his Suicide crew came out on top for second place, and Robert Brower and his crew were third. For the Summers Series, Brian Walter and Bob Pfeffer of Black Pearl battled it out with Mike Williams and crew for second and third place positions. Again, it was Mike Williams and crew that came in second, with the Black Pearl coming in at third. We did manage to pick up a new Lightning in our Fleet this year. Ben Gravel joined in the racing for the last two races. Welcome aboard, Ben!

The Lightnings came out for our club's 76th annual Crescent Regatta held in late August. This year's event had two races. Even though we haven't seen much of the Black Pearl this past season, they did have all their guns firing for this regatta. Skippering his father's boat, Scott Pfeffer took a first and a second to win the regatta. Second place went to Tom Vickers and his crew.

Our overall season Champion for 2009 was Tom Vickers. Tom and his crew dominated the Wednesday Night Summer Series with six first place finishes and a second place in the Crescent Regatta. A well deserved congratulation goes out to Tom and his crew!

Our end-of-the-year traditional Lightning Lobster Roast continues to be one of the club's favorite events. It is put on by the Lightning Fleet 51 and has been going on for over fifty years. This Roast brings together members for the last social event of the season and show cases the hard work and warm hospitality of the Lightning Fleet. Thanks and congratulations to all of you that made this past season a success. We look forward to the 2010 season and hosting the 2010 Michigan Districts.

FLEET 53 LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Fenton
Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Brian A. Nickels

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14899	Resistance Is Futile	Kevin Nickels
15032		Brian A. Nickels

FLEET 54 PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

Commodore: Gary Reinheimer
Rear Commodore: John Mathers
Fleet Captain: Sean Fidler
Fleet Secretary: Cathy Burns
Fleet Treasurer: Salo Korn

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
837	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
5885	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
8370	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
8479		Bruce Lessien
9393	Red Dawn	Edward A. Diakow
9584		Gregory J. Harris
9900	Plug Nickel	Joel H. Thurtell
11537	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
11599	Sub Atomic	Bill B. Williams
11844		Jeffrey Admonius
11868		David M. Dixon
12708	Apres Ski	William J. Roberts
12927		Hank E. Callahan
12938	Chilaquil	Diego Cusi
12961		Charles W. Ten Eick
13450		Robert Dickinson
13606	Break 'N Wind	Ed Okorn
13779	Vamonos	Robert J. Black
13859		Edward Starback
13934		Glenn Wilcox
13985	Minnie Mae II	Norman W. Burns
13995	Phantasy	Paul von Oeyen
14097	No Clue	Edward G. Woods
14117	Blitzen	Mark Kramer
14126		Phil Matora
14177		Blaine Dennis
14215		Philip V. Tomlinson
14220		Nicholas Post
14267		Scott Fohey Chris Smith
14280	Shadowfax	James T. Crosby
14282	Red Lightning	Robert Meyer
14439		Mike Roualet
14449		Dale Krcek
14457	Lightning Bug	Joseph L. LaPalme

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14477	Shenandoah	Stephen E. Handelman
14511	After Hourz	Matthew Warner
14515		John B. Morley
14567	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14601	Gator	Wallace P. Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo J. Korn
14618		Steve Chavez
14628	Over-Engineered	Andrew J. Monique
14690		Gregory J. Harris
14710	Britannia	Neil Willetts
14767	Renaissance	Richard F. Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
14842	Flash3	Charles C. Hess
14854		John Stromberg
14919	Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
14933		Gregory S. McQueen
14964	OHHH NOOO!!! Mr. Bill	Michael J. Welch
14970	Doh!!	Dan Webb Stephen R. Braski
15048		John S. Garrison
15120		William P. Sanders
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J. Finsilver
15200	Overdrive	Thomas E. Klaban
15208		James S. Allen
15230	Evergreen	Robert H. Mathers
15239	Miss Demeanor	Sean Fidler
15245	Midnight Drift	Matthew P. Morin
15313	313	Matthew P. Morin Kevin Morin
15346	Last Dance	Michael B. Hecker
15363		Sean Fidler
15391		Michael J. Welch



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Fleet 54

In order to get ready for the 2009 racing season, the world's largest Lightning fleet at Pontiac Yacht Club went back to school. Fleet Captain Sean Fidler organized a day-long Racing Rules Seminar taught by sailing powerhouse Dave Dellenbaugh. It was a great opportunity to become familiar with the revisions to the rules and explore some of the nuances of mark rounding associated with the rules changes. The Club also purchased an automated horn system, which helped provide more consistent prompts for the starting sequence and opted to move up the Wednesday evening start time in order to get in two races each day during the Spring and Summer series.

Several skippers purchased Velocitek Speedpucks and used them as GPS data recorders in order to be able to play back their races, analyze mistakes made on the course and enhance their bragging rights during the post-race bull sessions. As part of an ongoing experiment, PYC presented Speedpucks to winning skippers in the Fleet to increase the number of tracks that could be replayed after the race, with the caveat that their displays not be used to provide information about the speed of the boat during the race. Club members are honor-bound to abide by the agreement; there are no golfers on the race course.

Racing started in earnest in early May and ran strong through mid-October. The first two-day club regatta was won by Charlie Hess, whose name was the first to be engraved on the new Joe LaPalme Jr. Memorial Trophy, in honor of the fine young man and family club member who died in a hit-and-run accident shortly before that weekend. Another sad loss this year was Marty Prebak, an avid windsurfer and significant other of Beth Groesbeck. He died seventy-two years young in early October and will be much missed.

Continuing education was a big part of the race improvement program, with rules sessions, tuning seminars, videotaping and post-race analysis held by Senior U.S. Sailing Judge Pat Healy and Lightning racing luminaries, such as Skip Dieball and Greg Fisher. Skippers were encouraged to step up their game with interactive, on-board coaching by some of the Fleet's hottest racers during Back of the Fleet Day as well.

Another important aspect of the education needed to keep growing the Fleet is the Junior Sailing Program. Under the leadership of Junior Committee Chair and Program Director, Charlie Hess, over 150 kids from ages 8–17 learned boat-handling and racing skills using Optis, Lasers, FJs, 420s and Lightnings. A series of four, two-week classes were held for



the instruction program, and an eight-week racing program was offered. PYC employed a total of six coaches who were under the oversight of Sailing Master Eric Ellison. The PYC Junior Racing Team consisted of eighteen youths who competed in the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association (DRYA) junior circuit. Racers attended regattas throughout member clubs of the DRYA: Crescent Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club and PYC. One of the most-enjoyed regattas was PYC's own "Sail-n Swim Regatta," which took place in early July. A total of eighty-two kids competed in Optimist, Laser and Laser Radial classes for two days and still had energy to swim in Cass Lake afterward. This was the single biggest event in the DRYA this year. In addition, PYC fielded a Sears Cup team of Andrew Hess, Nick Harris and Josh Abbott for the US Sailing Youth Three-handed Championship. They competed in Thistles and advanced to the national semi-finals in Sandusky, Ohio, where they took a 4th. In summary, it was a terrific year for junior sailing at PYC! Assisting Charlie on the Junior Committee are Greg Harris, Joe LaPalme and Mark Kramer.

In an effort to get kids interested in racing on Lightnings, PYC encourages juniors to skipper Lightnings in the Junior Championship, held concurrently with the Commodore's Challenge Race, in which the crew skipper the boat and the skipper serves as crew. The club recognizes the Junior Champion, this year Julie Okorn, and the winning crew, Eric Klaban, with perpetual trophies during the annual awards banquet.

Beginning adult sailors are also offered instruction during an eight-week program of combined classroom instruction under Hank Borchardt and on-water hands-on experience skippering and sail-handling aboard Lightnings, tutored by





volunteer instructor boat owners in the Club. Several of the students enjoyed the classes enough to join the Club afterward, and Pontiac Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF) presented \$50 gift certificates in appreciation of the skippers who provided their boats for instruction.

With the economic downturn for the year, there was some concern that there may be fewer new members. It seems, however, that many families decided to "stay at home and play at home" this year and took advantage of the

great bargain provided by PYC as a sailing, swimming and social club. Membership Chairman Bob Mathers brought in twenty-six new families this year, the most new members for a given season in the last twenty years. Even the junior sailing program had a strong enrollment, possibly because of, rather than in spite of, the flat economic conditions.

Socially, PYC had its traditional Memorial Day, Labor Day and New Associates Potluck gatherings, but the greatest amount of preparation and energy went into the Club's Diamond Jubilee celebration on the 4th of July. A special gathering of the Club's past commodores kicked off the celebration, following a moving singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Marie Klaban during the flag-raising ceremony. Hank and Esther Callahan presented the Club with a commemorative plaque which will be installed among the brick pavers surrounding the flag pole at the front of the Club-house. Members purchased bricks and had their message to the Club installed on a "walk of fame." Live music for the event was provided by past Commodore Dan House with assistance on a duet by Glen Gardner. Joan Green spent three years gathering photos, anecdotes and historical data to compile a wonderful history of Pontiac Yacht Club's first seventy-five years. All attending families were presented a copy of the new heirloom. Pegi Eddy collected donated goods from club members and local merchants to hold a raffle benefiting PSEF. The weather cooperated to give us perfect temperature, clear skies and a pleasant breeze to enjoy the catered meal by.

PYC was well-represented at away regattas this year with seven crews skippered by Mark Allen, Jim Allen, Mike Welch, Joel Humphrey, Mike Hecker, John Stromberg and Bruce Finsilver participating in portions of the Southern Circuit in March, and Mark Allen finishing 13th, placing highest for the Club. Mark Allen finished 2nd at the Lake Lansing Regatta, with Mike Welch taking 5th. Jim Allen won the Michigan Districts at Boyne City with strong two first place finishes and a total score of twelve points. Other PYC skippers at the Districts were Sean Fidler, Tom Klaban, Mark Allen, Mike Welch, Charlie Hess and Neil Willetts. John Mathers fielded a team that attended the Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta at Devil's Lake and took the Midfleet



Twenty-five Commodores at the 75th Anniversary



Award for his efforts. Joel Humphrey attended the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville, finishing 16th.

Jim Allen placed 8th in the Worlds, held at Malletts Bay, near Burlington, Vermont. Harbor Master Mike Hecker, Commodore Gary Reinheimer and past Commodore Tom Crosby attended the International Masters' Championship held at the same venue the week before. Immediately following the regatta, they packed up the boat, hit the road by 6:30 PM and drove over 600 miles in twelve hours straight through the night to return to PYC, just in time to set up the boat and participate in the 51st Annual Whitecap Regatta! As if that wasn't enough excitement, Mike announced his engagement to Jane VanSteenis over the weekend.

Unfortunately, conditions for the Whitecap Regatta did not live up to the event's name. Twenty-nine boats sought zephyrs and played cats' paws for the one race held on Saturday. Lead changes were frequent and unpredictable, and occasionally it was possible to see two boats sailing in the same direction on opposite tacks, separated by fifty feet of calm air. Boats that had finished the race bobbed in a cluster just past the finish line, while the remainder of the fleet struggled to catch enough wind to cross. Further racing for the day was mercifully cancelled, and the teams

assembled ashore to sample some of Norm Burns' son's microbrew offerings. Mike Welch hosted another episode of The Best, Most Unique, Tasteful Regatta Raffle as part of the evening's entertainment, proceeds of which benefited the PSEF. Those with a sufficient quantity of liquid courage gathered around the Karaoke machine and curdled the ears of the audience.

Sunday's racing conditions turned out to be pretty similar to those of Saturday, and only one race was completed before boats were hauled and crews were treated to PYC's famous Sloppy Joe lunch. Winning skipper and former PYC member, Ryan Flack, was photographed with his six-month old daughter (and future light-air crew), Madison, in one arm and the Whitecap Perpetual Trophy in the other.

Other recent arrivals at the Club included Addisyn, born to Matt and Charlene Warner, and Olin Reed (yes, he's named after the designer of the Lightning), born to Joel Humphrey and Molly Hopkins. Interestingly, both arrivals appear to have been timed to occur just prior to the Whitecap so that skippers wouldn't miss the regatta!

At the end of the sailing season, PYC has its annual business meeting and awards banquet. The new slate for the Board of Directors was voted in for 2010: Commodore, Gary





Whitecap winner and new light air crew

Reinheimer; Vice Commodore, John Mathers; Rear Commodore, Chris Guccione; Past Commodore, Tom Crosby; Secretary, Cathy Burns; Treasurer, Salo Korn; Harbor Master, Mike Hecker; Fleet Captain, Bill Ziegler; and Board Members Sally Dishaw, Lance Lis, Matt Warner, Phil Tomlinson, Stephen Handelman and Ed Okorn.

Among the final responsibilities of the Commodore is the selection of recipients of several perpetual trophies: the Sportsmanship Award, the Louie Haines Award and the Ray Ransom/Hank Callahan Award. While any Club member can nominate candidates for the respective awards, selection of the recipient is at the discretion of the Commodore. Each of these awards is considered a pretty big honor, as the recipients frequently exhibit attributes that exemplify the volunteer spirit of the Club.

The Sportsmanship Award was presented this year to John Mathers. During one of the more spirited Sunday morning Fall Series races, John noticed one of the racers had capsized and turned turtle. The Club crash boat was already on hand and rendering assistance. After finishing the race, John checked back with the turtled crew and realized that the crash boat crew was relatively inexperienced and having trouble righting the boat. John turned over the helm to his crew, dove into the cold water and under the turtled Lightning to release the spinnaker halyard, set the centerboard preventer, righted the boat and helped sail it back to the Club.

Esther Callahan recognized a worthy young club member deserving of the Louie Haines Award for most outstanding contribution by a junior to the Club and nominated Danny Reinhiemer for the numerous hours Danny had put into



helping assemble the Telltales, PYC's monthly newsletter, as well as his willingness to help with preparation for the Potluck suppers and the 75th Anniversary celebration, and for writing a computer program used to score the Whitecap Regatta. Commodore Gary Reinheimer allowed Esther to make the surprise presentation to a truly deserving and flabbergasted young man.

Gary had a real conundrum when faced with selecting the recipient of the Ray Ransom/Hank Callahan Award for most outstanding contribution to the Club. Each of the three women nominated had made huge contributions toward the success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, which was the crown jewel of the year's social events. In the end he selected Pegi Eddy for the trophy, but wisely created three special brooches from several old cloisonné PYC key fob burgees for Joan Green, Cathy Burns and Pegi each. He was afraid that he would be accused of nepotism if he had also nominated his wife Arleen and promised to give her his own special recognition award later on!



Pontiac Yacht Club's 2009 Sailing Season Summary

By Jim Bowers, Fleet Statistician

The 2009 sailing year began with a revised schedule of races that saw the addition of a second Wednesday night race for the Spring and Summer Series, accomplished by a slightly earlier starting time introduced by Fleet Captain Sean Fidler. Additionally, the scoring system for the Spring and Summer Series was revised to an Low Point Average Score with an increased number of starts required to qualify for trophy consideration in each series. The change was proposed by Charlie Hess and accepted by the Fleet Racing Committee so that Pontiac Yacht Club would be compliant with the US Sailing prescription for participation in a selective racing series. Instead of requiring qualification after participating in half the races scheduled, it was determined that two thirds of the races would need to be sailed for trophy consideration. In actuality, the greater number of races required was not met by very many skippers, and qualification for trophies in the Sunday Series resulted in a participation contest instead of a measure of sailing skill.

The 2009 sailing season at Pontiac Yacht Club now had forty-four races scheduled for the Sunday Series and thirty-six races scheduled for the Wednesday Series, of which forty-one were completed for Sundays and thirty were completed for Wednesdays. In addition, there were the holiday mini-regattas, Back of the Fleet Night, Commodore's Challenge and Juniors' Championship weekend and evening races to compete in, along with the Club Championship and our invitational Whitecap Regatta.

Race winners on Wednesday nights included Tom Klaban (13), Sean Fidler (5), Matt Morin (3), Mark Allen (2), Joel Humphrey (2), Mark Whatley, Bill Zeigler, and Mike Roualet. Sunday race winners included Tom Crosby (11), Tom Klaban (10), Sean Fidler (6), John Garrison (4), Matt Morin (2), Charlie Hess (2), Mike Hecker, Matt Warner, Mike Welch, and Mark Whatley.

Seven skippers sailed more than half the Sunday races (20 or more) with Mike Hecker (31) followed by Matt Warner (29) and Dick Beaubien (27) sailing the most Sunday Series races. Ten skippers sailed more than half the Wednesday

races (15 or more) with Tom Crosby (27), John and Bob Mathers (27) leading the most Wednesday evening races sailed among the active racers.

Tom Crosby barely displaced perennial overall Sunday Series winner Tom Klaban for the Sunday overall Champion by winning one more race, after having tied in points for the best fifteen races finished in the Spring, Summer and Fall Series. Tom Klaban continued his dominance at Pontiac as the overall Wednesday Series Champion with Sean Fidler the runner—up as a repeat of last year's results.

Please refer to the separate Scoring Summary for additional individual winners and top five skippers in each of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series of Pontiac Yacht Club's Sunday and Wednesday series races.

The revised scoring system undoubtedly did not produce the desired effect as proposed, not through the actual accounting, but from the noted lack of participation of Pontiac sailors in the Sunday Series. The additional races on Wednesday evenings were well received and certainly made up for the less well attended Sunday Series and will be a feature of future Wednesday evening sailing.

Hopefully this short accounting will highlight and not overlook or miscredit any event and/or deserving skipper in summarizing the season's account of Pontiac Yacht Club's Lightning sailing program for the year 2009.



Pontiac Yacht Club's 2009 Scoring Summary

Regular Spring, Summer, Fall Sunday and Wednesday Series

Spring

Wednesday Series

1. Sean Fidler
2. Tom Klaban
3. Mark Allen
4. Tom Crosby
5. John Mathers/
Mike Hecker (tie)

Sunday Series

1. Mike Hecker
2. Dick Beaubien
3. Matt Warner
4. Steve Handelman
5. not awarded

Summer

Wednesday Series

1. Tom Klaban
2. Bill Ziegler
3. Mike Roualet
4. Andy Monique
5. Tom Crosby

Sunday Series

1. Tom Crosby
2. Mike Hecker
3. Ed Dziuba
4. Matt Warner
5. Phill Matora

Fall

Wednesday Series

1. Mike Roualet
2. Mike Welch
3. John Mathers
4. Tom Klaban
5. Tom Crosby

Sunday Series

1. John Garrison
2. Matt Morin
3. Sean Fidler/
Mike Welch (tie)
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5. Neil Willetts

Special Awards, Club Championship Overall Series and Holiday Regattas

Ray Ransom / Hank Callahan Award
Most outstanding contribution to the Club

Pegi Eddy

Louie Haines Award
Most outstanding contribution by a
junior to the Club

Danny Reinheimer

Sportsmanship Trophy

John Mathers

PYC Commodore Rudder

Gary Reinheimer

Michigan District High Point
(Highest Placing Skipper at a
Michigan District Regatta)

Jim Allen

PYC Whitecap Regatta Invitational Trophy

Ryan Flack

PYC Club Championship Regatta

Mike Hecker

Runner-up John Garrison

PYC Evening Series (Wednesdays)

Tom Klaban

Runner-up Sean Fidler

PYC Sunday Series

Tom Crosby

Runner-up Tom Klaban

Alton Gray Trophy

Eric Klaban

(Commodore's Challenge)

Junior Championship Trophy

Julie Okorn

PYC Good Sportsmanship Award

John Mathers

Clarence Holman Trophy

Phill Matora

Most Improved Skipper

George Bery Award (Persistence)

Norm Burns

Joe LaPalme Jr. Memorial Trophy

Charlie Hess

2nd Mike Hecker

Special Awards

Thinker – Sinker Award
Bill Sander

Think or Thwim Award
John Mathers

Capsize Club Certificates

Dick Beaubien
Steve Handelman
Phill Matora

Sean Fidler
Charlie Hess
Matt Warner (2)

Purple Heart Award

Ed Dziuba
Steve Handelman
Joyce von Drehle



MICHIGAN

FLEET 110 HIGGINS LAKE

Sailing on Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain: John N. Dent

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9102	BOHICA	Peter B. Morley
11185		Peter B. Morley
13826	Mr. Hanky	Peter B. Morley
13999		Scott D. Carman
14021	Deck-a-Dent	John N. Dent

FLEET 204 MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan and Macatawa Bay
Holland, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Michael Anthony Norris

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15193	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris

FLEET 216 SAGINAW BAY

Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Matthew D. Princing

Fleet Treasurer: Gus Dey

Fleet Champion: Sleeper

Fleet Runner-Up: Scars & Scrapes



Tyler Allen driving to a win at Tawas (son of Jim and Ann Allen)

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7153	Megs	George Ascherl, Jr.
9705	Ashes to Ashes	Matthew D. Princing
12588		Saginaw Bay Community Sailing
13779	Vamonos	Grant A. Hilger
14???		Tim Wenzel
14022	Teko	John Johnson
14048		Blair Moulthrop
14076	Dr. Strangeglove	Mike Sulfaro
14077	Full Frontal LaBotimer	Tim Botimer
14087	Score One	John M. Waechter
14103	Zipper	Clark Howell
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14464	Positive	Joseph C. Dissette
14503	Hot Dog Man	George Peet
14603	Hart Beat II	Terry Hart
14616	Adrenaline	Grant A. Hilger
14703	Motion Sensitive	Gus Dey
14775	Shussboo9mer	Jim Schofield
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D. Princing
15146	Big Meanie	Gary "the actor" Sowden
15225	Fast Idiots 2004	Chris Jacobswon
15233	Carousel XXXV	Joseph C. Dissette

We bid summer 2009 a fine farewell. Many nice evenings and fun sails abounded. We were blessed by the weather and by our friends and families.

In 2009 our Fleet sailing on the waters of Saginaw Bay had change in the wind. For the first time in two seasons we crowned a new champion. Although it was not their first time on the podium, we honored a legend and welcomed a new Fleet member. Once again Fleet 216 were the road warriors in the Michigan District, traveling to regattas in Indy, Bay City, Boyne City (Districts), Tawas, Northcape, Higgins Lake, International Masters, Wawasee and the Bluenose. Our teams took home hardware at six of these venues.

At home, Bay City Yacht Club we had a fine season. Thirty plus races were sailed in all conditions. Our final night in September was a fine night with winds around 15 knots and a nice swell for surfing in under spinnaker.

The battle for Fleet champ was hard fought and had a four way battle through most of the year, with Idiots jumping out to a early lead, Sleeper coming on mid season and some surges by Scars and the Meanie. When it all shook out, Sleeper sailed away with another Fleet Championship under her belt. Here is how the top five ended up:

1st	Sleeper	John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Sean McCree
2nd	Scars & Scrapes	Chris & Jen Princing, Bill Coberly
3rd	Fast Idiots	Chris Jacobson, Tom Hernick, Jon Banner
4th	Big Meanie	Gary Sowden, Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger
5th	Score One	John Waechter, Carrie Houtman, Glen Hallet

Other awards given out were:

MIP	Score One
Crew	Everybody
Clamso	Gary Sowden & Crew
Aquatic Exc.	Gary Sowden

John Waechter and crew of Score One were on the podium this year after many years of fine sailing. John mentioned that winning the MIP was one of his sailing career highlights. Well deserved. Gary the Actor took swimming to a new high this year, capsizing multiple times at multiple venues and on one fine day in multiple boats.

As a Fleet we have always been blessed by good leadership and great volunteers. Once again this year we had our Fleet work horse Jim Schofield line up a great group of volunteers to run our races for us. In my absence this season, we had a handful of people come together to handle my responsibilities.

We were also able to honor one of the greatest, humblest leaders and teachers our Fleet, club or class has ever seen. We honored Joe Disette for his many many years of service to us, the sailors of the world really, not just locally. We honored Joe and Ann, the woman behind the man, at a dinner at the Bay City Regatta where we pre-

sented Joe a half hull and plaque and a fine framed letter from Brian Hayes, ILCA president. It was a magical night.

We again hosted successful regattas. Keep in mind numbers don't equal success. Our numbers were not great at Bay City or Tawas for the regattas, but we definitely win the FUN factor. Great sailing followed by great socializing and playing. If you didn't come you missed the best of 2009.

2010 holds its cards close to chest as we go to print. The recession has its icy fingers on Michigan's economy, and we don't really know what to expect for next summer's sailing. Fleet 216 hopes to welcome another boat and see and increase in regatta participation at all events and to once again enjoy this great sport and the camaraderie that comes with it.

Off to winter I go, day dreaming of the day I get to splash the boat again. Today it is less than five months away.

Leroy - 14937



Light air rounding...SHHHH don't move!

RC meeting at regatta with sponsor's banner flying proud



Terry Hart, Joe and Ann Disette, Matt Princing

MICHIGAN

FLEET 326 GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay
Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Paul C. Davis

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13932	Holey Cow	Paul C. Davis
14460	Spirit	Garret Demarest

FLEET 374 DOUGLAS LAKE

Sailing on Higgins Lake
Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain: David O. Peters

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12754		David O. Peters

FLEET 387 LANSING SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain: Blaine Severin

Fleet Champion: Pat Dolan

Corinthian Award: Larry Koster

Crew of the Year: Tom Hutton and Nikiforos Delatolas

Jane Marshall Wet Bottom Crew: Julie Pierce

Utility Crew of the Year: John Kolstoe

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14294	Shibimu	William S. Davidson
14963	Wind Dancer	Patrick Dolan

Lightning Fleet 387 sponsored a full season with sixty-six Sunday races, averaging just over five boats per race. Eighteen skippers participated with six skippers qualifying, with a minimum attendance of twenty-six races. Our best Sunday skipper was once again Pat Dolan in Wind Dancer.

This year the Fleet honored Tom Hutton and Nikiforos Delatolas as crew of the year for helping Johnathan Ahlbrand campaign to third place in Bananas. Tom and Nikiforos are both excellent skippers in our Laser fleet. Our Corinthian Award for the skipper that shows most dedication to Lightning Sailing went this year to Larry Koster. Larry continues

to be our most social and dedicated skipper (see Shibumi at Devil's Lake Regatta). The "Jane Marshall Wet Bottom" crew award for all-out effort to racing went to Julie Pierce on Unidentified Flying Pigasus. John Kolstoe sailed most every weekend, usually for a different skipper, and is recognized as our "Utility Guy" and a good spinnaker handler.

	SKIPPER	BOAT	POINTS	RACES
1	Pat Dolan	Wind Dancer	3155	57
2	Mike Moody	Moody's Booty	2853	47
3	Jonathon Ahbrand	Bananas	2542	48
4	Blaine Severin	Unidentified Flying Pigasus	2311	33
5	Merrick Hurlbutt	Bojangles	1858	27
6	Larry Koster	Shibumi	1366	39

Twelve skippers also sailed in various races but did not qualify. These skippers are, in point order, Jim Fletcher, John LeFevre, Ron Marshall, Brad Kleihge, Damien Sheppard, George Siegle, Tom Hutton, Susanna Tellschow, Christa Betts, Scott Watkins, John Kolstoe, and Cassie Guarino.

Our 44st Annual Tune-Up Regatta was held on May 9. We continue to be one of the first regattas in the Michigan District regatta season and hold a one-day Saturday venue. Once again we experienced delightful springtime weather, mid forties, rain, and big wind. Most skippers lasted the morning session, but the cold chased a number of boats away from the afternoon sailing. We thank our Race Committee, Captain Sid Mook, Paul Chaffee, Alanna Harvey, Bob Miller and John Fishbeck (scorer). Ernie Dieball of Toledo, Ohio, was the winner this year, followed by Mack Allen from Clawson, Michigan, and our own Mike Moody in third. A total of thirteen boats participated.

	SKIPPER	FROM	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TTL
1	Ernie Dieball	Toledo, OH	1	1	1	1	(2)	2	6
2	Mack Allen	Clawson, MI	2	(3)	2	2	1	1	8
3	Mike Moody	LSC	3	2	3	(5)	4	3	15
4	John Heagy	LaSalle, MI	5	4	5	3	(7)	5	22
5	Mike Welch	Birmingham, MI	(6)	5	4	4	5	6	24
6	George Siegle	LSC	(8)	6	6	6	3	4	25
7	Jonathan Albrand	LSC	4	7	7	7	DNC	(DNC)	39
8	Pete McGinty	Carmel, IN	(9)	9	9	9	6	7	40
9	Jim Fletcher	LSC	(10)	10	10	8	8	8	44
10	Blaine Severin	LSC	7	8	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	51
11	Larry Koster	LSC	DNF	11	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	67
12	Pat Dolan	LSC	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	70
13	Merrick Hurlbutt	LSC	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	70

Stephen Wagner has become a welcome crew member and remains our able photographer. Join us at our web site www.lansingsailing.org to see more of his excellent action photos.

FLEET 512 BOYNE CITY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Charlevoix
Boyne City, Michigan

Fleet Captain: George M. Peet
Fleet Secretary: Dave Corcoran
Fleet Treasurer: James Schofield

Fleet 512, sailing on beautiful Lake Charlevoix out of Boyne City, hosted the Michigan District Lightning regatta June 27–28, 2009, with the assistance of the Boyne City Yacht Club.

This regatta featured twenty-one boats sailing in a variety of conditions from light and shifty the first day to heavy and shifty the second day when five boats capsized. The race management was superb, the venue spectacular, the steak dinner tasty, the beer cold, and a great time was had by all, even the swimmers.

Light and shifty specialist John McCree sailing "Sleeper" led the regatta at the close of the first day, but heavy and shifty specialist Jim Allen prevailed on day two to become the Michigan District Champion.

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7007		Michael Fisher
9527		Michael Fisher
13970		Jim Ringer
14323	Sleeper	David J. Corcoran
14503	Head Hunter	George M. Peet
14775	Schussboomer	James Schofield

2009 District Regatta

POS	BOW#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TTL
1	14975		James Allen	3	(10)	1	3	1	4	12
2	14249		George Sipel	4	(11)	4	2	3	2	15
3	15363	Boat	Sean Fidler	(9)	6	9	4	2	1	22
4	14937	Scars & Scrapes	Chris Princing	2	2	(13)	1	10	9	24
5	14323		John McCree	6	1	6	(11)	8	5	26
6	15193	Flash Rider	Christina Norris	10	(140	2	5	6	3	26
7	15200	Overdrive	Tom Klaban	1	5	(22q)	6	7	10	29
8	14567		Mark Allen	(15)	13	8	7	5	6	39
9	15391		Mike Welch	7	3	12	(15)	9	11	42
10	14779	Flash Over II	Jim Davis	(12)	9	5	9	12	8	43
11	14964	Flash3	Charlie Hess	14	7	10	12	4	(22s)	47
12	15233	Schuss Boomer	Jim Schofield	(22f)	12	11	10	13	7	53
13	14818		Craig Gabel	5	16	7	8	(22f)	22f	58
14	14774		Tom Vickers	16	4	15	14	11	(22f)	60
15	14880		Ernie Dieball	8	8	3	(22f)	22f	22s	63
16	14710	Britannia	Neil Willetts	11	15	(17)	16	14	13	69
17	14503	Hot Dog Man	George Peet	17	(19)	16	13	15	12	73
18	15932		Brian Nickels	18	18	(19)	17	17	14	84
19	14543		John Heagy	13	17	14	(22f)	22s	22s	88
20	13970		Jim Ringer	(22f)	22f	22f	18	17	22s	100
21	7007		Mike Fisher	(22f)	20	18	22s	22s	22s	104

MIDWEST

District Commodore: Hans Graf

Fleets

5	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club	187	Sheboygan
69	Milwaukee Yacht Club	442	Fond du Lac/ Winnebago
112	Green Bay Sailing Club	515	Du Bay Corinthian
167	Lake Davenport		

FLEET 5 CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain: William D. Gibson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11316	Wind Rose	John F. Tschanz
11663		Jim Reiman
14015	Hot Flash	Doug Steffenson
14613	Doug's Boat	Jeanne Ehrenberg
14844	Rayo	Dennis A. Burke
14938	Total Recall	David W. Stix
15167	Pigs on Ice	William D. Gibson
15243		Jim Reiman
15260		William G. Faude
15332		Patrick Considine



Fleet 5 and Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club in Chicago celebrated the club's 75th anniversary in 2009!

The Red Flannels Regatta was held on September 26 and 27, with seven great races held and lots of fun. The Fleet helped sailors with our own economic stimulus package—a No Entry Fee Regatta this year! Join us in 2010 on September 25 and 26 for some great open water racing in front of the Chicago skyline!

Fleet members David Stix, Jeanne Ehrenberg and Bill Gibson traveled to Midwest regattas in Fond du Lac, Green Bay and Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in 2009.

The Fleet races most Sundays over the summer from June through September on Lake Michigan.



FLEET 69 MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Martha Pfarr Cushman

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11442	Rampage	Dean S. Cady
14508	Bonski	Steve Cushman

FLEET 112 GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Green Bay
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Martha Pfarr Cushman

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11307		Brian Keller
13817	Surprise	Mari C. Martin
14038		Timothy Monday
14084		Dave Wickert
14106	Bill The Cat	Craig Pomeroy
14130	K.G. Skipper	Michael J. Merkatoris
14250	Puzzle	James L. Hopkins
14400	Ricochet	Brian L. Grahovac
14408	Hurricane Mom	Brian Keller
14476	Splash	Carl W. Manns
14508	Bonski	Mark Stevens
14778		Michael Tenuity
15005	Ready to Play	Carl W. Manns
15081	Hot Flash	James B. Gagnon
15137		Steve Adamski

FLEET 167 LAKE DAVENPORT

Sailing on the Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain: Chuck White

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
14857	Mermaid	Michael Steffenson

FLEET 187 SHEBOYGAN

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Lynelle Reak

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7879	Puff	Robert T. Melzer
11589	D-Toxxx	Brad E. Gruneberg
13818	Warrior	Joel M. LeMahieu
13994	Silent Movie	Michou J. Reichelsdorfer
14007		Hans C. Graf
14234		Hans C. Graf
14598		Denise Cornell
14921	Blind Squirrel	Bruce Van Dommelen Jay Hogfeldt
14994	Lake Effect	Daniel R. Reichelsdorfer
15119	Squito	Eric R. Larson
15143	Who do you love	Joel M. LeMahieu
15234	Stay On Target	Todd Wake
15301	Stone Cold	Denise Cornell
15390		Todd Wake



FLEET 442 FOND DU LAC/WINNEBAGO

Sailing on Lake Winnebago
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Mike Elmergreen
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Dorscheid
Fleet Champion: Pete Orlebeke

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15042	Ellie B	Michael Elmergreen Sue Dorscheid
15158	Too Klos	Peter Orlebeke

The year started with our annual Lighthouse Regatta. We welcomed thirteen teams from around North America. Ross Bailey, Lori Walsh, and Richard Walsh all traveled from Thunder Bay. The Moriartys came up from St. Louis, along with the usual Chicago to Green Bay suspects. We were able to sail six races, which were won by Todd and Kristine Wake along with Lynelle Reak. Toby Moriarty was second, followed by Bill Faude, and then local Pete Orlebeke in fourth, with Richard Walsh rounding out the top five.

The overall champions in our fourteen-week Tuesday night Portsmouth racing were swept by Lightnings taking the top three positions. Pete Orlebek and family took the top position, followed by Sue Dorscheid with crew of Elmo and Cole Orlebeke. The third spot was taken by Pete Chisholm and associated.

Our hoist project finally got all the approvals from the Yacht Club, Park Board, County Board, and DNR (that must be why this process took ten years). We hope to get started as early as possible this spring so that we are operational by Lighthouse Regatta on June 5 and 6.

Mike Elmergreen

FLEET 515 DU BAY CORINTHIAN

Sailing on Upper Wisconsin River at Lake Du Bay
Knowlton, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Stewart Doty
Fleet Secretary: James Force

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6039	Jabberwock	James Force
8044		Doug Hosler
15207	Bravado3	Stewart Doty

Hello, ILCA!

This is our first Fleet report, and our first season as a Lightning fleet. We are happy to be here.



A little history. Jim and Boo Force dragged old #6039 over here from Michigan thirty years ago, and for many summers it was only Lightning sailing among the odd assortment of scows, cruisers, Butterflies and Flying Scots on the lake, a large reservoir on the Wisconsin River between Stevens Point and Wausau.

Then three years ago, Stewart Doty, a Star boat sailor, moved back to the area, decided a Lightning would be the ideal boat for these waters and purchased #15207. Then two years ago, Doug Hosler, local philosophy professor and an old friend, located #8044 in Madison, Wisconsin, and joined the group. Doty concluded that three boats make a fleet, contacted the Class Office, and here we are.

We belong to the Lake DuBay Sailing Association (www.saildubay.org), an active bunch who race on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings (Portsmouth handicap) and host a popular Governor's Cup regatta every August. The club is home to a Butterfly fleet, as well as us, and will host the national Interlake 20 competition next September. We dry sail, maintaining a boatyard and ramp located just above the dam. Our spartan facilities are an easy trade off against our open waters, especially on week-days, and we are the only boats on the lake.

As for the activity of Fleet 515, it's limited but growing. Doty is our only competitive threat in the fleet races, where one can actually lose to a Butterfly in real time and then have to give away even more time according to the handicap. Stewart really got his boat tuned and moving this summer, finishing third in the Saturday morning series. He and Force sailed #15207 to a second place finish in Race 3 of the Governor's Cup, besting several of those flat-bottomed, no-draft speed machines we have around here.

#6039 and #8244 are both woodies, in fine shape for their age but not very fast. Force got in several races and day sails, as much as anyone in the club now that he's retired. Hosler is still getting used to his recent acquisition and got out a few times but did not race. His trailer-backing still needs work.

We have ambitious plans for 2010. More club racing, possible entry of Doty's boat in some Midwest District events, and Force is dying to haul #6039 to the July Woody Lightning event in New York State. We'll see...

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

District Commodore: Bruce Richards

Fleets

74	Decatur	274	Delta Sailing Association
262	Harbor Island Yacht Club	486	Valley Sailing
266	Carlyle Sailing Association		

FLEET 74 DECATUR

Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain: Robert W. Ohlsen

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13308	DF	Greg Florian
14012	Bobs Last Boat III	Robert H. Ohlsen

FLEET 262 HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain: Bill Killebrew

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13875		Bill Killebrew
14533	Firefly	Robert Mattix
14680		Bill Killebrew
14720	Stinger	Jay R. Johnson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15010		David Young
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce Richards
15206	Ninos do la luna	William Hofmeister
15216	Kat's Kradle	Cully Ward
15308		Bill Killebrew



Bluenose Regatta

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

FLEET 266 CARLYLE SAILING ASSN

Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain: Paul D. Hanson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
10151	Chaos	Peter D. Conant
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14260		John D. Folwell
14614		John D. Folwell
14636		Daniel J Moriarty
14766	TopFlash	Terrence R. Burke
14834	Yeti	Matt G. S. Burrridge
14901	Saflex	Ian Schillebeeckx
15364		Tobi D. Moriarty
15364		Daniel J. Moriarty
15234	Stay On Target	Todd Wake
15301	Stone Cold	Denise Cornell
15390		Todd Wake

This year Fleet 266 was pretty successful on many fronts, from competing in regattas to organizing them.

Let's begin by going back to August 7, 2009, when our own Terry Burke won the Lightning North American Masters' Championship in Sodus Bay, New York. Sailing with him was Tobi and Dan Moriarty. Congratulations to Terry and the team!

At this same regatta the juniors were attending the North American Championship; the CSA team consisted of Ian Moriarty, Caleb Leonard, and Bryan Burke. These boys sailed to a 3rd place finish out of sixteen boats. Overall, I say some very good results came from this event. Great jobs guys and gal.



Masters' NAs Champion Terry Burke with Dan and Tobi Moriarty crewing

The very next week was the North American Championship held at the same venue. Tobi and Dan stuck around to sail with a different skipper; this time it would be Matt Fisher. This team has been preparing to sail the upcoming World Championship for almost two years. After four qualifying races and six championship races, they finished 5th.

A month later the team would meet up in Colchester, Vermont, to compete in the Worlds at Malletts Bay Boat Club, which were held between September 11 through 18. Sixty boats from all over the world would compete in nine races. Matt Burrridge also attended the Worlds, crewing for Todd and Kristine Wake of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, who have been practicing for a while as well. For those of you that did not follow on the Internet, what an epic battle unfolded. The coverage was great; at every mark rounding they listed the top twenty or so boats so that you could follow along. Well, this didn't help my productivity at work that week, as I kept hitting the refresh button over and over again. I couldn't get enough; I was addicted I must admit. In the end, it came down to the last race between the top three boats. Fisher had the lead by five points going into the last race and finished 7th in the last race. They only needed to finish in the top ten to hold on for the win, and so we now have WORLD CHAMPIONS in Tobi and Dan Moriarty!! Congratulations to Matt Fisher, Tobi and Dan Moriarty for the winning the 2009 Lightning World Championship.

I'm not really sure how much better life can get for Fleet 266 this year; it has been truly an amazing year to watch unfold before our eyes—all the hardware that has come home from some big events. On to more good news, Carson and Courtney Menges purchased Matt Fisher's Lightning #15045, so we welcome them to the Fleet as first-time boat owners. They have been crewing the last few years and have taken the next natural step. We also welcome back Andrea Sepanski and her brother John Sepanski; they purchased my Lightning #14009 after a hiatus from the Fleet. I will be returning to a crew role for a while, which I enjoy sometimes more than skippering.

The last hurdle for our Fleet this year was the organization of the US SAILING Championship of Champions regatta to



Ian Moriarty

be held here at CSA October 14–17. Matt Burrige did a fantastic job of pulling all this together. His organizing team consisted of Rick Bernstein, Terry Burke and myself, plus hordes of volunteers. Bruce Thompson was the PRO who came down from Chicago.

A very BIG THANK YOU to the Lightning boat owners that loaned us their precious boats for this event. Without you folks this event would not have been possible. Also, thank Rolex, Sail Proud, North Sails One Design, and Marcus Raichle for their sponsorship of this regatta. And lastly thank you, Drew Daugherty, who served as the US SAILING representative for the event—plus he made a pretty good Jambalaya to boot.

Congratulations to Skip Dieball, Jody Starck and Tom Starck for winning the 2009 US SAILING Championship of Champions; they represented the Highlander and Interlake classes. This event had many familiar Lightning sailors competing who either own or crew in the Lightning Class. Some of

those skippers include, Skip Dieball, Greg Fisher (Thistle and J22), Allan Terhune (Flying Scot), Jeff Linton (Lightning), David Spira (Buccaneer 18), Darrell Peck (Finn), plus many normal crew from around the Lightning Class and even some skippers that climbed into the crew role.

In case you didn't hear, Paul Cayard was our mystery guest and came to race in this event. Yes, Paul Cayard! He gave a presentation Friday night during the event and had video presentation of the Pirates of the Caribbean campaign during the 2005/06 Volvo Ocean Race campaign. He did a very cool Q & A session on his sailing career, and he also won a race during this event. His crew was Austin Sperry and Kristine Wake.

Many thanks to the competitors who traveled from all over the United States to come and sail in our beloved Lightning. Below are the results from the event, in which the competitors completed seventeen of twenty races scheduled.

POS	SKIPPER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TTL
	Skip Dieball/ Jody Starck	9	6	[14]	6	6	[9]	3	2	5	1	3	1	3	5	2	1	3	56
	Tom Starck																		
	Greg Fisher/ Dan Moriarty	1	1	10	5	4	1	4	4	6	6	[12]	9	9	4	3	2	[15]	69
	Tobi Moriarty																		
	Allan Terhune, Jr./ Catherine Terhune	6	12	3	3	2	3	1	3	1	8	2	[16]	10	[17]	8	9	2	73
	Dave Perkowski																		
	Stuart Robertson	4	5	2	4	9	10	9	1	2	9	6	6	[12]	10	[17]	11	7/ RDG	95
	Augie Diaz/ Barr Batzer	3	8	4	13	13	15	2	6	4	[17]	1	2	1	[15]	4	14	8	98
	Michele Sumpton																		
	Olin Paine/ Rebecca King	7	9	6	2	1	2	[21/ OCS]	7	10	7	8	10	8	9	[13]	8/ RDG	8/ RDG	102
	Steve Hunt																		
	Talbott Ingram/ Carol Lee Ingram	5	4	1	[18]	3	12	7	17	3	4	9	11	5	11	9	3	[19]	104
	Tal Ingram																		
	Paul Cayard/ Austin Sperry	8	14	13	1	10	11	6	5	7	5	4	[17]	2	[16]	1	13	7	107
	Kristine Wake																		
	Jeffrey Linton/ Amy Smith Linton	2	16	8	12	8	13	5	[16]	13	14	[19]	8	4	1	5	15	9	133
	Todd Wake																		
	Darrell Peck/ Lois Parshley	16	[17]	[18]	8	15	7	12	9	8	2	15	7	11	2	11	5	6	134
	Allison Webber																		
	Chris Raab/ Ryan Minth	14	10	[15]	10	14	4	11	[19]	9	3	14	4	13	7	12	12	1	138T
	Kenneth Dair																		
	Mike Martin/ Stephanie Martin	[21/ OCS]	2	12	7	5	5	8	11	[20]	11	7	15	16	3	14	4	18	138T
	Neal Fowler																		

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

POS	SKIPPER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TTL
	Mateo Vargas/ 13 Mary Kate Hall	[15]	3	[16]	9	12	6	14	8	14	10	10	14	14	6	7	6	10	143
	Christopher Gardiner Oscar Barney/ 14 Tim Mills	11	[18]	11	11	[17]	8	10	10	15	16	11	5	6	12	6	8	16	156
	Kevin Stravers David Rumbaugh/ 15 Steven Fishman	13	7	19	15	7	16	[21/ RAF]	14	11	18	5	12	7	14	[19]	18	4	180
	Anne Newton David Spira/ 16 Dennis Martinelli	10	13	17	17	11	[21/ OCS]	13	12	12	13	16	[18]	15	13	10	7	14	193
	James Daus Christopher Williford/ 17 Marc Schillebeeckx	12	15	9	14	16	17	15	15	17	12	17	3	[19]	[19]	16	16	17	211
	Titou Schillebeeckx Ted Dickson/ 18 Emily Dickson	17	[19]	5	16	18	14	18	18	18	15	18	13	17	8	[18]	17	11	223
	Jonathan Foot Paul White/ 19 Patrick Passafiume	18	11	7	19	19	18	17	13	19	19	13	[19]	18	18	15	[19]	5	229
	Tony Passafiume Jeff Thomas/ 20 Michael Foster	19	20	20	20	20	19	16	20	16	20	20	20	20	20	20	[20]	[20]	290
	Gary Peterson																		

FLEET 274 DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on the Arkabutla Reservoir
Memphis, Tennessee

Fleet Captain: Carl Panetta

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11311	Ogo Pogo	Mark A George
11386	Dos Mas	Ralph L Leon
11999	Turbo Dog	William N Baxter
12505		Batton Kennon
12852		Mark A George
14065	Plan B	John C Panetta
14230		Robert T Ryan
14230		Michael Arndt
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14375	Out Of The Blue	William N Baxter
14571		Michael Arndt
14666		Crit Currie
15169	Square Grouper	Batton Kennon

We had an exciting year of sailing and racing in 2009. To begin with, we had a resurgence of club racing. We sailed seventeen races from June to September in our club racing series and had a total of ten boats participate. The top three finishers in the series were:

1. Crit Currie Jr.
2. Mike Arndt
3. Carl Panetta

Congratulations to Crit for his first place finish in the series which included nine first place finishes!

Delta Sailing Association also hosted two regattas. Our first regatta of the season was the Hernando Desoto which was held on May 16-17. This was also the second stop in the inaugural Southwest Lightning Circuit. There was a nice fleet of nine boats, including four from out of town. We had great wind and weather both days and completed six races. The top finishers were:

1. Larry Frost (New Orleans)
2. Robert Mattix (Nashville)
3. Robert Bernhardt (Pensacola)

Our second regatta was the Cotton Pickin' which was held on September 19–20. We had a fleet of eight boats, including two from Nashville. The top finishers were:

1. Bill Killebrew (Nashville)
2. Brad Currie (Nashville)
3. Max Shelton (Memphis)

Several sailors from Delta Sailing Association also traveled to numerous regional regattas this year. We started the season off with Bill Baxter III and Crit Currie Jr. traveling to the Southern Districts at Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (also the first stop on the Southwest Lightning Circuit), followed by Bill, Crit, and Carl Panetta traveling to the Mississippi Valley Districts in Nashville at Harbor Island Yacht Club. Bill and Crit also sailed in the Texas Districts at Rush Creek Yacht Club (the third stop on the Southwest Lightning Circuit) and the Hospitality Regatta in Jackson, Mississippi, at Jackson Yacht Club (the fourth stop on the Southwest Lightning Circuit). Finally, in the fall, Carl sailed in the Bluenose at Harbor Island Yacht Club, and Bill and Crit when to Pensacola, Florida, to sail in the Jubilee Regatta at Pensacola Yacht Club. Currently, with one regatta left to sail (the Sugar Bowl Regatta at the Southern Yacht Club), Bill Baxter is tied for third place in the Southwest Lightning Circuit.

In addition to all the sailing this year, we have updated our website. It now includes information on local and regional regattas, photos from many of our regattas, a forum, and much more. The new site address is: www.deltasailing.com.

Finally, Crit Currie, one of the founders of Delta Sailing Association and the first commodore of the Mississippi Valley District, passed away this October. The sailing tradition he started at Delta Sailing Association is continued by his sons Crit Currie Jr., the current commodore of Delta Sailing Association, and Brad Currie who sails in Nashville at Harbor Island Yacht Club.

FLEET 486 VALLEY SAILING

Sailing on Alton Lake
Machens, Missouri

Fleet Captain: Stephen A. Wyers
Fleet Champion: Rick Conaway

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12033		Sea Scouts
12891		Rich Neimann
13231		Don McNabb
13379	Top Secret	Stephen A. Wyers
13836	Becky Sue	Michael Reed
14088		Rick Conaway
14386		Stuart Sharp

2009 was a disaster for us! The Mississippi had eight floods over the year, due to record rainfall. We'd had barely started in late August, run a Laser Regatta and the Governors' Cup in early October, before we were booted out again by a rising river! Additionally, our Fleet is way down, consisting of eight boats, six members and two Sea Scouts. Money and age are taking their toll. Time was we could put eighteen boats out for the Muddy Rudder Regatta, including visitors like Rick Bernstein and Matt Burridge. The high cost of a new boat is no help. I could afford one, but I'd have to kill the first person who rammed it!

On a more positive note, we are looking for more members, and perhaps I'll buy a used, but higher (15000+) number boat and sell mine. We might be able to generate more action. My boat is all tricked out but old! The Scouts are really active in Lightnings, and I wish we could keep them in our Fleet. However we've seen it over and over that they disappear after high school but may return way after maturity! Mostly, costs deter them!



Hernando DeSoto Regatta



NEW ENGLAND

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District Commodore: Dan Egan
 District Secretary/Treasurer: Sterling Bush
 District Champion: Brian Gibbs
 District Runner-Up: Bill Fastiggi
 Sportsmanship Award: Lake Champlain
 Fleet 301
 Malletts Bay Boat Club

Fleets

121 Merrimack River	273 Massabesic Yacht Club
145 Spofford Lake	301 Lake Champlain
151 Annisquam Yacht Club	332 Squam Lake
189 Marblehead	493 Bow Lake
227 Bomoseen Yacht Club	

Come join us here in New England for some great sailing and fun. This year was a wet one in New England, which made the ducks happy and pasturelands lush green for the cows and great vegetables. The nice weather was reserved for the weekends where we had great sailing. We enjoyed the cool summer breezes and summer began in late August with a heat wave.

Our schedule for 2009 was:

DATES	EVENT	WATERS	LOCATION
Jun 6-7	Spring Regatta	Malletts Bay	Malletts Bay Boat Club
Jun 27-28	Dave Fitch Memorial	Spofford Lake	Spofford YC
Jul 10	WJM	Squam Lake	Squam Lake Association
July 11-12	New England Districts	Squam Lake	Squam Lake Association
Aug 8	Newburyport One Day Regatta	Cancelled due to scheduling	
Aug 22-23	Squam Lake Regatta	Squam Lake	Squam Lake Association
Sep 12-13	Massabesic Regatta	Lake Massabesic	Lake Massabesic Yacht Club
Sep 5-6	Open Sailing (Practice)	Malletts Bay	Malletts Bay Boat Club
Sep 7-11	Int'l Master's Worlds	Malletts Bay	Malletts Bay Boat Club
Sep 11-18	Lightning World Championships	Malletts Bay	Malletts Bay Boat Club
Sep 19	Bow Lake Regatta	Bow Lake	Bow Lake Grange Hall
Oct 17-18	Leaf Peeper Regatta	Malletts Bay	Malletts Bay Boat Club



Check with the local club members for free housing when you do decide to join us.

FLEET NAME	LOCATION	FLEET #	FLEET CAPTAIN
Merrimack	Newburyport, MA	121	Patrick Gallagher
Spofford	Sofford, NH	145	Bob Bush
Annisquam		151	George Peter
Marblehead	Marblehead, MA	189	Don Humphrey
Massabesic	Concord, NH	273	Ray Whitley
Malletts Bay	Colchester, VT	301	Arnie Tran
Squam Lake	Squam, NH	332	Dan Egan
Bow Lake	Spafford, NH	493	Ned Hinds

Several of our District members attended the North American Championships on Lake Ontario near Sodus Bay, New York, in August. Sterling Bush finally made the landmark age of fifty-five and sailed in the Masters' competition, finishing 17th. Heavy air and waves made sailing the big waters of Lake Ontario difficult for the calm water sailor.

It was an excellent job in tough North American competition in the Blue Fleet by all. Our shining star is Bill Fastiggi with crew Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger, finishing 8th overall. We are very proud of the junior sailor Kolby getting his Lightning experience with Bill. Other New England sailors competing were Eric Johnson finishing 3rd, and skipper Bob Bush, with crew Sterling Bush and Ben Craig, finishing 8th in the Green Fleet.

The Malletts Bay Boat Club was honored to host the World Championships in September. Several of our older New England skippers and crew competed in the International Masters' Championship from September 7-11.

The results were:

- 9th Kip Hamblet
- 11th Georges Peter, crew Charles H. Ritt
- 12th Stuart Nickerson, crew Kurt Kling and Anne Brush
- 14th Todd Cox, crew Alan Baker and Russell Robinson
- 15th Sterling Bush, crew Bob Bush

17th Bob Shapiro, crew Jim Lerner and Jeff Baker

24th David Little

26th Mark Gardner, crew Marilynne Johnson and Eric Johnson

29th Dwight Gertz, crew Jeannie Carlson and Art Cunningham

30th Richard G. Corcoran, crew Garr Corcoran

31st Janice Lange, crew Tori Pesek and Mike Dewane

32nd John Hughes, crew Eric Schulz and Rick Heath

The premier event was the International World Championship from September 11–18, featuring ten different countries. There was tough competition from all over the world. Our own Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Heather Ambrose finished 13th overall.

To all the New England sailors, great sailing this year and congratulations on a job well done.

FLEET 121 MERRIMACK RIVER

Sailing on the Merrimack River
Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Patrick Gallagher

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11135		John R. Hughes
14275		John R. Hughes
14345		Brian Gibbs
14547		Patrick M. McCormack
15132	Temerity	Brian Gibbs

FLEET 145 SPOFFORD LAKE

Sailing on Lake Spofford
Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Robert C. Bush

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10254		Alexander D. Gemmell
11210	Smurfin Along	Frederick Turner
11346	FOB	Christopher B. Hamblet
13792		Joe Rosen
13835	Three Cheers	Tom Fitch
14072	Sunshine	Paul Henkel
14360	Lightning Mac-Queen	Patrick MacQueen
14621	Flat Bottom Girl	Ben Wallace
14654	AmBush	Bob and Sterling Bush

Lightning racing was limited at the yacht club this year to our annual regatta and some daysailing on the many beautiful days later in the year. Our regatta is typically held the weekend after Father's day. This year we had light air—a change from the past two years. We also managed to avoid the rain which was plaguing New England in the early part of the summer. Both Saturday and Sunday provided breeze, though just barely enough to get around the race course in less than the forty-five minute race time limit. With timely work by the RC, we did get in all nine scheduled races. The local Fleet members were in their element with the flat water and light air. Local knowledge didn't hurt either. Bob Bush, Sterling Bush and Jeremy Rathfon, managed to get to the front in most of the races and were able to pull away to win the regatta. Second through fourth places all had twenty-eight points after the throwout, with Joe Rosen winning the tiebreaker over Bob Shapiro of Bow Lake and Ben Wallace, the past two years' winner.



NEW ENGLAND



The Bushes did most of the travelling, starting with the Southern Circuit and continuing with regattas in New England, Central New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Sterling took the tiller at the North American Masters' at Sodus Bay and also at the International Master's near Burlington, Vermont. She placed as the highest women skipper and made the top half of the fleet after a tough breezy first day, but finishing with a 4th in the last race of the regatta. Bob took the helm and had a good year with wins at Spofford, Bow Lake and Cazenovia.

The Wallaces gave their growing son, Ian, a chance to race with dad and uncle Tris at Bow Lake. Normally a light air venue similar to Spofford, this year it really blew, with enough wind so no spinnakers were flown. Nice work, Ian.

Paul Henkel, Alex Gimmel and Joe Rosen continue to dominate in the Sunfish series and stay limber, ducking the rig at the Yacht Club, where a typical Wednesday or Saturday race will have ten to fifteen boats on the line. Fred Turner continues to do the lion's share of the RC work.

If you need some flat water, light air work, come give our annual regatta a try. The lake will remind you of summer camp, with our quiet lake, our picnic atmosphere and our beautiful sunsets over the western hills.



FLEET 151 ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Georges Peter

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13876	Rasta Mohican	Scott Coulter
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter

FLEET 189 MARBLEHEAD

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain: Donald R. Humphrey

BOAT #	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13991		Joel D. Humphrey
14275		Joel D. Humphrey
15148	Palindrome	Joel D. Humphrey
15151	Palindrome	Joel D. Humphrey
15300		Joel D. Humphrey

FLEET 227 BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen
Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain: Raymond Harrington

FLEET 273 MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Ray Whitley

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9829		Kenneth Deyett
11150	Shark Bite	Patrick Gallagher
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter F. Colantuono
14418	The Blind Squirrel	Ray Whitley

The MYC Fleet kicked off the season with a beach party at Ray Whitley's home to chase away winter, renew acquaintances, and recruit new skippers and crew. Lots of stories, some true, some not so true, were shared over Dark and Stormies. Another great source of new blood for our Fleet has been MYC's Learn to Sail program. Students have the opportunity to sail a variety of boats but soon come to know how great a boat the Lightning is, particularly in the light air (some would call it no air) that often greets the smiling faces of the students in the morning on Massabesic.

As they have done numerous times, Ken and Norm Deyett graciously devoted their time to host a Learn to Race program. It was a great experience for newbie racers as well as a nice refresher and update for the seasoned racer.

Our Sunday Series participants encountered the usual potpourri of conditions on the lake, compliments of Mother Nature, including multiple Sundays with 25+ knot breezes, along with a few doldrums days. We had lots of fun competition each Sunday. Pat Gallagher had a great Spring and Summer Series placing 1st, while Walt Colantuono placed 1st in the Fall Series. All of the racing results are now posted on Sailwave on our new portal at <http://mycracing.com>.

In September, we hosted the MYC Regatta, with a number of boats from within New Hampshire joining us for nine races over two days. Winds were good, the food better, and the competition tight, with Ken Deyett placing 1st, Bob Shapiro placing 2nd, and Ned Hinds placing 3rd.

For some MYCers sailing season hasn't ceased and is continuing on the solid stuff; and you thought that ice was only good for Dark and Stormies.

Ray Whitley

FLEET 301 LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain: Arnold M. Tran

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10440	Top	Allen H. Baker
11623	Kindred Spirit	Thomas J. Papp
11885	Annie Oakley	Aaron Frank
12525		William J. Fastiggi
13156	Blue Storm	David N. Little
13902		Arnold M. Tran
14050	HUH???	Bretton C. Gardner
14056		Erik Johnson
14119		Chad Miller
14146	Drop it Like it's Hot	Connor Aswad Nicholas Aswad
14446	Apple	Kurt Kling
14480	Ciao	Richard N. Fastiggi
14514	Special K	Arnold M. Tran
14520	Hare Brained Idea	Todd W. Cox
14584	Abba Zabba	Peter Hazelett
14640	Wild Goose	Donald C. Brush
14644		Michael L. Huffman
14658		William J. Fastiggi
14876	Southern Cross	Janice Lange
14958	Masi VIII	William J. Fastiggi
14972	Whatnow	Patrick Zachary
15058		Paul T. Gutwin
15060	Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
15237	Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
15238	Elixir	William J. Fastiggi
15368	Endeavor	David N. Little
15381		William J. Fastiggi

NEW ENGLAND



What more is there to talk about in a fleet report than running the Worlds? 2009 will always be remembered and dominated by the culmination of months of planning and running of the 2009 Lightning World Championship. In one of the most highly attended Worlds in years, twelve different countries were represented during two weeks of sailing in Malletts Bay. There are countless "thank yous" that need to go out to every Fleet member. Each member donated more time and energy than they ever thought was possible for a organizing a sailing event. Running an event of this magnitude required that everybody be working on the event months and years before any sailing actually occurred. We just can't thank everyone enough. Additionally, we hope all World's participants enjoyed their week long (for some it was a two weeks) stay in and around the Malletts Bay area. It was our intention to provide you with a first class regatta, and we can only hope that we pulled that off.



The June Spring Regatta was heavily attended this year in anticipation of the Worlds. Kate Brush made an appearance back in Malletts Bay after a few months of traveling overseas by sailing into 1st place with Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn. Peter Hazelett, Clinton Hayes and Derrik Deming had a strong showing and took 2nd against a stacked fleet. Bill Mauk, Al Boucher and Patrick Zachary rounded out the top five places. It was great to see so many of the formally "junior" sailors coming back to the Fleet and sailing strong. Nick Aswad, Kate Brush, Derrik Deming, Meridith Powlson and Bretton Gardner were all on the water slugging it out with many of the fleet veterans.

Squam Lake was gracious enough to host the New England Districts, and numerous Fleet 301 teams headed down to New Hampshire for the weekend. Saturday's racing included a total of three races which were sailed in anything from 5 to 18 knots—typical small lake sailing. Squam hosted a



Keika did an awesome job with registration



great dinner Saturday night. Just as all Fleet 301 members were heading back to the campground for the night, the skies opened, and it proceeded to down pour for the rest of the evening. Sunday dawned blue skies and a great lake breeze which provided us another two races. This year's District Champions, Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman and Beth Boardman, sailed an excellent regatta over the two days to win the title. Bill Fastiggi, Erik Johnson, Nick Aswad and Heather Ambrose rounded out the top five. Thank you, Squam, for your hospitality.

This year's Leaf Peeper reminded everybody that sometimes a fall regatta means that winter is not far away. Cold temperatures but fortunately lighter breeze meant that all of the winter clothes came out early. Team Johnson, Eric and Marilynne, took advantage of a crew shortage and light air over the two days to take 2nd place behind Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Kolby Kruger. Heather Ambrose, Tim Ambrose and Greg Beshore rounded out the top three.

On a more somber note, Fleet 301 was saddened by the passing of one of the best friends of the Fleet, Marty Olsen. Marty didn't sail Lightnings but was PRO and Race Committee for countless regattas, both big and small. Marty's sense of humor and calm demeanor will be missed both on and off the water.



Bill Fastiggi, World's Regatta Chair



Heather Ambrose, organizer of boat charters, advertising and sponsorship

NEW ENGLAND

FLEET 332 SQUAM LAKE

Sailing on Big Squam Lake
Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Dan Egan
Fleet Secretary: P. J. Blankenhorn
Fleet Treasurer: Dwight Gentz
Fleet Champion: Garr Corcoran

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9829	Spike	Arthur J Cunningham
10212	Coast2Coast	Dan Egan
10320	Mountain Thyme	Kristen Spera
10732	Go-mo-shun	David D Closson
14247	Steppin' Out	Douglas R DeCluitt
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Bubba	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz
14955		Richard Guy Corcoran
15089		Al MacQuarrie
15258	Kilgore Trout	Brian L Comfort

2009 was a successful year for Fleet 332. We completed twenty-nine races. Eleven boats showed up for at least one race.

Depending on your point of view, there were two potential highlights for the season. For the serious sailors among us, it was the fact that, for the first time in living memory, we hosted the New England Districts. We somehow managed to handle a fleet of twenty-one Lightnings in our constrained shore facilities. The weather cooperated, the Race Committee did a very good job, and the racing was fair enough for the cream to rise to the top. Brian Gibbs won the regatta by a small margin over Bill Fastiggi and the other nineteen skippers. All seemed to have a good time.

We also ran our regular annual regatta in August, with Bob Shapiro joining us to win that event.

For the "back to nature" contingent, the highlight was that we not only sailed with our usual escort of loons and bald



Close racing at the weather mark: Fleet Captain and New England District Commodore Dan Egan in 14881 rounds the mark, overlapped with Garr Corcoran in 14955 with the White Mountains in the background

eagles, but we were joined by a deer that swam across the course during one of our fleet races.

We held our annual dinner on Labor Day Weekend and reelected all of our Fleet officers for another year. Our Fleet trophies were awarded as follows:

Garr Corcoran was the 48th winner of the Howdy Wood Trophy for the Season Championship. Wally Ackley was 2nd for the season and Art Cunningham was 3rd.

Garr also won the Richardson Blair Trophy for the July series, while Dwight Gertz took home the Jack Russell Award for August.

Our second oldest award, the Closson Bowl for the last three races of the summer, was awarded for the 41st time and went to Dwight Gertz, who also won the eponymous Welles-Gertz Trophy for the highest finish by a local boat in the annual regatta.

Garr finished out the awards with the Bob Custance Trophy for the best finish by a Lightning in the annual Around the Lake Race.

FLEET 493 BOW LAKE

Sailing on Bow Lake
Stratford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain: Ned E. Hinds



Dwight Gertz skipper, Art Cunningham crew, Jeanine Carlson crew

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2	Upset	Robert F Boynton John Boynton James Boynton
13888	What Now?!	James Boynton
14296	Naut!	Ned E Hinds
14577	Infinite Sloop	Rob Donle
14667	Mis Behavin'	Robert D Shapiro
15047	SCUD	Allan Whatley
15239	Miss Demeanor	Robert D Shapiro
15258	Kilgore Trout	Brian L Comfort

NIGERIA

District Commodore: Andrew Barton

Fleets

510 Lagos Yacht Club

FLEET 510 LAGOS YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lagos, Offshore and Lagoon
Lagos, Nigeria

Fleet Captain: Julian Calvin

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13520		Michael Barnes
13527	Bavaria	Nick N. Headley Julian Calvin
14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14929	Bonfire II	Knut Engebretsen
15267	Shango	Jonathan C. Lauthers Kevin C. King
15273	Scud	Robert E. Overfield
15274	Just In Time	Richard J. Willmott
15322		Richard J. Willmott
15324		Knut Engebretsen
15326	Speed	Gary L. Schwantz

It was another very active year for the Lightning fleet at Lagos Yacht Club. The LYC has fifty Lightnings, twelve GPs, five Ospreys and sixty Hobies. Every weekend has racing on Saturday with between fifteen to twenty Monohulls and up to twenty Hobies competing. We even have a single-handed race each year for the Lightnings.



Gary Schwantz, Jacques Schwantz and Kelvin Cates

We had four teams competing in the Lightning World Championship in Vermont. One team competed in the Southern Circuit in Florida. One team competed in the European Lightning Championship in Sicily.

Additionally, the two favorite long distance overnight club races each year are the twenty-mile Whispering Palms/Agaja and the one hundred ten mile Badagry Creek races.

While many of the weekends are club racing, we have a number of sponsored races too. The types of racing vary from regattas, pursuits, windward-leeward marks, and just regular racing around channel markers, buoys, and marks located offshore, in the harbor and up the creeks.

Our list of great sponsors includes: Heineken, sponsor of our annual Nigeria Lightning/Tarpon National Championship, 33 Export Brewery, Virgin Nigeria Airlines, Access Bank, Maersk Shipping, Gateway, Lion Trucks, Nigerdock, Hardys Wines, City Contracting, CFAO Technologies, Chevron and ExxonMobil.

Additionally, the club continues its very active social life with several events each month. Dinners and dances include Lightning and Hobie annual dinners, Octoberfest, Sail-Around-The-World, Thanksgiving, Holidays, and New Years Eve.



Michael Barnes with crew Kevin Gosling and Alexander Hayman at the Worlds

Ian Edwards with crew Knut Engebretsen and Rick Rothenbuler at the Worlds

OHIO

District Commodore: Tom Varley

Fleets

23	Indian Lake Yacht Club	71	Rocky River
27	Leatherlips Yacht Club	150	Mansfield Sailing Club
36	Pymatuning Yacht Club	303	Cowan Lake Sailing Association
43	Buckeye Lake Yacht Club		



District Championship Participants



District winner Matt Fisher with crew Lisa Fisher and Abby Ruhlman

FLEET 23 INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Indian Lake
Russels Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain: James T. Young

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12551	Wind Thief	Robert L. Clover
13741	Wind Thief	Robert L. Clover
14751	Wind Thief	Robert L. Clover

FLEET 27 LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir
Powell, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Eric Brandt

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14897		Kurt Andrews
15191		Eric Brandt

FLEET 36 PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain: Dean N. Caley
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Maras
Race Chairman: Justin Proctor

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	G. Scotland Werley
9835		June Maltbie
12593	Caution!	Robert C. Baumgardner
12787	Buzzoff	Greg Pollock
12972	Trouble	Robert C. Baumgardner
13181		Martin Powell
13240	Recess	Janis J. Gamer
13255	Covert Maneuver	Jim Martuccio
13465		Susan Fink
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymeier
13905	Syzygy	Jonathan Dean
14186	Silly Daddy	Marc Cline
14208		Bev Boyle
14242	BlueMoon	M. Andrew Sees

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14285	Enticer	Frank Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	Bill Weihe
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N. Caley
14483	Spice	Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14523	Moo	Len Ciccone
14546	Hakuna Matata	Marilyn K. Maras Victor Maras
14573		John M. Woodall
14579	Arete	Nedra J. Lewis G. Scotland Werley
14657		Justin Proctor
14678	Rigamorole	Edgar Rumble
14751	Tog Bog	Ralph Meacham
14885	Blue Line	Douglas C. Blackburn
14907	Chaos & Creation	Kate Scotti
14914	Cool	Don Courtsal
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
14957	Git-R-Done	Ryan Ruhlman
15000	Jack's Boat	Timothy Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	Bertie M. Werley John Werley Kate Werley
15022	Sight Unseen	Garry Condon
15075		Maegan A. Ruhlman
15112	No Time to Kill	David E. Werley
15257		Robert Ruhlman
15288		John Dunne
15357		Abigail A. Ruhlman

Fleet 36 continues to participate in the Southern Circuit in March as a kick start to the sailing season. This year we had five members participate in the entire regatta. Ryan

Ruhlman with Nick Turney as crew finished 12th overall, with Rob Ruhlman and crew Abby Ruhlman and Dave Werley finishing 13th overall. Those warm southern breezes and friendships sure help to beat the Pennsylvania cold and winter blues.

This year marked the 25th annual Spring Classic at Pymatuning, and the Fleet set out to mark this anniversary with an extra special regatta and party. In addition, there was a raffle for a new set of North sails. Ticket sales had started on the Lighting website and continued through the regatta. We promised everyone "bigger and better" and we delivered, thanks to the hard work of Chairman Bertie Werley, all of our Fleet members and lots of outside sponsors. Our very own Rob Ruhlman and John Dunne entertained the group with live music during the Friday night hot dog party.

Three exciting races were held during the day, with the boats coming in to complimentary "chair massages" donated by John Dunne. What a great way to work out the kinks of the day and get ready for a crazy party with a live band. Dancing and partying went on into the early hours of the morning.

Sunday morning brought colder temperatures and a little too much wind, so everyone headed to the bloody mary bar instead of the racecourse. Once again, the winner of the regatta after Saturday's racing won the regatta with no racing on Sunday. Congratulations to Dan Moriarty with crew wife Tobi and Stu Fisher, winners of the regatta. Also congratulations to our own Tim Werley who had the highest finish for a PYC boat at 8th. The big winner of the sails was Frederick Wright. In addition, Fleet 36 was able to donate \$500 to the Boat Grant Program. All in all, the 25th Anniversary of the Spring Classic was a huge success.

After the Spring Classic, Fleet 36 settled into regular weekend sailing, holding races most Saturday and Sunday afternoons with great participation and lots of friendly competition.

In addition to all of the sailing at Pymatuning, many of our members traveled to various regattas. The Ohio Districts were sailed in Mansfield this year. Twenty-one Fleet 36 members participated in this regatta. Special thanks to Matt and Lisa Fisher for housing most of these people!





Tim Wereley at the WJMs

PYC finishes are below:

- 2nd Dave Werley, Emma Werley, Greg Maras
- 3rd John Werley, Bertie Werley, Kate Werley
- 4th Vic Maras, Adam Maras, Cameron Maras
- 7th Tim Werley, Beth Werley, Samantha Maras
- 12th Dean Caley, Kandi Caley, Kay Sees
- 13th Bob Baumgardner, Cody Signor, Nate Signor
- 16th Doug Blackburn, Lis Blackburn, Andy Sees

Once again, many of our junior sailors traveled to Put In Bay for the ILYA Junior Bay Week. Alex Werley with cousins Matt and Sam Werley sailed a Thistle, and Kate Werley, Adam Maras and Liam Condon all sailed Lasers. It was the first time to this regatta for all but Kate, so many new friendships were made during the week, and they all hope to go back in 2010.

The first weekend in August was the Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitational. Coming in 3rd was Tim Werley with sister Kate and cousin Beth on board. Maegan Ruhlman crewed on the 9th place boat with Christine Moloney and Julianne MacDonald. The 2nd weekend in August, Tim Werley with crew Beth Werley and Samantha Maras traveled to Sodus Bay to compete in the Juniors' North American Championship. These three juniors sailed an outstanding regatta in their last year of qualifying as a "junior," finishing 4th overall. Great job to all of you!

We sent two boats to the Lightning North Americans in mid August. Congratulations to Ryan Ruhlman with crew Martha Fisher and Nick Turney for finishing 8th and Rob Ruhlman with wife Abby and Dave Werley for finishing 14th.

Regular sailing continued through the fall, with the awards party being planned for early in 2010. By this time we have been apart for a long enough time and are ready to see each other again. Results for the various series for the year were as follows:

First	Second	Third
Spring		
Dean Caley	Garry Condon	Bob Baumgardner
Fall		
Dean Caley	Bob Baumgardner	John Werley
Saturday		
Caley/Sees Team	John Werley	Scot Werley
Sunday		
Caley/Sees Team	Justin Proctor	John Woodall
Stay-at-Home		
Justin Proctor (tie – 1st)	Scot Werley (tie – 1st)	Ed Rumble



Rob Ruhlman at the NAs



Championship Results:

- 1st John Werley
- 2nd Dean Caley
- 3rd John Woodall
- 4th Justin Proctor
- 5th Bob Baumgardner

2009 was another great year of sailing for our Fleet both at Pymatuning and other regattas. We did not seem to see much impact of the poor economy as we had forty-six boats at the Spring Classic and still travelled to other regattas. Thankfully, we are able to find a way to continue to do what we love even in challenging times. We hope that 2010 brings much more exciting and fun sailing.



FLEET 43 BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Buckeye Lake
Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Matt V. Fisher

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14056		Matt V. Fisher
15045	Ladies Choice	Matt V. Fisher

FLEET 71 ROCKY RIVER

Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain: George Auer

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13726		Bill L. Buckles

The Fleet members and boats remained the same from 2008.

On October 3 and 4 Fleet 71 hosted the first annual Chili Pepper Regatta. Eight boats participated, with four races sailed in perfect open water conditions. James Taylor won, Bill Buckles second, and Bob Shutt in third captured his first regatta trophy.

Saturday evening Dave Samanich and crew put on a wonderful clam bake dinner. Check the Class and/or Ohio District website for 2010 dates. Our Fleet activity basically amounted to supporting local and national regattas. Dave Samanich sailed in the Southern Circuit, Bill Buckles the masters in Burlington, and I sailed with James Taylor at Sodus Bay.

George Auer

FLEET 150 MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir
Lexington, Ohio

Fleet Captain: Thomas H. Varley

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6944	Toby	Chandler Stevens
13485		Christopher Clarke
13979	X stream	Thomas H. Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14212	Steam Driven	Sean D. Dillon
14390	Granfalloon	James L. Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean D. Dillon
14433		David E. Samanich
14824	Got Mojo?	Christopher Clarke
14952	X stream	Thomas H. Varley

FLEET 303 COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Co-Captain: Mike Brock
Fleet Co-Captain: Ann Brock
Fleet Champion: Dr. Steve Weeber

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11777		James Young
11515	The Missing Piece	Jeff Pugh
13110		John Tangney
13504	Rocky	James P. Taylor
14110	Figment	Dick H. Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J. Irwin
14875		Bryan Riddiford
14287	Talaria	Stephen A. Weeber
14925		Michael H. Brock
15172	Rocky	James P. Taylor
15179		Dennis Rhoades
15207	bravado3	Stephen A. Weeber
15317	Phoenix II	Stephen A. Weeber

2009 was a good year for Cowan Lake sailors. We were well represented on Sundays for club racing and the local regatta circuit. In October we hosted our annual Fall-In regatta.

At the club level master mariner Ken Irwin, Dennis and Kathy Rhoades, Mike LoVullo and Mike Brock kept the



Mike Brock and Bill Young crossing each other

Lightnings visible on Sundays. Dick Pugh and Jim Young split their time sailing between Cowan and Indian Lake. Both Steve Weeber and Jim Taylor spent a good part of the year on the District and national regatta circuit with strong finishes. Jim won the District's Governors Cup.

In late October we hosted the 36th annual Cowan Fall-In regatta. We had thirteen boats show up for the regatta that was forecasted to be cold, wet and windy. We sailed five races on Saturday on various parts of the lake in an attempt to set the longest possible legs, as the wind came from the north, the short part of the lake. While the rain held off to a fine mist, it was a cold day on the lake.

Tired sailors were welcomed to a hot meal at the end of the day. On Sunday the sky was a bit clearer and wind lighter. However, the Race Committee sent the fleet out in the early morning 35 degree weather for two more races. In the end, Jim Taylor won another Fall-In, followed by Tom Varley and Jeff Pugh.



Downwind looking for air at Fall In on Sunday

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

District Commodore: John DeBenedetti

Fleets

64	Indian Lake Yacht Club	283	Rocky River
90	Leatherlips Yacht Club	507	Mansfield Sailing Club

FLEET 64 MAPLE BAY

Sailing on English Bay
Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada

FLEET 90 KITSILANO YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Maple Bay
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain: Menno Bos

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11645	Shanic	Douglas Ash
13289	Liisa	Richard Pearce
13685		Menno Bos
14089	Bar Code	Menno Bos

FLEET 283 COLUMBIA

Sailing on Vancouver Lake
Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain: Jeff Stong

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6725	Natural Speed	Dale J. Drevdahl
8497	An' Son	John A. Sanford
10731	Tin Hau	Gary A. Kokstis
11151		Darrell Peck
12078		Spencer Carson
12426	Tin Hau	Edward Bourguignon Gary A. Kokstis
12675		Edward Bourguignon
12990		Darrell Peck
13788	Too Tense	Gerald L. Neuburger

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13837	Spook	Gerald Martin
13869	Flash	Jeff Stong
13896	Foam Heads	John DeBenedetti
13949	Frenzy	Randy Anderson
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14079	Hippo Thunder	Douglas S. Hickman
14233	Taxes Due	Gerald L. Neuburger
14246		Darrell Peck
14288	Humuhumunukunukuapua	Philip P. Parshley
14453	Blue Bayou	Darrell Peck
14539	Gunsmoke Too!	Dale J Drevdahl

Our Fleet gained three newer boats this year. Current members Jerry Neuburger and Dale Drevdahl brought in newer boats to replace their older ones. Eric Torleson joined the Fleet with #14151. Tony Bernatovicz joined as a co-owner of #9690.

The Fleet raced about ninety races during the season. Our Fleet Champion was Darrell Peck. Runner-up was Kevin Stravers. Traveling events were to Districts in Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as regattas in Eugene, Oregon, and San Diego for the California Circuit. Darrell Peck and crew went to the North Americans in Sodus Bay. They were a little disappointed but had a good time. Then they went on to the Worlds in Vermont where they finished 11th! Great! Darrell also competed in the Championship of Champions at Carlyle. So, we had an eventful year.

John DeBenedetti



FLEET 507 THE PRAIRIE FLEET

Sailing on Chestermere Lake, Lake Newell in Alberta Canada and on Canyon Lake and Canyon Ferry Lake and Flathead Lake in Montana

Fleet Captain: Karsten M. Dalberg

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13675	Hard Tack	David E. Martin
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten M. Dalberg

SOUTHEASTERN

District Commodore: Pam Barron
District Secretary/Treasurer: Lauren Beauchamp
District Scorer: Bill Sloger
District Webmaster: Ron Wright
District Champion: Terry Tyner
Traveling Series Champion: John Sawyer

Fleets

127 Savannah Yacht Club	429 Greater Charleston
257 Clarks Hill	440 Palmetto
348 Lake Lanier	463 Lake Maccamaw
365 Catawba Yacht Club	481 Wake
391 Lake Hartwell	511 Cape Fear
Western Carolina	
415 Lake Norman	

Our traveling series had a demanding schedule of ten regattas over the states of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The series began with Savannah in mid March and ended in Charleston in late October.

Three weeks from the final regatta at Kerr Lake, the Fleet learned that the water was too low to sail for the Borderline Regatta. Fortunately, Hobcaw Yacht Club in Charleston stepped up to the plate, with the support of John Cameron, and agreed to host our final regatta of the year.

Competition continued to be tight among the Fleet competitors as in 2008. There were eight different winners in the series of ten regattas. Only Terry Tyner and Bob Harkrider won two. Will Tyner, a junior, had a very strong showing, tying for 3rd in the SE District traveling series. Will and team also completed the Southern Circuit, finished in 16th place and won Top Youth ahead of our Traveling Series Champion, John Sawyer, in 21st place.

Our series began with the Deep South in Savannah with six teams competing in three races. Saturday was light and variable with strong current. The wind on Sunday was in a medium range and was more consistent. Lenny Krawcheck finished strong in 6th place for the circuit regatta and in 1st place for our series scoring. John Sawyer finished 18th or 2nd for the series, while Will Tyner edged out his dad, Terry Tyner, for 25th and 26th or 3rd and 4th respectively.

Early April, the WCSC hosted the Springboard Regatta. Terry Tyner broke out in the first race and was not challenged for the remainder of the race. Sunday morning there was more of the same light and variable conditions. Terry opened the door for the 2nd race. Marcus Moehlman won while Terry finished 2nd. There was a huge shift for the final race, and the wind picked up. John Pelosi won that race while Terry finished 5th. Terry Tyner held on to his lead to win the regatta with eight points. John Pelosi placed 2nd with eleven points and Marcus Moehlman placed 3rd with fourteen points.

In late April, District Championships were held at CSC. The Race Committee did a great job in getting off six races in 3-7 knots. The regatta began with a postponement. The first race was disallowed when the RC shortened the course, as class rules require three legs. Terry Tyner won the first scored race, while Marcus Moehlman quickly closed for 2nd, followed by John Sawyer.

After a great steak dinner, the Fleet had its district meeting and voted to have the next District Championship at Carolina Sailing Club, Wrightsville Beach. On Sunday Icon Lenny Krawcheck battled back after a disappointing first race and won the next one. Leads continue to change with Mr. Consistent, John Sawyer, winning the following race. Marcus Moehlman came back to shake things up again to win Race 5. Once again the tightness of our fleet showed, with Pierce Barden winning the final race. Five races, five different winners and the point spread was close with three tie breakers for the event. In the end, Terry Tyner won with sixteen points. John Sawyer followed in 2nd place while Marcus Moehlman placed 3rd. Terry stated at the awards ceremony, "It is truly an honor to win this award after seventeen years on the hunt," in respect to the long list of previous winners on the coveted District Championship trophy.

May 30 brought the Fleet to Wrightsville Beach, the only ocean venue. It can be an hour trip out but it's worth it. Thirteen teams sailed five races. Local Jim Harris commanded the regatta with 2-1-2-1-2 for eight points and the win. John Sawyer and Bob Cowan, other locals, placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Late June brought us to the Low Country Regatta at BYSC. It was steaming hot, around 100-101 degrees, and not cooling at night to less than 90 degrees. The pool was a welcome sight after racing both days, and the live music was enjoyed by all. Three races were sailed on Saturday, while only one was sailed on Sunday due to the diminishing wind in two converging tidal rivers. Nicholas Ellyn came out on top with nine points, while the tie breaker went to John Sawyer for 2nd and Marcus Moehlman for 3rd with ten points each.

Next in the series was Charleston in late July at CYC. This venue is similar to Beaufort in that the harbor has two converging tidal rivers, Cooper and Ashley, though much larger. You can always count on the sea breeze. We had five excellent races with the wind at 12-18 knots. Marcus Moehlman and local Henry McCray dominated the racing. Dennis Baker, Lauren Beauchamp and Pam Barron had some exciting photo finishes. Marcus edged out Henry for the win with three bullets and seven points, while Henry had eight points.

Late August, the Fleet gathered at Lake Waccamaw, which is a short drive from Wilmington, North Carolina. The RC was only able to get off two races. John Pelosi won both, thereby winning the regatta. Richard Waldkirch and Bob Cowan followed closely behind with five and six points respectively.

Lake Thurmond at ASC was the next venue on September 19 and 20. There was a strong showing of the Fleet with heavy rain predicted. The Fleet was lucky, as it held off during the racing. It was light with puffs coming primarily from the South Carolina shore. The regatta was really won on Saturday with a one-point spread between the dominating leaders, as they each had a 1-2 finish on Sunday. Bob Harkrider won the regatta of five races with ten points, while Lenny Krawcheck placed 2nd with eleven points. Marcus Moehlman finished 3rd with twenty-three points.

The 40th Atlanta Cup at LLSC followed close behind on October 2-3. Short sleeve temperatures and winds 10-15 mph greeted the Fleet. The RC got off four great approximately one-hour races on Saturday. Sunday's racing was abandoned due to lack of wind. Bill Hofmeister won the regatta for the 3rd consecutive year with three bullets and a total of five points. Bob Harkrider once again attempted to remove Bill from the top but fell short with eight points for 2nd place.

The Fleet concluded its series at HYC at Charleston on October 24-25, thanks to Henry McCray, Nicholas Ellyn and John Cameron working hard to put this regatta together in three weeks after the cancellation of Borderline. Saturday's racing in 15-20 conditions was dominated by a young team lead by Will Tyner. Will had a commanding lead of four bullets going in to Sunday's races, and it looked as if Will was going to have his first district win. However, Bob Harkrider fought back with a vengeance on Sunday with three bullets to win the regatta with eleven points. Will Tyner placed 2nd with sixteen points and showed strong promise for the future.

The regatta concluded with the announcement of the 2009 Southeastern District Traveling Series Champion John Sawyer and the awarding of book ends. Ron Wright was honored with a Special Recognition plaque for "Outstanding Service as Webmaster and Promotion of the Southeastern Lightning District Throughout the Years." Rather than giving other individual placement awards for the 2009 series, a drawing was held for a new North jib for the skippers that qualified. Dennis Baker was the lucky winner. Qualifying skipper results for the 2009 series were:

1st	John Sawyer	3.364
2nd	Marcus Moehlman	3.455
3rd	John Pelosi	5.400
4th	Will Tyner	5.400
5th	Pam Barron	6.485
6th	Henry McCray	6.538
7th	Bill Sloger	6.957
8th	Dennis Baker	7.364
9th	Lauren Beauchamp	7.480

Thanks to Bill Sloger for tabulating the results throughout the year. Check www.sailsoutheast.org for district schedule, notices of race, news and regatta results.

FLEET 127 SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Wilmington River
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Captain: John M. McIntosh

FLEET 257 CLARKS HILL

Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake
Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain: Robert E. Harkrider

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13877	Adrenaline	Robert E. Harkrider
14127		Marcus Moehlman
15310		Robert E. Harkrider

FLEET 348 LAKE LANIER

Sailing on Lake Lanier
Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet Captain: Pamela M. Barron

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13898	Alice-in-Wonderland	Robert French
15180		Pamela M. Barron

For the years 2007 and 2008, we had drought conditions. Though Lake Lanier is a deep lake, by 2008 there was limited access. No Lightning fleet races were held in 2008, though we hosted the Atlanta Cup by towing boats from a narrow shallow cove.

Significant rains came in 2009. Fleet members' spirits were lifted, and we had a series of fleet races. The Fleet chose to sail non-spinnaker in all of the light air condition races. Tom Wynn came out on top as Fleet Champion with five bullets, while dueling with Pam Barron (now Burke) with three bullets. Bob French followed close behind in 3rd.

By October, Lake Lanier was at full pool. The Fleet hosted the 40th Atlanta Cup. The normal egg bagels, juice and coffee got everyone off for some great racing on Saturday. There were full sun, short sleeve temperatures and mostly 10 to 15 mph breezes. Another great dinner and party completed the day. Unfortunately, on Sunday regatta participants awoke from their tents to calm water. After a postponement, the races were abandoned, and the regatta concluded with the four races from Saturday. There seemed to be no disappointment as there were excellent conditions and courses from the day before.

SOUTHEASTERN



District Commodore Pam Barron

Bill Hofmeister from Nashville, Tennessee, for the third consecutive year, won hands down with three bullets and one 2nd place finish. Bob Harkrider from Augusta, Georgia, followed close behind with eight points for 2nd place, and Karen Dial from Columbia, South Carolina, placed 3rd. This was Karen's first Southeastern District Traveling Series placement. Congratulations to Karen!

FLEET 365 CATAWBA YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Wylie
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Ronald Wright

FLEET 391 LAKE HARTWELL/ WESTERN CAROLINA

Sailing on Lake Gartwell
Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Captain: Dennis K. Baker

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11090	Baby Doll II	Dennis K. Baker
11771	Wasabi	William R. Sloger
12115		Dennis K. Baker
14313	The Blue Boat	Blank Burkhardt
14412	Yea Baby	Dennis K. Baker

FLEET 415 LAKE NORMAN

Sailing on Lake Norman
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Carter Utzig

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14432	Blitzen	Richard Simpson
14702		Sam L. Boone
14947		Carter Utzig

FLEET 429 GREATER CHARLESTON

Sailing on Charleston Harbor
Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Captain: Leonard Krawcheck

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13941		Henry McCray
14266	Green Wing	John E. Cameron
14266	Green Wing	Harvey McCormick
15085		Leonard Krawcheck
		Nicholas Ellyn

FLEET 440 PALMETTO

Sailing on Lake Murray
Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain: Terry E. Tyner

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10810	Rode Hard	Will Tyner
14825	A Quick Joyride	Terry E. Tyner



FLEET 463 LAKE WACCAMAW

Sailing on Lake Waccamaw
Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet Co-Captain: Paul Jueschke
Fleet Co-Captain: David A. McLamb

FLEET 481 WAKE

Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan
Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: John W. Pelosi

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13738	Past Due	Lauren W. Beauchamp
14637	Great Escape	Charles L. Moore
14747		Alan F. Krauss
14852	Magnum Force	Robert L. Graves
14932		John W. Pelosi

FLEET 511 CAPE FEAR

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Wilmington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain: Pierce Barden

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9398	Old School	Jay Taylor
10860		Paul Whitesides
14062	White Star	Andrew C. Barton
14318	Soul Sister	John R. Sawyer
14356	Lightn' Up	William F. King Chris Stone
14550	K3	Theresa Kramer
14622	Sasam	James Gates Harris
14682		Bob Cowen
14695		Richard B. Waldkirch
14701	Driving Blind	James A Harris
15139	Fast Horses	Tommy van Arsdale
15236		Steven D. Johnston
15241		Pierce P. Barden
15351		Pierce P. Barden



Fleet 511 gained another boat in 2009 when Paul Whitesides refurbished a Lippincott belonging to Martha Fisher, raising Cape Fear Fleet 511's total number of Lightnings to twelve. The boat, originally owned by Martha's grandfather George, had not seen water for several years and was a welcome addition.

Even before the season was in full swing, four boats from Fleet 511 traveled to Columbia, South Carolina, for the Southeastern District Championship in late April. Cape Fear Fleet members placed in the top six out of the fifteen boats attending. John Sawyer finished 2nd, Whitesides 4th, Pierce Barden 5th, and Richard Waldkirch 6th, respectfully.

The Carolina Yacht Club, founded in 1853 and the second oldest yacht club in the country, held a variety of races throughout the season. The Sound Series, which consisted of eleven races held on Tuesday nights, was won by Jim Harris. Harris also won the July 4th Cup Regatta. The ocean series was won by co-skippers Barden and Tommy van Arsdale. It consisted of twelve races held on Saturdays in the Atlantic Ocean.

In late May, the Fleet hosted a two-day regatta that counted as part of the Southeastern District traveling circuit.



SOUTHEASTERN AND SOUTHERN



Sawyer served as the Regatta Chairman with other Fleet members taking on regatta logistics and responsibilities. Thirteen boats competed in varying conditions. Fleet 511 members swept the top three places, with Harris winning the regatta, Sawyer in 2nd, and Bob Cowen in 3rd.

In early August, the CYC held its annual SAYRA regatta. Record participation showed up for this multi-class, one-design event. Five races were completed in the ocean, with ten Lightnings participating. The weekend saw lots of wind, waves, surfing, and some equipment failures. Barden and van Arsdale won the event, followed by Harris in 2nd, and Steve Johnston in 3rd.

On a more regional level, sailors that sailed a minimum of five regattas in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia qualified for the overall 2009 Southeastern District Traveling Series Trophy. Sawyer was the only boat to qualify from Fleet 511 and won the title.

Our Fleet was also well represented at some of the larger Lightning events. Waldkirch attended the last leg of the Southern Circuit in St. Petersburg, Florida, in March, while Sawyer completed the entire Southern Circuit. Barden and van Arsdale went to the Atlantic Coasts in Toms River, New Jersey, in July.

Fleet 511 will host the Lightning Southeastern District Championships on June 5 and 6, 2010.



SOUTHERN

District Commodore: Thomas Meric

Fleets

62 Southern Yacht Club	179 Pass Christian Yacht Club
135 Mobile Bay	388 Jackson Yacht Club



FLEET 62 SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain: Lawrence N. Frost

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13957	In Sensitivity Training	Ted Prechter
14136		Callender R. Herman
15211		Lawrence N. Frost
15329		Thomas S. Meric
15393	Yo-Yo Smuggler	Marcus Eagan



Tom Meric at the NAS

SOUTHERN AND ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY

FLEET 135 MOBILE BAY

Sailing on Mobile Bay
Mobile, Alabama

Fleet Co-Captain: Robert E. Bernhardt
Fleet Co-Captain: Christopher Frost

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13060	Bigeminy	E. Russell March
14507	Oh Baby!	John P. Buziak
15201	Bob Sled	Robert E. Bernhardt

FLEET 179 PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on the Gulf Coast, Mississippi Sound
Pass Christian, Mississippi

Fleet Captain: Peter W. Furze

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8131	Woodstock	Eugene H. Walet
9696	Smoooth	Buddy Clarke
13627	Summer Lightning	Bob Peat
13931	Pandemonium	A. Scott Barrett
14355	Spirit	Eugene H. Walet Peter W. Furze

FLEET 388 JACKSON YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir
Jackson, Mississippi

Fleet Captain: John B. Waskom

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10959		John B. Waskom
14736	Enigma	John B. Waskom

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY

District Commodore: Peter Hall

Fleets

215	Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club	516	Beaconsfield Yacht Club
499	Pointe Claire Yacht Club		

FLEET 215 ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lac St. Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain: Anthony Staples

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13855		Louis Brousseau
14114		Alan Ranger
14768	Kristatoo	Anthony Staples Peter Hall
15210		Peter Hall



Peter Hall, David Burchfiew and Cedric Audette-Campbell at the Masters'

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY

FLEET 516 BEACONSFIELD CLUB

Sailing on Lac St. Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain: Jay Deakin

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2684	Day Girl	Michael Holly
12217		Valerie Holly-Tardif
14326		Jamie Allan
14445	Scratch	Stephen Waldie
14591		Alain Boucher
14905	Rum Lime	Jamie Allan
15082	Day Girl	Michael Holly
		Jessica Lombard

2009 was the inaugural year for Fleet 516. Based out of Beaconsfield Yacht Club, our Fleet is a new addition to the St. Lawrence Valley District. At present we have a dozen Lightnings at three different clubs on the lake.

Our Fleet would like to thank the Boat Grant Program, as we have benefitted greatly from this terrific initiative. Jess Lombard, Boat Grant recipient in 2009, and Stephen Waldie, Boat Grant recipient in 2007,) took our local fleet boat to the Southern Circuit to kick off the season. Jess Lombard and her team of Caroline Trottier and Stephanie Boucher received their boat in the spring and had a great season learning the boat and sailing with our Feet and in the St. Lawrence Valley District. The girls had a lot of fun and are hooked on Lightning sailing, having sailed some great events, including Pymatuning, Malletts Bay, the Canadians, Districts and North Americans, as well as the regular weekly races. They are looking to purchase a boat and will be back in the mix in 2010. Stephen Waldie bought a boat in 2009 and has been a great addition to the Fleet. We feel fortunate to have some young blood in our Fleet. We have the Boat Grant Program to thank.



2010 already looks to be a good year for growth, as Etienne Portelance has just purchased a new boat and will be sailing with Fleet 516 this summer. We are also doing our best to keep crew in the pipeline. Mike Holly and Val Tardif had their second child, Annabelle, on November 30. Jay Deakin and his wife Cynthia are expecting in June 2010.

Fleet 516 is looking forward to hosting the 2010 Canadian Open at Beaconsfield Yacht Club in early July. The club is a fabulous venue for sailing as well as for "extra curricular" activities. We are committed to making this event one to remember, so put it on your sailing schedule for 2010. You will not be disappointed if you attend!



Jamie, Jay and Mark at the Worlds



Jessica Lombard from the Boat Grant Program at the NAs



SWITZERLAND

District Commodore: Jacques Petter

Fleets

48 Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port
169 Lac de Neuchatel

358 Flotte Murtensee

FLEET 169 LAC DE NEUCHATEL

Sailing on Lac de Neuchatel
Neuchatel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain: Gilbert Despland

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
12571		Alain Perret



Jacques Perret and his wife at the Worlds

FLEET 358 FLOTTE MURTENSEE

Sailing on Lake of Murten
Murtensee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain: Jacques Perret

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14530	Santa Fiamma	Jacques Perret



European Champion Urs Wyler

TEXAS

District Commodore: Clarke Newman
 District Secretary: John Womble
 District Treasurer: Amanda Boers
 District Measurer: Sylvan Newman
 District Champion: Clarke Newman
 District Runner-Up: Aroldo de Rienzo

Fleets

35 Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club 435 Rush Creek Yacht Club

2009 was a very interesting year for the Texas District. The year began with a move of the majority of the Dallas boats back to Rush Creek Yacht Club. Seven boats made the switch in January. Shortly thereafter, Aroldo de Rienzo joined the Rush Creek Fleet where began his campaign for the 2011 Pan Am Games to represent the host country, Mexico. He has been a great addition to the Fleet.

The sailing began almost immediately. We do get some good sailing days in January, February and March. At first we felt a bit out of place on a large body of water but it was great.

Bill Biermann took delivery of a much newer boat, #14964. He sold his old 12000 series boat. That was a pleasant upgrade for the Fleet.

In April, we sailed in RCYC's Founders Regatta to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Rush Creek. It was great in that my dad, Sylvan, sailed the regatta. At eighty-three, he was the only original member to skipper the event. We had a great turnout of six boats, including Steve Bell from Fleet 35 sailing his new boat that he bought from Tom Niles. The Fleet race was won by John Womble. My dad was 2nd.

All was great until a storm chased us off the lake on Saturday. In trying to get the boats out of the water, Jeff Camiel's lifting bridle broke, and #14045 was seriously damaged. Fortunately, no one was injured. She is still not yet back on the water. We hope to have Jeff's boat back out in the spring.

In May, the new Southwestern Circuit began with the first stop at Bay Waveland Yacht Club for the Southern District Championships. Marcus Eagan and Larry Frost showed us how to sail in a breeze with chop. We ended up 4th and John was right behind us.

John Womble was the only boat from Texas who could make the second stop in Memphis. The Hernando deSoto Regatta was well attended, as have all of the stops on this new Circuit.

Peter Doncaster, who has been sailing with us for a while, bought Steve Bell's old boat and immediately started making trouble for John, Bill and myself in Sunday racing.

The third stop on the Circuit was the first in Texas. The Texas District Championship was held in early June, and, for the first time in fifteen years, we had double digit attendance with eleven boats. It was a battle from the start between Larry Frost from New Orleans and myself. In the end, Larry won by a point. Since we were the first Texas boat, we were the District Champions. My crew was my sister Deanna and Kelson Elam. Aroldo was 4th so he was the District runner-up. What a great event.

We continued to race on Sundays. We now run a bunch of short races instead of the two longer races we used to run. It has been an interesting change of pace.

Aroldo sailed the NAs as the only Texas boat to make the trip. He also sailed in the World Championship at Malletts Bay finishing 35th.

We then went on the road again to Jackson, Mississippi, for the fourth stop on the Circuit. We had three boats from the District travel—John Womble, Steve Bell and myself. Once more, a battle between Larry Frost and myself ensued.



My crew, Deanna and Ralph Bilnoski from Fleet 35, and I ended up tied with Larry, but he got me on the tie breaker.

We returned to Rush Creek for some glorious October sailing at the fall Dinghy Fest Regatta. We had five boats including Mark Haas from Houston. Mark is a recent transplant from the fleet in Lagos, Nigeria. He was sailing Ian Edward's red boat. Mark Boaz, who spends most of his time in Annapolis, joined us and sailed my dad's boat. I and my crew, Deanna and Ralph, finished 1st, followed by John, Bill Biermann, Mark Boaz, and Mark Hass.

Ian Edwards has been working towards the goal of reactivating the long dormant Houston fleet. His crazy idea was for the Dallas guys to bring down boats for people in Houston to sail. With the help of Mark Haas, we got three boats down. With John Glasscock joining us from Houston and Ian's two boats plus John, Aroldo, and myself, we had nine Texas boats at the fifth stop on the Southwestern Circuit, the Houston Yacht Club Turkey Day Regatta.

With four out-of-town boats, the Turkey Day Regatta had the highest attendance of any of Circuit events thus far. Deanna, Ralph, I managed to win, with Aroldo finishing 2nd. We even got Steve Harris to come back out!

With that, the Circuit tightened significantly. Since we got a travel point and Larry Frost was sailing at home, we were tied going into the last event, the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans. This regatta was the last stop on this year's Circuit. Since it occurred after the due date for this report, you'll just have to look at the ILCA website to see who won!

We have had quite a bit of involvement from many people in the District, Fleet 35 and Fleet 435. Many thanks need to go out to Ann Ramsey, Ginger Armstrong, Beth Richard, Sylvan Newman, Deanna Newman, Vernon Goldberg, Steve Bell, Amanda Boers, Ralph Bilnoski, Amy Anderson, and Chris Shipman. Skip Dieball has been coaching Aroldo. Aroldo has really helped the District with his friendship and willing insight. He even sponsored a dinner at the Turkey Day Regatta.

No list of thank yous would be complete without singling out John Womble for his tireless work to organize the Southwestern Circuit and run the District website, Bill Biermann for his organizing the Fleet 435 activities, and Ian Edwards for doing his fleet building magic here in Texas as he did in Nigeria.

The District has submitted a bid to host the 2010 Pan Am Trials. We'll see if we get it. I think we can host a super event.

We have never been closer as a group, and we look forward to next year. However, before we move on, we need to bid farewell to Beth and Teresa Richards who are leaving us for California. They have been great members of our Fleet and our District. We will miss them. We also lost Willis McQueen this year. He was the last surviving original member of Fleet 35. At ninety-four, he was the eldest active Lightning sailor, having sailed #12500 just a couple of months before he passed. He owned a Lightning continuously for sixty-one years.

We look forward to 2010 for continued growth and momentum. Come join us in Texas for some good southern hospitality and good sailing!

Clarke Newman

FLEET 35 DALLAS CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB

Sailing on White Rock Lake
Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain: Stephen Bell

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10014		Rob Edwards
10020		Jim Crittendon
10811		Matt Moran
10937	The Flying Spoon	Kerry Cole
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
12065		Bruce Jenevein
12500		Willis McQueen
13644		Michael Daniel
13703		Stephen Bell
13722		Spencer McGowan
14344		Clancy McKenna
14737	Saguaro	Stephen Bell

Contrary to popular belief Lightning Fleet 35 is alive, well and celebrating our sixty-sixth consecutive year here at the Corinthian Sailing Club (CSC) in Dallas. While we did lose almost half of our rank to another venue in the first quarter of 2009, nine boats remain at CSC, plus one orphan (#13100) due to the passing of Willis McQueen. Willis sailed his first Lightning on White Rock in 1942 and was an avid Lightning sailor well into his nineties. He built a wooden Lightning in 1949 then sailed it on White Rock for many years. The tenth boat on the lake calls our neighbor the White Rock Boat Club (WRBC) its home. This boat is restored woody #707, which was spotted sailing on the lake Saturday afternoon in a stiff breeze as I write this report.

This has been a year of rebuilding for Fleet 35. So far in 2009 we have gained one new skipper, Patty Joan Hines (#10020), who recently graduated from the CSC adult sailing program. Another skipper, Steve Bell, upgraded to a newer boat (#14737) from Mississippi. We hope to add another skipper and boat later this year and rebuild a healthy local racing program in the near future. In the meantime, we chase the other fleets around or toss out a few marks and train for the next regatta.

In September we held a fleet-building event in conjunction with the annual CSC Open House. Fleet members manned a Lightning booth which displayed a recent boat with

graphics showing specifications, performance data, used boat availability, recent and historical photographs. Fleet members ate free hot dogs and spoke to over two dozen people during the afternoon, which resulted in the sale of Lightning #13100. With the soft economy, boat space is readily available both here at CSC and the WRBC on the north end of the lake. Come out and join us!

In October, Fleet 35 members, on behalf of the Club, provided the City of Dallas input for budgeted major park improvements. This plan included a forty-percent larger concrete paved parking lot for our Club, an improved boat ramp, and adjacent trailer parking with tie downs that will make hosting out of town regatta visitors much easier. Construction should start sometime in 2010.

Sailors from CSC also participated in the annual Hospitality Regatta held at the Jackson Yacht Club October 10–11. This regatta was the fourth stop on the Southwestern Lightning Circuit that was attended by nine boats from within the region. Ralph Bilonski crewed for former CSC member Clark Newman, and Steve Bell skippered #14736 with Amanda Boers and former long time CSC member John Waskom IV. A good time and dinner was had by all. Fleet members also sailed at several smaller events within the Texas District.

Finally Steve Bell and Amanda Boers won the 2009 William F. Leonard Memorial Trophy for a couple that shows the spirit of competitive sailboat racing.



FLEET 435 RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard
Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain: William Biermann
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Peter C. Doncaster

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10275	Xanadu	Beth Richard
12132	All Flash/ No Dash	William Biermann
13228	Andros Dos	Vernon Goldberg
13703		Peter C. Doncaster
13806		Sylvan Newman Vern Goldberg
14045	Blitz	Jeff Camiel
14817	Sexy Bitch	John M. Womble
14964	OHHH NOOO!!! Mr. Bill	William Biermann
14975	No Big Heal	Aroldo de Rienzo
15360	Lunatic Frange	Clarke D. Newman

As noted in the Texas District report for the 2009 year-book, Fleet 435 was reactivated at Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC). The move to RCYC was not without a hiccup or two, but we all survived. The economic hit has been hard on many of us in the world of sailing, but again we appear to be surviving. Bill Biermann was asked to serve as Fleet Captain. He was joined by Peter Doncaster serving as Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.

The year started with all sorts of fun settling into our new environment at RCYC. The Club held an open house to welcome Fleet 435 back to RCYC. All the old Fleet 435 trophies were cleaned up and put on display to stimulate memories and renew interest in the Fleet. Fleet 435 once numbered forty-five Lightnings. Our move of eight boats to reactivate the Fleet was a great start to rebuilding Fleet 435.

We did not focus on specific spring, summer, or fall series this year. Local series racing will resume in 2010. Our 2009 focus was on introducing the club to our Fleet, finding our niches for participation within RCYC and getting the word out about our move. We worked hard at building boats and crews.

Bill Biermann replaced his thirty-seven year old boat for one only nine years old. Peter Doncaster purchased a Lightning and joined Fleet 435. Peter was a great addition to the level of competition in the Fleet. While we do not see much of Aroldo de Rienzo's Mexican team, we consider him a prize catch both for our Fleet and RCYC. Not many clubs can claim to have a member campaigning to qualify for the 2011 Pan Am games.

We lost a few boats this year to accidents and the economy. A t-bone collision on the starting line put a damper on Aroldo's first NAs and a good size hole in the port quarter. Good

patch work at least allowed Aroldo to finish the regatta. The subsequent repairs and his business commitments have kept Aroldo off our lake for a while. Jeff Camiel's misfortune on the hoist seems to be an anti-climatic drama with no final act. Lightnings are not built to withstand falls of seven feet. The repairs kept finding more damage than initially assessed. Between his boat in the shop, fighting over insurance, and his out-of-town work assignments, Jeff has been missing in action for months now. Then our good friend Beth Richard found herself on the wrong side of the economic collapse. While it is great she found a job, it is not so great the job is in California.

A few words about our trophies are appropriate since they have been in mothballs for over ten years. Dr. Sylvan "Doc" Newman is a founding member of RCYC and Fleet 435. He happens to be a fine wood worker and has crafted two of our Fleet trophies. Fleet 435 trophies for 2009 went to the following folks.

Masthead Trophy is awarded to the skipper making the biggest bonehead move of the year. The trophy is actually the top foot of an old wooden mast. The wood mast was ripped off a boat driven through a club entrance gate with the mast still stepped on the boat. Doc salvaged the top foot of the mast and mounted it onto a wooden base plate.

It is only appropriate the awarding of this trophy in our year of reactivation goes to the skipper attempting to repeat the original incident. Clarke Newman did not rip his mast off the boat, but he did hit an overhead sign with his mast while attempting to navigate a Burger King drive-through lane. The 2009 Masthead Trophy goes to Clarke Newman.

Most Improved Skipper needs no explanation. This is another trophy crafted by Doc. It is a roadrunner sculpture mounted on wood. The roadrunner is built from wire, nuts, and bolts.

There is no question Peter Doncaster is the 2009 most improved skipper. Peter showed what can be accomplished by practicing with a regular crew and alternates several days each month. He was a consistent midfleet presence at our regattas and, as noted above, a consistent source of aggravation. You might think Peter is buried at the back, but look up at the second windward mark and you will see Peter in the thick of the fleet.

Crew Trophy goes to the best crew of the year. This was a tough call for 2009. First, our local racing was inconsistent in this first year at RCYC, so regatta performances are more of a factor. Second, we have some great crews racing in Fleet 435. However, you can't beat experience, age before beauty, and any other appropriate cliché. The 2009 Crew Trophy goes to Deanna Newman and Ralph Bilnoski crewing for Clarke Newman. This was a tough combination to beat in 2009.

Dr. Sylvan Newman Perpetual Trophy—Fleet Champion needs little explanation. As noted above, Doc is a founding member of both RCYC and Fleet 435. He has been committed to the Lightning Class for decades. It is a fitting tribute to name this trophy in his honor.

Clarke Newman is our 2009 Fleet Champion. We did not have any local formal series racing this year. Yet Clarke is consistently the man to beat on our local waters. Clarke took 1st or 2nd place at the regattas he participated in during 2009. Clarke is a serious student of all things in which he involves himself. This is evident in his understanding of weather, sail dynamics, the rules of racing, and sailing in general. He is a worthy champion, and we strive as a fleet to challenge him each year.

Captain's Trophy is awarded at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. There are no fixed criteria for this award. In years past it went to the committee chairs for the NAs and Worlds held at RCYC or to the wives supporting the Fleet.

The 2009 Captain's Trophy is awarded to John Womble for his efforts to promote Lightning sailing. John not only was tireless in promoting our Fleet locally, he also took on a leadership role for the Texas District. John is responsible for organizing and promoting our new circuit and our Texas District website. His efforts resulted in the first double digit fleet at our Texas District in over a decade. All the regatta stops involved with our new circuit experienced increased participation due to John's efforts to drive participation. This is especially commendable in a deep recession.

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488 Rocky Mountain

FLEET 488 ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Sailing in Metro Denver and the Intermountain West
Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming

Fleet Captain: Nick Farina

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
7084		Tim Cochran
10154		William F. Cabrall
11138		David Spira
11276	Dandy Lion	Lucas A. Armstrong
11457	Evenstar	Norman R. Jarvis
13857		Martin R. Mulhern
13858	Grey Goose	Al Gawthrop
14030		Steven H. Davis
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15004		R. Scott Hathcock
15026	Lively	John Hutton
15103		Steven H. Davis
15220	Odyssey	David Spira
15265		Steven H. Davis
15315	Quest	William F. Cabrall
15379	Good Vibrations	Jerry Shustrin
15405		David Spira

After several years focused almost exclusively at Cherry Creek Lake in southeast Denver, Fleet 488 expanded this



year, establishing a presence in Longmont on Lake Union and beginning to race with the Union Sailing Club. Scott Hathcock and Bob Stoller spent time getting Scott and his boat up to speed there after a couple of years off. Many of our members live on the north side of metro Denver, and we expect sailing at Union to pick up in the future.

At Cherry Creek, several years of slow steady work on fleet building resulted in well-attended Spring and Summer Series at the Denver Sailing Association. Most Thursdays five to seven boats hit the starting line, a high percentage of the ten boats stored at Cherry Creek.

At the national and international level, we sent teams this year to the Southern Circuit (10th overall) and the California Circuit (Steve Davis won there with honorary fleet member Tom Allen, Jr!), as well as the National Masters' (Bill Cabrall, Rebecca Espinosa, and Norm Jarvis were 9th). Bill, Raeyane Farrell and Jenii Bernet made the North American Championship, also competing in the President's Cup. Steve Davis passed on the NAs to make sure his knee was healed up enough for the Worlds and was rewarded with a 17th.

This is a strong showing for a western fleet. Out west, distances are vast, and sailors know that you have to hit the road to attend regattas. On my team, there is a phrase for it. If someone suggests hitching up the boat and 'going for a drive,' it means more than a thousand miles.





Bill Cabrall at the NAs

Steve Davis set what is likely a new world record 'going for a drive' this spring when he set off for the Southern Circuit, a mere 4,283-mile, round-trip Denver-Savannah-Miami-Denver, and then after less than eighteen hours at home took the boat to San Diego for the California Circuit—Denver-San Diego-Denver, a 2,160 mile round trip.

This brought his bi-weekly trailer mileage to a resounding 6,443 miles. Steve was also able to combine his favorite sport, sailing, with skiing, a local pastime, by towing the boat over the Rockies and down Vail pass in a blizzard. Ask him about it. You don't always need a spinnaker to make a Lightning plane.

Most notably, the Class Office is also less than ten miles from our home waters at Cherry Creek. In addition to being able to count Class Secretary Jan Davis and past Class President Steve Davis as Fleet members, a new addition to our ranks this year, Rebecca Espinosa, has volunteered to design and edit the 2010 yearbook.

Ask local sailors what sailing is like in Colorado, and the phrase 'light and fluky' has been known to come up. While trolling for photos for this report, I found evidence to the contrary. Check out our action photo of the Colorado Governor's Cup at Cherry Creek. That's Bob Stoller and Steve Davis—the legs in back are unmistakable—going airborne off flat water. Given that the air pressure is a third less up

here a mile high, that's quite a feat. I remember that puff! Mostly I remember that when I got the masthead fly back out of the water, the spinnaker was draped over it. It was a great day though, and you can see from the group shot of the Fleet that weekend we are all smiling and all had a great time.

If you are in Denver this summer, we can make sure you have a great time too! We'll be sailing Wednesday nights at Union in Longmont and on Thursday nights at Cherry Creek. Let us know you are coming, and we'll find a boat for you. Just 'go for a drive!' Head west into the sunset a thousand miles on I-70 or I-80, turn left, and you're there. It only takes a day and a half.

If that isn't enough incentive for you to come out west, consider what some of our Fleet members had to say about sailing in Colorado this year:

Jan Davis: For me this was a really fun summer. Steve and I really prioritized our Thursday evenings. It seems to me that we had exceptional conditions this summer, good wind more often than not. We had Francine Hoffman crewing for us, a transplant from New Jersey. Sailing with her was a delight!

Nick Farina: I enjoy how our Fleet travels and always has a presence at national and world events.



Bill Cabrall at the WJMs



Rebecca Espinosa: This was my first year racing in the Lightning Class. Bill Cabrall invited me to crew and was the most technical patient instructor. I learned so much. This past summer in Colorado was the 'year of clouds.' We sailed under skies of beautiful though often threatening clouds, rainbows, and super cell thunder storms. Bill, Norm Jarvis, and I drove to New York for the Masters' Division of the National Championship. The weather was wild and wooly. After the first day on Lake Ontario I was quite unsure what I had gotten myself into...but it turned out to be a superb event with a rather steep learning curve. The sailors on Cherry Creek and at Sodus Bay have been enthusiastic and welcoming to a new member of the Class.



Steve Davis being thanked by ILCA President Brian Hayes for his years of service



Steve Davis being awarded his life membership into the ILCA by Rob Ruhlman

Mariel Yarbrough: The Lightning fleet in Colorado is a great way for me to continue my passion for sailing in a land locked state. The Fleet has welcomed me with open arms. I have enjoyed expanding my extended family of sailors and my racing experience to include this Fleet. Having been a Byte/Laser and J-22/24 sailor previously, I find that the Lightning is a perfect boat for me. Being challenged by top notch sailors and the tricky Colorado wind conditions keeps life interesting and fun!

What more could you ask for—go for a drive!

Bill Cabrall



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