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It was a great year for the CAD. The season started off at the Southern Circuit with four boats making the trip down for one or all the events. Mark Schneider was 12th overall circuit, Dick Moyer 16th overall circuit, John Faus 9th overall circuit and Maury Benbow 31st in Miami, 8th at St. Pete Masters' and 28th overall at St. Pete.

Next up the CADs were held at Little Egg Harbor where great conditions were offered both days. Mitch Knatt won the twenty-five-boat fleet, just ahead of Mark Schneider and Rich Warren.

Many made the trip down to Severn Sailing Association for the ACCs at the end of July. With seven boats making the trip down, three made the top ten—Caroline Patten, Will Brown and Brian Taboda.

CAD also had the honor of hosting the NAs this year. Women's, Junior's and Masters' were held at Metedeconk. Jody Lutz and the large amount of volunteers helping with the regatta and measurement put on a great regatta in very windy conditions, but every fleet had fun. The District won two of the three championships, with Courtney O'Connor and crew winning the women's fleet and Timothy Crann and crew winning the Juniors'. Other finishers in the Junior fleet were Arielle Delisser in 4th, Jason Lutz in 5th, Kayla Ellis in 14th, Gillian Frances in 15th and Chris Schon in 17th. The Masters' fleet had three, with Rich Warren in the top three, his brother Steve in 9th and Maury Benblow in 13th.

The seventy-five-boat fleet at the North Americans, hosted by Toms River Yacht Club, had six CAD boats in the Blue Fleet. Jody Lutz took 8th, Will Brown 10th, Rich Warren 17th, Brian Taboda 19th, Mitch Knatt 30th, and Caroline Patten 35th). There were three in the Green Fleet. Steve Warren took 5th, Dick Moyer 12th, and Keith Taboda 13th. There were four in the Yellow Fleet. Mike Warren took 3rd, Matt Reiser 4th, Eric Reitingier 6th and George Glenn 10th.

States were held at Ocean City at the end of the season. Fifteen boats made the trip, and John Townsend and crew took the win over George Glenn and Brown Baer.

Pan Am trials were held at Davis Island Yacht Club in Florida. Jody Lutz and Will Brown qualified. Jody and crew will be representing the USA at the Pan Am games. Will finished 5th.

### 3 *Bay Head Yacht Club*

Sailing on Barnegat Bay  
Bay Head, New Jersey

#### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: David M Olney

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

### 26 *Little Egg Harbor*

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay  
Beach Haven, New Jersey

#### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Joseph Robinson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
167		Franz K Schneider
6296	Dreamer	Franz K Schneider
10768	Procrastination	Joseph Robinson
15079	Aries	Franz K Schneider



## 34 Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Sailing on the Metedeconk River  
Brick, New Jersey

### Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael Hnatt

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
6557	Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
10952		Robert G Savarese
11894	Love It	David S Ruiter
13540	Fog Racing Team	Richard D Thomas
14450	Fog Racing Team	Richard D Thomas
14450	Fog Racing Team	George B Francis
14589	Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597	Roadmaster	Keith P Taboada
14882		Greg Kinzel
14960		Mitchell Hnatt
15122	Logical	James G Carson
15166		Jody W Lutz
15197		Matt Reiser
15464		Keith P Taboada

The highlight of the 2010 sailing season at Metedeconk was the hosting of the WJM Championships the first week of August. The regatta attracted forty-two boats and sunny skies, ample wind (at times more than ample!) and a first-rate team, both on the water and land, attracted smiles from the contestants.

Regatta chairman Jody Lutz crafted a team of club volunteers who spent months planning and working to pull off a top-rate regatta. Mission accomplished. From the moment the boats arrived at the club to the final victory toasts on the trophy ceremonies, the regatta ran efficiently and, most of all, was fun. Imagine if Jody had let another beer keg get tapped!

There was fine racing, and products of the Metedeconk Junior Program took two of the three top honors. Timmy Crann won the Juniors, becoming the fifth Metedeconk winner of this prestigious championship. Jason Lutz took fifth, and club members Gillian Francis and Chris Schon also competed. Courtney O'Connor took the Women's crown. Her crew was Timmy Crann's sisters, Meghan and Caitlain. The regatta also saw a return to Lightnings by Mimi Dimon, Deb Freeth Corrison and Teri Gelenitis who finished sixth. The Masters was won by Peter Hall from Canada, who edged out Steve Davis for the honors.

Besides the happiness among the competitors, the holding of such a prestigious regatta did much to increase the spirit and community of Metedeconk's members. From Class stalwart Jim Carson's excellent Race Committee management to the assistance of new club members who barely had seen a Lightning, the support of the club in holding the event produced comradery and relationships





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that will assist the Club long term. We thank the ILCA for allowing us to host this fine event.

The race course in 2010 was absent Jim Carson, as he was on the disabled list much of the year. Jim's presence was important to the fleet's development, as always, acting as Race Committee Chair for WJMs, lending his Lightning out to fleet members, including Timmy Crann's victory in the Junior NAs, and providing guidance. Jim was able to defend his BBYRA title over the summer, his 26th overall.

Possibly one of the most amazing 2010 feats was Jim's opening race the Central Atlantic Districts in June. Jim was still hobbling and intended to sail a Districts race to qualify to sail in the North Americans. As the first race began, winds increased dramatically, with blasts sending many sailors into distress and disaster. Jim persevered and took a second before settling onto shore and the rocking chair for the rest of the day, still showing flashes of his sailing excellence.

The Central Atlantic Districts, held at Little Egg Harbor, was won by Metedeconk's Lightning Fleet Captain, Mitch Hnatt. Mitch's 2010 racing was diluted a bit by his growing family, but he won his first Districts after many top five finishes. He also qualified for the Championship flight at the North Americans, finishing thirtieth. Mitch also won the Lightning Spring Series, which serves to crown the Fleet Champion for 2010. He furthered his Lightning title to become MRYC Club Champion, a title he has won many times, beating the champions of the other fleets. Mitch also led the Advanced Junior Class, which has lessons in Lightnings each week during the summer. The members of that class made up much of the four Metedeconk boats that sailed in the Junior NAs.

2010 at Metedeconk can be known as the year of the Jody. Jody Lutz was everywhere: he served as the Commodore of Metedeconk for 2010, was well as the aforementioned Chairman of the WJMs. Several doubted his sanity when holding even one of these titles, and we were surprised that Jody didn't have a Charlie Sheen crash landing. To the contrary, his work helped pull off a fine year at Metedeconk. More importantly, after Jody got done being a politician, he won the Lightning Pan Americans Trials in Tampa in the fall and will serve as the U.S. representative in the 2011 Pan American Games in Mexico. Jody also scored an eighth in the North Americans.

Keith and Brian Taboada continued to travel their Lightnings to several regattas, from the Long John in April to the Atlantic Coast Championships in the summer. Brian

finished second at the ACCs, held in Annapolis, edged by eventual NA Champ Dave Starck. They competed in the Districts (Keith 5th, Brian 7th), as well as the North Americans held at Toms River. Brian qualified for the Championship flight, finishing nineteenth. Keith finished thirteenth in the Presidents Cup, a bit of a disappointment for him. Observers blame his long term crew, Russ Schon for the decline in results.

The fleet welcomed neighbor Matt Reiser in 2010. Matt is not a Metedeconk member, but he had always been present at invitational events at Metedeconk. Matt had a fine year, finishing fourth in the Districts and also sailed the NAs, taking fourth in the Governor's Cup.

The Metedeconk River Yacht Club expanded in 2010, with a new building constructed to house the club's juniors during their daily lessons, racing and regattas. This junior club house was named in May at the club opening, the "Andrew Brennan Junior Center" to honor one of Metedeconk's finest young sailors. Andrew grew up sailing Lightnings, and one of his laurels included winning the Junior North Americans. The Club house will stand as a constant reminder of Andrew, of his smile and ability on the race course.

The fleet was further buoyed by the awarding of the Steketee Trophy, which is awarded by the ILCA each year to the fleet that has been outstanding in promoting and developing racing. We are very flattered by the award and look forward to continue to be a hub for excellent racing in 2011.

We look forward to 2011 as we are hosting the Central Atlantic Districts in July. Co-chairs Mitch Hnatt and Richard Thomas promise a good time to be had by all.



Brian Taboada at the Long John Regatta



## 173 *Brant Beach Yacht Club*

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor  
Brant Beach, New Jersey

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Eric Reitinger

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
9628	Discovery	Paul L Alberti
11575		James W Titus
13809	Old Age & Treachery	Andrew Potash
14325	Verbal Abuse	Glenn E Reitinger
14325	Verbal Abuse	Carl A Reitinger
14660		Edward Serrill
14927	Thunder	Kayla Ellis

First off, we welcome a new boat to the fleet. The Ellis family bought a boat before the season started and helped bring some life to the fleet. Their daughter Kayla, along with crew Cindy Ciccotelli and Nick Lojek, sailed a few events over the summer.

The season started off in June when the fleet hosted their annual regatta. Six boats competed with Dick and Helen Moyer and John Depenbrock, winning the three-race series. We had the fleet of three out for our 4th of July race. Team Reitinger, Glenn, Beth and Carl, won with Kayla Ellis, Eric Reitinger and Cindy Ciccotelli in second and Team Serrill in third.

CADs were held at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club with some great racing and conditions. Eric Reitinger, with Chris Williams and Kayla Ellis, finished twelfth out of the fleet of twenty four. Kayla and team traveled up to Monmouth to race in the New Jersey Junior States, finishing second. Their season capped off at a very windy Junior NAs held at Metedeconk, finishing fourteenth out of seventeen. They had fun despite the nearly survival conditions each day.

Kayla didn't have a break, hopping in the boat with Eric and Carl Reitinger to sail the NAs. The fleet was tough but they sailed in the Yellow fleet, finishing sixth out of the fourteenth.

Little Egg's Down Bay regatta occurred the next day after NAs. Team Reitinger won the fleet, with Kayla's team finishing right behind in second.

Brant Beach Yacht Club is dedicated to one-design racing. We have several active fleets, including Optimists, Lasers, Sunfish, 420s and Mariners. A major one-design regatta is held every year, and this past year BBYC won US Sailing's One Design Award for the administrative excellence, fleet growth, creative programming, regatta support, and member contribution they provided to a number of regional, national and international one-design events.

## 196 *Surf City*

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay  
Surf City, New Jersey

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Richard M Warren

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14300	Scrap Metal II	Richard M Warren
14300	Scrap Metal II	Randy Swartley
14531	At It Again	Danny Himmelstein
14595	Liberty	Robert Rizzitello
14635		Darryl Waskow
15175	Triple Threat	Andy Temme
15175	Triple Threat	Timothy G Robinson
15204	Exit 63	Bill Mergenthaler
15218	Jezebel	Steve Warren
15218	Jezebel	Michael Warren
15336	Impulse	Steve Warren
15421	Touch of Grey	Randy Swartley
15421	Touch of Grey	Richard M Warren

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## 228 Riverton Yacht Club

Sailing on the Delaware River  
Riverton, New Jersey

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: James B Nicholson  
Fleet Secretary: Kent Steinriede  
Fleet Treasurer: Hugh Hutchison

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
8616	Enterprise	Hugh J Hutchison
11519	Coqui	Kent D Steinriede
12780		John H Mangan
12920		Mark C Schneider
13740		James B Nicholson
14060	Gypsea II	John H Mangan
14214	Chees Whiz	Bruce A Nicholson
14699	Toodle-oo	Allan Crew
14771		John G Haiges
14855		R Maury Benbow
14927	Thunder	Milan P Tweardy
14942	Primal Scream	Richard R Moyer
15055	Enigma	Hugh J Hutchison
15154	Checkmate	Mark C Schneider
15166		John Haiges
15385	Dark Horse	Peter Denton

The RYC Lightning Fleet was happy to welcome back Maury Benbow, who returned to Lightning sailing in 2010 after taking a couple years off to concentrate on his cruising sailboat.

The Riverton Fleet is growing with active racers. Overall, the fleet had ten boats, with nearly all of them racing on the Delaware on Wednesday nights.

John Haiges won the season championship, followed by Maury Benbow and Allan Crew. In June, the RYC hosted the New Jersey Governor's Cup. Hugh Hutchison won in the Lightning Class.

Kent Steinriede

## 335 Barnegat Light Yacht Club

Sailing on Barnegat Bay  
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Mark A Kaplan

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
11087	Gungho IV	Daniel G Dawson
13708	Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13970		Ryan Flack
14350	Certifiably Insane	Christopher E Gasorek
14489	Hot Pepper	William S Clarke
14833		Peter D Menninger
14940		Mark A Kaplan
15345	The Situation	John Faus

The 2010 sailing season for BLYC Fleet 335 started with our annual winter get-together held this year at Main Street in Princeton. About thirty BLYC members and spouses attended the dinner, followed by a brief meeting to discuss the up-coming sailing season.

Our fleet summer series consisted of twelve scored races over four weekends, and our annual regatta was held on the last weekend in August. A very strong and competitive regional regatta season, including the local appearance of the NAs and unfavorable weather conditions forcing cancellations, affected our Saturday fleet races.

Congratulations to the top three finishers for the season: 1st place to John Faus, 2nd place to Peter Menninger and 3rd place to Mark Kaplan.

Further congratulations are extended to the top three finishers of the annual regatta: 1st place to John Faus, 2nd place to Peter Menninger and 3rd place to Bill Clarke.

Special recognition needs to be given to fleet members and members' families who sailed beyond Barnegat Bay during the 2010 season. John Faus had top ten finishes on the Southern Circuit, while Will Brown turned in a sixth place finish at the Atlantic Coast Championship. Will and John teamed up for the North Americans, finishing tenth in the Championship fleet.



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Will also found his way to the Central Atlantic District Championship, along with Peter Menninger. Additional mention for Caroline Patten, who returned to the east coast sailing, finishing seventh at the Atlantic Coast Championship, and Arielle DeLisser who finished second at the New Jersey State Championship.

The largest extracurricular activity undertaken this season was the production of a Race Committee information packet. Mac DeTuro took the initiative of creating a document with the goal of assisting the Race Committee volunteers in their efforts to run smooth races. For this effort and Mac's continued support of the fleet we are greatly appreciative.

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

As we look towards our Fleet's 50th anniversary, we want to thank Mark Kaplan for his years of service as Fleet Captain and welcome Peter Menninger to the helm of Fleet 335.

## 430 Ocean City Yacht Club

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay  
Ocean City, New Jersey

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Richard D McCarraher

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
13078		Richard D McCarraher
13873		Russell M Hanscom
14014	Blue Streak	Erik T Hostvedt
14341	Water Rat	Richard D McCarraher
14348	Perfect Wife	Robert C Shields
14415	Asgard 2	Marc S Wagner
14565	White Lightning	Kevin G Robinson
15373	Sailsman	Erik T Hostvedt
15377	Mr Pinky	George P Glenn
15383	Flower Child	John J Parker

What is a Lightning? No, not the sudden release of electricity, which causes a distinctive bright flare, followed by a thunderclap. No, not even a nineteen-foot trailerable centerboard sloop originally designed by Sparkman & Stephens. So then the question is begged, what is it? Or perhaps who is it?

Is it a Mr. Pinky, an asgard, a sailman, or an architect? Could it be a freebooter, a water rat, a flower child, or a perfect wife? Or is it white, a blue streak or an odyssey—a long wandering and eventful journey?

No, it is more than electricity ignited when rankings are separated by costly mistakes. During the final racing of a discombobulated season, when the pedal meets the metal, it is when the mainsheet gets caught on the anchor line at the finish. It thrusts the winner into a foul situation. Realization drives the sailor into frenzy, clogging the mind where the thought of exoneration is obliterated by WTF.

It is when the Race Committee patiently waits for the Drains to work, is saddened when it doesn't, and gets the plunger out. It is the moment of reckoning.

It's the sudden awareness that moving into the 21st century with a much-needed course on rules is at hand. It is learning that hitting marks requires doing a turn. Or how about understanding that the line of demarcation at the mark is now sixty feet—yes, that is a lot of real estate on the water—a lot to give way to. It is realizing you can't crowd in or push forward. It is understood you have no room.

A competitive year this was, 2010. When the fleet calls the general recall and the committee calls individual. It was a year when the time limit was enforced on the fleet on more than one occasion as current rather than wind propelled.



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It was a year where a Gidge, a Chappy, and a Brown raced the North Americans. To us, they are a part of our culture so we don't notice how odd their names seem, but the registration committee did. Dock daisy is born, mark boat crew joins in, a finger gets stapled, and a Brown Baer deservedly wins the season.

It was a transition year, a year of a different kind of growth. One that comes from within rather than in numbers. Although we've grown from three to fifteen in a few short years, the difference a year makes is profound.

New boats acquired, revamped sails sewn, hardware sparkling tight made a difference. No, a lightning is more than just a boat with a skipper and crew. It is a motley gang who at the end of the day gathers in the yard and puts their differences aside. With beer in hand (only in the yard, a costly mistake discovered by one) they talk, laugh, and chide. All about the day. All about the sport. Some walk away. They come back.

No, it is more than just a boat, a skipper and crew. It is an electrified presence. It has life that roars with thunder. It is a long-time Ocean City gang that has the heart and soul of Sparkman and Stevens. It is a fleet with a distinctive bright flare.

## 491 *Lake Nockamixon*

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon  
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Brent W Benson

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
10841	Windwagon II	Stanton Kelton
11444		Brent W Benson
13184	Spiderman	James C Lenahan
13624	Cahoots	James C Lenahan
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### *District Officers:*

District Commodore: Brian Cox

### *Fleets:*

279 Temple Reef Sailing Club

## 279 *Temple Reef Sailing Club*

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

### *Fleet Officers:*

Fleet Captain: Alex Cox and Ross Bailey

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
11739		Jim Cameron
12755		Richard M Walsh
13180	Away from the Keyboard	David M Wadson
14499	Twice Before Lunch	Brian K Cox
15064		Richard M Walsh

