

Connecticut/Rhode Island



126 Cedar Point Yacht Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David M Fried
Secretary: David Marseli
Treasurer: Richard Thackaberry

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
11385	Ol' Blue	Richard Thackaberry
14287	Sloppy Firsts	David Lutian
14719	Green Stripe	William C Bogardus
14807	Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14808		John L Boxberger
14819	Too Hot!	Eric S Heller
14821		Charles E Proctor
14889	Stripes	David M Fried
15111		Gianni L Cuccio
15116	Amethyst	Douglas Latour
15171	High Cheese	Joshua Goldman

If you find yourself driving along I-95 through Westport, Connecticut, be sure to stop by the Cedar Point Yacht Club, home of Lightning Fleet 126. You will find the fleet out sailing on the Long Island Sound every Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with a slew of three-day weekends and Connecticut/Rhode Island District events thrown in the mix.

Don't have your boat in tow? Not a problem—Fleet 126 has a competitive fleet boat that is anxiously waiting for your arrival. We expect a 2011 which will rival our successful 2010, so be sure to stop by and join in on the great sailing and the fun.

Our 2010 season started out with our traditional Early Bird Regatta. Nineteen Lightnings made it to the line, though few saw much of Brian Taboada after the start of each race. Brian convincingly won the four-race, one-day event, with David Peck and Cedar Point's own Gianni Cuccio finishing in second and third, respectively. The remainder of the fleet was extremely tight, as evidenced by the meager eight points that separated positions four through nine. Greg Hall and Ed Adams rounded out the top five.

After getting the season kicked off with a fantastic Early Bird Regatta, local fleet racing came into full swing. The series began with a three-day Memorial Day Vice Commodore's Cup Regatta. A total of ten boats competed on at least one day of the weekend. Josh Goldman took top honors for the weekend, followed by David Howe and David Fried.

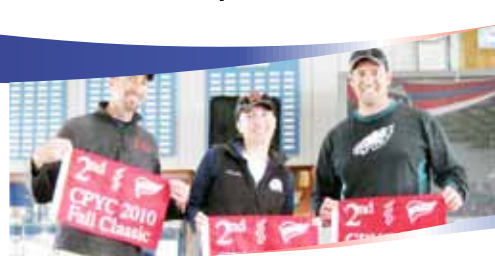
The second of Fleet 126's three-day weekends, the Commodore's Cup Regatta was sailed around the July 4th weekend. Guest Jay Mueller bested the nine participating boats, while Eric Heller, the top CPYC boat, won the cup. Eric won the championship in a tie breaker over Dick Thackaberry, and Josh Goldman finished the long weekend in third.

The final three-day series of the season, the Rear Commodore's Cup, was slated for Labor Day weekend. With some uncooperative weather, this turned into a one-day affair, and Dick Thackaberry bested the six-boat fleet to



Start of race in the Early Bird Regatta

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take first, David Fried finished second, and David Howe finished in third.

Saturdays throughout the summer were jam-packed with Lightning sailing. We completed a total of thirty-four races towards the overall championship, with thirteen different boats seen crossing the starting line at any given time. When it was all said and done, Josh Goldman was crowned the 2010 Fleet Champion and received the Gladys Cuccio Trophy. Dick Thackaberry, David Fried, Eric Heller, and Rod Ratcliffe completed the top five.

Each year the fleet honors a fleet member who encourages sportsmanship, camaraderie, and an overall love of sailing. Kathy Thackaberry certainly embodies those traits and was awarded the Dayton Titsworth Trophy for the 2010 season. Kathy went above and beyond to make the season that much better for the entire Fleet 126.

The 2010 Fleet 126 season culminated in the Annual Fall Classic Regatta. This two-day event brought some frigid temperatures, big wind, and two days of close competition for the nine-boat fleet. Jim Ward of Bay Village, Ohio, hopped into Ched Proctor's boat and sailed the most consistent series to win the regatta. Bill Bogardus won second prize by taking a bullet in the final race of the series, and Bob Hall of Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, finished in third.

In addition to our routinely scheduled weekend sailing, Cedar Point Yacht Club and Fleet 126 were proud to host the 2010 Adams Cup Area A/B Semifinals. Five competitive boats were provided by the local fleet to the teams from Mallets Bay Boat Club, Sail Newport, Chatham Yacht Club, American Yacht Club, and, of course, our own Cedar Point Yacht Club.

Heather Ambrose went on to win the competitive six-race series and in doing so took the Area A title. Madeline Gill, Kelly Radecki, and Christina Beale of Cedar Point went on to take the Area B title. Heather went on to take second in the Finals, while Madeline finished well in seventh. Needless to say, this was an extremely competitive semi-final, and Fleet 126 was proud to host a successful event, playing a role in sending these teams on their successful ways.

Fleet 126 was also well represented around the Lightning Circuit at both district and national events. Josh Goldman and Rod Ratcliffe made the trek down to Savannah, Miami, and St. Petersburg to sail in the Southern Circuit. Gianni Cuccio, Josh Goldman, and David Fried all sailed the light air CT/RI District Championships in Madison, Connecticut, where Gianni finished fourth in the tough twenty-boat fleet. Ched Proctor, Josh Goldman and David Fried then continued the traveling and represented Fleet 126 in the 2010 North American Championships. Ched and team had the best week, finishing the regatta in sixth overall.

The Fleet expanded in 2010 by adding a few new boats, and all signs are pointing towards continued growth and successful years in 2011 and beyond. Don't hesitate to join in on the fun and take our fleet boat out for a sail on any given Saturday in the summer of 2011. We can also guarantee you a ride anytime you're available to crew, so stop by and enjoy some of the beautiful sailing that we have to offer.



Brian Taboada leading a race in the Early Bird Regatta



Jay Mueller, Jamie Ewing, and James Ward (l to r) after winning the Fall Classic Regatta

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129 *Madison Beach Yacht Club*

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Timothy Millhiser

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
11207	Early Times	James R Deephouse
11933	Rosie	J Michael Sulzbach
14509	Early Times	James R Deephouse
14765	Quicky	Jeff Swiggelt
15400	Otia	Timothy Millhiser

Our fleet of eight boats had an active summer in 2010. Starting the last weekend in June and ending on Labor Day, we ran thirteen season series and trophy races and managed to get most of the fleet on the water for each race.

A highlight of the summer was hosting the District 9 Championships in July. All club members enjoyed interacting with the sailors from around the District, and the racing and socializing were equally intense.

Over the last several summers, the sailing group at Madison has been encouraging wider participation in the sailing programs among adult and junior members. A happy by-product of this has been an increase in members joining in Lightning fleet events.

It's rare not to have crew available, which brings more boats to the line on any given weekend. We're blessed with good natured boat owners that are always willing and actively encouraging neophytes to join in the fun. While this might hurt them in the season standings, doing this has brought wider support for the Class, and we believe will ensure better, long-term health for the Fleet.

Anyone living in New England, or pretty much anywhere else in the country, understands this has been a long winter. As I write this in mid-February, two feet of snow remain on the ground, and we're all longing for the warm breezes that will bring another good season of sailing on the Sound. Happy trails from Madison, and we look forward to seeing our compatriots on the water.

134 *Noroton*

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

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Jim Crane

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14900	His	Jim Crane
15380		Jim Crane



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District Officers:

District Commodore: Jason Werner

Fleets:

- 50 Potomac River Sailing Association
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50 Potomac River Sailing Association

Sailing on the Potomac River, Washington, DC

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Frank Gallagher
 Treasurer: Bob Astrove
 Potomac Cup
 Regatta Chair: David Thompson
 Scorer: Jeff Storck
 Secretary: Bob Wilbur
 Wed Night Sailing
 & Training Coordinator: Joe Warren
 Webmaster: Cathy Bleakly

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
548		Doug A Dixon
3104	Annie Sise	Peter B Humphrey
3343	Little Bit	Alan Rogers
7603	Pandora II	Robert Astrove
8739		Robert Astrove
10215	Black Adder	Phil Metlin
10215		Andy Clark
13306	Resistance is Futile	Laurie Duncan
13977	Lord Jim	Chandler Owen
13977	Lord Jim	Gloria Gilbert Black
14037	Bony Buns	Joseph Warren
14100	No Worries	Red Fehrle
14120	Hubris	Collin Kirby
14187	!Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14313		Eric Hakanson
14366	Radiant	Patrick McKnight
14395		Chris Kozel
14485	Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ron Buchanan
14521	Puff the Magic Dragon	Joseph G Anderson
14532	Boo Noo Noo Noos	James W Greenwell
14553	Sinistra	Richard Welch
14566	Resistance is Futile	Frank J Gallagher
14592	Beedobeat	John R Butler



Nabeel Alsalam



Frank Gallagher



BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14627	Anger Management	John Nelson
14627	Anger Management	Nelson Pemberton
15052		Chandler Swallow
15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15195	It's the Water	Patrick McGee
15228	Blue Two	David Thompson
15256	Ariel	Jeffrey Storck
15311	Go Green	Jim Dillard
15384	Krusty Krab	Andy Wescoat

We ended the 2009 season and started the 2010 season with the Fleet 50 annual awards banquet and general meeting, Saturday, February 20, 2010. The awards banquet was held at the Trattoria da Franco in Old Town Alexandria. Thirty-nine skippers, associates, and friends joined together for an evening of congeniality and remembrance and awards. Frank Gallagher was elected Fleet Captain for 2010; Bobby Astrove and David Thompson retained their positions as Fleet Treasurer and Webmaster, respectively.

Congratulations to winners of the skipper-nominated crew awards:

- Best New Crew – Brian Ganjei
- Most Improved – Crew Brena Copeland
- High Impact – Crew Bruce Heida

Congratulations also to the winners of the crew-nominated skipper awards:

- Team Spirit Skipper Red Fehrle;
- Mr. Congeniality David Thompson
- Skipper of the Year, Frank Gallagher.

Nabeel Alsalam won the Bloody Rudder and the Iron Skipper award; Craig Huzway was named All-Weather Sailor for being on the water more than any other crew; and Laurie Duncan was awarded the Most Improved Skipper prize.

Ted Hunting passed on March 4, 2010. We were saddened to hear of Ted's passing. Ted was a longtime owner/skipper of that infamous gray Lightning #12081, Swill Dog, and later co-owner of several other Lightnings with Joe Warren. Ted was one of the good guys. We'll miss him.

We started our normal nine Sunday PRSA Spring Series Sunday April 11!

The annual Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup Regatta was held May 1-2, 2010, down at Leesylvania State Park on the Potomac River. This year, in addition to the twenty-five Lightnings on hand, we had nine Flying Scots join us for two days of great racing. Saturday was mostly clear with breezes from the SSW at 6-12 knots, and on Sunday we got 10-15 under mostly cloudy skies. The conditions were just plain ideal for some really tight racing at times.

The Lightning Class was won by Ed Adams in a tight match with John Faus. We have to point out, however, that young Justin Coplan really dominated the weekend with four bullets and a third. Why didn't he win? Unfortunately for him, one of those bullets turned into a 26, as he was OCS. Ouch! Other than that faux pas, he really put on a clinic for us.





Frank Gallagher finished ninth overall to take home the coveted The Doc Gilbert Memorial Award picture as the top finishing skipper from Fleet 50. Bob Astrove was tenth, followed by Ron Buchanan in twelfth, Rick Welch in thirteenth and Chandler Owen in fifteenth. Gracious hosts we are to leave so many of the top spots to our out of town guests! As usual, Fleet 50 put on an excellent regatta, with some great RC work headed up by Bruce Bingman and Taran Teague. Of course, the awesome weather didn't hurt either!

The PRSA Memorial Day Weekend Spring Regatta was on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. Saturday brought us an overcast morning that slowly cleared with temperatures in the mid 70s and calm winds until noon. PRO from the docks, Nabeel Alsalam wisely postponed the departure until 11:45, and by the time we got to the race course, we had a very nice southerly, blowing 7–10 mph. Nabeel got off three great Olympic course races for the seven Lightnings, four Buccaneers, seventeen Albacores and four Hobies who came out.

Sunday's AccuWeather forecast called for sunny and hot conditions, a high of 88 degrees, and winds clocking from S to SSW at 8–12 mph. What we got instead were light and variable northerly winds, and we gave up on the day at 3:00 PM at the end of the second race, which not everyone finished, due to the expiration of the time limit. Congratulations to Aaron Boesenecker and crew who were unstoppable, taking first place in the Lightning Class, with four bullets and a third.

Next was the 2010 Dixie District Championships on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Rock Hall Yacht

Club! It was two great race days at an outstanding venue. Congratulations to Fleet 50 skippers Frank Gallagher (12th), Nabeel Alsalam (14th), Bobby Astrove (18th), and David Thompson (22nd) in a field of twenty four boats.

Twenty-five Fleet 50 members assembled on Saturday, June 19 at the home of Frank and Maryann Gallagher for a party to say goodbye to David and Barbara Thompson, who moved to Denver that summer, once their house in Herndon sold. It was a wonderful party on a warm June spring evening, full of camaraderie and reminiscing. David and Barbara were granted lifetime Fleet 50 membership and, among other going away presents, were given one of the last Doc Gilbert Memorial prints for their many years of great service to Fleet 50. They will truly be missed. Word on the street is that they were illegally recruited—a clear ILCA recruiting violation—by that Davis gang from the Denver area. In true Washington DC fashion, a Congressional investigation is underway.

Denise and Jeff tied the knot! As reported in the Sunday Style Section of the Washington Post on June 20, Denise Pavone-Brooks and Jeffrey Storck were married on June 5, after a high school romance that was revived after thirty-five years as a result of a Facebook meeting. It is a most amazing love story. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

It was a hot summer, but Wednesday Night Sailing ensued all summer long. We race some with the Albacores, but we cruised a lot on the mighty Potomac, either up to Washington DC or down to historic Alexandria, Virginia, either with friends or new crew. It was always a pleasant summer sail made more memorable by sipping a cold beverage. What fond memories they are!

Denise Pavone-Brooks and Jeffrey Storck



David Thompson Going-Away Party





Frank Gallagher, Joseph Warren, Suzan Humphrey, Red Fehrle, Katy Ward, and Allan Rogers used their Lightnings for Special Olympics Sailing, taking out Special Olympian athletes all June and July for practice on Monday nights at our home club at the Washington Sailing Marina (WSM). A local one-day regatta was held at WSM on July 17, followed by the Maryland/Virginia Special Olympics Regatta at St. Mary's College July 31–August 1. Lightnings have been involved with this effort since 1996.

In an interesting turn of events, longtime Fleet 50 member Jim Dillard, apparently unhappy about something, started his own fleet on the Poquoson River in southern Virginia and won his own fleet championship last year. This year he invited Fleet 50 to the 2nd Annual Poquoson Challenge Regatta on Saturday August 21, sponsored by the new Fleet 518 and held on the beautiful Poquoson River just south of the York River near Norfolk. The races were followed by a crab and beer feast. Fleet 50 members attending were Red Fehrle, Nabeel Alsalam, Frank Gallagher, Ron Buchanan and Chandler Owen.

The 75th Annual President's Cup Regatta, in its fifteenth year, as a joint effort with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and its Leukemia Cup was held on September 11 and 12. The wind did not cooperate on Saturday, but the Race Committee still managed to get two races off. On Sunday, the first race was into a very soft breeze from the SE. The second race was also into a soft SE breeze, but in the middle of the race, it turned around, in fits, to the north. The third race was the best breeze of the weekend. Robert Bennett met us on shore with a rolling cooler of beer. We then moved to the party area where Tiffany had put together some Cajun specialties.

We started our normal nine Sunday PRSA Fall Series Sunday, September 11, 2010.

The Fleet 50 Championship scores were calculated on the basis of sixty-six races over the year-long season. Congratulations to Nabeel Alsalam and Team Shadowfax for their dominating performance all year. Rick Welch/Aaron Boesnecker and Team Sinistra are the Fleet Runners-up and were pretty awesome themselves. Frank Gallagher and Team "Resistance Is Futile," Jeff Storck/Bruce Heida and Team "Ariel," and Pat McGee and Team "Its The Water" round out the top five.

It was then time to put the Lightnings to bed and pull out the Lasers for our Winter Frostbite Series. Yep, we sail close to fifty-two weeks a year here at Fleet 50.

We wrapped up the 2010 sailing season, and kicked off the new one at the Fleet 50 annual meeting and banquet on Saturday February 5, 2011, at Sangam Restaurant in Arlington, Virginia. Evites were sent out by Nabeel, and Catherine Calvin organized the event.

Awards were given to:

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| • Joe Kimak | High-Impact Crew |
| • Brian Bishop | Best New Crew |
| • Bruce Heida | Team Spirit Skipper |
| • Jim Dillard | Mr. Congeniality |
| • David Thompson | Skipper of the Year |
| • Nabeel Alsalam | Iron Skipper Award |
| • Eric Hakanson | Best New Skipper |
| • Mark Boaz | Bloody Rudder |
| • Stefano de Leo | All-Weather Sailor |

Fleet Championship Series:

1st Place	15142	Nabeel Alsalam Craig Huzway, Stefano de Leo
2nd Place	14553	Rick Welch Aaron Boesnecker, and Piercarlo Brunino
3rd Place	14566	Frank Gallagher Brenna Copeland, and Mladen Karcic
4th Place	15256	Jeff Storck Bruce Heida, and Becky Mach
5th Place	15195	Pat McGee and Paul Maher



David Thompson



192 *Havre de Grace*

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Tom Compton
Secretary: Pat Phelan

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
9544	Disco Volante	Peter G Harsh
10302		Kyle Hanson
10318	Disco Volante	Bill Johnson III
13989		Mike Magyar
14139		Peter G Harsh
14366	Radiant	Patrick Phelan
14629		Thomas Compton
15131		Patrick Phelan
15136		Thomas Compton

We recovered from the tornado that damaged most of the boats in our Fleet in 2009. It turns out that this was not the first time our Fleet was taken out by weather. It happened during a hurricane in the 50s when our Fleet was moored at the North East River Yacht Club.

Kyle Hanson rebuilt one of the damaged boats with parts from an old one his family had. He sailed it well this season, always competitive. Pat Phelan, with his son Jason and Brian De Brincat, qualified for the Pan Am Trials and went on to sail the trials at the Davis Island Yacht Club in Florida. Pat Phelan, with crew Mel Keen and Brian Phelan, Pat's Brother, and Tom Compton, with crew John Pasmore and Mike Magyar, sailed the Dixie District Championships.

Our Fleet did team racing with Susquehanna Yacht Club. We hosted The Duck Challenge Regatta. Havre de Grace is known for its museum of hard-carved duck decoys. Several people in the area produce such decoys for sale. We give them as awards at our regatta. We have an informal dinner where people cook their own steaks and salmon, provided by the regatta.

Most of our sailing is focused on Tuesday evenings. We run our own races on windward/leeward courses. We tend to run a lot of short races. At the end of the season we can easily run out of light. Last season we tried sailing after dark by putting lights on our marks and lights on our sails. This was a novel experience, one we would try again. After sailing, we usually grill something and have a beverage.

Tom Compton

253 *Susquehanna Yacht Club*

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Officers:

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
11582		Walt Poyck
11596		Steve Nudel
13047	Shamoo	Gary L Hoffer
13218		Kenneth C Kuzdro
13310	Brick House	Gary L Hoffer
13813	Double Whammy	Frederick S Bush
14156	Starthrower	Kevin L Smith
14204		James R Godfrey
14365	Strikes Twice	Kenneth C Kuzdro
14525	Spitfire	John C Bates
14692	Potluck	Matt Potvin
14777		Joe Deerin
14902	Ms Conduct	Carol A Park
15024	Lube Tube	Trevor D Prior
15118	Yellow Boat	Starling H Mikell
15159	Worm Burner	Frank X Hanson
15221	Shark Bite	Mike Wertz

The Susquehanna Yacht Club hosted the 45th annual Pennsylvania Governors Cup again this year. The event started in 1966. Dick Halligan was the victor, and this was the 20th time he's won it!

Members of our Fleet participated in thirteen regattas over the course of the 2010 sailing season. These included the Deep South Regatta in Savannah, Miami Midwinter Regatta, Winter Championship in St. Petersburg, Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup, No Gas Regatta in Annapolis, Central Atlantic District, Dixie District, North American Championship at Toms River Yacht Club, Duck Challenge at the Susquehanna Yacht Club, SMSA Regatta at Solomons, Frigid Digit Regatta, Pennsylvania Governors Cup and the Hampton Fall Fling.

Trevor Prior won the Dixie District Purnell trophy this year. Congratulations Trevor!

Our Junior Sailing Day events this year were very successful. They were attended by thirty-two junior sailors in June



and by thirty junior sailors in July. Much thanks to Kathie Wild who has organized this event over the last seven years and continues to do an outstanding job.

The overall 2010 Frey Cup champion was Matt Potvin. Winner of the Spring Series was Carol Park, and the winner of the Fall Series was Matt Potvin. Congratulations to all the participants this past year. Standings:

1. Matt Potvin 2. Carol Park 3. Star Mikell
4. Trevor Prior 5. John Bates

314 *Sassafras River*

Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chestertown, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David J Horne

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
12381	Great Pumpkin	Robert B Horne
15023	Star O'Dust	Robert B Horne

329 *Severn Sailing Association*

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: James Brickell

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
6345		Ned Daly
10493	M I Nuts	Benjamin C Eloff
12480	Stuck on Stupid	Jonathan I Lange
13872	Think Twice	Jason D Cosler
14073	His	Gary S Hurban
14222	Windchaser	Russell Roberts
14548	Painkiller	Jonathan S Guth
14581		Edward J Friebele
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Gregory Virgin
14900	His	Gary S Hurban
15016	Loon	James B Brickell
15054	Blue Highways	Jonathan I Lange

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
15083	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15093	Hers	Joan A Hurban
15151	Palindrome	Geoffrey D Becker
15202		Todd Johnson
15240	Bella	Stephen Constants
15353		Allan Terhune
15363	Sundancer	Greg Kelly
15425		Edward J Friebele
15449		Allan Terhune

508 *Solomons*

Sailing on Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay
Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David H Meiser

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14800		David H Meiser
15101	Nor' Easter	Daniel Liston

509 *Hampton Roads*

Hampton, Virginia

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Joe Bucakowski

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14485	Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ronald R Buchanan
15084	Irie	Joe Bucakowski

513 *Rock Hall*

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Rock Hall, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Charles G Parry

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14008	Hornet	Charles G Parry
14024	Blitzen	Lee Urbani
14068	ANSER	Lansing Willians
14096	Grey Ghost	Charles G Parry



518 Poquoson River

Sailing on the Poquoson River
Poquoson, Virginia

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Jack Shepherd
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Rob Watt
Fleet Champion: Jim Dillard

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
10266	Water Bug	Rob Watt
11369	No More Excuses	James H Dillard
12396		David Crossett
12741	Warrior	James H Dillard
13818	Warrior	James H Dillard
14209		Jack Shepherd
15311	Go Green	James H Dillard

Fleet 518 had one major event during 2010. We held our second Poquoson Challenge on August 21. The Poquoson Challenge is a one-day regatta and is all about having a good time. Boats could sail with one, two or as many as you wanted.

On the morning of the regatta, the Poquoson was a mill-pond. The Wind God was toying with me. By 12:00 there was a faint wind line from the east. He came through. It built to 10, gusting to 18, with twenty-degree shifts just to make it interesting.

Yuengling was our sponsor, so no one went thirsty, and there were enough crabs to have people drinking cool ones and picking crabs from 6:00 to 12:00. Red Fehrle walked away, no, demolished the crabs and the competition to claim the Energizer Bunny award for picking and picking. The sailors either spent the night at our cottage or at Chuck Wood's place across the creek.

Nine boats participated, five of which came down from Washington Fleet 50 in support of our new Fleet. The home fleet was gracious and allowed the visiting crews to take the (non) silver.

After receiving calls of, "Don't start without us, we are stuck in I-95 traffic," the regatta got underway at 1500. Due to the east wind, the Race Committee, consisting of my son-in-law, Justin Morris, his son Brandon and committee boat owner Mary Beth Watt, set a short, windward-leeward course across the river. Thanks to the good work of the Race Committee, we were able to get in four races.

Chandler Owen and his crew, Rose Gentile and Anne Tyee, who hadn't sailed in twenty-five years won the regatta. Second place, on a tie breaker, went to Frank Gallagher sailing with Mary Ann. Ron Buchanan, sailing with Jeff Ullman and Kate Smith-Morse, was third. Nabeel Alsalam sailed with Fred Wright and his wife, Lura, who raced for the first time. They came in fourth. Sailing with my daughter, Elizabeth, I ended up fifth to lead the home fleet. Sixth place was captured by the Energizer Bunny sailing with Sue Humphey, and our Fleet Captain, Jack Shepard, sailing with his wife Lynn, and the Commodore of the Virginia Navy (the three square riggers at Jamestown), Eric Speth, finished seventh. My son-in-law Chuck Wood, sailing with Eric's son Warren and a member of the William & Mary sailing team, ended up eighth. The youngest captain, Alise Watt, sailing with her brother Andrew, could not sail the last two races due to time constraints ended up ninth.

	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chandler Owen	1	3	2	2	8
Frank Gallagher	4	4	1	1	10
Ron Buchanan	2	2	3	3	10
Nabeel Alsalam	3	1	5	7	16
Jim Dillard	6	5	4	4	19
Red Fehrle	5	6	6	8	25
Jack Shepard	7	7	7	6	27
Chuck Wood	8	8	DNF	5	30
Elise Watt	9	9	DNC	DNC	38

We will be looking to find more Lightning sailors to expand our new fleet.

James H. "Jim" Dillard, II



Poquoson Challenge Skippers