

New England



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District Officers:

District Commodore: George Koch

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121 Merrimack River

Sailing on the Merrimack River
Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Patrick Gallagher

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
2544		Bill Stasiuk
11136	Hag	John R Hughes
14345		Brian Gibbs
15132	Temerity	Brian Gibbs

145 Spofford Lake

Sailing on Lake Spofford
Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Ben Wallace

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
10254		Alexander D Gemmell
10258		Alexander D Gemmell
11210	Smurf'n'g Along	Frederick Turner
11346	FOB	Christopher B Hamblet
14360	Lightning MacQueen	Patrick MacQueen
14621	Flat Bottom Girl	Ben Wallace

We held nine quick races on beautiful Spofford Lake. Winds ranged from 5–10 knots and were relatively steady for our small lake.

Ben Wallace, with expert crew Karen Wallace and Ian Wallace, were up for the challenge and were a clear first. This was Ian's first regatta with Mom and Dad and his first experience with the spinnaker.

Bob Bush and Alex Gemmell co-skippered with some good finishes to take second, just ahead of Pat MacQueen and Paul Henkel.

Both days had increasing winds throughout the day, making for quick races and an early dinner on Saturday and early lunch on Sunday.

All that was missing were more boats. The wind was great, the food was great, the racing was great.

Dave Fitch Regatta
Spofford Lake, Spofford Yacht Club
Spofford, New Hampshire, June 26, 27, 2010

Boat#	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Ttl	t/o	Net
14621	Ben Wallace	Karen Wallace	Ian Wallace	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	14	3	11
13792	Bob Bush/Alex Gemmell	Christin Christoph	Kate Best	1	2	4	3	2	2	1	4	4	23	4	19
14360	Pat MacQueen	Amy MacQueen	Ralph Dileone	3	4	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	27	5	22
14072	Paul Henkel	Steve Shriner	Katharine Rooney	4	3	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	27	4	23

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151 *Annisquam Yacht Club*

Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Georges Peter

273 *Massabesic Yacht Club*

Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Ray Whitley

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
9390		Gordon Geick
9829		Art Cunningham
11401		Mike Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter F Colantuono
12687		Nat Hedrick
14180	Pura Vida	William T Frank
14273		Norm Deyett
14376		Ken Deyett
14384		Pat Gallagher
14418	The Blind Squirrel	Ray Whitley
14478		Bruce Brown
14577		Rob Donle

189 *Marblehead*

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Donald R Humphrey

227 *Bomoseen Yacht Club*

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen
Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: (Not designated)

Spring, Summer and Fall series consistently drew three to six Lightnings for two or three Sunday races, in spite of the lure of PHRF Ocean racing in Portsmouth, Marblehead, Newburyport, and Boston.

Although Ken Deyett campaigned his J30 in these regattas with many wins and missed most Sundays at Massabesic, he returned to win both the Richmond cup on Labor Day and the MYC New England District regatta a week later in his Lightning.

Walt won the Spring series, with Pat and Mike second and third. Pat won the Summer and Fall, with Walt and Mike second and third.

In 2011, the MYC regatta is planned for the weekend after Labor Day with lots of races and good competition.

Guest boats are always welcome to join us for Sunday racing, which starts at 1:30.





301 *Lake Champlain*

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Arnold M Tran

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
695		Deidre Goulding
3792		Alan M Cass
10440	Top	Allen H Baker
10666		Dave Young
10846	Two Boys	Edward Guild
11885	Annie Oakley	Aaron Frank
12525		William J Fastiggi
12899	Hot Jazz	Alan M Cass
13156	Blue Storm	David N Little
14050	HUH???	Bretton C Gardner
14056	Sweet...Dude	Erik Johnson
14119	Basic Gray	Chad Miller
14131		James Unsworth
14146	Drop it Like it's Hot	Nicholas Aswad
14438		Peter Tourin
14446	Apple	Kurt Kling
14480	Ciao	Richard N Fastiggi
14514	Special K	Arnold M Tran
14520	Hare Brained Idea	Todd W Cox
14640	Wild Goose	Donald C Brush
14644	Creature of Habit	Michael L Huffman
14825	Two Babes and a Dude	Robert D Turnau
14876	Top	Janice Lange
14876	Top	Allen H Baker
14972	The New-un	
15060	Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
15237	HOT Flash	Mark Gardner
15368	Endeavor	David N Little
15381		William J Fastiggi

Fleet 301 had another great year.

Writing the 2010 Fleet 301 report has been one of the most informative things I have ever done for sailing. I was in a real jam when I went to write the Fleet report, as I couldn't remember a blessed thing that happened during the sailing season. I thought about the regattas and couldn't recall anything about the previous nine months. In years past, I had made notes about the regattas as they happened so that the Fleet report was a breeze to write. This year I had done no such planning. I was in trouble.

I found myself stuck in a car for three hours on a road trip. I figured the best way to recall memorable moments from the season was to call other members of the Fleet and ask them for their recollections of the year. For the Spring Regatta, what I could recall from my own personal recollection was the lake level was really low for that time of year. After ten phone calls I had garnered additional information, "the water was really low," "it was cold," and "I think it was windy." Of the fifteen boats that sailed, this was the only thing that people could remember. This was true for most of the season's races. The lesson learned here is that if you yell at your crew, tack on somebody or get over-served after the racing is over, nobody will remember. Keep that in mind next time you have a crummy start.

Undaunted, I moved on to write about the Districts. There was only slightly more recollection on this event. Fleet 301 hosted the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Districts as well as the open Districts. Dick Fastiggi broke the tie breaker to win the overall regatta with two firsts and a fifth. Dick claims, and we have the Fleet historian digging through the archives, that "this was the only regatta he had ever won."

For the open event, twenty-three boats raced and the Race Committee scheduled the fleet to sail in the outer bay of Malletts Bay. Weather conditions required that we stay postponed on shore for two hours while the breeze built in. After two hours, the conditions were not looking much better, but PRO Al Russell opted to tow the boats out and wait on the water. This was the best call, as after only a short swim, the breeze built in, and we sailed two races.

Participants were eager to get the races started by pushing the line, causing numerous general recalls. In the end, the two long races were well worth it. The breeze died again on the way in, making way for a beautiful summer evening.

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Entertainment was really the hit of the regatta, with Quadra playing to a packed audience. For those of you who aren't familiar with Quadra, it's a cover rock band formed in 1981. Mike Trombley, owner of Advanced Music in Burlington, Vermont, is a friend of the Fleet and enthusiastically agreed to play the venue. As an additional treat, Mike agreed that anyone who wanted to belt out a tune could step up to the mike and be a rock star for an evening. Bill Fastiggi took the challenge, hitting most of the notes of Mustang Sally and Jenny, to name a couple of songs. Eric Cutting kept us all out on the dance floor into the late hours.

2010 North Americans. I really can't believe I can say this, but "sailing in New Jersey is awesome." The North Americans at the Toms River Yacht Club was done right. Allan Terhune, Sr and his team ran a great regatta.

Racing in New Jersey on the weekends has a reputation of not being that good. However, sailing on Barnegat Bay during the week means that you have the whole bay to yourself. There is simply no one else around. The breeze was awesome, and traveling on the weekends meant that you could leave for the regatta without forgetting anything and come home with time to do laundry before work on Monday.

As if racing Lightnings wasn't enough during the day, members of Fleet 301 went A-Cat racing on Wednesday night as part of the Toms River Yacht Club summer series. If that weren't enough, taking a trip to the boardwalk reminds you that Trans Ams, gold chains and tank tops are still popular.

The Leaf Peeper proved once again that it's cold in Vermont in October. The kerosene heaters were fired

up, and the woolies were drug out of the closet. Saturday was postponed for a few hours, as the fall northerly of twenty-five knots was too much risk for the boats and Race Committee.

Later in the day the breeze died a bit, just enough for the boats to go out. Planing around in a Lightning is what it's all about, and Saturday delivered. "Pucker Factor 10" could have been the name of our boat when we got close to the leeward mark. Erik Johnson, Kate Brush and fiancé, Nate Owen, managed to get knocked over going upwind but righted the boat faster than a Laser and still kept sailing.

Off the water, if the highlight of the Districts was the band, the best part of the Leaf Peeper was the heaters. Sunday brought more moderate breeze and five short races that would have given most college sailors a run for their money. After the racing was over the consensus was that Mark Gardner, PRO, had given us all our monies worth, and we didn't need any more sailing.

Fleet 301 summer series consists of seven races, including four Sunday series fleet races. This means that a total of forty-two races comprise the series, allowing for more than enough opportunity to make gains by consistent attendance. To make things more interesting, the series is scored two different ways, a high point system and a low point system. Despite forty-two races over four months, to spread out the scoring, there were three ties between the two scoring methods. Additionally, many of the places were separated by only a few points.

Fleet 301 would like to thank the club volunteers and friends of the Fleet who helped out for all of these and all of the events during the summer.

Leaf Peeper Champions:
Jamie Allan, Jay Deakin, Mark Littee



Leaf Peeper Runner-ups:
Peter Hazelett,
James Unsworth,
Derek Demming



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332 *Squam Lake*

Sailing on Big Squam Lake
Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Dan Egan

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
9829	Spike	Arthur J Cunningham
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Bubba	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz
14955		R Garr Corcoran
15258	Kilgore Trout	Brian L Comfort

493 *Bow Lake*

Sailing on Bow Lake
Strafford, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Ned E Hinds

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
2	Upset	Robert Boynton
2	Upset	Jamie Boynton
5013		Jim Grant
8301	Jesie S	Linda Karpeichik
9662	Holy Boat	Jeff Baker
10680	Bad Mojo	Nathaniel Hendrickson
12079	Three Two Men in a Tub	Bob Murphy
12079	Three Two Men in a Tub	Dave Sandman
12687	Stay Puffed	Nathaniel Hendrickson
13556	At the Dump	Robert Boynton
13556	At the Dump	Jamie Boynton
13888	What Now?	Robert Boynton
13888	What Now?	Jamie Boynton
14296	Naut!	Ned E Hinds
14577	Infinite Sloop	Rob Donle
14667	Mis Behavin'	Robert D Shapiro
15239	Miss Demeanor	Robert D Shapiro

Traveling Regattas

2010 saw Fleet 493 members travel to several regattas. Nathaniel Hendrickson hit the road the hardest, attending the Junior Districts, Districts, Squam Lake and Lake Massabesic regattas, while Bob Shapiro went to Squam Lake and Lake Massabesic and Rob Donle went to Lake Massabesic.

Nathaniel was in the money at the Juniors, nailing second place with Ryan and Kyle Gershuny on his team. Bob Shapiro, Jim Lerner and Jeff Baker went to Squam Lake and won for the second year in a row, while Ryan and Kyle Gershuny teamed with Bob at Lake Massabesic to capture second place.



Miss Demeanor



Newest woodie on the Lake

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Bob Evans Regatta

Forty-five sailors, seventeen sailboats, sixteen Race Committee members and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Twenty-one races were held on Bow Lake from July 3 through August 29. Nine different Lightnings were on the Lake this summer spanning from Lightning #2 to #15239, including two other woodies besides #2.

Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro have traded first and second place in this series for many years. This year Bob came out on top by virtue of two wins on the last day of racing and was helped along by superb crewing from numerous Gershuny boys.

Next year watch out as eight-year-old Erin Gershuny will be joining the team! Junior Nathaniel Hendrickson came third in Stay Puffed, although he didn't always stay upright, and Rob Donle managed fourth in Infinite Sloop. Six different Boyntons raced on #2 Upset. Ken Deyett also visited from Massabesic to hand us our hats a few times.

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam and Werner Daigneault, Roger Williams, Walter and Phyllis Unger, Joan Joffrees, Marion Hinds and many others for all of their help. Roger Williams, the Gershunys, Bruce Donle and others served as crash boats to keep us all safe.

Ed Hinds Regatta

What a successful regatta! Thank you to all who participated, helped, watched and celebrated with us. Saturday was a gorgeous day of bright sunshine, blue skies, and



Nathaniel Focused



Kyle and Ryan Gershuny leading Bob around the course



Ned Really Focused



Old Guys Can Still Hike

New England / Nigeria



some wind. OK, it may be true that the previous four Saturdays had winds of 15–20 mph, and the following Saturday also had winds of 15–20 mph, but we'll happily take the 3–8 mph winds that we got for the regatta. We managed to get in five fun races!

Nine Lightnings participated in the regatta, including visitors Ken Deyett from Lake Massabesic and Isabel Cunningham and Pat MacQueen from Squam Lake. The home fleet had Ned Hinds, Bob Shapiro, Rob Donle, John Boynton, Nathaniel Hendrickson and Scott Harrill on the line.

Ken Deyett picked up where he left off in the summer series, winning the first three races. But then Ned and Bob figured him out and almost had enough to pass him in the regatta—but not quite. Ken won with eight points, followed by Bob with ten and then Ned in third with twelve points.

MANY people made this regatta a success! Werner was aided on Race Committee by Marion Hinds and Wayne Donle. We had several crash boats out to help, with Walter Unger, Roger Williams, Greg King and Bruce Donle on board to tow boats, move marks and stand by to help in case we got a huge gust of wind or a thunderstorm. Thank you!

After the racing, it was on to the Grange for refreshments and the Bow Lake world-famous Taco Bar dinner, which was enjoyed by about seventy people. Many people cooked or helped out with food, service, preparation and cleanup. Thank you to all!

Nigeria

District Officers:

Special Projects Vice President: Julian Calvin

Fleets:

510 Lagos Yacht Club

510 *Lagos Yacht Club*

Sailing on Lagos, Offshore and Lagoon
Lagos, Nigeria

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Julian Calvin

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
8769	SHANGO	Ulrich Birnbaum
13520		Michael Barnes
14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14928	Never Say Never	Laurent Couderc
15267	Shango	Jonathan C Lauthers
15273	Scud	Robert E Overfield
15274	Now Now	Richard J Willmott
15274	Now Now	Julian Calvin
15322		Richard J Willmott
15323	Whirlwind	Scott R Laidlaw
15326	Mystique	Gary L Schwantz





Ohio

District Officers:

District Commodore: James Taylor

Fleets:

- 23 Indian Lake Yacht Club
- 27 Leatherlips Yacht Club
- 36 Pymatuning Yacht Club
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- 303 Cowan Lake Sailing Association

District Champions: Dave Werley, Emma Werley, Greg Maras



23 Indian Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Indian Lake
Russels Point, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: (Not designated)

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
12551	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
13741	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
14751	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover

27 Leatherlips Yacht Club

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir
Powell, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Eric Brandt

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
15191		Eric Brandt

36 Pymatuning

Sailing on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Justin Proctor
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Maras
Race Chairman: Andy Sees

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy G	Scotland Werley
12593	Caution	Robert C Baumgardner
12787	Buzzoff	Greg Pollock
12972	Trouble	Bob Baumgardner
13181		Martin Powell
13240	Recess	Janis J Gamer
13255	Covert Maneuver	Jim Martuccio
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymier
13608	Relax	Matt Frymier
13726	Fat Chance	Michael T Sheehan
13905	Czygy	Jonathan Dean
14176	Catatumbo	Marc Cline
14208		Bev Boyle
14242	Blue Moon	M Andrew Sees
14285	Enticer	Robert Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	Bill Weihe
14365		Susan Fink
14418	The Blind Squirrel	Ray Whitley
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14483		Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14523	Moo	Len Ciccone
14546	Hakuna Matata	Marilyn K Maras
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor Maras
14573		John M Woodal
14579	Arete	G Scotland Werley
14579	Arete	Nedra J Lewis
14657		Justin Proctor



BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
14678	Rigamorole	Ed Rumble
14751	Tog Bog	Ralph Meacham
14885	Blue Line	Douglas C Blackburn
14914		Jon Jackson
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
15000	Brilliant	Timothy Werley
15000	Brilliant	John Werley
15015	sLitely Cantankerous	Bertie M Werley
15015	sLitely Cantankerous	John Werley
15015	sLitely Cantankerous	Kate Werley
15022	A bit of all white	Garry Condon
15075	WTF	Maegan A Ruhlman
15112	No Time to Kill	David E Werley
15257		Robert Ruhlman
15257		Abigail A Ruhlman
15288	Relaxed	John L Dunne
15357		Robert Ruhlman
15420	Holy Smoke	Ryan Ruhlman
15439		Justin Proctor

We should have taken it as some kind of a “sign” when our Fleet winter party had to be cancelled because of a huge snowstorm that hit northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania. All but about ten people were snowed in, so there was a mini party held. The big party/meeting/trophy presentation had to be rescheduled. Turn out for the rescheduled party was light too because many of our Fleet members were in St. Pete for the last leg of the Southern Circuit.

Our very own Marilyn Maras was awarded the Karl Smith-er award at the banquet for a lifetime of sailing and teaching. Many of the younger Lightning Fleet members did not know all that Marilyn has done for sailing—both in competing in Lightning racing and in teaching children and adults to sail and to love sailing. It was wonderful to share all that we know about Mimi with the rest of the Lightning community. The most fun was that this was a HUGE surprise to her – getting the whole family there in secret was no easy task, but we did it. The look on her face when Rob Ruhlman announced her award was priceless.

Our actual fleet sailing started with the 26th annual Spring Classic. While there was a little less fanfare that we had for the 25th Spring Classic, a good time was still had by all. We had thirty-eight boats participate, including the two Boat Grant boats, and we actually sailed on Sunday—

something that we haven’t done at this regatta in a very long time. Dave Starck won the regatta with our very own Ryan Ruhlman coming in third.

Spring racing was very sparse for the Fleet, but then things kicked into gear for our summer Saturday and Sunday series.

The Ohio Districts were held at PYC in late June. Twenty-three boats participated—sixteen of these from PYC—great fleet support. District Champion was Dave Werley with his crew of Emma Werley and Greg Maras. Second place went to Ryan Ruhlman with Patrick Wilson and Ryan Milani.

Many of our juniors again travelled to Put-in-Bay for the ILYA Junior Bay week, as well as traveling to the Buffalo Canoe Club for their junior regatta the weekend before Lighting Junior NAs. Great job representing our Fleet to Liam Condon, Maura Condon, Adam Maras, Cameron Maras, Cody Signor, Alex Werley, Emma Werley, Kate Werley and Matt Werley.

Maegan Ruhlman with Samantha Maras and Kate Werley competed in the Lightning Women’s NAs, finishing second—way to go girls! Congratulations to Ryan Ruhlman with Nick Turney and Martha Fisher for finishing fourteenth in the North American Championship series and to Rob Ruhlman with Abby and Maegan Ruhlman for finishing twenty-second.

Overall fleet results for the summer were:

Series	First	Second	Third
Saturday	John Woodall	Scot Werley	John Werley
Sunday	Scot Werley	John Werley	Len Ciccone
Stay at Home	Tim Werley	Doug Blackburn	Herb Jestel

Championship Results:

1st	John Werley
2nd	John Woodall
3rd	Scot Werley
4th	Doug Blackburn
5th	Justin Proctor

2010 was another great year of sailing at Pymatuning. We are always looking for new Lightning sailors to join our family. If you have never been to Pymatuning, you really should plan to attend one of our regattas. We have a great time and great sailing.



71 Rocky River

Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Bill L Buckles / George Auer

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
13726	Fat Chance	Bill L Buckles
14433	Clam	David E Samanich
15202		Bill L Buckles

150 Mansfield Sailing Club

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir
Lexington, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Thomas H Varley

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
13485		Christopher J Clarke
13979	X stream	Thomas H Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14390	Granfalloon	James L Stone
14824	Got Mojo?	Christopher J Clarke
14952	X stream	Thomas H Varley

In club news, we have officially retired the Ed Stevens Trophy and inaugurated the The Chris Schneider Memorial Trophy. The first recipient of the trophy was Sean Dillon. May Chris's competitive spirit and good nature be remembered and echoed throughout our organization for years to come.

Congratulations to Tom Varley on another club championship for 2010. The Fleet was competitive, and it was not easily won. We would also like to congratulate Chris Clarke on his retirement.

303 Cowan Lake Sailing Association

Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael H Brock

Fleet Champion: Dr. Steve Weeber

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
11515	The Missing Piece	Jeff Pugh
11777		James Young
14110		Richard Pugh
14112		Mike LoVullo
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14505		Jeffrey Leland
14925		Michael H Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179		Dennis Rhoades
15317	Phoenix II	Stephen A Weeber

2010 was an interesting year for the Cowan Lake sailors. Extremely hot and humid weather and light winds made sailing a challenge. When we did sail, 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 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 circuit with strong finishes. Jim won the District's Governors Cup and the October 37th annual Cowan Fall-In Regatta.