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District Commodore: George Sipel

31 Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake
Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Merrill E Bales

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10638	Bullet	Doug Tagsold
13959	Oar Knot	Jeffrey W Clemes
14301	Hay Bales	Merrill E Bales
14830		David Laidlaw
14884		Merrill E Bales

The year started Memorial Day weekend. Sailors put boats in on Saturday and then raced on Sunday and Monday. Dave Laidlaw won the series, with Merrill Bales getting second.

There were six weekends with no wind, so it was hard to get a lot of races in. Our 4th of July series also had no wind one day, so the series ended up being a one-day event. Dave continued his streak with three first-place finishes, and Jeff Clemes was second.

The Fleet Champion was decided from all the races during the season. Merrill Bales came out on top as Fleet Champion, with Dave Laidlaw as runner-up. Dave was gone a couple weeks, so I could throw out some of my bad races. Dave had to use all of his. Thanks, Dave.

During the season we have a Stay at Home series when the Michigan Districts and the North Americans are sailed. This was won by Merrill, with Doug Tagsold second!

Then another series was the Commodore race on one weekend. We split the Fleet into two fleets. Dave won the Commodore, and Doug Tagsold the Captains.

Labor Day was the last series, with Dave first and Merrill Bales second.

The Club had our annual regatta, the Bruce Goldsmith Memorial for Lightnings and Sunfish. A good time was had by all, with good wind and great sailing! George Spiel, we call him a local sailor as he has been a Fleet member here, won the Lightnings. Another local sailor, Dan Norton, won the Sunfish races. Both were from our sailing classes, a LONG time ago, when they were young boys!

Other than no wind on several Sundays, we had a great season with several new members joining in as crews and skippers. Fleet 31 will have two more boats next year, and Doug Tagsold has been elected Fleet Captain.

Merrill Bales



David Laidlaw, Geoff Moehl, Ryan Mabie



42 Western Lake Erie

Sailing on Lake Erie
Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: James A Davis

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10638	Bullet	Dennis Dieball
10638	Bullet	Ernest D Dieball
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H Thomas
14249		George Sipel
14260		Jody Kjoller
14543		John Heagy
14779	Flash Over II	James A Davis
15249	#purchased not built yet	George Sipel

Fleet 42 completed another fantastic year of sailing in 2011. Our weekly club activities are somewhat limited; however, several members who traveled to regattas near and far had some very successful finishes.

There were numerous activities this year that helped keep our Fleet strong. Our holidays, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, are typically spent as fun days—a little sailing and a lot of burgers and beer.

We had a great turn out for July 4th. We invited other one-design classes from the area clubs to participate and to have as many boats as possible out on the race course. This year it meant a few of us sailed two up

on the Lightning, and Skip Dieball even showed some stellar skills in his attempt to sail his Lightning solo!

Our best Fleet 42 effort this year was in hosting the 2011 North American Championship at North Cape Yacht Club. We would like to thank everyone who joined us this year, and, in particular, we want to thank the Lightning Class for our nomination of the US Sailing One Design Club of the Year. We certainly wouldn't have won this year without the support of the Michigan District Fleet members who were part of the one hundred volunteers helping with the regatta, as well as the fantastic support from the Lightning Class. We look forward to seeing you all next year in Houston or around the Great Lakes!

51 Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St Clair
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Brian Walter

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter
14774	CO2	Tom Vickers
14856	Assisted Suicide	Michael D Williams
14982		Robert G Brower
15313	The 313	Matthew P Morin
15313	The 313	Kevin Morin

Jody Kjoller



Tom Vickers



54 Pontiac Yacht Club

Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: William Ziegler

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Estrellita	Paul J Nagel
837	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
5885	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
8370	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
9393	Red Dawn	Edward A Diakow
9584		Gregory J Harris
9900	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
11599	Learning Curve	Richard Dishaw
12927		Hank E Callahan
12961		Charles W Ten Eick
13934		Glenn Wilcox
13985	Minnie Mae II	Norman W Burns
13998		Paul J Nagel
14097	No Clue	Edward G Woods
14126	Boat III	Phillip J Matora
14147	Nagivator	Scott Morell
14201	Fortunateson	Chris Abbott
14215	Major Obsession	Philip V Tomlinson
14220	Choo-choo	Thomas C Post
14242	BlueMoon	Geoff Nelson
14280	Shadowfax	James T Crosby
14439		Michael J Roualet
14449	Fins Up	Dale L Krcek
14457	Lightning Bug	Joseph L LaPalme
14477	Shenandoah	Stephen E Handelman
14511	Mad Duck	Matthew Warner
14515	Bikini Bottom	John B Morley
14567	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14601	Gator	Wallace P Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo J Korn
14618	Rattle and Hum	Steve Chavez
14628	Over-Engineered	Andrew J Monique

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14652	Zoo Station	Paul J Nagel
14710	Britannia	Neil Willetts
14767	Renaissance	Richard F Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R Bowers
14842	Flash3	Charles C Hess
14919	Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
15048		John S Garrison
15120		William P Sanders
15125	Force Majeure	William J Ziegler
15160	Windward	Paul Lieberman
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15200	Overdrive	Thomas M Klaban
15208		James S Allen
15230	Evergreen	Robert H Mathers
15233	Delphinus 2	Stephen R Polk
15346	Last Dance	Michael B Hecker
15391		Michael J Welch

Fleet 54 sailed through another year full of activities in 2011. We had an active Club racing schedule, some social activities, training clinics and sent several members to regattas near and far.

Before the racing started, we held a "Spring Recall" to roust everyone out of their winter funk and get them energized about the upcoming season. Like last year, this event featured a Past Commodore's chili cook off, as well as some chalk talk. Mark Allen walked the audience through a question-and-answer filled presentation on his approach to a race, from preparation to finish.

We also used this opportunity to advance the cause of race management, as we all are responsible for running races over the course of the year. We addressed the eternal dilemma of how to get people to sign up for a fair number of Race Committee duties by introducing a points system. This allows skippers to choose duties and assignments that fit their schedule and getting the most difficult, highest points assignments filled. By signing up for a specified number of points, skippers are assured immunity from any further last-minute calls to duty. Those who chose not to sign up for the minimum number of points leave themselves exposed to short-notice calls to action. The more races they



complete, the greater the likelihood of being called on to fill a gap in the schedule when it arises.

Early in the year, after just enough racing to shake the cob webs, we were fortunate enough to host an ILCA-sponsored Lightning Lab. We had sixteen skippers participate in the seminar-style learning conducted by Skip Dieball. Instruction included onshore discussions about tuning and boat set up, as well as an afternoon full of on-the-water drills. Afterwards, we had a video debrief with beverages and burgers back at the Club.

Sunday, we ran a couple of race-structured events, with Skip giving pointers to the competitor's real time. This proved to be a great tool to get people up to speed and bring along some of the less sure skippers. Our goal was to get more travel-ready skippers, and I believe we moved a number of skippers along that road. Many thanks to both the Class' Todd Wake and instructor Skip Dieball for making this event great.

In terms of racing, it is a fact that we had ninety-eight races scheduled over forty-eight dates in 2011. Unfortunately, we lost an unprecedented number of races to weather conditions this year. The optimist's perspective would be that in spite of thirty-two cancelled races, we still were able to sail sixty-six races! That's a pretty good season's worth.

Statistically, participation was up a bit this year. We averaged fifteen boats per race, compared to thirteen last year. A total of forty-six different skippers finished

at least one race this year. By awarding trophies five deep, we had seventeen skippers take home some hardware from our annual awards banquet.

Our regular season is divided into three—Spring, Summer and Fall. We score Wednesday night and Sunday races separately, giving us a total of six major series. Two races are planned for every date. Races in these series are scored on an average low-score basis, with a skipper needing to sail in at least one-half of the sailed races in a series to qualify for awards. Sunday Series winners were Mark Whatley (Spring, Fall) and Tom Klaban (Summer, Overall). Wednesday Series winners were Mark Whatley (Spring) and Tom Klaban (Summer, Fall, Overall).

In addition to the main series, we conduct three mini-regattas over the course of the season on the holiday weekends—Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. Each regatta consists of five races over Sunday and Monday, and then we partake in the Club's holiday potluck picnic. This year, we had a different winner of each mini regatta. Rear Commodore John Morley won the Memorial Day Series, and Joe LaPalme Jr. won the Memorial Trophy. Tom Klaban took the July 4th event, and Mike Welch won the Labor Day regatta.

Fleet 54 also conducts a Club Championship regatta. This is a stand-alone, five-race event held mid season on a Saturday and Sunday. This year, Mark Whatley bested a fleet of fifteen competitors to take the title of Fleet Champion.

Tom Klaban,
Marie Klaban,
Giselle Ow-Yan



Bob Mathers,
John Mathers,
Caleb Mathers



To assist newer Fleet members who are just learning the boat, we run a “rock star” Wednesday night early in the season. For this event, we have a number top-of-the-fleet sailors volunteer to serve as crew for a skipper that may be looking for a little help. Alas, this year’s event, and two re-schedules of it, was victimized by the weather. Nevertheless, each of the rock stars committed to being available to sail with a newbie at a mutually agreeable date.

We have two other special Wednesdays throughout the course of the season. The first is a junior championship. We encourage skippers to recruit a junior to skipper their boat for this event. Kevin Ziegler repeated as this year’s PYC Junior Champion.

The other special Wednesday event is the Commodore’s Challenge. This is an opportunity for crew members to get a chance to take the helm. We had seventeen boats participate in the 2011 edition of the Commodore’s Challenge. The results from this series

are always very tight at the top, but it seems every year, as this, Eric Klaban manages to pull the win out.

On the road, members of our Fleet enjoyed the District season by getting out early and often. It started with Lake Lansing. Fifteen of the thirty-nine boats registered at the Michigan/Indiana District regatta were from Fleet 54. Mark Allen won the regatta, followed closely by Jim Allen. Fleet 54 sent a total of fifteen boats to the NA events, Masters and Open, so ably hosted by Michigan’s own North Cape Yacht Club. Jim Allen and Mark Allen both sailed in the championship fleet.

We are the biggest Lightning Fleet in the world, but our goal is to be the BEST. Please help us have a great 2012 by attending one of our events. We will be hosting the Michigan District regatta on June 30–July 1. The annual White Cap regatta will be held September 8–9. If neither one of those dates works for you, you can find us racing every Wednesday and Sunday from May through October, weather permitting. Come join us! Check us out on the web at: <http://www.pyc54.org>



Bruce Finsilver, Josh Hevron, John Snyder



Ed Dziuba, Paul Nagel, Regina Wilking



Norman Burns, James Bowers, Geoffrey Nelson



Mike Hecker, Gary Reinheimer, Salo Korn



110 Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: John N Dent

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13999		Scott D Carman
14021	Deck-a-dent	John N Dent

204 Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan and Macatawa Bay
Holland, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael Anthony Norris

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
15193	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris

216 Saginaw Bay

Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Holland, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Matthew D Princing

Finance Director: Justin Day

Fleet Champion: Gary Sowden

Fleet Runner-up: John McCree

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9705		Matthew D Princing
14061		John R Hillman
14087	Score One	John M Waechter
14190	Solstice	Timothy Wenzel
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14603	Hartbeat	Terry Hart
14703		Justin Dey
14775	Schussboomer	James Schofield

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14933		Dave J Lyons
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15146	Eleven!	Gary M Sowden
15147		Joseph C Dissette
15225	Fastidiots	Chris Jacobson
15300	Hooch 5AM	Chris Princing

2011's sailing season started with a purpose. In fact it started seven months earlier than normal in October of 2010 when a small group of rebels, lead by Commander Hart, decided to rock our boat. A mission was hatched, planned and implemented.

Our mission, if we cared to accept it, was to bring back the good old days of big fleets and fun regattas for which our club had been known. In the past fifteen years we have seen numbers decline everywhere and wanted to take a shot at putting some life back into our event. "How the hell are we going to do that?" was asked a number of times, but our leader was not to be stopped. He first surrounded himself with others he could rely on to help carry the load and recruit more rebels for our cause. Pieces and parts were divided amongst this inner circle, and he began to make the Kool Aid, which we all drank. Luckily, we all woke up—unlike the folks who drank with Jim Jones.



Prestart at Districts with 40+ boats



Great shot of Day One of Districts down wind, lots of wind on the bay, 14249 Geo Sipel out front

Our focus became fun, warm, inviting and family. We felt the racing would follow if we could accomplish all of this. We felt good about our race management team and the sudden interest and number of helpers from our club that typically aren't around. Great new movement at BCYC.

We stole ideas. Yup, blatantly, without a blink, stole good ideas that we had seen at other great events. We used much of Wawasee's friendly approach to make folks feel at home. We opened up houses and boats for families to stay in. We got the band back together for a rocking Saturday night. We had a great beer sponsor all weekend, and the suds never stopped—ever! We made phone calls at first to invite, and later we were not beneath shaming people into participating

(I still have the pictures...you know who you are). We made the effort to promote women and juniors as a stand-alone event on Friday, and our Fleet as a group provided a barbeque and beer to anyone who cared to join us. We had a blast, and it worked.

We were blessed with good financial support from viewers like you. Local companies owned by sailors opened up their wallets in a very tough economical times to help us put on a great event. Award & Sports, Dey Dentistry, Shotwell Construction, Disette Sail Yachts, West Marine, Dieball Sailing, Allen Boat Company, Tri City Brewery, Commander Hart Center for Equality and others. Please support these companies who support your hobby.

Our Wednesday night sailing season got off to a slow start. Cold weather and some freaky storms slowed us down. Again it turned into a team builder for the Fleet. A few northeast storms pushed all kinds of debris into our north basin, making it impossible to launch or retrieve boats. So we had to get dirty. We were in waders, on rafts and on shore. We filled three sixty-yard dumpsters of debris. We had three feet of reeds we could literally walk on over ten feet of water. We pulled trees out, tires, bottles, your grandma's false teeth and nasties too. One weekend and two Wednesday nights worth of grunt work, and we were ready to sail.

We only sailed twenty-seven races in 2011—not many by our history. When it was all said and done, Gary Sowden and crew again topped our Fleet, followed by John McCree and his team on the new boat.



Start of the Womens & Juniors' District race



Women's event—this is upwind of Hart Beat
Jamie Vanderhovel, Dawn Satek



The top five are as follows:

1. Big Meanie	Gary, Grant, Drew
2. HWNN	John, Dave & crew
3. Red Lyon	Dave, Jacob & crew
4. Score One	John, Carrie, Glen
5. Hooch	Chris, Jon, Jonathan
Most Improved	Dave Lyons
Clamso Capsize	Tim Wenzel

The regatta that we had planned and worked so hard on happened to be the District Championship. Sailed in June, we had over forty boats registered—great turnout! We were lucky in the fact that NAs were being held down the road, and we offer very similar conditions to North Cape. We also invited and were joined by our friends in the Indiana District who traveled in a pack of six boats.

We ran a Women's and Juniors' Districts as well. We had three boats for each. It was a very windy day and lots of fun. We followed what we referred to as the BCC format, allowing an adult to crew, male or female, in the middle or front to help young or uncertain crews. Carrie Houtman was the victor sailing HWNN.

The Championship followed with two perfect sailing days. Day One was a bit windy and rough, and Day Two was smooth and gentle. We had great race management on and off the water. We brought in a US

Sailing judge to keep it clean. There was only one incident, which left a rather large hole in the side of the prettiest boat on the bay. It was taped back together for the remainder of the weekend.

We threw together a fine meal up at the club. A band was brought in, and the fun was epic. Did I mention we had a beer sponsor?

Throughout this summer we encouraged new teams, females and crews. We sent a women's crew to the North Americans for the first time in years. This team also sailed the Women's Rolex regatta in J22s and a Masters' team—Score One was top five—as well. We sent two teams to the Championship series and had good results to show. Team Red Lyon won a race in their division.

All in all, it was a great year of sailing. Our small Fleet grew by three this year, with McCree getting a new boat, Ryan using the old boat and Chris bringing "Hooch" to the club. As of today, we have another addition set to arrive in May with a good old boat to add to the mix.

I would put Bay City Yacht Club on your calendar of events for the summer. We are a lot of fun. We offer great racing, good fun and big water sailing.

I'm going to wander out to the boat house and talk to "Scars & Scrapes" for a while. The water never got hard, and the sun is out. Good time to crack a beer and talk to my boat.

Matthew D Princing



326 Grand Traverse Yacht Club

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay
Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Paul C Davis

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14460	Spirit	Garret Demarest

374 Douglas Lake

Sailing on Douglas Lake
Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David O Peters

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12754		David O Peters

387 Lansing Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Blaine Severin

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14294	Shibumi	William S Davidson

In 2011, Lansing Sailing Club's Fleet 387 enjoyed its forty-sixth consecutive season of competitive sailing and camaraderie.

Although the season started in late April, many weekends were scrubbed due to too light or too much wind. The traditional Tune-Up regatta ended up being the first competitive weekend of sailing.

Skippers and crew from around the Michigan District, including North Cape, a large Pontiac contingent, Crescent, and Tawas took part. Conditions were light and variable for most of the races. John McRee and crew mastered the shifts and put together two firsts and two seconds to win the regatta, followed by Mark Allen from Pontiac Yacht Club and George Sipel of North Cape.

George Siegle was the top Lansing Sailing Club sailor in the competition, finishing fourth, with Scott Watkins and Susanna Wagner crewing. They also took home the "Ye Olde Silver Platter," a perpetual trophy awarded since 1966 for the top LSC boat. In all, fifteen boats competed, including LSC skippers Mike Moody in ninth, Jonathan Ahlbrand in tenth and Larry Koster in fourteenth. The traditional chili cook off for lunch was also a hit. More photos at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lansingsailing/sets/72157626668956486/>

The regular Lightning season kicked off with racing on May 22. The weather gods challenged the fleet, and twenty-five races were sailed, down substantially from the typical sixty-five to seventy races in a season. Six different skippers participated, with four qualifying.



Tune-Up regatta—William S Davidson



Tune-Up regatta Winner—John McRee



George Siegle with crew Scott Watkins double-handed the boat much of the season and were occasionally joined by Scott's wife Adrienne. They won thirteen of the fifteen races they competed in. They were challenged all the way by Blaine Severin and Jonathan Alhbrand, who won seven and four races, respectively. Blaine was joined by long-time crew Julie Pierce and John Kolstoe.

Pos	Skipper	Total Points	Total Races
1	George Siegle	1160	15
2	Blaine Severin	1040	25
3	Jonathan Alhbrand	985	29
4	Larry Koster	647	25

Join us for our 2012 Tune Up regatta in May. For more information, visit www.lansingsailing.org



Tune-Up regatta—Mike Moody Team



Tune-Up regatta—George Siegle, Scott Watkins and Susanna Wagner with the Ye Olde Silver Platter trophy

512 Boyne City Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Charlevoix
Boyne City, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David J Corcoran

The Boyne City Yacht Club is an over six-hundred member "virtual" club with no physical structure other than its website www.bcy.com, and Fleet 512 consists of the three charter members, Jim Schofield, George Peet and Dave Corcoran and is similarly a "virtual" Fleet.

We originally formed the Fleet so we could add an up-north regatta to the Michigan District circuit as part of the regular regatta calendar and also so we could host a Michigan District regatta at Lake Charlevoix. We did so in 2009, and it is on the schedule for 2014. Ultimately, we'd like to submit a bid for an NAs in Boyne City.

The Boyne City regatta is our big yearly event. We do not have Wednesday racing or a Sunday series. This year, we had six boats, and, as with many other regattas in 2011, the weather deteriorated as the event drew closer. By the time the skippers' meeting had taken place, the rain had let up. The small but talented Fleet geared up with everything we owned. After the first day, we were all tired, and Dave Lyons was in the lead. Sunday brought two windy races. Dave Lyons continued his winning ways. He had a nice comeback in Race 5 and a solid win in Race 6 to convincingly win his first Lightning regatta.

In addition to the Boyne City regatta, Fleet member, Dave Corcoran crewed for John McCree, and they sailed Boyne City, placing second, Bay City Michigan Districts finishing fifth, Great Lakes Championship at North Cape placing ninth (the eight ahead were all either World or North American Champions), Pontiac Whitecap placing eighth, qualified for Blue Fleet at the North Cape NAs and placed twenty-sixth. Corcoran also crewed for Ryan Flack at the Hoosier regatta at Wawassee and placed fifth. He closed out the year with Brad Wagnon at the Bluenose and placed seventeenth. George Peet sailed the Boyne City regatta and the Bay City Michigan Districts. Jim Schofield sailed local this year and the Bay City regatta.

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District Commodore: David W Stix

5 Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: William D Gibson

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11316	Wind Rose	John F Tschanz
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
15260		William G Faude

69 Milwaukee Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Dean S Cady

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11442	Rampage	Dean S Cady

112 Green Bay Sailing Club

Sailing on Green Bay
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Brian T Phelan

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13817	Surprise	Mari C Martin
14038		Timothy J Monday
14106	Bill The Cat	George R Hoppen
14130	K.G. Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14508	Bonski	Mark Stevens
14582	Rock N' Roll	Bill Dean
14880	Rudie	Craig Pomeroy
15005	Ready to Play	Carl W Manns
15137		Steve Adamski

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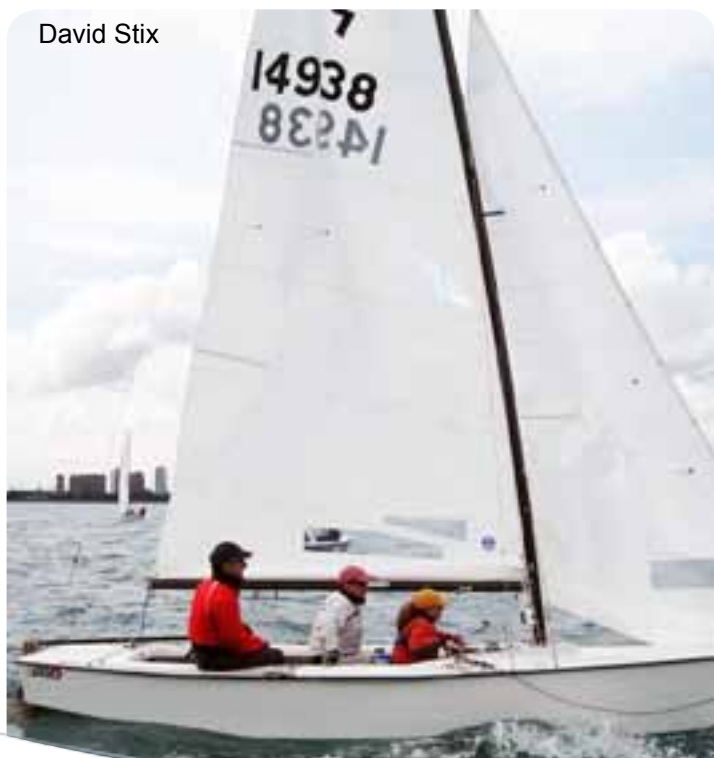
Sailing on the Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Chuck White

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L Johnson
14857	Mermaid	Michael Steffenson

David Stix



187 Sheboygan

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Joel M LeMahieu

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13994	Silent Movie	Michou J Reichelsdorfer
14234		Paul Bartelt
14598		Denise Cornell
14921	Blind Squirrel	Jay Hogfeldt
14994	Lake Effect	Daniel R Reichelsdorfer
15119	Squito	Eric R Larson
15143	Atomic Warrior	Joel M LeMahieu
15234	Stay On Target	Todd Wake
15301	Stone Cold	Denise Cornell
15390		Todd Wake

Sheboygan Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 187 had a successful 2011 summer season in spite of windless Tuesdays in July. The June Gresholt Series was won by Todd Wake, with crew Kristine Wake and Lynelle Reak. Fleet Captain Joel LeMahieu, with crew of Greg LeMahieu and Paul LeMahieu, captured the August Graf/Jacobson Series. Fortunately, the weather cooperated in September and allowed us to score make-up

races for our windless July. The July/September Piper Series was won by Todd Wake and crew.

The overall Summer Series was won by Dan Reichelsdorfer, with crew Michou Reichelsdorfer and Baily Dolson. Second place for the summer was taken by Joel LeMahieu and crew, with Ric Larson and crew, Lori Jost and Eric Larson, winning third.

Twelve boats sailed in the 2011 Brotz regatta under ideal conditions. The Wake boat captured the first-place trophy. Mike Tennity, Brian Phelan and Mary Marten from the Green Bay Fleet were second, with Dan Reichelsdorfer and crew finishing third.

The season had many highlights, but one of the best is the participation of young sailors like Doug Wake, Cole Orlebeke and Rickey Larson—three generations in the Larson boat—who are adding youth and vigor to our Lightning racing. Those of you who sail with young people know the unbridled enthusiasm they are bringing to the sport.

Finally, Fleet 187 would like to thank the Race Committee of Drew and Sue Morris, Gail Tyszka, Brian Wake and Charlie Kinsley for showing up every Tuesday night to keep Lightning racing active and vital at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. A special thank you also goes to Fred Tyszka for his top notch PRO skills every week!

Ric Larson, Eric Larson and Lori Jost sailing in the Brotz Regatta. The team also traveled to Buzios, Brazil, for the International Masters' Championship



Summer series winner, Dan Reichelsdorfer, with crew Michou Reichelsdorfer and Baily Dolson, also placed 3rd at the Brotz Regatta



442 Fond du Lac/Winnebago

Sailing on Lake Winnebago
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

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

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
15042	Ellie B	Michael Elmergreen
15042	Ellie B	Sue Dorscheid

It was another fine year in Fond du Lac with a mixed Portsmouth fleet where the Lightnings race a ten-boat Inland 20 Scow fleet, big boat PHRF fleet, and O'pen Bics and Lasers for our youth.

Fleet 442 started the year with the Lighthouse regatta the first week in June. It was a bit of a low year, with only eight Lightnings and eleven Inland 20s. After six races and a good dinner and party, it was David Stix from Chicago in fifth, with crew Mark Wessel and Christina Chadwick. Fourth was Brian Phelan from Green Bay, with crew Rick Evans and Meri Martin. First on the podium was past President Bill Faude from Chicago, with crew of Jared Drake and Mary Cortell. Our own local Pete Orlebeke took second, with his wife Kimberly and son Cole as crew. Pete lost the tie breaker to Richard Walsh, coming all the way from Thunder Bay with his wife Tina and long-time friend Alec Cox as crew.

We had a full schedule of local Tuesday night racing in the mixed Portsmouth Fleet. In Lightnings, Pete Orlebeke, with his family crew, this time daughter Kayley, won both the early and late Seasons to easily take the overall season title. Sue Dorscheid, with husband crew of Elmo and Cole Orlebeke, were a close second in both series. Pete Chisholm in our Fleet's third Lightning had season finishes of eighth and fourth.

515 Du Bay Corinthian

Sailing on the Upper Wisconsin River at
Lake du Bay
Knowlton, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: James Force

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6039	Jabberwock	James Force
15207	Bravado3	Stewart Doty

It was a good year for the small boats at our club. Besides the Lighthouse regatta, we hosted a C Scow regatta midsummer and the Inland 20 Nationals in the fall. The juniors are all improving, with Mitchell White winning the Junior Sailor of the Year racing Lasers, crewing on Lightnings, and foredecking on an Olson 25. We now wait for the ice to go out in spring—unless you're an ice boater. In that case, game on!

2011 was a season of missed opportunities for Fleet 515, which sails on Lake DuBay between Wausau and Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and is part of the Lake DuBay Sailing Association.

Stewart Doty didn't get out as much as anticipated in "Bravado3," but managed a good showing in the annual Lake DuBay Governor's Cup on our home waters in late August. Jim Force had planned to journey east for the second straight year to participate in the Woody Lightning Regatta in upstate New York but had to beg off due to a torn rotator cuff.

Doug Hosler, #8441, sold his boat to a non-club member. Oof-da.

So we head into 2012 with only two boats but high hopes and good intentions—more regattas, more racing, and maybe adding another Lightning or two.

And if all else fails, we can still enjoy one of the best daysailing venues around—a broad expanse of Wisconsin water we usually have to ourselves, good breeze, spectacular sunsets, and eagles coasting over the dense pine forests along the shore.