

Mississippi Valley

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District Commodore: John C Panetta

74 Decatur

Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Robert W Ohlsen

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14004		Douglas D Walker

262 Harbor Island Yacht Club

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Bruce Richards

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13875		Bill Killebrew
14533	Firefly	Robert Mattix
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce Richards
15206	Ninos do la luna	William Hofmeister
15308		Bill Killebrew



Bill Killebrew



Bruce Richards

266 Carlyle Sailing Association

Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Carson Menges

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
13836	Becky Sue	Michael Reed
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14614		John D Folwell
14705	The Answer (my friend)	Michael Reed
14766	TopFlash	Terrence R Burke
14834	Yeti	Matt G S Burrridge
14901	Saflex	Ian Schillebeeckx
15045	Ladies Choice	Carson Menges
15364		Daniel J Moriarty

May 2011, high water, thirteen feet over normal pool, forced Fleet 266 to reschedule the Mid-continent regatta.

Matt and Patrick Burrridge and Ian Moriarty took the honors in September when the regatta was held in conjunction with all of Carlyle Sailing Association's annual regattas—the Leukemia Cup, Flying Scot Egyptian Cup and Y Flyer Beer and Boats regattas, which all moved to the same weekend.

274 Delta Sailing Association

Sailing on the Arkabutla Reservoir
Memphis, Tennessee

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: John C Panetta

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11999	Disco Lemonade	William N Baxter
13648	ELLE VA	Rich Hall
14065	Plan B	John C Panetta
14230		Robert T Ryan
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14375	KMAG YOYO	William N Baxter
14571		Michael Arndt
14666		Crit Currie

We had an exciting year of sailing and racing in 2011. Delta Sailing Association hosted three regattas this season, including the Mississippi Valley District Championship.

Our first regatta of the season was the Hernando DeSoto, which was held on May 21–22. There was a nice fleet of seven boats, including one from Nashville. The top finishers were: First, Bill Killebrew from Nashville, second, Crit Currie, Jr., DSA, and third, Bill Baxter, III, DSA. Congratulations to Bill Killebrew on a well-sailed regatta. He has now won two Hernando DeSoto regattas in a row.



District Champions

Ian Moriarty,
Patrick Burridge,
Matt Burridge



This year's Mississippi Valley Lightning District Championship also served as the fourth stop on the Southwest Lightning Circuit. The Circuit is in its third year and has been gaining a consistent following of teams from the Southern, Texas, and Mississippi Valley Districts. With fourteen boats from the three Districts at this regatta, the Circuit continues to be a big success in the southwest region.

The weekend started with a Lightning Lab run by Mississippi Valley's own Matt Burridge, along with his son Patrick and Ian Moriarty. We had four boats participate in the on-the-water activities and several additional people joined in the review of the video footage. We all took home much useful advice that we used during the regatta.



Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Leif Asgeirsson



Though there were warm temperatures and light winds throughout the weekend, we got in some nice races. Congratulations to Ian Moriarty, along with his crew of Matt and Patrick Burrige, for beating his dad—for the first time, I think—and taking home the Mississippi Valley District Championship. Video highlights of the regatta are available on YouTube:

<http://youtu.be/s9jHRWtRy9Q>

The top finishers were: Ian Moriarty, Matt Burrige and Patrick Burrige from Carlyle Sailing Association in first, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty and Alina Moriarty, also from Carlyle Sailing Association, in second and Larry Frost, Chance Miller and Jack Sawyer from Southern Yacht Club in third.

Thanks also to everybody who traveled to DSA for the regatta, especially Aroldo de Rienzo and his crew, Jorge Murrieta and Federico Ortiz, who traveled from Mexico City to sail in the regatta. Not only do they get the award for traveling the farthest, they finished fifth in the regatta.

Our final local regatta for the season was the Cotton Pickin', which was September 17–18. We had four local boats, along with one boat from Nashville. We were able to get in several nice races, particularly on Sunday. Bill Killebrew continued the success he had in our spring regatta and also won this regatta. Carl Panetta placed second with his daughter, Anna Clay, sailing in her first regatta, along with Sean MacInnes, who sailed for his first time this weekend! The top



Crit Currie Jr, Tim Ryan

finishers were: Bill Killebrew from Harbor Island Yacht Club in first, Carl Panetta from DSA in second and Crit Currie, Jr. from DSA in third.

Several sailors from Delta Sailing Association also traveled to numerous regional regattas this year, including many of the stops on the Southwest Lightning Circuit. In fact, Crit Currie, Jr. won the road warrior trophy for the Circuit by participating in all the regattas in the Circuit.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the various regattas in 2012, including our Hernando DeSoto and Cotton Pickin' regattas, which will be part of the 2012 Southwest Circuit. For updates on Delta Sailing Association's activities, including information on local and regional regattas, photos from many of our regattas, a forum, and much more, visit our web site:

www.deltasailing.com



Carl Panetta, Sean MacInnes, Anna Clay Panetta

486 Valley Sailing

Sailing on Alton Lake
Machens, Missouri

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Stephen A Wyers

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13379	Top Secret	Stephen A Wyers

New England

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

District Commodore: Brian Gibbs

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
11150		Patrick Gallagher
14345		Brian Gibbs
14384	Shark Byte	Patrick Gallagher
15132	Red Solo Cup	Brian Gibbs

145 Spofford Lake

Sailing on Lake Spofford
Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Ben Wallace
Paul Henkel

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11210	Smurfn'g Along	Frederick Turner
11346	FOB	Christopher B Hamblet
14360	Lightning MacQueen	Patrick MacQueen

Patrick Gallagher



151 Annisquam Yacht Club

Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Georges Peter

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter

189 Marblehead

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Donald R Humphrey

273 Massabesic Yacht Club

Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captains: Ray Whitley
Walter F Colantuono

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9390	Mongoose 2	Gordon Geick
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael F Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter F Colantuono
13828	Quicksilver	Maurice L'Heureux
14180	Pura Vida	William T Frank
14273		Norman Deyett
14396		Kenneth Deyett
14418	The Blind Squirrel	Ray Whitley
14442	Amarcord	William Berry
15132		Brian Gibbs



Fleet 273

2011 was a very active year gaining, one new Fleet member, Brian Gibbs. Three to six boats regularly competed in our Sunday races, with some good competition. All sailors got a chance to win some races. Patrick and Ken usually led in all three series, with Walt and Mike sharing second, and Ray and Toby sharing third places.

Fleet 273 hosted the New England District Championship in July, with sixteen boats participating in four high-wind Saturday races. One was not scored on Sunday due to abandonment and very light wind. Bill Fastiggi narrowly edged out Ken Deyett for first, with Brian Gibbs third.

Ned Hinds won in the seven-boat Masters' competition on Friday. Saturday's party was, as usual, excellent with great food, a fine four-piece band and dancing in the driveway.

The Lake Massabesic fall regatta is always held the weekend after Labor Day, and Ken Deyett was the big winner. Lake Massabesic is considered a prime New England iceboat lake and with good safe ice. With warm temperatures and no snow, we are enjoying a good winter on the lake.



Adams family



NE Junior Champ Ali Deyett with grandfather Norm Deyett

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
10440	Top	Allen H Baker
14056		Erik Johnson
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		Michael L Huffman
14825	A Short Joyride	Robert D Turnau
14876	Southern Cross	Allen H Baker
14972	Whatnow	Patrick Zachary
15060	Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
15237	Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
15368	Endeavor	David N Little
15381		William J Fastiggi

New England District Champions
Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Maddie Turnau



New England / Nigeria

332 Squam Lake

Sailing on Big Squam Lake
Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Arthur J Cunningham

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Bubba	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz
14955		R Garr Corcoran



Bob Shapiro

493 Bow Lake

Sailing on Bow Lake
Strafford, New Hampshire

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Ned E Hinds

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12687	Stay Puffed	Nathaniel Hendrickson
14296	Naut!	Ned E Hinds
14577	Infinite Sloop	Rob Donle
14667	Mis Behavin'	Robert D Shapiro
15239	Miss Demeanor	Robert D Shapiro



Ned Hinds
NE Masters
Champion



Nigeria

510 Lagos Yacht Club

District Commodore: Not designated

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
15267	Shango	Jonathan C Lauthers
15273	Scud	Robert E Overfield
15274	Now Now	Julian Calvin
15326	Mystique	Gary L Schwantz

Ohio

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

District Commodore: James P Taylor

This year the Ohio District has the distinct honor to have Rob Ruhlman, the elected Class President.

The Ohio District started out the year with a whimper. Unfortunately, the Pymatuning reservoir just wouldn't cooperate this year. The lake level was up many feet, with water in the dry sailing parking lot. So we lost our first event.

The next event is usually at a fun place called Leather Lips. It's named for a local Native American. As you saw already, the year wasn't starting out to well, and it didn't get better. The organizer ended up having some last-minute work commitments pop up and another event was cancelled. Not going good so far.

The next event on the calendar was the Districts at Cowan Lake. We had an offer that was too good to

turn down. The same weekend as the scheduled District event, there was going to be a dual Lightning/Thistle at North Cape Yacht Club. As most of you know, North Cape Yacht Club was the location of this year's North Americans. After a lot of discussion, the District decided to join in the fun at North Cape and hold its Districts in conjunction with their planned regatta.

It was very different having all the Thistles and Lightnings in one place. We sailed on separate courses and had a fabulous time. The people were fantastic and it was a well-run event. Sailing in the spring in that part of the country was simply beautiful. The wind cooperated, and both Fleets got in a great weekend.

Now back to the regularly scheduled District events. The next event on the schedule was the Stump Buster at Indian Lake. The regatta is called the Stump Buster because back when the lake was expanded, they cut down all the trees at about four feet from the bottom. So while you are sailing along, there is always a possibility of hitting one of these stumps. It's quite exciting. The wind was not very helpful, and we only got in a few races. It was enough. We have a tradition in our District that a first-time winner, skipper or crew goes for a swim after the awards presentation. My son, Thomas, had this honor at his first regatta crewing for me.

The next event on the schedule was the Bare Bones regatta in Mansfield. This turned out to be a fabulous event, with a nice breeze and great sailing. The locals put on one fantastic party. To stir up wind for the next day, the locals get together and build a boat out of wood. Then at the appointed hour, the "boat" is set ablaze for all to see. This year it worked, and we had wind in the morning.





First-time District winner plunge
Thomas Taylor

The last event on the District schedule is the Cowan Fall-In. As in the beginning of the year, things just didn't go as expected. The event had to be canceled due to winds in the range of forty knots blowing across our little lake.

You can see it was a different year, and hopefully 2012 will be better. If you are in Ohio this summer, please come out to one of our lake events. We'll show you a fun time.

23 Indian Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Indian Lake
Russels Point, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: James T Young

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12551	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
13741	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
14751	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover

36 Pymatuning

Sailing on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captains: Justin Proctor
David E Werley

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	G Scotland Werley
13240	Recess	Janis J Gamer
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymier
13726	Fat Chance	Michael T Sheehan
13905	Cyzygy	Jonathan Dean
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14546	Hakuna Matata	Marilyn K Maras
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor Maras
14573		John M Woodall
14579	Arete	G Scotland Werley
14579	Arete	Nedra J Lewis
14885	Blue Line	Douglas C Blackburn
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
15000	Jack's Boat	Timothy Werley
15000	Jack's Boat	John Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	John Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	Bertie M Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	Kate Werley
15022	A bit of all white	Garry Condon
15075	WTF	Maegan A Ruhlman
15112	Barometer Soup	David E Werley
15257		Abigail A Ruhlman
15257		Robert Ruhlman
15288	Relaxed	Matt Frymier
15357		Robert Ruhlman
15420	Holy Smoke	Ryan Ruhlman
15439		Justin Proctor



This will be a very short report, because we had what essentially was a very short sailing season at PYC. The cause was simple—too much rain! Records fell this year as we recorded more rain than Seattle here on the Ohio/Pennsylvania border.

Our annual Spring Classic regatta was cancelled due to high water levels, as well as our entire spring racing series. No sooner did the flood waters recede, then July brought above-average temperatures and no breeze. By this time, enthusiasm had waned in our Fleet, and it never really recovered.

The highlight of the year was a martini party that was very well attended. It has always been the motto here, “If the weather stinks, throw a good party!” Unfortunately, our own ILCA President, Rob Ruhlman, could not attend, due to the fact that he and his son Ryan were in Brazil participating in the Lightning Worlds. Thanks to Rob for all his hard work with the Class and representing Fleet 36 so well.

We are looking forward to next year and have plans for a great Spring Classic, the second weekend in May. Remember our motto, “If the weather stinks, throw a good party.” I should add, we throw a good party—no matter what!



71 Rocky River

Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: George Auer

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14433	Clam	David E Samanich
15202		Bill L Buckles

We are proud to announce that Jack Mueller purchased the Colin Park Lightning that was used in the Boat Grant Program.

Traveling was the way of life this past year, as Dave Samanich, Bill Buckles and I competed in parts of the Southern Circuit. Bill also sailed in the Great Lakes, NAs and many other regattas. George Auer, sailing with James Taylor, kept up the pace. Several local regattas were canceled, or we would have more to report.

George Auer

150 Mansfield Sailing Club

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir
Lexington, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Thomas H Varley

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	Toby	Chandler Stevens
10444		Don Bacharowski
13928		Bruce Cummins
13979	X stream	Thomas H Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14390	Granfalloon	Jim Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean Dillon
14433		Dave Samanich
14824	Got Mojo?	Christoher Clarke
14851		Susan Baker
14851		Charles Shaw
14952	X Stream	Tom H Varley
15191		Eric Brandt

In 2011 we welcomed Eric Brandt and Lisa Meadows to the Club. We look forward to having Eric provide more competition on the water in 2012. Lisa returned to sailing as crew for Bob Shutt, after a hiatus of several years, and skippered Bob's boat in the Bluenose in November.

We have two active series throughout the season. The Sunday AM Series, comprised of short, one-lap races every Sunday morning, was won by Jon Varley, with Chris Clarke second. The Principal Series is comprised of one longer race, usually two laps, on Sunday afternoons from the start of the season in May until Labor Day. This year Tom Varley won the series, with Bob Shutt second and Chris Clarke third. It is a testament to the extent to which our lives are pulled in other directions that insufficient races were sailed in the Wednesday Evening and Fall Series to produce any results.

The final event of the season is the Club championship Sail-off Series in which the qualifying skippers sail as many races as boats qualified with skippers

and crews, switching boats for every race. Bob Shutt took this championship for the first time, in the face of intense competition from Tom Varley.

We hosted the sixteenth Bare Bones regatta in September. Four boats travelled to Mansfield, making a total of nine Lightnings on the line, down substantially from prior years. James Taylor from Cowan Lake Sailing Association, near Wilmington, with his crew Carl Taylor and George Auer, won. Mike Brock, also from Cowan, with Nate and Bridget Ireland, took second place and Bill Buckles from Cleveland, with Ed Auer and Jim Stone, were third. Tom Varley, with his crew of Jon Varley and Matt Buchanan, were the highest placed Mansfield sailors, coming in fourth.

Sunny skies and steady easterly breezes of ten to fifteen miles per hour were perfect sailing conditions, which produced intense competition between the nine participating Lightning class sailboats. Six two-lap races were held, four on Saturday afternoon and two on Sunday morning. Jim Taylor took first place in four of the six races.

In August we hosted our across-town rivals, Mohican Sailing Club, in our annual battle for the Little Brown Jug trophy. We put seven Lightnings on the water and Mohican fielded six Interlakes, a Jet 14 and a Thistle. The Portsmouth handicap system was used by the Race Committee, Kurt Andrews, and we are pleased to report that Mansfield Sailing Club took the trophy back by a small margin.

Club Champion Bob Shutt with his regular crew, Lisa Meadows and Zach Austin



Fleet 150 maintains a tradition of sending boats to other regattas in and out of the District. However, adverse weather this year meant the cancellation of District regattas at Pymatuning and Cowan Lake, and the District Championship at Indian Lake was a bust owing to light air. Bob Shutt and his crew travelled to the North Americans for the first time, starting in all races and placing eleventh overall in the Governor's Cup. Lisa in Bob's boat, Tom Varley and Dave Samanich rounded out the season by competing in the Bluenose regatta in Nashville, finishing twenty sixth, fourteenth and twenty-fourth respectively.

Our Club continues to maintain its membership levels and its active participation in the Ohio District. Our Lightning Fleet Captain, Tom Varley, has been a great inspiration to all of us in the club and over the years, with his help and encouragement, we have all become more competitive.

2011 was another hot and humid year sailing season at Cowan Lake. High pressure seemed to dominate the Ohio valley, causing many of us to decide whether it made sense to demonstrate our light air, drifting skills or find another cooler activity to keep us preoccupied.

We are seeing some changes in the club, with many of us testing our skills in other classes. Mike Brock has a new Allen Jet 14, Steve Weeber a Melges 17, and Dick Pugh a Catalina 36. Dick will not attempt to put the Catalina at Cowan—rather Port Clinton! Frank Russell is a new member who has been sailing club races in #14103.

In October our thirty-eighth annual Fall-In regatta was sadly cancelled for the first time, due to extreme high-wind conditions. On Saturday we had thirty-five—fifty mile per hour winds blow through Cincinnati, and it just did not make sense to sail. Many other regattas in the Ohio valley were also cancelled that weekend.

303 Cowan Lake Sailing Association

Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael H Brock

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11777		James Young
14103		Frank Russell
14110		Richard Pugh
14112		Mike LoVullo
14216		Ken Irwin
14287		Steve Weeber
14925		Michael Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179		Dennis Rhoades
15317	Phoenix II	Dr Steve A Weeber

Steve Weeber, Jim Taylor and Mike Brock
all battling for first place

