

488 Rocky Mountain

Sailing in Metro Denver and the Inter-Mountain West – Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Walter David Thompson

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
1477	Heliotrope	Ben S Beall
10154		William F Cabrall
11138	Beater	David Spira
11457	Evenstar	Norman R Jarvis
12871	Dandy Lion	Adam Hostetter
13857		Martin R Mulhern
13858	Grey Goose	Al Gawthrop
13859	Mouse House	Brian Blackman
14030		Steven H Davis
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15103		Steven H Davis
15228	Blue Two	Walter David Thompson
15265		Steven H Davis
15315	Quest	William F Cabrall
15405	Odyssey	David Spira

2011 was a very interesting year to be a Fleet 488 Road Warrior, with many thousands of miles—and the adventures to go with them—on our boat trailers.

David and Barbara Thompson kicked the season off with a quick jaunt to a regatta in Phoenix over Martin Luther King weekend, racking up a quick seventeen hundred miles. They then left for the Southern Circuit several weeks early to spend a month in Saint Petersburg. Combined, this gave them over sixty-five hundred miles on the boat trailer before the middle of March.

Playing catch-up, Bill Cabrall and Raeyane Farrell left for the Miami/St Pete portion of the Southern Circuit a few Fridays later and discovered that deer in Kansas hate the interstate highway system enough that they're willing to commit suicide for their beliefs. We also discovered that the Kansas Highway Patrol has

a computer system that can sell you a hunting license right from the patrol car.

After four days, a plane back to Denver, a borrowed car, a body shop, \$4,400 worth of repairs, and a snow-storm on the interstate, Team Cabrall arrived in St Pete to discover—no wind! Meanwhile in Miami, Rebecca Espinosa, stuck without a skipper, luggage, boat, or middle crew was able to catch a lift to St Pete and a jaunt to a shoe store for deck shoes from Tommy Allen Jr. Two days later he was made a life member of the Lightning Class, and every Lightning woman knows why—a skipper who will go shoe shopping, oh yeah!

Meanwhile, back in Denver—remember Denver, this is a Fleet report about Denver—the annual Fleet party was held at Jan and Steve Davis', and the annual work day for Denver Sailing Association successfully installed the club flagpole and relandscaped the dry storage yard.

The sailing season got off to a slow start in April, with late season snow and cold fronts making it too dangerous—hypothermia if you flip—to venture out on the lake. Actually, looking back, the entire month of April was cancelled for bad weather, a first for our club.

Racing finally started with our signature Thursday night club series in May, with nine Lightnings at Cherry Creek in Denver and another group of boats operating out of Union Lake in Longmont, Colorado, on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. James Beckley bought Jerry Shustrin's boat in May and added another Lightning to our growing Fleet.

In mid-May Fleet 488 sailed in the first local regatta of the season, Denver Sailing Association's Hornblower regatta on Cherry Creek Lake. This weekend featured two days of wild and variable weather, with wind from eleven to thirty miles per hour and huge bang-bang shifts. Lightnings demonstrated what fantastic all-weather boats they are by completing and competing in conditions that decimated the big-boat fleet. Bill Cabrall, Raeyane Farrell, Jim England, and Josh Pranckun, relieved that there are no deer in Cherry Creek State Park, and determined by this time to actually sail in a race, combined for a second and five firsts to win



the event and the Hornblower trophy for the most consistent finishes. It is worth noting that Lucas Armstrong kept them from a perfect regatta by a nose in the first race with a magnificent winning finish.

In June the Fleet took up its responsibilities as Grill Masters at our Thursday night post-race barbeques, treating the entire club to a month of cold beer, hot burgers and brats.

July brought the Firecracker regatta at Union Lake, where Bob Stoller and Steve Davis went head to head for an entire day of light air work, with Bob catching Steve from behind in a downwind finish in the last race for bragging rights. It was a wonderful way to celebrate July 4th.

A week after that, our abbreviated Spring Series, in which only ten of eighteen scheduled races were held, due to poor weather, wound down with Steve Davis taking first, Bill Cabrall second, and Al Gawthrop III in third place.

Fleet 488 was well represented globally this year, with Steve Davis going to the Worlds in Búzios, Brazil, to crew for Tommy Allen. He then went immediately to the North Americans in Toledo. Bill Cabrall, Raeyane Farrell and Rebecca Espinosa sailed in the Masters', and then Jim England switched with Raeyane for the North Americans.

Of course, with this much travel, anything can happen, and it turned out that the fates had more in store than kamikaze deer for Team Cabrall. On the way out to Toledo, double decking a boat for the Ecuadorians, the dust cap, castle nut, thrust washer, and outer bearings of one wheel departed for an alternate universe just west of Lincoln, Nebraska. Hearing a strange noise, Bill and Raeyane found a truck stop, pulled over, jacked up the trailer, and discovered that the left tire came off in their bare hands.

The next eighteen hours are best left to your imagination, but for three observations:

- If your trailer starts making a strange noise, or any noise for that matter, stop immediately.
- Tommy Allen, Jr. says that the first hint you will get that a wheel has actually come off will be when it passes you along the interstate. He adds that you should keep an eye on it because it can roll up to a half mile, and you'll need it later. I can't verify this, but I believe him.
- Raeyane Farrell held up the side for all of Lightning womanhood by working with dirty grease in one hundred degree sun for six hours in pristine white shorts without acquiring a spot of dirt or drop of sweat, and then produced a tall glass of iced lemonade and a butter brickle ice cream cone before I could get my hands properly washed.

Lightning women are the best on earth.

Team Cabrall then had the great good fortune to carry their blue streamer on the backstay throughout the Masters', through every race of qualifying for the NAs, and then into the North Americans themselves, making the Blue Fleet for the first time ever.

Back in Colorado, our summer series continued, with the fastest five-person Lightning team in history, tuning up for a run at the returning road warriors.

Five people, you say? That's right—five. Jacob and Tara Vargish are blazingly fast with their three children, Andrew, who is eight, Joshua, who is six, and Caroline, who is three, running the middle of the boat. Their teamwork is mesmerizing to watch, their laughter is infectious, and when a high, clear, sweet three-year-old girl's voice hails for room at a mark, every parent in the

Caroline Vargish



fleet automatically freezes and looks for the source, while they breeze through the newly opened gaps in the fleet.

I think that's legal, isn't it?

In addition to being killer cute and pioneering the latest trends in foul weather protection—pixie wings and a fairy wand—Caroline made nautical history on her fourth birthday at the Colorado Governor's Cup regatta by rousing the entire fleet of one hundred cold wet sailors off the dock after a thunderstorm laden postponement by running down the breakwater yelling, "We're going sailing! Yea! Yea! We're going sailing, Yea!"

I think I have already mentioned that Lightning women are the best on earth.

Fleet 488 is proud to include many in its ranks. In addition to Raeyane, Rebecca, Tara, and Caroline, Fleet 488 has Jan Davis, Francine Hoffman, Kylie and Barb Thompson, just to mention a few. We are truly blessed.

But out of the entire magical year, and all the wonderful gifts involvement in Lightnings brought us in 2011, I have to believe that the best moment was watching David Thompson, sailing with his grandchildren Kylie and Kai, carry a spinnaker above close hauled for over a one hundred yards into a light air leeward mark and his first ever Lightning win. None of us could stop him, nobody could touch him, it was the most amazing thing I have ever seen.



I choose to end this report, and my two-year stint as Fleet Captain, with a Francine Hoffman photo of a Fleet 488 Lightning ghosting off into the distance with the Rockies looming large in the background. We have a beautiful lake, a beautiful city, fantastic people and a great Lightning Fleet.

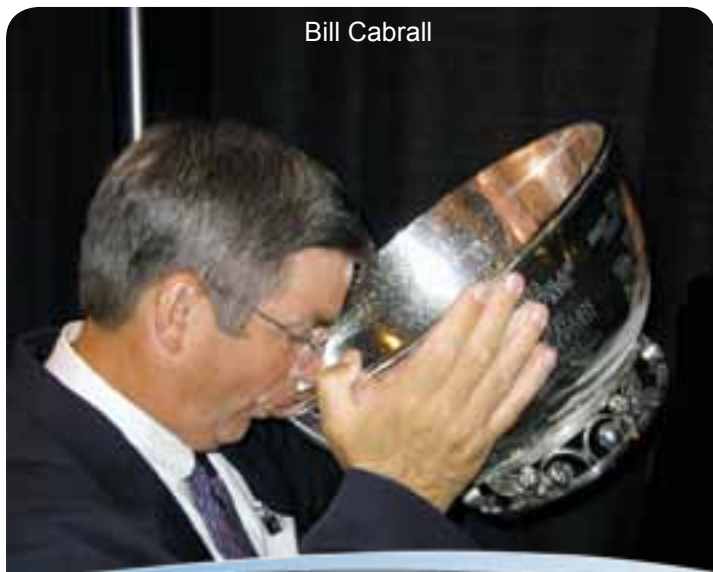
Thursday nights this summer there will be burgers and beer on the docks after the races. We'll be there. You should be too.

Call me, we'll find you a boat.

Catherine Calvin, David Thompson, Raeyane Farrell, Bill Cabrall, Barbara Thompson



Bill Cabrall





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Deep South Regatta

Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, GA
Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, Derek Gauger

Midwinter Championship

Coral Reef Yacht Club, Coral Gables, FL
Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, Derek Gauger

Winter Championship

St Petersburg Yacht Club, St Petersburg FL
Tito Gonzalez, Alberta Gonzalez, Matias Del Solar

Masters' Winter Championship

St Petersburg Yacht Club, St Petersburg FL
Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, Derek Gauger

Southern Circuit

Savannah, Miami and St Petersburg combined
Richard Hallagan, Hendrix TenEyck, Dan Pope

Sperry Topsider San Diego NOOD Lightning Division

Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, CA / Fleet 194
Jeff Coppens

Brazilian World Qualifier Regatta

Brazil
Mario Buckup, Telma Buckup, Marc Buckup

Texas District Championship

Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres, TX / Fleet 521
Jeff Coppens, Ed Petit de Mange, Evan Hoffman

Long John 50th Anniversary Regatta

Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank, NJ / Fleet 70
David Watts, Robert Watts, Dan Vought

Burl Harmon/Indianapolis Open Regatta

Indianapolis Sailing Club, Indianapolis, IN / Fleet 270
George Sipel, Chris Snyder, Holly Snyder

Borderline Regatta

Carolina Sailing Club, Kerr Lake, NC / Fleet 481
John Sawyer, Lana Myers, Becky Sawyer

Doc Gilbert 27th Annual Potomac Cup

Leesylvania, VA / Fleet 50
Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Sam Parisi

Lake Lansing Regatta

Lake Lansing Sailing Club, MI / Fleet 387
John McCree

Southeast District Championship

Western Carolina Sailing Club, Anderson, SC / Fleet 391
Lenny Krawcheck

Spring DinghyFest Regatta

Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, TX / Fleet 435
Clarke Newman, Deanna Newman, Dari Esfahani

Hernando DeSoto Regatta

Delta Sailing Association, Arkabutla, MS / Fleet 274
Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne

Early Bird Regatta

Cedar Point Yacht Club, Westport, CT / Fleet 126
Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne

Potomac River Sailing Assn Spring Regatta

Alexandria, VA / Fleet 50
Nabeel Alsalam

20th Copa Salinas-Tomine Championship

Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas, Ecuador / Fleet 405
Juan Santos, Leonardo Santos, Sebastian Herrera

Southern Districts/Juby Wynne Regatta

Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, LA
Daniel Moriarty

New England Spring Regatta

Malletts Bay Boat Club, Burlington, VT / Fleet 301
Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Gagne

SELD Wilmington Regatta

Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, NC / Fleet 301
Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Gagne

Italian National Championships

Numana, Italy
Giacalon, Prinzivalli, Maggio

Magnus Pederson Regatta

Nyack Boat Club, Nyack, NY / Fleet 75
Justin Coplan, Danielle Prior, Nick Troche

Metropolitan District Championship

Nyack Boat Club, Nyack, NY / Fleet 75
Justin Coplan, Danielle Prior, Nick Troche

California District Championship

Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, CA / Fleet 194
Scott Hoffmann, Klye Vanderspek, Gage Bright

Mississippi Valley District Championship

Delta Sailing Association, Arkabutla, MS / Fleet 274
Ian Moriarty, Matt Burrridge, Patrick Burrridge

Dixie District Championship

Havre de Grace Yacht Club, Havre de Grace, MD / Fleet 192
S. Constants, D. Constants, C. Constants



Boyne City Mark Madness Regatta

Boyne City Yacht Club, Boyne City, MI / Fleet 512
Dave Lyons, Alex Clarke, Jennifer Prining

Lake Erie District Championship

Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY
David Starck, Jody Starck, Ian Jones

Brazilian National Championship

São Paulo Yacht Club, São Paula, Brazil / Fleet 462
Dave Lyons, Alex Clarke, Jennifer Prining

Connecticut/Rhode Island District Championship

Housatonic Boat Club, Stratford, CT / Fleet 6
Peter Hall, Chantal Leger, Megan Armitage

Canadian Open

Buffalo Canoe Club, Crystal Beach, Ontario / Fleet 12
Skip Dieball, Tom Starck, Maddie Waldron

Central New York District Championship

Keuka Yacht Club, Hammondsport, NY / Fleet 252
Kirk Reynolds

Midwest District Championship

Green Bay Sailing Club, Green Bay, WI / Fleet 112
Bill Faude

Michigan/Indiana Districts Overall

Bay City Yacht Club, Bay City, MI / Fleet 216
Mark Allen, Mark Whatley, Beth Groesbeck

Long Island District Championship

Orient Yacht Club, Orient, NY / Fleet 506
M. Hendry, T. Hendry, T. Rochon

Canadian Lightning Pan American Games

Kingston Yacht Club, Kingston, Ontario
Peter Hall, Chantel Leger, Megan Armitage

New England District Championship

Massabesic Yacht Club, Auburn, NH / Fleet 273
Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Maddie Turnau

Great Lakes Championship

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI
David Starck, Jody Starck, Ian Jones

Central Atlantic District Championship

Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Brick, NJ / Fleet 34
Ched Proctor, Jason Lutz, Michael Constants

South American Championship

Iate Clube Armacao dos Búzios, Búzios, Brazil
Tito Gonzalez Mas, Diego Gonzalez Parro, Cristian Herman Sanhueza

International Masters' Championship

Iate Clube Armacao dos Búzios, Búzios, Brazil
Claudio Biekarck, Gunner Ficker, Marcelo Batista da Silva

World Championship

Iate Clube Armacao dos Búzios, Búzios, Brazil
Tito Gonzalez Mas, Diego Gonzalez Parro, Cristian Herman Sanhueza

New Jersey State Junior Championship

Surf City Yacht Club, Surf City, NJ / Fleet 196
Jason Lutz, Jonathan Lutz, Tommy Zanowic

Atlantic Coast Championship

Malletts Bay Boat Club, Burlington, VT / Fleet 301
Dave Peck, Sarah Peck, Dave Peck

Brotz Regatta

Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, WI / Fleet 187
Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Lynelle Reak

Women's North American Championship

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI / Fleet 42
Maegan Ruhlman, Abby Rowlands, Laura Jeffers

Juniors' North American Championship

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI / Fleet 42
Jason Lutz, Jonathan Lutz, Tommy Zanowic

European Championship

Yacht Club of Turku, Finland
Urs Wyler

Masters' North American Championship

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI / Fleet 42
Peter Hall, Ched Proctor, Stephanie Boucher

North American Championship Qualifiers

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI / Fleet 42
Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Sarah Paisley

NA Championship President's Cup

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI / Fleet 42
Lenny Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Elise Annis

North American Championship

North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, MI / Fleet 42
Ched Proctor, Jamie Ewing, Meredith Killion

8th Annual Wooden Lightning Get Together

Syracuse, NY
Bob Astrove

NJ State Championship/Down Bay Regatta

Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, Beach Haven, NJ / Fleet 26
Justin Coplan

The Duck Challenge

Havre de Grace Yacht Club, Havre de Grace, MD / Fleet 192
Jon Guth, Jonathan Lange, Mike Constants

Manahawkin Bay Cup

Surf City Yacht Club, Surf City, NJ / Fleet 196
Tim Robinson, Brian Robinson, Andy Temme

Massabesic Regatta

Massabesic Yacht Club, Auburn, NH / Fleet 273
Ken Deyett, Mary, Ali

Presidents/Leukemia Cup

Potomac River Sailing Association, Alexandria, VA / Fleet 50
Welch

Ed Hinds Memorial One-Day Regatta

Bow Lake, Bow, NH / Fleet 493
Ken Deyett, Mary Endsley, Ali Deyett

Cotton Pickin' Regatta

Delta Sailing Association, Hernando Point, MS / Fleet 274
Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Leif Asgeirsson

Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta

Devils Lake Yacht Club, Manitou Beach, MI / Fleet 31
George Sipel, Chris Snyder, Steve King

Colorado Governor's Cup

Delta Sailing Association, Cherry Creek, CO / Fleet 488
Bill Cabrall, Raeyane Farrell, Jenii Bernet

Bare Bones Regatta

Mansfield Sailing Club, Mansfield, OH / Fleet 150
James Taylor, Carl Taylor, George Auer

Mid Continent Regatta

Carlyle Sailing Association Carlyle, IL / Fleet 26
Matt Burridge, Patrick Burridge, Ian Moriarty

Wadewitz Regatta

Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, AL
Larry Frost

Red Flannels

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Chicago, IL / Fleet 5
David Stix, Todd Wake, Amy Simonsen

Philadelphia Cup

Riverton Yacht Club, Riverton, NJ / Fleet 228
John Faus

57th Annual Hoosier Regatta

Wawasee Yacht Club, Syracuse, IN / Fleet 54
Todd Wake, Douglas Wake, Kristine Wake

Cedar Point Yacht Club Fall Classic

Cedar Point Yacht Club, Westport, CT / Fleet 435
Ted Duffy, Brad Thompson, Craig Mellon

Rush Creek Yacht Club Dinghy Fest

Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, TX / Fleet 126
Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Nick Beckman

Frigid Digit 60th Anniversary Regatta

Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, MD / Fleet 329
David Starck, Monica Jones, Tom Starck

Leaf Peeper

Malletts Bay Boat Club, Burlington, VT / Fleet 301
Bill Fastiggi

Pan American Gamea

Guadalajara, Mexico
Tito Gonzalez Mas, Diego Gonzalez Parro, Cristian Herman Sanhuesa

Wild Oyster

Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston, SC / Fleet 429
Matt Fisher, Stuart Fisher, Jeff Irvine

Michigan District High Point Results

Michigan District
John McCree

46th Annual Bluenose Regatta

Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville, TN / Fleet 262
Thomas Allen, Sara Paisley, Mark Grinder

Jubilee Regatta

Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola, FL / Fleet 135
Dan Moriarty

Southwest Circuit Final Results

Texas and Southern Districts
Clarke Newman from Rush Creek Yacht Club

Colombian National Championship

Club Nautico El Portillo, Lake Tomine, Colombia / Fleet 501
Gustavo Tamayo, Javier Delgado, Alejandro Bacot

Copa Laguna II

Laguna Aculeo, Chile
Cristóbal Pérez, Philipp Goyeneche, Pablo Cerna

Hot Buttered Rum Regatta

Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, CA / Fleet 194
Scott Finkbonner

Campeonato Nacional de Lightning-Copa BCI

Puerto del Estero, Pucon, Chile
Tito Gonazelz, Chritián Herman, Alberto Gonzalez, Jr