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50 Potomac River Sailing Assn

Sailing on the Potomac River
Washington, DC

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Arron P Boesenecker
Fleet Treasurer: Robert Astrove
Lieutenant for Racing: Chris Kozel
Fleet Scorer: Jeff Storck
Fleet Secretary: Will Phillippe
Special Olympics Coordinator: Joe Warren

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
584		Doug A Dixon
3104	Annie Sise	Peter B Humphrey
7223	Hannabelle	Tom Capehart
7603	Pandora II	Robert Astrove
8739		Robert Astrove
8745		Chandler Owen
9211		Chandler Owen
9948		Chandler Owen
9991	Spartina	Lindsay M Bach
10049		Chandler Owen
10527	Confusion	Robin H Tompkins
10621		Chandler Owen
10950	Queen Anne's Revenge	Charles F Grugan

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11600		Chandler Owen
11737		Chandler Owen
11767	Thunder	Harry H Keith
12081	Beedobeat	Benjamin Forman
13306	Resistance is Futile	Laurie Duncan
13633		Chandler Owen
13810		Chandler Owen
13914		Chandler Owen
14019		Peter Grimes
14037	Bony Buns	Edgar D Hunting
14037	Bony Buns	Joseph Warren
14100	3 Little Birds	Red Fehrle
14120	Hubris	Collin Kirby
14165	As You WISH	Lisa-Marie Lane
14169	Lord Jim	Chandler Owen
14187	Vaya chica!	Laurie Duncan
14187	Vaya chica!	Robert Astrove
14221	Lightnin' Bug	Lindsay M Bach
14376		Alex Thomson
14376		Brian Ganjei
14376		William E Phillippe
14501		Harry G Broadman
14521	Puff the Magic Dragon	Joseph G Anderson
14532	BOO NOO NOO NOOS	James W Greenwell
14550	K3	John F Hart
14553	Sinistra	Richard V Welch
14566	Resistance is Futile	Frank J Gallagher
14592	Beedobeat	Benjamin Forman
14592	Beedobeat	John R Butler
14627	Anger Management	John Pemberton
14627	Anger Management	Nelson Pemberton
14627	Anger Management	Roberto J Gotthardt
14969	Dirty Blonde	Chandler Owen
15117	Jalapeno	John Van Voorhis
15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15195	It's the Water	Patrick McGee
15256	Ariel	Jeffrey Storck
15384	Krusty Krab	Andy Wescoat
15386		Katie C Zeglis
15386		Mark S Boaz



Established in 1943, Fleet 50 is proud to carry on the tradition of the Lightning as the longest enduring, most competitive and fun one-design racing class in the Washington DC metro area. We currently have about thirty-five active and semi-active boats. Our competitive racing schedule runs from early April through the first weekend of November each year. The 2012 racing season included an eight-week Sunday Spring Series and an eight-week Fall Series. In addition, we hold a number of two-day weekend regattas each year, including the Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup in early May, the Memorial Day Spring Regatta, and the President's/Leukemia Cup in September. As many as fifteen boats were out racing on any given Sunday, with more participating in our two-day regattas. Lightning Fleet 50 was also proud to host the Dixie District Championship Regatta in 2012.

Overall, Lightning Fleet 50 had an outstanding racing season, with a total of sixty-two races (wow!) completed in spring and fall Sunday racing series. Thirteen boats were active in the Spring Series, and sixteen were active in the Fall Series. Twenty boats qualified for the combined spring/fall Championship Series. Several teams, including some of our new Fleet members, earned that elusive first bullet over the course of the season as well! This season, we made a regular practice of gathering around the BBQ grill after the racing to trade stories about starts, mark roundings, and other tall tales from the racing.

Congratulations go to Rick Welch, Aaron Boesenecker, Piercarolo Brunino and Lisbet Kugler of Team Sinistra (14553) for winning the overall

Fleet Championship Series!

1. Team Sinistra was the model of consistency, finishing the year with an impressive 1.4 average over sixty-two races.
2. Team Ariel (15256 – Jeff Storck, Bruce Heidi, Becky Mach, and Rose Gentile) finished second with a 3.1 average.
3. Team Resistance is Futile (14566 - Frank Gallagher, sailing with a mix of crew including Bob Gotthardt, Malden Karcic, Will Summers, and Maryann Gallagher) placed third with a 3.9.
4. Chris Kozell, one of our newest Fleet members and boat owners, took fourth place sailing String Theory (14395) with Nicole Didyck, Palmer Phillipps, Jen Williams, and Jess Hovick and finishing with an average of 5.
5. Nabeel Alsalam on Shadowfax (15142) placed fifth with a 5.9 average.

Fleet 50 was also pleased to welcome several new boat owners and active sailors into the Fleet in 2012, even as we were sorry to see Fleet 50 member Eric Hakanson (14313) move to Boston due to a new job. In 2012 Lindsay Bach (14221), John Hart (14550), Peter Lallas (12416), John Kircher (15167), and Rick Mead (13871) all joined the Fleet. We were excited to see good growth and new boats on the water in 2012, and look forward to building on this momentum in 2013.

In addition to our regular fleet racing, Lightning Fleet 50 was also thrilled to host the Dixie District Championship Regatta in 2012. The first day of the Districts introduced the intrepid competitors to river sailing with cross river (westerly) breezes, rectangular courses, enormous shifts, and wind speeds that went from 0 to 15 knots mph in a space of ten minutes.

Day 2 started off with nothing but a rock solid southerly that got stronger over the course of the day. Gary and Joan Hurban with Justin Coplan won the Championship convincingly with four bullets and a 3rd. The Constants brothers were second and showed how to play catch-up in several races. Jamie Brickel finished the regatta with two good races and jumped several spots in the standings to take 3rd place overall.

I would be amiss if I didn't note the fact that Regatta Chair Bobby Astrove and his regatta committee organized and orchestrated a fantastic event. We had great racing, great food, and great camaraderie—and we came in as close to budget as I've ever seen at a regatta: \$0.53 from breaking even!

We were also especially proud to host a fundraiser for the Olivia Constants Foundation in conjunction with the regatta, raising over \$2,500 for this fantastic cause thanks to the generosity of our District's sailors. Complete results, photos, and videos can be found here:

<http://lightningfleet50.org/?p=1216>

We were also pleased to add a GoPro Hero3 camera to our Fleet inventory this year, and we were able to capture some great on-the-water action. Here is a link to our media page, where you can see the various videos and photos that we took over the season:

http://lightningfleet50.org/?page_id=31

Complete results:

<http://lightningfleet50.org/?p=1373>

A complete listing of our Fleet 50 boats and skipers can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/7h85agj>

Aaron P. Boesenecker, Fleet 50 Captain

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Overall, Lightning Fleet 50 had an outstanding racing season, with a total of sixty races (wow!) completed in spring and fall Sunday racing series—and that is with part of our season impacted by the government shutdown! Seventeen boats were active to qualify for 2013 Championship Series. This season, we continued a regular practice of gathering around the BBQ grill after the racing to trade stories about starts, mark roundings, and other tall tales from the racing.

Fleet Championship Series!

1. Congratulations go to Bobby Astrove, Jonathan Karpatkin, and Brian Burk on Pandora (7603) for winning the overall Fleet Championship Series, with a season average of 2.5 over 60 races.
2. Rick Welch, Aaron Boesenecker, Piercarolo Brunino and Lisbet Kugler of Team Sinistra (14553) finished second with a 2.8 average for the season.
3. Team Resistance is Futile (14566 - Frank Gallagher, sailing with a mix of crew including Bob Gotthardt, Mladen Karcic, Will Summers, and Maryann Gallagher) placed third with a 3.7 average.
4. Chris Kozell took fourth place sailing String Theory (14395) with Nicole Didyk, Palmer Phillipps, and Liz Williams, and finishing with an average of 4.6.
5. In fifth place we were thrilled to see Lindsey Bach (14221) on Lil' Lightning Bug! This marks Lindsay's first appearance in the top 5 for the Championship Series, after joining Fleet 50 last year! Over the season, Lindsay sailed with a variety of crew, including Laura Lake, Tom Compton, and Piercarlo Brunino.

Fleet 50 was also pleased to welcome several new boat owners and active sailors into the Fleet, including Bob Gotthardt at co-owner of Too Many Cooks (with John Pemberton), John Van-Voorhies (the new owner of "Shamrock") and the return of "Thunder" sailed by Harry Keith's son. We were excited to add new boats on the water in 2013, and look forward to building on this momentum in 2014.

Complete 2014 season results:

<http://lightningfleet50.org/?p=1934>

A complete listing of our Fleet 50 boats and skippers can be found here:

2013 Fleet 50 Awards

High Impact Crew: Laura Lake

Recipients of the High-impact Crew award must have sailed for one or more Fleet 50 skippers in Fleet 50 racing events. Winners will be determined based on strength of nominators' citations, for making a significant difference in the racing performance of the boat or boats, commitment to racing, and support of the fleet. The winners may not also receive awards for Best New Crew; Most Improved Crew; or Fleet Helper.

Laura Lake – Laura skill and expertise help Team Lightning Bug significantly improve our position in the fleet during the spring series, for which we took a 3rd place.

Best New Crew: Steve Nabors

Recipients of the Best New Crew award must have completed their first season of racing for Fleet 50 skippers in Fleet 50 racing events. Winners will be determined based on strength of nominators' citations, for commitment to racing; sailing skill; and support of the Fleet. The winners may not also receive awards for High-impact Crew; Most Improved Crew; or Fleet Helper.

Steve Nabors – Steve, although someone who often gets sea sick, began racing with me at the Potomac Cup in Leesylvania. The first day, Steve was all but hurling over the side of the deck while trying to man the foredeck. The next day, with the aid of Dramamine we moved him to spin trimmer and took many spots back in the competition. This was his 3rd time on a sailboat and first time racing in that type of competition. Steve continued to crew for me, as spin trimmer throughout the remainder of the season, quickly learning the ins and outs of racing, especially with me. Thanks to Steve's hard work, dedication and willingness to lean, we were able to secure a very high ranking in the overall standings.

Most Improved Crew: Lisa-Marie Lane

Recipients of the Most Improved Crew award must have completed their second or subsequent season of racing for Fleet 50 skippers in Fleet 50 racing events. Winners will be determined based on strength of nominators' citations, for improved sailing skill, commitment to racing; and support of the Fleet. The winners may not also receive awards for High-impact Crew; Best New Crew; or Fleet Helper.

Lisa-Marie Lane – although Lisa-Marie is also a boat owner and skipper, she spent most of the season crewing on various boats in or-

der to familiarize herself with the Lightning and with one-design racing. Her passion and intensity are unmatched, her energy level is incredible, and her thirst for knowledge and drive for self-improvement are simply amazing. Lisa-Marie was always asking the right questions, seeking advice on improvement, taking feedback to heart, and seeking to improve her "game" on the boat. A fantastic job...and soon she'll be a skipper to be feared on the racecourse as well.

Team Spirit Skipper: Chris Kozel

The recipient of the Team Spirit Skipper award will be the skipper that makes racing/regattas a fun experience and does a great job fostering a team spirit on board, improving skills, encouraging participation. This has to do with competitive spirit but also patience on board and ability to make it a pleasant rather than stressful learning experience for the team as a whole, regularly attending races/going out there and doing their best regardless of performance.

Chris Kozel – Chris is always up for racing, always encouraging new crew members to come out and race, and is always a positive and enthusiastic person on the water and off the water. It's great to have him in the fleet! He also demonstrated amazing seamanship and determination after recovering from his wipeout in the spring and just continuing on sailing, ready for the next race!

Congeniality Award: Ron Buchanan

The recipient of the Mr. Hospitality/Congeniality award will be the Fleet 50 skipper who always seems ready to share a smile, some advice over a beer, makes people feel especially welcomed in the fleet, at the marina, and on their boat - and even better if they provide great lunches/refreshments/beer for their crew, or something to share on the grill after racing.

Ron has taken me under his wing crew and really helped me learn more about forward crew & my first out of state regatta. Ron has really encouraged me to become a more confident sailor. He has shown patience, given guidance and always encouraged me to be an active part of the racing tactics.

Ron Buchanan – always happy to share a drink, help out, or just chat, Ron is a great person to have in the fleet. We wish he'd sail up in DC a bit more often, but everybody is always happy to see him around and he certainly fits the bill for a Congeniality award!

Skipper of the Year: Bob Gotthardt

The recipient of the Skipper of the Year award will be a Fleet 50 skipper who has demonstrated exceptional instances of support of the Fleet, bravery, good judgment, and commitment to racing. The nomination has no correlation to how good of a skipper they are. This has to do with personality, fun,

skill—basically a popularity vote. In addition to the appropriate merchandise award, there is a perpetual trophy of a wood-framed mirror.

I choose Bob because he has been very instrumental in continuing to help me learn as much as possible in racing and getting my boat race ready. Not only is he a excellent skipper, but he is an extremely easy going, patient person. But the biggest reason I am nominating him is during one of the last races of the season I fell over board. He very quickly "heaved" me out of the drink and was willing to drop everything to bring me back to shore. Of course, he didn't mind that I wanted to finish the race before going in.

Bob only became a partner in a boat in the latter half of the season, but his dedication to the Fleet and commitment to racing and sailing and supporting the fleet are unparalleled. When he is not racing, he is always ready to lend a hand in volunteering or helping out—on RC duty, around the BBQ, or whatever else might be needed. It is great to have Bob in the fleet, and there is no doubt that he'll continue to be a much loved fleet member and a challenging foe on the racecourse!

Bungle Bucket: Not Awarded in 2013

The recipient of the Bungle Bucket award will be the Fleet 50 skipper who has demonstrated exceptional instances of lapses of sailing judgment that resulted in humorous or entertaining outcomes.

Instead of the Bungle Bucket Award, I'd like to present the "anti-Bungle Bucket" award to two skippers in recognition of good sportsmanship and outstanding seamanship. You might remember that Rose Maryann, and Anne took a spill on a nasty puff in the 2013 President's Cup. Seeing the difficulty they were having in recovering the boat, both Frank and Nabeel dropped out of the race to assist them. I watched Frank jump in the water and scale the side of Jeff's overturned boat like a ninja, and Nabeel backed his boat up so that one of his crew could just step off of the transom and onto the centerboard (without even getting wet!) to help Frank right the boat.

Most Improved Skipper: Lindsay Bach

The recipient of the Most Improved Skipper award will be the skipper who has improved their cumulative score in the Championship Series from the prior year by the largest number of positions.

This was actually a tie, with both Lindsay Bach and John Kircher moving up three overall spots in the 2013 Championship series as compared to their 2012 finishes. Lindsay wins the tiebreaker on points, improving by an average of 6.8 points, whereas John improved by an average of 5.1 points.

Bloody Rudder Award: Ron Buchanan

Awarded to the skipper who travels to the most qualifying traveling regattas in the season.

1. Ron Buchanan: 10.6 average
2. Nabeel Alsalam: 12 average

All Weather Sailor Award: Aaron Boesenecker

Awarded to the crew who sails the most days on a Lightning.

1. Aaron Boesenecker: 24 race days
2. Lisbet Kugler: 19 race days
3. Jess Harrington: 18 race days

Fleet 50 Helper Award: Rose Gentile

Awarded to a Fleet member who helps the Fleet in a unique, special, or selfless way.

This award goes to Rose in recognition of all of the work that she does behind the scenes, registration work, setup/cleanup, etc.), as well as the fact that she opens her home to us each year for the Fleet 50 Party.

Iron Skipper Award: Nabeel Alsalam

The recipient of the Iron Skipper award will be the skipper who has had the most race days on the water, including local and out-of-town events and days on the water serving on Race Committee.

1. Nabeel Alsalam: 23 race days
2. Bobby Astrove: 20 race days
3. Ron Buchanan: 17 race days

Aaron P. Boesenecker, Fleet 50 Captain

192 Havre de Grace

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Thomas Compton

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10302		Kyle Hanson
10318		Bill Johnson
11240		Mark Daghir
13667		Douglas Fletcher
13939	Rolling Thunder	William J Johnson
13989	Nittany Lightning	Michael Magyar
14484		Mike Mays
14629		Mike McCusker
15131	Cricket	Patrick Phelan
15136		Thomas Compton

2012

Pat Phelan as usual won our series with Mike Magyar second. Trophies were presented at the Yacht Club dinner held in November.

We hosted The Duck Challenge Regatta. Havre de Grace is known for it museum of hard-carved duck decoys. Several people in the area produce such decoys for sale. We give them as awards at our regatta. Pat Johnson made duck-themed pillows which were also given as awards.



Pat Phelan (center) with his crew,
his son Jason and Jen Adams

2013

Pat Phelan, as usual, won our series with Mike Mays second. Trophies were presented at the Yacht Club dinner held in November.

Most of our sailing is focused on Tuesday evenings. We ran thirty-seven races over the course of the season. Jim Albert ran Race Committee for us every week.

We hosted The Duck Challenge Regatta again this year. Trevor Prior of SYC won. Tom Compton won the raffle for a handle of rum; he immediately had many new friends.



Thomas Compton
Fleet Captain

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Carol Park
Fleet Secretary: Mike Wertz
Fleet Treasurer: Ken Kuzdro

2012 Fleet Champion: Carol Park

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
8959		Christopher Rumpf
9897	Jonsella	Stephen D Tiley
11217		Michael Wertz
11329	Rare Vos	Joseph Lauver
11582		Walt Poyck
11596		Steve Nudel
13047	Shamoo	Gary L Hoffer
13218		Ken Kuzdro
13310	Brick House	Gary L Hoffer
14036	The Walrus	Justin Coplan
14156	Starthrower	Kevin L Smith
14365	Strikes Twice	Kenneth C Kuzdro
14425		Tyler Braun
14525	Spitfire	John C Bates
14692	Potluck	Matt Potvin
14902	Miss Conduct	Carol A Park
14902	Miss Conduct	Lucy E Kniseley
15024	Lube Tube	Trevor D Prior
15118	Yellow Boat	Starling H Mikell
15159	Worm Burner	Frank X Hanson
15221	Shark Bite	Michael Wertz
15336	Impulse	Trevor D Prior

2012

Lightning Fleet 253, had a busy year on the Susquehanna river and beyond.

Members of our fleet participated in thirteen regattas over the course of the 2012 sailing season. These included the Savannah Deep South Regatta, Miami Midwinter Championship, St. Petersburg Winter Championship, Virginia Moonshine Regatta, Doc Gilbert Regatta, No Gas Regatta, Dixie District Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship, Duck Challenge Regatta, Frigid Digit, Solomons Small Boat Regatta, Pennsylvania Governors Cup and the Hampton Fall Fling.

Susquehanna Yacht Club hosted the annual Pennsylvania Governors Cup Regatta this year for the third time in the last four years. Last year's regatta was cancelled because of Hurricane Agnes and Tropical Storm Lee. This year, the winds were strong on both days of the regatta, and this made for spirited competition between the twenty-two boats. Craig Cobbum (Annapolis) finished first, followed by Justin Coplan (Nyack), Jamie Brickell (Annapolis), Steve Constance (Annapolis), and Dick Hallagan (Newport).

Our Junior Sailing program continues to make great progress with all of our young sailors. Joe Lauver has taken over from Kathie Wild as the new Director, and he did not miss a beat in maintaining the same high level of enthusiasm with our junior sailors. We had thirty-two participants at the June event and twenty-two sailors at the July program. A corresponding number of club members helped with each event. This year we offered more advanced boat handling techniques to those children who had participated in previous junior sailing programs.

Our \$250,000 seawall project for our drysail area was finally completed in June of this year. After multi-year delays due to obtaining permits and weather problems (see aforementioned Hurricane and Tropical Storm), we now have a greatly enhanced area for boat storage and launching of our various one-design classes. In addition, we recaptured over twenty feet of river bank that the Susquehanna River had eroded over the last five decades.

Our Spring Series began with an average of eight to ten boats on the line. This series was won by Carol Park. Second place was won by Trevor Prior, with Matt Potvin coming in third.

The Fall Series was a mirror image of the first, being won by Carol Park, with Trevor Prior and Matt Potvin finishing second and third respectively.

The Frey Cup champion and top five finishers for the entire 2012 sailing season were:

1. Carol Park
2. Trevor Prior
3. Matt Potvin
4. Star Mikell
5. Tyler Braun

Congratulations to all of these competitors for your fine year of sailing.

Thank you to all those who participated, skippers and crew, in the 2012 sailing season at the Susquehanna Yacht Club. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.





2013

Members of our Fleet participated in eleven regattas during the 2013 sailing season. These included the Southern Circuit Championships in Savannah, Miami and St. Petersburg, Virginia Moonshine Regatta, Doc Gilbert Regatta, No Gas Regatta, Dixie District Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship, Frigid Digit, Solomons Small Boat Regatta and the Pennsylvania Governors Cup.

Our Junior Sailing program continues to make great progress in introducing young sailors to the sport of sailing. The one-day events in June and July were filled with enthusiastic participants, including the club members who volunteered their time and knowledge. Much thanks to Joe Lauver who directs the program.

The Pennsylvania Governors Cup, hosted annually by the Susquehanna Yacht Club, registered seventeen boats for the regatta. Justin Coplan

from Nyack finished first with crew Danielle Prior and E. Reitering. Craig Cobbum from Annapolis finished in second place, followed by Dick Hallagan from Newport in third place.

Our Spring racing series included twenty-three races with six different boats winning individual races. Trevor Prior and crew won this series. Second place was won by Matt Potvin, with Tyler Braun coming in third.

The Fall series included eighteen races with five different boats winning individual races. Trevor Prior won this series also, followed by Carol Park in second place and Star Mikell in third.

The overall 2013 Frey Cup champion for the entire season was Trevor Prior. Carol Park placed second, Star Mikell came in third, and Matt Potvin finished in fourth place.

Thank you to all the skippers and crew who participated in the 2013 sailing season at SYC!



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Sassafras River

Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chestertown, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David J Horne

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12381	Great Pumpkin	Robert B Horne
12720	Le Papillon	Christopher Dunne
14648		F Thomas Hopkins
15023	Star O'dust	Robert B Horne

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Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn

Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: W David Racine

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11540	Mal De Mar	W David Racine
14424	Shifty Characters	Timothy J Hart

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Severn Sailing Association

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Stephen Constants

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10493	M I Nuts	Benjamin C Eloff
10800		George Saroch
11583	Grease	Joan A Hurban
11871	Jabberwock	Marty Huppert
12275		Charles B Currier
12480	Stuck on Stupid	Jonathan I Lange
13608	Relax	Lesley Frymier Cook
14049		Diana Lohmeyer
14073	His	Gary S Hurban
14366	Radiant	Patrick McKnight
14548	Painkiller	Jonathan S Guth
14581		James Bielefeld
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Gregory Virgin
14900	His	Gary S Hurban
14907	Is it Chaos	Craig Cobbum
15016	Loon	James B Brickell
15054	Blue Highways	Jonathan I Lange
15083	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15167	Pigs on Ice	John Kircher
15240	Brown Eyed Girl	Michael J Constants
15240	Brown Eyed Girl	Stephen Constants
15257	Hers	Joan A Hurban

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
15353	Rat Pack	Allan Terhune
15363	Sundancer	Greg Kelly
15391		Geoffrey D Becker
15425		Joe J Friebele
15449		Allan Terhune
15505		Todd Johnson

2012

Fleet 329 sails from Annapolis, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay with members from Severn Sailing Association, Eastport Yacht Club, and Annapolis Yacht Club comprising the Fleet. We are growing and very lucky to have several great sailors who are generous with their time and expertise. The result is a fleet that has fun and helps the "up and coming." We are part of the Dixie District and have a number of District regattas within easy driving distance to fill out the racing calendar. The Fleet ran the No-Gas invitational regatta in May and the ever popular and late-season Frigid Digit in October.

This year Patrick McKnight joined the fleet with #14366, and Joan Hurban upgraded to #15257.

Local Regattas

The 2012 season at SSA found the parking lot full of construction equipment and the clubhouse under a much-needed renovation. For a while, we had use of the restrooms and showers, but the snack bar was closed, and we eventually had to use Port-a-Potties. Nevertheless, the sailing was good. The SSA Spring regatta started the season with a great party at Todd Johnson's. Steve Constants took the win, with Joe Friebele and Gary Hurban in 2nd and 3rd.

Next was our invitational No-Gas regatta, so-named in 1973 during the gas crisis when the Fleet added a local regatta to the schedule to lessen the travelling and waiting in gas lines. The Shapiro family has donated a perpetual trophy in memory of George Shapiro, a Lightning sailor at SSA for a number of years in the early days. Steve Constants won in a fleet of fifteen boats, followed by Craig Cobbum and Jason Werner.

Jamie Brickell and Gary and Joan Hurban fought a tight duel for first place in the three-day Summer Series, with Jamie winning by one point and Patrick McKnight in third. Craig won the Fall Series with Steve Constants and Joe Friebele following.

This year's Frigid Digit saw thirty-eight boats on the line, and for once the weather cooperated—sort of. Instead of being blown out on Saturday, as we usually are, the wind died after we got to the race course, and we waited for about an hour and a half for it to fill in. But it did finally come in, and we were able to get in six races over two days—a recent record!

The party was held outside, and once again the weather cooperated. Ed Adams won handily with

crew Neil Fowler and local hot shot Nancy Haberland, who kept Ed going to the right into better wind and out of the tide. Ed was followed by Larry MacDonald, David Starck, Bill Fastiggi, and Ched Proctor. Fleet 329 had 13 members sailing. Notable finishes were Allan Terhune in 8th and Craig Cobbum in 10th. Interestingly, a comparison of the results from 2011 and 2012 to determine the Most Improved Skipper showed that almost everyone who sailed both years did worse in 2012. Joe Friebele was one exception, moving up six places and winning the award. Thanks to Joan and Gary Hurban, the joint Regatta Chairs, who did a terrific job.

The 2012 Fleet Championship came down to a tie between Steve Constants and Craig Cobbum with Steve winning on the tie breaker. Congratulations, Steve!

Away Regattas

The fleet traveled to a number of away regattas and brought back some impressive hardware.

Mike Beaver sailed all three regattas of the Southern Circuit. Allan Terhune won St. Petersburg. Congratulations to Allan, his wife Katie and Jenn Millar. Jonathan Lange also sailed in St. Pete, which he has attended for many years.

The Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup regatta found good representation from Fleet 329, with Steve Constants winning, Joan Hurban in 5th, and Jason Werner, Patrick McKnight and Jamie Brickell also sailing. The Hurbans and Greg Kelly represented the Fleet at Pymatuning Spring Classic with Joan finishing 8th. The Dixie Districts were hosted by Fleet 50 on the Potomac River, and the competitors were treated to a sailing lesson by the Hurbans, who finished the six races with seven points.

One would have to say that this was a great year for the partnership of the Hurbans and Justin Coplan from Nyack. They crewed for Justin at Miami (9th) and St. Petersburg (13th), won the Dixie Districts going away with Justin crewing, and then Gary won the Masters' North American Championship with Joan and Justin crewing, and Justin finished 9th at the NAs with Joan and Gary crewing.

For a change of scenery, Joe Friebele put some miles on I-95 and the Jersey turnpike, traveling to the Central Atlantic Districts, Atlantic Coast Championship and the Down Bay regatta. Joe was joined at the ACCs by Steve Constants, who finished 8th, and the Hurbans. Allan Terhune was the only Fleet 329 boat in the North American Championship where he finished 3rd. Congratulations to Team Terhune!

The fall found many members on the road again. Steve Constants won the Duck Challenge at Havre de Grace, with Jamie Brickell and Joan and Gary Hurban in 4th and 5th and Greg Kelly also racing. Gary and Joan took two boats to the Last Blast at Nyack and finished 5th and 7th. Joan was sailing a new Hers, #15257, for the first time. Six fleet

boats went to the PA Governors cup, with Craig Cobbum winning it and Jamie Brickell and Steve Constants in 3rd and 4th.

Overall, it was a great year on the water with good Fleet participation both on our home waters and in away regattas, and we're looking forward to even greater participation in 2013.

2013

Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay out of Annapolis, Maryland, Fleet 329 is sponsored by the Severn Sailing Association and has members from our neighbors, Eastport Yacht Club and Annapolis Yacht Club. We are very lucky to have several great sailors in the Fleet who are generous with their time and expertise. The result is a fleet that not only has fun but also has sailing seminars and helps the "up and coming." We are part of the Dixie District, and we travel to a number of district regattas within easy driving distance. Locally, the Fleet runs the No-Gas invitational regatta in May and the ever popular and late-season Frigid Digit in October, and the SSA series regattas round out the sailing schedule.

Local Regattas

SSA renovated the clubhouse in 2012, and the sailors were greeted with a much-improved facility when they arrived for the Spring regatta in April. Craig Cobbum took the win, with Joan and Gary Hurban in second and Jon Guth in third, in spite of only sailing one day.

Next was our invitational No-Gas regatta, so-named in 1973 during the gas crisis when the Fleet added a local regatta to the schedule to lessen the travelling and waiting in gas lines. The Shapiro family has donated a perpetual trophy in memory of George Shapiro, a long-time Lightning sailor at SSA in the early days. This year the No-Gas was on the same weekend as the first Olivia Constants Foundation fund raising dinner, so a number of boats from out of town came to sail in the regatta and support the OCF. After getting in three good races on Saturday, the wind was up on Sunday, leading to a number of capsizes in the low water temperature of the Bay and only one race. The first three places were taken by North Americans champions: our own Allan Terhune won the regatta with six points over four races. David Starck and Ched Proctor came in 2nd and 3rd. Craig Cobbum finished 7th and Jamie Brickell was 9th.

For the SSA Summer Series the Fleet had eleven races over four days, but none of the fleet boats sailed in all races. Jon Guth finished 2nd, and Joe Friebele was 3rd, but we had to concede the first place trophy to Aaron Boesenecker from our sister Fleet 50 on the Potomac River. Six boats sailed in the SSA Fall Series regatta with Steve Constants winning and Cobbum in 2nd.

This year, thirty-nine boats came for the Frigid Digit, and the wind and conditions

cooperated so that we were able to get in seven races over two days. There was a great party in the renovated clubhouse Saturday night, and hot dogs on the grill after racing on Sunday. David Starck from Buffalo won the regatta, adding to his impressive list of Frigid Digit wins; Geoff Becker in 2nd and Cobbum in 9th were the only Fleet 329 boats in the top ten. Thanks to Joan and Gary Hurban, the joint regatta chairs, who once again did a terrific job.

The 2013 Championship came down to a split decision. Craig Cobbum won the Fleet Championship, but because he is a member of AYC, Steve Constants won the SSA Championship. These two tied for Fleet Championship last year—congratulations to both this year!

Away Regattas

The Fleet traveled to a number of away regattas and brought back some impressive hardware.

Allan Terhune started out a year of impressive victories with a win at the Lightning Midwinters in Miami and a 2nd place finish in St. Petersburg. Meanwhile, Joan Hurban finished 11th at the Midwinter Masters. She and Gary sailed in Miami and St. Pete and were joined by Patrick McKnight and Jonathan Lange.

Five fleet members traveled to the Moonshine Regatta in early April, with Steve Constants and Jamie Brickell finishing 4th and 5th. You can tell who was drinking the moonshine by comparing the Sunday scores with those from Saturday!

Allan Terhune went to the Long John in Red Bank and finished 3rd, and the next weekend found Constants winning the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup regatta and Gary Hurban in 4th and Brickell in 6th. The Hurbans and the Kellys were joined by the Brickells on their annual trip to the Pymatuning Spring Classic, with Brickell finishing 9th. The Dixie Districts were hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, and Cobbum and Constants tied for first with eight points over six races, with Cobbum winning on a tie breaker. Meanwhile, Terhune was off in Italy representing the Fleet at the World Championship, and the Hurbans were sailing in the International Masters.

Constants, Cobbum and the Hurbans traveled to the Atlantic Coast Championship where Steve finished 7th, and then it was on to Nyack where the Hurbans sailed in the Masters' and then to Cedar Point where they were joined by Todd Johnson in his new boat in the Presidents Cup. Meanwhile, Terhune and Constants were representing Fleet 329 in the North American Championship, where Team Terhune finished first with an impressive fifteen points over five races and Constants finished 9th—congratulations to Team Terhune!

The fall found many members on the road again. The Kellys, who clearly were the Fleet 329 road warriors, went to the Duck Challenge at Havre de Grace and the Leukemia/Presidents Cup on the Potomac River. They were joined

by Joe Friebele at the SMSA Small Boat gatta, where Joe finished 3rd. Gary Hurban returned to Nyack for the Last Blast and finished 2th. Cobbum went to the PA Governors Cup with the Kellys and Hurbans and finished 2nd. The leaves may have been off the trees and frost in the air, but off went Constants, the Kellys, Hurbans and Colin Kirby to the Wild Oyster regatta in Charleston, South Carolina, and that wrapped up the year!

A special word of congratulations for Allan and Katie Terhune, who not only won the Lightning North Americans and Miami Midwinter Regatta, but also the J-22 World Championship, J-22 Midwinters, J-22 East Coast Championships, J-22 NOOD and the Thistle North American Championship and came in second at the Flying Scot North American Championship, J-80 North American Championship and Lightning Midwinter Championships. What an impressive record for 2013!

Overall, it was a great year both on the water and off with our newly renovated clubhouse. We had good Fleet participation, both on our home waters and in away regattas, and we're looking forward to even greater participation and more fun in 2014.

508 Solomons

Sailing on Patuxent River and
Chesapeake Bay
Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David H Meiser

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11983	Lolly	Jeff Kumke
13640	Bolt'ta	Dan Schneider
14028	Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14060	Sloop Dogg	Nicholas J Troche
14800		David H Meiser
15101	Nor' Easter	Daniel Liston
15101	Nor' Easter	Sam Septembre

509 Hampton Roads

Hampton, Virginia

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Joe Buczkowski

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10374		Frederick E Wright
10518		Jeane Bice
14044	Whistling Pygmy	Charles C Wardwell
14485	Duex Poissons et un Chat	Ronald R Buchanan
15084	Irie	Joe Buczkowski

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Rock Hall, Maryland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain:

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13139	Moxie	Thomas J Tontarski
14008	Hornet	Parry Family
14096	Grey Ghost	Parry Family
14711		Scott D Jarrett
15328		Ronald A Mullar

Sailing on the Poquoson River
Dare, Virginia

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: James H Dillard

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10226	Watterbug	Robert A Watt
12396		Doug Harbin, Jr
12741		James H Dillard
13818	Warrior	James H Dillard
14209		John M Shepherd
14427		Mike Mastracci
15311	Go Green	James H Dillard

2012

This was a down year for the Fleet. Our three most active members never got their Lightnings in the water!

Jack suffered a shoulder injury that kept him from sailing. He is now recovered and is looking forward to sailing this year.

Big boats were the problem for Jim, Chuck and Rob. Jim and Chuck bought a Hunter 38 and spent the spring getting to know the boat and preparing for a sail to Maine. The Maine trip was great fun. Fleet 50 sailor Nabeel Alsalam joined the crew on the outside run and literally jumped off the boat as we passed by Battery Park.

An old Lightning buddy from way back, Gordon Kellogg, sailed all the way to Connecticut. There, Jim's daughter, Christy Lavigne, joined the crew for the final leg to Maine. On the return trip fellow Fleet member Rob Watt and Jim's friend from sailing the square riggers at Jamestown, Rich Watkins, sailed all the way back to Virginia. There were a number of incidents that can be expected, but overall, it was a wonderful experience.

Rob also bought a big boat, a Morgan 34, which kept him busy. His daughter, who is a natural sailor, said she would disown him if the Lightning wasn't sailed, so I think he will be active.

Unfortunately, for lots of reasons, the Poquoson Challenge didn't occur this year, but we look forward to having it again in August.

2013

We had seven boats at our 4th Annual Poquoson Challenge and Crab Kill. As we were lining up for the first race, Frank Gallagher sailed right through the fleet with his spinnaker flying. And he just kept going and going to the far shore. What in the world was he doing? Well, as it turned out, he lost his main halyard and could not fix it. The result was we ended up with six racers. Nabeel Alsalam, (15142) took the regatta with two firsts and a second. He sailed with Eric Speth "Admiral" of the Jamestown replicas and Eric's son. Jim Dillard, (15311) sailing with his daughter Christy and his old Lightning buddy Gordon Kellogg, took second place with two seconds and a first. Third place, with three thirds, went to Justin Morris (13818) sailing with his wife Elizabeth and son Brandon. Fourth place went to the Eagle Scout boat (14427), edging out Jack Shepherd on a tie-breaker. Jack sailed with Mac Gentile and Lisa Marie Lane. Bob Watt (10266) sailing with his daughter rounded out the finishes.

We had a great Race Committee made up of the coach of the W&M sailing team "Doc" Griffin and his wife Kim on Jim and Chuck's Hunter. Chuck Wood and Tim Chen worked the crash boat.

Joyce Dillard and the other wives all pitched in to provide a wonderful meal with all the crabs and Yuengling one could manage.

Sadly, one of our founding members, Rob Watt, purchased an older Morgan that is taking all his free time, leading to the sale of his Lightning. We will not let him escape Lightnings completely.

Yuengling again sponsored our regatta, as they do the Potomac Cup.



Ecuador

405 Salinas Yacht Club
447 Club Nautico San Pablo

District Commodore:

Julio Velez

2012

International Championships: Salinas-Tomine 2012 was in February in Tomine. We participated with five crews, and, as usual, in Tomine we did not get very close to the top positions. For the South American Championship, we participated with two crews: Carlos Lecaro with Oscar Viteri and Rafael Lecaro and Juan Santos with Juan Andres Santos and myself. If I recall correctly, Ignacio Cordovez participated in the junior and open North Americans back in August.



District Champion: Justus Kleperer with his wife and daughter

Local Championships (most important ones):

Distrito Ecuador: Results: 1st Justus Klemperer with Santiago Garcia y Carlos Febres-Cordero; 2nd Julio Velez with Jorge Norero and Santiago Salem; 3rd Carlos Lecaro with Oscar Viteri and Eduardo Rodriguez.

Campeonato Nacional: 1st Jonathan Martinetti with Diego Velez and John Birkett; 2nd Julio Velez with Andrea DeGrau and Juan Ferretti. Sorry I have no confirmed information regarding the 3rd place.

Copa Francisco Sola Franco: 1st Juan Santos with Alejandro Santos and Leonardo Santos; 2nd Sebastian Herrera with Samuel Herrera and Carlos Drouet; 3rd Justus Klemperer with Santiago Garcia y Carlos Febres-Cordero.

Copa Salinas Yacht Club: 1st Carlos Lecaro with Oscar Viteri and Rafael Lecaro; 2nd Juan Santos with Alejandro Santos and Leonardo Santos; 3rd Justus Klemperer with Santiago Garcia y Carlos Febres-Cordero.



District Runner-Ups: Julio Velez
Jorge Norero, Santiago Salem



District Champions: Justus Kleperer
Santiago Garcia, Carlos Febres-Cordero



District 2nd Runner-Ups: Carlos Lecaro
Oscar Viteri and Eduardo Rodriguez

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Juan Rafael R Santos

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9411	Huevo Frito	Enrique A Granja Rivas
11365	White Shark	Julio Velez
11928	La Ratonera	Sebastian Herrera
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel E Plaza
14145	Alzheimer	Jose Gonzalez-Rubio
14150	Sea Baby	Francisco J Sola Medina
14163	Calico	Julio Velez
14370	Achachay	Jose I Cordovez
14379	Montes Verdes do Cavalga	Justus Klemperer
14383	Alegato II	Jimmy V Pazmino
14389	Bada Bing	Juan Manuel Meira
14389	Bada Bing	Sebastian Meira
14461	Cantarella	Miguel A Plaza Merino
14541		Cesar Baquerizo
14671	Magia	Juan Rafael R Santos
14673		Juan Santos Garces
14674	Marraqueta	Alfredo Ochoa
14676	Garufa	Carlos Lecaro
15080	For Sale	Paco Sola Tanca
15095	Culilla	Gabriel Moran
15095	Culilla	Juan Carlos Plaza
15095	Culilla	Santiago Romero Barst
15096	Pataki	Xavier Monge

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Olaf Dyck

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11661		Santiago Aguirre
14160	Hakuna Matata	Marcelo J Leon
14370	Achachay	Gustavo Cordovez
14405		Lars Dyck
14558		Ernesto Martinez F
14675		Lars Dyck

166 Helsinki
298 Kotka
328 Jyväskylä
456 Tuusulanjärvi

District Commodore:

Lauri Hemming



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2013

The Lightning Class Association in Finland has arranged for a five race ranking series for the local sailors, including official Finnish Championships for which we qualify when twenty or more boats have lined up the previous year. The ranking series was attended by twenty-six skippers with an average eleven boats per regatta.

The most delightful thing for us is that every fourth boat in the Finnish Championships was helmed by a junior skipper and every fifth sailor overall was a junior. At the same time, every fourth sailor was a lady, so all the old men are really happy about the development!

On top of that we also held Short Race Course Lightning Championships and Youth Class Championships.

There are four active fleets in Finland and a number of Lightning sailors attending only those local events which usually are weekly club races. Some of the Lightning sailors actively participate in the long course sailing events arranged on the big lakes in Finland and a woody regatta for classics in Helsinki. They is very good advertising for the Class for the mainly keel boat sailors.

Finland participated in the Europeans and the Worlds hosted by the Italian District with seven boats. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Italian race organizers once again for the impressive regatta and hospitality that we really enjoyed.

The Lightning was on display again in the Helsinki Boat Fair, and local members received two issues of printed Lightning news and enjoyed the Class web site.

Lauri Hemming

166 *Helsinki*

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland
Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Kimmo Aromaa

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14761		Lauri Hemming
14958	Masi VIII	Kimmo Aromaa
15281	Masi VII	Kimmo Aromaa
15369	Pilvetar	Lauri Hemming

2013

The Helsinki Fleet had four active boats in the season of 2013. Half of our crews were old salts and half junior crews. Three teams sailed in the Worlds and Europeans in Italy. Our best was Kimmo Aromaa's crew with Masi VIII scoring 2nd runner-up in the Europeans. Lauri Hemming with Pilvetär was 7th in the Europeans and junior skipper Rosemarie Hartman was 17th. In the Worlds our teams were in the same order but in the thirty-something level.

In the Districts, Kimmo scored his ninth title. He has now won six championships as skipper and three as crew. Of our junior skippers, Elsa Hemming was ninth and Rosemarie tenth, even though they missed two races. This was the first regatta for the Hemming sisters Elsa and Eeva, so their father Lauri joined the team bringing in experience.

In the short track Districts, Kimmo won for the fifth time, and Rosemarie was runner-up. In the District final ranking series, Kimmo was first, Rosemarie 5th, Elsa 16th and Lauri 25th. The team of Rosemarie Hartman with Pirita Aromaa and Paulus Saari as crew won the Junior Districts, and Elsa Hemming's team, Eeva Hemming and Rosabella Hartman, was fourth. Rosemarie's team will sail in the 2014 Junior Worlds.

In the whole District the gist of 2013 was again that old salts are rising and coaching junior teams. Many of the juniors are second or third

generation Lightning sailors. Pirita Aromaa maybe holding the record belonging to the fourth generation.



Hemming Team

298 *Kotka*

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland
Kotka, Finland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Timo Jalkanen

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13130		Juha Savela
13135		
14352	Turnipsi	Timo Markkanen

2013

Kotka is a 54000 inhabitants city by the Baltic Sea (Gulf of Finland). Organized yachting has existed here for 125 years at the Kotka Yacht Club. Sailing waters are either sheltered by numerous islands, or open sea—ideal conditions for Lightning cruising or racing.

Kotka Fleet 298 is now, after more than twenty years of inactivity, three active Lightnings strong. Season 2013 was a success. All three participated in the Finnish ranking series. Fin 14352 "Turnipsi", skippered by Timo Markkanen, took an overall 3rd place in the ranking. Others gained experience.

By the way, find the blog of "Turnipsi, Lightning 14352, turnipsisailing.blogspot.fi.

Rosmarie Hartman and Crew



328 Jyväskylä

Sailing on Lake Paijanne
Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Timo O Jarvinen

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12908		Timo O Jarvinen
13505		Lars Hammar
14364	Nikea	Samppa J Salminen
15371		Markku Paloma

456 Tuusulanjärvi

Sailing on the Tuusulanjärvi
Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Sakari Pesola

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13130	Masi III	Juha I Savela
13413	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14018	Ayolos	Niko Lappalainen
14352	Sini	Riitta Kangas
14406	Amarillo	Waltteri Karhusaari
14534	Forte	Esko Aalto
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638	Gamma	Matti Leppanen
14761		Olli Kanerva
14936	Burgundy	Sakari Pesola
15056	Solina	Juha I Savela
15189	Godspeed	Eeli Suutari-Jaasko
15331	Burgundy III	Sakari Pesola
15341	Ayolos II	Niko Lappalainen
15415	Burgundy IV	Sakari Pesola

Bill Mauk



Florida

109	St Petersburg
226	Biscayne Bay
502	The Suncoast Fleet

District Commodore:

Bill Mauk

109 St Petersburg

Sailing on Tampa Bay
St Petersburg, Florida

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Will Jeffers

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14777		Laura A Jeffers
14780	Comedy Central	Karen M Park

226 Biscayne Bay

Sailing on Biscayne Bay
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Bill Mauk

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
8033	La Bella Cubana	Patrick G Clifford
8330	Ant Farm	Frank H Atkinson
10700		James Mellor
11702	Glockenspeil	Larry J Ames
12050	Cajon De Ginebra Chi	Federico Gallia
13307	Sara Liz	Ray Gavin
13848		Patrick W Ellis
13861	Hi-Voltage	Randy Clee
14374	Vigilante	Jon W Ewing
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Charles Virgin
14866	Progress	Bill Mauk

502 The Suncoast Fleet

Sailing on Tampa Bay
Tampa Bay, Florida

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael Beaver

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Uncle Mills	Cortland Steck
8746	Aurora	David C Backus
10338	Enchilada Picante	Rod Koch
11379		Fisk Hayden
11981	Black Watch	Jon Cameron Carlin
12612	First Strike	Vaughn McIntire
12928	LimeLight	David C Backus
14006	Fired-up	William H Meyer
14414	Emeline	Michael S Maher
15320		Joanna Beaver
15320		Michael Beaver



Greece

- 251 Salamis Fleet
- 286 Parthenon Fleet
- 287 Dolphin Fleet

Vice President:

George Andreadis

251 Salamis Fleet

Sailing on Phaleron
Pireaus, Greece

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain:

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13968	Renata	Manolis Stoumpos
14334	Krinis VII	Christos Atzemian
14361		Gerasimos Spyrtas
15245	Midnight Drift	Giannis Manolakis

286 Parthenon Fleet

Sailing on Phaleron
Pireaus, Greece

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: George Andreadis

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9447		Kostas Lymberakis
14211		Nikos Bikakis
14544		George Andreadis
15077	Tzini II	Alexandros Dimou
15144	Crinis IX	George Andreadis

287 Dolphin Fleet

Sailing on Phaleron
Pireaus, Greece

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain:

Indiana

- 154 Wawasee Yacht Club
- 270 Silver Fox Squadron/
Indianapolis Sailing Club

District Commodore:

Peter McGinity

154 Wawasee Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Wawasee
Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Stuart Webster

2012 Fleet Champion: Jeff Schmahl

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11181		Dale E Fulkerson
12586		Bryan Bahler
13851	Motley Crew	Stuart Webster
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas A Schmahl
13910	Golden Harvest	Bill J Allen
13975	Divine Wind	Virgil L Snyder
14034	Foxy Mary	Bud Hursh
14125	Miller's Merry Manor	Stephen C Miller
14173	Thor Play	Jim Sabens
14475	That's What She Said	David Wisler
14647	Swi's Guys	Keith L Swihart
14835	El Zorro	Alan Fox
14870	Con Brio	Tyrus W Campbell
15213	Coyote	Jeffrey A Schmahl
15259	Off Like a Prom Dress	Edward Bradley Wagnon
15299	JOE BFSPLK	George E Buckingham
15309		Edward Bradley Wagnon

2012



Lightning Fleet 154 had an exceptional year despite the hand Mother Nature dealt her. Sailing on Lake Wawasee was quite unlike any other on record, as the country was in the throes of a severe drought with Northern Indiana being no exception (see US Drought Monitor below).



U.S. Drought Monitor Indiana

August 7, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



Bill Allen & crew accept their podium finish (3rd place)

Although, Lake Wawasee is a spring fed lake, it also is supplied by a watershed which begins in southwestern Noble County and flows down through a chain of lakes by way of Turkey Creek. An extended lack of precipitation, beginning in the winter months, coupled with extreme temperatures in the summer, took its toll on the watershed and Lake Wawasee water levels.

As summer progressed, water levels receded, making it problematic for vessels dry docked in the WYC boat yard. As fate would have it, the hoist used to lift boats into the water no longer reached the water! Not to be deterred, skippers hoisted their boats onto inflated inner tubes and floated them away from the shore to reach the race course.

In spite of the conditions, Fleet 154 was able to complete twenty-six races with twelve boats participating and ten qualifying for awards. After fierce competition, Jeff Schmahl won the fleet championship, with George Buckingham and Bill Allen right behind him.

The future is bright for Fleet 154! The top three teams were comprised of one or more junior sailors. Congratulations to our junior sailors Michael and Andrew Schmahl, C. J. and Carla Szeplaki, John Call and Brooke Buckingham.

Unfortunately, the difficult decision was made to cancel the Hoosier Regatta this year due to the low water level.

Regatta Chairman, Jeff Schmahl said, "This is the first time in fifty-nine years that we've had to cancel the event, but we felt that it was the best choice. We did not want people to invest in the travel and the expectation for a great race, and then risk damage to their boats."

Plans are already underway for the 2013 Hoosier Regatta.



Team Allen

The 2013 season has drawn to a close for Wawasee Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 154. Skipper Bill Allen and crew, C. J. and Carla Szeplaki, won the season championship with a commanding average finish of 2.25.

Unfavorable wind conditions yielded nineteen races for the year, with a total of ten different boats participating.

Also, congratulations go out to Fleet 154 skipper Brad Wagnon, winner of the 2013 Indiana District Championship, sailed on Lake Wawasee at the end of June.

The Fleet was excited to host the 60th Anniversary Hoosier Regatta after a one-year hiatus due to low water levels. Twenty-three boats were in attendance, sailing a total of five races. Todd, Christine and Doug Wake of Sheboygan Yacht Club were the regatta champions with finishes of 4, 6, 1, 1, 3.





270

Silver Fox Squadron Indianapolis Sailing Club

Sailing on Geist Reservoir
Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Kenneth V McGinity

2013

Well, the year has turned, and it's time to reflect about the 2013 sailing season. Our Fleet started out with a bang in early February when we had the honor of hosting the Commodore's Dinner Dance honoring Mike Naughton, the out-going Commodore, an active member of our Fleet. We livened up the normal transfer of command by a light "roasting" of this great guy. It seemed to go over well with some very positive comments from senior members who commented, "We used to do this every year."

Since our major event annually is the Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open regatta, and it is scheduled for the first weekend every May, most of our active racers got their boats into the water for the start of the ISC racing on April 14. On May 4 and 5, we hosted the 51st running of the Indy Open, drawing sailors from seven fleets in Ohio, Michigan and Lake Wawasee

to compete against seven of our lo-crews. What made this year's competition so exciting was the extremely close finish of the two top boats. Jim Taylor from Lake Cowan, Ohio, and George Sipel from North Cape, Ohio, were either first or second in all of the five counted races. In the final race, James Taylor beat George Sipel by six inches to win the closest finish in all fifty-one regattas in this series.

After our flying start to the racing season, seven of our more active racers competed steadily during the following months until the Long John regatta in late October. A total of eighty-nine races were sailed, which is the most ever for our Fleet and twenty more than in 2012. When the season results were tallied, Frank Wilder and crew repeated as Fleet Champion with an average score of 18.9 and sailing in seventy-three of the races. Pete McGinity and crew were 2nd with an average score of 18.5 and sailing in 57 races. Ken Woods and crew followed in 3rd with an average score of 18.4 and sailing in 60 races.

In an effort to increase participation within the Fleet, we began an experiment offering any ISC member the use of a Lightning on any weekend during the season at no charge. The only condition was that they be a qualified sailor with the approval of either Jess Lawhead or Luke Mongin, both chairs in the training programs. The Lightnings provided are owned by Fleet members, who have upgraded to newer boats. This program will continue in 2014 and if users wish to race, they will be scored in a separate division with trophies awarded to the winning team in all Club regattas. So, all ISC associate members, give us a try!

Our year ended with the privilege of hosting the November brunch; a nice finish to another enjoyable sailing season.



Ireland

427 Kilyleagh Yacht Club

District Commodore:

427 Kilyleagh Yacht Club

Sailing on Strangford Lough
Belfast, County Down, Northern Ireland

Fleet Officers:

Italy

- 449 Marsala
- 453 Flotta del Trasimeno
- 466 Flotta del Conero

District Commodore:

Franco De Regis

449 Marsala

Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea
Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Giovanni Pellegrino

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12027	Wanted I	Giovanni Pellegrino
13266		Giuseppe Vargas
13706		Roberto Giacalone

453 Flotta del Trasimeno

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake
Perugia, Italy

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Franco De Regis

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13348	Wind III	Sauro Scarpocchi
14228	Born to be bad	Sergio Rustichelli
14316	Nuvolari	Franco De Regis
14554	Jolly Rogers	Daniele Sepiacci
14784	Lady White Tina Two	Luigi Pellegrini

466 Flotta del Conero

Sailing on the Adriatic Sea
Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Renzo Bozzi

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani

2013 Italian
National
Champions



Lake Erie

- 12 Buffalo Canoe Club
- 19 Chatauqua Lake Yacht Club
- 24 Erie Yacht Club
- 47 Silver Lake Yacht Club
- 115 Cuba Lake Yacht Club
- 146 Toronto Bay
- 180 Conneaut Lake Yacht Club
- 198 Chatauqua

District Commodore:

William Neal

12 Buffalo Canoe Club

Sailing on Abino Bay and Lake Erie
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David Starck

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
909	Frisky	Sarah Neal
4081	Stinky II	Ken B Lambert
6983	Sea Adler	William E Neal
7286	Cats Eyes	Ken B Lambert
7420		Carl M Eichenlaub
10491	Erin Anne	David A Dooley
11617	Joanie Bee	Richard J Cubinie
13881		Drew Bergan
14261	Berry III	Edwin Roseberry
14286	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	Kevin J Cavalieri
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker
14371	Confusion3	Brian Starck
14371	Confusion3	Robert B Starck
14410	Catspaws	Pascal Buckley
14410	Catspaws	Richard J Buckley
14479	Rockin' Robin	Kevin J Robinson
14519	Instant Karma	Erich F Steadman
14543		Julian Fraize
14569	Franch Fry	Emily Neal
14572	Sputnik 2	David F Fedak
14599	Bunch Of Weenies	Bryan A Milne
14651		Tom Allen
14680	Ambush 2	Edwin Roseberry
14744		Richard A Aubrecht
14774	CO2	James E Eagan
14774	CO2	James F Eagan
14875	Duma	Joseph B Folds
14895	Bloody	Adam MacDonald
14895	Bloody	Larry MacDonald
15196		Tom Allen
15251		Debbie Probst
15284		Richard A Aubrecht
15298		Ian Jones
15308		Tom Allen
15339		Warren E Emblidge
15417		Peter C Godfrey
15452		David Starck

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
15470		David Starck
15470		Thomas Starck
15495		Larry MacDonald
15499		Jody Starck
15499		Thomas Starck

2012–2013

Fleet 12 at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Ontario, Canada, has enjoyed years of growth and success. Our Fleet now boasts well over twenty boats, and the majority of these are active, both locally and on the regatta circuit. We welcome the Wright family, the Goodin family and the return of the Peter Jones family for 2014.

Our youth continue to compete solidly with the old-timers in both race results and strength in numbers.

Social Interaction is the solid base our Fleet is built upon. Dinner after Tuesday night racing, a fall and spring meeting, well-disguised as fun parties, and plenty of intra-fleet coordination to host events and travel to away regattas has attracted new members on an annual basis. Fifteen to twenty-five boats on a Tuesday night starting line—twelve junior teams at the Junior North Americans in 2013—strong representation at the North Americans and Worlds—our Fleet members are ACTIVE!!

Competition? We've got it. We are very proud to boast the following about our Fleet 12 members:

Current (2012) Youth World Champions

Adam MacDonald, Sam Jones, Abby Bennett

Current (2013) Junior North American Champions

Adam MacDonald, Allie Jones, Abby Bennett

Current (2013) World Champions

David Starck, Ian Jones, Jody Starck

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Sailing on Lake Chataqua
Lakewood, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Heinrich Kutschke

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11510		Amir Gal
12587		Doug Bargar
14309		Doug Bargar
14367	Mathilda	Heinrich Kutschke

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Erie Yacht Club

Sailing on Presque Isle Bay
Erie, Pennsylvania

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Andy Kalivoda

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11768	Tarantelle	Thomas C Schuyler
14924		Patrick M Huntley

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Silver Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Silver Lake
Perry, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Stephen Cox

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6983	Sea Adler	Hoss Bone
7949		C Scott Degolyer
8004	Cirrus II	Roger K Slade
9739		Michael T Humphrey
9845	Chase	David Nasca
12984		Kathryn Lyons
13948		Mark H Dadd
14580		Larissa Cox
14580		Stephen Cox
14672		Mark W Grinder
15272	Bozo	Mark W Grinder
15339		Mark W Grinder

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Cuba Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Cuba Lake
Cuba, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Gregory T Buckley

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11175		Michael D Kane
11766	Red Baron	Laurence C Older
13890	Ole Blue	Gregory T Buckley
13911		Michael D Kane
14725	Win Wards	Skip Wilday

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Toronto Bay

Sailing on Lake Ontario
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David Sprague

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10702	Liesl	Walter Blackwell
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague
14347		David Sprague

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Conneaut Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Conneaut Lake
Conneaut, Pannsylvania

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Chad C Waldschmidt

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13506		Lawrence Levine
14444	Bud Lightning	Kenneth Pote
14750		Edward J Benevent
14763		Chad C Waldschmidt

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Chatauqua

Sailing on Lake Chatauqua
Chatauqua, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Kevin Dietly

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9402		Kevin Dietly
10922		James D Neville
13222		Becky Scanlon
13222		Candy Neville
13222		Maggie Scanlon
13222		Robert Scanlon
13222		Tim Scanlon
13222		Will Scanlon
14948		Becky Scanlon
14948		Candy Neville
14948		Maggie Scanlon
14948		Robert Scanlon
14948		Tim Scanlon
14948		Will Scanlon
15100	Fang	Bradford Currie
15279	Blue Jacket	Anne B Neville
15279	Blue Jacket	J Bradley Neville
15395	Smokestack	Alan Bates
15412		Becky Scanlon
15412		Candy Neville
15412		Maggie Scanlon
15412		Robert Scanlon
15412		Tim Scanlon
15412		Will Scanlon
15422		James D Neville

Long Island

178	Great South Bay
431	Southampton Yacht Club
506	Orient Yacht Club

District Commodore:

George W Koch

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Great South Bay

Sailing on Great South Bay
Amityville, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Alan Pearlman

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
5132	Surprise	Michelle Yacob
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth A Brewer
10260	BullsHit	William P Weiss
10392	Arcturus	Richard Braverman
10690		Joseph J Turecamo
11774	Alevai	Alan Pearlman
14668		Joseph J Turecamo

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Southampton Yacht Club

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay
Southampton, Long Island, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Co-Captains: John Lewandowski
Tim Rumph

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11071	Windy Too	John V Halsey
11374	Outrageous	John Lewandowski
12123		Frederick Meyer
13874		Teresa Hendry
14032		James G Hull
14157	Fullmen	Tim Rumph
14551	Outrageous	John Lewandowski
14560	White Knuckles	Richard E Warren
14917	Moto Iti	Malcolm B Hendry

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Orient Yacht Club

Sailing on Orient Harbor
Orient, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: George W Koch

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13050		John Holzapfel
14025	Raviloi Lover II	Richard Gluckman
15170		John Holzapfel
15247	Missy	George W Koch