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- 11 North Shrewsbury
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District Commodore:

Richard Miner

11 North Shrewsbury

Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Jon Schwartz

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14434		Rob Ruffus

16 Paupack

Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack
Pocono Mountains near Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Peter Seeuwen
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer:
Mark Malone

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6903	Marimba II	Harold Hagen
9417	Chase	George Barr
10301	Mimsy	Peter Seeuwen
10538		Harold Hagen
11082		Stef Seeuwen
11363	Haulin' Ash	Achille C Scache
11907	Halcyone	Sandi Scull
12140		John Weiss
13638	Windy	Heinz Kornmann
13816	Haulin' Ash	Achille C Scache
14278	Stormy Weather	Achille C Scache
14722	Byken	George Madel
15232		Robert W Hall

2012-2013

2012 Fleet Captain Achille "Ash" Scache has taken a leave from racing with us. He's now married, living in Delaware, and sailing a Laser. We hope to see him back with us, even if it's just the occasional weekend visit. Long-time Lightning sailor Heinz Kornmann has retired after decades of sailing with the Fleet. He sold his Lightning and plans to continue sailing his Sunfish and RC boats. Latest Fleet member Mark Malone is now getting up there in the race results.

Special crew recognition goes out to Bob's crew, Peggy Denmon. For as long as I can remember, Peggy has been there every

race day. Other regular crew this season included Rebecca Elliott, Ryan Compton, Craig Compton, Ed Salva, and Carl Christophersen.

Thanks to everyone for making this season possible.



2012 Race Results

Folwell

1. Bob Hall
2. George Madel
3. Ash Scache

Miller

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Baron

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Overall

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Sailing on Lake Mohawk
Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Richard T Miner

Fleet Champion: Richard T Miner

Richard T Miner



Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11565	Ariba-ariba-andele	John Marx
11738	Tabasco	Henry Jelinek
13373	The Great Escape	William M. Beveridge
13381		Mark Marussich
13820	Tattoo	Charles Chute
13925	Guardian Angel	John Incantalupo
14198	Sushi	Donald T Okner
14327	Wild Goose	Angela Hopkins
14607	Hawkeye	Gail S Miner
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T Miner
15090	M	Perry L Anderson

2012

2012 began with the loss of two of our club's long time members. Jack Roberston, who lived to the age of eighty-nine, was a unique person in many ways. He was an avid member of our Snipe fleet until he was well into his 70s when he retired from racing and opted for cruising in his little yellow Puffer. He enjoyed the camaraderie of our members and was ever present at our social events. Jack loved to converse, he

was not shy to express his opinions, and he enjoyed food—especially a good dessert. His wife Yancey predeceased him in 2000, and he is survived by a daughter, Medearis, and a son, John.

Less than a week after Jack died, we lost another fine member and friend, Anne "Nancy" Beveridge, wife of sixty-two years to retired Lightning skipper Bill Beveridge. Nancy, who was eighty-six at her death on March 2, 2012, and Bill made their home in Staten Island, where Nancy had been a kindergarten teacher for twenty-three years. Her parents were the original owners of their home at Lake Mohawk, where the Beveridge family spends summers. Nancy enjoyed the company of our club members, and she was always friendly and courteous. Son Bill, Jr. carries on the tradition of sailing a Lightning with his children. Nancy also leaves three daughters, Beth, Peggy and Anne, as well as seven grandchildren.

The Prep Signal Party on April 21, held in the Mohawk Room of the LMCC, officially kicked off our events for 2012 and was a great success, with a high turnout of sailors, crew, children and guests. There was an abundance of food for all to enjoy as we socialized and danced to the music provided by our in-house DJ, Mark Marussich. On May 5 we turned our efforts to preparing for sailing with mast raising. After that we were ready for another social event—our Cinco de Mayo Party.

Our first races took place on May 27. Despite light air, Perry and Don Okner were able to match race their Lightnings. Perry took two firsts over Don, as Rich and Gail Miner served as race officials. Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown, having completed her first year at Harvard graduate school, crewed for Perry and 2011 Crew of the Year, Ed Snook, was on board Don's boat.

The following weekend, June 3, brought strong winds and three Lightnings sailed with Hank Jelinek and new member Alex Fox running the races. Rich Miner took a first and a second, Perry a second and a first and Don Okner a DNF and a third. Gusts up to fifteen knots made for tough sailing during the first race, but by the time race two started, the wind settled down. New member Birgit Fox crewed with Ed Snook for Don.

Our Gabor Cup Regatta was scheduled for June 10, but there was little wind, so we postponed the event. However, the Makani Party took place as scheduled, and despite a squall at the beginning of the event, things went well, and there was a good turnout. The Gabor Cup, our first open Regatta for 2012, finally took place on June 18. The wind was very light, and only one race was held because, during the second race, the boats were unable to make the windward mark within the required time. Only Lightnings competed, and John Marx served as race official. The results were Richard Miner in first place, Perry Anderson second and Hank Jelinek third.

The following week, June 25, started out looking like another cancellation due to light air. However, we were able to hold one race, with Don Okner and Ed Snook on the committee boat. Rich Miner and Perry Anderson raced head-to head, and Rich took another first. Fortunately, things picked up on July 1, and with Constance Gill and Angela Hopkins running the race, four Lightnings competed in race one, with Rich Miner in first place, followed by Perry Anderson second, Don Okner third and John Incantalupo fourth. Three Lightnings sailed in race two, with the Miner, Anderson and Okner boats finishing in that order.

On the morning of July 4, a team of adult and junior sailors, led by Chuck Chute, turned Chuck's Lightning into an impressive Native American, birch bark war canoe. As the sides and bow were assembled, the Sparta High School Band, including Haley Chute on drums, marched by, and the parade got underway. With the LMYC's golden arrowhead logo for the bow and a compass rose for the stern, the war canoe was ready to roll out into its proper place on time. It left the Yacht Club filled with the junior sailors in their "Wind Warriors" t-shirts, sporting head bands with pheasant feathers and carrying paddles specially decorated by Ian Oldridge. Mitch Romine, sitting in front wearing a fantastic eagle's head, capped off the scene. As the war canoe rolled down the East Shore Trail behind John Miller's van, the crowd showed the LMYC and its sailors enthusiastic praise. The judges agreed and awarded the LMYC's float first place.



Back at the Yacht Club, preparations were underway for the annual July 4th picnic party. Lots of helping hands, especially Perry and Margaret Anderson and Margaret's twin sister Mary, set up tables and got things ready for the enthusiastic crowd that showed up bearing food donations shortly after 6:00 PM. The chefs, Perry and Commodore Rich, cooked up burgers and dogs all evening, finishing just in time for the spectacular fireworks show visible so clearly from our docks.

This fund raiser for our Junior Sailing Program was very successful. Thanks to those who baked pies for our pie contest, which Margaret Anderson won for her delicious blueberry-peach concoction. Gail Miner, this year's party organizer, said it was a "piece of cake" to get volunteers to judge the pies.

Our Marine Base Regatta was held on July 8. We had a nice turnout that included four Lightnings, three Snipes and a Laser. John and Margie Incantalupo set an Olympic course in light to moderate and shifty winds that allowed for two races. Jeff Urbanski took first place in his Snipe, and John Marx, in another Snipe, was second. Darn those handicaps! Rich Miner in a Lightning came in third. Don Okner edged out Perry Anderson in a tie-breaker for fourth place. We socialized and enjoyed burgers, dogs, soda and beer, as well as other treats after the racing.

The following Sunday, July 22, brought nice wind out of the southwest, and our race officials, the Andersons, set a long course that allowed for some good spinnaker reaches. Rich Miner, with Gail Miner and Ken Potts on board as crew, managed two firsts in the Lightning Fleet, with Chuck Chute and crew Dave Newton in second place, followed by Don Okner with crew Ed Snook and Michael Mackey third in both races.

Rich Miner was our race official on July 29. The wind was variable out of the northeast for the one race that was held. Rich had to shorten the course to an Olympic for the Lightnings, and after good spinnaker run in the fifth leg, Don Okner and crew Ed Snook lead the way to the finish line, only to be overtaken in the last hundred yards by Perry Anderson and crew Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown. Hank Jelinek and crew Adam Anea followed in third place. The Lightning Fleet's Spring series ended up with Rich Miner and crew in first place, followed by Perry Anderson and crew in second place. Don Okner and crew came in third and Hank Jelinek was fourth.

August started off with no racing on the 5th due to poor wind conditions. However, on August 11 we were able to hold the Jack Robertson Cruising Day. This was the first year that Jack was not around to enjoy the event, which will henceforth be held in his memory. Chuck Chute followed through on a suggestion made by Constance Gill to give Jack a Viking send off. A model burial ship was floated with a symbolic flame as members read poignant poetic excerpts in honor of our late colleague.

August 12 brought a five to ten mph southwest wind. With Constance Gill and Angela Hopkins serving as race officials, Rich Miner, Perry Anderson and Chuck Chute raced their Lightnings, finishing in that order in both races. There was no wind on August 19, so racing was canceled again. Although the air was light on August 26, Don Okner and Chuck Chute were able to match race, with Don taking two firsts. The Commodore's Cup Regatta was postponed due to lack of wind on September 2, and on September 9 there was still no wind, resulting in yet another cancellation.

Although the Commodore's Cup Regatta was rescheduled, the party that usually follows was held on September 2 at the Miner's home, and it was a real success. There was a large turnout of

members of all ages who enjoyed the great food that everyone brought. Thanks to Gail Miner's creativity, the younger set did some craft projects while the adults socialized.

On September 23 the Commodore's Cup Regatta was finally held, with John Miller running the races and Ian Oldridge assisting. Four Lightnings competed in two races, and while the windward mark was set to the north, conditions were such that each leg seemed to have a beat, a reach and a run. That's sailing on Lake Mohawk! Rich Miner captured two firsts and won the regatta, with the runner-up Perry Anderson taking two seconds. Don Okner and Chuck Chute swapped for third place, with Chuck prevailing based on overall time.

On September 30, Rich Miner and Chuck Chute raced head-to-head with Perry Anderson serving as race official. Mark Marussich joined Rich and Gail aboard Hawkeye, with Haley Chute crewing for her dad on Tattoo. A hail storm forced a shortened course, with Rich taking yet another first. Just as the boats were pulled from the lake, there was a heavy down pour, followed by calm winds that prevented another race. October 7 brought some cold air and occasional showers but no wind, so racing was canceled.

Our last races were held on October 14, a day with a strong southwest wind in which three Lightnings competed while Don Okner and Ed Snook, assisted by Constance Gill, ran the races. Rich Miner was first in both races, Chuck Chute took two seconds and Hank Jelinek came in third. Thus, the fall series for the Lightnings ended with Rich Miner in first place, Perry Anderson second, Don Okner third and Chuck Chute in fourth place.

On October 27, we had our Finish Line Party and Annual Meeting at the LMCC. Everyone who attended brought great dishes to share, and after voting in our new officers, Fleet Captains and trustees for 2013, Alex Fernandez Fox treated us to some terrific entertainment. Alex is a talented, professional musician, composer and singer.

2012 ended with a great social event, our Annual Awards Party, hosted by Rich and Gail Miner. We truly thank them for being so generous and allowing us to enjoy their home for so many events throughout the year. Gail also always comes through with her creativity. She organized a contest to see who could best match the names of yacht clubs in the United States with their locations (i.e., Lake Mohawk Yacht Club at Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey). Mark Marussich won with eighteen out of twenty points, followed by the team of Chuck Chute and Hank Jelinek with seventeen points. Laird Johnson and the Mackey family were close runners-up. Factoid: there are places named "Mohawk Lake" in Ohio, Utah and Massachusetts, but, according to Google Maps, we are the only "Lake Mohawk" in the USA.

Awards went to Rich Miner who, with the help of his faithful crew Gail, retained his title as Lightning Fleet Champion. Rich's other crew, Ken Potts, was awarded Crew of the Year. He and Gail are a great team on Rich's boat. Most Improved Skipper went to yours truly. But that award really belongs to crew Ed Snook, Birgit Fox and Michael Mackey, who also crewed for Rich Miner, for getting the spinnaker out of the bag and flying.

Jan and Ian Oldridge are the 2012 recipients of the John Myers Service Award. The Oldridges certainly deserve this recognition. Their dedication to our club is greatly appreciated. And, last but not least, the Ed Syracuse Sportsmanship Award was presented to Perry Anderson. Perry, who with his ever faithful crew, wife Margaret, is a great competitor on the water is also involved in just about every aspect of our club and always ready to lend a hand.

That about wraps it up for 2012. To find out more about us you can visit us on the web at:

www.lakemohawksailing.org

Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Don Okner





Fleet 25 – 2013

2013 was not only the 75th anniversary of the Lightning class sailboat. It was also the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the LMYC and the 75th anniversary of LMYC member Charles Gabor's Snipe Class world championship. So 1938 was an important year in our history in many ways.

We began our 2013 activities with our Prep Signal Party at the Chute home. It was a great event with good food and camaraderie. It was also an opportunity for us to bid farewell to Ed and Julie Snook as they head off for their new home in Maine, occasioned by a corporate move. We were sorry to lose this fine couple and Don Okner's Sushi lost a terrific crew member. But, we were happy that all worked out well for Ed and Julie, including jobs for both, a house bought and a house sold. We then made ready for sailing by raising our masts and celebrating with a Cinco de Mayo Party on May 4.

June 3 brought wind to our lake—perhaps a bit too much—so that our racers opted for using the opportunity to do some shake down cruising. On June 9 we were ready for the Gabor Cup Regatta and for our Hawaiian Makani Fest. Three Lightnings competed in the regatta, with Rich Miner and crew Gail Miner and Ken Potts taking first place, followed by Don Okner and crew Brad Newton second and Chuck Chute with crew Dave Newton taking third. Constance Gill and Angela Hopkins were our race officials. We sailed two triangles and a windward leg for both races, in light to moderate wind out of the southwest. Gail Miner provided some really nice trophies—wooden sailboat/picture frames. The Makani Fest party followed. We sincerely thank the Miners for their hard work in making the party a success.

We sailed one race on June 16, with Rich Miner taking a first, Perry Anderson second and Don Okner third in the Lightnings. On June 23 the Lightnings sailed two races. Rich Miner and Perry Anderson swapped for first and second place, and Don Okner took two thirds. On June 30, we set a course, but no boats started due to unfavorable wind conditions.

On July 6 the conditions were near perfect for our Marine Base Regatta. Four Lightnings and four Snipes raced an Olympic course set by John Incantalupo, with Sean Incantalupo in the crash boat. Sean's services were needed when Constance Gill capsized. Rich Miner and crew took first place, with Jeff Urbanski second and Perry Anderson and crew third.

The LMYC junior sailor's float was again awarded first place for Community Organizations in the Sparta Independence Day Parade. Our traditions of training quality junior sailors and winning our parade float division continue. Later on July 4, we held our annual Independence

Day party. And capped the evening off enjoying a view of the fireworks.

On July 14 we had a very good southwest wind that gave the Lightnings two opportunities to race. Chuck Chute and Dave Newton were the race officials, and in both races Rich Miner came in first, with Perry Anderson second and Don Okner third. There were no races on July 21 and July 28, but on July 27 we were able to hold our Mutiny Regatta, a popular juniors' event.

August 4 brought some good wind, and with Rich and Gail Miner as our race officials, three Lightnings competed in two races, with Perry Anderson taking two firsts and Don Okner and Chuck Chute swapping for second and third. On August 11, after a short postponement, the wind picked up, and we got in two races. Perry and Margaret Anderson were our officials, and Rich Miner was first, Chuck Chute second and Don Okner finished third in both races.

August 18 was a light air day, so there were no races. On August 25 there was wind, and Perry Anderson took two firsts, just edging out Chuck Chute in the second race. The Commodore's Cup Regatta was scheduled for September 1 but was postponed until September 8 due to lack of wind, but we still partied at the Chute's. On September 8, at first it looked as though there was too much wind to safely sail, but things settled down a bit, and two Lightnings, one Snipe and a Force 5 were able to race in a nice course set by John Miller. Rich Miner prevailed, with Chuck Chute second and Tim Mackey third. Hank Jelinek went over on the second leg and did not finish. Kudos went to Rich Miner for another win!

We finished 2013 with Rich Miner first in the Spring Series, followed by Perry Anderson in second place and Chuck Chute third. The Fall Series ended with Rich Miner first, Chuck Chute second and Hank Jelinek third. Our Rich Miner retained his title as Fleet Champion, with Perry Anderson the runner-up and Chuck Chute as the second runner-up.

Smooth sailing and God bless America,
Don Okner



Fleet 25



Rich Miner



Perry Anderson



Chuck Chute

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Red Bank of the Shrewsbury

Sailing on North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Jack Huntsman

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9407	Fathom	Monmouth Boat Club
10626	Sage	William Jaeger
14138	Fulmen	Paul Krzenski
14175		Edward Duffy
14217	Brace for Collision	Kevin Robinson
14276	Snoop De Ville	Dale E Barney
14727	Small Axe	Paul R Luisi
14922	Bad Boys	Henry O'Hern
14922	Bad Boys	Jack Huntsman
15052	Four Daughters	Patrick E Corr
15203	Show Boat	Patrick F Corr
15203	Show Boat	Paul A Huntsman
15365	Las Vegas	David G Watts
15367	Bolt	George E Harrington
15514		Cole Barney
15514		Dale E Barney

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Nyack Boat Club

Sailing on Tappan Zee, Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Richard Leonard

Fleet Secretaries: Dan Parietti

Amy Villalba

Fleet Treasurer: Jeffrey Sorensen

Fleet Scorer: Eric Kent

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
7098		George M Penny
8252		Daniel J Parietti
10207	Otter Confusion	Ronald G McCormack
10368		George M Penny
10389		Eric B Beck
10620	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
10796	Kestrel	Christopher J Visentin
10825	Endurance	Rod Johnson
11143		Marc H Silverstein
11800	Foggy Wolf	Randall Wolfgang
13625	Corvette	George M Penny
14036	The Walrus	Justin Coplan
14140	Fat Chance	William G Cook
14238	Flash	Richard Leonard
14277		Peter B Browne
14363	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
14482	Otter Confusion	Ronald G McCormack
14492	Zepher II	Eric Kent
14650	Second Wind	Peter M Broszkowski
14714	Ruffian	Kathryn Connell
14714	Ruffian	Paul Connell
14888	Lucky Dog	Bob Sengstacken
14900	His	Gary Hurban
15059	Heart Breaker	Stephanie A Mayo
15059	Heart Breaker	Willard Mayo
15296		Christopher W Sprole
15296		Ryan C Sprole
15319	No More Excuses	Daniel J Parietti



2012 Long John Regatta - Top 5 Teams



Fleet 75 – 2012

Lightning Fleet 75 based at the Nyack Boat Club on the west shore of the Hudson River at Nyack, New York, enjoyed a very active season in 2012 and is looking forward to hosting the 2013 Women's, Junior's and Master's North American Championships.

The club was pounded by hurricane Sandy in late October, sustaining damage to docks and the porch roof of the clubhouse. Fleet members had brought their boats home or moved them to upper parking area at the club before the storm hit, and fortunately no Lightnings were damaged by Sandy. Several members of the fleet helped with clean up and repairs, and the club looks forward to being fully operational for the 2013 season.

The fleet hosted the Magnus Pedersen Regatta on June 2 -3, with 11 boats completing. Justin Coplan, with crew members Danielle Prior and Jay Mueller, won the event with four firsts and four seconds. Bob Sengstacken, sailing with Daniel Zitin and Peter Broszkowski (on Saturday) and Penny Sengstacken (on Sunday) placed second.

Joan Hurban from the Severn Sailing Association with Peter Jadrosich and Elli Turk placed third. Gary Hurban was fourth in the regatta with Mike Carney and Rod Johnson (on Saturday) and Dave Foster (on Sunday). The Hurbans, life members of the Nyack Boat Club and stalwarts of Fleet 75, moved to Annapolis and joined the Severn Sailing Association several years ago. Gary is a past Nyack Boat Club Commodore (1987-1988), and they continue to compete often at Nyack.

A number of Nyack sailors traveled to Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, CT on June 16-17 to participate in the combined 2012 Connecticut/Rhode Island Metropolitan Districts. Justin Coplan with crew Danielle Prior and Bjurki Gunnerson was the regatta winner, and he has now won the Metropolitan District Championship for five years in a row!

Justin, with Beryl Bell as co-skipper, won the Fleet's spring series, Bob Sengstacken and co-skipper Daniel Zitin placed second, and Gary Hurban was third.

Several fleet members competed in the Atlantic Coast Championship on Sandy Hook Bay off Highlands, New Jersey, on July 29-30, hosted by the Monmouth Boat Club and the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. Justin and crew Mike Carney and Danielle Prior came away with the victory, taking first in the 44-boat fleet in both of the regatta's two races, sailed in breezy weather with some heavy rain showers and the New York City skyline as backdrop.

Other Fleet 75 sailors competing included Bob Sengstacken with crew Shea Thorvalsen and Ben Yanelli, and Dan Parette with Jeff Sorenson and Emily Rathburn.

Gary Hurban won the Lightning North American Masters Championship hosted by the Houston Yacht Club on July 31-August 4, sailing with Joan Hurban and Justin.

At the North American Championship in Houston on August 5-10, Justin placed seventh, sailing Gary Hurban's boat with Gary and Joan crewing. This was his best finish so far at the North Americans and qualifies him for the 2013 World Championships.

Bob Sengstacken and co-skipper Daniel Zitin won the Fleet's summer series, with Eric Kent placing second and Larry Decker third.

At the Connecticut Governor's Cup regatta on September 8-9 at Niantic Bay Yacht Club, Justin with crew Danielle Prior and Seth Colley placed second.

Eric Kent organized two successful racing clinics taught by Justin on September 22-23, the first for fleet members on Saturday and the second for juniors on Sunday. Andrew Graham, George Penny, and Dan Parietti were among those helping out. The junior clinic was an important opportunity to introduce young sailors, both skippers and crew, to Lightnings and lay the groundwork for their participation in the 2013 North American Junior's Championship. After a morning chalk talk, the juniors participated in the fleet's regular Sunday afternoon races with Justin providing coaching.

Justin continued his successful season at a windy Last Blast Lightning regatta hosted by Fleet 75 on October 6, sailing with Danielle Prior and Mike Carney. Team Coplan won three of four races, with 16 boats competing. A cold front hammered the fleet during the last race with a gust recorded at over 30 knots. Three boats capsized with their spinnakers pulling like runaway horses.

Ed Adams from Rhode Island and the Niantic, Connecticut fleet placed second, sailing with Meredith Adams and Pat Connorney. Bob Sengstacken was third with Daniel Zitin and Maud Lindsay; and Dick Hallagan from Newport Yacht Club in Rochester, NY with Rick Ten Eyck and John Steiner took fourth place.

Bob Sengstacken with co-skipper Daniel Zitin won the fall series, with Eric Kent placing second and Peter Browne third.

Bob and Daniel also won the Fleet 75 championship for the year, marking Bob's eighth consecutive year as fleet champion! Eric Kent placed second and Larry Decker took third place.

Finally, the Fleet welcomed new member Ian Russell with a vintage Lightning in 2012, bringing the total number of boats in the Fleet up to sixteen.



Like many clubs, Nyack Boat Club saw its share of damage and devastation following Super Storm Sandy. Therefore, much of 2013 was spent by fleet and club members restoring the club to its pre-storm condition—nay, perhaps to even better condition. Have you seen our new porch?

While it was in late 2012, we wanted to share that fleet member Piotr Broszkowski invented a clever harness to help flip over a Lightning, or other small boat. The stretcher-like wooden harness is approximately six feet long with wheels on both ends. Threaded through each wheel is a circle of heavy-duty webbing. To make the harness as light as possible, Piotr cut holes in the sides. It looks like something the Shakers might have invented!



Following a quick ski trip to Belleayre in February, we held our annual meeting and awards in March then went full-steam ahead planning for the year. The Fleet's first duty was the club's Memorial Day Regatta. There was too much wind on Saturday, and while some other fleets went out Sunday, no Lightnings joined in. Likely this was a wise move by the Lightnings as an Ensign got knocked and almost sank (all souls accounted for).

From June 7–14 we practiced our Italian and wished we could eat pasta and sip espresso (OK, maybe wine) all day while we cheered on Team Coplan (Justin Coplan, Danielle Prior and Mike Carney) and "The Walrus" —first Runner-Up at the Lightning 2013 World Championships in Castiglione del Lago, Italy. Competing with forty-six boats from ten countries, Justin, an alumnus of NBC's Junior Sailing Program, was able to beat several multiple-times past World Champions. Justin's finishes included a bullet, a second and three other top ten finishes. Bravissimo to the trio! (See Championship Reports for full details.)

The Fleet, led by Eric Kent, hosted the combined Magnus Pedersen Regatta/Metropolitan Districts on June 22 and 23. With Judy Hanlon as PRO, seventeen boats competed for the Magnus and eleven for the Mets. With an exceptionally full moon and winds ranging from 5–12 knots, Judy flew the "I" flag for most of the day and got in seven great races in a variety of conditions. Bob Sengstacken, on Lucky Dog with Maud Lindsay and Daniel Zitin, got three bullets and a 2nd place finish on Saturday. Winds were variable on Sunday, but we had three more races. Bob held on to the lead to win the Districts. Jack Huntsman and Ted Duffy, both of Red Bank, took 2nd and 3rd.

Joan Hurban, sailing Hers with loyal crew of Gary Hurban and Peter Jadvosich, had consistent results both days, found the pressure and took the long sought-after Magnus Pedersen trophy. Joan calls the Magnus trophy a "coffee pot," but we all notice it conveniently holds her Coors Lite! Hugh Hutchinson from Riverton and Ted Duffy from Red Bank finished 2nd and 3rd. (See Regatta Reports for full details).

Joan's Report:

This year the annual Magnus Pedersen Regatta was combined with the Metropolitan District Championships. We had a great turnout, including two junior boats. Abbie Probst from Buffalo Canoe Club and Chris Schon from Metedeconk, New Jersey, both came to practice for the WJMs that will be hosted by Nyack in August. It was an awesome regatta all around! We had great wind on both days and excellent Race Committee work by PRO Judy Hanlon and her team, who will be running the WJMs in August. We will be in good hands for our event.

Gary and I started this regatta many years ago to build our fleet in Nyack. With the help of my crew, Peter Jadrosich, who has sailed with me for many years, and my husband Gary, I finally won the coveted "coffee pot"! They did an outstanding job, with Peter flying the spinnaker—and we were fast downwind— and Gary up front finding pressure, which was key. Thanks guys!

Judy Hanlon got in seven good races, with a variety of conditions. The wind was 5–12



knots, going from SE to SW, building each day, with some interesting shifts and variable current. They made several course changes to give us excellent courses as the wind shifted, and some "I" flags to get us started.

The forecast on Saturday was for 5–10 knot winds from the S to the SW and increasing to 10–15 knots. The wind was very light in the morning, so Judy postponed for one hour, and as the wind filled in, we headed out to the course. At the start of the first race the wind was SE at 5 knots. The current was slack, but that would change. We started at the pin and headed out to the left, where we saw more pressure. At the top of the leg, we gave up the left side to Jack Huntsman and Bob Sengstacken, who went on to beat us for a 1st and 2nd, with us in 3rd.

By the second race, the wind went right and increased to 8–10 knots, with the current increasing to a very strong ebb, due to an exceptionally full moon. This led to a general recall and an "I" flag for the rest of the day. We got a bad start and rounded the top mark at the back of the fleet. We went low and sailed the rhumb line to the leeward mark, as most of the fleet went high with Bob and Jack in the lead. We stayed in a shaft of air to pass most of the fleet. On the second beat, Hugh held port tack, as Bob and I tacked away—big mistake—and was well ahead of us at the weather mark. He went on to win that race.

The wind continued to increase during the next two races to 10–12 knots. In the third race Bob won the pin, went left, and never looked back. Hugh was close behind Bob, but we were able to just edge him out at the finish, to finish 2nd.

During the last race of the day, the fleet was pretty tight at the leeward mark. Bob rounded the right gate, went left, got a port tack lift, and went on to win the race, followed by Jack, then us. This put Bob in the lead. After the throw-out, he would be one point ahead of us, and we would have one point on Jack.

Saturday evening we had hors d'oeuvres, a keg, and a delicious catered dinner on the patio, overlooking the Hudson.

Sunday morning, we started in a 5–6 knot SE breeze. The current was challenging as we started in a flood current which changed to an ebb by the end of the last race. We started Race 5 in a light southeasterly. Jack took that race, and Ted Duffy a 2nd. Ted came back strong on Sunday, winning the sixth race, with Stephanie Mayo taking a 2nd, and Chris Schon a 3rd. During the Race 7, the wind shifted right, and increased to 8–10 knots. Hugh started at the boat, stayed right, and won that race going away, with Ted taking another 2nd and we were 3rd.

We didn't win any races, but our consistency paid off with all seconds and thirds, after

a throw-out, to win the Regatta, with Hugh Hutchinson 2nd and Ted Duffy 3rd.

We have moved to the Dixie District, although part of us will always be in Nyack, and when the regatta was scored, counting only the Metropolitan District boats, Bob Sengstacken won the Met Districts with Jack Huntsman 2nd and Ted Duffy 3rd.

Thanks to the Nyack Fleet and Eric Kent, our Regatta Chair, who did an excellent job organizing this event. Thanks again to Judy Hanlon and her team for running the races, and thanks to all competitors for coming.

After multiple capsizes at the 2012 Last Blast, Fleet Captain, Dick Leonard, organized the "Capsize and Crew Overboard Safety Clinic" for the club on July 13. The session was run by US SAILING instructors Stu Gilfillen, Steve Maddox and John Rousmaniere, seamanship and safety expert. The clinic was not just for sailors, but for safety patrol, Race Committee, the flag officers, small boats and big boats. The presentations were extremely informative, but even more so, the on-water demos and practice rescues allowed all to connect the dots and be better prepared for emergencies.

A direct result of the Safety clinic was that whistles were given to all 2013 WJM participants. On hearing this, John Rousmaniere told Amy Villalba that he's "Very pleased. Nothing sounds like a whistle on the water."

Next up, with Eric Kent and Bob Sengstacken at the helm, the Fleet was honored to host the Women's, Juniors' & Masters' Lightning North American Championships and Classic Rally on August 14–17.

We were thrilled to see only Lightning masts in our dry sail space as we welcomed fifty-seven teams from fourteen different states, and two Canadian provinces. Competitors included twenty-one Juniors under age 20, thirty-one Masters 55+, and five Classic teams, wood or glass boats built before 1974. Juniors had strong representation from the Buffalo Canoe Club, with twelve teams. The Masters included many familiar names, including Hallagan, Hurban and Proctor.





WJM Start

The Classic Rally, held in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Class, included hull #2, possibly the oldest actively competing non-keel boat. This event has been held for thirty years, since 1983, and this was the largest turnout ever. There were only two other years when there were more than fifty boats.

Bob Sengstacken, Kathy Connell and Bill Clausen had lots of boats to measure, but Bob took a quick break to explain the basics of a sailing regatta to a reporter from local News 12 Westchester.

The event would not have been the success it was without the full support of the NBC membership, the Fleet and the tremendous support of ILCA Executive Secretary, Laura Jeffers. Laura and John Faus, ILCA President, were on hand to celebrate the following winners:

75th Anniversary Classic Rally 2013 Champions

Skipper John Boynton
Crew Jamie Boynton and Bob Shapiro

Juniors' North American 2013 Champions

Skipper Adam McDonald
Crew Abby Bennett and Allie Jones

Masters' North American 2013 Champions

Skipper Ched Proctor
Crew Charlie Proctor and Debbie Dudas
(See Championship Reports for full details on the WJMs)

The Lightnings held their final regatta for 2013, the Last Blast, on October 5, which is also known as "Be Kind to Someone" day. Ron McCormack was kind to all by orchestrating the event and arranging a delicious feast afterwards.



Bob Sengstacken





Last Blast



After last year's Blast with thirty-knot gusts, the wind was lighter than typical for this time of year for the sixteen-boat fleet. The first race was sailed in 5-6 knots that shifted NE to NW. Gary Hurban, confusingly, sailed Hers without her (we missed you, Joan!). Gary was, however, not the least confused when he nailed the start at the pin on port tack and didn't look back. Josh Goldman from Cedar Point Yacht Club challenged but never caught Hers, and Gary won the first race.

Gary Hurban



The second race started in a 4-5 knot north-westerly. Ryan Sprole, on *Legacy* with Ben and Vince Yannelli, led most of the way. Goldman, on

Legacy's tail, went right on the last weather catching a fresh breeze before the wind died to about two knots and caught Ryan out at the finish, winning the regatta. Guess Josh didn't get the word about "Be Kind to Someone day" huh, Ryan?

You can be assured there is competitive racing when there is a three-way tie for second place. Gary Hurban won that tie, and Brian Gibbs from the American Yacht Club, Newburyport, Massachusetts, sailing with John "Stax", Bob Sengstacken's brother, came in third. Congratulations to all the Blast winners!

After much energy and focus on the WJMs, we got our second wind and happily celebrated Bob Sengstacken, the Season Champion for nine consecutive years, thirteen years total, as well as Bob's co-skipper, Daniel Zitin. Way to go Bob, Daniel and Dog!

Nudging Bob's stern, Peter Browne finished in 2nd place for the season, with Daniel Parietti in 3rd. Stephanie Mayo was the Fleet's Most Improved Skipper for 2013. Three cheers for all the Fleet skippers and their loyal crew.

Fleet 75 would especially like to thank all the sailors who travel to NBC for our regattas, as you are what makes them unique, competitive and fun! We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and hopefully lots of new ones, as well, in 2014! See you on the water...

Amy Villalba



Champions: Josh Goldman
Jay Mueller, Eve Burpee



2nd Runner-Ups: Brian Gibbs
Ty Whitman, John Stax



Runner-Ups: Gary Hurban
Peter Jadrosich, Mike Constants



Bob Sengstacken

Mexico

523 Rio de Bravo

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Valle de Bravo

Valle de Bravo, Mexico

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Aroldo de Rienzo

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14975	No Big Heel	Aroldo de Rienzo
15362	Typhoon	Aroldo de Rienzo
15393	yo-yo smuggler	Aroldo de Rienzo
15450		Aroldo de Rienzo

Team Mexico downwind



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District Commodore:

Michael J Welch

31 Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake
Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Doug Tagsold

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
8381	Bill and Ben	Richard E Stanbridge
10638	Rosebud	Thomas R Love
11283	Blind Pew	Scott Smith
12506		Gary Marzolf
12607	TCB	Hank Hodgson
13959	Oar Knot	Jeffrey W Clemes
14510	TCB	Hank Hodgson
14649	Model Citizen	Bruce Goldsmith
14818	Gobsafun	Craig Gabel
14830		David Laidlaw
14884		Ryan J Mabie
15148	Bullet	Doug Tagsold

2013

The DLYC Fleet 31 started their 2013 sailing season with a Lightning Lab instruction course conducted by Ernie Dieball and George Sipel over Memorial Day weekend. With a light wind of less than five knots, the fleet sailed one race under the watchful eyes of the Lightning Lab instructors. Ryan Mabie and crew were the Memorial Day Race winners.



The Fourth of July series was sailed with 15–20 knots of wind, with Doug Tagsold and crew winning that series of five races.

Back to light air, Dave Laidlaw and crew won the Stay at Home series.

Fleet races continued through the month of August, finishing with the Captain/Commodore Series, and then the Labor Day Series in September. Tom Love won the Captain Series, Bill Rogge won the Commodore Series, and Geoff Moehl won the Labor Day Series.

Totaling up all of the thirty-one Sunday Fleet races, Doug Tagsold and crew won the Fleet Championship, with Jeff Clemes and crew scored as Fleet Champion Runner-up.

The Fleet's 2013 season concluded with the Fleet hosting the annual DLYC–Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta in mid September. With twenty-one Lightnings participating, Ernie Dieball from NCYC finished first, James Taylor from CLSA second, and Surge Vanderhorst from SSC finishing third.

Doug Tagsold



Doug Tagsold
David Laidlaw

42 Western Lake Erie

Sailing on Lake Erie
Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: George Sipel

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12330	Gigity Gigity	Robert R Rankin
14148	The Happy Boat	Bill Thomas
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H Thomas
14176		Dennis Dieball
14176		Ernest D Dieball
14249		George Sipel
14555	Three of a Kind	Joel Hakken
14779	Flash Over II	James A Davis
15249	#purchased not built	George Sipel
15470	Rudie	Dennis Dieball
15474		Robert Linden

Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St Clair
Grosse Point Farms, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Tom Vickers

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
313		Kevin Morin
835	Estrellita	Paul J Nagel
12511		Benjamin Gravel
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter
13998		Paul J Nagel
14260	Spinnaker Ninja	Arthur D Rose
14260	Spinnaker Ninja	Michael Garza
14652	Zoo Station	Elena Futris Nagel
14652	Zoo Station	Paul J Nagel
14774	CO2	Tom Vickers
14856	Assisted Suicide	Michael D Williams
14982		Robert G Brower
15313	The 313	Emily A Simon
15318	Spinnaker Ninja	Michael Morin
15500	Disconnected	Kevin Morin
15500	Disconnected	Matthew P Morin
15513		Arthur D Rose

Fenton Lake Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Fenton
Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Brian A Nickels

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
8590	Ti Hara	Paul Kachudas
14899	Resistance Is Futile	Kevin Nickels
15032		Brian A Nickels

Pontiac Yacht Club

Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: William J Ziegler

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
837	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
4205		Alan Suydam
5802	Escape	Ryan Flack
5885	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
6151		Stephen Zelle
6379	Passive Aggressive	Clarence L Johnson
7959	Gwaihir	Kevin Wilson
8370	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
8479		Bruce Lessien
9168	Griffin	Michael Procaskey
9393	Red Dawn	Edward A Diakow
9584		Gregory J Harris
9900	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10803		Brad Boyle
11599	Learning Curve	Richard Dishaw
12708	Apres Ski	William J Roberts
12890		Keith Beasley
12927		Hank E Callahan
12950		Diego Cusi
12961		Charles W Ten Eick
12977		Sean O Whalen
13121	Positive	Todd M Young
13283		Harper Phillips
13450		Bob Dickinson
13606	Break 'N Wind	Ed Okorn
13779	Vamonos	Robert J Black
13934		Glenn Wilcox
13985	Minnie Mae II	Norman W Burns
13991		Joel D Humphrey
13995	Phantasy	Paul von Oeyen
14031	Blew Bajou	Dennis Hafley
14097	No Clue	Edward G Woods
14117	Blitzen	Mark Kramer
14126	Boat III	Phillip J Matora
14147	Nagivator	Scott Morell
14201	fortunateson	Chris Abbott
14215	Major Obsession	Philip V Tomlinson
14220	Choo-choo	Thomas C Post
14242	BlueMoon	Geoff Nelson
14267		Scott Fohey
14275		Joel D Humphrey
14276	Snoop De Ville	Frank Noto
14280	Shadowfax	James T Crosby
14280	Shadowfax	Tom Crosby
14282	Red Lightning	Robert Meyer
14333	Lane Lady	Dennis M McCarthy
14439		Michael J Roualet
14449	Fins Up	Dale L Krcek
14457	Lightning Bug	Joseph L LaPalme
14477	Shenandoah	Stephen E Handelman
14511	Mad Duck	Matthew Warner
14515	Bikini Bottom	John B Morley
14563	Thunder	Bob C Padilla
14567	Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14590		Chris Longe
14601	Gator	Wallace P Smith
14604	Rosinante	Salo J Korn
14618	Rattle and Hum	Steve Chavez
14628	Over-Engineered	Andrew J Monique
14690		Gregory J Harris
14755	Flash	John H Ostrander
14767	Renaissance	Richard F Beaubien
14789	Excelsior!	James R Bowers
14842	Funtech Racing	Charles C Hess
14854		John S Stromberg
14909	Passive Aggressive	Clarence L Johnson
14919	Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
14970	Doh!!	Dan Webb
15041	Swag System	Thomas Grabowski
15048		John S Garrison
15120		William P Sanders

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
15125	Force Majeure	William J Ziegler
15151	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15160	Windward	Paul Lieberman
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15200	Overdrive	Thomas M Klaban
15230	Evergreen	Chris Matora
15230	Evergreen	John Mathers
15230	Evergreen	Phillip J Matora
15230	Evergreen	Robert H Mathers
15233	Delphinus 2	Stephen R Polk
15346	Last Dance	Michael B Hecker
15391		Michael J Welch
15509	White Lightning	Richard Dishaw
15511		James S Allen
15512		Mark Allen
15514		Ryan Flack
15525		Joel D Humphrey
15530		Robert H Mathers



110 Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: John N Dent

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9102	Bohica	Peter B Morley
13999		Scott D Carman
14021	Deck-a-dent	John N Dent

204 Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan & Macatawa Bay
Holland, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael Anthony Norris

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
15193	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris

216 Saginaw Bay

Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Matthew Princing
Fleet Finance Director: Justin Dey

2013 Champion: Gary Sowden

2013 Runner-up: Matt Princing

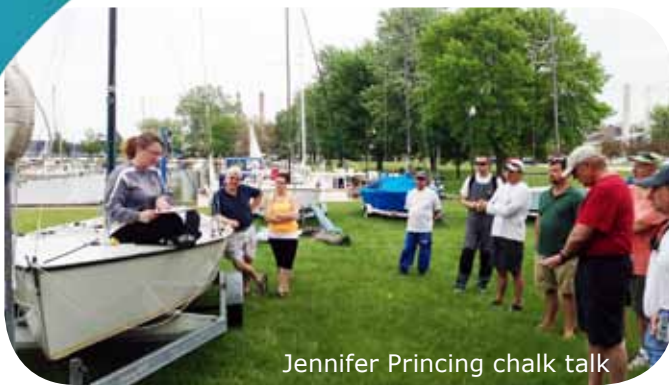
Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
7153	Megs	George F Ascherl
9705		Matthew D Princing
13385	Halcyon	James Peters
13386	Ribbit	David L La Rue
14022		John Johnson
14061		John R Hillman
14076	Immaculate	Michael Sulfaro
14077	It's A Rental	David L La Rue
14087	Score One	John M Waechter
14190	Solstice	Timothy Wenzel
14323	Sleeper	John McCree
14603	Hartbeat	Terry Hart
14616	Adrenaline	Drew Hilger
14616	Adrenaline	Grant A Hilger
14703		Justin Dey
14775	Schussboomer	James Schofield
14933	Redlion	Dave J Lyons
14933	Redlion	Terry Hart
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15146	Eleven!	Gary M Sowden
15147		Joseph C Dissette
15225	Fastidiots	Chris Jacobson
15300	Hooch 5AM	Chris Princing
15430	horse with no name	John McCree
15515	HOOCH 5AM Jr	Chris Princing

2013

2013 was a good year to sail on Saginaw Bay. Our little Fleet had a good season sailing thirty-four races on Wednesday nights. We had our usual variety of conditions from light to heavy and calm to choppy.

This was a year of some changes. Our goal was to bring more family into the fun, more knowledge out to the masses, more creative ways to be competitive and also to expose ourselves (not that way) to more young professionals who might be looking to learn to sail or buy boats. We instituted a team race format and split it into two halves where you combined scores of two boat teams for the halves. Teams were reformatted at midway of the season, and we had a lot of fun with that.

Our young professional program was a big hit with some Tuesday evening sailing added, and many crew spots filled in when needed.



Jennifer Princing chalk talk

Our thirst for knowledge was a weekly rules chalk talk led by Jennifer Princing who was one of our representatives at the US Sailing One Design Symposium. We held the chalk talk each week right before the first boats were launched.

Our Fleet was once again blessed with sponsorship from many fine local businesses. This is very helpful to our Fleet, as it allows us to keep costs down and, in turn, makes sailing more accessible to more people. This years sponsors were: Affordable Storage, Award & Sports, Bayside Drafting and Design, Dissette Sail Yacht Sales, Nickels Boat Works, Shotwell Construction and Tri City Brewing Company. Thanks again.

The biggest change for Fleet 216 was the loss of our Patriarch, Joe Dissette. Joe's passing left a huge hole in the heart of our Fleet and District. Many stories were shared, and Ann Dissette, Joe's wife, had our Fleet participate in the spreading of Joe's ashes on Saginaw Bay. She also donated the last four Lightnings from Joe's business to the ILCA, as he had wished. Joe is missed but always in our hearts.



Fleet Awards for 2013

Spirit of Joe Dissette Awards

given in memory of Joe's endless pursuit of Class growth, fun and performance in our Fleet, club and Class.

Jim Schofield, Gary Sowden, Terry Hart, John McCree, Amy Abramczyk, Joe Shotwell, John Johnson, Bruce Niederer, Jennifer Princing and Tim Wenzel

Number 2 Award (or Thelma and Louise)

to Chris Jacobson and Gus Dey who combined to miss half of the season.

Most Improved

went to Team Hart Beat 2.0 Terry Hart, Jaime Vanderhovel and Kalyn Froeschle. Nobody had more fun then this team.

Ruben Clamso Capsize Award

went to John McCree who posted a Go Pro video of the capsized at the BOD regatta—what was he thinking?

The Aquatic Excellence Award

went to Amy Abramczyk, who ironically was on the capsized winner's boat.

The Fleet Captains Award

is given in the spirit of unheralded support, promotion and good will of our Fleet, BCYC, and the sport of sailing. This years recipients were Kim and Joe Shotwell. They received the handsomely sand-carved bottles of wine as a token of thanks.

Joe Dissette Wednesday Night Series

1. Big Meanie—Gary Sowden, Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger
2. Scars & Scrapes—Matt Princing, Jennifer Princing, Bill Coberly
3. HWNN—John McCree, Carrie Houtman, Amy Ambramczyk
4. Hart Beat 4.0—Terry Hart, Jaime Vanderhovel, Kalyn Froeschle
5. Score One—John Waechter, Glen Hallet, Becca Brown

The annual Bay City Open was held in June and had twelve boats from five fleets compete. Two very different days in terms of conditions—a fairly light Saturday and a nice and windy Sunday allowed for five great races. Our own Scars & Scrapes sailing with the Wednesday night team scored an impressive win, and Big Meanie also broke the top four. Team Morin finished second, Team Sipel was third and Garza/Rose was fifth.



Trey Rose rocking the camp fire at the Luv Shak during Districts in Tawas. Come on, doesn't everybody

Sunday at the BCYC Open Big Meanie leads Scars & Scrapes, Team Morin, Spinnaker Ninja and Team Sipel to the leeward mark



Michigan District Championships were held at our sister club, Tawas Bay Yacht Club. We had some great Fleet 216 results including:

Women's District Champions

Jennifer Princing, Kirsten Corneliusen, Z Bowdish
Team Scars & Scrapes

2nd Overall

Gary Sowden, Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger
Big Meanie



Kevin Morin and Mikey Garza trying out one of the trophies filled with Tri City Brew

2014 Season is around the corner, thank goodness, as I have had enough of this white sh!t on the ground and the cold temps. 2014 will bring with it a District Championship at Boyne City on Lake Charlevoix and the semi-annual return of the Higgins Lake Parrot Flip regatta, a must do on many sailors lists. My toes are cold, my fingers numb and Scars & Scrapes is frozen



What my front yard looks like right now, come on spring!

inside a barn in rural Michigan, itching to get out on the water...once its not hard.

Matt Princing

233 Ford Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Erie
Grosse Ile, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Cary Diehl

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6204	Moxie	Peter M Polgar
11599	Learning Curve	James P Bryan
11599		Jim Bryan
12330		Rob Rankin
13386	Ribbit	Matt Jablonski
13449	Thunder Struck	Cary Diehl
13470	Dark & Stormy	Harvey B Spriggs
14222	Poco Loco	Neil Johnson
14276		Mike Reed
14276		Frank Noto

2013



2013 was an amazing year for Fleet 233. Not only did the Fleet reactivate after being dormant for almost fifty years, but we also have ten boats on our grounds ready to race.

Ford Yacht Club was founded back in 1947 on the island of Grosse Ile in Michigan. It started off as a place that Ford Motor Company employees and friends could enjoy sailing and boating, and the main boat to own was the Lightning.

The club burgee has had a lightning bolt in it since the club was founded. However, sometime in the 60s the Lightning Class faded away, and big boats took over at Ford Yacht Club. The club grew to be large with over 500 members, and small boat sailing became a foreign idea until a couple years ago.



In 2010 Rob Rankin bought a Lightning to learn how to sail. The following year Cary Diehl bought one to race against Rob, and Harvey Spriggs purchased one shortly after.

This past year was the largest increase we have seen in Lightning sailing in years, enough for FYC to reactivate Fleet 233, with seven additional boats being brought to the club during 2013.

FYC had a full sailing season in 2013 for Lightnings, including hosting its third annual Monday Night Series and second annual Frostbite Race in October.

Overall winners for the Monday Night Series:

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Thunder Struck | Cary Diehl |
| 2. Moxie | Peter Polgar |
| 3. Dark n' Stormy | Harvey Spriggs |

Winners for the Frostbite Regatta

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Thunder Struck | Cary Diehl |
| 2. Dark n' Stormy | Harvey Spriggs |
| 3. Traffic Cone | Brenda Woodruff |



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Grand Traverse Yacht Club

Sailing on Grand Traverse Yacht Club
Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Paul C Davis

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
13932	Holey Cow	Paul C Davis
14460	Spirit	Garret Demarest

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Douglas Lake

Sailing on Douglas Lake
Cheyboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David O Peters

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
12754		David O Peters

387

Lansing Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Blaine Severin

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
11205	Fins	George F Siegle
13344	Unidentified Flying	Blaine Severin
14294	Shibumi	William S Davidson
14468	Unidentified Flying Pigasus	Blaine Severin
14760	Fins	George F Siegle
14899	Resistance Is Futile	Patrick Dolan
14222	Poco Loco	Neil Johnson
14276		Mike Reed
14276		Frank Noto

512 Boyne City Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Charlevoix
Boyne City, Michigan

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David J Corcoran

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
7007		Michael Fisher
9527		Michael Fisher
13970		Jim Ringer
14323	Sleeper	David J Corcoran
14503	Hot Dog Man	George M Peet

2012

Fleet 512 Boyne City Yacht Club hosted the annual Lightning regatta within the context of the annual Mark Madness regatta.

On the second Saturday and Sunday of June each year, the BCYC hosts the Mark Madness Regatta. The regatta has raised funds for the Challenge Mountain Adaptive Sailing Program. The CM 20 is now sailing. Sailors have enjoyed the regatta due to its multiple-race, two-day format with a high level of competition which helps shake out the rust early in the season.

Sailors enjoy "Mardi Gras in June", with suitable refreshments, in the park in Boyne City on Saturday following the first afternoon of racing.

Boyne Mark Madness—There's a New Sheriff in Town!

...and his name is Trey Rose...and Mikey Garza and Anneliese Kittrell, the new Michigan Lightning District HI Point leaders, done commandingly with a victory at the Boyne Mark Madness regatta. It came down to the very last/seventh race, with the Rose/Garza team tied with Team Morin, last year's HI Point Champs.

Pos	Sail#	Owner/Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	T/O	Net
1	15513	Garza Rose	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	(3)	10
2	15500	Kevin Morin	1	2	3	1	4	1	4	(4)	12
3	15430	John McCree	2	3	6	4	1	3	1	(6)	14
4	15125	William Ziegler	4	7	2	3	3	5	3	(7)	20
5	14503	George Peet	5	4	5	7	6	6	5	(7)	31
6	14933	Terry Hart	6	5	7	5	7	4	7	(7)	34
7	15233	Jim Schofield	7	6	4	6	5	7	6	(7)	34

Here's the team in action:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWTkZVpy9bc>

Trey's commentary:

"Boyne was fun! We started our trip Friday night at 11:15, leaving the Detroit area after a fund raiser, which got us to John McCree's home pretty late in Bay City. We got three hours of sleep and then we were on our way in to the Bay City Yacht Club to borrow Gus Dey's

boat at 4:15 AM. We finished out the trip to Boyne city to rig and race the boat—sleeping in the car was a must.

Saturday we had wind around 3–6 knots, and we had four races, having Disconnected and Ninja tied, with Horse With No Name on our heels. The views were great! Wind was shifty, and leads were shuffled often.

Saturday night was done right once again by going to the Red Mesa for some great tequila! The place had NO El Toro by the time we left it!

Sunday the wind had built up, starting at 6:00 AM when I woke up from my ten-hour hibernation. I was staying with a friend with a great view of the lake and was able to study the way the wind was building and shifting as the sun came up, which was amazing.

The wind continued to pick up as a few cumulus clouds kept sweeping across, with winds varying from 5–12 knots.

We had an amazing dinner at the Turkey Roost near Bay City on our way back—a must when doing Lightning events.

Special thanks to John McCree, Guy Dey, Dave Farner. Without John we would have been too tired to race Saturday, without Gus we would not have a boat to sail, and without Dave we would not have been able to have a wonderful bed and breakfast."

Thanks Trey. We now see how Team Ninja rolls.

Pos	Sail#	Owner/Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	T/O	Net
1	14323	John McCree	1	1	1	1	1	1	(1)	5
2	15313	Kevin Morin	2	3	3	3	2	3	(3)	13
3	14260	Garza Rose	4	2	2	2	4	5	(5)	14
4	15233	Jim Schofield	3	4	4	4	5	2	(5)	17
5	14503	George Peet	5	5	5	5	3	4	(5)	22

2013



Fleet 512 only has one regatta each year and no weekly Fleet racing. The Michigan District keeps Lake Charlevoix in the regatta rotation because Districts have been held there in the past and will be again in 2014.

Here are the results and the report of that regatta. So, every now and then it happens—a regatta with perfect sailing. The traveling fleet was thinned out a little by Bayview One-Design regatta repairs from the weekend before, some weddings and a graduation party, but teams "313" and "Spinnaker Ninjas" arrived unphased and with crew to loan (ex-girlfriends—it sounded complicated but we didn't ask, or reply to inappropriate texts).



Saturday brought sunshine and temperatures in the mid 70s, WSW winds at 8–12 with puffs to perhaps 15–18 knots. We sailed four solid races on Saturday, all four-leg W/L with a long beat from shoreline to shoreline that made the weather mark a little hard to find. There was a hint of thermal from WNW that had us defending the right side of the course at times, but mostly we just connected the dots to stay in the puffs and on lifted phase, which sometimes produced large gains.

We took a chance on a PRO that takes requests and asked to shorten the last race to two legs because George Peet was getting a little tired towards the end of the afternoon.

Saturday evening had too many choices, including Cajun dinner and band under the pavilion, but we went with tried and true, burgers or prime rib special at the Boyne River Inn.

Kevin elaborated on the score keeping and rules for counting capsizes based on main event and not retumbles in the rescue, which also sounded a little complicated, but I went with it. This was followed by a visit to the Red Mesa Grill for margaritas and shots for the young guns, while Dave and I opted out for ice cream and a walk to burn off some of our dinner. Teams Schussboomer and Hot Dog men retired early to the cottages.

Sunday was a carbon copy, including the same order of #8 "over easy" and coffee at Robert's for breakfast. The day was warmer, some thought almost hot on the downwind legs, and a little more SSW with some bigger holes and puffs and a chance to over-stand substantially if you got too enamored with the right side at the top. We opened with a six-leg W/L that took up most of the morning, especially if you got out of phase, followed by another four-leg afternoon race to finish out a six race series. With only five boats racing, there was plenty of room on the starting line, but a few of us still had our number hailed. All boats were in touch or leading at some point in a race. In the end the battle was for 2nd, with close mid-fleet finishes all weekend.

John McCree

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District Commodore:

David Stix

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Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: David W Stix

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
9232		Jeff Fjeldheim
11185		David Carpenter
11316	Wind Rose	John F Tschanz
11663		Jim Reiman
14015	Hot Flash	Doug Steffenson
14137	Love & Rockets	Anthony Seitz
14613	Doug's Boat	Doug Nickel
14613	Doug's Boat	Jeanne Ehrenberg
14844	Rayo	Dennis A Burke
14847	Dale	Darian Irving
14857	Mermaid	Doug Steffenson
14938	Total Recall	David W Stix
15243		Jim Reiman
15260		William G Faude
15332		Patrick Considine
15480		William G Faude

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Green Bay Sailing Club

Sailing on Green Bay
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Brian T Phelan

Fleet Secretary: Doug Olson

Fleet Treasurer: Christina Leiterman

2013 Fleet Champion: Steve Adamski

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
7328		Douglas E Olson
11307		James L Hopkins
13568		Wood
13589		John J Haugh
13817	Thunderstruck	Mari C Martin
13901		John J Haugh
14038		Timothy J Monday
14084	Spider Pig	Brian L Grahovac
14084	Spider Pig	Dave Wickert
14106	Haven't named it yet	George R Hoppen

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
14130	K G Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14193	Shadow Hog	Gary Leuer
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14400	Ricochet	Brian L Grahovac
14400		Brian L Grahovac
14408	Hurricane Mom	Brian Keller
14508	Bonski	Mark Stevens
14582	Rock N' Roll	Bill Dean
14778		Michael Tennity
14880	Pegasus	Craig Pomeroy
14911		Edward Coleman
15005	Ready to Play	Brian Keller
15005	Ready to Play	Carl W Manns
15081	Hot Flash	James B Gagnon
15081	Hot Flash	Jamison Gagnon
15137		Steve Adamski

2012

Once again Lightning Fleet 112 started out the year with a meeting in the turret loft room at favorite watering hole J'Seas to go over the upcoming season schedule and Fleet sailing instructions. The schedule was set with thirty-three races from May to September. Of these, there were a record fourteen races cancelled due to various reasons from rain to no wind

Three boats were constant travelers this year, starting in June with the Midwest Districts held for the first time in Fond du Lac, then it was back to Green Bay in July for Fleet 112 65th Anniversary, which was celebrated during our annual Evans Regatta in which the entry fee was waived and everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves with travelers from Thunder Bay and Chicago joining the beautiful conditions. Next on schedule was Sheboygan for Brotz Regatta with tough competition and fun sailing.

When all was done and said 2012 was an enjoyable season. Many thanks to John Haugh for hosting the season kick-off party.

Our able Race Committee PROs, who kept everyone on their toes, and all our Fleet members who stepped forward to support all Fleet activities from regattas to the awards banquet.

167 Lake Davenport

Sailing on the Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Chuck White

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L Johnson
12843		Thomas Nelson
14831	Irrational Exuberance	Chuck White
14857	Mermaid	Michael Steffenson

187 Sheyboygan

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Joel M LeMahieu

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
7879	Puff	Robert T Melzer
11188	About Time	KC Schmidt
13224		Tom Landry
13930		James Kennedy
13994	Silent Movie	Michou J Reichelsdorfer
14005	Madness	Matthew Wierzbach
14007		Hans C Graf
14142	Paint it Black	Jack Westfall
14234		Paul Bartelt
14380	Christiana	Tryg Jacobson
14598		Denise Cornell
14921	Blind Squirrel	Bruce Van Dommelen
14921	Blind Squirrel	Jay Hogfeldt
14994	Lake Effect	Daniel R Reichelsdorfer
15064		Jason Bemis
15119	Squito	Eric R Larson
15143	Atomic Warrior	Joel M LeMahieu
15234	Stay On Target	Todd Wake
15301	Stone Cold	Denise Cornell
15342	Monkey-La-La	Paul Reak
15390		Todd Wake



2013 Red Flannels

Sailing on Lake Winnebago
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Michael Elmergreen
Fleet Secretary: Sue Dorscheid

2013 Fleet Champion: Cole Orlebeke

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
10222		Eric Bennett
11620	Slainte	Michael Elmergreen
11620	Slainte	Sue Dorscheid
12822		Eric Bennett
15042	Ellie B	Michael Elmergreen
15042	Ellie B	Sue Dorscheid
15158	Too Klos	Peter Orlebeke

2012

The 2012 sailing season brought us many days of great sailing on Lake Winnebago. The three Lightnings again raced Portsmouth Handicap with Buccaneers, Lasers, Force 5s, and M16 Scows. Pete Orlebeke, racing with his wife Kimberly and daughter Kaley, won the early season by a quarter point over Sue Dorscheid, who raced with her husband Mike and Cole Orlebeke. Pete Chisholm, racing his 'vintage' Lightning, ended up in fourth.

The late season was another close duel between Pete and Sue. Pete won it this time by three quarters of a point over Sue. Mike and Sue let Cole steer the boat for his first race as a skipper. Cole beat his dad and couldn't stop smiling for three days.

The Lighthouse Regatta was a good time again this year. We saw crews on ten Lightnings and ten Inland 20s racing in two separate fleets. We were able to get four races in, with the clear winner being Bill Faude and crew Mary Corkell and Jared Drake. Four points behind was Todd Wake, racing with his wife Kristine and son Doug. And a very close one point behind Todd was Pete Orlebeke, racing with his wife Kimberly and son Cole.

We hope to have a fourth Lightning this year. Mike Elmergreen and junior sailor Mitchell White are refurbishing an old tank Allen with hull number 11620. The project is pretty far along, and things are looking good for splashing sometime in mid May. It will be rigged modern style with lots of Harken carbo blocks and high tech line. Mitchell will write a report this spring with pictures of the project.

Michael Elmergreen

2013

The season started with the Lighthouse Regatta the first week in June. Ten boats showed up for a series that was shortened to two races. Third place from Green Bay was team Phelan, with Rick Evans and Mari Martin as crew. Second on the podium, with a third and a first, was local Fond du Lac sailor Pete Orlebeke with his wife Kimberly and son Cole as crew. Bill Faude from Chicago/Milwaukee/Oostburg/Sheboygan, won the event with a first and a second. His crew was Mary Corkell and Jared Drake.

Summer racing consists of a seven race series early in the season with Lightnings racing in a Portsmouth fleet and I20s scows getting a separate one-design start.

Mid season has the Entringer Cup where I20s and Portsmouth boats race together in one fleet.

The summer finishes with another seven-race series. Cole Orlebeke steered Elmo and Big Sue's Lightning and duked it out all year with his dad Pete, who was racing with his wife Kimberly and daughter Kaylee. Pete won the early season by a fraction of a point, with Cole in second. An I20 won the Entringer Cup, with Pete Orlebeke taking second in his Lightning.

The overall season winner came down to the last beat of the last race of the year. Cole and his dad traded places several times during the race. At the finish, Cole crossed the line inches ahead of dad to win the season.

515**Du Bay Corinthian**

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

Fleet Officers:

Fleet Captain: Stewart Doty

Boat#	Boat Name	Skipper
6039	Jabberwock	James Force
15207	Bravo3	Stewart Doty

