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DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: Michael Welch

Northern Michigan is a special part of our world, and we had the opportunity to sail our Michigan Districts there last week-end. Twenty-three boats participated in mostly light and shifty conditions on Lake Charlevoix. Boyne City Yacht Club hosted this year's regatta at Somerset Pointe Yacht Club in nearby Advance, Michigan. The drysail park was well organized, and the accommodations were very nice.

We were towed out to the course Saturday morning and waited for the breeze to settle in. Race 1 was started in light conditions, and the wind dropped as the race went on. Though all boats finished, this race would eventually be thrown out by the RC due to time limit restrictions noted in the Sailing Instructions. Races 2 and 3 provided slightly better breeze and challenging shifts throughout the afternoon, and we managed to get them in. George Sipel sailed around everyone downwind and won Race 2, and we were fortunate to take Race 3.

Saturday evening was spent at the Somerset Point Yacht Club, with a nice dinner and many stories being traded from the day.

Sunday's timing was for a later start that gave us an on-the-water postponement, while we waited for the wind to again settle in. The wind swung left before the start, and those who were near the pin were rewarded with a quick tack and sprint to the weather mark.

With all boats finished just before the cutoff time of 2:00 PM, the real race was on for the RC to quickly get us started again. A general recall, as well as anchoring issues, did not help, and the RC had to call it for the day.

After the dust settled, my team of Jacqueline Dieball and Bryan Bahler managed to put together a nice series. Rob Lin-



District Champions

den, along with Meghan Walter-Linden and Corey Schoenherr, continued their recent success from Bay City with a 2nd place showing. Team Jim Allen, with son Tyler and his sister Jane, stayed consistent to finish third.

Thanks go out to Adam Hubble and his team of volunteers. Also, thanks to Bruce Hubble and Melanie Hausler for their coordination of babysitting. And, special thanks to my team of Jacq and Bryan. They did an outstanding job of getting me around the course.

Finally, I am very honored to win the George F. Sipel Memorial Trophy. I never met Geo's Dad, but he has shared many stories over the years that he and I have sailed together and against each other. Many excellent names have won this trophy, and I am thrilled to be a part of this group!

Ernie Dieball

31 DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Devils Lake
Manitou Beach, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Thomas R Love

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
4830		Irma David
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
14301		Ryan Mabie
14510	TCB	Hank Hodgson
14649		Bill Rogge
14818	Gobsafun	Craig Gabel
14830		David Laidlaw
14884		Ryan J Mabie
15148	Bullet	Doug Tagsold

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This summer started with a boat launch party in mid May. A week later, the Memorial Day series started the season's race schedule. The first day of the two-day series, however, was cancelled due to lack of wind, but the second day produced enough wind to run three races. Bill Rogge and crew won the series.

Over the next eight weeks, two days of racing had to be cancelled due to high winds and one day due to no wind. The other weekends allowed for very competitive racing, with Ryan Mabie and crew winning the 4th of July Series.

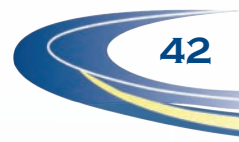
We held two fun races in the months of July and August. The Crew Rotation Series was held one weekend. In each of three races, the crew rotated their positions and produced a truly unique crew experience. Each crew member experienced every other crew member's positions and perspectives, which helped promote crew cohesion.

We also held a Hall of Fame race. Skilled skippers from the past were invited to compete against each other in a one race, winner-take-all. George Teller, Pete Paullin, Jim Furnamberg, and Merrill Bales competed, with Merrill coming out the clear winner, but there was a photo finish between Jim and Pete for 2nd. George was able to sail with his old crew, and everyone had a great time.

The summer played out with Jeff Clemes and crew winning the Commodore series and Tom Love winning the Captain Series. Dave Laidlaw won the Labor Day series without winning a single race but consistently took second place in all six races and accumulated the fewest points. Doug Tagsold won the Club Championship with the fewest points for the entire season.

The Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta was the season finale. Seventeen Lightnings and fourteen Sunfish participated in the two-day event. Moderately high wind dominated the first day and produced some exciting races, while the second day had light wind diminishing to a light zephyr by the end of the last race. Skip Dieball was the runaway winner of the Lightning Class, and Dan Norton was the clear winner for the Sunfish. It was a great weekend overall and fitting finish to the Devils Lake Yacht Club 2014 racing season.

Hall of Fame race participants



42 WESTERN LAKE ERIE

Sailing on Lake Erie
Monroe, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: George Sipel

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
12330	Gigity Gigity	Robert R Rankin
14148	The Happy Boat	Bill Thomas
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H Thomas
14176		Ernest D Dieball
14249		George Sipel
14400	Ricochet	Dennis Dieball
14555	Three of a Kind	Joel Hakken
14779	Flash Over II	James A Davis
15249	#purchased not built yet	George Sipel
15470	Rudie	Dennis Dieball
15474		Robert Linden



51 CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake St Clair
Grosse Point Farms, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Tom Vickers

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
313		Kevin Morin
12511		Benjamin Gravel
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter
14260	Spinnaker Ninja	Arthur D Rose
14260	Spinnaker Ninja	Michael Garza
14652	Zoo Station	Elena Futris 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	Luonnotar	Kevin Morin
15500	Luonnotar	Matthew P Morin
15513		Arthur D Rose



53 LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Fenton
Fenton, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Brian A Nickels

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
8590	Ti Hara	Paul Kachudas
15032		Brian A Nickels

54 PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Thomas M Klaban

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
835	Estrellita	Paul J Nagel
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
9393	Red Dawn	Edward A Diakow
9584		Brad Boyle
9584		Gregory J Harris
9900	Plug Nickel	Joel Thurtell
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
13998		Paul J Nagel
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

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
14275		Joel D Humphrey
14276	Bolt	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
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
14652	Zoo Station	Paul J Nagel
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
14854		Karl Aavik
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
15125	Force Majeure	William J Ziegler
15151	Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15160	Windward	Ray Peters
15185	Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15200	Overdrive	Thomas M Klaban
15222		Bobby Flack
15230	Evergreen	Chris Matora
15230	Evergreen	Phillip J Matora
15233	Delphinus 2	Stephen R Polk
15346	Last Dance	Michael B Hecker
15509	White Lightning	Richard Dishaw
15511		James S Allen
15512		Mark Allen
15525	Päivätär	Joel D Humphrey
15530		Robert H Mathers
15531		Michael J Welch

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2014 was another successful year for the Pontiac Yacht Club, located on Cass Lake in southeast Michigan and home to the largest Lightning fleet in the world. We have enjoyed that distinction for many years, but we never rest on our laurels. To create this legacy of success, we have a well-tested recipe. We start with competitive racing twice a week on Sunday mornings/Wednesday evenings, pour in top competition, including past national and Worlds top five finishers, mix in an incredibly well-organized, all-volunteer operation, and swizzle it all together with an idyllic setting and strong bonds of friendship and camaraderie. It's a perfect sailing martini.

I grew up sailing Thistles but had been away from one-design sailing for over twenty years. A relocation to southeast Michigan brought me in contact with PYC. I heard of "25 boats on the starting line" and thought, "yeah, right." I assumed that was a typical sailor's embellishment (the wind was blowing at least 40 knots—the seas were at least fifteen feet high—you get the picture). Less than a month later, I was at the helm of a gently used Lightning and pleasantly surprised to see, yes, twenty-five other Lightnings on the starting line for a normal Wednesday night race. Twenty plus boats is the norm for our Wednesday evening series.

In 2014 PYC scheduled eighty regular series races, plus an additional twenty on our special regatta weekends—Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Club Championship. Even with Mother Nature at times having her own plans, we were able to get off seventy-eight starts. A tip of the hat goes to Geoff Nelson and Rick Dishaw, who both sailed fifty or more of those races in 2014.

We had thirty-nine different boats competing throughout the year. Of those, sixteen different individuals won at least one race. The competition is broad and well developed, and there was plenty of sailing available for all in 2014.

Those collecting silver this year included:

Wednesday Series Overall Winner Mark Allen, runner up John Garrison

Sunday Series Overall Winner Tom Klaban, runner up Karl Aavik

Club Championship Regatta Winner Tom Allen.

Special regatta winners included:

Nick Harris, Caleb Mathers (two young men who are up and coming hot shots) and Tom Klaban.

Most improved went to Mike Roualet, a perennial winner at PYC who nevertheless upped his game considerably in 2014.

PYC hosted the annual Whitecap Regatta the weekend after Labor Day and welcomed boats from across our District and beyond, including an international entry, David Sprague, who joined us from Toronto. Against stiff competition, Ryan Flack, a PYC member whose young age belies his many years of involvement with PYC and Lightnings, took home the honors. Ryan, whom many of you may know from his active leadership role with Nickels Boat Works, is a tireless supporter of the Lightning Class at PYC, across our District and beyond, and for his efforts was also awarded the PYC Sportsmanship Trophy.



There is an active junior sailing program and an adult sailing lessons program, both supported by a nonprofit sailing foundation. Our junior champion was Sam Monique, followed closely by Brandon Warner. PYC also hosts a successful varsity high school sailing program for Detroit Country Day School, a nearby private high school.

Beyond our shores, the PYC Fleet also supports the broader Lightning Class. We had seventeen PYC boats travel to away regattas this year: PYC boats participated in every Michigan District regatta but one, plus the North Americans and several other "beyond our district" regattas, such as the Nashville Bluenose and Charleston Wild Oyster. PYC was well represented in the Michigan District Hi Point Championship, which combines finishes from all sanctioned Michigan District regattas, where Jim Allen took home 4th and was joined in the top ten by Ryan Flack and his brother Bobby Flack.

From the above narrative and the nearby photos, courtesy of Phil Matora, photographer par excellence, you can see that 2014 was a great year at PYC, and it set yet another brick in the foundation on which rests this great Lightning Fleet.

We hope you can join us for the Whitecap Regatta in the fall. And if you find yourself in southeast Michigan on any Wednesday evening or Sunday morning, we'd be happy to scare up a boat or a crew spot and let you enjoy our perfect sailing martini.

Karl Aavik



110 HIGGINS LAKE

Sailing on Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: John N Dent

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
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	Name
15193	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris

216 SAGINAW BAY

Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Matthew Princing

Finance Director: Justin Dey

FLEET CHAMPIONS:

Fleet Champion: Grant Hilger

Fleet Runner Up: Matt Princing

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
7153	Megs	George F Ascherl
9705		Matthew D Princing
13385	Halcyon	James Peters
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
14616	Adrenaline	Drew Hilger
14616	Adrenaline	Grant A Hilger
14703		Justin Dey
14775	Schussboomer	James Schofield
14933	Redlion	Terry Hart
14937	Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15146	Eleven!	Gary M Sowden
15147		Joseph C Dissette
15225	Fastidiots	Chris Jacobson
15430	horse with no name	John McCree
15515	Hooch 5AM Jr	Chris Princing

The 2014 sailing season on Saginaw Bay was tons of fun. We completed twenty-seven races, and we had seven different boats win a race. The conditions this year were unusually light, and we lost two nights to weather.

One of the things we have been trying to incorporate for the past few years is introducing the Lightning to new people. We invite big boat sailors and even non-sailors to give the boats a try. We have a group loving, referred to as the young professionals and interns, that is organized and marketed by Amy Ambramczyk. Amy and John McCree are the back bones of this, and they continue to bring in new sailors. The really cool thing is we are starting to retain more of these people. Personally I sailed on five different Lightnings this season with ten different crew members.

We also continue to promote women's sailing. We have three to four women each season who venture out and take the helm—some just for a night, some for a regatta and some for the season. This season Jennifer Princing took the reins on Scars & Scrapes for the season with great results. We also sent a team to the Women's NAs.

The 2015 WJMs North Americans will be held at our sister club, Tawas Bay Yacht Club, this coming summer. I am sure we will send at least three women's teams and three masters' teams.

Here are the season's awards:

Spirit of Joe Dissette Fleet Awards

Jim Schofield:	RC organizer and BCYC board member
Grant Hilger:	Score keeper and guest weekly recap liar
Terry Hart :	Substitute Fleet Captain, Regatta Chair and BCYC board member
Amy Ambramczyk :	YP organizer and fleet building champion

Team Racing Champs

1st half:	Wenzel & Hilger
2nd half:	Dey & Hilger

Joe Dissette Wednesday Night Series

1. Big Meanie – Grant, Drew & Jenessa Hilger
2. Scars & Scrapes – Jennifer Princing, Bill Coberly and Matt Princing
3. Hart Beat – Terry Hart, Jaime Vanderhovel and Kalyn Froeschle
4. Schussboomer – Jim Schofield, Kim Shotwell and Bob Gottard
5. HWNN – John McCree, Amy Ambramczyk and crew to be named later

Most Improved

Jennifer Princing and Bill Coberly, who sailed a boat for the season with rotating crew and an absent skipper. Not only did they take over the sailing of the boat but also maintained their position in the fleet standings.

Jenessa Hilger who showed incredible growth learning two positions and also taking the helm for a race.



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Ruben Clamso Capsize Award

Jim Schofield who delighted the dinner crowds by capsizing right in front of the club while sticking appendages in his shorts.

Aquatic Excellence Award

Tim Wenzel, also a dinner crowd pleaser, who did a multi capsize in front of the club while throwing his eye glasses to the water gods.

Fleet Captains Award

This award has been renamed this year to reflect honor on a man who is synonymous with our Fleet. The award will forever on be known as the Joe Dissette Memorial Fleet Captain's Award and is given in the spirit of unheralded support, promotion and good will of our Fleet, BCYC and the sport of Sailing.

John McCree: a perennial promoter of our sport, Class, Fleet and club. John was instrumental in starting our YP program and promoting women in sailing.

The 2015 Season is around the corner and things are looking up. Our lake levels are way up, which is awesome. The sailing vibe in Michigan is sweet, and we will help host the WJMs North Americans on Tawas Bay. Oh, that is going to be a great party.

Forty-five degrees on December 24 is unusual, Scars & Scrapes is snug as a bug in a rug inside my wife's heated garage (long story), looking for some snow and a cup of holiday cheer. The boat house is calling—gotta go.

233 FORD YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Erie
Grosse Isle, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Cary Diehl

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
6402	Moxie	Peter M Polgar
11599	Learning Curve	James P Bryan
13386	Nasz	Edward Sakowicz
13386	Nasz	Matt Jablonski
13470	Dark & Stormy	Harvey B Spriggs
14222	Poco Loco	Neil Johnson
14276	Bolt	James Reed

326 GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Grand Traverse Yacht Club
Traverse City, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Paul C Davis

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

374 DOUGLAS LAKE

Sailing on Douglas Lake
Cheyboygan County, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: David O Peters

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
12754		David O Peters

387 LANSING SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Blaine Severin

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
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

512 BOYNE CITY YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Charlevoix
Boyne City, Michigan

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: David J Corcoran

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

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DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: David Stix

5 CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: David Stix

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
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
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

79 SOUTH SHORE

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Patrick E McGuinnis

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
13794		Patrick E McGuinnis

112 GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: John J Haugh

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
11307		James L Hopkins
13589		John J Haugh
13817	Thunderstruck	Mari C Martin
13901		John J Haugh
14038		Timothy J Monday
14084	Spider Pig	Dave Wickert
14106	Haven't named it yet	George R Hoppen
14130	K.G. Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14193	Shadow Hog	Gary Leuer
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14400	Ricochet	Brian L Grahovac
14408	Hurricane Mom	Brian Keller
14508	Bonski	Mark Stevens
14582	Rock N' Roll	Bill Dean
14582	Rock N' Roll	Brian L Grahovac
14778		Michael Tennity
14880	Pegasus	Craig Pomeroy
14911		Edward Coleman
15005	Ready to Play	Brian Keller
15005	Ready to Play	Douglas E Olson
15081	Hot Flash	James B Gagnon
15081	Hot Flash	Jamison Gagnon
15137		Steve Adamski

It was a slow start to the season waiting for old man winter to leave. The good part of having a long winter and a lot of ice is the higher water levels in summer. With the NAs being held just down the road from us, there was a little more excitement throughout the year.

We held sixteen fleet races throughout the summer. The Fleet can see anywhere from four to eight boats on the line, with an average of six. Sailing two nights per week, Monday and Thursday, there is ample opportunity to get sailors on the water.

Fleet 112 also hosted our annual Evan's Regatta, July 19-20, which is always a great event. If you have not sailed in Green Bay, you are missing one of the better venues for conditions and hospitality. This year did not disappoint, as once again we were able to sail a six-race regatta and still have time for a great party Saturday night and get everyone on the road by 2:00 PM on Sunday.

It was great having the NAs held this year in Sheboygan and knowing our long-time Fleet member, Jim Hopkins, was the

oldest skipper at the Masters'. Its great seeing how active Jim is in our Fleet, hearing about the great time he had in Sheboygan and the hospitality he enjoyed. This is what makes the Lightning Class so special.

Greg Pomeroy also was able to put Fleet 112 onto the list of hardware winners by placing 5th in the Governors Fleet at the 2014 NAs. Great job to Greg and Jim for representing the Fleet 112 at the national level. On the local level, this year's Fleet Champion went to Steve Adamski and longtime crew, Laurie Reinen and Mike Laing.

As the snow begins to fly here in Green Bay, it will be another six months before we are back on the water. Thanks to all the members of Fleet 112, the Midwest District and the Lightning Class for providing the structure for such a great class.

Steven Adamski



187 SHEBOYGAN

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Joel M LeMahieu

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
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
15137		Steve Adamski

Well, it was a frustrating year for Fleet 187 out of Sheboygan. To begin the year, we attempted to host the Midwest District Championship. Fog so thick that you could barely see your own bow prevented all sailing at that event. Luckily, we had Chief Measurer Clausen in town and pre-measured twenty boats for the NAs. After the weather for Districts, we hoped that we hadn't discouraged our Canadian friends who drove to Districts and others who were on the fence about attending the NAs.



Jason Bemis

167 LAKE DAVENPORT

Sailing on the Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Chuck White

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



Larson Team

FLEET 187

The event planners for the North Americans did an incredible job preparing and marketing the event. Fleet 187, the Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sail Sheboygan, and Sheboygan Youth Sailing Club worked in conjunction to produce, at least in my opinion, the best possible successes in terms of CONTROLLABLE variables—not weather. We were overwhelmed with fifty plus boats for WJMs and 107 entries for the NAs. Though the weather didn't exactly cooperate—it's never like this here, really!—the event was fun and competitive. Two Fleet 187 members, Paul Bartelt and Jason Bemis, skippered their first NAs.

We must thank all of the volunteers, Race Committee and sailors who attended. It was awesome to have people like Hank and Esther Callahan who actually traveled to help with the regatta. We hope, with the NAs being late next year, that you all will join us for THE LAST WEEKEND OF AUGUST for an EPIC weekend of fun and sailing for the 2015 Brotz Regatta. The Fleet Season Series was won by Todd Wake, followed by Ric Larson and Dan Reichelsdorfer in 3rd.



Daniel Reichelsdorfer, Michou Reichelsdorfer,
Bailey Dolson

442 FON DU LAC/ WINNEBAGO

Sailing on Lake Winnebago
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captains: Michael Elmergreen
Peter Orlebeke

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
Boat#	Boat Name	Name
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

The season started with the Lighthouse Regatta on May 31. Fourteen boats attended from the US and Canada. The hard working Fond du Lac Race Committee got in five good races and a couple good parties. Richard Walsh from Thunder Bay won the event with long-time crew Alex Cox, along with Chris Straton. Second was David Stix from Chicago with crew Mark Wessel and Amy Simonson. Third was local Mike Elmergreen with wife Sue, along with Bill Faude.

The early Portsmouth season was won by Pete Orlebeke with wife Kimberly and daughter Kaylee. Mike Elmergreen won the late season with wife Sue and enthusiastic newcomer Dave Dochterman. Mike also won the Entringer Cup, which is race with the I20 fleet and the Portsmouth fleet. I20s had won this the first six years since its inception.

Mike and his team of Sue and Bill sailed the Masters' Nationals in Sheboygan, while Pete sailed the regular NAs with wife and son. Neither team excelled, but it was nice for all of us to be at a big regatta in Sheboygan again.

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	Name
6039	Jabberwock	James Force
15207	Bravado3	Stewart Doty

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

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- 74 Decatur
- 262 Harbor Island Yacht Club
- 266 Carlyle Sailing Association
- 274 Delta Sailing Association

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: Crit Currie

74 DECATUR

Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Greg Florian

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
6446	Xanadu	Harry Jackson
11386	Dos Mas	Ralph L Leon
13308	Dancing Feat	Greg Florian
14004		Douglas D Walker
14191	Budget Dust	Greg Florian

262 HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake
Nashville, Tennessee

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Bruce Richards

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
13875		Bill Killebrew
14533	Firefly	Robert Mattix
14720	Stinger	Jay R Johnson
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce Richards
15078	Pandamonium	Duane Hatch
15206	Ninos do la luna	Mandy Hofmeister
15206	Ninos do la luna	William Hofmeister
15216	Kat's Kradle	Cully Ward
15308		Bill Killebrew

266 CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on Carlyle Lake
Carlyle, Illinois

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Carson Menges

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
8144	Oak Leaf	Gerry A Paoli
10151	Chaos	Peter D Conant
10537	The Galloping Duck	James S Irwin
13836	Becky Sue	Michael Reed
14009	Bemogo	Paul D Hanson
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14276	Bolt	Michael Reed
14614		John D Folwell
14705	The Answer (my friend)	Michael Reed
14766	TopFlash	Terry R Burke
14798		Rick Bernstein
14834	Yeti	Matt G Burrridge
14901	Saflex	Ian Schillebeeckx
14901	Saflex	Marc Schillebeeckx
14901	Saflex	Maxime Schillebeeckx
14920	Hobbess	James Chapin
15045	Ladies Choice	Carson Menges
15364		Gerry A Paoli



Tobi and Molly Moriarty

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

274 DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on the Arkabutla Reservoir
Memphis, Tennessee

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: William N Baxter

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
11496		Tim Ryan
11999	Disco Lemonade	William N Baxter
12852		Mark A George
13258	Rodeo Cold	Herbert Cochrane
13648	ELLE VA	Rich Hall
14000	Hogwarts	Richard Powell
14065	Plan B	John C Panetta
14149		H C Dunathan
14230		Robert T Ryan
14230		Tim Ryan
14270	Sho Boat	Roy W Robbins
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14375	KMAG YOYO	William N Baxter
14488	Float Boat	Herbert Cochrane
14571		Michael Arndt
14666		Crit Currie
14736	Enigma	Mark J Gorman
15128		Max Shelton

The 2014 sailing season was a pretty good season for us this year. We had water in our pond, good weather, wind, and a few sailors that raced around the buoys.

The sailing in the spring started a little slow, the water did not show up till mid-May, so Crit Currie Jr., Claire Holliahan, and Keith Cuncell went south for the Southern District Championship in Mobile, Alabama. They had had a good time and sailed a race or two.



In early June, we hosted the Mississippi Valley District Championship. We had ten boats show up, boats from Carlyle, Illinois, Nashville, Tennessee, and Pensacola, Florida. Ian Schillebeeckx and family from the Carlyle Fleet took home the championship, followed by Gerry Paoli and Duane Hatch. The local Fleet managed to have five boats racing, with Mark Gorman being the top local boat in 5th.

A handful of Fleet races were run this season. We averaged about four boats on Sundays and managed at least a couple races on each of the days. The Cotton Pickin' Regatta in September was a success. Nine boats attended, and six races were completed in a wide variety of wind conditions. Tommy Meric, with his crew of Hartely Crunk and Scotty Barrett, sailed an excellent regatta and took the win.

Being a good host Fleet, we made sure the other out-of-town boats got their share of the silver, with Cal Herman and Robert Bernhardt taking 2nd and 3rd. The top local boat was Mark Gorman, followed by Crit Currie Jr. Crit also continued to be our sole road warrior this year. He also sailed the Hospitality Regatta in Jackson, Mississippi.

We are looking forward to a more active year next year. We have a few new crew and a few new sailors looking to sail hard next season. If you are ever in the land of Elvis, please come sail with us on beautiful Arkabutla Lake.

Mississippi Valley District Championship



NEW ENGLAND

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

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: Brian Gibbs

121 MERRIMACK RIVER

Sailing on the Merrimack River
Newburyport, Massachusetts

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Patrick Gallagher

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
2544		Bill Stasiuk
11136	Hag	John R Hughes
11150		Patrick Gallagher
13517	Swan	Winthrop Snow
13576		Nadine Lavender
13642	Chalooby	Kenneth A Woods
13642	Chalooby	William Gynan
14189		Mark Dieselman
14384	Shark Byte	Patrick Gallagher
14481	Jamaican Bobsled	Scott McBurney
14547		Patrick M McCormack
15132	Red Solo Cup	Brian Gibbs
15182		Ann Snow
15182		Sean Fagan

145 SPOFFORD LAKE

Sailing on the Merrimack River
Newburyport, Massachusetts

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Ben Wallace

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
10258		Alexander D Gemmell
11210	Smurfn'g Along	Frederick Turner
14360	Lightning MacQueen	James P MacQueen

151 ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Georges Peter

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
13876	Rasta mohican	Scott Coulter
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter

189 MARBLEHEAD

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Donald R Humphrey

273 MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Thomas E Hardenbergh

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
10738	Shazam	Peter Carlson
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael F Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter F Colantuono
12455	Banana Split	John K Webb
13828	Quick Silver	Maurice L'Heureux
14072	White Squall	Thomas E Hardenbergh
14396		Kenneth Deyett
14418	The Blind Squirrel	William T Frank



NEW ENGLAND

301 LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain
Colchester, Vermont

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Bretton C Gardner

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
695		Deidre A Gouling
695		Joe Barry
3792		Alan M Cass
4614	Eclipse	Tim Hodson
6343	Teaser	Michael Seibert
6345		Ned Daly
8269		Jim Duclos
10212	Coast2Coast	Michael J Dewane
10440	Top	Allen H Baker
10846	Two Boys	Edward Guild
11623	Kindred Spirit	Thomas J Papp
12525		William J Fastiggi
12899	Hot Jazz	Alan M Cass
13156	Blue Storm	David N Little
14050	HUH???	Bretton C Gardner
14056		Erik Johnson
14096	Grey Ghost	Dave Anderson
14119		Chad Miller
14131		James Unsworth
14146	Drop it Like it's Hot	Connor Aswad
14146	Drop it Like it's Hot	Jon Aswad
14146	Drop it Like it's Hot	Nicholas Aswad
14446	Apple	Kurt Kling
14480	Ciao	William J Fastiggi
14514	Special K	Arnold M Tran
14584	Abba Zabba	Peter Hazelett
14640	Wild Goose	Donald C Brush
14644		Michael L Huffman
14825	A Short Joyride	Robert D Turnau
14876	Southern Cross	Allen H Baker
14972	Whatnow	Patrick Zachary
15058		Paul T Gutwin
15060	Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
15060	Pure Insanity	Timothy P Ambrose
15237	Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
15368	Endeavor	David N Little
15381		William J Fastiggi

332 SQUAM LAKE

Sailing on Big Squam Lake
Holderness, New Hampshire

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captains: Will Abbott
Art Cunningham

Fleet Secretary: Janet Rosequist

Fleet Treasurer: Dwight Gertz

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
9829	Spike	Arthur J Cunningham
10320	Gusty Maehem	Kristen Spera
10320	Gusty Maehem	Robert W Sengstaken
10320	Gusty Maehem	Scott Whitcomb
10555	Jumbo	William G Abbott
10732	Go-mo-shun	David D Closson
12859	Spirit Of Jack R	Squam Lakes Association
13021		Dan Cunningham
14247	Steppin' Out	Douglas R DeCluitt
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Bubba	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz
14953	Fleeting Moment	Tony Wagner
14955		R Garr Corcoran
14955		Richard Guy Corcoran
15258	Kilgore Trout	Brian L Comfort

On a sad note, 2014 saw the passing of Dave Closson, the last of the original members of Fleet 332. Looking at the Fleet's perpetual trophies, Dave's name first appears in 1962, when he tied for the Fleet Championship and shows up for the last time in 1996, when he won the Custance Trophy for the annual, long distance Around the Lake Race. This event was his specialty because his sideline career as a tour boat captain, showing sightseers, bird watchers, and bridal parties around the lake on his beloved inboard woodie, *Puffin*, armed him with inside knowledge that allowed him to slip safely through tight passages between centerboard-killing granite rocks. He won the race one year by tacking through Utopia Passage, which is buoyed as a channel about twenty feet wide. Through all these years, Dave was a consummate sportsman, modest in victory and quick to congratulate others when they prevailed. The photo submitted with this report is a perfect view of the way we will always remember Dave. The *Puffin* is moving fast, bow planing high out of the water, against a back drop of the lake and mountains that Dave knew so well.



Dave would be pleased to know that 2014 was a surprisingly good year for Lightning sailing up in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Even though Fleet members found that family obligations and work opportunities drew them away as far as China during the summer, Fleet Co-Captains Art Cunningham and Will Abbott organized a full season of racing. We sailed on seven days and completed twenty-one races.

Things started a little slow, with three boats on the water July 6 but quickly gained momentum as more people showed up for the summer. We saw seven to ten boats every weekend after that. A combination of the tricky conditions on Squam Lake and some very good sailing kept most of the fleet in the hunt in every race. Of eleven boats that sailed at some point in the season, five won at least one race, and two others had at least one second place finish.

Garr Corcoran sailed very consistently in all twenty-one races, winning five times and never falling very far off the pace, and won the July Series, the August Series, and the Season Championship. Dwight Gertz won the annual regatta in August and the Pop Closson Bowl, named for Dave's father, which is awarded for the best finish in the last three races of the season. Nathan Cunningham won the award for the best record by a junior skipper.

The Around the Lake Race, always a complicated affair, was nullified by the protest committee as the result of a protest against the Race Committee for altering the course in a confusing manner while the race was underway. There was no rational way to award redress in the light and shifty conditions that prevailed, so the next chance to claim Dave's throne as the master of the Lake's eccentricities will wait until next year.

Although we really focused on our Fleet racing this year, three boats found time to travel. Garr Corcoran went to the Leaf Peeper in Burlington and the Bow Lake regatta. Dan Egan went to the Atlantic Coasts and the New England Districts. Art Cunningham, with fellow skipper Pat MacQueen as crew, also went to the Leaf Peeper.

We finished off the year with our annual dinner at the Squam Lakes Association clubhouse, re-elected our officers in recognition of their stellar performance, and vowed to return to Golden Pond in 2015.

493 BOW LAKE

Sailing on Bow Lake
Strafford, New Hampshire

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Ned Hinds
Fleet Secretary: Bob Shapiro
Fleet Treasurer: Bob Shapiro

FLEET CHAMPIONS:

Fleet Champion: Bob Shapiro
Fleet Runner-Up: Rob Donle

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
2	Upset	James Boynton
2	Upset	John Boynton
2	Upset	Robert F Boynton
5013		Jim Grant
8301	Jessie S	Linda Karpeichik
9369		Jeff Fogel
9662		Jeff Baker
10689	Black Spot	Nathaniel Hendrickson
12079		Bob Murphy
12079		Dave Sandman
12662	Three Men in a Tub	Norbert W Church
12687	Who's Next	Nathaniel Hendrickson
13556	At the Dump Long Ago	Bob Boynton
13888	What Now?!	James Boynton
14108	Some Men	Bob Murphy
14108	Some Men	Dave Sandman
14108	Some Men	Kerry McCoolle
14296	Naut!	Ned E Hinds
14577	Infinite Sloop	Rob Donle
15047	SCUD	Allan Whatley
15239	Miss Demeanor	Robert D Shapiro

Sure wish we had this many boats racing. Many of the boats above haven't left their barns in years...

Traveling Regattas

Lake Massabesic had their annual regatta in early September. Jim Lerner and Dan Abramson were with Bob Shapiro on Miss Demeanor and managed to finish second overall after a 1,1,1,2 on Saturday by dropping to 4,5,5,6 on Sunday. Eerily similar to Squam Lake a few years ago, where once again Ted Hard- enburgh overcame Shapiro's allegedly insurmountable lead with a fabulous Sunday performance, he won both times by a single point.

Rob Donle was there with Dan Berry and Ray Whitley on board *Infinite Sloop*. As memory serves, Rob helped Bow Lake take home two trophies, ending up in 3rd overall.

After the sailing season ended in New England, some sailors were feeling antsy for some more time on the water. So Bow

Lake sent a boat to Charleston, South Carolina, in late October. Bob Shapiro, Dan Abramson and Jim Lerner went with Bob, driving down and back, a bit over 1,000 miles each way, and with Jim and Dan each flying one way and driving the other.

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Bob and Dan had a pleasant drive down, with a stop for bagels in Annapolis with Bob's Mom. The Friday clinic was a bust due to no wind and too much current, except for the dolphin swimming near us. We had a blast hanging out with Bob Astrove, Corky and Pam Gray and other old timers—oops I mean Classics.

Dan stayed with childhood friends Dave and Naomi who lent a nice local air to our activities. Sixty plus boats showed up, and it was superb! Wind fluctuations and current conspired to make drastic shifts in positions, and in the end, we had fun.

We did get the best start of the fleet in the second race and held on for the first ten minutes or so, but it was all downhill from there.

The drive home was interesting—rumor has it we loaded up on fire works with names banned in some states, mortars, rockets and the like, and asked for them to go into opaque bags in case we got stopped along the way for anything. But we didn't get stopped, except for perhaps that incident with Staties in Virginia, and, oh, then running out of gas on the Jersey Turnpike, waiting an hour for some gas while every policeman in the state stopped to check us out. Opaque bags are important. Of course, this is all just alleged rumor! All in all, it added time to an already long trip. We'd left the yacht club at 5:00 AM Monday and got home at 1:00 AM Tuesday.

Last year we finished one point ahead of Bob Astrove and Corky Gray in Bob's boat. This year they were a point ahead of us in Corky's boat. Watch out, as next year we are out for bear!

But you don't go to the Wild Oyster Regatta for just the sailing! Here is our quick guide to eating in Charleston:

Lunch at Blossom: fantastic! If you haven't tried the Askinosie dark chocolate ice cream at Jeni's, then you haven't lived! Ice cream at Freddo was good, but not as good as Jeni's. Skip the Saffron Café and Bakery for breakfast. It took too long, is overpriced and the food is just OK. Do not miss HôM. Really good and really high quality burgers of all sorts, including vegetarian and fries covered with decadent comfort stuff. Skip Hank's seafood. It's overpriced and touristy. Dinner at The Grocery with our team and a bunch of my cousins was superb and special! And dinner at the Mount Kisco Diner in New York on the way down was just what we needed—comfort food that kept us awake while driving.

Bob Evans Regatta

Many sailors, sailboats and numerous Race Committee members, crash boat operators and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Twenty-two races were held on Bow Lake from July 6 through August 31. Most races are windward-leeward, but a couple of times this year we got in around-the-Islands races which circle the entire lake and expose more people on shore to the excitement

Sandy Jamie and John on Number 2



ment of sailboat racing. Six different Lightnings raced on the lake this summer, spanning from Lightning #2 to #15239. Yes, Lightning #2 is actively raced on Bow Lake! Come on up, or down or over, and check her out.

Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro have traded first and second place in this series for many years. This year Rob Donle squeezed his way in to the mix, with Bob on top and Ned behind him in third place. Rob has been improving rapidly the last few years and his results show it!

Co-skippers Nathaniel Hendrickson and Guillaume Joffrees eeked out a victory over the Boyntons for fourth place this year.

Two Men in a Tub did make it out of the barn this year. After ten months of drying out, she was sliced into pieces to bring it to the dump and was squirting water out of her foam—perhaps tears at being cut up. Dave, Bob and Kerry picked up #14108

The New Three Men in a Tub



at the end of the season as a replacement and did manage to get her out for a couple of races. Here's hoping she is a steady presence on the race course next year.

With nine different days of racing, everyone tends to have quite a few different crew for the series. Bob Shapiro had Greg Shapiro, Dan Abramson, Jim Lerner, Greg Eisenhauer, Ali Deyett, Dan Berry, Michael Kennedy, Andrea and Farid sailed with Bob Shapiro on *Miss Demeanor*.

Rob Donle was asked who sailed with him this year in the series: "You need all of them? Really it was Nick and Josh Pfofi that did the heavy lifting, but I also had Emmet Todd, Kate

Eyes pointing up but burgee pointing down



Homet, Sean Daniels, Carey Daniels, Marty Patrizi and Tim Galvin.” Editors Note: Bob won the “most crew award” with nine to Rob’s eight.

Ned Hinds was asked the same question and responded with a reminder of his illness: “I have CRS—Can’t Remember Stuff—Karen Hinds, Bob Murphy, David Stiles, John Davis. And yet he left off Bernie Metzgar and Christina Hilton.

Nathaniel Hendrickson and Guillaume Joffrees co-skipped on *Stay Puffed*. It was pretty much just the two of them all season.

The Boyntons are caretakers of Lightning #2 and race it actively. It’s a family affair. John Boynton skips and on board with him this year were Jamie Boynton, Sandy Boynton, Laura Boynton (Hauerwas), Elise Blanken (soon to be a Boynton), Jacques Boudreau and Tomohiro Ono.

2014 Bob Evans Results with points counted from best fourteen races:

15	Bob Shapiro	<i>Miss Demeanor</i>
23	Rob Donle	<i>Infinite Sloop</i>
27	Ned Hinds	<i>Naut!</i>
46	Nathaniel Hendrickson	<i>Stay Puffed</i>
49	John Boynton	<i>Upset</i>
61	Bob Murphy	<i>No Longer Waterlogged</i>

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam and Werner Daigneault, Thierry, Joan and Guillaume Joffrees, Marion Hinds, Hal, Phil Hendrickson, Bruce Donle, Wayne Donle and many others for all of their help on Race Committee and on Crash Boats.

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Werner and Susan on the Race Committee



Thumps up!



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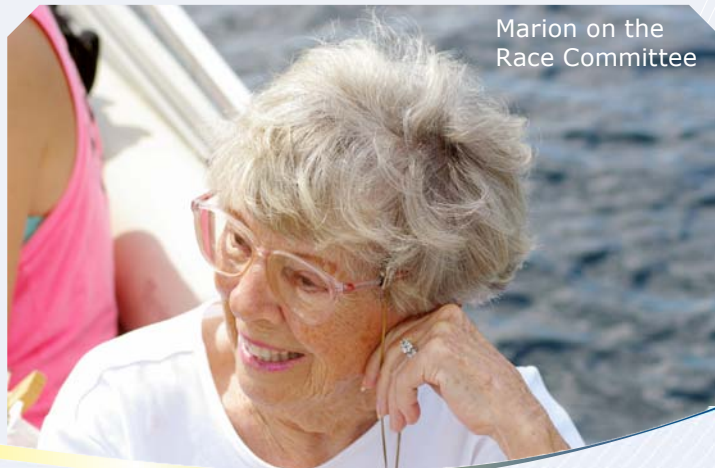
Ed Hinds Regatta

Congratulations to the many winners and all participants in the 2014 Ed Hinds Memorial Bow Lake One Day Lightning Flash regatta!

Saturday, 13 September, had winds of four knots, building to twelve, with cloudy skies and early fall-like temps of about sixty degrees, with a little bit of rain thrown in at the end. The Race Committee got off seven windward-leeward races, and by the end of the day, everyone on nine Lightnings, Race Committee and crash boats was tired and happy.

Following racing, refreshments, Margo’s famous guacamole, and the Bow Lake Taco Bar were served, together with a slide show from the days’ races, and lots of bragging and explaining.

Marion on the Race Committee



NEW ENGLAND



Ned Karen and John



Bob Jim and Greg
always ready to
ham it up for the
camera

Ken Deyett was off at the Shields North Americans. That has been our most successful way of keeping the winner's trophy out of his hands in recent years. Not sure he would have won anyway, as Toby Frank in *Pura Vida*, with Eli Matson and Ken's daughter Ali on board, was on fire and almost didn't have to sail the last race to win the regatta. Toby almost didn't make the regatta, as he got halfway here and realized he left his sails at home. Quick call to the wife, a turnaround and meet in the middle and then hot footing it back to Bow Lake got him to the lake on time.

It was fantastic to see Mark Gardner in *Old and In the Way* with long standing crew Lynn Gardner and Marilynn Johnson back on the circuit. Mark won the tie breaker for second place over Bob Shapiro in *Miss Demeanor*, who had Greg Shapiro and Dan Abramson on board. Gar Corcoran in *Moma Dance* brought Brendan Malloy and Katalin Kovacs and was in second place most of the day, but a slip in the last two races pushed him just out of hardware into fourth place.

Ned Hinds in *Naut!* had Karen Hinds and Jeff Baker and came on strong in the last few races but couldn't overcome their first few races, to end up 5th. Rob Donle in *Infinite Sloop*, fresh off beating Ned in the season series, finished behind him for the day. Rob can testify that it's tough to sail with two first-time-in-a-Lightning crew, Xiaowei and Jeff.

Next it was Guillaume Joffrees trading off skippering with Nathaniel Hendrickson on Nathaniel's *Stay Puffed*, and then John Boynton in *Upset Lightning #2* with Jamie Boynton and

Elise Blanken. Subsequent to the regatta, Elise became John's fiancée, making this the only "all family" boat in the regatta, although four other boats had at least two family members on board. Jeff Fogel brought his new-to-him 9369 down from Lake Sunapee, but together with Jessa Fogel and Dave Murdoch, he found they didn't have enough bail buckets on board to keep up with the incoming water. Hope to see Jeff on the lake next year with a less leaky boat!

The party, dinner and awards after racing were a great opportunity to socialize and replay the races. As usual at Bow Lake, the awards are more like a roast, and you can consider Ned and some others to have been thoroughly cooked.

Huge thank yous to Race Committee Pam Daigneault and Werner Daigneault, crash boats Wayne and Amy-Root Donle and Liz and Phil Hendrickson, and to all who provided an amazing layout of appetizers, and to Karen and Ned Hinds for hosting the after party at their house—The Bow Lake Yacht Club. The tent we bought last year came in handy this year, as the rain was really coming once we were on shore and into party mode.

A personal thank you to Margo Krukonis and Marisol for being so supportive of my own sailing habit for all these years!

Come visit Bow Lake for the next Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Regatta—always the second or third Saturday in September!

Bob Shapiro



Ali Deyett, Eli Matson and Toby
Frank win the Ed Hinds Memorial



Nathaniel gets the
Sportsmanship Award

NIGERIA

510 Lagos Yacht Club

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: Julian Calvin

510 LAGOS YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Lagos, Offshore & Lagoon
Lagos, Nigeria

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Julian Calvin

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
8769	Shango	Ulrich Birnbaum
13520		Michael Barnes
13527	Bavaria	Nick N Headley
13754	Tanimola	Syd Warburton
14392	Orieoda	Alan M Emslie
14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14448	Kiwi Magic	Jeffrey Davidson
14928	Never Say Never	Laurent Couderc
15267	Shango	Jonathan C Lauthers
15273	Scud	Daniel M Cox
15273	Scud	Nolan A O'Neal
15274	Now Now	Julian Calvin
15274	Now Now	Richard J Willmott
15321		Ted Coventry
15322		Richard J Willmott
15323	Whirlwind	Scott R Laidlaw
15324		Knut Engebretsen
15326	Mystique	William Jardine

Greetings from Lagos Nigeria. Fleet 510 had a great year, with a few more races scheduled in December. Due to the year-round warm weather and the favorable conditions for sailing, the Fleet, in conjunction with the Lagos Yacht Club, had sixty-five races scheduled in 2014. We did have some rain-outs, but the Fleet sailed nearly sixty races in 2014.

On any given Saturday, there are typically eight to fifteen Lightnings and three to five Tarpons racing in a combined fleet of around thirty boats. Tarpons are very similar to Lightnings, the main difference being they are wood, considerably heavier and have a Genoa instead of a jib.

Participation was highest in the Nigerian Nationals race held at Lagos Yacht Club, with twenty-five Lightnings sailing over two days on May 24 and 25. Mike Barnes, our Lagos Commodore, and his crew won the event, which was sailed inside the Lagos harbor and immediately offshore. As usual for Lagos, winds were moderate in the 10–15 knot range. Mike, one of our more experienced Lightning sailors, proved once again that excellent sailing skills and good reading of tidal currents are key to winning races in the Lagos Harbor Area.

Racing also took place in the waterways, locally referred to as creeks, immediately inland of the beach and west of Lagos. This makes for interesting sailing, with numerous small rural fishing villages along the creeks. The villagers are very friendly, often waving to the racers as they pass by.

The longest race of the year took place in the creek. This race, The Badagry Cup, is a Lagos tradition and a two-day 130-kilometer-long race with the crews sleeping on their boats. Five Lightnings and two Tarpons participated in this grueling but rewarding event. Nolan O'Neal and his crew won the Badagry Cup with the shortest sailing time of less than sixteen hours.

As usual, the Fleet was thankful for the fair weather of the Lagos Area and the excellent support from the Lagos Yacht Club. We were especially thankful for the effective response of



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the Nigerian government and community to the small number of Ebola cases present in Lagos in late summer as the result of a traveler from Liberia.

Nigerian based sailors look forward to another busy racing schedule in 2015, and a few teams are planning to represent Nigeria in the Lightning Worlds in Ottawa during July.

Bill Jardine



Since 1932, the Lagos Yacht Club has held the Badagry race almost every year—except during the civil war. It is one of the longest dingy sail boat races in the world, where competitors sail from Lagos Yacht Club to Badagry and back. My GPS recorded that we traveled almost eighty-five miles in a little over twenty-four hours. Suzanna, Ian and I set sail on our nineteen-foot Lightning named *Kiwi Magic* at 11:00 AM on Saturday morning.

We sailed through Lagos harbor into the wind and very strong current. We ran aground in the harbor when I tried to sail around a ship at anchor. Up the creek, past the Mobil beach house, where I took a wrong turn. Lots of tacking, where I regained the lead. Past Whispering Palms where the sun set, and I sailed into the weeds. Hit the dredger pipe and was the first boat to the turning point.



Between sunset and moon rise, it got really dark, and once I accidentally sailed off into the weeds until Suzanna aimed the flash light at the compass, and I was heading due north (see middle of map 4). Right before Badagry we saw a dredger with a pipe going underwater towards the shore. I saw it too late and I said, "Hang on, we will probably hit something." BAM! Up popped the center board and rudder, but we were able to keep on sailing and were the first ones to round the mark in Badagry.





We hoisted the spinnaker, which is not easy in the dark with an inexperienced crew, and ghosted back towards Lagos for a couple of hours before the wind died and we put out our anchor. The full moon came up, and we enjoyed looking up at the stars. After sleeping for a few hours, a couple of boats passed us, so we picked up anchor and sailed on, until the wind died again. We stopped until the sun came up.

Around 6:30 AM, we raised our sails and continued on to the Lagos Yacht Club, alternating between the spinnaker and jib the whole way back. It was a beautiful morning. As we passed small villages, children came out and waved and sang to us. The winds were light, but that was OK, because I was both helming and flying the spinnaker, often reaching with the spinnaker, for about five hours.

Suzanna got real good at setting the pole and even gybing the spinnaker by the time we reached the harbor. Lagos harbor is pretty, uh... pretty scary...

These are homes in the harbor where you will find children swimming in the water.

We were the fourth boat back to the club, but this is an interesting race. When you anchor, you can stop your race clock. When you pull anchor, you start it again. So the way to win this race is to anchor when the wind is low and wait for it to get strong. We were tired, and since I was helming and flying the spinnaker, we chose to sail when the winds were light.



The winners were announced a week later. Ian won the LYC plate for being the youngest crew member. He was really brave, sailing in the dark through the jungle in a third world country. I don't think I would have been that brave when I was nine. Suzanna received the Rear Commodore's Trophy for best female effort. *Kiwi Magic* came in 3rd over all. Next year I will not make any wrong turns, not hit the dredger pipe, anchor when the wind gets light and wait until the wind picks up. Next year I plan to win!

Of all my experiences here in Nigeria, this race is my favorite by far. Sharing this experience with my wife and son will be one of my most cherished memories. This is not something that Suzanna typically would enjoy, but she did it because I needed a crew member, and Ian really wanted to so. Thanks Suzanna and Ian for the wonderful weekend!



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DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: James Taylor



23 INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Indian Lake
Russells Point, Ohio

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: James T Young

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
11531	Swee-pea	James T Young
11777	Swee-pea	James T Young
11924		Pete Gorny
12551	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
13502		Jim Sewell
13719	Coot	Bill Young
13741	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
13747		Bridget E Ireland
14751	Wind Thief	Robert L Clover
14897		Kurt Andrews

27 LEATHER LIPS YACHT CLUB

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir
Powell, Ohio

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Eric Brandt

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
12787		Richard Schliem
15191		Eric Brandt

36 PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Douglas C Blackburn

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
3431		John O'Masta
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	G Scotland Werley
12585	Buzz Off	Diana Pollock
12593	Caution	Robert C Baumgardner
13181		Martin Powell
13240	Recess	Janis J Gamer
13465		Marc A Cline
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymier
13726	Fat Chance	Michael T Sheehan
13905	Sysygy	Jonathan Dean
14285	Unruly	Robert Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	Sob	William H Weihe
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14483	Spice	Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14523	Moo	Leonard Ciccone
14546	Hakuna Matata	Marilyn K Maras
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor Maras
14573		John M Woodall
14579	Arete	G Scotland Werley
14579	Arete	Nedra J Lewis
14678		Edgar B Rumble
14751	Wind Thief	Ralph Meacham
14859	Morena	John C Kleffel
14885	BluLine	Douglas C Blackburn
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
15000	Jack's Boat	John Werley
15000	Jack's Boat	Kate Werley
15000	Jack's Boat	Timothy Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	Bertie M Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	John Werley
15022	A bit of all white	Garry Condon
15075	WTF	Maegan A Ruhlman
15112	Barometer Soup	David E Werley
15288	Relaxed	Matt Frymier
15420	Holy Smoke	Ryan Ruhlman
15439		Justin Proctor
15457		Abigail A Ruhlman
15457		Robert Ruhlman

FLEET 36

Pymatuning Yacht Club Fleet 36 was able to get in nineteen races which counted toward five different series in 2014. The Lightning Fleet also participated in several club races and held two major regattas, not to mention several parties that were almost as much fun as racing. When the points were tallied, John Werley continued his run by winning the Championship Series once again. John Woodall was runner up, followed by Tim Werley, Ed Rumble and Scott Werley.

This year, Fleet 36 hosted thirty-six boats for our 30th Annual Spring Classic on the second weekend in May. Many of the teams arrived Friday evening and took advantage of the traditional hot dog roast and the warm hospitality of the many PYC members who provide housing.

Saturday morning the racing began with light winds and forecasts that included thunderstorms. We were able to get one race in before the thunderstorms settled in and sent the fleet to the shore. The Race Committee spent the rest of the day watching the sky and the radar, hoping to get the fleet more racing, but the weather never subsided.

Sunday the rain was gone, and so was the wind. After waiting patiently, the Committee had to make the difficult decision to end the regatta with only one race sailed. Congratulations to Fleet 36 members, Dave Werley, Greg Maras and Natalie Maras for winning the 30th Annual Spring Classic.



1st Place Team (L to R):
Natalie Maras, Dave
Werley, Greg Maras

The Spring Classic has several traditions. The Friday night hot dog party, the hospitality of the PYC members who open their trailers to the visiting sailors, Saturday's racing and Saturday night's party. Plan to attend the 31st, May 16–17, 2015, and experience our warm friendship, cool breezes and hot competition.

In addition to the regular scoring format, a team scoring concept was also calculated. Teams of three were matched during registration. This concept was a great addition to the regatta. It was an opportunity for these teams to get to know each other better and allow for teams to share strategy and boat set up. The winning team was led by Jimmy Barnash, Patrick Huntley and Dean Caley.



71 ROCKY RIVER

Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland, Ohio

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: George Auer

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
9567	Game	Jack Mueller
14433	Clam	David E Samanich
14860		Jack Mueller

150 MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir
Mansfield, Ohio

FLEET OFFICERS:

Commodore: Michael Hunter
Vice Commodore: Lisa Austin
Fleet Captain: Thomas Varley
Club Secretary: David Emmens
Club Treasurer: Bob Shutt

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
6944	Toby	Chandler Stevens
9581	Windart	Christopher Clarke
10444	Das Boot	Christopher Schneider
13928		Bruce Cummins
13935	White Heat	Karla Varley
13979	X stream	Thomas H Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14216	Adrenalin	Lisa Meadows
14390	Granfalloon	James L Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean D Dillon
14824	Got Mojo?	Christopher J Clarke
14851		Susan Baker
14851		Charles Shaw
14952	X stream	Thomas H Varley

Participation in our regular club series was down this year. It seems that many of our sailors had other demands on their time. However, there were several bright spots to report.

Lisa and Zach Austin, both crew for Bob Shutt, got married on July 25, and we celebrated appropriately. Prior to that they bought #14216 from Ken Irwin and raced her in our club series and several regattas. Chris Clarke acquired #9581 from Henry Geary, and she has been restored by Mike Hunter, our Commodore, for use by club members.

The first big event was the Ohio District Championship on June 21 and 22. We had been planning for this event for several

months and were looking forward to some excellent racing. We were intending to use the event to publicize the Club, the Lightning Class and sailing in general. We usually arrange good local coverage from our local print and on-line news sources and our local TV station. However, it became clear as the date approached that many of the registered boats were not intending to sail. We finished up with just four competitors, three from our club and one visitor, Kurt Andrews from Indian Lake. Tom Varley won, Kurt was 2nd, Lisa Austin was 3rd and Chris Clarke was 4th. Lisa also won the trophy for being the highest-placed, first-time participant. Even though the ten missing sailors paid for their registration, it was disappointing that they chose not to sail and that some chose to sail in other events the same weekend. So none of the Ohio sailors in the NAs actually competed in the Ohio District Championship.

The second big event was our Bare Bones regatta in September. We had nine boats on the water, four from Mansfield, one each from Cleveland, Indian Lake and Leatherlips and two from Cowan. Sailing conditions were perfect on Saturday, with sunny skies and steady breezes of 15–20 mph out of the southwest and with some dramatic wind-shifts off the shores.

Under the skillful direction of Marion Zaugg, the Race Committee laid out perfect windward-leeward courses. We held five two lap races over a four hour period during the afternoon. Winds steadily freshened as the afternoon progressed. The breeze continued to freshen during the night, and racing was abandoned on the Sunday morning. Jim Taylor from Cowan Lake Sailing Association, with his crew George Auer and Stan Cummins, won the regatta, Mike Brock, with Nate and Bridget Ireland, also from Cowan Lake, were 2nd. Tom Varley, with his crew of Jon Varley and Bucky Buchanan, from Mansfield Sailing Club, took 3rd and Kurt Andrews with his crew of Andy Creamer and Mike Mirarchi from Indian Lake were 4th.

Finally, congratulations to Tom Varley and his crew Jon Varley and Bucky Buchanan on winning the Ohio Governor's Cup for the twelfth time. They did this by coming 5th in the 40th Cowan Lake Fall In regatta on October 11–12, beating out the nearest Cup contender, Kurt Andrews, who came 6th. Lisa and Zach Austin were 5th and Bob Shutt was 10th.

Bare Bones Regatta –September



OHIO – PACIFIC NORTHWEST

303 COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Michael H Brock

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
96	Windsong	John Hayes
11368	Blue Thunder	Richard H Niemeyer
11515	The Missing Piece	Jeff Pugh
11777		Jim Young
14103		Frank Russell
14110	Figment	Dick H Pugh
14112		Mike LoVullo
14148	The Happy Boat	Michael Thomas
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14505		Jeffrey Leland
14785		Bryan P Riddiford
14867	Joker's Wild	Michael Kemp
14925		Michael H Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades

2013 was another light year for sailing Lightnings on Cowan Lake. A combination of fleet members sailing in other classes and some attrition has brought our club racing attendance down. Jim Taylor and Mike Brock sailed in several Ohio District regattas.

In October we had our 40th annual Fall-In regatta. We had 10 boats and good wind for 5 races over two days. Jim Taylor won the regatta.

The picture below shows Mike Brock and Jim Taylor battling it out for first place at the Barebones Mansfield regatta. Jim Taylor won that regatta.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

90 Kitsilano Yacht Club
283 Colombia
507 The Prairie Fleet

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: John DeBenedetti

90 KITSILANO YACHT CLUB

Sailing on Maple Bay
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Ury Segal

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
8465	Ipsus	William H D Rimmer
11645	Shanic	Douglas Ash
13289	Liisa	Campbell Pearce
13685		George McLaughlin
13788	Too Tense	Chris Duncombe
14089	Ozone	Menno Bos
14453	Blue Bayou	Richard C Pearce
14841	Isabelle	Matthew Henley

PACIFIC NORTHWEST – PERU

283 COLOMBIA

Sailing on Vancouver Lake
Portland, Oregon

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Jeff Stong

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
8163	Jetty Bean Too	Robert A Farrand
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
9690	Cathouse	David McCallum
10541		Paul Webster
10731	Tin Hau	Roy Potts
12078		Spencer Carson
12426	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
12675		Edward Bourguignon
12879	Vanishing Point	Stephen E Eldredge
13476	Bob	David A Smith
13837	Spook	Gerald Martin
13869	Flash	Jeff Stong
13896	Foam Heads	John DeBenedetti
13942	Green Eggs & Ham	Darrell K Peck
13949	Frenzy	David Collins
13949	Frenzy	Randy Anderson
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14079	Hippo Thunder	Douglas S Hickman
14152	Langskib	Erik Troelsen
14233	Taxes Due	Gerald L Neuburger
14288	Humuhumunukunukuapua	Philip F Parshley
14288	Humuhumunukunukuapua	Philip P Parshley
14308		David McCallum
14308		John DeBenedetti
14539	Gunsmoke Too!	Dale J Drevdahl
14654	AmBush	Anne Sterling Bush
14654	AmBush	Robert C Bush

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265 Yacht Club LaPunta

424 Club Universtorio de Ragata, La Pinta

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Commodore: John Rodriguez Asti

265 YACHT CLUB LAPUNTA

Callao, Peru

FLEET OFFICERS:

Fleet Captain: Jaime F Calderon

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
11928	La Ratonera	Jaime F Calderon
14099	Desencuentro	Jaime F Calderon
14379	Montes Verdes do Cavalga	Jaime F Calderon

424 CLUB UNIVERSTORIO DE RAGATA, LA PINTA

Callao, Peru

507 THE PRAIRIE FLEET

Sailing on Chestermere Lake,
Lake Newell in Alberta, Canada, and
Canyon Lake and Canyon Ferry Lake
and Flathead Lake in Montana

Boat#	Boat Name	Name
10891	Old Blue	Tim Hornett
13674	Hard Tack	David E Martin
13713	Greased Lightning	Robert E Overfield