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Argentina & Brazil Districts



Argentina

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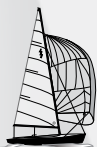
Fleet 206—Club Nautico Olivos
Sailing on Lake Olivos
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet Captain: Pablo Gustavo Bordino

Fleet 446—Club Univeritario de Buenos Aires
Sailing on Rio de la Plata
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11037	Marmolin	Roberto Ricoveri
13360	Gualicho	Alejandro Cloos

Fleet Captain: Roberto Ricoveri



Brazil

Fleets

147 Sao Paulo 462 Guarapiranga Lake
401 Guanabara

District Commodore: Mario Buckup

2007 in Review:

After two weeks of racing in January and February, between the Brazilian Nationals and the PanAm Qualifiers, where Claus Biekarck beat a very strong fleet to obtain the right to represent Brazil in the Pan-American Championship. Brazilian teams were present in all the International Championships, with the Greece Worlds and European Championship being attended by our young crew, captained by Tommy Sumner, and the South American Championship attended by the Buckup family.

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12657	Perereca	James Alexander Semple
14329	Macumba	Luiz Carlos de Andrade
14330	Kirimaw	James Sumner
14378	Meia Noite i	Mario Buckup
14562	UIISO	Marcelo Chadde
14602	Flash Rider	Claudio Biekarck
14633	Fala Serio	Caio Soares Hungria e Prado Caio Soares H e Prado
14845	Clone Rider	Torsten Ralf Bojlesen
14891	Blowine	Wagner Neils Bojlesen
14892	White Magic	Hans Juerger Ludwig
14893	Layline	George Lewis Rider
14894	Wind Runner	Thomas Sumner
15152	Xamego VI	Nelson S Schmitt
15229	Acquaholic	John Stuart Bennet
15264	Hooligan	Janes Stuart Birkinshaw



Pan-Am's

The outcome for Brazil was not the gold in the medal race, but the Pan-Am committee gave our Class top marks for effort, organization and overall participation. We hope everybody was happy with their participation and enjoyed Rio de Janeiro.

To beat Claus Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo Silva in Brazil is a tremendous accomplishment, and it shows that the teams that came were really of great caliber. The press gave us good coverage, and the Class is benefitting from being part of the Pan Am games. We hope that in 2011 in México we will continue being chosen.

Nelson Schmitt was also honored by the Class for his overall role in the Class and specifically as Measurer at the Pan-Ams.

**Congratulations to Chile –Tito Gonzalez and
USA – Dave Starck or their Gold and Silver**



Pan Am Trials — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 2007

Brazil & California District



Biekarck amplia o recorde de medalhas

O brasileiro Cláudio Biekarck garantiu, neste sábado (28), sua sétima medalha pan-americana. Comandante de um veleiro da classe Lightning, que tem ainda Gunnar Ficker e Marcelo Silva na tripulação, Klaus, como é conhecido conquistou a medalha de bronze e manteve a escrita de subir ao pódio em todas as suas participações na competição.

Biekarck foi medalha de prata no Pan do México, em 1975, na classe Finn. Depois disso, na Lightning, ganhou ouro em Caracas / 1983, prata em Mar del Plata / 95 e em Winnipeg / 99, e bronze em Indianápolis / 87 e em Havana / 91.

Os brasileiros encerraram a competição empatados em número de pontos com os americanos David Starck / Starck / Faude, 19 no total. Apenas cinco a mais que os chilenos Alberto Gonzalez / Herman / Gonzalez, campeões e mundiais e agora medalha de ouro no Rio 2007. A prata, pelo critério de desempate ficou com os americanos.

Resultado final:

- 1 - CHI - Alberto Gonzalez / Herman / Gonzalez
- 2 - USA - David Starck / Starck / Faude
- 3 - BRA - Cláudio Biekarck / Ficker / Silva

2007 Worlds

With the usual great effort by parents and the São Paulo Yacht Club, Brazil managed to send a team to Greece.

Our three-time Junior World Champion, Tommy Sumner, showed that we can expect great things in the future from these boys. A second place was their best finish and 22nd overall.

2007 South American Championship

Mario, Thelma and Marc Buckup represented Brazil and were third overall and second in the Championship.

Growth

Two new regions are starting up with Lightnings in Brazil. Several boats have changed hands and we now have small fleets in the state of Paraná and Minas Gerais. For the 2008 Brazilian Championship, we hope to have five states represented.

Our great challenge continues to be finding a way to supply good new boats to replace the ones that have moved on.

The Future

Maintaining the Lightning Class in the Pan American games in México and having Brazil be a candidate for the 2011 Worlds are the two areas on which we will focus our attention.

In 2008, several crews will participate in the North American Championship in Newport where we hope to present our bid to the Class.

The Youth Worlds is also important as we wish to go for four in a row. The qualifiers will be held in January and the group includes several top-class sailors.

John S Bennett—ILCA VP



California

Fleets

194 Mission Bay Yacht Club 372 San Francisco Bay Area

District Commodore: Jeff Coppens

*Fleet 194—Mission Bay Yacht Club
Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean
San Diego, California*

Fleet Captain:	Dan Gravatt
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer:	Edna Johnson
Fleet Champion:	Kirk Johnson
District Winner:	Scott Finkboner

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6613	La Salle	Christopher Barclay
8778		Dan Gravatt
13742		Richard Hockaday
13819	Blue Note, too	Donna Collins Kevin Wixom
13856	Balls Deep	Richard Harp
13860		Michael Bond Dan Gravatt
14095	Puddleglum	Kirk Johnson
14156	Starthrower	Charles F Noble
14202	Moxie	Michael Poltorak
14233	Taxes Due	Dan Gravatt
14263		Peter Colantuono Peter C Bellin
14308		Dale Bull
14473		Scott Finkboner
14486	Thunder Run	Jolene G Northrop
14720	Stinger	Jolene G Northrop Jay Johnson
14846	White Lightning	Mike Brewer
14924		Jeff Coppens
15280		Donna Collins
15238	Elixir	Brian Anderson
15302	Blitz	Dale Bull
15306		Peter Bellin
15330	Hana Hou	Scott Finkboner

Fleet 194 had a busy year. We welcomed three new skippers: Rick Harp, Kevin Wixom and Mike Bond. Three skippers went to Greece to sail in the Lightning Worlds: Jeff Coppens, Scott Finkboner and Ed Petit de Mange. Our Fleet Captain, Dan, went to Annapolis to sail in the North Americans, then stopped on the way back to pick up another boat to sell, and in September he traveled to San Francisco to win the PCCs,

We began sailing on January 8, and the last race of the year was on December 16. May through August is a particularly busy time since we sailed almost every weekend and every Thursday evening in MBYCs TNT series. (TNT stands for Thursday Night Thing—but we all know it's beer can races.)

California and Central Atlantic Districts

Our districts were in June—windy and wild. Johnson capsized on a spin-naker set, but the rest of the fleet went on to sail six races. Finkboner won on a tie-breaker and Mike Poltorak was second.

The California Circuit was interesting because the OCS scores, of which there were many, more or less determined the winner. Jeff Coppens took the overall trophy, but Steve Davis came out and put his name firmly on the Marathon trophy. How did he get so good at ocean sailing when he lives in Denver?

End of year trophies:

Fred Knauer Club Races trophy: Kirk Johnson

Fred Knauer Regattas trophy: Mike Poltorak (hey, he's a Thistle sailor!)

TNT trophy: Kirk Johnson

Fleet Champion: Kirk Johnson

Can you guess who sailed the most races all year? That guy must be retired. Any time of year you're in San Diego, we'll be sailing, so give someone a call if you want to crew, borrow a boat, or just go for a sail.

Fleet 372—San Francisco Bay Area
Sailing on San Francisco Bay
Richmond, California

Fleet Captain: Terry Dewane

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10481	Jima II	Terence M Dewane
10641		Terence M Dewane
13869	Maniacal	Peter Beecher
13939		Wayne Clough
14486	Thunder Run	Thomas Calhoun

Things are going well. We are still putting together our schedule for this year, and it looks like we will be hosting the PCCs again this year in September. I have better commitments from the folks in Portland and San Diego, so the participation should be higher. I have West Marine supporting the event again this year.

There may be some changes in Fleet personnel. Wayne Clough, our new member, he is a great asset to our group. He was the US J24 Class president some years ago and is very active in the sailing community here. We also have Dave Gallup who has volunteered to promote the Class and events.

The website continues to get plenty of local hits, with the average time spent on it being sixteen minutes, so there is some interest. We are thinking of a redesign—something that promotes the boat and Class in addition to the standard calendar, member list, etc.

Terry Dewane



Central Atlantic

Fleets

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District Commodore: John Townsend

YOUTH WILL BE SERVED

As with much of the Lightning Class, the story of 2007 was youth coming to the forefront. No better was this demonstrated than at the Central Atlantic Districts with the Boat Grant team of Bobby Martin, Ben Spiller and Erin Kilcline winning the event in convincing fashion, besting twenty boats. Not only did these guys win, they enjoyed the party and brought a college teammate to crew. I think this is exactly what the Boat Grant Program was supposed to do. Eric Reiting, another young gun in the CAD, took home the newly minted mid-fleet trophy graciously donated by George "Mr. Pinky" Glenn. Great job George. (No, the trophy is not pink.) Thanks to Riverton Yacht Club, and especially John Townsend and his team of volunteers, for putting on such a great event with fun racing. Remember Riverton will host the New Jersey States in 2008.

Speaking of the States, Allen Terhune decided to return to New Jersey for a weekend and won the New Jersey State Championship hosted by Surf City Yacht Club. Mitch Hnatt, with crew Tara Schon and Matt Ward, placed second and are recognized as the New Jersey State Champions.

In August, Metedeconk River hosted the New Jersey Junior States. Seven boats, the most we have had in years, sailed a tight series. In the end, Mike Warren of Surf City won, Ariel deLisser of Barnegat Light was second, and Matt Schon of Metedeconk was third.



Bobby Martin—ACC Champion

Central Atlantic District

The CAD was also well represented outside of New Jersey. Some of our results are:

- CAD had three boats, Jody Lutz, John Faus, and the Carson/Reiser/Crann Tri-skipper team qualified for the entire Southern Circuit. Peter Denton sailed Miami and George Glenn sailed in St. Pete.
- CAD boats also travel overseas, with John Faus placing 20th, Jim Carson 21st, and George Glenn 39th at the World Championship in Greece. Sending three boats to an overseas Worlds is a great accomplishment—the District is proud of you. Also, Jim Carson placed 12th in the European Open Championship and 7th in the International Master's Championship.
- Back in the States, the CAD sent six boats to drift in the Atlantic Coast Championship hosted by Cedar Point Yacht Club, with Brian Taboada 6th followed by Mark Schneider, Dick Moyer, Bill Bogardus, Bobby Martin and Allen Crew attending.
- CAD was also represented by Dick Moyer 5th and Jim Carson 8th in the Master's North American Championship, Cortney O'Connor 6th and Devon Rapp 8th represented the CAD in the Women's North American Championship, and Mike Warren 4th, Taylor Lutz 5th and Matt Schon 6th represented the CAD in the Junior North American Championship, all hosted by Fleet 50 on the Potomac River. Taylor and Matt will compete in the 2008 Youth Worlds in Montreal.
- CAD sent nine boats to the North Americans in Annapolis in August. Jim Carson, John Townsend, Bill Bogardus, Eric Reitingner, Mark Schneider, Will Brown, Dick Moyer, Bobby Martin, Peter Menninger all sailed, with Brown, Schneider, and Townsend qualifying for the Blue Fleet. This is great news, making it easier to qualify for the NAs next year in the World Qualifying year.
- Not only did CAD sailors do well in their Lightning sailing this summer, but Pete Denton of Riverton Yacht Club also won the Shields National Championships in Newport, Rhode Island.
- Congratulations are in order for Sarah Mergenthaler and Amanda Clark for winning the US Olympic Women's 470 trials. On to Beijing!

In 2008, we expect even more exciting sailing in the CAD. The Districts are scheduled for Barnegat Light in July. The fact it is a World's Qualifier, Districts will definitely raise the level of competition, but the promise of a great party (anyone still have their Caribe beer T-shirt) is sure to make the event well attended. Also, the States at Riverton in September will hopefully build off the momentum of a great Districts in 2007. Finally, did anyone notice that Ocean City, hosts of the 2009 Districts, is quietly becoming a hotbed of lightning sailing? They sent four boats to three traveling fall regattas. Keep it up guys!

Fleet 3—Bay Head Yacht Club Sailing on Barnegat Bay Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Robert B O'Brien Jr

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
579	Gussie Feathers	Robert O'Brien
3798		Robert O'Brien
7296	Claire	Edward Cichone
7678	Cosette	David M Olney

As the Bay Head Yacht Club, Lightning Fleet 3, enters its 70th year. The Fleet officers are going to try to reverse the "Me Generation" trend of the 1980s wherein everyone wanted to be a skipper, no one wanted to be a crew, and therefore most of our junior sailors went from Optis to Lasers, or even worse, Windsurfers. By taking most of our 168 Juniors out for a sail in a Lightning, we endeavor to instill a sense of teamwork and hope some will catch the joy and excitement of a sail and even more, a race, in a well sailed lightning.

Robert B O'Brien Jr

Fleet 26—Little Egg Harbor Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Dr. Jody Robinson
Fleet Secretary: Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Fleet Champion: Dennis Lojek

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6296	Dreamer	Franz K Schneider Jr
10768	Procrastination	Dr Jody Robinson
11124	Spirit	LEHYC
13969		Steven Madara
14634	Phantom	Caroline Hoedemaker
15079	Aries	Franz K Schneider Jr

A Long Beach Island Lightning Interclub series preempted club racing on most Saturdays this past summer.

August 11 and 12, the second weekend in August, was the traditional date for our Down Bay Regatta. Sixteen Lightnings participated in this event. Glenn Reitinger, representing the Brant Beach Yacht Club, won the event. Mark Schneider, representing Riverton Yacht Club, was second. Third place went to Will Brown. Franz Schneider, Steve Madara and Luke O'Neill representing the Little Egg Fleet.

Lightning Class participation in our Saturday series was sparse this year due to the conflicting Interclub events. We hope to rectify this problem next year.

A family-oriented club, the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club has a strong dedication to sportsmanship and sailing excellence. Based on the southern tip of Long Beach Island, we are blessed with an excellent deep-water course and a strong prevailing southerly breeze. Come and sail with us when you are in this area.



Sue on Big Boat Day

Central Atlantic District

Fleet 34—Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Sailing on the Metedeconk River

Brick, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Mitchell Hnatt

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
6557	Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
10952		Robert G Savarese
11894	Love It	David S Ruiter
12209		Donald Schon
13540	Fog Racing Team	Richard D Thomas
14008	Hornet	Greg Kinzel
14450	Fog Racing Team	George B Francis Richard D Thomas
14589	Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597	Roadmaster	Keith P Taboada
14719	Green Stripe	William C Boardus
14882		Greg Kinzel
14889	Stripes	William C Bogardus
14960		Mitchell Hnatt
15166		Matthew Schon
15166		Jody Lutz

2007 was a quiet year for most Metedeconk Lightning sailors as participation was less visible on local and other waters. Of course, this never applies to Class and Club stalwart Jim Carson, who once again traveled across continents in search of good sailing and good times. Jim sailed the Class' three main 2007 events, the Southern Circuit, Worlds in Greece, and North Americans in Annapolis. In all events, Jim participated in both Masters and Championship flights. This also included the European Open Championship in Greece, which was held in conjunction with the Worlds Masters. Armed with a "Central Atlantic Districts Hall of Fame crew," Bill Clausen and Don Schon, Jim sailed an excellent regatta, finishing 7th in the Masters and 12th in the European Open. Jim typically downplays his success in these regattas, but as any competitor knows Jim is a handful when he tacks to leeward of you on a beat. As always, Jim, continues to be a prime supporter of local and eastern regattas, with participation in most eastern regattas of note from the Long John in April to the Frigid Digit in October.

Joining Jim on the Southern Circuit this year was Jody Lutz. Jody and Jim were greeted with the windiest Circuit in recent memory, while employing lighter and younger crews including Metedeconk juniors Michael Crann, Jason Lutz and Matty Schon. Survival was often key and neither was immune from a test of Florida and Georgia's less-than-balmy waters. Paul Gelenitis sailed St. Petersburg, co-skippering with Ocean City's George Glenn.

Joining Jim (7th) at the Long John in April was Brian Taboada who finished 2nd. Mitch Hnatt (4th) was also a contender along with Greg Kinzel and Keith Taboada. Jim won the Spring Tune-Up Regatta held at Metedeconk in June. The Central Atlantic District Championship was held in Riverton on the Delaware River the preceding week. Several Metedeconk skippers fared quite well in the regatta with Brian Taboada (2nd), Jim Carson (4th), Bill Bogardus (5th) and George Francis (6th). Bill was leading the regatta after the first day, but was done in by Sunday's light winds and ripping currents. Bill and Jim went on to Annapolis for the North Americans in August, qualifying for the President's Cup. Jim sailed the prior week at the Masters, finishing 8th. Cortney O'Connor borrowed Bill's boat for the Women's that same week, finishing 6th. Mitch Hnatt won the New Jersey State Championship held at Surf City in September, although he officially finished 2nd in the regatta, which was won by Allan Terhune of Annapolis, a transplanted New Jerseyean. Greg Kinzel and Jim Carson also participated.

We find it increasing difficult in today's competitive environment to gain attention from juniors towards sailing, but some inroads were made in promoting Lightning sailing. The New Jersey Junior States was held at Metedeconk, with a bigger fleet than seen in many years. Mike Warren of Surf City won the regatta, with our Matty Schon taking 3rd and Michael Crann 4th. Matty followed up the regatta with a 6th at the Junior North

Americans (also with a larger fleet than in recent years), which qualified him for a trip to Montreal next July for the Junior Worlds. Good luck Matty! Robert Alldian won the Junior Club Championship, which is annually held in Lightnings.

Local Club sailing was down as young families took some of our fleet's focus away from Sundays on the Metedeconk. Jody Lutz broke Mitch Hnatt's hold on the Championship series, with Mitch taking 2nd. Mitch returned to win the Fall Series, and in between once again, claimed the BBYRA championship, a series he has dominated in recent years. Greg Kinzel edged out Jim Carson for 3rd, while George Francis and Bill Bogardus also qualified.

As we enter 2008, we look forward to deeper fleets and challenges from young and old alike as Metedeconk remains committed to the Lightning as a vessel for continued good times and excellent competition.



Jody Lutz

Fleet 99—Great Egg Harbor

Sailing on Great Egg Bay

Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: William P Clausen III

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14495	Sweetness	William P Clausen III
15052	Four Ladies	Robert C Warner

Bill Clausen represented Fleet 99 at the Masters Worlds crewing with Jim Carson. They did not win the regatta but were the oldest team!!

Bill worked as Chief Measurer of the Lightning Class at the Worlds, WJM, North Americans as well as acting as PRO at the CAD Championships and the Manahawkin Bay Cup, and the Pennsylvania Governors Cup.

Bill's boat "Sweetness 14495" was sailed by ex-President Paco Sola in the North Americans with his son. They finished 2nd in the Yellow Fleet.



Bill Clausen and Jim Carson at the Worlds in Athens

Central Atlantic District

Fleet 104—Lavallette Yacht Club Sailing on Barnegat Bay Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Matt Reiser

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
15197		Matt Reiser

2007 was another quiet year for Lightning sailing at Lavallette Yacht Club, with most one-design activity centering around preparing for and hosting the US Sailing Sears Cup finals. However, Matt Reiser did make good on his promise to do some traveling and teamed up to co-skipper the Southern Circuit with Fleet 34's Jim Carson and Michael Crann.

Matt, along with usual teammates Colleen Kennedy and Stu Josberger came close, but were unable to unseat Metedeconk's Mitch Hnatt for the BBYRA championship, finishing two points out of first. They finished up the season by participating in the New Jersey State Championships at Surf City Yacht Club, finishing 6th.

Eyewitness reports had Dr. Ventimiglia dusting off his Lightning to go for a day sail. Maybe next year we can get him to do a regatta...



BBYRA—8/4/07

Fleet 173—Brant Beach Yacht Club Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Eric Reitingen
Fleet Secretary: Jeff Carson

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9628	Discovery	Paul L Alberti
14325	Verbal Abuse	Glenn Reitingen Carl Reitingen
14660		Edward Serrill

Another season has gone by for Fleet 173. Although we didn't have many club races, we were well represented on the island. Surf City and Barnegat Light hosted weekend Interclubs most of the summer and both active boats participated in the majority of those races. There was great competition among the 10+ boats. We held our 4th of July Races with Team Reitingen (Glenn, Beth and Carl) winning over Ed and Barb Serrill and Jeff Carson taking second. Labor Day had the same results as well but turned out to be a close match between the two with passing happening all over the course. Team Reitingen (Glenn, Beth and Carl) won the Down Bay Regatta at LEHYC in the fleet of sixteen. The LBIYRA championships were held at Spray Beach Yacht Club with Team Reitingen finishing 4th out of eight boats.

Districts were hosted by Riverton Yacht Club, Team Reitingen (Eric, Beth and Carl) won the mid-fleet award out of 21 boats. That was enough to send a boat to the NAs in Annapolis. The team of Eric Reitingen, Warren Richter and newcomer Maria Ciccotelli qualified for the Green fleet and finishing 20th. Some great moments came out of the regatta and was a great experience for their first attempt sailing the NAs.

Eric crewed for a few different teams including John Faus, Mark Schneider, Bobby Martin (Boat Grant recipient) and Dick Moyer at various regattas during the year including the Manahawkin Bay Cup, ACCs, Frigid Digit, No Gas, and Last Blast.

We also added a new boat to the fleet. An old member bought John Teigland's boat (the boat he crewed in when he was a kid). Ever since he bought the boat he's been out on the water with family every weekend enjoying it.

BBYC is still rebuilding its own club racing, but with the island Interclubs occurring almost every weekend, Lightning sailing is still around on Long Beach Island and going strong.

Fleet 196—Surf City Sailing on Manahawkin Bay Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain: Richard M Warren

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13139	Moxie	Darryl Waskow
14068	Anser	George A Schmidt
14300	Scrap Metal II	Richard M Warren
14595	Liberty	Robert Rizzitello
14635		Darryl Waskow
15175	Triple Threat	Andy Temme Timothy G Robinson
15204	Exit 63	Bill Mergenthaler

The 2007 season was another active one for Fleet 196, with our club races and local racing on the island. We started the season with our traditional tune-up races on Memorial Day weekend and were able to get over ten races in for both our Club Championship and Commodore series during the summer. Once again, the winners of both series were contingent upon the results of the last race of the season. Steve Warren won both series in close contests, with Andy Temme finishing in second in the Championship series by two points and Tim Robinson finishing second in the Commodore series in a tie breaker.



Fleet Champion

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Our Fleet swept the July interclub racing at Barnegat Light Yacht Club and the August Long Beach Island Race Week at Spray Beach Yacht Club. Steve Warren, Andy Temme, and Bill Mergenthaler took first, second, and third respectively at Barnegat Light. Steve Warren, Tim Robinson, and Mike Warren took first, second, and third respectively in the Long Beach Island Championships.

Mike Warren won the 2007 New Jersey State Junior Championship at Metedeconk. His crew included Christian Geary and Alex Lobozzo.

Our Club's Race Committee worked hard for all of the SCYC fleets to make sure we had our club races and regattas fully staffed. Thanks go to the many individuals who supported our fleet events in various ways and participated in the Lightning Race Committees. They all did a great job running the races smoothly and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

We finished the summer season with the 29th Annual Manahawkin Bay Cup Regatta in September. We had a good turnout with seventeen boats, making for a very competitive fleet. Andy Temme finished third right behind Allan Terhune and Mitch Knatt.

Congratulations to all on a great 2007! We are looking forward to another good season in 2008.



*New Jersey State Junior Champions
Mike Warren, Christian Geary and Alex Lobozzo*

*Fleet 228—Riverton Yacht Club
Sailing on the Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey*

Fleet Captain: John Townsend
Fleet Champion: Hugh Hutchison

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
7660		Gary Birnhak
8616		Hugh J Hutchison
11519	Coqui	Kent D Steinriede
12480		John Mangan
14060	Gypsea II	John A Butine John Mangan
14008	Hornet	Greg Kinzel
14450	Fog Racing Team	George B Francis Richard D Thomas
14214	Chees Whiz	Bruce A Nicholson
14699	Toodle-oo	Allan M Crew
14771		John G Haiges Lisa Haiges
14890	Ultimate Pressure II	John Townsend Peter R Denton
14942	Primal Scream	Richard Moyer
15055	Engima	Hugh J Hutchison
15154		Mark C Schneider

The Riverton Lightning Fleet had a busy summer. The focus of our Fleet racing was our Wednesday Night Series, where we competed head to head for space on the Delaware River with four other fleets. We typically had approximately sixty boats sharing the same confined course each week. Wow! Nevertheless, the Lightning Fleet completed twenty-seven races.

Hugh Hutchison emerged as Fleet Champion after a very competitive series. John Townsend was second and John Haiges third.



Bobby Martin rounding the mark in first

Among the highlights for the Fleet this season were Bobby Martin, with his crew of Ben Spiller and Erin Kilcline, being chosen as one of the initial recipients of the ILCA Boat Grant Program. We are all pleased and proud that one of our own was chosen for this remarkable program. Mark Schneider was designated as his mentor but Bobby quickly proved that he hardly needed "mentoring."

Central Atlantic District



Riverton Wednesday night racing upwind

Riverton hosted the Central Atlantic District Championships with twenty boats racing. Bobby Martin won the regatta in front of an ecstatic home crowd. Bobby's team spirit was contagious to the rest of the competitors, who spent the night partying out on the pier, no doubt discussing strategies for the light wind and currents expected for the next day. This was the second year in a row that a Riverton skipper won the Districts. Congratulations to Bobby and his crew. Great job!

Three boats went to the Atlantic Coast Championship hosted by Cedar Point Yacht Club, with Mark Schneider, Bobby Martin and Allen Crew attending.

Mark Schneider, John Townsend, and Bobby Martin the spent a week competing hard at the North Americans in Annapolis, with Mark and John qualifying for the Blue Fleet. A special note to Devon Rapp who made her Lightning Skipper debut the prior week, racing in the Women's North Americans with a stellar crew of Sarah Mangan and Sara Lesniak. Bring on Newport in 2008!

Special congratulations go out to Peter Denton, who abandoned his Lightning long enough to win the Shields Nationals in Newport, Rhode Island, this summer.

Riverton Yacht Club looks forward to hosting the 2008 New Jersey State Championships and to a new summer of racing. Come out and join us.



Allan Crew and Toodle-oo

*Fleet 335—Barnegat Light Yacht Club
Sailing on Barnegat Bay
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey*

Fleet Captain:	Mark Kaplan
Fleet Secretary:	Bill Clarke
Fleet Treasurer:	Maggie Shuler
Fleet Champion:	Mark Kaplan
Runner-up:	Bill Clarke

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10859	Wallaby	Dan Gilman
13708	Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13772		Justin Monnig
13970		Mark A Kaplan
14350	Shaner II	James C DeCesare
14450	Fog Racing Team	Doug Zimmermann
14489	Hot Pepper	William S Clarke
14787	Got Beer?	John Demming
14650	Second Wind	Paul B Wood
14833		Peter D Menninger
14881	Mac-At-Tack	Mac Deturo
15235	No Discipline	John Faus
15345		John Faus



Fleet Captain Mark Kaplan with Eamon Delisser

Racing commenced at BLYC in the summer of 2007 on June 16 with four boats sailing three races. All the boats had been set up, and it was great to be out on the water again in a nice breeze. The weekend before, three boats from BLYC attended the Central Atlantic District Championships at Riverton Yacht Club. Sailing on the Delaware River is a challenge. On June 23, Brant Beach Yacht Club held a Lightning Lab which resulted in no racing at BLYC that day.

Our summer series continued with races throughout July and August and into early September. On July 14, we had twelve boats racing at a BLYC Interclub regatta, sailed on our south course: five Lightnings from Surf City YC, five from BLYC, one from Brant Beach YC and one from Little Egg Harbor YC. Good winds built up during the day, providing spirited sailing as the afternoon progressed. On July 28 we joined our sister Lightning Fleet at Surf City Yacht Club for racing. Two races were gotten off that day.

On August 4, racing was held at Spray Beach YC for the Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association Annual Regatta, and the following week racing was at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club for their Down Bay Regatta. Racing returned to BLYC August 25 for the BLYC Annual Regatta, and the final race of the Summer Series on September 1.

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Our traditional October Pumpkin Bowl was cancelled. Stay tuned for plans for this event in 2008.

The first place finisher in the summer series was Mark Kaplan and crew, with Bill Clarke and crew getting the second place nod and Peter Menninger and family/crew in the third position.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on Saturday, August 25. Three windward-leeward races were sailed. Only two BLYC boats competed along with two boats from Surf City Yacht Club.

We appreciate Mark Kaplan's dedication attention to the job of Fleet Captain during 2007. He kept us alert and prepared for our next events on the Race Course and kept track of who was racing where throughout the summer. We welcome Mark to the job.

We also note the passing in 2007 of Hal Pote, a strong supporter of the Lightning sailing program at BLYC and former skipper and crew person, and Arthur Klein, the father of Fleet member Alex Klein. Both Hal and Arthur were frequently supporting our sailing activities in crash boats, as regatta committee members and as spectators. Both Hal and Arthur were well liked by members of our Fleet and will be missed.

Perhaps most notable for 2007 was the participation of members of our Fleet in Lightning sailing events at other venues. In addition to participation of three BLYC boats at the CADs in June, the Will Brown and Peter Menninger boats went on to the NAs in Annapolis and John Faus, with BLYC sailor Will Brown as crew along with Victor Lobos of Chile, sailed in the Lightning Worlds in Greece in July. Ariel DeLisser, granddaughter of Paul Wood, former BLYC Lightning skipper, came in second in the Junior State Lightning championships in 2007.

Active in the ILCA, fleet member John Faus was named to the five member Executive Committee of the Association in 2007. Congratulations and thanks.

We are also pleased that Will Brown is an applicant for the 2008 ILCA Boat Grant program. Good luck Will. In addition to his Lightning sailing, Will has been making an important contribution of his sailing skills to the Brown University sailing program in 2007 and 2008. We hear that, as a sophomore this year, he has made his mark, we and look for his successes at Brown to continue through 2010.

Our 2007 mid-Winter Lightning meeting is scheduled to be held in Philadelphia on the evening of Saturday, February 2. One of the focuses of our discussion will be fleet growth. Our annual mid-winter get together is always a good time and it's fun to discuss Lightning sailing and make sailing plans at any time of the year.

The volunteer efforts of our Race Committee personnel are indispensable. Many thanks to the many persons who spend their Saturday afternoons on the Race Course. Their willingness to get out there in all kinds of weather is what is needed to make our sailing season a success. We particularly thank John Faus, Jim Bigham, Wayne Shaner, Frank Shuler, Jay Pattison, Alan Wahlberg, and John Wright who have served as PROs for our races throughout several of the past summers.

As of this writing, it is only about 143 days until the summer racing series begins again. See you then.



The Menninger family

*Fleet 430—Ocean City Yacht Club
Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey*

Fleet Captain: Richard McCarraher

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13649		Howard M Solomon
14014	Blue Streak	Samuel Hostvedt
14348	Flower Child	John J Parker
14415	Mr Pinky	George P Glenn
14987	Sailsman	Erik T Hostvedt

We finished another great summer of lightning sailing in Ocean City for Fleet 430. The weather was outstanding for all scheduled races, resulting in a great competition getting to the top three sailors in the Fleet this summer. The summer results were Don Wagoner, Sam and Katie Hostvedt, first; Gidge Glenn, Chappy Hopkin, and Alex Buzby, second; and John Parker, Lisa Parker, and Brian Elbert, third.

The other Fleet members enjoyed the competition. Howie Solomon with his daughter Tracy enjoyed sailing, as usual, in addition to planning Tracy's January wedding. Mark Asher and his family were a great addition to the Fleet, and we look forward to seeing them on the water again next summer. Rich McCarraher again had his daughter, Tiffany Prettyman, and granddaughter, Phoebe Prettyman, sailing for him but added the addition of another granddaughter, Chloe Prettyman, becoming the youngest crew this summer. In addition, Rich's family had the birth of a grandson, Conner Scargill, but it will be a few years until he joins the crew.

As if these were not enough events, the Lightning Fleet of the Ocean City Yacht Club was honored to have one of its boats and crew become local



McCarraher

Central Atlantic and Central Canada Districts



*Mr Pinky Sailing Team
at the Worlds*

sailing legends: The Mr. Pinky Sailing Team of George "Gidge" Glenn, Chappy Hopkin, and Alex Buzby. These excellent sailors have participated in Lightning sailing events around the world and are still eager to return to the Ocean City Yacht Club to share their skills and tell about their adventures. Of course, each one has a long history of sailing. Gidge and his family have always been an important part of Ocean City sailing, as with Chappy and his family. Their newest and youngest crew member, Alex, is from a family of Lightning sailors and has been involved in sailing for years before joining the "Mr. Pinky" sailing team.

For over two years, they have sailed in the Lightning World Championships, Lightning North American championships, Lightning District Championships, and Lightning State Championships.

In addition, they travel to many other Lightning Regattas and Lightning Race Circuits. It never fails that when they return to New Jersey, they are eager to share their knowledge and skills by sailing with others or helping to tune and repair boats. The entire Ocean City Yacht Club is honored to have these sailors as members. It is a tribute to all Lightning Class Sailors that the bond of sailing, which exists within the International Lightning Class Sailing Association, includes these first-rate sailors who enjoy sailing Lightnings.

All the members of the OCYC Lightning Fleet are proud to be sailing with Gidge, Chappy, and Alex.

*Fleet 491—Lake Nockamixon
Sailing on Lake Nockamixon
Quakertown, Pennsylvania*

Fleet Captain:	Brent Benson
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer:	Barbara Benson

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9928	Esprit	Charles S Shoemaker
11444		Brent W Benson
13184	Spiderman	James C Lenahan
13624	Cahoots	James C Lenahan
13824	Cahoots	James C Lenahan

A few diehard Lightning sailors at Lake Nockamixon participate and score well in the Nockamixon Sail Club

(http://www.nockamixonsailclub.org/index_home.html)

racing events. These include the Portsmouth-scored Club Fleet races and the monthly Invitational Regattas. We're hoping that a few more Lightning sailors will appear so that we can run fleet races and, once again, offer the October Cap-off regatta.



Central Canada

Fleets

279 Temple Reef Sailing Club

District Commodore: Ross Bailey

The best part about our Fleet is that we are unique in sailing conditions and way of thinking. For instance, we think that a 24-hour road trip is short. Given the fact that we are geographically handicapped, we've managed to make the most of it. In fact, four teams braved the twenty-hour trek to Montreal to represent Thunder Bay in the Lightning Canadian Open Championship. Our convoy included boats helmed by Jim Cameron, Brian Cox, Lorrie Walsh and Richard Walsh.

We are very proud of Richard Walsh, Jim Cameron and Alisia Cameron who joined forces to compete in the Pan Am Games held in Rio de Janeiro. There was no lack of excitement for those of us stalking them from home: A plane crash, a bullet for the Canucks, a swim (or stroll) in the less than sanitary Rio waters and a respectable fifth place finish overall.

Lorrie Walsh, Katrina Oostveen and Alisia Cameron captured a bullet in the final race and sailed to a solid third place finish in the Women's North American Championships held at Leesylvania. The team also stole the full-contact, no-mercy croquet title from their inferior (and much younger) croquet competitors. The girls had this to say: "We learned that a Ford Ranger is much, much too small for three people travelling a distance of over 2000 miles. We sailed spectacularly and, clearly, we are croquet goddesses."

Our District Championships traditionally consist of two parts: Loon Lake and Lake Superior regattas. Loon Lake was as shifty as ever, and never fails to provide close races, huge flyers and stiff competition. Fortunately, the weather cooperated for the late September Lake Superior Frost Bite Regatta. Conditions were beautiful, although Brian, (our resident water temperature tester) reported the water as chilly (please note: the word "chilly" is being substituted for swear words). Ross Bailey and crew came out on top, winning both District Championships. Here are the District Results:

Districts Part 1: (Loon Lake)

1. Ross Bailey
2. Lorrie Walsh
3. Bob Walsh
4. Willie Evans
5. Eric Hansen
6. Brian Cox
7. Bob Maki
8. John Williams

Districts Part 2: (Lake Superior)

1. Ross Bailey
2. Jim Cameron
3. Lorrie Walsh
4. Brian Cox
5. John Williams
6. Chris Saunders

Our Fleet is delighted to be hosting the 2008 Canadian Lightning Opens in Thunder Bay from June 27–29, 2008. We cordially invite you to join us and experience Lake Superior for fantastic conditions, great racing, one of a kind scenery and just plain fun (Thunder Bay style). For more info on this must-attend event, email: lorriewalsh69@hotmail.com or bjcox@tbaytel.net.



Central Canada District



Loon start



Pan Am games



Women's North American Championship

*Fleet 279—Temple Reef Sailing Club
Sailing on Thunder Bay & Lake Superior
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada*

Fleet Captain:

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12755		Richard M Walsh
14013	TBA	Jim Cameron
14499	Twice Before Lunch	Brian Cox
14516	Flying Toaster	Lorrie Walsh
15064		Richard M Walsh

In 2007 we experienced some routine and some exciting new events. Our season kicked off with the annual Slush Cup fun regatta, where we braved the barely-thawed waters of Lake Superior and raced for the best poker hand. Everyone was inspired for this event because the trophy was a bucket of rum or some other such tasteful and soul-warming beverage. Although Lorrie Walsh with her dynamite crew, Cat Oostveen and Beer Cooler, had the winning hand before the one card draw, Andrew Hail drew the only card that could win him the prize and walked away with three twos, a delicious bottle of rum and an extremely surprised smile on his face.

Shortly after recovering from the Slush Cup, our weekly Thursday night racing begins. These were unpredictable nights, not just because of the weather but because one never knew who was going to show up.

This year, four boats from our club traveled to Montreal for the Canadians. Richard Walsh, Jim Cameron, Lorrie Walsh, Brian Cox, and their crews had a blast sailing.

Our club was extremely proud of Richard Walsh and his crew, Jim and Alisia Cameron, who represented Canada at the Pan American Games in Brazil this year. While they were busy qualifying for the final round and placing a very respectable fifth, the remaining club members were racing



Slush Cup

up a storm at the first half of our Districts on Loon Lake. With Richard busy at the Pan Ams, Ross Bailey sailed an impressive regatta; Lorrie Walsh followed with a close second; and Willy Evans, with his lightweight crew of his two young daughters, finished third.

These events were followed by a favorite of the season, the Amethyst Regatta, August, 11 and 12. This was another beautiful and even warm weekend on Lake Superior. A change in course for the first time ever saw the racing centered right out of Amethyst instead of sailing from Thunder Bay to Amethyst Harbour. This did not deter Richard Walsh, recovered from Brazil, from taking home the trophy again. The second day of this regatta was a race around Caribou Island, and Richard was the lucky (and skilled) winner again.

Another star of our club, Lorrie Walsh, traveled to Annapolis with her crew of Alisia Cameron and Cat Oostveen, to place a proud second in the Women's North Americans.

Our official season concluded September 16 with the second part of our Districts at the Thunder Bay Marina—an extremely close regatta, with winners separated by only one point each. Ross Bailey with 10, Jim Cameron, 11, and Lorrie Walsh with 12.



Central New York District



Central New York

Fleets

1	Skaneateles Country Club	164	Willow Bank Yacht Club
4	Lake Delta Yacht Club	225	Henderson Harbor
10	Onondaga Lake	252	Keuka Lake
48	Irondequoit Bay	338	Galway Lake
77	Newport Yacht Club	484	Ithaca
108	Great Sodus Bay		

District Commodore: Al McReynolds
 District Secretary: Jillian Erika Dart
 District Measurer: Ed Seyerlein
 Assistant Measurer: John Atkins

District Champion: Jed Dodge
 District Runner Up: Bob King

The Central New York District had another active sailing season. In addition to our three two-day regattas, the District held four one-day regattas. The competition remained fierce throughout the summer.

Newport: Two Day – Winner Kirk Reynolds

Cazenovia: Two-Day – Winner Mark Sertl

Champagne Bash: Keuka – One Day - Winner Dick Hallagan

Centrals/Districts: Rochester Yacht Club – Two Day – Winner – Jed Dodge

Skaneateles: One Day – Winner Dan Pope

Cazenovia: One Day – Winner Clay Murphy

Ithaca Frostbite: One Day – Winner Kirk Reynolds.

Many thanks to all of the skippers and crews who attended the regattas and made the CNY District both a competitive and friendly district. Complete results from all the regattas, along with other District news and next year's schedule, can be found at www.cnyLightnings.org.

Jillian Erika Dart
 CNY District Secretary

Fleet 1—Skaneateles Country Club
 Sailing on Skaneateles Lake
 Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captains: Kirk Reynolds
 John A Barnes

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
39		David Penfield
10355	Bismarck	Kirk Reynolds
13677	Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck
14781	Old Crow	Kirk Reynolds
15088	Lyn	Bent L Thomsen

Fleet 4—Lake Delta Yacht Club
 Sailing on Lake Delta
 Rome, New York

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12143	Run Away	L James Jones

Fleet 10—Onondaga Lake
 Sailing on Onondaga Lake
 Liverpool, New York

Fleet Captain: W Craig Thayer

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
736	Huntress	W Craig Thayer
9392	The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
10370	The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
11425	The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
12646		Leonard Phillips
13011		Leonard Phillips
14737	Evan's Full Ride	Leonard Phillips

Other than for our annual "Woody Regatta," there were no Lightnings on the starting line at OYC this year. My wood boat was in the middle of restoration, as were two other woodies which will be finished in time for the 70th next year. Our two members, who have glass boats, opted to sail on other boats in the cruising fleet.

This lack of fleet activity was contrasted against another successful "Woody Regatta," which took place about the middle of July. This year marked the 5th anniversary of the event and was attended by our core group of years past, as well as several new faces.

Saturday was a perfect day to sail, with sunshine, comfortable temperatures, and a consistent breeze of 8–12. A bountiful onshore lunch was followed by a happy hour and gourmet dinner provided by Suzanne Thayer and "Chef Frank." "Jammin' with Jeff" provided a wide variety of tunes until well into the evening. Unfortunately, though a beautiful day, Sunday morning was windless, as had often been the case in past years. This gave people the opportunity to pack up their boats early and enjoy a leisurely lunch of dogs, burgers, and assorted side dishes. Bob Astrove again took home the top spot, with Byrne O'Brien and David Little not far behind.

Next year, we will not hold the regatta at OYC but will all attempt to make the 70th Regatta at Skaneateles in its place. We are expecting a great turnout of "Woodies" for this event, and I hope to see you all there!

Craig Thayer



Participants of the '07 Woody Get Together

Central New York District

Fleet 46—Irondequoit Bay

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay

Rochester, New York

Fleet 46, Algonquin Yacht Club, was reactivated this year. Originally located on Irondequoit Bay, it was eventually absorbed as part of Newport Yacht Club, Fleet 77. The Fleet was reactivated this year by several local skippers to support the racing success of the members and to encourage youth sailing in the Lightning Class.

Fleet 77—Newport Yacht Club

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay & Lake Ontario

Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain:	Lori Foster
Fleet Treasurer:	Howard P. Stickney
Fleet Champion:	Alan McReynolds
Fleet Runner-up:	John Boettcher

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12008	The Green Room	Matthew Richter
12400	Windswept	Andy Smith
14397	Plan B	John H Atkins
14605	White Cap	Don Curran
14949	Comfortably Numb	Landy G Atkinson
15121	whY doc?	Chris & Dave Reynolds
15165	Gandalf The White	Logan & Alan McReynolds
15250		Daniel Pope
15255		Richard W Hallagan
15276	No Worries	Philip Lange

This year's sailing season has gone quickly, as it always does. Many Lightnings turned out for the Spring Series and for Thursday Night Sailing (TNS) . . . a few raced almost every race. We enjoyed one beautiful TNS on Lake Ontario in July.

NYC was represented at several International regattas. John Atkins, Lori Foster and Laura O'Leary competed at the Canadian Open held at Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (on the St. Lawrence in Montreal). Dick Hallagan with crew Dan Pope and Rick TenEyck and Phil Lange with crew Jonathan Lange and Allister Thompson both competed in the Lightning Worlds in Athens, Greece. They placed 6th and 31st respectively out of 48. Dick also competed in the Worlds Masters and placed 4th out of 14.

Congratulations and thanks to them for representing Newport Yacht Club around the world. Congratulations also goes to Phil Lang for making the Blue Fleet for the first time at the North Americans held at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis.

Several 'traveling' Lightnings supported the Central New York Lightning District regattas. In turn we had a good turn out for our annual regatta. (See photo of top placers). Kirk Reynolds with his crew of Logan McReynolds and Jim Barnash took first place.

Newport Lightnings have several series: Spring, Thursday Night Sailing (TNS), Fall and Overall.

John Atkins took 1st in the Spring series followed by rookie Chris Reynolds and John Boettcher. The summer series consisted of the TNS racing with Alan McReynolds being 1st followed by Dick Hallagan and John Boettcher. Alan McReynolds took 1st in the fall series with John Boettcher and Mike Trenkler getting 2nd and 3rd. The fleet champion was Alan McReynolds with John Boettcher taking 2nd and Dick Hallagan getting 3rd. Special awards went to Dylan Trenkler (youngest skipper), Gregory Trenkler and Nick Serl (youngest crew), Chris Reynolds (rookie of the year) and Alan McReynolds (most races sailed). Along with the perpetual trophies, winners got Lightning logo martini glasses or travel mugs.

Chris Reynolds enjoyed his first sailing season at Newport sharing the experience with his brother David, his dad, Carl, and wives Jodi and Andrea, respectively.

Photos by Sally Atkins



Champs—McReynolds Family

Thanks to Howard P. Stickney who is our treasurer and overseer of our docks. Thanks, too, to the many fleet and club members and their families who help with every angle of a successful year of Lightning sailing.

We invite our worldwide Lightning family to visit Newport Yacht Club for a warm welcome and competitively friendly sail.



Runner-ups—Boettcher Team

Fleet 108—Great Sodus Bay

Sailing on Sodus Bay

Sodus Point, New York

Fleet Captain:	Mike Healy
Fleet Secretary:	Jim McIntosh
Fleet Champion:	Jed Dodge
Fleet Runner-up:	Kirk Reynolds

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11927		Bob Dodge
12150		James I McIntosh
12764		Mike Healy
13080		James I McIntosh
13433		Sara Costich
14713		Bob King
14747	Evan's Full Ride	James I McIntosh
14781		Kirk Reynolds
14808		John Boxberger
14923		Elizabeth Dodge
15164		Jed Dodge
15729		James I McIntosh

Central New York District

—Fleet 108

The season began with excitement, as Bob King was awarded one of the Lightning Class Boat grants. He took advantage of the ground breaking program by sailing fourteen regattas. The Fleet took an active role in promoting Bob's success this year. The boat Bob was sailing, Blue Jacket XI, was loaned to the Boat Grant Program by Jim MacIntosh, the Fleet Secretary. Mike Healy, the Fleet Captain, was appointed by the Boat Grant selection committee to be Bob's mentor. The two could often be found chatting about how to keep his team moving forward. Jed Dodge also made a concentrated effort to encourage Bob's development and spent many hours discussing racing tactics. The hard work of the Fleet paid off at the Atlantic Coast Championship, where Bob was 2nd, and at the North Americans, where Bob was 18th, eleven positions better than his finish in 2006.

The Fleet had a strong season of racing in the Central New York District. Jed Dodge, the Fleet Champion, won the Districts by ten points over fellow Fleet 46 member Kirk Reynolds, who was second. Kirk also finished second at the Newport, Celebration of Spring Regatta. John Boxberger finished third at Cazenovia. Bob King was second at the Skaneateles regatta, and Elizabeth Dodge was sixth. Sarah Costich spent most of the year crewing but finished 5th in her second regatta on the helm at the Ithaca Frostbite regatta in early November. Owen MacDonald, Danielle Powers, Billy Healy, Conor Healy and Lisa Costich are all college students and dingy sailors who experienced success this year as crew.

Another highlight of the season was the junior regatta Fleet 46 ran in conjunction with Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association. Sarah Costich, one of our members, is also the director of the racing program at Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association. The Fleet saw her program as a unique opportunity to promote the Lightning Class to highly skilled and motivated juniors. The event format was based on the one used very successfully at the Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitational regatta – essentially one adult and two juniors. The Fleet provided nine Lightnings and skilled Lightning sailors. The Lightning sailors were then teamed up with two juniors for the day. Each team then spent the morning practicing together in the Lightning. After lunch all the teams went back onto the water and sailed six three-leg races in 8–12 knots of breeze. The day was a great success, as all left the water with smiles. Several juniors asked, "Why aren't we sailing these boats more often."

The Fleet's summer ended like it began, with excitement. Jed Dodge traveled with fellow fleet members Bill Dodge and Sarah Costich to Annapolis for the North Americans. Jed and Bill are brothers and have been sailing together since the late seventies. Over the years, they have finished in the top ten at the NAs five times, but not since a sixth at Carlyle 1999. This summer they teamed up with Sarah Costich for the first time. The team was steadily improving and they showed their potential by crushing the competition at the district championships, the last event before the North Americans. Their first day of qualifying at the North Americans was mediocre, but after two top five races on day two they started the championship races with confidence. After placing 17th in the first race, the team followed it up with a bullet in race two, then three more top five finishes. Going into the last race, the team was one of only three boats that could win the regatta. In the end the team finished third—a truly outstanding result.

Fleet 46 had a great year. We were happy to be involved with the first year of the Boat Grant Program and can attest to the strength it can provide to a Fleet and District. We enjoyed getting to know our new members, bringing Lightning racing to junior sailors, watching the successes of our fellow Fleet 46ers, and most of all, we enjoyed each other's company.

This year's sailing season went quickly, as it always does. Many Lightnings turned out for the Spring Series and for Thursday Night Sailing (TNS)... a few raced almost every race. We enjoyed one beautiful TNS on Lake Ontario in July.

NYC was represented at several International regattas. John Atkins, Lori Foster and Laura O'Leary competed at the Canadian Open held at Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (on the St. Lawrence in Montreal). Dick Hallagan with crew Dan Pope and Rick Ten Eyck, and Phil Lange with crew Jonathan Lange and Allister Thompson, both competed in the Lightning Worlds in Athens, Greece. They placed 6th and 31st respectively out of forty-eight. Dick also competed in the Worlds Masters and placed 4th out of fourteen.

Congratulations and thanks to them for representing Newport Yacht Club around the world. Congratulations also goes to Phil Lang for making the Blue Fleet for the first time at the North Americans held at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis.

Several 'traveling' Lightnings supported the Central New York Lightning District regattas. In turn, we had a good turn out for our annual regatta. Kirk Reynolds with his crew of Logan McReynolds and Jim Barnash took first place.

Newport Lightnings have several series: Spring, Thursday Night Sailing (TNS), Fall and Overall.

Fleet 164—Willow Bank Yacht Club Sailing on Cazenovia Lake Cazenovia, New York

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12004	Gentry	Charles I Woods
13787	On the Fritz	Fritz Koennecke
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Richard H Ryczek
14036	Hartt Ache	Richard Hartt
14212	Steam Driven	Jeff Shaw
14369	Hastalavista	Federico Meira
14465	Motion	Richard P Tuttle
14527		Peter King
14772	Blackjack	Duane E Cramer
14849		Clay Murphy
15132	Temerity	Peter H Pundt

Lightning Fleet 164, a member of ILCA and the Central New York Lightning District, was established in 1947 on Cazenovia Lake and sailed out of the Ken Boat Company, which operated from the lakefront barn of "Willow Bank," an ancestral estate of the family of the owner. The Fleet continues as a lynchpin to the sailing activity on the lake, based at what is now known as the Willow Bank Yacht Club ("WBYC").

2007 again saw Federico Meira crowned as Fleet Champion for the Fleet's club races, which are held each Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with the exception of those days that Class regattas are hosted. The level of club race competition continues to escalate, as newer members gain experience and with the infusion of a number of WBYC's junior fleet sailors into the action. If the enthusiasm of Fleet 164's junior sailors is any indication, the future of Lightning sailing looks bright.

Fleet 164 hosts two Lightning regattas each year, in which all Lightning sailors are invited to participate.

The Caz Flash Bash is a two-day event held annually in June. This year's event, held on June 16–17, 2007, saw twenty-four boats participating from throughout the CNY District. Fleet 46's Mark Sertl took the trophy with a dominating performance that included four first-place finishes. This year's Flash Bash also saw the marking of the Fleet's 60th anniversary, with a special celebration dinner held at the conclusion of Saturday's sailing.



Willow Bank Yacht Club racing

Central New York District



Caz Flash Bash skipper's meeting

The Fleet's annual Fall Regatta, a late September event, is renowned for its chili luncheon featuring fare prepared by RC and fleet member emeritus Dave Bull together with John Steiner and Clay Murphy, who deliver their special recipe venison chili. The sailing was spicy too, with strong and shifting winds with the occasional squall testing the fourteen competitors and RC alike.



Caz Flash Bash



Another highlight for the fleet for 2007 was sending five boats to the WJMs at Leesylvania; three juniors', one masters', and one women's. The junior sailors gained their first experiences dealing with tidal currents and crab pots while WBYC's women's challengers have vowed to study their RC signal flags! However, a great time was had by all.

2007 also saw the milestone of 2006/2007 fleet captain Dick Ryczek selling "Trivial Pursuit" in anticipation of the start of new life chapters. Fortunately, the boat will stay within Fleet 164 under the ownership of new fleet member Ed Eagan and Dick continues to enjoy his many opportunities to sail as crew.

Fleet 225—Henderson Harbor Sailing on Henderson Bay & Lake Ontario Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain:	Jack Jones
Fleet Secretary:	Bill Wilcox
Fleet Treasurer:	John H Treadwell
Sailing Activities:	Richard Grissinger
Weekly Picnic Coordinator:	Sara Treadwell
Awards Banquet Coordinator:	Polly Matarese

Fleet Champion:	John H. Treadwell
Junior Chyampion:	Robert Hoffman

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10712	May Day May Day	Leonard Montague
12696	Jeggpaw	Bill Wilcox
13353	Shark Bait	Fleet 225
14192	Runaway	John H. Tradwell
14254	Foorloose II	Richard Grissinger
14321	You Bet	Jack Jones
14808		John Boxberger
15205		Bob Wardwell

Our annual spring gathering to plan the sailing and social calendar was held at the Treadwells' Hendershore on June 10. Jack Jones asked for a moment of silence to honor Rich Stevens, who passed away January 20 at age 58. He began sailing Lightnings in the 1960s and was a many-time Fleet Champion. Remembered on the circuit as "The Bear," he was easily identified by his large beard, positive attitude and huge heart. He leaves his wife Sally, daughters Elizabeth and Allison and family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

We also lost another dear friend and support of our Fleet, Betty Matheson, who passed away at age 96. We will miss her warm smile and sense of fun.

Tom Ferguson, another former Lightning sailor, lost his battle with cancer this past summer at age 61 and will be sorely missed.

Dick Grissinger organized the racing schedule for 2007, adding a Wednesday evening series to involve more young sailors in racing. Fleet 225 was again represented in the Henderson Memorial Day parade, with Jack Jones and John Treadwell entering Treadwells' Lightning decorated in racing flags. The Tuesday night suppers ran weekly through July and August at area cottages and were well attended and lots of fun.

Central New York District

Henderson Harbor



Fleet Champions—John and Sara Treadwell



*Junior award winners:
John King, Robert Hoffman (Junior Champion), Carter Deeney, Chris Kelly, Schuyler Deeney, Daniel Hoffman*



Jack Jones thanks crew Mary Lou Carlucci and John Steiner for their 4th-place finish in the North American Masters



Best Skipper and Crew Award: Dr. Irwin and Billy Stone for more than 50 years of participation and support of Fleet 225

The racing season kicked off June 10 with the Apple Blossom and ended with the Frostbite on September 23. Winning skippers were: John Tradwell—Apple Blossom, Spring Series, Barne's Memorial, Skipper's Race, Summer Series, Fall Series and Frostbite Race; Dick Grissinger—Stoney Race and May's Trophy; Alex King—Captain's Cup; Schuyler Deene—Wednesday Evening Series.

The season ended with the annual Awards Banquet held on September 29 at Ryan's Lookout. Polly Matarese was recognized for organizing another enjoyable evening with 40 people attending with a nice mix of young and old. Jack Jones conducted a short business meeting after the dinner, which included the report by the Treasurer, John Treadwell. We are in the black and have increased our membership to 70 members.

New members welcomed into the Fleet for 2007 were: Paul Jones. Roy and Pat Goodrich, Christopher Kelly, Ron and Pat Murray, Alex King, Nathan Contino and Phillip Fargo.

Thank you to the members who made donations to the Fleet. They included: Marcia Treadwell, Sally Stevens, Hal and Ellie Lyness, Rich and Polly Matarese, Barb and Gary Bowman, Marty and Connie Clasby, Michael and Bonnie Yonkovig, Bob and Jean Parker, Phil and Jean Hoffman, Len Roberts, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Goodwin, Maryanne Giangobbe, John and Sara Treadwell, Marty and Ann Maurer, Irwin and Billie Stone, Marty and Gerry Bezner, MaryAnn Gandolfo, Fred and Nella Stone, Jim and Kristin King, Rich and Gina Hart and Nick Todisco.

Jack awarded special flats to the following people for service to the Fleet: Polly Matarese, Sara Tradwell, Joan Treadwell Woods, John Treadwell, Bill Wilcox, Dick Grissinger, Hal Lyness and Mary Hoffman.

Mary, the Henderson Harbor Watersports Chairman, thanked Jack and Dick, as well as Bill for their hours of volunteer service to the youth of the sail school program this past summer. She also thanked Fleet 225 for use of the Fleet Lightning in the sail school program. Mary presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Fleet from Henderson Harbor Watersports.

Irwin and Billy Stone were presented with a beautifully framed "Best Crew Award" for their 50 years of support of Fleet 225. Jack presented the John E. Jones Memorial trophy to junior skipper Robert Hoffman.

Hal Lyness closed the evening in song with an Irish nautical piece accompanied on the piano by his wife Ellie. It was another great summer, and we all look forward to 2008.

Sara Treadwell, Secretary

*Fleet 252—Keuka Lake
Sailing on Keuka Lake
Hammondsport, New York*

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9249		Leon a Fontier
10940	Incontinent	Barry Brogan
14431		Leon A Fontier

*Fleet 338—Galway Lake
Sailing on Galway Lake
Galway, New York*

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12130	Pretender	John S Orton
13251	Eng_neer	Willard Kohler
13655	Pretender	John S Orton
15134	Huggie 3	R James Millard
15161	Dead Meat	John A Korkosz

*Fleet 484—Ithaca
Sailing on Cayuga Lake
Ithaca, New York*

Fleet Captain: Stephen E Little

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11347	Anna T	Terrill Moore
13372	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen E Little
14002		Edward Seyerlein
14256	Mangy Moose	Jon Humphrey
14713		Edward Seyerlein
14799	Hot Flash	Jesse W Miller
14968	Witch of the Wave	Byrne O'Brien
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen E Little
15314		Edward Seyerlein

Chile District



Chile

Fleets

318 Algarrobo Yacht Club

District Commodore: Edmundo Perez

Fleet 318—Algarrobo Yacht Club
Sailing on Cofradia Nautica del Pacifico
Algarrobo, Chile

Fleet Captain: Edmundo Perez



Colombia

Fleets

73 Club Nautico Del Muna 501 Club Nautico El Portillo

District Commodore: Mauricio Valenzuela

The year 2007 was an exciting and one to remember because our District was the hosting of the South American Championship and also because we had nice, incredible visitors that came to sail in our beautiful Lake Tomine. The event was "lo maximo," having Steve and Jan Davis, Jeff and Amy Linton, Ched Proctor from the U.S., Mario Buckup from Brazil, Juan Santos and a very large group of friends from Ecuador, sailing with a group of very fine sailors from Colombia. It all made for one heck of a Championship.

There will be a lot of talking about the Championship, including special words from the winners, Santiago Uzcategui and crew.

I just want to thank every one involved, hoping that from now on the Class in Colombia and in the vicinity will be stronger and attract more sailors to sail our lovely boat.

Hope to see you all here again.

Mauricio Valenzuela

National Champion: Philippe Jacob
Runner up: Felipe Castillo
Third Place: Mauricio Valenzuela

District Champion: Santiago Uzcategui
Runner up: Felipe Castillo
Third Place: Sergio Delgado

Fleet 73—Club Nautico Del Muna
Sailing on Lake Tomine
Bogota, Colombia

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13044		Carlos Alvarado
13990		Rafael Esguerra
14085		Johan Roesel
14181		Rafael Concha
14322		Jaime Restrepo
14536		Philippe Jacob
14552		Hernando Ramirez
14700		Jorge Uscategui
14704		Jochen Raute
14801		Mauricio Valenzuela
14804	La Alqueria	Felipe Castillo

Fleet 501—Club Nautico El Portillo
Sailing on Lake Tomine
Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain: Gustavo Tamayo

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
8911		Fernando Venegas
13427		Jaime Lobo-Guerrero
14057		Hernan Sálcedo
14132		Santiago Douat
14135		Miguel Ribon
14155		Roberto de la Vega
14538		Manuel Acosta
14733		Ernesto Borda
14802		Gustavo Tamayo
14803		Richard Deeb
14806	Bora Bora	Richard Deeb
14862		Ricardo Seidner
14863		Álvaro Bustos
14864		Roberto Londoño
14873		Filipe Recaman

54 ° SURAMERICANO CLASE LIGHTNING
REPRESA TOMINÉ—BOGOTÁ COLOMBIA
28 NOVIEMBRE —2 DICIEMBRE DE 2007
Por Santiago Uzcategui

Antes de iniciar este reporte acerca del 54avo Campeonato Suramericano de la clase Lightning, quiero agradecer muy especialmente a ERIKA mi esposa y a mis hijos JOHANN y FEDERICO su infinita paciencia, tolerancia y comprensión ya que muchos fines de semana no cuentan conmigo para nada por estar dedicado a entrenar por que "viene algún campeonato".

El miércoles 28 de Noviembre llegamos muy temprano a la laguna Jochen, Delio y yo, para cambiar algunas piezas del bote. Ese día corrimos en horas de la tarde la regata de práctica con vientos entre 10 – 14 nudos en la cual a pesar que no navegamos bien, nos sirvió mucho para corregir los errores que estábamos cometiendo.

El jueves 29 se inició el campeonato y como era de esperarse estábamos bastante ansiosos en la mañana. Sabíamos que en este tipo de campeonatos la tranquilidad es un factor definitivo para llegar al objetivo que nos habíamos propuesto.



South American Champions

La primera regata se corrió con un viento bastante extraño para nosotros los locales debido a que la dirección sur-occidente del viento, no es muy común y menos aún con una intensidad de 8-10 nudos. Partimos bien y a medida que se disputaba la regata comenzamos a ver finalmente quienes serían los rivales a vencer. Tuvimos una lucha intensa con Mario Buckup y con Juan Santos en esta regata. En ésta terminamos en el segundo lugar.

La segunda regata ese mismo día se desarrolló en las mismas condiciones con el agravante de que en la última pierna el viento bajo de intensidad. Esta regata la ganó Jeff Linton y nosotros terminamos segundos de nuevo y tuvimos la fortuna de que Mario y Juan no hicieron buenos puestos. Por lo tanto terminamos el día estando de primeros en la clasificación.

El segundo día el viento entró alrededor de las 2:00 pm por lo cual tuvimos que esperar bastante en el agua. Después de una regata que no se pudo terminar por las variaciones tan marcadas en el viento, se estableció un viento del occidente todavía más extraño para los que corremos en la laguna, no solo por su dirección sino por su intensidad de 10 – 12 nudos.

En la primera regata del día y tercera del campeonato tuvimos una regata bastante disputada con Jeff. Al final, por un error que él cometió pudimos ganar y sacarle puntos muy importantes a nuestros rivales.

La segunda regata del día y cuarta del campeonato para nosotros fue una “desgracia” por que cometimos infinidad de errores y a la postre terminamos en un 13avo lugar. Esta regata la ganó Juan y Jeff consiguió el tercer lugar.

La tercera regata del día y quinta del campeonato fue una de las más disputadas con nuestros rivales directos. Siempre con Juan y con Mario. En ésta Jeff ganó sin problema. Él siempre estuvo en el primer lugar, Juan entró en segundo lugar, nosotros terceros y Mario cuarto. Con estos resultados al finalizar el día, Jeff quedaba en primer lugar, nosotros en segundo lugar



Class Secretary Jan Davis presents ILCA Appreciation Award to District Commodore Mauricio Valenzuela

y Juan Santos de tercero a escasos cuatro puntos de nosotros. Esto nos indicaba que él era el rival más importante a controlar para el último día.

El tercer día de competencias la dirección del viento fue extrañísima dado que se estableció noroccidente con una intensidad de 10 a 12 nudos.

En la primera regata del día y sexta del campeonato, partimos bastante bien y siempre “vigilando” a Juan quien para fortuna nuestra no partió bien. La primera ceñida la navegamos muy bien y cruzamos primeros seguidos muy de cerca por Jeff. Desafortunadamente en la popa éste nos alcanzó. Desde ese momento él nos “cubrió” toda la regata lo cual le facilitó a muchos botes que nos alcanzaran y a la postre nos ganaran a ambos. Los rivales directos habían tenido una mala regata también.

En la segunda regata y séptima del campeonato desde la salida Jeff nos estuvo controlando y en ningún momento tuvimos oportunidad para navegar libres por lo cual hicimos un décimo puesto, superando a Juan pero cediéndole muchos puntos a Mario y a Phillip Jacob.

En la tercera regata del día y última del campeonato salimos bastante mal y tratamos de recuperarnos. Jeff ganó fácilmente esa regata y de nuevo Mario nos descontó puntos importantes.

Al final logramos triunfar en el Campeonato Suramericano y ocupar el segundo lugar en la clasificación general.

Quiero agradecer muy especialmente a mi tripulación compuesta por JOCHEN RAUTE y DELIO DELGADO porque sin ellos hubiera sido imposible lograr este título. Logramos hacer un buen equipo y mantener la concentración aunque las cosas se pusieran difíciles.

Por último un agradecimiento a las tripulaciones extranjeras que vinieron a visitarnos y a todos nuestros amigos que nos dieron su apoyo durante esos maravillosos días.



Connecticut/Rhode Island District



Connecticut/Rhode Island

CHILE

Fleets

6	Housatonic Boat Club	129	Madison Beach Yacht Club
85	Niantic Bay Yacht Club	134	Noroton
126	Cedar Point Yacht Club		

District Commodore: R Neil Hayes

Fleet 6—Housatonic Boat Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound

Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: R Neil Hayes
Fleet Secretary: Brian Hayes, Sr

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
10801	Woody	R Neil Hayes
11381		Brian Hayes, Sr

2007 was a bit of a down year for Fleet 6. With few prospects for Fleet growth at this point, we typically must rely on other sites to get our racing itch scratched. That said, we traveled (a bit), sailed local events (a bit) and otherwise discussed regrouping and charging into 2008 focused on spending more time sailing. Highlights included RNH sailing the Niantic Governors Cup with his twelve-year-old son, RNH the 3rd, and his son's twelve-year-old friend—a bit too windy for the boys but a great first regatta experience nonetheless. Meanwhile BWH went to the Southern Circuit, Worlds and Bluenose Regattas, with the highlight being crewing for Steve Davis (along with Laura Jeffers) in Greece to a 3rd place finish. All in all, a great experience.

2008 brings a bit more promise as we had our "Fleet meeting" (if two brothers at a local tavern can be construed as such) and have plans to attend the Southern Circuit, NAs, Borderline and 70th Anniversary Regatta (the latter sailing together in Woody as we did at the 60th). Hope to see everyone at the 70th!!

Fleet 85—Niantic Bay Yacht Club

Sailing on Niantic Bay & Long Island Sound

Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: James Gardner

Fleet 126—Cedar Point Yacht Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound

Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: David Fried
Fleet Secretary: David Marseli
Fleet Treasurer: Dick Thackaberry

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11385	Ol' Blue	Richard Thackaberry
11570		Liviu Vogel
11674	Second Chance	Scott Potter
13832		Ryan O'Grady
13889	Wind Breaker	David Marseli
14045	Mimi	Christopher Kirkland
14238		Steven Wexler
14466		Fleet 126
14642	Crusader	Richard Swann
14807	Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14819	Too Hot!	Eric S Heller
14821		Charles E Proctor
14889	Stripes	David Fried
15051		David C Howe
15057		Alexander Minella
15111		Gianni Cuccio
15116	Amethyst	Douglas Latour
15171	High Cheese	Joshua Goldman

Cedar Point Yacht Club has been home to Lightning Fleet 126 for over forty years. CPYC hosted Lightning North American Championships in 2003 and Atlantic Coast Championships in 2007. Fleet 126 races every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. On the major holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day), we sail three-day regattas, culminating with club barbeques in a competitive Commodore's Cup Series. We also host two invitational regattas. The Early Bird Regatta takes place the weekend before Memorial Day, and is hosted together with the Flying Scot Fleet. The Fall Classic takes place the last weekend in September and is run in conjunction with the Thistle Fontelieu Regatta. The parties at these regattas are becoming legendary, so if there's any way you can attend, you'll be happy you came.

The 2007 season got going with some early excitement when local hero and Cedar Point Governor Ched Proctor won his fourth Southern Circuit Championship. Taking third at Savannah, third at Miami and second at St. Pete allowed Ched to squeak out a narrow one point victory in the overall circuit standings. Josh Goldman and Rod Ratcliffe also made the trip down south this year with their boats, representing Fleet 126 well.

The 2007 club racing season was a season of growth for Fleet 126. After a challenging 2006 season, fraught with light air and cancellations, the weather cooperated to make 2007 much more enjoyable. We enjoyed an 80% increase in races completed and days raced, with many days featuring heavy breeze. As a result of the consistent weather, eight skippers qualified for the final season standings, a marked increase over five from 2006. Cedar Point Yacht Club's "First Family" of Lightnings again reigned supreme this season. Johnny Cuccio Jr. took home the Vice Commodore's and Commodore's Cups, while last season's Fleet champion, Laura Cuccio, won the Rear Commodore's Cup. Five other skippers ended the cup weekends on the podium over the course of the season. Johnny Cuccio Jr. became the fourth Cuccio on the Fleet Championship Trophy. The trophy, aptly named for Johnny's grandmother, Gladys Cuccio, has previously been won by grandfather Jon, father Gianni and older sister Laura.



Fleet lines up for the first start at Atlantic Coast Championships

Connecticut/Rhode Island District



David Fried (14889) and Doug Latour (15116)
battle downwind in club racing action

2007 Fleet 126 Final Standings

Position	Hull	Skipper	Score	Races
1	15111	Johnny Cuccio Jr.	96.4	14
2	15171	Joshua Goldman	91.2	16
3	11385	Dick Thackaberry	85.3	15
4	14889	David Fried	78.8	16
5	14819	Ric Heller	78.0	16
6	15116	Douglas Latour	76.3	16
7	14807	Rod Ratcliffe	69.2	11
8	11570	Liviu Vogel	67.4	17
N/Q	15051	David Howe	N/A	8
N/Q	13889	David Marseli	N/A	7
N/Q	14821	Ched Proctor	N/A	5
N/Q	14642	Rick Swann	N/A	2

Although Dave Peck, from neighboring Niantic Bay Yacht Club, won both the Early Bird Regatta and the Fall Classic, Cedar Pointers Gianni Cuccio took second in the Early Bird and Josh Goldman took second in the Fall Classic.

The big event of the 2007 season was Atlantic Coast Championships, held the last weekend of July at Cedar Point. Josh Goldman, as event chairman, planned and executed a fantastic regatta with a rocking party featuring a live band. However, the weather left a bit to be desired. The Race Committee performed excellently under adverse conditions, completing three races over the two days in extremely light breeze. The 44-boat fleet was won by Bill Fastiggi, with Boat Grant winner Bob King taking second place, and John Schwartz taking third place. Three Cedar Point skippers finished in the top ten, with Gianni Cuccio taking seventh, Ched Proctor taking ninth and Josh Goldman bringing home tenth.



Vogel (11570) leads a crowd into the leeward mark rounding

The major award of Fleet 126 is the Dayton Titsworth Trophy, awarded by the Lightning Fleet to the member who encourages sportsmanship, camaraderie and the love of sailing as exemplified by Dayton Titsworth. This year, we recognized a long time fixture in Fleet 126. This skipper has represented Fleet 126 and CPYC well, both in our home waters and at all levels of travel regattas. One of the most important maneuvers he's made in the past few years is actually moving from skipper into the middle-crew position. After winning the fleet championship for fifteen years in a row, Gianni Cuccio handed the tiller to his daughter Laura last year and his son Johnny Jr. this year. Both won the Fleet Championship, etching a legacy into the trophy named for their grandmother, but also spreading Gianni's love for sailing, for Lightnings and for Cedar Point Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 126. The 2007 recipient of the Dayton Titsworth Trophy is Gianni Cuccio.

If you are interested in coming to Cedar Point Yacht Club to try out a Lightning, we have a very competitive Fleet boat. Contact Fleet Captain David Fried (friedd_76@yahoo.com), and he'll reserve it for you. Or, if you're interested in crewing, contact anyone in Fleet 126, and they'll most likely be glad to have you on board. At CPYC, we offer dinghy friendly facilities and top-notch race committee work. We hope to see you out on the water next season.

Photos by Dan Murdoch

Fleet 129—Madison Beach Yacht Club Sailing on Long Island Sound Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captains: Timothy Millhiser
James R Deephouse

Boat Name	Owner
11113	Chip Adams
11207	Early Times
11773	Steve Adkins
11933	J Michael Sulzbach John Sulzbach
13230	Leighton Lee
14342	SS Oshpoodle
14441	Challenge
14509	Early Times
14765	Jeff & Tyler Swiggett

We had a wonderful summer, with good competition and, something almost unheard of on the Long Island Sound, good winds almost every weekend. For whatever reason—cheap housing with the parents, no real job or maybe just good fun sailing—the stars aligned and several of our older juniors and young adult members were sailing Lightnings. Everyone is twenty-something unless noted otherwise.

For our trophy races, Annie Davidson, during a visit from New York City, won the Pape race with her sister Molly crewing. Rory Coster, looking for something to do, won our Fisher trophy. Both were taking advantage of great grand-master Jim Deephouse's generously crewing on his own boat. And Robert (Baylis) Simmons won the Baylis Cup, sailing my boat, which was only fitting since it was named for long-time, very early Lightning sailor, his grandfather, Robert Baylis, and presented by his grandmother, Sally Baylis.

While I, (way too close to 60) won the summer series, in very large part because of the steady crewing of the rest of the Davidson family, Sam (16) and Liz, second place was won by the Sulzbach boat skippered by Scott Howard and Erin Riley, making the trek from Boston. The master's contingency (all on the wrong side of 40), skippered by Kate Lee, and crewed by George Young and Steve Cornell/Rob Hayden, locked in third. Finally, all of our nine or so boats on the starting line were a mix of juniors and seniors. It was a fun summer of close races, continuing to get closer still, as the season progressed and this next generation learned to sail our floating flower box. Here's hoping the stars align again next year.

Tim Millhiser

Connecticut/Rhode Island & Dixie Districts

Fleet 134—Noroton

Sailing on Central Long Island Sound
Central Long Island Sound, Connecticut

Fleet Captain: Jim Crane

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14900		Jim Crane

Fleet 134 continues to be a Fleet of one. Number 14900 spends 95% of its life in a garage and only ventures out for an occasional regatta. This is a far cry from the days when the Noroton Yacht Club had a Fleet of over thirty boats. In honor of its past, Noroton was the host of the 2007 Connecticut/Rhode Island Districts, won by David Peck. The home team finished 3rd. After this brief appearance, the boat only ventured onto the water once more over the course of the season. My son, Rob, ably teamed with his sister, Kelly, and our neighbor Doug Herling, finished 5th at the Atlantic Coast Championship.

2008 looks to be a banner year for our boat, as we plan to actually do a bit of sailing in anticipation of the NAs in Newport and the coming Worlds in Vermont. We look forward to seeing you all next summer.

Jim Crane



Dixie

Fleets

50	Potomac River Sailing Assn	325	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn
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253	Susquehanna Yacht Club	508	Solomons
314	Sassafras River	509	Hampton Roads

District Commodore: Nabeel Alsalam

Fleet 50—Potomac River Sailing Association

Sailing on the Potomac River
Washington, DC

Fleet Captain:	David Thompson
Fleet Secretary:	Marion Bruno
Fleet Treasurer:	Bob Astrove
Fleet Lieutenant for Racing:	Rob Tompkins
Weekly Picnic Coordinator/	
Training Coordinator:	Joe Warren
Scorer:	Russ Roberts
Webmaster:	Cathy Bleakly
Potomac Cup Regatta Chair:	Bob Wilbur
WJM Chair:	Nabeel Alsalam

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
32		Barbara K Thompson
3343	Little Bit	Alan R Rogers
7223		Tom Capehart
7603	Pandora II	Robert Astrove
8745		Chandler Owen
9183	Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher
9211		Chandler Owen
9948		Chandler Owen
10215	Medio y Medio	Piercarlo Brunino
10226	Watterbug	Franco Primavesi
10621		James W Greenwell
10745		Chandler Owen
10745	EGV	Doug Palmer
10814	Fast & Loose	Collin Kirby
11369	No More Excuses	James Dillard
11600		Chandler Owen
11737		Chandler Owen
11792	Rogue	Bobby Fulton
11908		Brenda Walsh
12416	Envy	Eric Swanson
12416		Chris Kent
12417	Redline	Emily Asmus
12741	No More Excuses	James Dillard
13306	Resistance is Futile	Laurie Duncan
13832		Frank Gallagher
13914		Marshall Pattie
13977		Chandler Owen
14019		Chandler Owen
14019		Peter Grimes
14037	Bony Buns	Joseph Warren
14096		Edgar D Hunting
14096	Grey Ghost	Drew Hudson
14100	No Wet Underwear	Red Fehrle
14187	!Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14222	Windchaser	Russell Roberts
14375	Out o the Blue	Peter M McDonnell
14395	String Theory	Bob Wilbur
14485	Deux Poissons Et Un Chat	Ron Buchanan
14521	Puff the Magic Dragon	Joseph G Anderson
14532	Boonoonoonos	James W Greenwell
14553	Sinistra	Richard Welch
14566	Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher
14592	Beedobeat	John Butler
14592		Benjamin Forman
14627	No More Excuses	John Pemberton
14627		Nelson Pemberton
14627		James Dillard
15117	Shamrock II	Marian Bruno
15117		Gary Roberts
15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15159	Worm Burner	Patrick McGee
15195	It's The Water...	Patrick McGee
15202		Todd Johnson
15228	Blue Two	Walter David Thompson
15256	Ariel	Jeffrey Storck
15311		James Dillard

Season – In Search of Racing Excellence

Fleet 50 started the new year with a challenge, to put on an exciting and well-attended 2007 Women's, Juniors, and Masters (WJM) Championships at Leesylvania State Park in August, dovetailing into the North American Championships the following week in Annapolis. To get there, we needed to plan and prepare, while also enjoying the 2007 sailing season.

Season Highlights

Twenty-five Fleet 50 skippers and one hundred fifteen crew members sailed a total of 219 boat-race days in 2007. Twenty-two skippers qualified for the 2007 Championship series that included 64 races spread over fifteen Sunday race days plus the Potomac Cup and the PRSA Spring and President's Cup Regattas. Fleet 50 organized and ran the Potomac Cup and the WJM Regattas, and provided 92 race committee person-days, including ten Primary Race Officer days during the season. Fleet 50 boats participated in eight out-of-town regattas plus the WJM and North American Championships Regattas. Also two Fleet 50 boats sailed the 2007 Southern Circuit.

Awards

Congratulations to Russ Roberts and Team Windchaser who took first place in the PRSA Spring Regatta; in both the PRSA Spring and Fall Series; and in the Fleet 50 Championship Series! The Fleet Championship series runners-up were Pat McGee, 2nd; Frank Gallagher 3rd; Rick Welch 4th; and Bob Astrove 5th. Nabeel Alsalam won the Bloody Rudder, awarded for doing the best among Fleet 50 skippers in out of town regattas, and the Dixie District's Purnell Cup, for the best all-around performance in the District. Skipper David Thompson was recognized as Mr. Congeniality; Skippers Chandler Owen and Russ Roberts were given the Team Spirit award, and Red Fehle was named Skipper of the Year. We also recognized best new crew Bruce Heida and Chris Cook; most improved crew Barb Thompson and Catherine Calvin, and high-impact crew Laura Lake and Lisbet Kugler. To be a candidate for the high-impact award, a crew member must play a significant role in the success of their boat while also contributing significantly to the work of the Fleet. Lisbet Kugler was named as the All-weather Sailor for her twenty-eight racing days on the water. Nabeel also won the Iron Skipper award for the most skipper days on the water. And Jeff Storck was given the Bungle Bucket award, for somehow wrapping his spinnaker sheet around the windward mark during the President's Cup Regatta, watching his first-place standing drop to last before getting untangled.



Fleet Champions – Team Windchaser, 14222

Potomac Cup

Our signature event each year is the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta at Leesylvania State Park. Historically we have seen some very challenging weather conditions and this year was no exception. On Saturday we got off three races in a cold rain, with southeasterly winds at 6–15 MPH, but we did not race on Sunday when the winds were forecasted to be 20–25 with gusts to thirty-five. Joanne Fisher, sailing with Todd Johnson and Katie Terhune, took first place; John Guth second; Pierce Barden third; Nabeel Alsalam fourth, and Jason Werner fifth. Thirty boats competed, including fifteen from Fleet 50.

WJMs



Shadowfax - Nabeel Alsalam, Pat McGee and Russ Roberts at the WJMs

The big summer event for Fleet 50 was hosting the 2007 North American Women's, Juniors, and Masters Championships at Leesylvania State Park August 15–18. This culmination of a year's worth of planning and the dedicated labor of a large core of volunteers was a smashing success, with twenty-four boats competing in the Masters division, sixteen in the Juniors, and eight in the Women's division. Frank Gallagher, sailing with Emily Pavilon and Terry Burke, placed 7th in the Masters; Doug Dixon, sailing with spouse Gina and middle crew Bob Astrove placed 20th, sailing Bob's woody #7603 for the first two days and Doug's #584 on the last day. Catherine Calvin and Barb Thompson arranged the catered BBQ dinner on Friday that made for a perfect ending to a perfect racing day.

The following week, at the NA awards banquet, Nabeel Alsalam accepted, on behalf of the Fleet, the Neal Steketee Perpetual Award. This trophy is given each year to the North American Fleet that has been outstanding in furthering the purpose of the ILCA in promoting and developing racing in Lightnings. The 2007 award cited Fleet 50's outstanding job in running the 2007 Lightning North American Women's, Juniors, and Masters Championships regatta, under the leadership of our Regatta Chair, Nabeel Alsalam.

PRSA Spring and Fall Series and Regattas

The PRSA spring season of eight Sundays kicked off on April 1, and the Sunday weather patterns treated us to a couple of nice days, a couple of light air days, and a selection of days with challenging wind conditions, including the last race of the spring season on June 3 when Tropical Storm Barry came flying by, giving us good winds coupled with a cold soaking rain. Russ Roberts finished the spring series in first place, but followed closely by Pat McGee; Frank Gallagher; and Rick Welch.

Seven Fleet 50 boats participated in the PRSA Spring Regatta on Memorial Day weekend. On that weekend we had light winds on Saturday, and PRO Jeff Storck was lucky to get three races run before it was time to come in. However on Sunday we had a perfect sailing day, with steady southerly 12 mph breezes on a warm and hazy spring day. Russ Roberts nearly swept the regatta with six bullets and a second; Pat McGee was second.

Dixie District

Our summer went by quickly and before we knew it the fall season had started, with the 63rd annual PRSA President's Cup Regatta, run concurrently with the 13th annual Leukemia Cup regatta, on the weekend of September 8/9. Nabeel Alsalam was PRO on the upper course. We had good SSE winds on Saturday, and lighter winds on Sunday, with fifteen boats competing in the Lightning division. Frank Gallagher took first place, with Chandler Owen in second place.

The eight Sunday races of the fall season saw light winds for the remainder of September but good winds in October and November. Russ Roberts took first place in the Fall Series; Pat McGee; Frank Gallagher; Rick Welch and Bob Astrove rounded out the list of the top five finishers.

Out of Town Regattas

The 2007 Dixie District Championships were held on the Susquehanna River, hosted by Fleet 253, the weekend of June 9 and 10. Ten Fleet 50 boats participated, and all ten qualified for the North Americans to be conducted in August.

Also, several Fleet 50 skippers enjoyed summer sailing on the Potomac, highlighted by the annual down river cruise to Ft. Foote in July. Additionally, Nabeel and crew hit the Rock Hall Invitational Regatta on the Eastern Shore, and the Atlantic Coast Championships regatta in Hartford, where they placed 14th, and Matt Klise, sailing Bob Astrove's 7603, took first place at the Woody get together on Lake Onondaga in Syracuse. Way to go, Matt! Nabeel and crew also hit the Duck Challenge Regatta in Havre de Grace, placing 3rd, on the first weekend in August. Also, Frank Gallagher, Joe Warren, and Jim Ward supported the Virginia Special Olympics program again this year, sailing on Monday evenings in June and July.

Immediately following the WJMs, three Fleet 50 boats competed in the North American Championships in Annapolis in August, racing on the Chesapeake in the shadow of the Bay Bridge. Of the Fleet 50 competitors, Nabeel wound up in 31st place in the Championship fleet; Frank Gallagher in thirteenth place in the President's fleet, and John Pemberton placed 19th in the Governors Fleet.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Fleet 50 added new skippers and crew to its roster this year, but also saw the departure of some cherished friends. New skippers joining the fleet included Piercarlo Brunino and Franco Primavesi, sailing the former Black Adder, #10215; Doug Dixon, sailing his restored Skaneateles woody, #584; Collin Kirby, sailing Fast & Loose, #10814; Chandler Owen, returning after a long absence in Nashville, sailing Doc Gilbert's boat, Lord Jim, #13977; and John Pemberton, sailing Jim Dillard's old boat, No More Excuses, #14627. Later in the fall we added Christopher and Meaghan Kent, who purchased #12416; Marshall and Megan Pattie, who purchased #13832; and Charlie Helfinstine, who purchased 10215 from Brunino and Primavesi who moved out of the area unexpectedly. Also, sixty new crew members sailed at least once with us this year, eleven of them regularly (four or more times during the year).

Departures of cherished friends included long-time crew Skip Hirsh, who retired and moved to the mountains of North Carolina; Drew and Sousan Hudson, who moved to Connecticut, taking with them their Gray Ghost, #14096; and Rob Tompkins, our Fleet Lieutenant for Racing, who sold his boat Boonoonoonos, 14532 to Jim Greenwell, in preparation for a move to Huntsville, AL early in 2008. Also Jim and Kat Ward, although still in the area, took their boat back to Nashville at the end of the season.

Skip's farewell message, posted on the Fleet 50 website, recounted twenty years of sailing with the Fleet, and concluded with these thoughts:

"I will miss the competition; I will miss the pleasure...and the pain of a good sailboat race; I will miss the sound of a perfect spinnaker set; I will miss the taste of the first beer after six hours of being beaten by the sun and the wind and the river. But most of all I will miss Fleet 50. You have been my friends, my pastime, my support, my entertainment, and my family for almost twenty years. I know that I owe you more than I can ever repay. May the winds lift you when you need a break, and never die until you make the up-river turn; may you sail number always be missed when you are over early; and may the beer never run out until the party's over."

Looking Ahead

2008 will be a challenging year for Fleet 50 as we bring on new skippers and crew, compete in and run regattas, elect new officers and enjoy our sailing on the Potomac.

Fleet 192—Havre de Grace Sailing on the Susquehanna River Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Patrick Phelan

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9544	Disco Volante	Peter G Harsh Adam Dolezal
10302	Blueberries for Sal	Michael Magyar Mark M Hergan
11278	Sloppy Seconds	Mark G Sanford
13047	Shampoo	Matthew Jay
14366		Patrick Phelan Mark M Hergan
14629		Thomas Compton
15024	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15131		Patrick Phelan

2007 will be remembered as a year of change for Fleet 192 in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Yet we also held on to some of our favorite traditions. Our fleet continued weekly evening racing as well as hosting the annual "Duck" regatta and the team-racing duel with Susquehanna Yacht Club.

Our season kick-off was a Race Committee Boat Work Party which was held in driving rain and cold. We also held Lightning Labs for the first time in a number of years. Led by Allan Terhune and attended by participants from around the Bay including Solomons, Severn Sailing Association, Potomac River Sailing Association and Susquehanna Yacht Club, the workshops were a great way to prepare for the season.

Five of our boats found new owners, and three remained as members of the Fleet. Our traditional Thursday night races with Havre de Grace's PHRF fleet moved to Tuesday and we added a race committee boat which allowed us to set several windward/leeward races each evening. Racing was competitive even with the smaller fleet and we welcomed several new faces as skipper and crew.

We regained our title as "King of the River" at the end of two days of extremely competitive team racing against Susquehanna Yacht Club. It was our turn to host and we enjoyed the opportunity to compete against the talented sailors of SYC. The duel was so intense that the end of Saturday's racing found the rigs of two boats literally locked together.

The Duck Regatta brought out nine boats and ended in a tie between Steve Constants and Jason Werner. When the tie was broken, the final win went to Steve Constants.

Three of our fleet members competed in the North American Championships and held their own against a strong fleet. It was Tom Compton's first trip and he was joined by Pat Phelan and Jason Werner who competed in the championship fleet.

On a more somber note, John Hefner died suddenly in late September after suffering a heart attack. John had been a member of the Club for many years and had served as race committee chairman. His leadership and guidance has enabled the Fleet to continue to grow and he will be sorely missed.

For additional information on our upcoming season, please visit our website: www.lightningfleet192.org or join our Yahoo group,

Fleet 253—Susquehanna Yacht Club
Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain:	Mike Wertz
Fleet Secretary:	Bill Remorenko
Fleet Treasurer:	Ken Kuzdro
Fleet Historian:	Fred Bush
Fleet Champion:	Carol Park
Fleet FA-CUP Winner:	John Bates

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9897	Jonsella	Stephen D Tiley
10493		John Bates
11329	Rare Vos	Joseph Lauver
11582		Walt Povck
11596		Joseph W Deerin
12081		Brian Schooling
13047		Gary Hoffer
13218		Ken Kuzdro
13813	Double Whammy	Frederick S Bush
14074		Trevor Prior
14156	Starthrower	Richard M Doherty
14204		Kevin L Smith
14365	Strikes Twice	James Godfrey
14525	Spirfire	Russell Godfrey
14692	Potluck	Thomas E Dexter
14777		John Bates
14902	Miss Conduct	Matt Potvin
14927		Joseph W Deerin
15118	Shark Bite	Carol A Park
15159	Yellow Boat	Bill Remorenko
15210	Worm Burner	Michael Wertz
		Starling H Mikell
		Frank X Hanson
		Kevin MacNeil

www.lightningfleet192group.org

Another Busy Year for Fleet 253!

In June we hosted the Dixie Districts and after a great day of sailing on Saturday, the wind disappeared on Sunday. Thanks to the efforts of Rick Doherty, a pig roast, beer, live music and a chance to see several bald eagles made the event memorable for all thirty-five entries.

We hosted our fourth annual Junior Sailing Day, this year with a day in June and a second day in July. Kathie Wild led a group of nearly twenty junior sailors through four skill areas, with the capsizing drills and actual sailing being the most popular events. Each day was completed with a barbecue and certificate ceremony. The fifth annual "King of the River" team race event was held with Fleet 192 in Havre de Grace. Six teams from each club teams engaged two grueling days of competition, with SYC finishing "just a little short" to the Havre de Grace Fleet.

Fleet 253 is proud to have three boats participated in the Southern Circuit this past Spring. Skippers Bates, Mikell and Doherty all represented SYC.

At the North American Championship in August, SYC had entries in the Women's, Masters' and Juniors' classes. Congratulations to skipper Carol Park and her crew of Rhea Cosentino, and Sharon Slieker-Jay for winning the Women's Division.

I almost forgot...we also raced from the end of May until the end of October! The overall champion was Miss Conduct skippered by Carol Park with the Bill Remorenko and Lucy Kniseley crewing. Star Mikell was a very close 2nd, with Matt Potvin, rounding out the top three boats.

A special "thank you" goes out to Skipper Fred Bush. For the 34th consecutive year, Fred will be conducting the Learn to Sail class at SYC. Fred has made it possible for over 1000 men, women and children to learn the basics from points of sail, to knots, to understanding "apparent wind." On a final note, we welcomed Charlie Noble "back."



National Champs—Carol Park, Rhea Cosentino, Sharon Slieker-Jay



SYC at the Junior North American Championship
Skipper Danielle Pryor and crew



SYC at the Masters' North American Championship
Skipper John Bates and crew

Dixie District

Fleet 314—Sassafras River
Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chesterton, Maryland

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12381	Star O'dust	Robert B Horne
15023	Star O'dust	Robert B Horne

Fleet 325—Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association
Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14424	Shifty Characters	Timothy J Hart

The 2007 season saw good activity for our Sunfish and Hobie fleets and some good races for our Big Boat fleet, but no Lightning events were scheduled. However, we did have a few of us sailors who had interest in sailing competitively this year. Since the Big Boat races were the best local competition we could find, we joined them in handicap races. Turns out the handicap ratings just do not cut it when those boats are put up against the Lightning. We had a couple of Lightnings racing with them about three times and the Lightnings simply walked away.

A few of us are getting more anxious to do some real racing and are pushing the club to get the Fleet more active. We hope to schedule the Delaware Governor's Cup next year, as we had several District sailors interested in coming to Rehoboth to sail in our near perfect waters.

Here is hoping next year we will have some real Lightning activity to report.

Dave Racine, Acting Fleet Captain, Fleet 325

Fleet 329—Severn Sailing Association
Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Steve Constants
Fleet Secretary: Todd Johnson
Fleet Champion: Steve Constants



Lightning NAs

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9655	Sundance	James Bielfeld
10860	Still Crazy	JoAnn Fisher
12275		Charles B Currier
13872	Think Twice	Jason D Cosler
14049		Diana Lohmeyer
14139	Boatbox	Robert Harmon
14221	Iwakuni	Mark E Whitson
14548	Pain Killer	Johnathan Guth
14581		Edward J Friebele
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Gregory Virgin
14950	Ultra Lightning	Ed Michels
14975	No Big Heel	Allan Terhune
15016	Loon	James B Brickell
15024		Jason Werner
15054	Blue Highway	Jonathan Lange
15151		Geoff Becker
15181		Greg Fisher
15202		Todd Johnson
		Neal L Fowler
15232		Allan Terhune
15240	Got Moe Joe	Stephen Constants
		Michael Constants
15353		Allan Terhune

2007 was a year to remember for Fleet 329 both on and off the water. We added two new Fleet members, Geoff Becker and Jason Cosler both of who took delivery of their boats over the winter. We kicked off the season with our winter party in the beginning of February. Always a great time to get together, have some fine food and drink and embellish our sailing stories from the past season. In March we had another party to watch the premier of the new ILCA Lightning boat handling video, starring our very own Greg and JoAnn Fisher and the beautiful boat. There was no red carpet laid out for the stars, and it seemed like we had a lot of critics in the audience, but a good time was had by all.

Fleet Members in the News and Highlights of the year:

New crew additions:

Miles Guth born 6/21/2007

Ava and Harold Cosler born 8/21/07

Our Southern Circuit Road Warriors:

Allan Terhune, Todd Johnson, Steve Constants, Jason Werner, Greg Virgin, Jonathan Lange, JoAnn Fisher and Jamie Brickell

World Championship in Greece:

Allan Terhune finished a close second. Jonathan Lange sailed with his brother Philip and finished 31st.

Dixie Districts - Fleet 329 totally dominated the Dixie Districts held at Susquehanna Yacht Club:

1st Allan Terhune, 2nd Neil Fowler, 3rd Geoff Becker, 4th Jamie Brickell, 5th Jason Werner, 6th Jon Guth, 7th Steve Constants, 9th JoAnn Fisher. Bob Harmon and Greg Virgin sailed in their first Districts.

Geoff Becker was named US Sailing coach for the Pan Am Games held in Rio de Janeiro Brazil in July.

North American Championships, Fleet 329 Results:

Champion:	Geoff Becker
Runner-Up:	Allan Terhune
13th:	JoAnn & Greg Fisher
15th:	Steve Constants
19th:	Jon Guth
23rd:	Jamie Brickell
25th:	Jason Werner
35th:	Philip & Jonathan Lang

President's Cup:

2nd:	Neil Fowler & Todd Johnson
19th:	Greg Virgin

Governor's Cup:

Champion	
(SSA non-resident):	Mike Beaver
5th:	Diana Lohmeyer
13th:	Ed Michels & John Pelosi
18th:	Bob Harmon

Fleet 329 holds two Invitational Regattas, The No Gas Regatta in May and the Frigid Digit Regatta in October. In addition to the invitationals, Fleet racing takes place over numerous weekends designated into Spring, Summer, and Fall Regattas. Our Fleet racing is always highly competitive, with a closely matched fleet. In addition, every Tuesday evening during the season there is informal racing available to all the fleets at SSA. It is a great reason to leave work early and race three or four short races and then come in and have some cold beer and food from the "Dark N' Stormy" snack bar.

The No Gas Regatta saw a record turnout of eighteen boats, with some coming from as far as Canada. Our Fleet participation per event average was up from last year (9.3 in 2007 vs. 7.6 in 2006), making our Fleet the second most active out of twelve sanctioned one-design fleets at SSA. Our Regatta winners were: No Gas Regatta—Allan Terhune, Spring Series—Steve Constants, Summer and Fall Series—Steve Constants.

Our fall invitational, the Frigid Digit, was chaired again this year by Joe Friebele, who not only organized a great event but somehow was able to provide awesome summer-like weather in October. Forty boats lined up and raced in two days of 8–15 knots of shifty northwest breeze. Saturday three long races were followed by an enjoyable cookout and lots of free beer. Sunday saw similar sailing conditions but with lighter pressure. Canadian Larry MacDonald, sailing with his children Joy and Adam, beat out Allan Terhune and David Starck to win the closely contested regatta. George Fisher sailing with his son Greg and daughter-in-law JoAnn finished 5th. SSA's own Jon Guth sailed well to finish 7th. Rounding out the top half from Fleet 329 were Steve Constants 9th, Todd Johnson (Neil Fowler) 10th, Jamie Brickell 12th, Jason Werner 18th, Ed Michels 19th.

Our season though will be remembered though for hosting the big event, the 2007 North American Championships. Fleet 329, Severn Sailing Association, Eastport Yacht Club, Regatta Chairman Steve Constants and the rest of the organizing committee worked diligently for the past year to put on a truly great event. The result of all that planning was a regatta that was very well organized, from start to finish, with involvement from everyone in our Fleet.

The NAs in Annapolis will be remembered for some of the following: the daily Annapolis Lightning "U" briefings and de-briefings, the beer truck, getting all the races in, our shore opts enforcer Mark Whitson, wind four out five days, cool weather, Annapolis' pubs, hanging out with new friends, crabs, Steve's two firsts on day one of qualifying, VHF Radio, and the post NAs party. And on top of all that, our Fleet members go one-two in the Championship (Geoff and Allan). Awesome sailing guys. Thanks to everyone who participated in the NAs. We hope that you enjoyed your stay here in Annapolis enough to come back and join us again real soon.

Fleet 508—Solomons

Sailing on the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay
Solomons, Maryland



Fleet Captain: David H Meiser

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
9991	Spartina	Lindsay M Bach
14028	Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14800		David H Meiser
15101		Dan Liston
15151	Palindrome	Geoff Becker

2007 was a transition year for Fleet 508, as Southern Maryland Sailing Association moved from its location of twenty years to a new location on Main Street in Solomons. This new facility has plenty to offer, with a prime location in the heart of Solomons, walking distance to all of the Solomons bars, restaurants and shops. The front of the new club looks out over the Patuxent River, and the rear is situated on the protected waters of the Solomons harbor.

2007 presented a small logistics challenge, as we still had to launch from the Calvert Marina location because we had not installed a lift in the new location. We now have a lift in hand, and preparations are being made to have it ready for the 2008 sailing season.

Our weekly Thursday evening racing was the focus of the Fleet 508 sailing season with the Lightning Class as the dominant force on those nights. The Lightning Class of our 11th Annual Small Invitational Regatta was won by Jim Alman, a newcomer to Fleet 508 but an old hand in the Lightning Class. Jim was followed closely by the ever formidable Nabeel Alsalam from the Potomac River Sailing Association and then Joe Friebele of Severn Sailing Association.

Unfortunately, Fleet 508 did not travel much this year and instead concentrated on developing our up and coming junior sailors. This can also be read as, the majority of Fleet 508 now has young children and has not been able much, but look forward to introducing our new crews to the fun of "away regattas" in the near future.



Dixie District

Fleet 509—Hampton Roads
Sailing on Chesapeake Bay
Hampton, Virginia

Fleet Captain: Joe Buczkowski, Jr
Fleet Champion: Joe Buczkowski, Jr

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11369	No Mo0re Excuses	Kevin Crossett
14485	Deux Poissons et un Chat	Ronald R Buchanan
14975		Travis Weisleder
15084	Irie	Joe Buczkowski
15221	Bonk	George J Nagy



2007 was a good year for the Fleet with the addition of Travis, Ryan Parker borrowing his Dad's boat to sail in a few regattas and Joe and George representing the Fleet at the North American Championships.

As always, we look forward to hosting the Hampton Lightning Fling. Once again, this year was a spectacular event, and it grew to ten boats from around the District! The first day started out a little rough with heavy winds from the North. Fortunately, in the lee of the shore, the waves were small. However, there were large shifts resulting in some fantastic tactical sailing. We got in four solid races on Saturday and three more on Sunday. Congrats to our newest Fleet member, Travis, as he won the event, followed by Joe and Nabeel Alsalam. Additionally, the oyster roast and fried turkey at Leigh Morgan's house was great. A party that everyone enjoyed. Plus the entry was a measly \$20!

We look forward to keep expanding the fleet, keeping the sailing fun and would love to have more boats join the fling. So if you are even thinking about it, come on down to the Hampton Roads area and enjoy some great sailing, the beaches and everything the area has to offer.

Fleet 513—Rock Hall
Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay
Rock Hall, Maryland

Fleet Captain: Chuck Perry

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12379	Tin Man	B Douglas Megargee
13139	Moxie	Tom Tontarski
13008	The Incredible Hulk	Charles G Parry
14024		Lee Urbani
14068	Anser	Lansing Williams
14711		Scott D Jarrett Tricia Fishback
15328	Neverbird	Ronald A Mullar Jan Finley

In the fall of 2006 Jason Werner from the Havre de Grace fleet brought his Lightning down to our club for a boat symposium. We had several class boats come in to try to decide what class we wanted to promote as a new class at RHYC. We decided that Jason's Lightning was not our father's Lightning, as it seemed faster, lighter and more exciting than the woodie with jumpers I raced on Barnegat Bay when I was a kid.

By Spring we had a Fleet going, and now we have seven boats that are either on the grounds of the Club or coming and going. That is with the exception of Doug Megargee's "Tinman" that has been undergoing an extensive rebuild/refit.

Our club's One Design Regatta on June 15 was the first serious racing. Most of the boats participated in other than our regular handicap fleet racing. We had a great time racing, and the one thing consistent about the Class compared to other regattas was that Nabeel Alsalam won the Class (Ben Forman was second)! We hope to add to the total number of boats in our One Design Regatta to raise it from the record of ninety-three set in 2007. In 2008 the regatta will be held on June 21 and 22, following The "Down River Race." The Down River is a handicap race from Chestertown to Langford Creek on the Chester River. Last year we had forty-six boats, from Sunfish to a Log Canoe, many of which were getting ready to sail in the One Design. Overall with the band, bar and buffet on Saturday night, it was a great weekend.

None of us have as yet participated in travel to other venues for regattas, as we have been learning about the boats, finding crew, and clearing our schedules so we can travel. We have not had the luxury of having one or two experienced or hot-shot Lightning sailors in our Fleet who could guide our efforts, so we are all learning by the trial-and-error method. It is great that we can be part of a larger organization that can offer us the assistance we have needed and received.

We are looking forward to a Lightning Lab day in the Spring but do not have a date set yet. We are also hoping to host the Lightning ACCs on July 26 and 27 in 2008. We hope to add another 360-degree crane/hoist during the winter, which will give us two hoists and a trailer ramp.

We have great place to race on the Chester River, with the ability to set a one-mile course in any direction, very little power boat chop and as good a prevailing southerly breeze as can be found anywhere on the Bay. The club also has about ten acres of grass for boat parking and camping, and no overhead wires. We are planning to join the Lasers in frostbiting in November this year and start in late April with weekend racing.



Ecuador

Vice President:	Paco Solá
District Commodore:	Marcelo León
District Champion '06 & '07:	Carlos L Lecaro
District Runner-up '06:	Olaf Dyck
District Runner-up:	Juan Santos Garcés
National Champion:	Juan Santos Garcés
National Runner-up:	Miguel Plaza Menéndez

Fleet 405—Salinas Yacht Club
Sailing on the Pacific Ocean
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11365	White Shark	Julio Velez
11928	La Ratona	Sebastian Herrera
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel E Plaza
14145	Alzheimer	Jose Gonzalez-Rubio
14163	White Shark	Julio Velez
14379	XTREME	Jaime Calderon
14383	Bada Bing	Sebastian Meira
14461	Cantarella	Miguel A Plaza Merino
14541		Cesar Baquerizo
14671	Magia	Juan Rafael R Santos
14673		Juan Santos Garcés
14676	Farufa	Carlos Lecaro
15095	Culila	Santiago Romero Barst
15096	Paraki	Xavier Monge

Fleet 447—Club Nautico San Pablo
Sailing on Lago San Pablo
Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captains: Lars Dyck
Marcello J León



Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14160	Hakuna Matata	Marcelo J Leon
14370	Achachay	Gustavo Cordovez
14765	Quicky	Olaf Dyck

This has been a good year for Ecuadorian District. We've had some great sailing at home, and some of our members, with effort, have managed to sail in major regattas outside our borders. We started 2007 with two small warm up regattas during winter at Salinas. Later two teams, Juan Santos and Marcelo León, sailed the complete Southern Circuit. It was great because we had a chance to race in heavier winds than is usual for us. This also marked the return of a great sailor for our district, former Youth World Champion Miguelito Plaza who after the Circuit bought his dad's boat and went back to steering.

In April, we had our 2006 Districts at Lago San Pablo. We were late one year, with nine boats at the starting line. The Championship was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro and his team for the first time. In May Carlitos surprised us all again, showing it wasn't only luck, by winning the 2007 Districts between fifteen boats, this time at Salinas.

After that we had lots of activity. In late summer Juan Santos and his team represented the country at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, finishing well in fourth place in an extremely competitive group of sailors. In August two more teams went to the NAs in Annapolis. Carlos Luis Lecaro qualified for Presidents Cup and did a good job finishing in the top ten, and Paco Solá, with his young son Paquito who sailed Governors Cup, taking second place.



Ecuador & Finland Districts



In October we had our Nationals at Salinas. This was the qualifiers for the South Americans. Juan Santos won the regatta, followed by Miguelito Plaza. Finally eight teams traveled to Colombia and sailed the South Americans. Our results weren't as good as our expectations, and we had to give up the trophy won a year ago by Juan. It's always a lot of fun sharing with our friends from different countries, and we had a great time.

In 2008 our District will focus on bringing the youngsters from Optis and Lasers to the Class and trying to build stronger fleets. Also, Ecuadorian Sailing Federation (FEY) will support our sailors in more championship sailing, at home and abroad.

Marcelo León



Finland

Fleets

166	Helsinki	456	Tuusulanjarvi
328	Jyvaskyla		

District Commodore: Juha Aromaa

The sailing season of the Finland District was active. In winter we participated in the Boat Fair in Helsinki and demonstrated the Lightning as a boat. Last summer the biggest efforts were the Finnish Championships in Kotka, as well as the Europeans and Worlds in Athens Greece. We have been lucky to get some new crews, but more participants in races would be most welcome. Thanks to our former commodore Sakari Pesola's activity, new adult crews have started in the sailing school of Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat. Sakke has also sailed a Lightning with his son and other juniors. New activity, however, is also missed outside of the triangle Jyväskylä, Tampere, Tuusula. This visibility will be searched next summer in Pori on the western coast of Finland.

Finnish Championships were in Kotka only with sixteen boats. Light in the dark were, however, five boats from Jyväskylä, which doubled their number of boats. It has been very nice to see juniors again in the rankings. Hopefully, the ILCA Boat Grant Program will be successful, and we will get the youngsters a better boat. The only danger is that if they will get a better one they will beat us old professionals.

Outside Finland we participated this year in the Athens Greece Europeans and Worlds, where we had four crews with skippers Kimmo Aromaa, Lauri Hemming, Niko Lappalainen and Sakari Pesola. In the Finnish team there were this time seventeen adults and seven children. Three boats were transported from Finland. Plenty of kilometers were driven through seven European countries in rain and warm weather. In Athens the weather was very warm; we could feel how a toast had it in a toaster, as our skipper said. The best crew from Finland was 8th in the Europeans and 23th in the Worlds (Kimmo Aromaa and his crew). It was a pleasure to meet also the new 'Nigerian Europeans' so the people from Great Britain and Norway working in Nigeria. We wish them and their colleagues from Australia welcome to Finland to participate our races. Next year we will have open rankings, championships, longer trips as well as a race for wooden boats. A rental boat can be arranged when needed.

Suomen Lightning-laivueen kilpailukausi oli tiivis, tosin osallistujamäärältään aktiivisempiakin vuosia on nähty. Kauden päätapahtumat olivat venemessuille osallistuminen talvella ja kesän SM:t Kotkassa ja EM:t ja MM:t Ateenassa. Ilahduttavasti viime vuosina on saatu mukaan myös joitakin uusia venekuntia, josta iso kiitos kuuluu osaltaan edelliselle puheenjohtajalle Sakari Pesolalle. Sakke on jaksanut pyörittää niin TP:n aikuisten purjehduskoulua kuin ottaa omaan miehistöönsä aloittelevia junioreita mm. optiluokista. Uutta aktiivisuutta kaivattaisiin myös kolmion Jyväskylä, Tampere, Tuusula ulkopuolelle. Tätä näkyvyyttä etsitään ensi kesänä Porista.

SM:t kilpailtiin Kotkassa. Mukaan saatiin harmittavasti vain 16 venettä. Jyväskylästä tosin mukaan tuli 5 venekuntaa monen vuoden 1 - 2 osallistujan jälkeen. On tosi kiva nähdä mukana jälleen junioreita, toivottavasti ILCA:n Boat Grant - program tuo tulosta ja saadaan heille vielä hieman iskukykyisempi vene. Tosin siinä saattaa olla vaarana se, että paremmalla veneellä he päihittävät meidät kokeneemmat.

Ulkomaille suunnattiin tällä kertaa Ateenaan Kreikkaan, jonne lähti 4 miehistöä kippareinaan Kimmo Aromaa, Lauri Hemming, Niko Lappalainen ja Sakari Pesola. Kaikkiaan suomalaisia oli tällä kertaa mukana 17 aikuista ja 7 lasta. Kolme venettä kuljetettiin Suomesta. Kilometrejä kertyi seitsemässä Euroopan maassa vesisateessa ja helteessä. Olo perillä oli ajoittain kuin leivällä paahtimessa kuten kipparimme totesi. Paras suomalainen oli EM:ien 8. ja MM:ien 23.s (Kimmo Aromaa miehistöineen). Mielenkiintoista oli tavata myös uudet nigerialaiset eurooppalaiset eli Nigeriassa työsken-



The Finnish Team in Athens 2007

televät britit ja norjalaiset. Toivotamme heidät tervetulleiksi Suomeen purjehtimaan samoin kuin Nigerian kautta litimaaksi nousseen Australiankin edustajat. Tarjolla on ensi kesänä niin avointa ranking-sarjaa, SM:iä, matkakilpailuja kuin puuvenekisaakin. Vuokravene löytyy tarvittaessa.

Photos by Riitta Kangas

Fleet 166—Helsinki
Sailing on the Gulf of Finland
Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain: Kimmo Aromaa

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
8658	Litina	Kyösti Helin
14412	Sininen Salma	Yrjö Klippi
14761		Lauri Hemming
15281	Masi VII	Kimmo Aromaa

The season 2007 was "sailing as usual" for the Fleet 2007. Not very much active boats but quite a lot of results. Our most active boat was Masi VII with Kimmo Aromaa as skipper and Mika and Juha Aromaa as crew. The team won the District Championship and District ranking series.

All the regattas had something to remember. During the On the Rocks regatta in May Masi team did their famous "trail a crew with mainsheet" stunt, this had not been seen in few years. In Airisto regatta there was a lot of fog, "Where is the race area"? The Districts in Kotka finished with Kimmo and Mika taking their fifth championship in a row. Previous records had been four. The Worlds had some new countries and the first unofficial Nordic Championships was sailed too. Masi VII is the fastest woody in the World. In Lohja there were heavier and lighter winds and some totally new crew members. In Jyväskylä the not-so-wanted drizzle was compensated by fine long downwind legs. Tampere regatta had the youngest skipper of the year, Eeli Suutari-Jääskö, 12. Before the last ranking regatta in Tuusula three skippers had a chance to win the series and on the last leg of the last race the three skippers had still chance to win!

During a season start party at their yacht club the Masi team showed some tricks. It takes some serious work to get a Lightning to capsize when you are doing it on purpose. The boat was also tested by the largest Finnish yachting magazine. Lightning was compared with several 6 m long keelboats and was praised as racing boat. The oldest European Fleet 166 is turning to a total woody Fleet. Our newest skipper is comeback Kyösti Helin. He is restoring boat #8658 and the idea is to let the junior sailors of his club to use the boat when it is available. The coming year marks 60 years of Lightning sailing in Finland. An anniversary regatta will be sailed in August, arranged by the 1971 Worlds host club Merenkävijät in Helsinki.

Fleet 328—Jyväskylä
Sailing on Lake Päijänne
Jyväskylä, Finland

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
12908		Timo O Jarvinen
13505		Lars Hammar
14364	Nikea	Samppa J Salminen

Fleet 456—Tuusulanjarvi
Sailing on Tuusulanjarvi
Tuusula, Finland

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13130	Masi III	Juha I Savela
14352	Sini	Riitta Kangas
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638		Matti Leppanen
14936		Sakari Pesola

Florida District



Florida

Fleets

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| 109 | St Petersburg | 520 | The Suncoast Fleet |
| 226 | Biscayne Bay | | |

District Commodore: Jo Mauk

The Florida District has two of the most fantastic bays in the World to sail—Biscayne and Tampa. Our season started out with Lightning sailors coming from all over the world to sail on these great venues. It is such a wonderful way to start the spring and summer sailing season (remember we have been sailing all winter) to race and visit with all these Lightning fanatics. This year the wind cooperated, and the Class had two of the best regattas in recent memory. Florida District sailor Jeff Linton and his team came in forth in Miami and first in St. Pete and missed winning the Southern Circuit by one point.

Two of the District's competitors, Jeff Linton and Bill Mauk, along with their seasoned teams, traveled to Greece for the 2007 Lightning World Championship. The results were pretty good. Bill's team won the Master World Championship, and Jeff's won the Open World Championship. Two World Champions in one District!

The District sailors, along with Lightning sailors around the world, mourned the passing of Colin Park. He was a good friend, a great sailor, wonderful person and mentor to many. He made a real difference in other people's lives. We dearly miss him.

We received some wonderful news from U S Sailing. Jeff Linton was named Rolex Sailor of the Year. What a overwhelming accomplishment. His accomplishments were numerous in 2007, but in our opinion, his award recognizes the quality of sailing that Jeff has accomplished over more than three decades of competing. Those of us in the Florida District have experienced this again and again. Congratulations, Jeff, on your well deserved recognition as a world-class sailor and person. Of course, in some ways we feel a vicarious thrill, as we believe the District sailors help raise your game.

The last event of every year for the Florida District is the Orange Bowl regatta. This year we had fantastic weather, and the quality of sailing was superb. Those of you who missed it should plan on coming on down in 2008 and enjoy our hospitality. Sailing in the winter with warm weather and water is marvelous!



Junior NA Champs—Mark Bryant (1976) and Fred Strammer (2007)

Fleet 109—St Petersburg
Sailing on Tampa Bay
St Petersburg, Florida

Fleet Captain: James Alman

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14748		James Alman

Fleet 226—Biscayne Bay
Sailing on Biscayne Bay
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain: Bill Mauk

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11702	Glockenspiel	Larry J Ames
11708		Frank H Atkinson
13307	Last Love	Ray Gavin
14374	Vigilante	Carol Stout Ewing
14684		Bill Johns
14708	Booby Trap	Frank H Atkinson
14866	Progressive	Bill Mauk
14930	Widespread Panic	Stephen Horwitz
15151	Palindrome	Frank H Atkinson

Fleet 502—The Suncoast Fleet
Sailing on Tampa Bay
Tampa, Florida

Fleet Captain: William H Meyer III
Fleet Secretary: Amy Smith Linton
Fleet Champion: Jeff Linton
Fleet Runner-up: Bill Meyer

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
2		Fisk Hayden
2924	Dream On	Kenneth See
6350	Uncle Mills	Cortland Steck
9098	Zapper	Mark Rodgers
10944	Black Watch	Jon Cameron Carlin
11346	FOB	Christopher (Kip) Hamblet
11981	Black Watch	Jon Cameron Carlin
14006	Fired-up	William H Meyer, III
14414	Emeline	Michael S Maher
14428	Yellow Kitten	Sandy Scheda Klaus Robby Brown
14730		Dave White
14752		Steve Hayden
14780	Comedy Central	Karen M Park
15083		Jeff Linton
15820		Michael Beaver
15143		David Helmick
15320		Michael Beaver

Fleet 502

So many sailing days, so many sailing options!

2007 saw the return of Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer and Dave Hood to the Lightning Class, at least for the first two-thirds of the Southern Circuit. They are still very, very fast! Also returning is Dave Helmick, who re-purchased his old boat from Jeff "Chief of the Happy Tribe" DuVal. We are sorry to see the Happy Tribe focus on Melges-24s, but we wish Jeff and his crew best of luck.

Joanna and Mike Beaver of Ft. Myers finally debuted their new boat (15230) this spring. They then took the Governor's Cup at the North American Championship in Annapolis.

Andy and Lisa Hayward sold their beloved Salsa Picante, hull 10338, yielding to pressure to downsize their fleet of racing boats, meanwhile converting the Linton's Go Dog Go!, hull number 10565, into a keen fishing skiff. Robby Brown and Sandy Scheda Klaus have both been campaigning other boats more than their shared Lightning; Dave White and Cort Steck have been spending most race days on shore, while Bill Meyer has been up North for summers, which leaves the Tampa fleet pretty thin on the ground.

On the plus side, we've had a steady stream of youth sailors: Zeke Horowitz took a team to the Sears Cup, Fred Strammer was red-hot at the St. Pete Winter Championships and at Florida Districts, and we have high hopes for the team headed by Cameron King, whom we look forward to sending to the Youth NAs this summer.

Kip Hamblet promises to be back at the helm more in the next season, and we hope to see Dave Helmick on the Lightning race course, as well.

Naturally, it was a great honor to field a 502 team to Greece, and a supreme pleasure to have Jeff and Amy and Jahn Tihansky bring home the big cup. In all, a great year for Team Linton, who also racked up a first at the St. Petersburg Winter Championships, sailing with Mark Taylor, and a win at the South American Championships, sailing with class Prez Steve Davis.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Southern Circuit.

Amy Smith Linton



Greece

Fleets

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| 251 | Salamis Fleet | 287 | Dolphin Fleet |
| 286 | Parthenon Fleet | | |

District Commodore: Costas Limberakis

This year Lightning Class in Greece was been given a boost. This was due to the fact that we hosted the European and World Championships in Athens at the Yacht Club of Greece. The regatta inspired, once again, the interest of Greeks in the only non-Olympic class that still survives in our waters. The result was an increase of boats (by two), so now we number around eighteen active racing crews. Of course, the greater impact was in our having the opportunity to meet Lightning sailors from all over the world. Sailing knowledge was obtained from the "top," and views on how to promote the Class were exchanged.

In addition, this year we held two regattas, the Youth Championship and the Cup. Participation was around four and twelve boats respectively. The numbers may seem low but compared with some Olympic classes, they are satisfactory. These races were a great opportunity for the young sailors from the two Lightning sailing schools, which operate in Athens, to get competitive experience. We are seeing an increase of interest from young people (fourteen years old or older) to learn how to sail. The Lightning is suitable for their first experience and training.

Additionally, there was one veteran race with high participation, organized by the YCG (fifteen boats). The majority of the participants were people who sailed Lightning's in their youth.

Our goal for the next year will be to have more races, attract more sailors and to keep the momentum that was build up during the summer.

Fleet 251—Salamis Fleet
Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet 286—Parthenon Fleet
Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain: George Andreadis

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
14544		George Andreadis
15077	Tzini II	Dimou Alexandros

Fleet 287—Dolphin Fleet
Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece



Indiana District



Indiana

Fleets

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

District Commodore: Bill Allen
District Winner: Craig Cobbum
District Runner-up: Bradley Wagnon

This year it was Wawasee Yacht Club biannual turn to host the Indiana Districts in June. The weather cooperated and five races were completed. Craig Cobbum led Jeff Schmahl by two points after Saturday racing. Craig took the win with a first and second on Sunday, followed by Bradley Wagnon, and George Buckingham. We all welcome George back to Lightning racing after several years of absence. George for many years was the perennial Wawasee Yacht Club winner. Jim Wellington and Mark Kilby crewed for Craig; Michael Richey and Kevin Keller for Brad; and, son Fred and granddaughter Brooke for George. Jeff Schmahl had his two sons, Michael, 12, and Andrew, 10, crewing for him. It is great to see the youth in the boats with parents and grandparents.

The District's sailing starts in May with the Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta, generally known as the Indy Open, and sailed on Geist Lake. The annual event is hosted by the Indianapolis Sailing Club. Six races were sailed, which gave the seventeen skippers one throw-out. Competition was strong at the top, with Craig Cobbum with crew Rick Lemberg and Mark Kilby taking first; Steve Weeber from Miamisburg, Ohio, and crew Donna Weeber and Stan Cummins capturing second; and "Sleeper" (John McCree) from Bay City, Michigan, with Dave Corcoran and Sue Alexander in third. Only one point separated each of the first four finishers, and the fifth was four points back. Trophies were also picked up by the fourth place boat, Brad Wagnon with crew Kevin Keller and Michael Richey; and, fifth place finisher Eric Brandt with crew Becky Young and Steve Morrow.

Twenty boats representing nine fleets found their way to Lake Wawasee for the 53rd annual Hoosier Regatta. All teams were provided housing by local sailors. This may have been the "perfect" regatta—see article in Flashes by author Bill Faude. The weather was absolutely perfect, which allowed for six races; can one imagine 80 degree weather in the last weekend of September in Indiana. Again, the youth was on display. Seven-year-old Tyler Allen, sailing with mom Anne and dad Jim in his first regatta, won one race by a mile. And the two young Probst kids, Tanner with older sister Abbie, sailed with mom Debbie; they also won a race. Have you every seen a skipper steering the boat, flying the spinnaker and trying to wake up two children at the end of four long races so that she can take the spinnaker down? Ask Debbie. By the way, they won that race. Bill Faude with crew Ernie Dieball and Jacqueline Voigt pulled off first place with finishes of 1, 1, (2), 2, 1, and 2. They really didn't need to throw-out the second to win. Tom Klaban with Marie Klaban and Eric Klaban took second. John McCree was third with his crew Bruce Richards (Bluenose land) and Rachel Dey. Jim Allen with son and wife ran down a fourth. George Sipel, a former winner, finished fifth with crew Jeff Hagman and Chris Snyder. Dan Norton with wife Linda and Matt Sayer slipped to sixth on Sunday after being in the top five Saturday.

Three boats from the Wawasee Yacht Club made the North Americans: Brad Wagnon with regular crew Michael Richey and Kevin Keller; Craig Cobbum and crew Randy Shore and Ryan Brown; and Bill Allen with crew Steve Miller and Robbie Quiesser. Bill and his crew also competed in the Masters. Again, there was a youth involved. Thirteen-year-old Robbie spent two weeks with two 60+ year old men and never complained once. He enjoyed both weeks because this Class has so many youth involved at all levels of competition that he was able to spend time with others of his age. Bill or Steve could always find him by looking for the largest gathering of girls—Robbie was in the center.

We ask all of our neighboring Districts to join us in May and September of next year for two of the finest regattas in the Midwest. Our heart warming sympathies go out to Karen and Sherry and families for the loss of two of our greatest sailors. They will be remembered more for their contributions to the sailing world than their accomplishments on the water, even as great as these were.

Fleet 154—Wawasee Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Wawasee Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain: Edward Bradley Wagnon

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11181		Dale E Fulkerson
13779		David Schmahl
13851		Gary Froshaug
13910	Golden Harvest	Billy J Allen
13975	Divine Wind	Virgil L Snyder
14024		Ronald Lester
14125	Miller's Merry Manor	Stephen C Miller
14173	Thor Play	Jim Sabens
14600	Mass Confusion	Edward Bradley Wagnon
14835	El Zorro	Alan Fox
14870	Con Brio	Herbert Snyder
14940		Craig Cobbum
15213		Jeffrey A Schmahl
15259		Edward Bradley Wagnon
15299		George E Buckingham

Fleet 270—Silver Fox Squadron/Indianapolis Sailing Club Sailing on Geist Reservoir Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain: Mike Naughton
Fleet Secretary: Joan Naffziger
Fleet Champion: Joe Lassaux

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
1342	Thunder	Michael Naughton
9350		Joseph H Lutz
11203		Kenneth D Woods
12294		Jay Kennedy
12296	Sochaint	Peter J McGinity
12896		Norm Cubellis
12963	Navigo	Mark A Cudworth
13278		Peter J McGinity
13279		Andrew A Cook
13657		Michael R Franceschini
13721		Steve Stucky
13954		John Leath
13958		Brian Huckabee
14020	Dream Chaser	Frank A Wilder
14359	Sundance II	Joseph A Lassaux
14449	Fins Up	Dale Krcek
14537	Winsome	Walter B Tinsley
14610		Kenneth D Woods

Indiana & Italy Districts

Fleet 270

Fleet 270's sailing year started in February when 5 captains and a friend chartered a 50 footer in St Lucia and headed for St Vincent and the Grenadines for a week of island hopping and blue water sailing. Great food was served up on board by our resident chef Norm Cubellis. The "Winter Warm Up" is a regular two to three year ritual that helps get us ready for the season ahead. Not too hard to take unless you don't like turquoise blue water, white sandy beaches, and palm trees swaying in the warm breeze. It helped make the year of racing on Geist even better. A great time was had by all with the next stop Spain in 2009.

2007 saw our fleet participating in over 60 races on Geist Reservoir. There are currently 32 fleet members with 16 boat owners. Thirteen of those boats raced at various times over the length of the season which starts in mid April and finishes at the end of October.

May brought the running of the 45th Annual Burl Harmon Indiana Open Regatta. While only 17 boats participated this year, down from 26 in 2006, everyone had a great time. This years winner was Craig Cobbum from Wawasee YC. Craig had also won the 2004 regatta.

After the regatta, we were able to concentrate on our racing season. We use a high point system that rewards those who beat more boats in each race. This rewards the truly best skippers. We require participation in 50% of the races of the season with the worst finishes beyond this thrown out. Credit is given for club race duties and travel to other regattas. This year's Lightning Fleet 270 Champion is Joe Lassaux. Joe is no stranger to the winners circle as he has been the Fleet champion twenty times during the past twenty-five years. That is an incredible 80% winning average!! The rest of the Fleet is hoping for Joe to retire soon, but he has a few good decades still left in him.

Our Traveling Squad consisting of Pete McGinity, Mike Franceschini, and Dale Krcek participated, in various combinations, in regattas in Illinois, Northern Indiana, Chicago, Ohio, and Tennessee. A lot was learned on these trips and many friendships renewed. We were even fortunate enough to meet our newest Fleet member during one of these trips. Joe Lutz joined our Fleet after sailing against two of our boats at an away regatta. He handled his boat so well that we just had to have him as a new competitor in our Fleet. He was able to sail in the last few races of the season and finished ahead in several of them.

Part of Dale Kreck's travels had to be curtailed for several weeks this season when he suffered a broken collarbone while trying to put up his mast alone on a wet deck. We are happy to report that the mast was not injured in the accident and that Dale was able to travel and rejoin the Fleet races before the end of the season.

With this season closed, we are already looking foreword to 2008. Plans are already in the works for the Burl Harmon Indiana Open Regatta which takes place the first weekend in May. Please mark it on your calendar now and plan to attend a great tradition of racing the waters of central Indiana. See you all on May 3 and 4.



Mike Franceschini (left) watches
points leader Joe Lassaux (right) put it on edge



Italy

Fleets

449 Marsala

466 Flotta Del Conero

District Commodore: Renzo Bozzi

Fleet 449—Marsala
Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea
Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Fleet Captain: Giovanni Pellegrino
Fleet Champion: Roberto Giacalone

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
11325		Vito Genna
12027	Wind	Gianni Pellegrino
12061	Zaza	Vito Bonanno
13266	Wonderer	Giuseppe Abatteboat Giuseppe Vargas (new owner)
13349	Ho-Hell	Casano
13481	Wanted	Societa' Conottieri Marsala
13706		Circolo Velico Marsala
13878		Circolo Velico Marsala
14102		Crucitti-Aloia
14731		Hans Peter Grundreben
15013		Marino-Linares



Fleet 466—Flotta Del Conero
Sailing on the Adriatic Sea
Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Boat #	Boat Name	Owner
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani
13462	Areknames	Carlo Jommi