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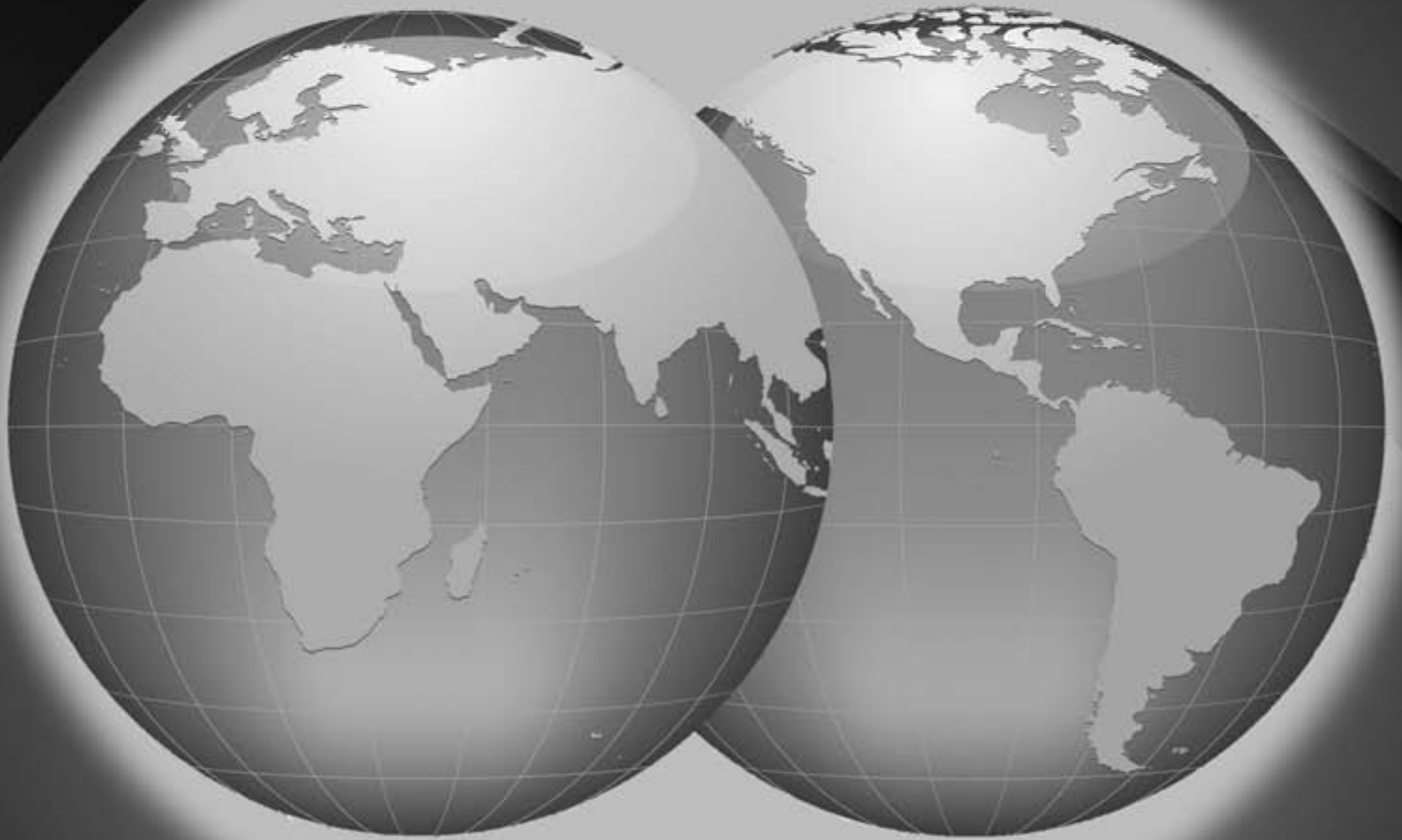
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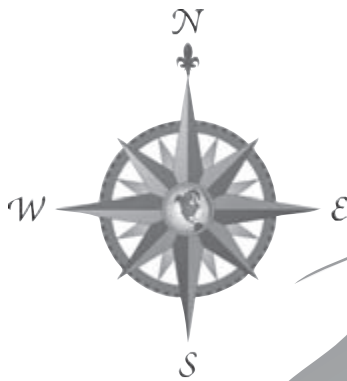


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Class President. With Jan, my wife, as the Class Secretary, there are always plenty of Lightning Class issues to discuss from sun-up (actually for me somewhat earlier than that) to sun-down. We hope to continue to provide a level of leadership and service that will exceed the expectations of the Class Membership.

Our Association is changing. The population demographics and the number of alternatives available to the younger generation make it a challenge to attract new Members to our Class. Some of our Fleets are growing, but some of our Fleets are shrinking.

Our Association is financially strong. The ILCA, Limbaugh and Huntsman Funds have seen increased growth, and the Class Office operates profitably.

Our Association is very dynamic. The Membership requires services for wooden boat builders to world class racers and everything in between (ie., where most of us hang out!).

The Executive Committee and Governing Board have responded to these issues by re-invigorating some old ideas and trying some new ideas. Lightning Labs seem to be occurring every weekend this Summer. The Class wants to give something back to the Fleets that will help them to grow. The Boat Grant Program, the brainchild of Bill Fastiggi and Allan Terhune, attracted fifteen applications and ended up with four teams selected. This innovative Program could be an enticement to the Lightning Class for the next generation of sailors.

Our Association must continue to pursue new ideas to encourage sailors to the Lightning Class. Much of this type of effort occurs at the Fleet level, and it is a joy to celebrate some of the "Local Legends" in this Yearbook. The passion for Lightnings exhibited by these individuals is awesome.

Please mark on your calendar for the 70th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles Country Club on July 4–6, 2008. Hopefully, there will be some of the Mick Barnes home-brewed beer left over (see what you can learn in these Yearbooks!).

Steven H. Davis

Dedication



As the "Editor" (y'all know where I get my orders) of this Yearbook, I hereby dedicate this yearbook to "Johnnie Mac," Mr. John M. McIntosh of Savannah, Georgia.

This one's for you!

A Southern gentleman, a proud father, a successful businessman, a tenacious competitor, founder of the Southern Circuit, past ILCA President and host for the 50th Anniversary of the Deep South Regatta! You are an inspiration to all of us.

"This Year Book, and the others that have preceded it, is a faithful record of the names of sailors, the fleets, the races, regattas, prizes, pennants and cups. Yet it is, at best, only an incomplete memoranda of long summer days, sparkling water, sun, wind and the feel of the tiller in a good boat. Perhaps it may help in recollecting not only winners and champions, but many friends." This was written by ILCA President John Orelup in 1947 and is as good today as it was then.

Steven H. Davis
President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Steve Davis—President



Steve has been active in sailboat racing since age 6. Born in Southern California and a member of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Steve raced sabots, snowbirds, Lehman 12s and Etchells. Steve's and Jan's, his wife and ILCA Executive Secretary, grandfather and father were also active Southern California sailboat racers who competed against each other. You can guess how they met! Since moving to the Denver area, Steve has enjoyed sailing and is involved in the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (Area F Regional Sailing Assoc.), Denver Sailing Association and Rocky Mountain International Sailing Association (a junior sailor support organization). When not sailing, Steve is busy with fly fishing, hunting and skiing. Steve has vigorously participated in the Lightning Class since 1999 when he acquired his first Lightning boat (11457). As a consistent

participant at the Southern Circuit, NAs and many other Lightning boat gatherings across the US, Steve thoroughly enjoys the camaraderie, competition and friendships that the Lightning Class has offered.

Brian Hayes—Secretary



The Hayes family name has been associated with Lightning sailing since the mid 1940s when Brian's dad, Dick, started sailing on the family boat, #3445, at the Housatonic Boat Club's Fleet #6 in Stratford, Connecticut. Some twenty years later, I was born into the Hayes sailing clan, and I'm still "pushing around the box" some forty years later. Although I have been able to have some modest success on the race course, due to crewing for some great skippers and having even better crews sail for me, most of my great thoughts of Lightning sailing come from the great times and friendships I've made off the water at places like Kerr Lake, Nashville, Nyack and St. Pete, to name just a few. These days my wife Kelley and I are doing our best to juggle our work schedules and raise our children, Olivia and Brian Jr, while still finding time to sail Lightnings. I think I need to find a way to work less so I can sail more!

Rob Ruhlman—Treasurer



Rob was literally born into the Lightning Class as well as Fleet 36 at Pymatuning Yacht Club. Rob's dad, Jon Ruhlman was already a member of both organizations and later went on to be ILCA Chief Measurer and President. As a result of this fortuitous timing, Rob is a walking compendium of trivia useless to virtually everyone on the planet outside the Lightning class and Pymatuning Yacht Club. Having grown up in the class as well as the Ohio District, Rob has had the pleasure of sailing with and against a veritable "Who's Who" of the class. He participated in the inaugural Lightning Junior North Americans; built Lightnings with the Mueller family; has refurbished two pre-flotation Lippincotts; participated in numerous World Championships—the first in 1975; competed in countless North Americans and has a rather large collection of antiquated Lightning fittings and hardware. As you might imagine, Rob's family is heavily involved in the class: Abby has been sailing with Rob for over 30 years and their children, Ryan and Maegan have seen great success in local, national and world Lightning events. Periodically, Rob takes time away from racing Lightnings to be CEO of Preformed Line Products Co, a worldwide manufacturer of hardware for the communication and energy industry. Rob and Abby also own Sailing, Inc., a full service boat yard in their hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Bill Clausen—Chief Measurer



Bill started racing Lightnings in 1947 on boat #134. He's owned 1495, 7195, 10895 and still has 14495. He grew up racing in Ocean City on the New Jersey shore. Bill crewed and worked for some of the greats of the Lightning Class: Bob Seidelman, Marcy Lippincott, John Tiegland and Jim Carson. He learned a lot about Lightnings from them and continues to enjoy being involved in measurement and photographing at major events.

His son David sailed in four Junior NAs and crewed with Bill in the last Worlds Masters at Miami. Bill has enjoyed being a part of the Executive Committee this year and hopes to continue to serve the Class as photographer and Chief Measurer in the years ahead.

Amy Smith Linton Executive Committee Member



I came late to Lightning sailing, when I was already over 30. I married into the class, crewing for Jeff Linton and Mark Taylor when no body better was available. My provisional status was officially revoked on the flight home from the 1999 Worlds in Ecuador. I sail out of the Davis Island YC in Tampa, FL, home of the Suncoast Fleet 502.

My Vice Presidency resulted in part because of a weakness for rhubarb, and partly due to the convincing arguments of Brian Hayes, Steve Davis, and Colin Park. Thank goodness they use their powers for good, because it's hard to resist their combined blandishments. My overall goal is to have a vibrant, hugely successfully Circuit to pass along to the next Southern Circuit VP.

Jan Davis—Executive Secretary



I was born into a sailing family in Southern California. We all learned to sail while visiting our grandparents in Newport Harbor. It was not competitive, just fun on the water. We moved to Newport Harbor when I was in Junior High School, and I sailed in the summer Inter Club races until summer jobs and school activities took over my time. One fateful evening my Dad had a sailing friend over to dinner, who introduced me to his son and my fate was sealed. Steve and I dated, sailed, and were married two years later. Later we learned that not only our fathers raced against one another in Newport, but also our Grandfathers! Life brought us to Denver and away from the world of sailing; we raised our children, and came to the time when it was clear the children were going to indeed leave the nest. We saw boats racing one evening on the local reservoir and went down, met the gang and bought our first Lightning a week later. I was intimidated by the "enormous" size of the Lightning compared to what I had previously sailed, so it took a couple of years for me to figure out the spinnaker and gain confidence to begin crewing. We started traveling to national and world events, and I loved meeting the Class members and returning to the world of sailors. Life took another turn, and I am now the Lightning Class Secretary, spending ALL my time with sailors, and loving it! Steve and I are completely immersed in the Lightning Class these days, traveling around the world meeting wonderful people and hopefully sharing our enthusiasm for this wonderful sport and Class.

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Steve



Brian



Bill at work



Amy



Rob

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Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
2006	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2005	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2004	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2003	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2002	Colin Park	Carter Utzig	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bob Harkrider	Buczowski, Burke, Clausen, Hayden, Schmitt
2001	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
2000	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
1999	Calvin H Schmiede	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Mary Huntsman	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1998	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burridge	Frank Mergenthaler	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1997	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burridge	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1996	Paul Gelenitis	Calvin H Schmiede	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1995	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Paul Gelenitis	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1994	R A "Tony" McBride	Paul Gelenitis	Robert G Ruhlman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Atkinson, Schmiede & Schmitt
1993	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1992	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1991	Fisk Hayden	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	Michael Huffman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Schmiede & McBride
1990	Jack Tibbs	Carl Clipp	Michael Huffman	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Hamblet
1989	Robert Wardwell	Carl Clipp	Jack Tibbs	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Huffman
1988	Anne Allen	Robert Wardwell	Fisk Hayden	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp, Clausen & Huffman
1987	David Sprague	Robert Wardwell	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Clausen
1986	Richard Guinan, Jr	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1985	George R Hatfield	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1984	Djoerd Hoekstra	George R Hatfield	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Sprague & Wardell
1983	Paul A Huntsman	George R Hatfield	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Djoerd Hoekstra	Sprague & Wardell
1982	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Thomas R Bierman	Hatfield, Hoekstra & Norstrom
1981	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Gotschalk, Hatfield & Norstrom
1980	Donald P Delorme, MD	George V Fisher	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Brush, Huntsman & Schniege
1979	David O Peters	George V Fisher	Donald P Delorme, MD	David W White	Buckley, Huntsman & Schmiede
1978	John S Schneider	David O Peters	Donald P Delorme, MD	John R Nixon	Fisher & Schmiede
1977	Robert R Adams	David O Peters	John S Schneider	Donald P Delorme, MD	Fisher & Schmiede
1976	Robert K Smither	Robert R Adams	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	MacDonald & Peters
1975	Gary A Cameron	Robert K Smither	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	Adams & Hamblet
1974	Charles N Howe	Robert K Smither	Gary Cameron	Robert R Adams	Hamblet & Buckley
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1972	Arnold Schwartz	C O Jones, Jr	Charles N Howe	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Smither & Hamblet
1971	James G Carson	C O Jones, Jr	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Spitz & Maltbie
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1969	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	E C Roseberry, Jr	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Grinnell & Carson
1968	Jon Ruhlman	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	David M Peterson	Llovet & Grinnell
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1966	John Swanson	Wilson R Scott, MD	G J Blake	Alan S Raffee	Walton & Ruhlman
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1964	Jay Limbaugh	Mulin & Swanson	Hamilton G Ford	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Swanson & Fisher
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1957	Robert C Mann	Carleton J Allan	T J Ross, Jr	Allen R Oberson	H J Cawthra
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1955	Clifford J Prados	Ross G Allen	Jay Donovan	Burrows Morley	Robert Mann
1954	C B Crittenden	Clifford J Prados	Jay Donovan	Len Ladenburger	Ross G Allen
1953	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Len Ladenburger	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford Prados
1952	Wayne L Brockett	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford O'Kane
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1945	James Trenary	John W Orelup	Len Ladenburger	Len Ladenburger	
1944	Ted Siferd	A J Webb	James Trenary	James Trenary	
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1942	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Graham	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
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The International Lightning Class Association has traveled a nearly seventy-year journey that has made it, arguably, the most successful one-design dinghy in the world. That journey has been paved by many individuals who, through their dedication, commitment and tireless efforts, have guided the ILCA through both troubled times and smooth waters. It is for those individuals that the ILCA Life Membership was created and to whom the honor is bestowed. An ILCA Life membership is our highest honor and we, as a Class, are grateful for the contributions of our Life members.

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Where Are They Now?

Dave Peterson (10801)

I was introduced to the Lightning in 1939 at the age of eight. My dad bought one of the early Skaneateles (#137) boats, and I took to it right away. By the time I was twelve, I was sailing in local regattas and having lots of fun.

My best years were during the 50s and 60s. I had won about five Connecticut-Rhode Island District Championships and about five Connecticut Governors Cup Championships. My best was a second and couple of thirds in the NA Championship, first in one Presidents Cup and a third at the Worlds in Naples, Italy. I continued sailing the Lightning until about 1984; then I succumbed to a 38-foot, Sirena 38, and have been racing PHRF to the present time. I call it the old man's Lightning where the keel does the hiking.

It's fun, but not like the good ol' days in the Lightning. I give credit to all my old friends that have stayed with the Lightning, in spite of the aches and pains. Brian Hayes' dad was my loyal crew for years and did a fabulous job. My old "Woody" is now in the hands of Brian's brother Neil, who has kept it in great shape. He took it to San Diego last Summer for the NA Championship. It looks like the boat will outlast me.

I live in Florida (November–April) and back in Connecticut the rest of the year. I still sail out of Niantic Bay, Fleet 85, which is the home port of the Sirena 38.

My latest activity is racing Soling one-meter, radio-controlled model boats in Punta Gorda. We have a group of thirty-four members and are having a great time. We race twice a week and abusing the racing rules like you wouldn't believe. Fortunately, no one is in the boats, so there are no injuries with all the collisions going on.

Bruce Watters

Bruce called the Office to let me know that he had not been very involved with the Lightning Class for some time now. He did share a little story that he worked very hard and finally received his Certified PRO rating from US Sailing but hasn't been asked to officiate a race since.

John Schneider

For the last couple of years, after we both retired, my wife Nancy and I have been spending more of our time in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Last year Dick Hallagan got back in touch with us, as he is now spending considerable time here in the valley with his friend Sally Mencimer. We enjoy skiing and golfing together.

It would not be possible to pick a "best experience" over the twenty-two years I raced a Lightning because there were so many wonderful ones, but a particularly memorable event was the 1968 Metropolitan District Championship, which Nancy and I attended on our honeymoon. Dave White, Wayne Van Dyke and I sailed the brand new 10777, which was Nancy's engagement present. After a devastating cocktail party, Arnold Schwartz gave an impassioned speech demanding to be impeached as District Commodore (I don't recall the outcome of that meeting, and I am pretty sure no minutes were taken).

In 1981, while he was working in Dallas and I was unsupervised, as Nancy was finishing medical school in NYC, Kip got me hooked on fast cars, which led to sports car racing. It is a miracle that Nancy and I are still very happily married and that she considers Kip a best friend. A year later I took up this new avocation, which I still pursue, although no longer at the professional level. A week after the 60th anniversary at St. Pete, I will begin the 2007 Historic Sportscar Racing series at Sebring, Florida. To help while away the idle hours after retirement, I also enjoy motorcycles, snowmobiling and flying in these beautiful Colorado mountains.

The people and the competition in the Lightning Class all over the world were a major highlight in our lives, and we look forward to the 70th anniversary of the Class, which will also be our 40th wedding anniversary.

Tony McBride

I have many fond memories of my time spent sailing Lightnings and the fine people who make up the Class. From time to time I take a look at the Class' website and always read the Flashes from cover to cover. While I am still sailing, sadly I have only been in a Lightning a few times since I sold my boat in 1995.

Jim Force

I was born and raised in "Lightning Town," South Haven, Michigan, which was home to the ILCA headquarters office for many years. It was downtown off a second floor hallway above McKimmie's sporting goods and clothing store.

It seemed that everyone in South Haven had a Lightning, and every kid learned to sail on one. The boats comprised Fleet 30, based at the South Haven Yacht Club, less than a mile up the Black River from Lake Michigan. In those days, we sailed out the river to the "Big Lake." Today, you'd get run down by power boats before you got to the pier heads.

As teenagers, a group of us pooled scant resources, purchased #2494 and named it "Cardinal Puff" after a drinking game we participated in when not on the water. Later my brother and I bought #2946, and in our dating years, my wife and I bought #6039 in 1963. We still have it.

My life membership was awarded after I edited the Class yearbook in 1969. I was fresh out of journalism school at Wisconsin and just a couple of years into my public relations career when Helen Limbaugh asked me if I'd be interested in the job.

It was, and I know still is, a lot of work, but it was exciting to receive articles and photos from sailors and fleets all over the world. They came by mail in thick envelopes in those pre-Internet days, and I think I still have some "galley proofs" on yellow paper in the basement somewhere.

Another special memory was the 1968 North American Championships off Chicago. I rode on a committee boat and photographed and reported on the expertise of Bruce Goldsmith, Bill Shore, Carl Eichenlaub—who snapped a mast but still managed to struggle upwind and finish the third race—and Tom Allen, who won it all. The '68 NAs occurred just a few days before protesters tried to shout down the Democratic National Convention in downtown Chicago. We can judge those events through the lens of history now, but our priority at the time was sailing.

I've always been a recreational sailor, with an occasional race here and there. Our bright orange "Jabberwock" has been repaired and restored countless times over the years. Built by Hoernke in Milwaukee in 1956, she is about to hit the water for her 51st season.

We sail on Lake DuBay, a large windy basin on the Wisconsin River between Wausau and Stevens Point, and belong to the Lake DuBay Sailing Association. There are nearly forty of us with a dog's breakfast of vessels from scows to Flying Scots to small keel boats. We are the only Lightning.

Still, our woody turns heads when we've got her flat and flyin'. "Beautiful lines," they say. "Yup," we answer. "Beautiful."

Richard Guinan

I was Class President in 1985 and Treasurer for a few years prior. I was a member of the Texas District, Fleet 435, and sailed out of Rush Creek Yacht Club, east of Dallas. I was active in the Class from about 1969, first as a crew, and as a skipper from about 1973 until 1993 when I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. I sold my boat when I left Dallas and have limited my sailing to other folks' boats on the North Carolina coast, where we have a second home on Bald Head Island.

For most of my sailing years, one or more of my three children and wife crewed for me and friends in our Fleet. The sailing and long haul trips to the NAs and other regattas were some of the best shared experiences of our family. We saw the country coast to coast and top to bottom and had great times with our Lightning friends everywhere we went. We still laugh at our adventures driving and towing the boat from Dallas to Seattle, including a side trip to the Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood—just to go where no Lightning had gone before. In short, sailing Lightnings for about twenty-four years is one of the most positive stories in my life. Thanks to the International Lightning Class Association for continuing to make the experience of organized Lightning sailing possible.

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Eugene H. Walet III

I started sailing in 1941 at the age of six in a dinghy which I put a sail on and made it into somewhat of a Pram. I would sail around the harbor in Pass Christian, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana, thumping over many times while teaching myself to sail. There were no structured sailing lessons being given during my youth in my area of the country. Therefore, I spent many hours alone in my boat learning the ropes. In 1945 I moved up to a Snipe, which is 15½ feet, and sailed in a knock-about class at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans.

As a youngster I had that competitive spirit and wanted to get into a top-notch racing class with a spinnaker. I talked my father into buying me my first Lightning, *Spirit I*, #3647, which was built by Williams Boat Works in New Orleans in the summer of 1949. I invited Pudgy McClure to crew for me on my Lightning to handle the spinnaker. He told me he had no idea what a spinnaker was and didn't know that much about sailing. I convinced him that one day I wanted to sail in the Olympics and together we could learn how to use the spinnaker. Needless to say, he became my good friend and long-time spinnaker man who, with my father, enabled me to win many races around the world. Pudgy and Claude Kohler crewed for me in the 1960 Olympics in Naples, Italy, where we sailed in the Dragon Class and finished seventh.

I chose the Lightning because it was a very competitive class at Southern Yacht Club with fifteen to eighteen boats racing throughout the year. Southern Yacht Club Fleet, #62, was one of the early fleets in the country. I was competing against such notable sailors as Cliff Prados, former President and Chief Measurer of the Lightning Class, Ed Overton and Ross Allen. I was competing against many seasoned Lightning sailors and getting beat time after time until I went to the President's Cup in 1951 in Toledo, Ohio. I finished third behind such notables as Howard Folt and Carl Smither. I was sailing a boat that weighed about 950 pounds of solid mahogany. That was when I first learned about the light weight boats, such as the Lippincott at 700 pounds.

That winter I convinced my father to buy a new Lippincott, #5082, which was delivered the last weekend of May, 1952 in Riverton, New Jersey. I named her *Spirit II*. That year we finished second in the International Championship at Spray Beach, New Jersey. In 1953 we finished third in the International Championship at Buffalo Canoe Club and tied with Doc Murphy for the Mid-Winter Championship at St. Petersburg. In 1954 we finished third in the International Championship at Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Detroit. In 1955 I won the Pan American Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with Danny Killeen, Sr. and Carlos Eccheveria crewing for me. Danny was a Lightning skipper on #1033, and I met Carlos in Toledo in 1951 when he was crewing for Johnny Teigland, Jr., who won the Internationals. Also, in 1955 I was fifth in the International Championship at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. In 1956 I was second in the International Championship at Buffalo Canoe Club. After that I was referred to as the bridesmaid since I had never won the International Championship. In 1958 I was first in the Midwinter Championship at St. Pete with Helen and Jay Limbaugh as my crew. At this time Helen and Jay had bought *Spirit II*, #5082, from me, and chartered it from them for the Mid-Winters since I was in the Air Force and not sailing actively.

In 1953, after competing in twenty-four races in various parts of the south-east, I won the right to represent Area D in the Mallory Cup, symbolic of the North American Men's Sailing Championship. The skipper had to be eighteen years old to sail in the finals, and I made that by twenty-one days. This was the first time a club from the South was invited to sail in the Mallory Cup. We sailed International One Design 33' sloops out of Larchmont Yacht Club. I had never sailed anything bigger than a 28 foot Sound Interclub. After arriving at Larchmont, Arthur Knapp who wrote the book "RACE YOUR BOATRIGHT" took me under his wing and invited me to crew for him on an International One-Design sloop. Between Arthur Knapp's hands on coaching that one day and reading his book in one night, I was able to win the Mallory Cup with my father, Eugene H. Walet, Jr., Ralph Christman and Jackie Ryan crewing for me. Ralph and Jackie were Lightning skippers from Southern Yacht Club. The fact that I had won the North American

Men's Sailing Championship at the age of eighteen and beating all of the greatest skippers in the country who were at least twenty years my senior made headline news from New York to New Orleans. We were honored by the City of New Orleans with a ticker tape parade with all the trimmings.

In 1954 the Mallory Cup was sailed in Lightnings at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. I had to qualify through the same lengthy series of races to get to the finals. I thought this might be an easy series in my home waters in Lightnings, but it turned out to be a Who's Who of Lightning champion skippers in the finals, namely Carl Smither from Buffalo, Walt Swindeman from Toledo, Hank Cawthra from Detroit. Out of the eight skippers, four of them were Lightning Champions. Tough series, but I won again. No small feat with the competition I had. In 1955 I again went through the rigorous series of races to gain the right to represent Area D in Detroit sailing Luder L-16s and finished second, losing the championship by one point. After that, my father told me I had had enough fun and it was time to settle down and go to work.

In 1956 I represented the United States in the Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, in the Dragon Class with my father, Eugene H. Walet, Jr., Danny Killeen, Jr. and Carlos Eccheveria crewing for me, finishing fifth.

In 1969 I started sailing and racing offshore boats. I either skippered my own boat or crewed with friends in fifteen Southern Ocean Racing Circuits and several Key West Race Weeks. I skippered my own 68' Nelson Merck sled SAGA in three SORCs and three Key West Race Weeks.

In 2001 there seemed to be some interest around Pass Christian Yacht Club for rejuvenating the Lightning Class. I bought #10812 from Dr. Larry Frost, Buddy & Bo Clarke bought Buck Ballatin's #9696 and restored it. Eric Aschaffenberg, who was a big boat sailor, bought #13931, Guy Brierre bought #14129, and Whitner Church bought #11311. We were all excited about the Fleet getting back to racing. We had a very colorful Fleet with red, turquoise, black, green and white hulls. We had a lot of good races and a lot of fun as a Class until August 29, 2005. Unfortunately Katrina took all of our homes and most all of our boats. My Lightning was strapped to the trailer and tied to the pilings under my home. When we got back to our property three weeks later, the trailer was still tied up, and the straps were still secure, but there was no sign of Spirit, #14620.

In 2006 I bought #14355, thinking there might be some interest in the Lightning Class between Fairhope and Mobile, Alabama. I sold #14355 to my crew, Pete Furze in Pass Christian. There isn't much in the way of racing there right now, as most people are trying to put their lives back together and building their homes when and where possible. Hopefully, one day we will all be back in Pass Christian, and the Lightnings will once again be active.

Meanwhile my wife, Patsy, and I are living in Fairhope, Alabama, but we already have our house plans drawn when the time comes that we can go back to The Pass. The Lightning Class has meant so much to me in the fifty-eight years I have been sailing off and on in the Class. I have had a total of ten Lightnings, and all were named Spirit. The many friends I have made and enjoyed being with and sailing against include Jay and Helen Limbaugh, Tom and Ann Allen, George and Greg Fisher and others too numerous to mention. There have been many parties we all enjoyed at the St. Pete Yacht Club. I remember the Nationals which were held at Southern Yacht Club in 1996. I had my 50' wooden lugger as a spectator boat, and after one of the races, we towed around sixty-two Lightnings in two rows behind Alligator. At least that's the number my wife Patsy counted that day. That was a sight to see.

I have so many fond memories of being in the Lightning Class. I did have all of the Lightning Year Books from 1947 through 2004 until Katrina. I spent many hours going through those old year books and reminiscing about the good old days. I had hoped to be in St. Pete for the Mid-Winters this year, but we have a conflict and won't be able to make it. Don't count me out as a Lightning skipper, as I am only seventy-one years young and still wanting to compete. I hope to have another one in the not too distant future.

ILCA Fund

The ILCA Fund was established in 1982 as a way to guarantee the long-range operations of our Class. The goal is to secure funding equivalent to two-years of the operating costs so that the Class can remain solvent during hard times. This will assure that future sailors can have the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing.

The monies in the ILCA Fund are used as directed by the Executive Committee of the Class. The funds income and as much principal as necessary may be used for repairs, purchase of extraordinary capital items (not supported by the annual budget) or long term capital projects.

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The Helen & Jay Limbaugh Fund was established in memory of two of our most avid supporters. Helen was our Executive Director from 1965 to 1982. Jay was our Class President in 1964. Both remained strong supporters of the Class long after their tenures were completed.

Because of Helen & Jay's strong interest in junior sailing and their belief that our juniors are the future members and officers of our Class, the organizers of the fund have dedicated these funds toward Junior activities.

The available monies in the Limbaugh Fund are restricted to support of education, training and the promotion of junior sailing. Only income generated from Limbaugh Fund investments may be used. The principal may not be spent.

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Huntsman History Fund ***(in memory of Mary Huntsman)***

The Mary Huntsman History Fund's primary objective is to help recover and properly preserve the Lightning Class heritage. The fund is named after Mrs. Mary Huntsman, Past President and officer of the Class, and who was the first to hold the Historian VP position when it was established. Under her Presidency, Mary secured the purchase of Lightning Number One and subsequently coordinated its donation to the Mystic Seaport Museum, where the boat will be restored and rightfully displayed.

The fund's money may be used to scan and archive all historic documents, publications, plans, constitution and bylaws, articles, brochures, etc. It may also be used to help restore and adequately display Lightning Number One. A main objective of the fund will be to organize the vast photo collection taken by Mary and other volunteers throughout the years and making it available to the Class members.

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OVER THE DECADES

Enjoy the 2007 Yearbook!!

**Here is a Brief Look at the
'47, '57, '67, '77, '87 and '97 ILCA Yearbooks**

**From the 1947 Yearbook, an excerpt of "Just for Laughs" by
Walter H. Phillips, on
The 1946 Internationals at Skaneateles Yacht Club**

Friday was the big wind. On the first lap, none of the first five boats used their spinnakers. We were the 6th, with George Barnes right on our tail. He rounded the mark and up went "Junior" (which is the name we soon adopted for the spinnaker). Should we chance it? His was going all right; in fact, he was going right by us.

"Up spinnaker." This was it! The next ten minutes of my life were tough. "Junior" would not stay full, and when he was full, Johnny, the sheet man, was nearly out of the boat. We soon realized our mistake, but how to get it down was another question. Barnes and crew, by beautiful work, had established quite a lead on us. The sail went down but not without difficulty. We learned later that he had taken on six inches of water. With the defending Champ bogged down, what would happen to us?

We were nearly at the mark, and "Junior" was still slatting around like mad. I went forward to pull it in—no luck, it wouldn't come down. We had our difficulties too and almost duplicated Barnes' near catastrophe. Suddenly, as if by magic, "Junior" collapsed in my arms. I think we violated about every rule in the handbooks about dousing spinnakers. Frankly, I'm still amazed at how it happened. We were lucky. That was no place for a bunch of kids to be playing with all that sail. I must have had a feeling that things were going too smoothly. In my mad rush for the cockpit, my foot hit the main halyard belaying pin. As if to add to our difficulties, it broke, sending our mainsail down in a shower. Our hearts sank completely. Actually, it wasn't too bad, but none of us seemed to realize that it could be easily remedied. As for myself, I saw weeks of preparation availing nothing. But we soon rigged it to a jury cleat and sailed merrily (?) on. I shall never know how all this happened in such a short time. When we started to take in the spinnaker, we were already dangerously close to over-running the mark. Everything is slightly vague but we must have worked fast. I do know that once settled down on the second lap, my throat was parched. In times like those I realized the veracity of the saying, "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink!"

**From the 1957 Yearbook, an excerpt of
"Bill Cox Wins" by Wayne Brockett, on
The 1956 Internationals at Buffalo Canoe Club**

A hair-raising start and they are off. Tom Allen is first at the windward mark. In second spot yacht 6494, and third, Yankee Doodle, closely



**"Miss Halley,
I like the cut of your jib!"**

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followed by Karl Smither in THERMIS 3 Ms. The course is a long thin triangle running out into the lake a good two miles. It is landlocked and smoother at its base and blowing and rolling at its apex. Spinnakers pop at the mark, and Tom Allen's is lipstick red. Tom gradually pulls ahead, and Cox finds himself blanketed. Walet at this time is in tenth place. The sky is deep azure, and the clouds are breaking up and scattering. It is climbing toward high noon. Fallon is about fifth, and the boats out near the mark are making heavy weather of it. As they again start to weather, Point Abino Lighthouse shining white in the sun looks like a child's toy. The crews are soaked. Cox is two boat lengths behind Allen, and suddenly he is ahead. He keeps Allen covered and finishes first, with Allen right on his tail. The wind is now dying fast, and it is getting hot. Much yelling from the spectator boats. It now stacks up, with Cox leading, followed by Allen, with Karl Smither in third spot. Fourth is Tom Fallon and Fifth Gene Walet. We all have lunch and loganberry punch.



The Skipper



Now you tell me you forgot the stopwatch!



The Thinker!

**From the 1967 Yearbook, an excerpt of
"Happiness Is Sailing In The 1966 NAs"
by Bruce Goldsmith**

In the delightful world of Peanuts, Linus says, "You know, I learned something today, Charlie Brown. Never jump into a pile of leaves with a wet sucker."

My name is Snooper, Lightning #10100, and as I pulled in the Buffalo Canoe Club measuring stall, I felt exactly like that wet sucker. Things were sticking to me all over, only they weren't leaves. Instead there were measuring tapes for my spar, a large scale to tell my weight, magnets to determine what metal my centerboard was made of, and even a geiger-counter-type device to check my bottom for imbedded "impurities."

Along with well over one hundred other entries, I made it through the "pile of leaves" and proceeded to the lovely sand beach in front of the Canoe Club. As usual, there was to be one major technological discovery in the design of the boats or sails that causes raised eyebrows and an eventual ruling by the measurement committee. This year it was the light centerboard, heavy bedlog, low moment of inertia boat brought in by some of the better class "thinkers" that caused the furor. After much debate, the issue was solved, and these boats joined us on that lovely beach.

None of the boats were invited to the huge cocktail party at the Teaches, next door to the Club. However, not very many skippers, crews and friends missed it. The party was held the night before the qualifying races on a perfect summer evening. Everyone was having such a good time that the stories could be heard by us boats clear out on that long Canoe Club dock.

**From the 1977 Yearbook, an excerpt of
"The Other Side of the North Americans
(From Way Down)" by Jack Burwell on
The 1976 NAs at Sheboygan Yacht Club**

We are sure that if you have read this far, you have read the title of his article and are well aware that you will not learn anything about how to make a Lightning go faster. The idea behind this article is to be able to relay more about what happens at major regattas, such as the North Americans, to some of those people who are not fortunate enough to have come home with the "silverware." While we did not come home with the silverware, we feel very fortunate to have been participants in the North American Championships and to enjoy the festivities which take place at this regatta.

At the time, I was content to be the State of Maine Champion and had never ventured out of the state to compete. Therefore, I'd not attracted anyone to come into the state to compete. It was plain to see that if you wanted to win in your own waters, don't attract outsiders. For about the first three minutes of Stu's talk, I was a little dismayed to learn that he was not going to discuss sail shape, tactics, or how to get the most out of your crew to win races. The thing he emphasized was to get involved with this great bunch of people who sail Lightnings. He went on to say that among all of the people he had met, Lightning sailors were the most enjoyable. After listening to this great guy talk about what he enjoyed so much, it was apparent to my wife, Marilyn, and myself that we should start trailing our boat to other regattas. After meeting many of the very nice people in the Lightning Class, it did not take us long to get into the swing of things (although we have yet to win or even place in a major regatta, our children think it's great when we show up at home)! So, due to Stu Anderson, we did get involved, and we did almost everything he suggested except win. Therefore, if you are a serious competitive sailor, you may as well go along to the next article.

From the 1987 Yearbook, "Wanted: The Perfect Crew"

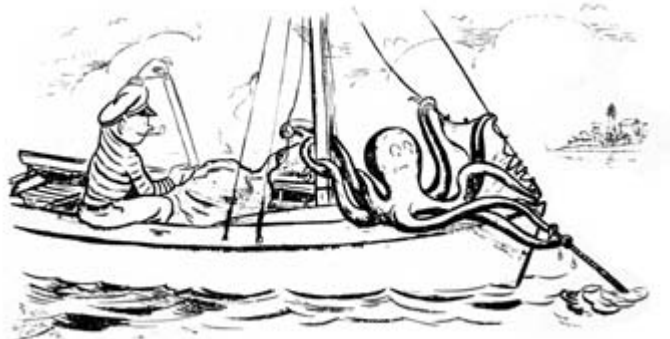
The perfect crew can have no name, for he or she must be able to respond to any grunt or barely audible sound the skipper barks and recognize it as his or her name. He or she must have ears as sensitive as a radar detector to be able to understand commands given when the skipper is facing the stern. And the crew must only speak when spoken to, or screamed at, whichever the case may be.

In appearance, the perfect crew must have two legs, with sticky feet like a fly's, and four arms to hold a jib sheet, a centerboard pennant and untangle the spinnaker sheet at the same time. "Perfect" must also have 360-degree, X-ray vision like Superman to see through sails, masts, and the skipper's head. Perfect can weigh as much as seventy-five pounds extra in heavy air, but must be able to miraculously lose the seventy-five pounds if the winds die. Another must is being clairvoyant and telekinetic—that way Perfect will never be caught in the bottom of the boat saying, "You never said tack!"

Lastly, Perfect must be humble. After a day of verbal and physical abuse, with the boat maybe coming in second, the next day in the newspaper Perfect's name becomes, "...and crew."

**From the 1997 Yearbook, President's Message
by William G. Faude**

This year, I spent a week between Christmas and New Year's crawling around inside the International Lightning Class. I was typing Fleet reports for this Yearbook. In so doing, I learned who makes the best fried chicken for post-race pot luck suppers in the Central Atlantic District. I learned who capsized at which jibe marks and who fell out of the boat on the first weather leg at the Apple Blossom series. I know who bought a new boat in Ecuador and who sold an old boat in Ohio. I've read what's going on in every corner of the Lightning World from those who cared to report. I even personally met Vernal Equinox, longstanding Midwest District Secretary.



After all, he only has eight arms!

ILCA TRIVIA

Questions and answers researched and prepared by Jill Swanson.

- 1) How many countries are members of the ILCA?
- 2) What year was the first Lightning built?
- 3) Who was nicknamed Mr. Lightning ?
- 4) As skippers, brothers from three different families have won the NAs. Who are they?
- 5) Who won the first three National Championships?
- 6) Where does Lightning #1 currently reside?
- 7) Who is the youngest skipper to win the NAs?
- 8) Who is the only woman to have won the Jr. Worlds, Women's NAs and the NAs?
- 9) The gavel the Lightning Class President uses to call meetings together is made from the wood of what boat?
- 10) Where is Lightning Fleet #1?
- 11) Who has won the most NAs?
- 12) C.L. Nicholson and John Barnes conceived the idea of the Lightning. Who designed it for them?
- 13) The 19' length of a Lightning is measured: from the bow to the stern, by a formula, or along the waterline?
- 14) Who are the two skippers to have won both the Jr. Worlds and the Jr. NAs?
- 15) Name the father and son who each have won the NAs as a skipper?
- 16) What two women are both 3 time Women's NAs championships?
- 17) What type of wood was used to build the first Lightning?
- 18) Who has won the European Championships the most?
- 19) In the early days of the Lightning, after trimming the jib the crew used what to secure the jib sheets, a cleat, belaying pin, or their hands?
- 20) In 1961, where were the first Lightning Worlds held?
- 21) How many people have won both the Worlds and the NAs in the same year?
- 22) Who, as chief measurer in the early 1960's, was instrumental in facilitating the change in the Lightning construction from wood to fiberglass?
- 23) Who has won the South American Championships the most?
- 24) The Lightning Class Association was founded, they elected their first President, and published their first yearbook all in what year?
- 25) When sitka spruce became rare, what technological innovation was introduced?

- 26) In the 2005 Lightning Worlds in Chile, which contestant won a race, hiking in over 20 knots of breeze while sailing with a cast on his broken leg?
- 27) Who can be dubbed "Mr Runner-Up" for the most second place finishes at the NAs?
- 28) Name the three skippers who have won all three events at the Southern Circuit in the same year?
- 29) The first Lightning sails were made of what type of cloth?
- 30) Which is the only venue to host multiple ILCA World Championships?
- 31) Who are the two skippers who have won the Lightning Junior NAs, NAs and World Championships?
- 32) Which four ILCA presidents have had a child win the Junior NAs?
- 33) Sailors from how many different countries have won the World Championship?
- 34) Remarkably, who is the oldest actively competing skipper?
- 35) Where is Lightning Fleet #1?
- 36) Who is the ILCA Youth World Championship Trophy named after?
- 37) Which two countries other than the U.S. have hosted the most ILCA World Championships?
- 38) The first National Championship was held in 1939. Who was the host club?
- 39) In 1983, who won the inaugural ILCA North American Masters Championship?
- 40) At the 1979 NAs in Cleveland, what sailor's Lightning hull was a different color on each of its sides?
- 41) Name the colors of the flags given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the North Americans?
- 42) Name the only two skippers, representing the Lightning Class, to win the US Sailing Championship of Champions regatta?
- 43) What is the original color of the deck of the Lightning #1?
- 44) In 1991, what crew won the Worlds and NAs each with a different skipper?
- 45) Name Jay Lutz's crew when they won the NAs in 1982 and the World's in 1983?
- 46) In the past, trophies were awarded for the practice races at the Miami Midwinter Championship and the St. Petersburg Winter Championship. Name the two trophies.
- 47) What skipper has won World Championships in three different classes, including the Lightning?
- 48) In last year's yearbook, Larry MacDonald was asked the question, "What is the strangest thing you have ever seen on the water?" What was his reply?
- 49) Since its inception 67 years ago, how many skippers have won the NAs three or more times?
- 50) Which former Lightning North American Champion, was an official stowaway on the night train from Kupio to Helsinki after the Worlds, having hidden from the conductor in the bathroom after boarding without a ticket?

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WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BOAT?



Lean, mean fishing machine!



Is that an agapanthus?



*WOW!
How many people are on that boat?!*



"Incoming. Pull!"



Voted best use of the Lightning!

A BOAT FOR ALL SEASONS



*It's paper, cardboard, string & glue!
Copper Mountain Cardboard Derby*



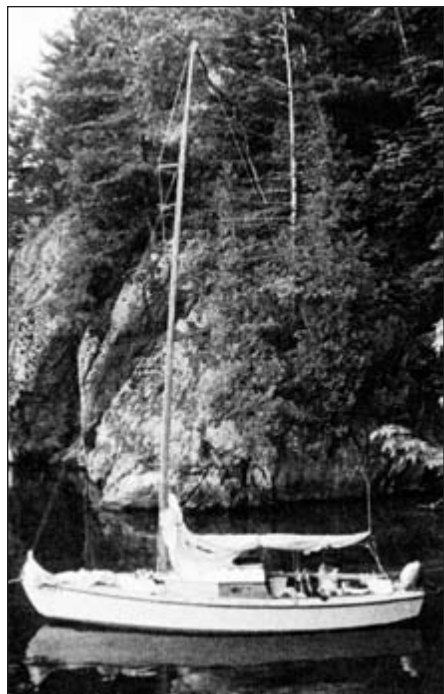
Winter fun in Finland



Follow that fire truck



All hands on the deck!



*"Honey, let's take the boat
out this weekend"*



What a bachelor pad!

ILCA LOCAL LEGENDS

We solicited the District Commodores and Fleet Captains for their nominations, asking for them to identify a Local Legend.

"It's someone who has done the Class proud, but maybe this person doesn't take the show on the road. Maybe it's the Fleet grandfather who lends his boat out every week, or the couple who kept the Fleet active when everyone else was busy having kids. The support crew who cooks barbecue after every Fleet race, or the folks doing Race Committee even when it's snowing out."

The response was fantastic. These people are the heart and soul of the Lightning Class. They are the role models we want to emulate. They are generous, quiet, givers that attract others to our sport and make us proud to participate in it.



Chris Graf

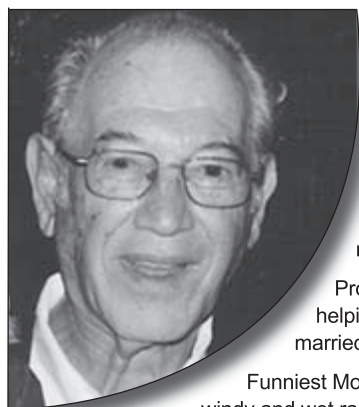
Chris Graf bought his first Lightning in 1963. It was a Newport, and she was the first fiberglass Lightning in Sheboygan. Chris was a novice racer but was quick to jump into the fray. Ric Larson (age 16 at the time) recalls one of Chris' first races. "We were on a spinnaker reach heading south towards the bottles when I tried to pass Chris to windward. Chris' crew told him to luff us, he headed up, and we proceeded to capsize."

Chris is a retired urologist and current art dealer specializing in large outdoor sculptures. He chose the Lightning because it was a boat he could sail with his family. For many years he sailed with his late wife Janet and their four children. He says, "I never yelled too much because I figured my marriage was more important than winning any race." Together the family participated in six NAs and several other big events.

His claim to fame doesn't involve sailing. He recalls, "I did prostate surgery on a man who served with General Custer." His proudest moment was in the mid 60s when he sold his Newport because it was too slow, bought a new Allen, and won the Sheboygan Yacht Club season championship. His current ambition is to stick around long enough to get a free season's pass to ski at Alta.

Over the years he has been an important part of the local fleet. He organized the paving of the dry sail lot at Sheboygan Yacht Club and hosted many of the famous Saturday night parties at the Brotz regatta. More recently the fleet participation has decreased, and there is no regular race committee. Chris stepped up, ran races every Tuesday night during the summer months and was responsible for training our current race committee. The average turnout of five boats rose to a high of sixteen in just two seasons. Thanks to Chris the Sheboygan Lightning fleet is on the rise. Building on that momentum, Chris' son Hans organized the 2005 NAs which was hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club.

In the picture Chris is standing next to a sculpture titled All in one Boat. This is appropriate since Chris thinks that the class' greatest strength is its members. What could be better than sailing with your friends and family?



Dr. Sylvan Newman

Sylvan started sailing Lightnings on White Rock Lake in Dallas in the late 50s. After learning to sail on a Star in San Diego during WWII, he returned to Dallas to find a Lightning Fleet with great people. A past District Champion and Corinthian Sailing Club Commodore, the Summer Series trophy is named in his honor, and he was also honored by the CYC last year with the "Old Salts Award." Now in his eighties, he still sails weekend races.

Claim to Fame—Sylvan was the Fleet and District engine for over fifty years. Starting Fleet 435 at Rush Creek Yacht Club, he was a mover and shaker in the growth of Lightning sailing in Texas during the 70s and 80s.

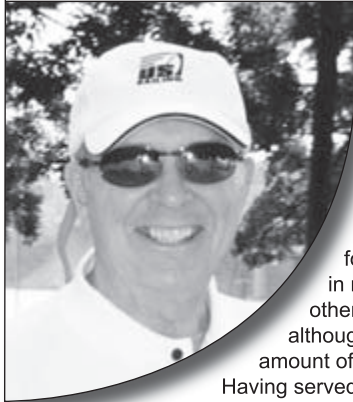
Proudest Moment—Winning the 1983 Masters NAs as a crew for Stu Anderson and helping to host the 1979 Worlds and the 1983 NAs at Rush Creek Yacht Club...also, being married for almost 50 years!

Funniest Moment—"Once, one of our Fleet members installed a new bailer in his boat. During a windy and wet race, he opened the bailer on a fast reach, only to discover that he had installed it backwards. Well, you should have seen the rooster tail of water shooting over the transom!"

The Fans Say—After finishing last in the 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta, Doc pulled me aside to teach me a very important lesson. "Stick with the fleet," he said. "Sailing off on your own rarely pays off," says John Womble, a new sailor. "Dr. Newman was right, and my finishes have improved ever since."

Vern Goldberg, also an active octogenarian in the Fleet who has known Sylvan for way too long laughingly said, "He is a stickler for detail in everything he does, except he usually shows up late."





Dean S. Cady, Sr.

Dean hails from Milwaukee Yacht Club, Fleet 69, though he began his sailing on Higgins Lake, Michigan, in the mid 1940s. Although he crewed on offshore boats, including several Chicago-Mackinac races, since his first sailing days his heart has always been with the Lightning. This love affair started in the summer of 1952 and continues to this day.

Martha Pfarr Cushman asked Dean his thoughts on the Corinthian Spirit. Dean responded, "The Corinthian spirit is the concept of playing by the rules. In other words, it is not how you win but how you sail the race. This spirit applies to both the Corinthian sailor (amateur) as well as the professional sailor. Having been involved with various sports before competitive sailing played an active role in my life, the principles of fair play and abiding by the rules was instilled in me. Of course, sailboat racing is unique in that it is a self-policing sport except when the sailing instructions provide otherwise. As a competitive racing sailor for over fifty years, I have always tried my best to abide by these principles, although I'm sure there were times when I could have done a better job. During my most active racing years, I did a minimal amount of judging, although it was excellent training in the fundamentals of the rules and their application in various situations.

Having served as a US SAILING certified judge and a International Sailing Federation international judge for many years, I have become even more acutely aware of the importance of practicing the Corinthian spirit."

Claim to Fame—Dean is a Past Vice President of the United States Yacht Racing Union and a current US SAILING International Judge. He has served the Lightning family in various capacities at the Fleet, Midwest District and national levels. As the Class Vice President of Rules and Regulations, his expertise is called upon continuously for the review of Sailing Instructions for sanctioned events and interpretations of Class Rules.

His fans say—From Martha Pfarr Cushman, "Dean Cady is an incredible asset to any sailor. No matter where I'm sailing, he takes the time to listen to my rules question and give a reasoned opinion. He'll explain his interpretation of the rule and give valuable information on the reason the rule exists. He still gets on a Lightning pretty regularly so he can identify with what the sailor is going through, and that's invaluable. You've heard of the term 'player's manager'? Well, Dean is a 'sailor's judge'. Over the years, I can't think of anyone who has been more supportive of my sailing", says ILCA Past President Bill Faude.

Memorable moments—Being able to sail with my family all these years has to be at the top of the list. After that, it would have to be being involved, both as a sailor and judge, although not at the same time, in various Lightning North American Championships, and as a judge at a couple of Lightning World Championships.



William S. Clarke

Bill Clarke calls his home port Barnegat Light Yacht Club on Barnegat Bay, New Jersey. He has been the Fleet 335 Secretary for many decades, as well as Commodore of both Barnegat Light Yacht Club and Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association. He first started sailing "long, long ago" at BLYC in the Sunday Sunfish Champagne Series.

Claim to Fame—As the chief cheerleader of Fleet 335, he has been instrumental in building Fleet 335 to the level it is today. He has done this by involving all of the juniors in the late 70s and 80s as crew for him at one time or another. Most of those juniors remain active in the Fleet today, with a number being boat owners themselves.

Proudest Moment—Bill's proudest moment was probably becoming a grandfather, but that has nothing to do with this. Bill was awarded US SAILING's W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. National Sportsmanship Award. In 2005, Barnegat Light Yacht Club awarded Bill with a Lifetime Membership for his leadership and involvement in the Club's sailing program, Board and general Club activities over thirty-five years.

His Fans Say—"Only Legends get songs written for them."

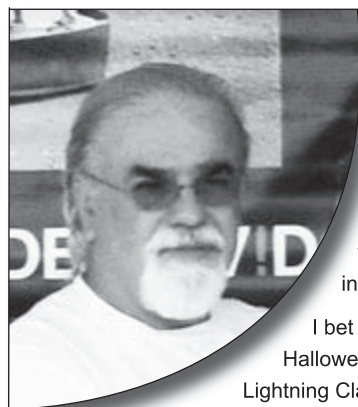
OLD MAN RIVER

Ol' Man Clarke, dat ol' man Clarke	He don't follow markers	You and me, we heave and ho	We gets weary, and sick of tryin'
He don't know starboard	He don't give right of way	Keep the crews on the old tip-toe	To figure out his excuses
And he don't know port	And them that does so	Watch that boom! Lift that jib	To see if he's lyin'
He just keeps sailing along	Never wins anyway	Get behind Clarke and you'll have	But ol' man Clarke
He keeps sailing along	But ol' man Clarke	to ad-lib	He just keeps sailing along.
	He just keeps sailing along		

On how to improve the Class—Bill suggests, "Why don't the individual Districts locate Yacht Clubs within their District that have a history of Lightning sailing and a couple of little-used Lightnings and suggest to the Yacht Club that the District schedule, staff, equip, pay for and conduct an invitational regatta at the Club. It only needs to be a simple one day thing, not a District Championship or anything like that. This would get Lightnings right in the face of persons who may be likely participants. It may be fun to participate in those regattas and may stimulate that Club—ie., light the match, etc. The District should also invite any other club that is looking for a class of sailboats to sail. If that could be done once a year or every other year at a different shadow fleet, it might be helpful. If the Yacht Club would host a party in the evening, that would be great.

I see the fleet growth issue as a matter that needs to be stimulated at the District level with the encouragement and support from the National level. I see it as a long-term process and one that needs particular (but not exclusive) focus on young sailors."

ILCA LOCAL LEGENDS



Santiago Romero

Santiago wasn't raised by a sailing family. Instead, he married one! His wife Maria has always loved the sport. She inherited this from her father Eduardo, a retired Lightning sailor who devoted his life to the organization of regattas and to the promotion of the sport of sailing in general. Santiago got the love of the sport—from his Father in Law!

He's the kind of guy who will buy a new boat just because he can sell his old one and have one more team on the starting line. I can count five boats, four active in the Salinas Yacht Club boat yard today that have arrived through this process. Problem is, it's getting difficult to sell them because he's fond of unorthodox colors! His most recent sailing machine is a purple and pink mixture. It's fast! Well, one gets used to it.

I bet the best-attended regatta in our calendar must be the Copa Santiago Romero, which he celebrates on his birthday—Halloween day! It is undoubtedly a very special date in which he throws unbelievable parties that demonstrate so well why the Lightning Class is so special. You may ask around about last year's costumes (see South American Championships photos). With Santiago's birthday there is always something special to remember. And then there's the t-shirts! Each year he plans to design a special

t-shirt for his regatta. Last year's edition featured a caricature of each of the sailors printed in the front and personalized, and a group caricature in the back. That is how much care and love he puts into his extended family, the Lightning Class.

And there's the support. He's donated two motor boats to the Salinas Yacht Club to be used for regatta organizing. His own powerboat is always ready and available if it is needed for RC chores or taking people out to watch the races. He himself has devoted almost twenty years to the Salinas Yacht Club, his home club, in which he served in many chairs until becoming the Commodore, from where he gave a tremendous support to the sport of sailing in general, and to the Lightning Class in particular.

That's Santiago, a friend, supporter, promoter, enthusiastic member of the Lightning Class Family!



Participants in the Copa de Santiago Romero—awards presented at the birthday party



Bob Stoller

Bob helped to charter Fleet 488 in the early 80s and has been involved with Lightnings and sailing in the Rocky Mountain area ever since. Bob has been the Lightning Fleet Captain many times and has served as Commodore of Denver Sailing Association. He has been helping other sailors to get into Lightnings by locating boats to purchase, bringing Lightnings to Colorado and assisting in repair and rigging.

How he started—I grew up in Hampton, Virginia, a few houses from Hampton Roads. I learned to sail on a Snipe and would help caulk the boat every spring, launch the boat, and let it swell so that it would be watertight. When I graduated from high school in 1959, my parents moved to Bethesda, Maryland, and as I walked around the block, I saw a woman wetsanding the bottom of a sailboat. She said it was a Lightning and asked if I would like to crew that summer. Bob and Marjorie Ware owned the boat and raced it out of the Washington Sailing Marina on the Potomac. I crewed for them and learned to sail on the Lightning and also attended the Districts at Annapolis that summer. When I moved to Colorado in 1970, I thought I had given up sailing. However, I discovered a racing program on Boulder Reservoir and rented boats for a while. Then, I found a Lightning for sale in Denver (#4865) and bought it. The boat was originally purchased by George Fisher and had been his first Lightning.

Our Home Fleet, Fleet 488, started without a permanent base and met regularly to race at open regattas around Colorado and Nebraska. I am the only Fleet 488 founding member who still owns and races a Lightning. An early highlight was the Kingston, Ontario, NAs in 1986, where I chartered a boat from Jim Carson. After that the Fleet declined until it started to sail regularly at Cherry Creek. The Marina agreed to allow on-site storage of boats with their masts up, and the Fleet began to grow again. Now, with the parking area and the crane, the Fleet has an active weekly racing program from April to October. Marty Mulhern is an unsung hero for his devotion to the Class and his work on securing a Lightning for the Community Sailing program and getting it race ready.

Proudest Moments—The overnight repair of a fellow Lightning owner's rudder so that he could race the next day; repair of my own mast after I broke the upper section while driving through a ditch near Reudi Reservoir (Aspen, Colorado). I discovered the problem on Saturday morning and scrounged up an old mast and repaired it in the rain and was sailing on Sunday; correcting my mast tune at the Sheboygan NAs and getting a fourth in a qualifying race!

Other Moments—The funniest moment was pleasure sailing the woody (#4865) on Boulder Reservoir with Irene, my wife, and Bear, our Old English sheepdog. Bear was standing on the rear deck of the boat and did not understand that we were moving over water. The dog jumped down to discover that it was not a solid surface and she was swimming! The expression on her face was priceless! The scariest moment was at the California Circuit while sailing the Marathon from Coronado to Mission Bay. We were flying the spinnaker, the swells were rolling in from the west and the tide was ebbing. The swells in the mouth of the channel were fifteen feet high, and I thought that we might bury the bow.

The Fans Say—From Steve Davis, ILCA President, "Bob was the first Lightning sailor to take me out on a Lightning. Bob sailed with me the first time I went to an out-of-state Lightning regatta. Bob is always ready to repair anything on a sailboat and is super fast in light air!" From Jan Davis, ILCA Secretary, "Bob is one of those rare sailors that is verbal; he can kindly and calmly explain to his crew exactly what he needs done in comprehensible English. (We all know of skippers, who shall remain nameless, that have no skill in this area)."

Here is Bill Cabrall's input about Bob Stoller: "I first met Bob in the early 80s when I was racing Stars. At regattas I kept encountering this beautiful wooden Lightning on the ramp or in the parking lot. I remember vividly walking taking a real good look at Bob's boat at Carter Lake one year and thinking, 'Wow, this is a beautiful boat, I've got to get one of these!' But the Star fleet saw what was going on, rallied for a quick intervention, and it was another ten years before I saw the light and gave up on running backstays."

From Mary Anne Byrne: "Bob Stoller gave me a chance to crew before I knew a sheet from a guy. Consequently, he put me on the jib. At the time my greatest skill was enthusiasm and my second best was reliability. With the patience of an paternalistic college professor, he taught me how to trim a Lightning jib, set the pole, and generally rig and ready the boat. I crewed for Bob in back-to-back North Americans, an experience I never thought possible for me.

Bob knows where every Lightning and every lightning part is within a thousand miles of Denver, a quality that has stood me in very good stead. At the Aspen Open (yes, Aspen has a Yacht Club!) in 2000, Bob arrived with a bent mast, courtesy of a traffic situation on the drive up. For most people, deep in the Colorado Rockies at 8000 feet in elevation, a bent mast would be a show stopper, but not Bob. He unhitched the boat, told us he'd be back, and took off into the high country. Two hours later he was back with a second mast (also broke, but in a different place) that he happened to know had been lying in a field in Basalt.

Sailing Stars had taught me how to splice masts (and the Lightning's long untapered section makes this process fairly simple), so I pitched in and before the day was done we had a new, spliced mast up and running on his boat. Even better, when we stopped for dinner, the only available seat on the Yacht Club deck was across from the prettiest blue eyes and the brightest smile I've ever met. Seven years later I still see them every day. You can too when Raeyane Farrell and I travel east to a regatta near your home club. Thanks Bob!!

Corinthian Sailing—I think it took a while for me to learn to sail for the pure joy of racing Lightnings and the teamwork that it involves. The interaction with my crew, rather than winning at all costs, made it enjoyable. It has become very important to me to help my fellow Lightning sailors be more successful in their own sailing so that the quality of the racing improves. I would like to be known as a Lightning sailor who will always help when help is needed and who has been committed to Lightning sailing.



ILCA LOCAL LEGENDS



Jim Dillard

Jim has been a member of Fleet 50 since 1959, and over the years he has made huge contributions to the Fleet and to the Lightning Class. Jim was a Virginia State Delegate for thirty-two years. During his tenure, he served on the Appropriations Committee for sixteen years and was Chairman of the Conservation and Natural Resources subcommittee of that Committee. In that capacity he was instrumental in the creation of Leesylvania State Park in 1992, the site of the annual Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta and this year the site of the Women's, Juniors, and Masters' North American Championship. When the park was created, he made sure it was sailboat friendly, with two hoists in addition to the ramps used by bass boaters.

Jim is a Virginian to the core. He loves its history and its water. He was born and raised in Williamsburg, capital of the state in the colonial era. He has worked tirelessly on this year's celebration of the 400th year since the establishment of the Jamestown colony. He was even an extra in the movie, *New World*, the movie about Jamestown and Pocahontas.

Claim To Fame—On every Labor Day weekend since 1963, with one or two exceptions, Jim has led a flotilla of two to four Lightnings in the exploration of one of the Bay's waterways. Before heading out, the boats are outfitted with a small outboard motor and VHF Radio and are loaded up with coolers, tents, and sleeping bags. Last year, the group sailed up the North River off of Mobjack Bay.

Jim's skill as a politician comes to the forefront at about 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock on each day of the expedition. He looks for a house on the river with a pier and ideally a sailboat nearby and even more ideally with a gazebo or screened in porch. He then goes ashore and knocks on the door and asks the landowner for permission for the explorers to lay out their sleeping bags on the pier or to pitch their tents on grass. The landowner has always agreed, but before the evening is done, the landowner has usually invited the hearty bunch inside the screened porch or to another more protected area. Jim is always able to talk to the landowners about a local matter that is important to them and that involves the state government.

More Claim To Fame—While Jim buys brand new Lightnings from time to time, he also subscribes to the value of keeping old Lightnings alive—value he and others in the fleet probably inherited from Doc Gilbert, another Fleet legend. What happened on one of his Labor Day cruises illustrates this. It started with one of the expedition's Lightnings suffering a broken rudder. What were they to do? First, one of the explorers on that trip, Chuck, who is a veterinarian, became very popular with the local landowner when he befriended her dog and gave it a once over. Second, they fortuitously found an abandoned woodshop on the property that had a functioning band saw. Third, they scrounged up some plywood, roofing nails, strap iron, and 1/4" bolts. They cut the plywood to the shape of a Lightning rudder and used the strap iron and bolts to create pintles. A 2" X 4" was trimmed down to create the tiller. Jim still has this very functional rudder.

Even More Claim to Fame—Jim is famous for his fundamental belief in free beer at sailboat regattas. Each year, since its inception twenty-three years ago, the Potomac Cup Regatta has had a beer sponsor. Those sponsors not only provided several kegs of beer and several cases of soda, but also often subsidized the regatta T-shirt.

Proudest Moments—There is an easy way to recognize Jim. He is skipper of the dark green Lightnings. His latest boat, 15311, is again dark green. The previous one, 14627, No More Excuses, was dark green. The previous one, No Excuses, was dark green. I believe he has owned seven dark green Lightnings in all. The first one, 6428, was a wooden Saybrook Lightning built in Connecticut.

In 1966 Jim took a short hiatus from Fleet 50. He was offered a job in Atlanta. However, he told his prospective employer that he would only take the job if he could find a place to race his Lightning. That he did. He found one Lightning, #180, on Lake Lanier. He told the owner that he'd double the size of their fleet. Three years later, when Jim returned to northern Virginia, the fleet at Lake Lanier had grown to eighteen boats! Jim established a dealership for the Newport built Lightning, which was based Gloucester, Virginia. Every time Jim made a trip back north, he would swing by the builder and pick up another Lightning, either new or used, take it back to Georgia, and find a buyer. That's one way to build a fleet!



Ken Irwin

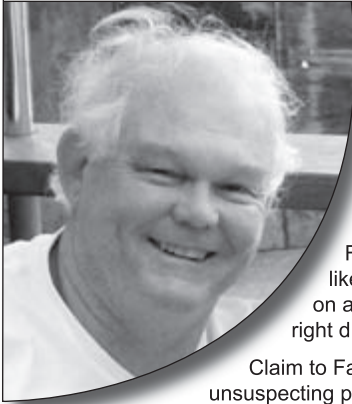
Ken began sailing on a Lightning at Hoover Yacht Club in Columbus, Ohio, around 1960. A member of Fleet 303 at Cowan Lake, he fell in love with the boat after his first crewing experience and in 1970 purchased Jay Limbaugh's trade-in.

Claim to Fame—Although no longer does the regatta circuit, hardly ever misses a club race.

Proudest Moment—The opportunity to introduce others to the Lightning boat.

The Fans Say—From Mike Brock, "There are not enough words to describe what 'Master Mariner' Ken means to the local fleet and club. Ken's dedication and service to Lightning sailing and to the club is the one thing that has remained constant over the past four plus decades. Ken is the only club member to be recognized for his relentless service and was awarded the title Master Mariner in addition to being a recipient of the Marcotte, a yearly Cowan Lake service award. He has served in numerous capacities including Lightning fleet captain for several years, club Commodore (1986), chairperson of several committees, board of governors and is our current webmaster and scorekeeper. Ken remains the "go to" guy when something needs to be fixed at the club or on race boats. He is a source of a wealth of knowledge and history. While Ken no longer travels the regatta circuit, you can always count on him to represent the Lightning fleet for Sunday club racing in Adrenalin, #14216.

We keep asking ourselves what would we ever do without Ken!



Frank Gallagher

Frank has been with Fleet 50 since 1966, and his personality is reflected in the history and character of the Fleet. He started sailing Lightnings with the Sea Scouts, then went off to college but came back and has won the Fleet Championship many, many times. The Washington DC area sees quite a few people coming and going, and so there are quite a few people who have sailed here for a few years before moving on. Their memories of sailing here might be vague, but they generally remember Frank. He is not a vague character. Frank is a Fleet 50 legend who focuses on what is important to keep the sport of racing Lightnings alive and well and whose generosity and friendship are enjoyed by everyone in the fleet.

Frank is a seat-of-the-pants sailor. Rig tuning—he has no idea. However, his boat always has a few special features, like the shock chord on his tiller so that he can hold it in place as he goes forward to gybe the pole as he single-hands on a Wednesday evening. Frank does well not by being very knowledgeable or technical, but by pointing his boat in the right direction and keeping it moving regardless of the many distractions on and off the boat.

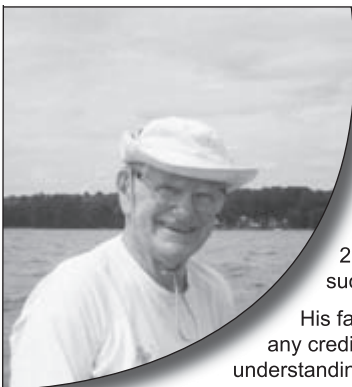
Claim to Fame—Frank is famous for making sure there are as many boats on the line as possible, even if it means dragging an unsuspecting passerby onto the boat. The same applies to staffing the Race Committee. Frank hates to see a boat not sail because the skipper and crew are doing race committee. He'll do everything he can do get non-sailors to volunteer and, if the conditions are light, to release the skipper and crew to race. Frank will do anything he can to help a new sailor learn to sail faster and smarter, but on the racecourse he'll do everything he can to win. Frank himself has an amazing ability to do well with the most green of crew. He is famous for putting his green crew through twenty or more gybes on the way to the starting area.

More Claim to Fame—Frank keeps many an old Lightning sailing and racing. He buys Lightnings that are almost or about to be abandoned, gets them ready to go sailing at minimal expense, and then finds a newcomer who isn't sure they can spend very much to get into the sport. Then he makes sure they don't waste time and money working on their new old Lightning, but instead go sailing. For example, a few years ago, Frank took an old Lightning that was given to him and turned it into a Fleet builder boat. He sold the boat to Paul Maher, a young skipper, for only \$500, under the condition that when Paul sold it, he had to sell it within the fleet and for no more than \$500 plus one-half of what he had invested in it himself.

Even More Claim To Fame—Frank always has something to offer you from his trunk or cooler after you've buttoned up your boat. Recently, it has been Miller Lite—he is watching his weight. But a couple of years ago, it was a miracle punch! I know it involves rum and something.

The Fans Say—"How did I get started with Fleet 50? It was all Frank Gallagher's doing. Having wandered down to WSM on a Sunday morning in 1999 just to see what was there and standing around amazed at all the activity, I was cornered by Frank and asked, "Can you sail today?" Not able to come up with a good reason for saying no, I was invited to hop onto Jim Dillard's boat as crew. The rest is history." *David Thompson, current Fleet Captain*

"It was a very proud moment for me when I first beat Frank."
Nabeel Alsalam, current Fleet Champion



Jim McDonnell

Also known as "Mr. Lightning" around Fleet 19 at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club, Jim started sailing in 1942 and first sailed a Lightning in 1968. He learned the fundamentals of sailing on a Thistle in Boston. Jim loves the Lightning because it is a family boat, and he sailed with all of his children through the years. Jim proudly shared that his son in college was voted captain of his fleet—like father like son.

Claim to Fame—Jim has not been one to accept accolades for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Lightning Fleet and his Yacht Club. He is always willing to work on any regatta and is never concerned about who shall get the credit. His moment of fame was when Cal Schmiede presented him an award for putting on the Cornball Regatta for 25 years! This was one of Jim's proudest moments. Every year he wrote letters, called people and made the event a success.

His fans say—Jim has been a supporter of all sailing at Chautauqua, always willing to work on any regatta, never wanting any credit. Heinrich Kutschke says, "I crewed for Jim at local weekly races and some regattas. He was ALWAYS patient and understanding and instructed his crew in a positive way. He is indeed the kindest skipper I've sailed with. Because of his never-ending enthusiasm for the sport, I purchased a Lightning and have been active in the Fleet since 1990." Chuck Hodges, Past Commodore and Lightning sailor, says, "Jim is the most dedicated sailor, let alone Lightning sailor. He was always willing to share his knowledge and his boat to teach newcomers in the sport of sailing."

Funniest moments—1) As we were approaching the dock in heavy air, my son was ready to take a picture as a puff came, and the boat knocked the dock section into the water. My son grabbed the forestay, did not fall into the water and took the picture; 2) From crew Heinrich Kutschke, "Jim would put his hearing aid into a waterproof container and put it into his back pocket. So, as we were docking in pretty heavy air, Jim could not hear me so I bent over and shouted to his back pocket. Onlookers were wondering. (Editor's note: SO ARE WE!)

Improve the Class—Better communication within the fleets and information sharing with other fleets about many issues, and ten more boats in the Fleet!

ILCA LOCAL LEGENDS



Joe Dissette

This year is Joe's 55th year enjoying the sport he loves. At the Bay City Yacht Club, Joe has served as Rear Commodore (1960), Vice Commodore (1961) and Commodore (1962). In 1987, BCYC recognized Joe for his dedication and love of sailing, and recently, the Wednesday Night Championship Series for Fleet 216 has been renamed to the Joe Dissette Championship Series. Joe is also in the business of buying and selling Lightnings. His expertise is known worldwide. Joe spent several weeks one summer in Ireland at the request of local Irish sailors he had met when selling one of his boats.

How he began—Joe tells us, "Back in the late thirties and early forties I was spending my summers on Lake Charlevoix with my Dad. Those were high school years, but I managed to get the dealership for a little 13 1/2-foot sloop, selling five, starting a fleet, and racing Sundays at Ironton on Lake Charlevoix—sparking my interest in racing."

In 1938, I saw an article in *Yachting* magazine by Olin Stephens, designer of the Lightning. He extolled the excellent qualities of a new one-design class called "Lightning" and included pictures of Olin test sailing No. 1 on Skaneateles Lake in New York.

I said to my Dad, "Someday I would like to own a Lightning," but I had to wait until 1945 to get my wish—a homebuilt Lightning with no number, followed by numbers 498, 2949, 5577 (1st Carousel). Then, in 1964, I got my first fiberglass Lightning (Carousel 2), and the rest is history—leading to Carousel 35!"

Greatest Moments—In 1998 at the ILCA 60th Anniversary Regatta held at the Skaneateles Country Club in Skaneateles, New York, Joe was in the Green Fleet with 87 boats competing—WOW! What a starting lineup, an awesome event! Joe had been having heart trouble, and that morning he and his wife, Ann, made an unscheduled trip to the hospital. The crew rigged the boat and circled off the end of the dock waiting for Joe to return. 223 of the 225 boats had been launched. With Ann driving through two barricades and down the launching ramp, Joe arrived and headed to the starting line. Joe finished 1st in the first race, setting the tone for the regatta. "Because we were ahead in the race, we finished in a mix of boats in the Blue Fleet. John McCree and Joe Schofield, my crew, asked the Racing Committee for a finish signal. We finished at the tail end of the Blue Fleet boats. The following two races were back to back with 5th place finishes—with a total of 11 points—the Green Fleet was ours. What could be better than winning your fleet at the 60th Lightning Anniversary Regatta? That had to be the highlight of my sixty-two years of Lightning racing."

Good stories—One of the funniest moments was seeing my middle crew, Glenn Hallett, miss his hiking strap, dragging his bottom through the water, holding on for dear life, as we crossed the finish line just inches from the committee boat, and just ahead of John McCree, for the win.

One of the scariest moments was capsizing just before the finish line at the mouth of the Saginaw River, flying the spinnaker in heavy air in mid-May. After being rescued by Mark Simoni (Coast Guard Auxillary) and practically carried to a hot shower (due to a slight case of hypothermia), I finally felt back to normal an hour later. Since we had to leave my Lightning, with its mast stuck in the mud in the channel at the mouth of the river, I, along with many in our fleet, watched from the club house as a professional crew tried to rescue my boat before a scheduled freighter ran it down. Fortunately, they managed to right it and tow it back to our BCYC just minutes before that freighter came charging down the channel with its searchlight focused on my Lightning in tow. I will never forget the many hands from our fleet that stayed late into the night, watching the rescue operations, and then hosing the mud off my boat and sails before tucking her safely away!

"My lifelong friendship with Joe began in 1976 with the purchase of my first Lightning. My brother, Tom, and I were attempting to put the mast up. We had the uppers and lowers backwards in the chain plates. Joe, always anxious to help out a fellow sailor, advised us on the correct placement and offered a few rigging tips. By the end of the day, I had signed myself and crew up for a series of sailing lessons. One tip that I will always remember from Joe was 'never take your hands off the main sheet'—which fortunately I still do to this day." *Matt Princing*

Other Memories—Joe tells us, "When I joined the BCYC, in 1953, I had the only Lightning (Skaneateles 2949). The 110s had a large fleet and wanted me to sell my Lightning and get a 110. Long story short—I kept my Lightning! I found two more Lightnings and activated our Lightning Fleet 216, which grew to twenty in its heyday. I would like to be remembered for resisting the temptation, back in 1953, to sell the only Lightning at the BCYC, buy a 110 and join their active racing fleet."

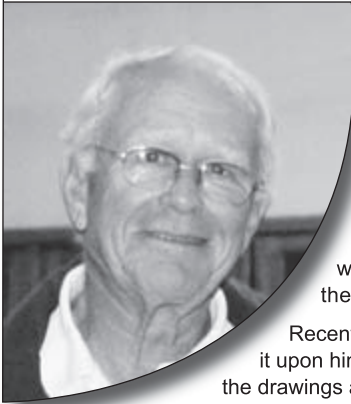
I would also like to be remembered for the many skippers and crews that I encouraged to join in the fun of racing a Lightning. In addition, I would hope that the many people I have given sailing lessons to over the years would remember me gratefully for getting them involved in the wonderful sport of sailing."

Matt Princing says, "Talking with fellow sailors, we have decided that Joe has trained over 150 crew members—many of which went on to purchase their first Lightning."

Changes in the Class—"I would not change one thing! The Lightning is still attracting some of the best sailors in the world!"



Joe sharing his wisdom to a lucky listener.



Nelson Small Schmitt

Nelson is from Brazil and sails at the Sao Paulo Yacht Club with the Guarapiranga Fleet. He has been sailing Lightnings since the 1960s and is now the owner of Xamego VI, the sixth Lightning he has owned and built.

Claim To Fame—It seems that whenever someone needed a mast, Nelson always knew where one was available. It turns out that many, many years ago Nelson and some other Legends, like Tommy Sumner (Grandfather to the current three-time Jr. World Champion) got together and decided to chip in some money to develop the Lightning Class in Brazil. A fund was set up, and its purpose was to aid in obtaining parts in Brazil that could be made here. Nelson's tool shop has always been famous for coming up with those parts that you needed and weren't available in the country—masts, mast head caps, stainless steel spreaders, mast blocks, CB pins and all the measurement tools are just some of the parts he has built.

Recently, we ran out of masts. Nelson took it upon himself to find a supplier, provided all the drawings and qualified the samples, negotiated and bought enough masts to last a decade. The money came once again from the fund he controls.

More Claim To Fame—As a Class Measurer, he has participated in all the events held in Brazil. The most important aspect is that he does it all with great pleasure and pride. He will show and teach everything he has learned over the years and is still active in all our local events.

What the Fans Say—From James Sumner, "Nelson has been the Lightning Class in Brazil for three generations and is still going strong."

From Hans Ludwig, "Lately Nelson sails only with a female crew, doing so will surely keep him sailing for another sixty years."

From John Bennett, "It is only with people such as Nelson that the Lightning Class can grow. The boats he has built are always changing hands and popping up with new sailors joining the Class. Nelson has become a legend in finding room in his boat to fit an ice box with beer in it. There is always another can available. No matter how bad the conditions are, between races, if you have run out, look for Nelson!"



Joan and Gary Hurban

Joan and Gary call Fleet 75 at Nyack Boat Club in Nyack, New York, their home port. They started sailing in Seattle, Washington, in the 1960s. When asked, "Why Lightnings?" they answered, "What else is there!?" They would like to make it a Class rule that the gun for all regattas be at 7:00 AM, no limit to the number of races, no wind limit and a maximum of a fifteen-minute lunch break. If there is wind and at least two willing competitors (and there always will be if Joan and Gary are there) there should be as many races as possible!

Proudest Moment—They spent all their wedding money on a brand new Lightning (#8182) instead of furniture. This Proudest

Moment may be overshadowed by their daughter, granddaughter and son-in-law, De, Jordan and Matt Weimer, purchasing a Lightning. They will be racing this year in Annapolis.

Claim To Fame—That they are just as competitive sailing together, with either one skippering, or sailing their own Lightnings, "HIS" and "HERS."

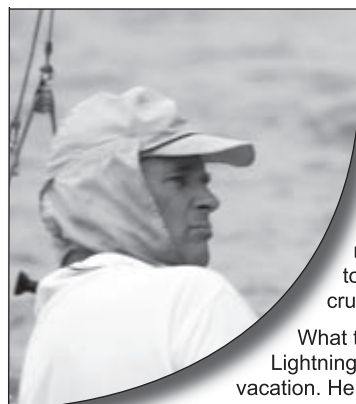
The Fans Say—"They are always pushing themselves and the Fleet to improve."

"They are tough to beat!"

"Can't keep up with them on or off the water!"



ILCA LOCAL LEGENDS



Helmut Braun

He sails out of Fleet 510 at the Lagos Yacht Club in Nigeria. His “trademark” is his funny sailing hat, a golfing cap with a flap covering his neck and ears, which was made by a local tailor after he suffered a heat stroke during sailing some years ago. He started sailing in 1975 in Suakin, Sudan (Red Sea). He bought a 14 catamaran (Starcat) and a beginner’s handbook. Initially, Helmut experienced some trouble when tacking the boat (had to jump off the boat onto a coral reef, push the bow about and jump back on) which made the family a bit nervous until he learned to back the jib during tacking (this technique was described in the advanced section of the handbook only). He was transferred to Lagos, Nigeria, in 1977 and started racing in Ospreys. Leaving Nigeria in 1980, he went back to Germany and onwards to Singapore he and his family started windsurfing in the Straits of Malacca. In 1988, he returned to Lagos, Nigeria, bought a wooden Lightning, eventually “upgraded” to fiberglass Lightnings and has been racing and cruising there ever since.

What the Fans Say—From Ian Edwards, “Helmut’s energy for sailing is phenomenal. He is currently the oldest regular Lightning sailor in Lagos but sails more than anyone. He races every Saturday, missing only those few weeks when he is on vacation. He often wins our quarterly points competition, which covers all races for the quarter, and is always placed, which is a testimony to both the quality and frequency of his sailing. He cruises to various picnic locations around Lagos most Sundays—often two hours each way. His wife Dolly is his dedicated crew, and they are a great team. Helmut is also a great motivator for Lightning sailing in Lagos. He is always ready to take out a newcomer as crew to get them on the water. He encourages other sailors to go “cruising” on Sundays. He made it a point to invite me when I was new and was one of those that made my entry into Lightning sailing in Lagos easy and enjoyable.

As a crew member for Alan Emslie (2007 Nigerian Nationals winner), Alan told me back in 2005, “we just want to get close enough to him on the downwind legs to make him stand-up”—a quirk that I only discovered as I became more competitive with him. As you get close to him, he stands up to access the situation !

In the area of “quirks”—besides the hat that makes him look like he just came off a camel crossing of the Sahara, and the standing up downwind—the other thing is his boat. Everything is marked by numbers—every sheet, cleat, halyard. Even the center board has seven numbered positions marked, so when you sail with Helmut, it is “sailing by the numbers.” He just issues his crew instruction by numbers so they don’t even need to know what the “thing” does. It is strange if you ever sail with him (which I have only done once since I am always in my own boat), but it is great way to get a new crew working, as they do not need to understand the sailing term or work out what does what in the first few minutes in a Lightning. It also avoids problems between different countries/languages for sailing terms for the same item on the boat.”

From Richard Willmott, “I have crewed for Helmut on many occasions; his numbering system is a piece of German precision. Going round the mark, you have board to 2, this rope to 3, etc. etc. Really confusing when all you really want is a beer !”

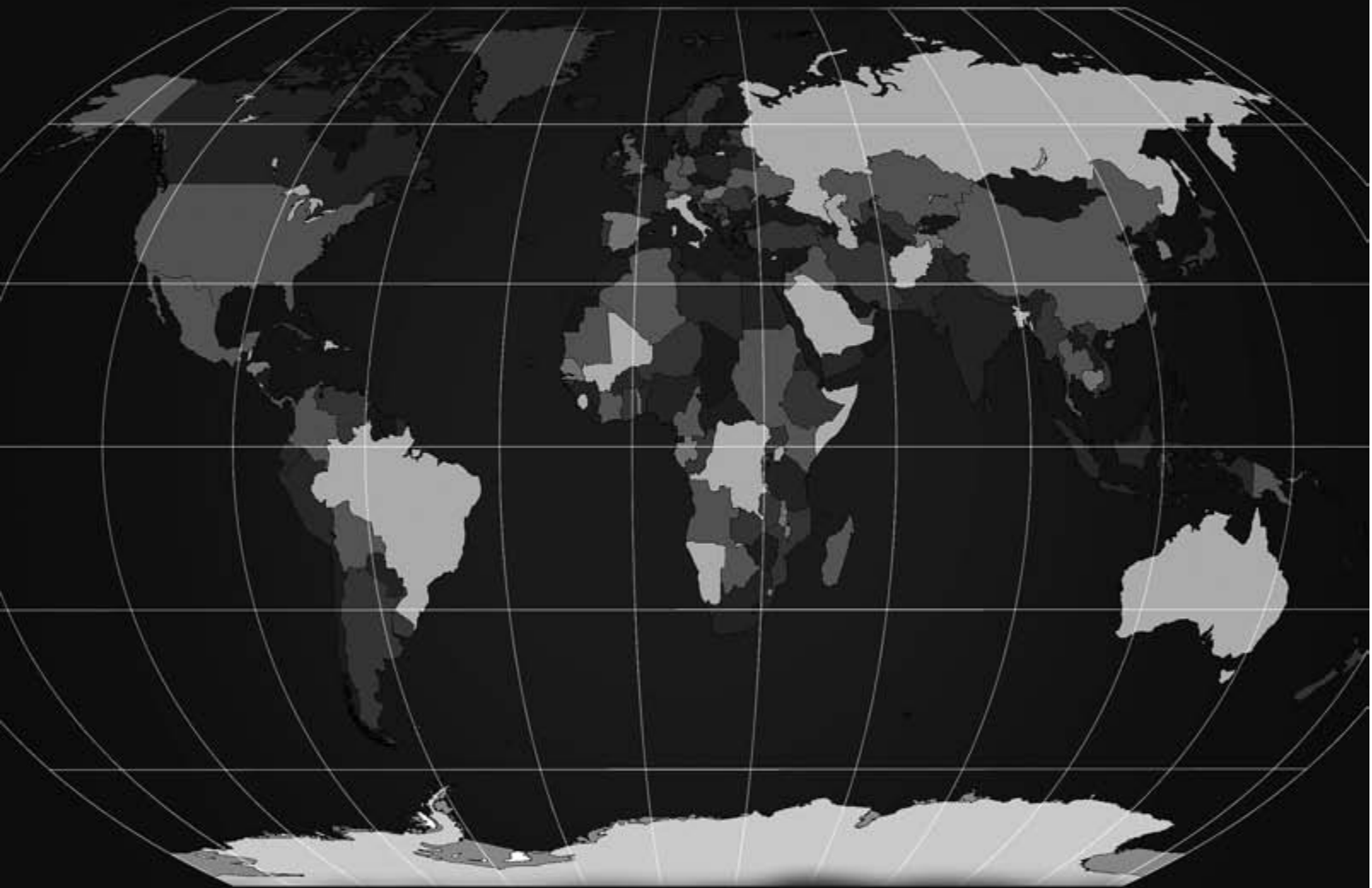
Why Lightnings—It’s a versatile dinghy for our waters (tidal waters, commercial harbor, shallow inland creeks). The racing is never boring with all the competitive sailors in the Fleet. On the other hand, the Lightning has sufficient space to take a family cruising comfortably and even take along guests. We have been out with four adults, two kids and cold boxes without feeling crowded. My youngest passenger was a six-month old girl (with a very nervous mother).

Proudest moment—When Fleet 510 was eventually registered with ILCA. At that time I was Commodore of Lagos Yacht Club and tried, in vain, to register the Fleet for over a year because everything coming from Nigeria was automatically taken as attempted fraud. The registration eventually happened through the intervention of the British GP 14 Class who were running sailing workshops at Lagos Yacht Club.

Improve the Class—Helmut says, “I can only speak for Lagos; I hope to see more sailing workshops for the Lightning Class being held in Lagos. This could be done during the off season in USA and Europe (October–December and February–April) when we still enjoy sunshine and reasonable winds.”



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14562	Uizo Thomas Sumner
14602	Flash Rider Claudio Bierkarck
14633	Fala Serio Caio Soares Prado
14845	Clone rider Torsten Ralf Bojlesen
14891	Dito & Feito Wagner Neils Bojlesen
14892	White Magic Lightning Hans Juergen Ludwig
14893	Layline George Lewis Rider John Julio Jansen
14894	Windrunner Thomas Sumner
15152	Xamego VI Nelson Small Schmitt
15229	Acquaholyc John Stuart Bennett
15264	Hooligan James S Birkinshaw

The Brazilian District had in 2006 a Year to Remember

With the confirmation of the Lightning Class in 2007, interest in the Pan American Games by the skippers was held high.

The 2006 São Paulo State Championship was won by Claudio Biekarck, with George Rider a close second.

The 2006 Brazilian Championship was won by Claudio Biekarck, with George Rider in a very close second. Just to give an idea of what this win means, here are the years Claudio has won this Championship: 1980/81/83/85/86/87/88/89/91/92/95/98/2001/03/05 and now 2006.



The Rio de Janeiro International Pre-PanAm week was won by George Rider, with Claudio Biekarck in second.

This was a great week of sailing, with three Chilean teams and two Argentinean teams participating and getting to know the sailing conditions where the 2007 Pan American Games will be held.

Another reason 2006 was a year to remember—it was Tommy Sumner's third Junior World Championship. He won in the USA, Europe and at home and makes all of us in Brazil very proud. As usual, a lot of the merit must be given to the forever sponsor and father, Jimmy Sumner, and to his late grandfather, Thomas Sumner, a Lightning sailor since Lightnings have existed in Brazil.

Tommy also made us proud of his excellent third place (tied for second) finish in the South American Championship at Salinas.

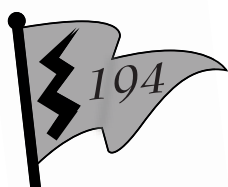
We all look forward to 2007 with anticipation. The Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro will be a great event for our Class. Hope to see you all there.



Congratulations to 3rd Time Youth World Champion Tommy Sumner! Felipe Brito and Felipe Gil as crew



*3rd Place at the South American Championships in Salinas
Felipe Brito, Thomas Sumner, Gustavo Satio Harada & presenter ILCA President Steve Davis*



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 Champion.....	Scott Finkboner

Boat#/Name	Owner
6613 La Salle	Christopher Barclay
8778	Dan Gravatt
8966	Richard F Brewer
9693 Tringa	Rick Walters
11603 Direct Access	Joel Vann
13411	John Carr
13742	Richard Hockaday
13819	Donna Collins
13842	Peter Colantuono
13856 Balls Deep	Ed Petit de Mange
13860	Dan Gravatt
14095 Puddleglum	Kirk Johnson
14202	Michael Poltorak
14263	Peter Colantuono & Peter Bellin
14308	Dale Bull
14473	Scott Finkboner
14486	John & Jolene Northrop
14846 White Lightning	Michael Brewer
14904 Hana Hou	Scott Finkboner
14924	Jeff Coppens
15238	Brian Anderson
15302 Blitz	Dale Bull
15306	Pete Bellin

The Mission Bay Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 194 had a great year with more Lightnings sailing out of Mission Bay than I have ever seen before, thanks to hosting the North America Championships. Thanks to all the people who participated and helped during 2006.

We started the year with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta in February and had six boats racing in the two-day regatta. Jeff Coppens, Kirk Johnson, and Dan Gravatt finished 1, 2, 3.

April 1 was the start of the California Circuit in Coronado. Jeff Coppens was not fooled and finished every race in first place. Behind Jeff, the racing was close, and with one bad race it was going to cost you one or two spots. Scott Finkboner and Pete Bellin finished the Coronado stage of the Circuit in second and third.

The California Circuit's Marathon race has always generated lots of great stories, and this year's version went like this: no wind. The race was shortened, and three boats made it to the turning mark finish line. The rest of the fleet did not finish. Jim Sears, Kenny Manzoni, and Pete Bellin were our first, second, and third place finishers.

The wind that was missing for the Marathon was back with a vengeance, prompting the California Circuit's ocean races to be held in Mission Bay. Twenty-knot winds did not make any difference with the outcome, as Jeff Coppens could not be beaten. The second place finisher in the Circuit, Scott Finkboner, was 25 points behind Jeff! Kirk Johnson finished in third.

May was the start of the Thursday Night Thing, our version of the beer can races. During the year we had as few as two boats and as many as nine boats, with wind conditions very light most nights. This is fun racing, and in light shifty conditions everyone has a chance to win. Bill Cabrall, from Colorado, who was working in LA, drove down and joined in as crew and even came down and did race committee. We always welcome sailors to go out racing.

The California District Championship was held in June, and we had twelve boats, eleven from Mission Bay and a chartered boat being raced by Ken Manzoni, Julie Ardagna, and Bryan Buffaloe from Southwestern Yacht Club. The racing was tight and the weather was good, with Scott Finkboner winning it all. Jeff Coppens was second, and Pete Bellin was third.

The North American Championship was the focus for our Fleet all year, and thanks to a lot of hard work by everyone in our Fleet and the MBYC members, the regatta **was a success**. I would like to thank everyone who made the long trip to California, and we hope to see you all again next year...in Annapolis!

In November, the racing focused on the Turkey Regatta, the only event during the month. The weather could not have been better; winds ranged from 10-14 knots under sunny skies. Nine boats were on the starting line, and with the other fleets on the water, the racing was very exciting. The top finishers all got their turkeys (Cornish game hens), and it was a very fun event. Scott Finkboner finished first, Jeff Coppens finished second, and Dan Gravatt was third.

The fleet award winners are:

FRED KNAUER CLUB RACE TROPHY: Kirk Johnson

This trophy goes to the winner of the accumulated club race series.

FRED KNAUER REGATTA TROPHY: Jeff Coppens

This trophy goes to the skipper who places highest in invitational regattas, not counting club race series.

MOST DEDICATED LIGHTNING SKIPPER: Dan Gravatt

This trophy goes to the skipper who sails the most TNT's, either as skipper or crew.

FLEET CHAMPION: Kirk Johnson

This trophy is presented to the skipper who wins the Fleet championship (the races which were determined by the Fleet). The Fleet champion represents the Fleet in the Club Championship.



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



San Francisco Bay Area

Sailing on San Francisco Bay

Richmond, California

Fleet Captain.....Elissa Hall

Boat#/Name	Owner
6177	Chuck Edwards
9834	Nathan Newbury
10841	Terry Dewane Mark Dolan
11460	Tom Calhoun
12163	Jim Miller & Rich Miller
12337	Nathan Peruman
12429	Thomas & Alycia Sanders
12619	Art Dutcher
12830	Jon Reed
13475	Ashley Tobin & Jim Watters
13626	Dave & Megan Anderson
13683	Elissa Hall
13869	Peter Beecher
13938	Carl Talp
14304	Mike Molina
14308	George Oldham

After a two-year dormancy, San Francisco Bay Fleet 372 reignited activity with a day sail and barbeque in early November. Former members Peter Beecher, Elissa Hall and Mike Molina hosted interested attendees with rides up and down the estuary. Over thirty turned out on this beautiful fall day, with temperatures in the high 60s, winds 8–10 knots out of the northwest.

In early December, Richmond Yacht Club hosted its first Midwinter, which brought out four boats in the Fleet. Peter Beecher, Wayne Clough and Terri Oleson grabbed three out of the four to take first overall, with Mike Molina, Ron MacBurney and crew following for second. Ashley Tobin, along with Jim, Lindsey and Toby Watters, took third, with Elissa Hall dropping out due to a injury to crewmember Deirdre McQuillin.

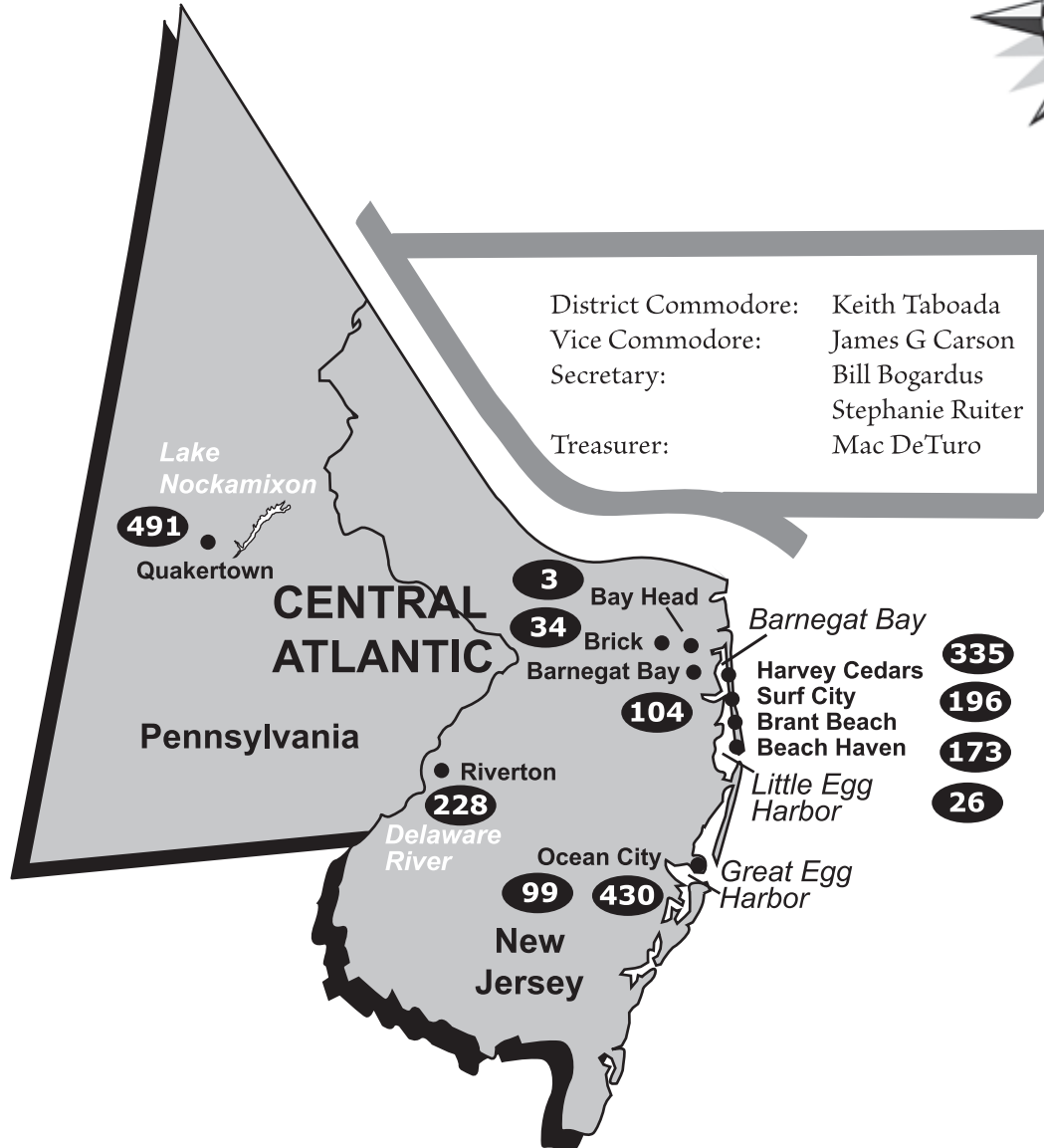
Fleet 372 goals for 2006/2007 include building a junior program—including a small fleet of boats for club level racing, class seminars, publishing a local newsletter and regatta events. Website www.sfbay-lightningclass.org was completed in late December—networking current members in addition to attracting prospective crew and skippers.

Richmond Yacht Club

2006/2007 Midwinter Regatta #1—Lightning Fleet December 3, 2006

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Race
1	13869	Wayne Clough	Peter Beecher, Terri Olson	1,1,2,1
2	14305	Mike Molina	Ron MacBurney	2,2,1,2
3	13475	Jim Watters	Ashley Tobin, Lindsay & Toby Watters	3,3,3,3
4	13783	Elissa Hall	Deidre McQuillin	4,DNC,DNC,DNC

Conditions: 8–10 knots at 275 degrees, clear skies



Surf City Yacht Club

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

It was a very active season in the CAD. We increased our turnout at the Districts, hosted possibly the largest regatta of the year, added new members and continued a tradition of introducing a large number of juniors to the boat.

To begin the season, the CAD continued its annual ritual of going South for spring break as Mark Schneider, Bill Mergenthaler and the co-skipper team of Eric Reitingner and Jim Carson sailed the complete circuit. The Lutz family made an excellent showing in both Miami and St. Pete, with Taylor finishing seventh in Miami and Jody winning the Midwinters. Congratulations Jody and team. Peter Denton, George Francis and George Glenn also made the trek down to St. Pete.

To start the summer, sixteen boats sailed the New Jersey State Championship in Brant Beach. Jody Lutz continued his great sailing, winning by eleven points over Monmouth's Ted Duffy and Lavallette's Matt Reiser.

Next was the District Championship at Surf City. Twenty-one boats sailed five races in medium to light air conditions. After a contentious last race, Mark Schneider, with crew daughter Ashley and Eric Reitingner, emerged victorious. Keith Taboada finished second on the tiebreaker, and Matt Reiser sailed an excellent Sunday to move up to third. Thanks to Rich Warren and his crew for hosting a great regatta. Thanks should also be in order to Andy Temme and Paul Tarantino for organizing a very fun Saturday night party. It is on to Riverton next year.

Two weeks after the Districts, LBI was the place to be once more as Little Egg Harbor hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship. With the North Americans in San Diego, this was THE REGATTA of the summer for many of the East Coast boats. Seventy boats attended. It was hot, light and shifty, but even in trying conditions, competitor after competitor remarked how well the regatta was run. Debbie Probst from Buffalo won, Jim Crane from Noroton second, former CAD member Al Terhune third, Jody Lutz fourth and Jeff Linton from Florida fifth.

Even though the North Americans were on the West Coast, that did not stop six boats from the District from making the 50+ hour trip. Jim Carson took ninth in the Masters' and then followed that up with a spot in the blue fleet. John Faus and Mark Schneider also wore the blue streamers in San Diego. George Francis, Paul Gelenitis and George Glenn also made the trip; I heard there were many parties, stories, a pool...

At the end of the summer, Surf City was the host of the New Jersey Junior State Championship. Five boats, a good turnout, raced in close competition. In the end, Matty Schon took the title. I would like to commend all of the juniors that sailed and would like to thank the owners that loaned their boats.

The final non-local regatta of note for the 2006 season was the Pan Am trials in Annapolis. Unfortunately for Jody Lutz, John Faus and Mark Schneider, the shifty conditions did not result in a victory. However, just qualifying is quite an achievement; congratulations to your teams.

Finally, a few members of the District need to be recognized for their special efforts in 2006. First, Mark Schneider gets the road warrior award. If there was a regatta, he was probably there, sailing an incredible number of days and weekends. The practice showed, no one worked harder, and he has a District Championship to show for it.

Franz Schneider and his crew at Little Egg need to be recognized for their extraordinary effort in organizing a great Atlantic Coasts. Showing no good deed goes unpunished, there are rumors Little Egg may become the North Americans venue in the future. Good going.

Also, Sarah Mergenthaler should be recognized for continuing to squeeze in some Lightning sailing while continuing to sail around the globe as part of the #1 rated U.S. Women's 470 team. It really is great to be competing with one of the rising stars in the sport.



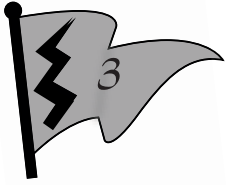
Mark Schneider



Surf City Yacht Club 2006 Central Atlantic District Championships July 15-16, 2006

Pl	Sail	Crew	From	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	15154	Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider & Eric Reitingner	RYC	4	1	2	4	13	24
2	14597	Keith Taboada, Russell Schon & Alex Curtis	MRYC	2	5	4	1	12	24
3	15197	Matt Reiser, Colleen Kennedy & Stu Josberger	LYC	3	12	9	3	2	29
4	15218	Steve Warren, Alex Loboza & Dan Gilman	SCYC	13	4	1	7	6	31
5	14719	Bill Bogardus, Jarrett Lynn & Francine Hoffman	MRYC	5	3	6	11	7	32
6	15235	John Faus, Mac Deturo & Will Brown	BLYC	14	6	5	6	4	35
7	15122	Jim Carson, Ryan Stagaard & Michael Crann	MRYC	6	9	10	13	1	39
8	14890	John Townsend, Dan Egan & Alex Hance	RYC	11	19	3	2	5	40
9	14960	Mitch Hnatt, Rick Pokorny & Tara Schon	MRYC	15	2	7	14	3	41
10	14300	Mike Warren, Rich Warren & Randy Swartley	SCYC	9	10	8	10	9	46
11	15204	Graham Mergenthaler, Dan Mergenthaler & Jim Roe	SCYC	1	7	24\OCS	8	8	48
12	15175	Andy Temme, Paul Tarantino & Lydia Boylan	SCYC	12	8	15	5	11	51
13	14325	Glenn Reitingner, Carl Reitingner & Beth Reitingner	SCYC	7	14	11	12	14	58
14	14942	Dick Moyer, Helen Moyer & John Depenbrock	RYC	16	11	12	9	10	58
15	14635	Darryl Waskow, Harry Waskow & Catherine Hilliard	SCYC	10	16	13	15	17	71
16	14660	Ed Serrilli, Barbara Serrilli & Jeff Carson	BBYC	8	17	18	17	16	76
17	14415	George Glenn, Chappy Hopkins & James Glenn	OCYC	18	20	16	16	15	85
18	14489	Bill Clarke, Mark Epstein & Sara Federman	BLYC	20	13	17	24\DNS	24\DNS	98
19	14595	Bob Rizzatello, Rich Pyle & Carleigh Berion	SCYC	17	21	19	18	24\OCS	99
20	USA14450	George Francis, Dick Thomas & Mike D'Amico	MRYC	21	18	14	24\DNS	24\DNS	101
21	14350	Jim DeCesare, Amy DeCesare & Jen Ryerson	BLYC	19	15	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	106
22	9852	Paul Gelenitis, Ryan Gelenitis & Kristen Gelenitis	MRYC	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	120T
23	15116	Bill Mergenthaler, Sarah Mergenthaler & Becky Mergenthaler	SCYC	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	24\DNS	120T

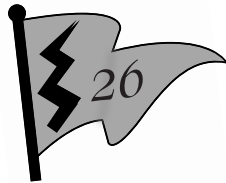
CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Bay Head Yacht Club

Sailing on Barnagat Bay
Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Bob O'Brien
Fleet Secretary..... David Olney



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#/Name	Owner
10768 Procrastination	Dr Jody Robinson
11124 Spirit	LEHYC
11666 Cirrus	Rafe Piling
14634 Phantom	Caroline Hoedemaker
15079 Aries	Franz K Schneider, Jr

There was a lot of Lightning regatta sailing on Long Beach Island this past summer.

Brant Beach Yacht Club kicked it off on June 10th with their Annual Spring Regatta, and they followed this up with the New Jersey State Championship on the next weekend.

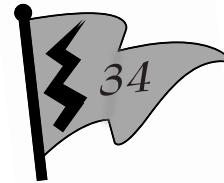
Surf City hosted the Central Atlantic District Championship on the weekend of July 15 and 16.

Over the weekend of July 29 and 30, our club hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship. This event was sanctioned by the US Olympic Committee as a pre-qualifier to compete in the US Pan American qualifiers to be held at Annapolis in October. Seventy Lightnings showed up, and competition was fierce. Saturday's races were sailed in a 10–15 mph shifty south-westerly breeze. Sunday morning the wind was light but, at about 2:00 PM, the usual strong southerly wind came in to cap off regatta with an exciting fifth race. Debbie Probst and her female team of Monica Jones and Cindy Kelly finished with a five-point lead over Jim Crane, Allan Terhune, Jody Lutz and Jeff Linton.

August 12 and 13 was our Down Bay Regatta weekend. This event was also used by the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association to select their YRA Lightning Class Champion. Fifteen Lightning's participated in this event. John Haiges, sailing with his wife, Lisa, and Jason Timmonds from Riverton, won the Regatta. Steve Warren from Surf City won the NJYRA Championship.

Our own Saturday series started on June 24th and was sailed through the summer up until Labor Day weekend.

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.



Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Sailing on the Metedeconk River
Brick, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Mitch Hnatt
Fleet Secretary..... James G Carson

Boat#/Name	Owner
6557 Zig Zag	Carol H Kern
9852 Club Tub	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10952	Robert G Savarese
11122	David Magliaro
11894 Love It	David S Rutter
12209	Donald Schon
14008 Incredible Hulk	Greg Kinzel
14450 Fog Racing Team	George B Francis Richard D Thomas Doug Zimmerman
14589 Less Than Zero	Brian Taboada
14597 Roadmaster	Keith Taboada
14719 Big Green Apple Knockers	William C Bogardus
14882	Greg Kinzel
14889 Stripes	William C Bogardus
14960	Michael Hnatt
15122 Logical	James G Carson
15166	Jody Lutz Michael Schon Paul Gelenitis Djoerd Hoekstra

After nursing some sore bones from the windy waters of Chile over the winter, Metedeconk sailors made their initial 2006 sailing on the Southern Circuit. Jim Carson sailed the entire Circuit. Jody Lutz won the Midwinter Lightning Championship held in St. Petersburg besting, a 73-boat fleet. Jody showed his "light air wizard" skills, sailing with brother Jay and nephew Taylor while gaining an automatic entry into the Pan American Trials. The same Lutz team had sailed the prior regatta in Miami (finishing 8th) with 13-year-old Taylor steering and winning a race.

Back on the Metedeconk, the Spring Series became the Lightning Championship series. The championship series had been traditionally held in the summer, but motorboat traffic and family obligations had slimmed participation. Fortunately, the spring featured very competitive sailing with a familiar ending: Mitch Hnatt wins. Greg Kinzel sailed a very strong series to finish second, with Jody Lutz (with a crew of thirteen-year olds, son Jason and Timmy Crann) beating George Francis for third on a tiebreaker. Just before the Series, six Metedeconk boats sailed the Long John, with the Taboada brothers, Keith (third) and Brian (sixth) having the most success.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

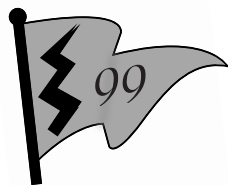
Long Beach Island held three major Lightning regattas in the summer: New Jersey State Championship at Brant Beach in June, Central Atlantic Districts in Surf City in July and the Atlantic Coast Championships at Little Egg Harbor in late July. Jody Lutz dominated the States, winning a three race series with four points; Mitch Hnatt took seventh and Jim Carson ninth. Keith Taboada finished second in the CADs, losing a first place tiebreaker to Mark Schneider of Riverton. Billy Bogardus took fifth, Jim Carson seventh, and Mitch Hnatt ninth. The ACCs at Little Egg saw the fourth, and Keith Taboada took tenth, with a first and third in the final two races. Metedeconk participation was strong in this event, with Mitch Hnatt, Greg Kinzel, Jim Carson, Billy Bogardus and George Francis also sailing. Later in the summer, Surf City held the New Jersey Junior State Championship, with Matty Schon winning and Robert Alldian taking fifth in his first Lightning regatta.

Local summer sailing was limited to the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship (BBYRA) which saw extremely volatile conditions (high winds some weeks, no wind others) and only five and the ten races scheduled completed. Mitch Hnatt reclaimed the Championship.

The North Americans in San Diego saw three Metedeconk sailors participate. Golfers often applaud themselves for out shooting their age. Jim Carson blows this standard away with his sailing performance: nearing 80, Jim qualified for the Championship flight in San Diego, finishing thirty-fourth. George Francis (seventh) and Paul Gelenitis (twentieth) sailed in the President's Cup. The neat part of their performance was George and Paul sailed with their children: George with daughter Gillian (the youngest participant in the regatta) and Paul with daughter Kristen and son Ryan. Jim also sailed the Masters, finishing 9th.

Metedeconk also sailed a Fall Series, which saw ten boats qualify (open to all fleets as is the spring) and again very competitive sailing. Mitch Hnatt again took honors with Brian Taboada 2nd and Matt Reiser of Lavallette third. While most sailors were taking their masts down and storing their boats, Jim Carson and Billy Bogardus visited the Frigid Digit in Annapolis, with Jim winning the first race in route to a twelfth in the 42-boat regatta.

After a few lean years, Metedeconk's Junior Advanced Sailing Program conducted by members of Fleet 34 on Wednesday evenings attracted a respectable turnout. This programs leads to the Club Junior Championship won this year by Caroline Hall. 2006 also saw what will hopefully be an ongoing trend at Metedeconk—a new generation of Lightning sailors with familiar last names: Lutz, Francis, Gelenitis, Schon making their debut in a Lightning. Their participation can hopefully continue a strong heritage of Lightning sailing at Metedeconk for years to come.

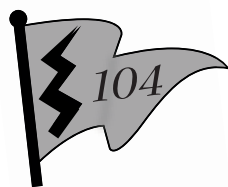


Great Egg Harbor

Sailing on the Great Egg Bay

Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....William P Clausen III
Fleet Secretary.....William P Clausen III



Lavallette Yacht Club

Sailing on the Barnagat Bay

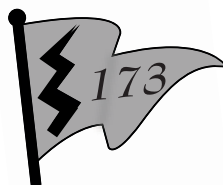
Barnagat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Matt Reiser

Fleet 104 continues to be a fleet in transition. With the passing of longtime Lavallette Lightning patriarch, Bill Dacosta, the Fleet has dwindled, with most of the Lightings sitting idle on their trailers, as many of the sailors from 104 have retired from sailing or have retired to some of the "old guy" classes active at the club. Bill's leadership and dedication are sorely missed.

Only Matt Reiser with his team of Colleen Kennedy and Stu Josberger carried the mantle for Lavallette Lighting sailing in 2006. For Team 15197, "3" seemed to be the magic number as they garnered third place finishes at the Central Atlantic Districts, New Jersey States, BBYRA Championships, and the Metedeconk Fall Series. A fifth at the Metedeconk Spring series and a fourteenth at the Atlantic Coast Championships were the sole deviations from the pattern.

Hopefully, 2007 will be a better year for Fleet 104 with the addition of another active racing Lightning pending and if the rumors of Matt actually sailing a regatta where he can't sleep in his own bed at night are true!



Brant Beach Yacht Club

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor

Branch Beach, New Jersey

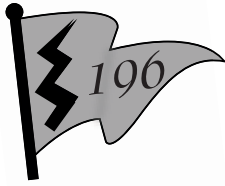
Fleet Contact Eric Reitingering

Boat#/Name		Owner
9628	Discovery	Paul L Alberti
11575		James W Titus
13809	Old Age and Treachery	Jeff Carson
14059	Skal	David Long
14325	Verbal Abuse	Glenn Reitingering Carl Reitingering
14660		Ed Serrill & Bob Seabold

Well, it was a busy summer for fleet 173. Eric Reitingering sailed with Jim Carson and Michael Crann from Metedeconk for two of the three legs of the Southern Circuit and drove the Miami Midwinter, only to get back to school during St. Pete to sail with his college team. It was a regatta heaven this summer. Bob Seybold, Ed and Barb Serrill, along with Team Reitingering (Eric, Beth, and Carl), raced at the Lightning States, held at BBYC, finishing tenth and sixth. Conditions were perfect for a great, one-day regatta. The other Team Reitingering, Glenn, Beth and Carl, and Ed, Barb and Jeff Carson competed at the Districts at Surf City, finishing thirteenth and sixteenth. Eric crewed with Mark Schneider and his daughter, Ashley, winning the event. Ed, Barb, and Jeff along with a team of Eric Reitingering, Liz Essig, and Maegan Ruhlman, competed in the ACCs at LE-HYC, finishing 69 and 38. The Island championships were held with Team Reitingering, Glenn, Beth, and Eric, finishing second and Ed, Barb and Jeff finishing fifth in some very crazy conditions. Team Reitingering, Glenn, Beth, and Carl, went up to the Little Egg Down Bay Regatta and finished sixth.

Even though we had many regattas to travel to, our club race schedule did not allow us to do both. Our Fleet seems to reduce every year due to jobs, moves and many other factors. Hopefully we can add a new boat or two in the coming years and try to get some of our idle boats out there on the course with new people to the Class. With the NAs in Annapolis next year, we will try to get at least a boat to compete in the main fleet and try to get a junior team entered as well.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Surf City

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay
Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Richard M Warren
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Rizzitello

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13139	Darryl Waskow
14068 Punch Too	George Schmidt
14300 Scrap Metal II	Randy Swartley
14595 Liberty	Richard M Warren
14635	Robert Rizzitello
15139	Darryl Waskow
	Tuathaul Maccolgan
15175 Triple Threat	Timothy G Robinson
15204 Exit 63	Frank Tremme
15218 Jezebel	Bill Mergenthaler
	Steve Warren
	Cindy Elfman
	Graham Mergenthaler
	Andy Tremme

The 2006 season was an active one for Fleet 196, racing on Long Beach Island. We started the season with our traditional tune up races on Memorial Day weekend. Our club racing started in late June and ended with our Labor Day Series. We were able to complete eight races in both our Commodore and Club Championship series. Steve and Mike Warren won the Commodore series as co-skippers. Tim Robinson won the Fleet Championship series, which came down to the last race of the season once again.

Darrel Waskow was our Club's Race Committee Chair, and he 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. We especially thank Bill Clausen for all the support he gave our Fleet during the Lightning Districts and many other Race Committee activities at our regattas. We consider Bill an "honorary member" of Fleet 196. We also thank Vince Core, our club PRO, and George and Jane Schmidt for their work and support of our weekend club races and other events. They all did a great job running the races smoothly, and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Our fleet has been bringing up various junior sailors who will keep us growing in the future. This summer we hosted the New Jersey State Junior Championship in August. This is the second year in a row we have been able to host this regatta, and we hope that the event continues to grow in participation. The defending champion SCYC team of Mike Warren, Alex Loboza and Alex Hance had an unfortunate breakdown and missed the first race. However, they came back with a 3-1-1 to finish third behind Matt Schon of Metedeconk River Yacht Club and Paul Luisi of Monmouth Boat Club who finished first and second, respectively. The 2007 New Jersey State Junior Championship will be at Metedeconk in 2007.

Drew Marano, one of our junior sailors, skippered in a couple of our club races. Drew grew up in our club junior program, first in an Opti and is currently racing a Club 420. He finished second in our Labor Day series, which was his second time racing against the fleet. Drew was awarded our Lightning Achievement award for the year.

We hosted the Central Atlantic District Championship in July with 23 boats participating. Mark Schneider of Riverton Yacht Club won the regatta. Our top SCYC finishers were Steve Warren in fourth and Mike Warren (junior sailor) in tenth.

Our Fleet was very active in away regattas and championship events this year. Fleet 196 sent six boats to the Atlantic Coast Championships. In other regattas, Bill Mergenthaler finished first in the LBIYRA Championship, followed by Randy Swartley in third. Steve Warren finished in third place at the LEHYC Down Bay regatta.



We finished the summer season with the 28th Annual Manahawkin Bay Cup Regatta in September. Unfortunately, we had a small turnout due to a poor forecast. The regatta was a windy series that was won by Rich Warren, our Fleet Captain. In 2007, this regatta will double as the New Jersey State Championship, and we hope to see a strong showing for the regatta.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Riverton Yacht Club

Sailing on the Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....John Townsend
Fleet Secretary.....John Townsend
Fleet ChampionJohn Haiges

Boat#/Name	Owner
7660 Air Ball	Gary Birnhak
8616	Hugh J Hutchison
11519	Kent Steinriede
12480	John Mangan
13740	Michael McCourt
14060 Gypsea II	John Butine
14214 Chees Whiz	Bruce Nicholson
14659	Bruce Falls
14699 Toodle-Do	Allan M Crew
14771	John G & Lisa Haiges
14890 Ultimate Pressure II	Peter R Denton John Townsend
14942 Primal Scream	Richard Moyer
15055	Hugh J Hutchison
15154	Mark C Schneider



Riverton Yacht Club was busy again on the Delaware River this year with more than twenty races with eight Lightnings every Wednesday night. We raced along side four other fleets with up to 80 boats sharing the same courses, making for some very interesting mark roundings. Afterwards everyone gathered around the club house to spend time with competitors and friends.

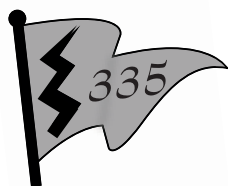
Members of the club spent many of its weekends on the road. We raced down south in the Southern Circuit, at Monmouth Boat Club, Nyack Yacht Club, on the Potomac, up and down the Jersey shore, including the Central Atlantic Districts, ACCs, and Down Bays, Nyack Susquehanna Yacht Club, Buffalo Canoe Club, San Diego for the North Americans, the Pan Am Trials, and ending at the annual Frigid Digt in Annapolis. This was all in addition to hosting our annual New Jersey Governor's Cup regatta with our famous barbeque dinner.

Mark Schneider, with crew daughter Ashley and Eric Reitingner, emerged victorious at the Central Atlantic District Championships at Surf City. Twenty-one boats sailed five races in medium to light air conditions. Congratulations Mark!

Riverton Yacht Club looks forward to hosting the 2007 Central Atlantic Districts. Come out and join us.



CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Barnegat Light Yacht Club

Sailing on the Barnegat Bay

Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Mark Kaplan
 Fleet Secretary.....William S Clarke
 Fleet TreasurerMaggie Shuler
 Fleet ChampionJim DeCesare
 Runner-up.....Mark Kaplan

Boat#/Name	Owner
13708 Boo Boo	Alex Klein
13772	Justin Monnig
13876 Rasta	Hal Pote
13970 Sunshine	Mark A Kaplan
14350 Shaner II	James C DeCesare III
14489 Hot Pepper	William S Clarke
14650 Second Wind	Paul B Wood
14787	John Demming
14833	Peter D Menninger
14881 Mac-At-Tack	Mac Deturo
15235 No Discipline	John Faus
	Clay Shaner

Our Fleet was a bit light on races completed this past year. We succeeded in having a series of sixteen races commencing July 1 through August 26. Sailing on the very southern tip of the Barnegat Bay off Long Beach Island, our series at BLYC was probably a bit hampered by the attraction of a number of other Lightning regattas in the area and elsewhere. The Atlantic Coast Championships were held at the south end of Long Beach Island on July 29 and 30, sailing out of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, and the Central Atlantic Districts were held July 15 and 16 at nearby Surf City Yacht Club. As agreed prior to the start of the season, the finishing positions of Fleet members, relative only to other members participating in the CADs on the 15th, were counted in the results for our Summer Series. The results of Fleet members participating at other "away" regattas didn't count in the results for our series and probably adversely affected our race series count. As usual, regular participation paid off in the standings. After adjusting the raw scores for three throw outs, it was Jim DeCesare in first place for the series, Mark Kaplan second, and Bill Clarke third. For the most part, racing conditions were favorable with no unfortunate events.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on Saturday, August 26. Awards went to Mark Kaplan, first, Bill Clarke, second, and Jim DeCesare, third. Three windward-leeward races were sailed.

Can't have a race without participants, so we appreciate the excitement and competitive spirit provided by the Menninger family, always a threat

in every race, our dutiful and excellent immediate past Fleet Captain, Alex Klein, who is always there, and when we see him, John Faus. For that matter, where was John Faus this year? Well, he went to every major regatta he could get to, including the Southern Circuit, the Atlantic Coast Championships, the North Americans in San Diego and including participation by invitation in the Pan Am trials in Annapolis this past fall. While he may not make it to the Games, our Fleet is proud to have a member who is competing on that level. Makes him harder to beat—but beatable he is! Also, he was featured on the cover of Lightning Flashes in March 2006 writing about Fleet Development. Hopefully, we will see a bit more of him this summer around BLYC, but I hear he may be off for Greece for a part of this summer to the Lightning World Championships.

Crew is always a key factor in the success of our program. We are lucky to have a number of willing and talented crew people including, among others, Maggie Shuler, Jen Ryerson, Justin Monnig (will he ever get his boat fixed?), Amy DeCesare, Mark Epstein, Mac DeTuro, Clay Shaner, Alex Cano, Jackie Menninger, Matt Rutler, Mike Rutler, Andy Demming, Jim Clark, Tyler Menninger and, on occasion, Joe McGinnis.

This year we missed the participation of the DeTuro and Demming boats. Mac has decided to be permanent crew for a while, and John is busy bringing up his children—hopefully to be good crew in a few years. We welcomed a few new young sailors and hope for their continued participation leading to the purchase of their own boats, including Clay Shaner, Mark Epstein, William Brown, Mike Rutler and his younger brother, Matt Rutler. These guys would be great additions to the Fleet. By the way, where are the women additions? We are still hopeful that Dave Faus and/or Holly Faus will pick up a Lightning as their kids, Libby and John, move into the Lightning sailing age. We are working on getting Stephen Marshall to work his way back into a Lightning. We also see a number of younger sailors around the Club expressing an interest in Lightnings. The Fleet's future looks good.

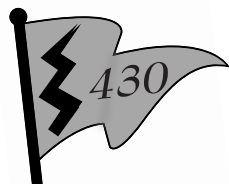
This year Alex Klein turned over the Fleet Captain role to Mark Kaplan. We appreciate Alex's attention to the job, the care and concern he expressed for the Fleet and his notable participation. We welcome Mark to the job and are sure that he will fill Alex's shoes quite well.

Our 2007 mid-Winter Lightning meeting is scheduled to be held at the Clarke's house on the evening of Saturday, January 27. Our annual mid-winter get together is always a good time, and its fun to discuss Lightning sailing and make sailing plans at any time of the year. Believing that the social is as important as the competition in a Lightning Fleet, we had a well attended summer Lightning skipper, crew, and PRO cookout on Sunday, July 23. Our traditional October Pumpkin Bowl was cancelled in favor of BLYC kitchen renovations.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committees. Their willingness to get out there in all kinds of weather is what is needed to make our sailing season a success. Their volunteer efforts are indispensable. We particularly thank Jim Faus, Jim Bigham, Wayne Shaner, Frank Shuler, Jay Pattison, Alan Wahlberg, and John Wright who have served as PROs for our races throughout the summer. And yes, we know that our efforts to make their jobs easier by participating with them in laying out the sailing courses, providing instruction, giving better notice of events, and helping with equipment all need work and attention by Fleet members. Just keep those catboats out of our way!

As this is written, it is only about 144 days until the summer racing series begins again. See you then.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Ocean City Yacht Club

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Richard McCarraher
Fleet Secretary.....John J Parker

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13078	Richard McCarraher
13649	Howard M Solomon
13873 Freebooter	Russell Hanscom III
14014 Blue Streak	Samuel Hostvedt
14341 Water Rat	Richard McCarraher
14348 Flower Child	John J Parker
14415 Mr Pinky	George Glenn
14922 White Lightning	Kevin J Robinson
14987 Sailsman	Erik T Hostvedt

It was another beautiful summer in Ocean City, New Jersey. Lightning Fleet 430 had the usual mix of weather and wind to make each race day a challenge for the skippers and crew sailing in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. This year's schedule brought out several boats for each race day with some crew and skipper changes as our July and August season progressed.

The Hostvedt family Lightning won the Summer Series and became the Fleet champion, having been skippered by Sam Hostvedt, Katie Hostvedt, and John Wagner. John Parker, the ultimate OC Lightning Skipper, was second in the Summer Series, with Lisa, his daughter, and Brian Eldin. Third place went to Richard McCarraher with his various crew members being his daughters, Tiffany Prettyman, Sara Scargill, and Courtney Bonnet, and his granddaughter, Phoebe Prettyman.



Parker Team

The highlight of the summer was the MAYRA Regatta held in August. Sam Hostvedt won this with his sister, Katie. Richard McCarraher was second with the crew of his daughters, Tiffany Prettyman and Sara Scargill. Tracy Soloman captured third place crew Howie Soloman, her father, and Shawn Dowling.

Special mention must be made for Mr. Pinky, the most recognized boat in our Fleet. George Glenn, with his crew of Jim Glenn, his brother, and



Glenn Team

Chappy Hopkin, are the stars of our Fleet with their travels to Lightning races around the world and the USA. They are always eager to share their sailing knowledge with us. It is difficult for any of us to keep up with their expert skill and race tactics when they hit the water.

This summer we missed Kevin Robinson and Russell Hanscom, whose work schedules and family plans kept them out of the water for most of the race season.

Our Lightnings are all stored for the winter and waiting for another great sailing season. See you in 2007 for another great summer sailing on the bay in Ocean City, New Jersey.

Richard McCarraher, Fleet Captain



Lake Nockamixon

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....Brent W Benson
Fleet Secretary.....Barbara Benson

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11176 Gettin' Closer	Mark Northacker
11444	Brent W Benson
12922	Mark Northacker
13184 Spiderman	James C Lenahan Anthony White
13720	Gary Bonner
13824 Cahoots	James C Lenahan

Currently, the Fleet is not scheduling fleet racing since Mark was not actively racing last year (new cruising boat and post Katrina work), and it didn't make much sense to schedule a series between Brent and Gary.

11444 and 13720 did race in invitationals, and 13720 also did Wednesday evening racing. Both boats held up the tradition of winning some of the races.

A new sail club member with a cruising boat has indicated that he wants to get a Lightning, so we're looking forward to getting a series going next year.

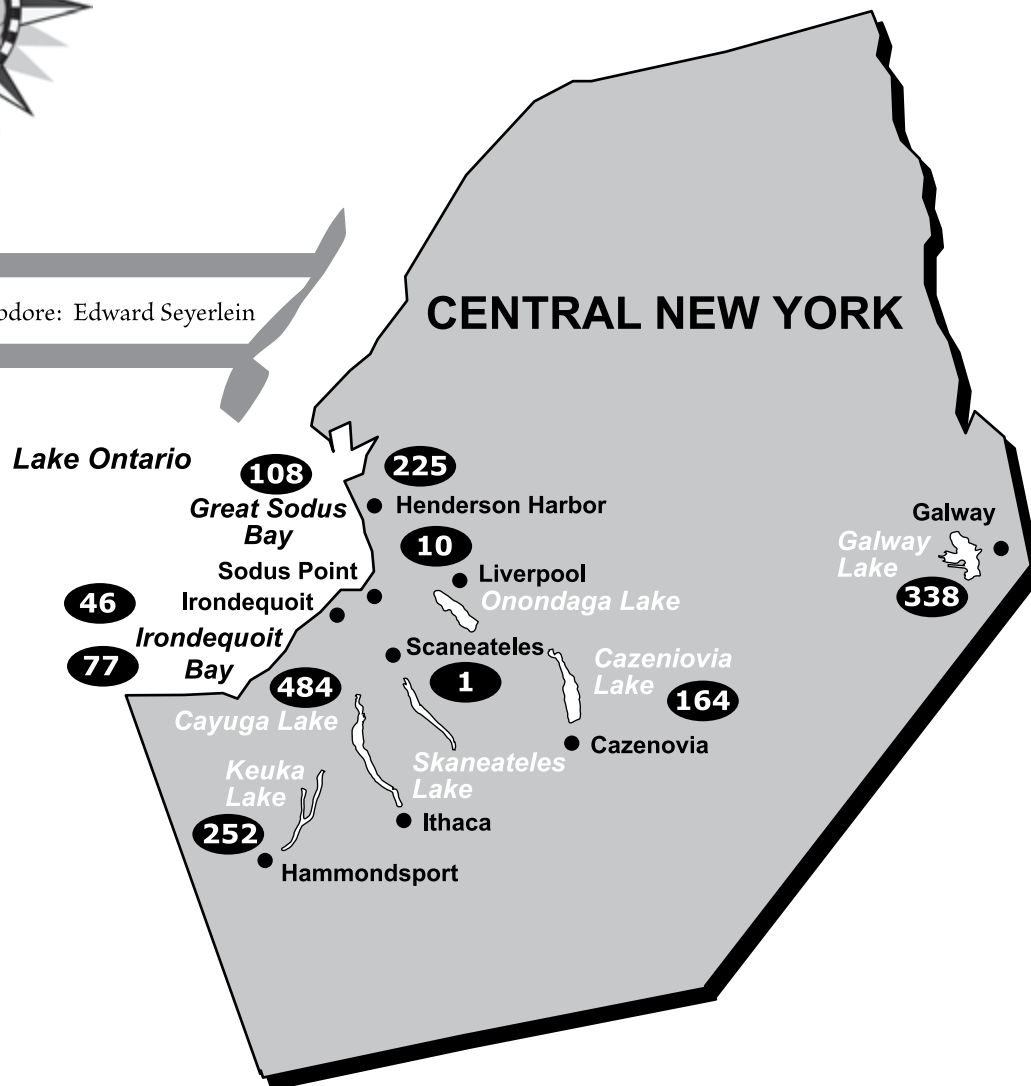
Google Nockamixon Sail Club to find out what sailboats are doing on the beautiful waters of Lake Nockamixon.



Boat#/Name		Owner
12755		Richard M Walsh
14013	TBA	Jim Cameron
14499	Twice Before Lunch	Brian Cox
14612	Play Pen	Ross Bailey
15064		Richard M Walsh

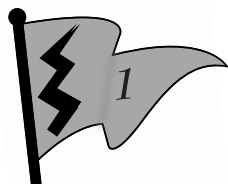


District Commodore: Edward Seyerlein



Central New York District Winner—Kirk Reynolds

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



Skaneateles Country Club

Sailing on Skaneateles Lake

Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captain.....John "Mick" Barnes

Fleet Secretary.....David Penfield

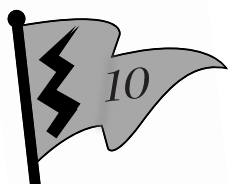
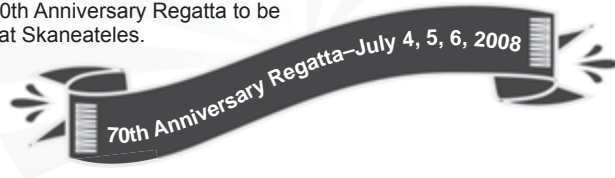
Fleet ChampionBent Thomsen

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
10355 Bismarck	Kirk Reynolds
10705 Alegra	John Barnes
13330 White Lightning	SCC
13375 Green Machine	SCC
13677 Wag	Hendrix Ten Eyck
14719 Big Green Apple Knockers	Mark Fleckenstein
15088 Luv	Bent Thomsen

Racing at Skaneateles has been a joint effort between the Country Club and the Sailing Club for several years now. Our racing is broken into two fleets, centerboard and keel, which race using a Portsmouth System. Generally our closest competitor is the Flying Scott. This year the wind gods were not with us, and we were able to get in very few races. Those races we did get in, Bent represented the Club with a great deal of honor.

The highlight of our sailing season was our Skaneateles One-Day Regatta held the Saturday after Labor Day. This was truly a great day. We had fourteen (14) boats show up. The winds started out to be moderate out of the northwest at about 5-8 knots. By the time the fifth race was over, the wind had gotten up to a good 20+ knots with gusts going even higher. The conditions taxed even the better sailors. Dan Pope walked off with first place, followed closely by Clay Murphy in second and Bob King taking third. As usual, the sailors were treated to some home brewed beer provided by Mick Barnes.

Fleet 1 is in the process of putting together the 70th Anniversary Regatta to be held at Skaneateles.

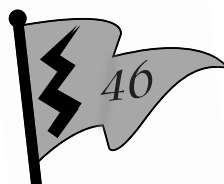


Onondaga Lake

Sailing on Onondaga Lake

Liverpool, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
736 Huntress	W Craig Thayer
8656 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
9392 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
10370 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer
11425 The Cheese	W Craig Thayer



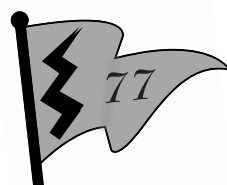
Irondequoit Bay

Algonquin Yacht Club

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay

Rochester, New York

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
12150	James I McIntosh
13080	James I McIntosh
13433	James I McIntosh
14713	James I McIntosh
14737	James I McIntosh
15279	James I McIntosh



Newport Yacht Club

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay & Lake Ontario

Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain.....Lori Foster

Fleet TreasurerHoward P Stickney

Fleet ChampionAlan McReynolds

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
470 Willow	Marc Schieber
1361	Michael Trenkler
10303	Reynolds Hahn
11050 Pondhawk	John Boettcher
11074 Cookie Boat	Howard Stickney
11538 Miss T Blue	Robert Weatherup
12008 The Green Room	Matthew Richter
12150	James McIntosh
12215	Wilmer Wright
12400 Windswept	Andy Smith
13080	James McIntosh
13081 Irish	Richard Doherty
14298 Money for Nothing	Mark C Sertl
14397 Plan B	John H Atkins
	Chad H Atkins
14522 Holy Cow	Robert Crum
14605 White Cap	Don Curran
14654 Ambush	Robert Bush
14855	Richard Hallagan
14949 Comfortably Numb	Leland G Atkinson
15165 Gandalf The White	Logan McReynolds
	Alan R McReynolds
15250 Madame X	Daniel Pope
15255	Richard W Hallagan
	David Hallagan
15276	Philip Lange
15279 Blue Jacket Eleven	James McIntosh

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

Fleet 77

Newport Yacht Club has the wonderful advantage of being on beautiful Irondequoit Bay, and that allows access to Lake Ontario in Rochester, New York. For our spring and fall series, we race on the Bay on weekends. During the Summer we feature our popular Thursday Night Sailing Series (TNS) with the goal of sailing on Lake Ontario (conditions permitting). We have found TNS very successful for a number of reasons. One is that upstate New York is absolutely heaven in the summer! And although the wind may be on the low end of the scale, there is equal chance that it will be a pleasant 10–12 knots. During the summer we do not have club races on the weekend, as we prefer to support the Central New York District regattas. Motor boat traffic on the Bay and Lake Ontario is less during the weekday evenings. Thus, TNS participation is high and enjoyed by our Fleet. Other fleets in our club race on Thursday night too. After racing, the buffet table is laden with dishes-to-pass from each boat, the grill is fired-up, and a nominal fee is charged for burgers, hot dogs and bottled beverage. We recommend this approach to any club that wants to increase race participation and to strengthen club membership.

Newport Yacht Club offers a social membership level to members who are not boat owners. Many of these members are associate members of the ILCA and crew on a weekly basis. They are affectionately referred to as 'Lightning Groupies.' They have held such offices as Fleet Captain, Club Assistant Treasurer and even Commodore!

We had several brand new boats on the line over the past year or so. Dick Hallagan with #15255 and John McIntosh rejoined the club with #15279 after a decade and more hiatus. Dan Pope launched #15250, and Philip Lange's #15276 hit the water in April.

Our Spring Series placers were: First place: John Atkins, Second place: Dick Doherty, Third place: John Boettcher.

In our Fall Series first place went to Alan McReynolds, second place to John Atkins and third place to Dan Pope.

Thursday Night Sailing saw almost every Lightning on the line at least once during the ten-week series. Winners in the TNS series were: First place: Alan McReynolds, Second place: Don Curran, and Third place: Dick Hallagan.



TNS Runner-up—Don Curran, Marsha Mephram, Ray Schmidt

Newcomer Mike Trenkler was recognized as a Rookie Skipper and also as having the Youngest Crew: his sons.

Overall Championship, sailing twenty-three club races, was Alan McReynolds with his wife Cindy and son Logan as crew.



Fleet Champions —Logan, Alan & Cindy McReynolds



Fleet Runner-up: John Atkins, Lori Foster, Erin McReynolds (background is McReynolds's boat)

Our club's district regatta in 2005 was something totally different, for not only our District but for Lightning racing in general. Our regatta was a one-day team racing event. It was intended to encourage greater participation from other sailing clubs and promote the racing format that many colleges use—and to do something completely different. And that was the problem...it was too different for many. Despite the low turnout, those who raced had a blast! Even the race committee enjoyed setting the course and watching the tight racing.

In 2006 we thought the word would spread that this was a great regatta idea. But, alas, very few boats were adventurous—maybe an idea before its time. Maybe we'll just do it at the club level. We settled on a one-day regular-style regatta, and Dick Hallagan won it with crew of Alan McReynolds. By the way, sailing that day was in the words of Dick Hallagan "some of the finest I have ever had on Lake Ontario."



NYC Regatta Champs: Alan McReynolds, Dick Hallagan, Alan McReynolds

Newport Yacht Club was well represented at this years WJMs and NAs in San Diego. Participating members from Newport Yacht Club in the Masters at Southwestern Yacht Club were: Dick Hallagan (third place); John Atkins with crew of Al McReynolds and Lori Foster (thirteenth place); and Jim McIntosh (sixteenth). Participants in the NAs were: Dick Hallagan with crew Lori Foster and Joan Hurban (Nyack) placed sixth overall in the Championship Fleet; Al McReynolds with crew Logan McReynolds and John Atkins; and Phil Lange with crew Dan Pope and Jonathan Lange (Phil's brother) placed ninth and nineteenth, respectively, in the President's Cup Fleet.

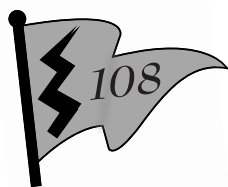
At the NAs Dick Hallagan was also awarded the Jack Elfman Trophy to the highest finishing Master who also competed in the Masters Championship. Dick continues to be our "round the world ambassador" sailing in World, European, and North and South American championships. We are proud that he puts our club on the Lightning map.

John Atkins had many years of youth sailing events, as his son Chad participated in whatever regatta he could get to. After co-chairing the Youth Worlds at Newport Yacht Club in 2002 with Bob Bush, John was named Vice President of Youth Worlds. He has overseen the Youth Worlds in Brazil in 2004 and in Finland in 2006. We are proud of his contributions to the ILCA.

Many thanks to Howard Stickney who continues to serve as Fleet 77 Treasurer.

We welcome you to sail at Newport Yacht Club!

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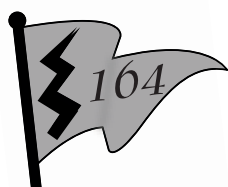


Great Sodus Bay

Sailing on Sodus Bay

Great Sodus, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
2116	Jane Solan
12764	Michael Healy
14898	Nancy Ghertner
15164	Jed Dodge



Willow Bank Yacht Club

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake

Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain.....Richard Ryczek
Fleet ChampionFecerico Meira

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	Thomas Shaw
14369 Hastalavista	Federico Meira
14465 Motion	Richard P Tuttle
14470	Federico Meira
14527	Peter King
14772 Blackjack	Duane E Cramer
14849	Clay Murphy
15132 Temerity	Peter H Pundt
	Jeff Shaw

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.

At Willow Bank, there are Club Fleet Races held each Saturday and Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, except on days that Class regattas are held.

Fleet 164 hosts two Lightning regattas each year. All Lightning sailors are welcome to participate.

The Caz Flash Bash, a two-day Blue Jacket event, is held in June.

This year twenty seven boats met at Cazenovia Lake on June 17 for the 2006 CNY District Championship. It was an open regatta, and we had two out-of-district guests, the Bushs from Massachusetts and Benjamin Forman and crew from Washington, DC.

The weather was great, and the wind was typical Cazenovia velocity and was good most of the time on most of the lake, but the shifts kept everyone on their toes!



Caz Flash Bash—Lining up to start

Kirk Reynolds and crew were more alert than anyone else and put on an amazing performance.

Boat	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Ttl
14781	Kirk Reynolds	Allister Thompsen	Lynn Thompson	10
15164	Jed Dodge	Bill Dodge	Bill Healy	15
15205	Bob Wardwell	Mike Healy	Sarah Costich	16
15255	Richard Hallagan	Rick Ten Eyck	Pam Murphy	22
14369	Federico Meira	Julie Lesinski	Mark Lesinski	27
14849	Clay Murphy	John Steiner	AJ Murphy	33
15250	Dan Pope	Eliza Pope-Collins	Lori Pietroy	35
14321	Jack Jones	Graham Leonard	Kristen Likez	39
15165	Alan McReynolds	Logan McReynolds	Tamara Farmer	41
14654	Bob Bush	Sterling Bush	Deb Arehart/Alexis Ellis	43
14592	Benjamin Forman	Tim Olson	Arne Cody	46
14923	Bob King	Conor Healy	Emily Moloney	50
14949	Landy Atkinson	Gordon Wright	Jillian Stokes	51
14397	John Atkins	Lori Foster	Erin McReynolds	60
14465	Dick Tuttle	Joe Homola	Tom Gahagen	61
15276	Philip Lange	Jonathan Lange	Carolyn Bick	81
14799	Jesse Miller	Virginia Miller	Mary Lou Carlucci	82
15161	John Koricosz	Adrianne Koricosz	Bob Hinman	87
12004	Campbell Woods	Eric Magnuson	Ian Oviatt	90
15188	Ed Seyerlein	Steve Little	Jeannette Little	92
14527	Alex King	Pete King	Tom King	93
15279	Jim McIntosh	Josh Goetz	Andy Smith	95
14212	Tom Shaw	Jeff Shaw	Andrew Smith	100
14706	Rich Hartt	Elaine Hartt	Mike Hartt	110
13933	Richard Ryczek	Carl Bye	Bruce Poushter	119
14772	Duane Cramer	Deborah Cramer	Leigh Cramer	126
14240	Stephen E. Little	Ed S.	Jeannette Little	140

Following are the results of Fleet 174's Fall Regatta, a late September event known for its knock-you-over chili luncheons prepared by Dave Bull, RC and honorary member of Fleet 164, and John Steiner and Clay Murphy, who each prepare their secret recipe versions of venison chili.

Po	Ttl	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Crew
1	14	14949	Landy Atkinson	Gordon Wright	
2	17	14397	John Atkins	Lori Foster	Sandy Schrader
3	17	14369	Federico Meira	Julie Lesinski	Mark Lesinski
4	18	14321	Jack Jones	Sara Treadwell	Deborah Arehart
5	23	14465	Dick Tuttle	Ron Scaccia	
6	30	12004	Sam Woods	Anya Woods	
7	34	14849	Ed Seyerlein	John Steiner	Riley Phillips
8	49	15188	Steve Little	Jeannette Little	Sarah Mangan
9	50	15246	Duane Cramer	Fritz Koennecke II	Fritz Koennecke III
10	52	14527	Pete King	John King	
11	61	14706	Rick Hartt	Elaine Hartt	John Hartt

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



Henderson Harbor

*Sailing on Henderson Bay,
Lake Ontario*

Henderson Harbor, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
10712 May Day May Day	Leonard Montague
12696 Jeggpaw	Bill Wilcox
13353 Shark Bate	Fleet 225
14192 Run Away	John H Treadwell
14254 Footloose II	Richard C Grissinger
14321 You Bet	Jack Jones
14808	John Boxberger
15205	Bob Wardwell

Fleet Captain.....Jack Jones
 Fleet Secretary.....Sara Treadwell
 Fleet TreasurerJohn Treadwell
 Fleet ChampionBent Thomsen
 Sailing Activities.....Richard C Grissinger
 Weekly Picnic Coordinatr.....Maryann Giangobbe
 Awards Banquet CoordinatorDolly Matarese
 Fleet ChampionJack Jones
 Junior Champion.....Robert Hoffman

Our annual spring gathering was held at Treadwells' Hendershore on June 11 to plan the sailing and social calendar. It is always nice to see everyone back after the long winter. Barb and Gary Bowman were welcomed into the Fleet as new members. The Tuesday Night Supper schedule was passed around to sign up host families. Dick Grissinger passed out the racing schedule, and Jack Jones suggested we contact WestView to see if we can use their docks again as a meeting place before our races each week. Fleet 225 was part of the Henderson Bicentennial Memorial Day Parade, as Jack and John trailed Treadwell's Lightning decked out in pirate theme. There was a huge turnout this year for the parade, and the "pirates" played their parts well! The Fleet decided to donate the sunfish given to us by Maryanne Giangobbe to the Henderson Harbor Watersports Auction to help their program of sailing and swimming instruction to youth in the area. The meeting ended with Ellie Lyness reading a poem on Lighting racing, written by her grandson.

The racing season began on June 25 with the Apple Blossom Race and ended in early October with the Frostbite Race. Winning skippers were:

Jack Jones	Apple Blossom	Dick Grissinger	Fall Series
	Barnes' Memorial		
	Summer Series	John Treadwell	Spring Series
	Captain's Cup		Stoney Race
	Skipper's Race		Frostbite Race
	May's Trophy		

The season ended with the Awards Banquet on September 30, held at WestView Lodge. Polly Matarese was again thanked for organizing a fun evening. Dick Grissinger awarded the racing flags and trophies. Robert Hoffman was awarded the Junior's Trophy. Special award flags were given out by Fleet Captain Jack Jones to the following, Polly Matarese,



Marcia S. Treadwell being recognized for more than 50 years of loyal support of Henderson Harbor Fleet 225

MaryAnne Giangoobbe, Sara Treadwell, Joan Woods, Dick Grissinger and John Treadwell. Marcia Treadwell received a beautifully framed Best Crew Award for her 50 years of service and support to Fleet 225. Rich Matarese took home the prestigious Turtle Award and has the honor of winning it for the second time. Bill Wilcox and Hal Lyness were thanked for their wonderful photography during the 2006 season. Thank you to Bill and Buddy Noecker for the computer slide show during the evening.

The Henderson Harbor Watersports Program again leased the Fleet Lightning for the 2006 season. It was raced by the junior sailors on Sundays and also used in the sail school program. Mary Hoffman, Watersports Chairman, thanked the Fleet for the use of the Fleet Lightning.



Junior Award Winners: John King (Skipper Trophy), Tom King (Runner-up), Daniel Huggman (Crew), Jack Jones (Fleet Captain), Robert Hoffman (Junior Champion), Mary Huffman (Junior Director), Dick Grissinger (Sailing Activities Chairman)

Membership: We had sixty-three paid members for 2006, up from fifty-nine in 2005. New members welcomed into the Fleet were: Barb and Gary Bowman, Nic and Jeff Hotto and Buddy Noecker. Thank you to the members who donated to the Fleet this year: Jerry and Marty Bezner, Barb and Gary Bowman, Jim and MaryLou Briggs, Herm and Kay Britzke, Marty and Connie Clasby, MaryAnn Bandolfo and Merrill Phillips, MaryAnne Giangoobbe, Ruth Goodwin, Mary Hoffman, Phil and Jean Hoffman, Jim and Kris King, Hal and Ellie Lyness, Rich and Polly Matarese, Betty Matheson, Marty and Ann Mauer, Len and Gay Montague, Len Roberts, Fred and Nella Stone, Irwin and Billie Stone, Nick Todisco, John and Sara Treadwell, Marcia Treadwell and Dot Williams.

Lastly, we lost a special member of our Fleet this past year. Helen Jewell passed away in February. She was a life-long supporter of Lightnings and an avid sailor. In fact, she had the rare pleasure of sailing on the maiden voyage of Lightning #1 in October 1938. We will miss her laugh and great sense of humor!

Enjoy the rest of the winter, and we will see you at the Harbor!

Sara Treadwell, Secretary

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



Keuka Lake

Sailing on Keuka Lake
Hammondsport, New York



Galway Lake

Sailing on Galway Lake
Galway, New York

Boat#/Name	Owner
10490 Incontinent	Barry Brogan

I sail my old 10490 on Upper Saranac Lake New York against a mixed fleet of mostly Flying Scots. The races are handicapped, and last year we did win the "Fleet" championship.

Barry Brogan



Fleet Captain.....	Bill Kohler
Fleet Secretary.....	Jim Millard

Boat#/Name	Owner
9844	Maury Gardner
12115 Baby Doll	Wilday Family
12573	John Buhrmaster
12636 Chicken Shop	Dale Brown
12838 Watta Humma	Fred Lyngard
13251 The Eng_neer	Bill Kohler
13655 John Orton	The Pretender
15134 Huggie III	R James Millard
15161 Dead Meat	John A Korkosz

The 2006 season brought out some good stiff competition in Lightning Fleet 338!

Of the nine boats on our lake, seven participated in the Fleet this year, averaging four to five per race. Our biggest problem this year was cancelled races —the wind was either too strong or non-existent for ten of the twenty-one races on the original schedule!

Our Fleet Secretary, Jim Millard, maintained a commanding lead throughout the season, taking second place in only two races all summer—and one of those qualified as a throw-out!

The real contest was between John Korkosz and Bill Kohler for the 2nd place position for the season. When John sailed, he was usually second



Bill Kohler and John Orton performing "Who's on Starboard"

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT



John Orton, Bill Kohler, Jim Millard and John Korkosz singing "Jimmy's Lament"

(and twice he was first), but he spent a portion of the season off-lake campaigning his "other boat" (a Snipe). The contest literally came down to the wire since John was off-lake for both races on the final weekend, and Bill would have easily moved into second place if the final race hadn't been cancelled due to bad weather. As it was, John scored an average of 2.50, and Bill was very close behind with a 2.56!

Even the Opening Series competition (first three races) was effected by the weather. It is normally the three races on July 4th weekend, but this year it took three separate weekends to get in the requisite three races!

The Opening Series results were: First place—Jim Millard, Second place—Bill Kohler, Third place—John Orton. The remainder of the fleet missed at least one of the three races.

The regular Summer Series results were: First place—Jim Millard, Second place—John Korkosz, Third place—Bill Kohler, Fourth place—John Orton, Fifth place—Maury Gardner, Sixth place—Dale Brown and Seventh place—John Buhrmaster.

On Labor Day weekend, which is not included in our regular season competition, there were several "skipper swaps" during the three days of racing. It is truly interesting to see how differently a newer boat handles, the alternatives in rigging work, and even more enlightening, a different crew's procedures and performance! I know I came away from the experience with a couple of rigging changes to make and some new crewing techniques to try to implement (if I can only remember them 'til next season...)

We had one more interesting event this summer—the only race that was cancelled for reasons other than weather. The weather didn't turn ugly until after the race was underway. A sudden gust caught Maury Gardner by surprise, and he capsized (earning the "coveted" Dunkin' Donut Award). Being an old boat, his isn't equipped with a self-bailer, and the crew was unsuccessful in bailing due to the waves that had kicked up. Our only rescue boat capability is the club's committee boat, a pontoon boat with twin electric motors (gasoline engines are verboten on Galway Lake). The rescue boat had to take the righted but still swamped Lightning in tow to shallow water where bailing was possible. It was great to see the entire sailing club come to Maury's aid, even though it meant the race had to be abandoned. Sailors truly are great and selfless people!!

I can't wait for 2007!!



Ithaca

Sailing on Cayuga Lake

Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain..... Bill Kohler
Fleet Secretary..... Jim Millard

Boat#/Name		Owner
13372	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen Little
14002		Edward Seyerlein
14256	Mangy Moose	Jon Humphrey
14713		Edward Seyerlein
14799	Hot Flash	Jesse W Miller
15188	Conspiracy Theory	Stephen & Jeannette Little
15314		Edward Seyerlein

I am beginning to believe the wind has decided to blow around Ithaca instead of through it. For the third year in a row, we were effectively becalmed. Now the wind does blow here, but lately it seems to do so only when the lake is so cold one needs a dry suit to be safe.

So, how did the year go?

Fleet races were largely a series of match races between the Millers and Littles. We had good Fleet camaraderie, but not many Fleet sailing activities. We had five boats on the beach, but typically only two made it out at a time.

There were some reasons for this. John Rudd was busy building a hospital, Jon Humphries took a new job working evenings and weekends, Byrne and Karen O'Brien had a job and a half as Commodore of the IYC, and Ed Seyerlein was on the beach waiting for a new boat. Nonetheless, we had some remarkable events: two regattas and lots of parties.

The top of the list of events was Ed's upcoming marriage, and we had a great party during our two-day regatta. Then he did get married, and we had another party. He got two potential crew members in the deal. Congratulations Ed and Kristen. The last activity for the year was to go inspect 15313, just out of the mold for Ed. Thanks Tommy. Now to teach Ed how to sail with his wife!



I solemnly swear!

Fleet 484—cont.

Right up there on the list is Terry Moore's new old boat. Terry had spent lots of time and money to put his old woody back together. I think he had a professional eleven-coat finish on it. What a shine! We took it to the Woody Rendezvous and had a great time in the wind and rain until we pulled cleat, and the worsening weather ended our efforts. Terry later sailed his boat right past Ed's outdoor ceremony. Perfect weather, perfect background.

Our two-day regatta was a beautiful thing, just not much wind. So what do you do when the wind does not blow? Go tubing, go water skiing, go swimming. We proved that the muscles needed to sail are not the same for skiing, as both Byrne and John Steiner from Caz pulled leg muscles. We also proved that finesse is better than strength, as Ginny Miller got up the first time and stayed there. And the high point was Billy Astrove tubing. What a grin he had on. It may have been a high point of the summer for Bill and Bob. The regatta was won by Dick Tuttle.

Further down the list was watching Byrne learning to sail Lasers. Karen bought him a shiny new one for Christmas. I don't think he plans to stop using it this year. Last I saw, he may have been removing the runners from Karen's ice skates (hmmm...Cayuga Lake does not freeze, but never mind) and installing electric heat in his drysuit.

We got Peter Lent, our senior member into a boat. Alright, it was the committee boat, but he was put to good use. He grumbled constantly that he does not like the current starting sequence. Pete started sailing on Cayuga Lake in the 30s and Lightnings just after WW II. Most of us got a hoot just watching him hold up flags.

At the low end, we have the wind, or lack of it. And the rain...wettest summer on record, which followed the driest and hottest. Go figure? Our fall one-day regatta in mid-October was a victim of global warming. It was a drifter—we should have cancelled. It was also above 80° F and seemed like one of the hottest sailing days of the year in Central New York.

Finally, the Littles got to spend time in San Diego. How is it that being the foundation of the NA Fleet can be a good thing? Because of gracious friends and hosts at Mission Bay? Because my crew and I ended up as friends, not mad? Because there were so many folks from Central New York that it felt like home? Fifteen days of spectacular weather doesn't hurt.

How 'bout because Al (the bartender at MBYC) makes the best Mai Tai on the planet.

I got home from San Diego on August 15th, and it was raining, for five more consecutive weekends...and I never did beat Jesse.

Steve Little, Fleet Captain



Not bad there, Ginny!



This Vet has teeth!



Water up my nose!



What else is named Obrien?



Don't slip!



Campfire magic



District Commodore: Edmundo Pérez
Treasurer: Victor Lobos

Boat#/Name		Owner
11011	Pixie	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
13282	Marmalade	Pablo Ramirez Magana
14709		Juan Eduardo Reid
14740	Memphis II	Victor Lobos
14791		Claus Engell
14794	No Desesperez	Cristobal Perez
		Jorge Gonzalez
		Fernando Gallyas
		Pablo Herman

After a long recess following the Worlds, the Chilean Lightning Class notified me that I had become the new class president for the 2006 season.

Without really knowing what I was up to, I gladly took the position (and the responsibility) and outlined what I thought should be the Class priorities. These priorities are: first, to keep the Lightnings active and hopefully capture some new participants; and secondly, to ensure Chile's participation in the Pan American Games, and after that, to select our representative in the Games.

As a result, we created a racing calendar focused on selecting crews to participate in international regattas that would give Chile a place in the Pan Ams. This would be an incentive for everyone to participate in the qualifying regattas and keep the fleet active. However, this was rapidly achieved by the very fine finish of Juan Eduardo Reid in the Pre-Pan Am Regatta held in Rio which qualified Chile to participate in the Pan American Games. The qualifying regattas would no longer be an incentive. So much for that plan.

On the other hand, sailing in Algarrobo became monotonous and unchallenging. The experience of Victor Lobos and his crew, who consistently traveled all the way from Concepción, made us realize that we should move, sail new courses, show the rest of the country what Lightning sailing is about.

We decided to have a long qualification series to select our representative for the Pan Ams. The series would consist of at least three championships in at least three different places. Our first regatta would be the National Championship and the location...well, where could we do it? We tried Antofagasta, but the trip is too long and expensive. Then, Victor Lobos said he would organize it in Pingueral, near Concepción.

The championship was a hit. Victor and his brother, Sebastián, went all over finding sponsors and "preparing" the marina which was virtually inexistent. The Coliumo Bay, where we sailed, blessed us with two spectacular sailing days, where we sailed all seven races. 10-5 knot winds and a flat sea had us all ecstatic; definitely not the sea conditions we are used to sailing in. In his first appearance of the season, Tito showed us that he is still the World Champion and obtained seven 1st places. But not all was sailing. The closing ceremony ended up being a huge party where sailors

shared the live music of "Sweet Roses", a Guns 'n' Roses cover band, with their families and locals.

The qualifying series continued in Aculeo and will finish in March, with a final regatta again in Aculeo. Tito still has the lead, and is closely followed by Pablo Herman, Cristobal Pérez, and Juan Eduardo Reid.

We are confident that any of these representatives could obtain a medal at the Pan Ams!!!

Our goal for this year is to keep sailing new courses and hopefully gain new class members. We will be sailing some international regattas, but it would be a great success if we can have the presence of international sailors in our regattas. So, we will organize a stunning National Championship and you are all invited to join us.

Best sailing for this year, *Edmundo Pérez*





District Commodore: Mauricio Valenzuela
 National Champion: Santiago Uscategui
 National Runner-up: Audrey Quintero
 District Champion: Felip Castillo
 District Runner-up: Mauricio Valenzuela

We enjoyed another year of sailing on our beautiful Lake Tomine. At the beginning of the year, we held the National Colombian Championship that was won by Santiago Uscategui and the runner up was Andrey Quintero.

The Colombian District was very sad for the reason that our best Salinas Tomine was interrupted. Hope that in the next year we could get again together with our friends from Guayaquil.

In the second half of this year, we sailed the District Championship. Felipe Castillo and crew took the first place honors, and Mauricio Valenzuela and crew were the runners up.

One crew went to compete in the South American Championship in Salinas, Ecuador. We are working hard in order to be ready for the next event that is going to happen in our District.

Fleet #73	Owner
13044	Carlos Alvarado
13990	Rafael Esguerra
14085	Johan Roesel
14181	Rafael Concha
14322	Jaime Restrepo
14536	Philippe Jacob
14552	Hernando Ramirez
14700	Santiago Uscategui
14704	Jochen Raute
14801	Mauricio Valenzuela
	Felipe Castillo
14804	Juan Pablo Castillo
	Camilo Yain

Fleet #501	Owner
8911	Fernando Venegas
13427	Jaime Lobo-Guerrero
14057	Hernán Salcedo
14132	Santiago Douat
14135	Miguel Ribon
14155	Roberto de la Vega
14538	Manuel Acosta
14733	Ernesto Borda
14802	Gustavo Tamayo
14803	Richard Deeb
14862	Ricardo Seidner
14863	Alvaro Bustos
14864	Roberto Londoño
14873	Felipe Recaman

COLOMBIAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP 2006



Eleven boats made up the Fleet for this year's Championship held on Club Nautico Muña in Lake Tominé, an hour drive from Bogotá. Thanks to the boats coming from the different clubs in the area. The regatta was sailed over three days, and six races were completed in light wind.

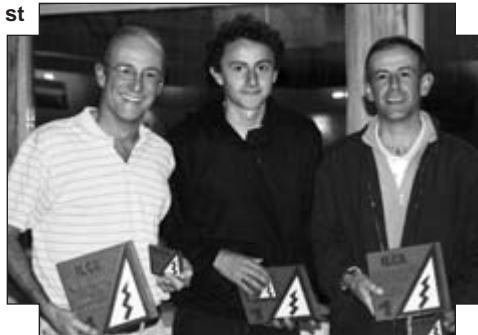
Felipe Castillo took the first place, winning with Juan Pablo Castillo and Alejandro Abisambra. Mauricio Valenzuela was the runner up with Alberto Valenzuela and Rodrigo Mora. Felipe Recaman, with Susana Salcedo and Luisa Mora, took third place.

CAMPEONATO DISTRITAL CLUB NAUTICO MUÑA

Fecha: NOV. 11, 12 Y 13 DE 2006

Pos	Casco	Patron	Tripulante	Cat	Club	1ª		2ª		3ª		4ª		5ª		6ª		TTL	
						Pos	#	Pos	#	Pos	#	Pos	#	Pos	#	Pos	#		
1	78	Felipe Castillo	Juan Pablo Castillo	Alejandro Abisambra	AZUL	CNM	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	9
2	85	Mauricio Valenzuela	Alberto Valenzuela	Rodrigo Mora	AZUL	CNM	1	1	10	10	1	1	7	7	1	1	2	2	12
3	36	Felipe Recaman	Susana Salcedo	Luisa Mora	AZUL	CNP	5	5	2	2	8	8	2	2	4	4	1	1	14
4	32	Juan Diego Escallon	Ernesto Borda	Ricardo Herrera	VERDE	CNP	4	4	6	6	4	4	4	4	3	3	10	10	21
5	59	Johann Roesel	Francisco Castillo	Vicente Hosie	VERDE	CNM	6	6	11	11	5	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	23
6	12	Sergio Delgado	Daniel Castillo	Federico Concha	AZUL	CNM	ocs	12	5	5	3	3	5	5	6	6	6	6	25
7	15	Adriana Garcia	Roberto De La Vega	Alejandro Rueda	VERDE	CNP	2	2	8	8	9	9	10	10	8	8	5	5	32
8	34	Andres Herkrath	Alvaro Ramirez	Hernando Ramirez	AZUL	CNP	ocs	12	4	4	10	10	8	8	7	7	9	9	38
9	111	Gustavo Tamayo	Javier Delgado	Nevardo Guerrero	AZUL	CNP	ret	12	3	3	6	6	6	6	dns	12	dns	12	39
10	97	Tomas Valenzuela	Julian Valenzuela	Juan Camilo Castillo	VERDE	CNM	8	8	9	9	7	7	9	9	10	10	7	7	40
11	99	Pedro Londono	Roberto Londono	Camilo Lopez	VERDE	CNP	7	7	7	7	ocs	12	11	11	9	9	8	8	42

1st



Juan Pablo Castillo
Alejandro Abisambra
Felipe Castillo

2nd



Rodrigo Mora
Mauricio Valenzuela
Alberto Valenzuela

3rd

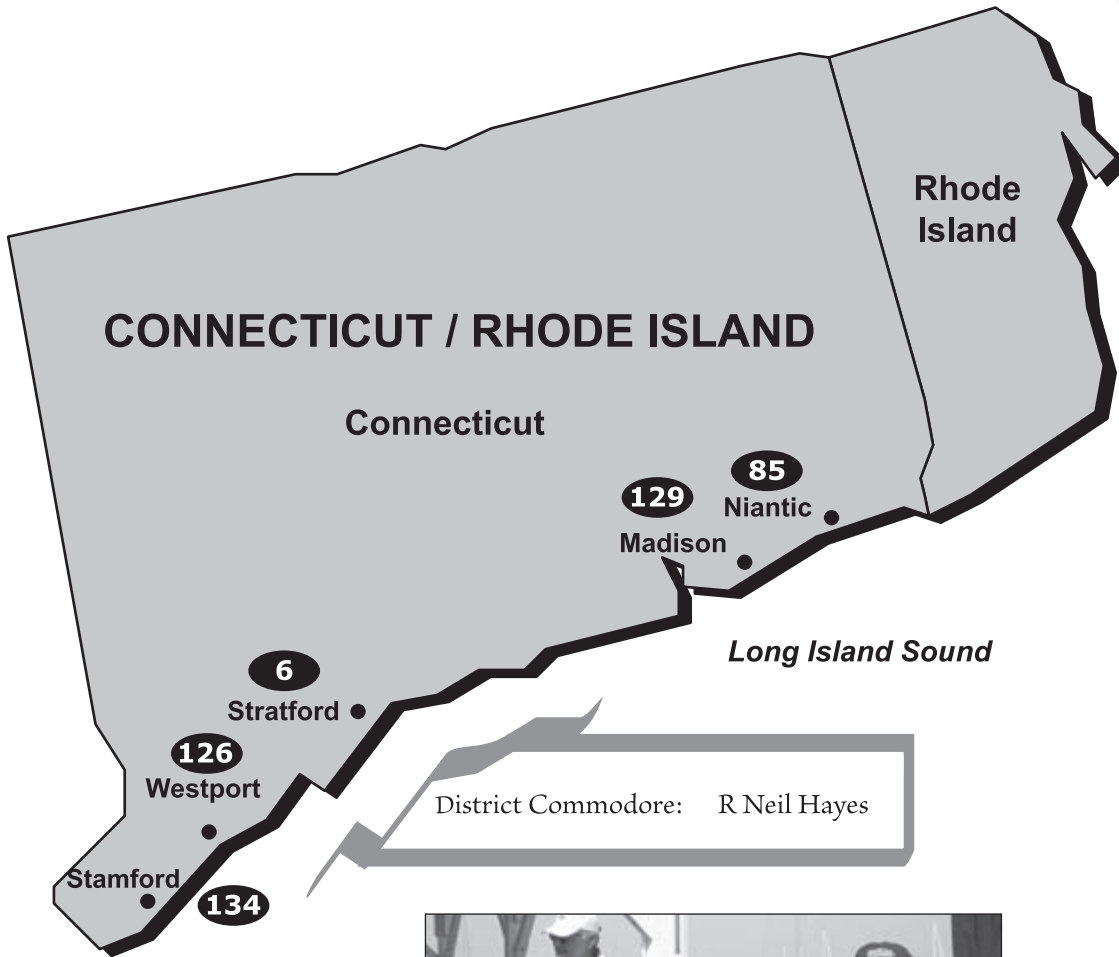


Luisa Mora
Susana Salcedo
Felipe Recaman

COLOMBIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2006



Santiago Usategui, John Raute, Sergio Delgado



District Champs—Jim, Brenda & Billy Crane

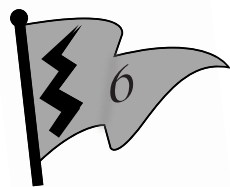


2nd—Dave Peck, Ellen Starck & Bryan Lilley



4th—Sarah Himmelfarb, Josh Goldman & Jamie Ewing

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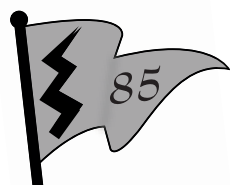


Housatonic Boat Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....R Neil Hayes

Boat#/Name	Owner
10801 Woody	R Heil Hayes
11381	Brian W Hayes

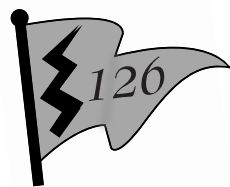


Niantic Bay Yacht Club

*Sailing on Niantic Bay &
Long Island Sound*
Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....David Peck
Fleet Treasurer Bill Healy

Boat#/Name	Owner
11912	Bill Healy
14289 Ciao	Tom Emch
14417	Donald R Barrett
14619	Theresa Colantuono
14665 April Thunder	Gregory Hall
14848	Daniel R Hertzner
15130	Leonard Vann
	Christopher J Vann
15190	Michael Gooch-Breault
	Nicole Breault
15215	David Peck



Cedar Point Yacht Club

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....David Howe
Fleet Secretary..... Dave Marseli
Fleet TreasurerDick Thackaberry

Boat#/Name	Owner
11385 Ol' Blue	Dick Thackaberry
11486 Generic Boat	Aaron Seymour
11570	Liviu Vogel
13832	Ryan O'Grady
13889 Wind Breaker	Dave Marseli
14035	Christopher Kirkland
14238	Steven Wexler
14630	Tom Glynn
14807 Second Chance	Rod Ratcliffe
14819 Too Hot!	Eric S Heller
14821	Charles E Proctor
14889 Stripes	David Fried
15051	David C Howe
15057	Al Minella
15111	Gianni Cuccio
15116 Amethyst	Coug Latour
15171 High Cheese	Joshua Goldman
	Robert H Martin
	Richard Swann

Cedar Point Yacht Club has been home to Lightning Fleet 126 for over 40 years. The Fleet last hosted the North American Championship in 2003. We sail every Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with at least two regattas thrown in for fun. The Early Bird regatta in the spring is held the weekend before Memorial Day, and the Fall Classic is the last weekend of September. On the holiday weekends, we sail all three days in what is known as the Commodore's Cup Series. This year the Early Bird was combined with the new Flying Scot fleet, which made the after-sailing party even bigger. The Fall Classic has been run with the Thistles for the past few years, and that party has gotten a reputation as one of the best around. So, if you are in the area, try to make these two regattas a part of your calendar. You won't regret it.

The story of the year is the newly crowned Fleet Champion Laura Cuccio! After many years of maintaining the number one spot in the fleet, Gianni turned over the helm to his daughter during regular Saturday racing, and Laura certainly proved her mettle. Laura would be the third generation of Cuccios to have her name on the club Fleet Champion trophy, with John Cuccio and son Gianni being previous winners. This has never happened before in the history of Cedar Point, and I would think it is a rare thing amongst most other clubs also. Congratulations Laura! Of note, Ched Proctor's son, Charlie, won the last holiday weekend trophy, so the next generation is making their moves at the club! It is great to see the Fleet grow like this.

If you are interested in coming to our club to try out a Lightning, we have a very competitive Fleet boat. Contact Fleet Captain David Howe, and he'll reserve it for you. Or, if you are interested in crewing at Cedar Point, contact anyone in the Fleet, 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. Hope to see you out on the water this year.

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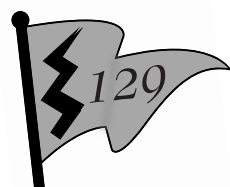
Lightning Fleet season Champion Laura Cuccio with her father, Gianni Cuccio
[photo by Helen Jankowski]

2006 Club Season Results:

1st: Laura Cuccio	3rd: Josh Goldman
2nd: Dick Thackaberry	4th: Doug Latour

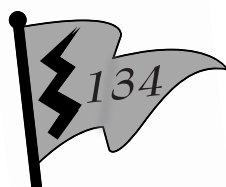


Josh Goldman at the NAs



Madison Beach Yacht Club

*Sailing on Long Island Sound
Madison, Connecticut*



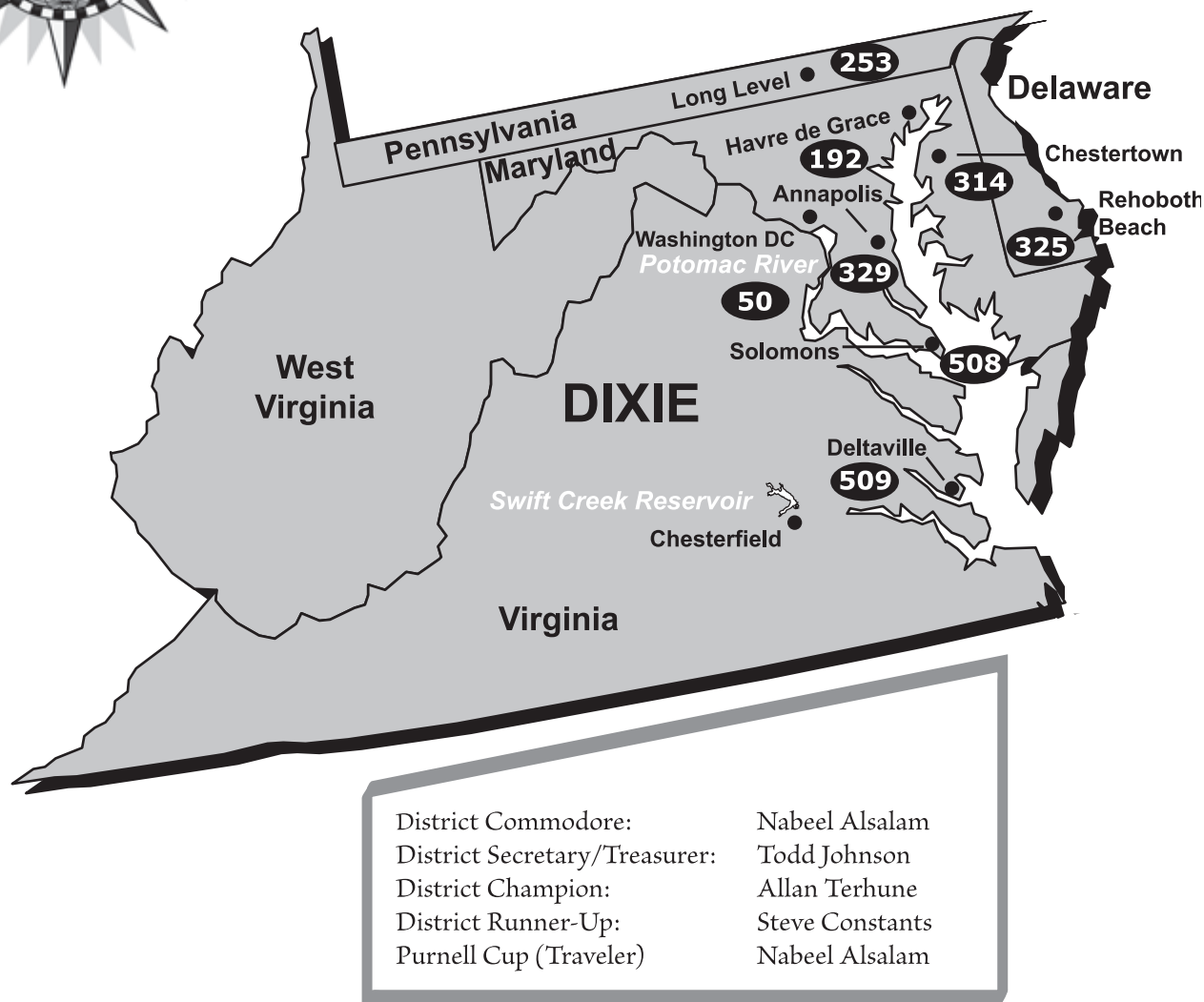
Noroton

*Sailing on Central Long Island Sound
Central Long Island Sound,*

Fleet Captain.....James R Deephouse
Fleet Captain.....Timothy Millhiser

Boat#/Name		Owner
11207	Early Times	James R Deephouse
11933		J Michael Sutzbach
14342		Timothy Millhiser
14509	Early Times	James R Deephouse

Boat#/Name	Owner
14900	Jim Crane



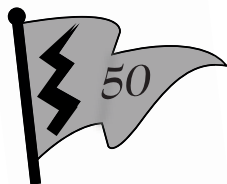
The year starts with the Southern Circuit. We all would love to take eleven days to go sail three regattas in those cool days of early March. In the Dixie District seven boats made the trip. Neil Fowler and Todd Johnson (15202) had the best results with a 7, 2, and 6 in the three regattas. Allan Terhune did well also with a 10, 5, and 16. This was Nabeel Alsalam's (15142) first time sailing the Circuit. Three boats from Susquehanna did the trip: John Bates (14265), Star Mikell (15118), and Mike Wertz/Frank Hanson (15159). George Nagy (15221) from Hampton was new to the Dixie District and the Hampton Fleet but made the trip to Savannah. Jon Lange (15054) has made St. Pete an annual tradition.

Our District is continuing its policy of rotating the District Championships around the District. We sail our Lightnings on all types of water, and so our championships might as well be sailed in equally varied venues. This year the District Championship was on the Hampton Roads at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay at the confluence of the York and James Rivers, the home waters of Fleet 509. Allan Terhune defended his title and repeated as District Champion. However, Steve Constants and his brothers, Mike and David, sailed very well and took second. Ben Forman and John Butler of Fleet 50 took a close third.

The North Americans were way out in San Diego, which probably explains why only two boats made it there. However, both Allan Terhune and Steve Constants made the Blue Fleet. Allan sailed extremely well and placed second behind repeat Champion and incredibly fast Matt Burridge.

The District had a very full schedule of regattas. The Purnell Cup (Traveler) Award consisted of nine regattas, one at each Fleet plus the District Championship. Nabeel Alsalam, usually with teammates Lisbet Kugler and Russ Roberts, sailed all nine regattas and won the right to keep the Cup for a year.

This report has emphasized the big events and the traveling, but the backbone of Lightning racing is fleet racing that occurs with less fanfare but which produces just as much fun. See the Fleet reports for details.



Potomac River Sailing Association

Sailing on the Potomac River
Washington DC

Fleet Captain..... David Thompson
Fleet Secretary..... Marian Bruno
Fleet Treasurer..... Bob Astrove
Fleet Lieutenant for Racing..... Rob Tompkins
Wednesday Night Racing Coordinator/
Training Coordinator..... Joe Warren
Scorer..... Russ Roberts
Webmaster..... Cathy Bleakly
Potomac Cup Regatta Chair..... Russ Roberts

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
32	Barbara K Thompson
3343 Little Bit	Alan R Rogers
7223	Tom Capehart
7603 Pandora II	Robert Astrove
9183 Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher
10215 Black Adder	Ted Okada
10226 String Cheese	James W Greenwell
10527 Confusion	Robert H Tompkins
10745 EGV	Doug & Kelly Palmer
10814 Fast & Loose	Denise Malueg
11369 No More Excuses	James Dillard
11767 Thunder	Harry H Keith
11792 Rogue	Bobby Fulton & Brendan Walsh
11908 Envy	Eric Swanson
12081 Beedobeat	Benjamin Forman
12416	Robert Astrove
12417 Redline	Doug Taphouse
12741 No More Excuses	James Dillard
12743 Chiquita	Keith & Paul Hankins
13306 Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher & Laurie Duncan
13977 Lord Jim	Gloria Gilbert & Mike Black
14019	Peter Grimes
14037 Bony Buns	Joe Warren
14096 Gray Ghost	Drew Hudson & Sousan Arafah
14100 No Wet Undersear	Red Fehrle
14187 !Vaya Chica!	Laurie Duncan
14222 Windchaser	Russell Roberts
14375 Out of 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 Boonoonoonoos	Robin H Tompkins
14553 Sinistra	Richard Welch
14566 Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
14592 Beedobeat	John R Butler & Ben Forman
14627 No More Excuses	James Dillard
15117 Jalapeno	Marian Bruno & Gary Roberts
15142 Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam
15166	David Pyle
15195	It's the Water
15202	Todd Johnson
15228 Blue Two	David & Barbara Johnson
15256 Ariel	Jeffrey Storck
15311	James Dillard

It's been an active year for Fleet 50 and its members. Fleet 50 continued to grow, with two new skippers on the water this fall. Bill Laux of Alexandria traveled to Pontiac, Michigan, and brought back Lightning 15148. Jim Ward moved his boat here from Nashville, Tennessee, and parked it in a slot vacated by Greg Virgin's Tijuana Taxi that moved over to Annapolis. Our crew list has increased as well, thanks to a Fleet Open House held on August 23rd. Fourteen skippers and fourteen guests stopped by to socialize and share information about sailing in PRSA events on a beautiful, but light-wind evening. Nabeel Alsalam, David Thompson, Frank Gallagher, Red Fehrle, and Pat McGee splashed their Lightnings and took guests out for a spin. As a result of this event, we added an additional dozen names, many with good racing experience, to the Fleet's "I want to Crew" list.



Team McGee, Team Fehrle & Nabeel

The talent of many of our Fleet skippers doesn't end on the water. Fleet 50's own Nabeel Alsalam had his write-up of the 2006 Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup published in the July 2006 edition of *Lightning Flashes*, and Bob Astrove authored a nicely-illustrated feature story on the 2006 Woody regatta held in Syracuse in the August edition of the *Lightning Flashes*. Bobby also wrote an article about the 2005 Woody Regatta, which was published in the July/August 2006 issue of *Wooden Boat* magazine. Check out these articles!

One of our most active skippers, Jeff Storck, authored some sage advice for all after nearly demolishing his beautiful new boat Ariel—check your lifting bridle every time you go out and replace it with fresh line if you see any wear or if any segment of the bridle line has knots. Jeff tells his story on Fleet 50 web site.

And speaking of the web site, as of the middle of November 2006, the year-to-date number of Fleet 50 website visits was above 11,000, a 20% increase over the number for the same time last year.

Racing Events

The Local PRSA/Fleet 50 2006 racing season began March 25 with the PRSA Spring Icebreaker Regatta. Four Lightnings came out on a day

Fleet 50—cont.

that was much nicer than the forecast predicted. Frank Gallagher took the day, claiming an impressive five bullets—a great start to the season. The following week, the PRSA spring series of eight races commenced. Twelve Lightnings came out on a picture-perfect day with sunny skies, a high near 70 degrees and northwesterly winds. Although the breeze started out strong and gusty, it settled down for the first two races before dropping to absolutely nothing before the third. Frank Gallagher continued his winning streak from the Icebreaker Regatta and won the day with two bullets. The series continued throughout the months of April and May, with variable wind and temperature conditions and a strong turnout of boats. Twelve Lightnings sailed enough races to qualify for rankings in the PRSA Spring Series 2006. Frank Gallagher finished in first place, with results that included 12 bullets in 34 total races, giving him a low point score of 30. Russ Roberts came in a close second, with 39.8 points, and Nabeel Alsalam was third, right behind Russ, with 41.6 points.

This year, we once again held the Doc Gilbert Memorial Cup Regatta on the Potomac River south of Washington at Leesylvania State Park. Preparation was key. Sixteen skippers and crew came down to Leesylvania on a beautiful Saturday morning a week before the race to work on the picnic pavilion, building a dozen new picnic tables and planting flowers, shrubs, and trees around the building, so we were in fine shape for the regatta which was held on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. All that preparation paid off as we had thirty-six Lightnings and seven Hamptons participate—a great turnout at this annual event, sponsored by the Old Dominion Brewing Company of Ashburn, Virginia. Regatta Chair, Russ Roberts, delivered one of the best organized and best run Potomac Cups in recent memory; PRO Rob Tompkins led a highly experienced Race Committee over two challenging days on the water. Winds on Saturday were from the northwest at 15–20 knots, gusty and shifty, while on Sunday they lightened up and came out of the northeast at 5–10 knots. Sailors from Annapolis and Havre de Grace dominated the top positions. Allen Terhune took first place, followed by Jon Guth in second, and Steve Constants in third. Seventeen of the 36 competitors came from Fleet 50. Nabeel Alsalam was the top finisher from our Fleet in eighth place, and Ron Buchanan with son Mark was the second Fleet 50 finisher in tenth place.

The next event on the local schedule was the PRSA Spring Regatta held Saturday and Sunday, May 27–28 where ten Lightnings competed. There were good winds on Saturday, but nothing on Sunday, making for a very short race day. Frank Gallagher won, with Pat McGee taking second and Bobby Astrove at third.

With the close of the spring series, it was time to start up the Wednesday night informal racing. A great casual venue for beginner and experienced sailors alike, the weekday sailing this year was plagued by variable weather that included far too many thunderstorms. Wednesday night sailing started on June 14th and continued when the weather permitted through August, when perfect winds and warm temperatures finally made for good summer fun.

Tropical storm Ernesto did some damage to the Washington Sailing Marina when he passed through on September 1, leaving a lot of debris and a couple of downed trees. Fortunately no Lightnings were damaged in the storm. The staff at Guest Services worked hard and had the marina cleaned up within days, just in time for the 72nd Annual Presidents Cup Regatta and 13th annual Leukemia Cup Regatta held Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10. The Leukemia Cup is held on that Saturday in conjunction with the Presidents Cup. Fifteen Lightnings competed. On Saturday, light winds that changed direction every hour made for a sailboat racing nightmare, but PROs Bruce Bingman (upper course) and Todd Johnson (lower course) made the most of conditions, and each got a race completed before we retired for the day. Bobby Astrove, sailing with CJ Fisher and T Graham Fisher, took first place in the Lightning division of the Leukemia Cup. The winds were better on Sunday than on Saturday, and we were able to run four races on Sunday in northeasterly 6–8 MPH breezes under sunny skies with a high of 82 degrees. Benjamin Forman

and John Butler took first place, and new Fleet 50 skipper, Jim Ward, placed second. Frank Gallagher, sailing with Maryann Gallagher and CJ Fisher placed third, and Matt Klise, sailing with Bob Astrove and T Graham Fisher took fourth.

Fall series racing continued on to November 5, in good winds and generally nice weather. Nabeel Alsalam won the fall series, Frank Gallagher was a close second, and Pat McGee third.

Racing Beyond the Potomac

Many of our Fleet 50 skippers participated in races throughout the region. Bob Astrove, with dependable crew Billy Astrove and Mat Klise, took first place in the 2006 Woody Regatta held on Lake Onondaga (Syracuse, New York) July 22–23. Ithaca skipper, Byrne O'Brien, sailing with spouse Karen and Fleet 50 crew Joe Kimak, took second. Altogether there were 15 wooden Lightnings at the regatta, including Doug Dixon's beautifully restored #584. On that same weekend, but further south, Nabeel Alsalam, sailing with Pat McGee and Paul Maher on Shadowfax, won first place in the 2006 Delaware Governors Cup Regatta in Rehoboth. Other Fleet 50 boats participating in that race were Beedobeat, with John Butler,

Benjamin Forman and Tim Olson, placed second; Deux Poissons et Un Chat, with Ron and Mark Buchanan and Diane Reilly, placed third; Lord Jim, with Chandler Owen, Rose Gentile, Gloria Gilbert and Alanna and Gianna Varca, placed fifth; and String Cheese, with Jim Greenwell, Rob Holzbach, and Jamie Holzbach, placed eighth.

Still looking for action, Nabeel and Bobby took their boats and crews to the annual Susquehanna Yacht Club Sweet Corn Regatta the weekend of August 5–6, and sailed in light winds on Saturday and no wind on Sunday. Bobby placed second, Nabeel fourth. In addition to the good Fleet 50 finishes and great camaraderie, the participants tell us that the steaks were yummy and the sweet corn incredible.

Three Fleet 50 boats traveled to the New Jersey coast the weekend of July 29–30 to

participate in the Atlantic Coast Championships at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Nabeel Alsalam placed 13th in a 70-boat field studded with rock stars. Benjamin Forman, sailing with Tim Olson and Ann Cody, placed forty-ninth, and the Keith family (Harry-Henry-Katie) placed sixty-third. Nabeel headed out again in August to participate in the 2006 Duck Challenge held in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Two days of beautiful sailing weather, a first-class sailing marina, good competition, and seven races (four on Saturday, three on Sunday) made for a great regatta the weekend of August 19–20. Nabeel took first place, with three firsts, two seconds, and an eighth. Patrick Phelan, regatta organizer, took second; Jason Werner, third; Kevin Macneil, fourth; and Jon Guth, fifth. Drew Hudson, sailing with Kristen Lopez and Jill Williamson, Joe Warren, sailing with John Hart and Carolann Brumfield, and David Thompson, sailing with Barb Thompson and Catherine Calvin, also competed.

Two Fleet 50 boats made the journey to Solomons Island on Saturday September 23rd to participate in the two-day 10th annual SMSA Small Boat Invitational on the Lower Patuxent River. The RC established a long windward-leeward course on the south side of the river in front of the Naval Air Station, somewhat sheltered from the waves generated by the strong southwesterly wind, and started the first race a little after 11:00 AM. It was a contest of survivorship from that point forward, in 20–25 mph winds with gusts to 35 (one gust of 37 was recorded at 11:20 AM). Twice as many boats capsized as finished the first race, and that was it for the weekend. Nabeel sailed away with first place in the Lightning division by a wide margin; Carol Park from Susquehanna took second; Star Mikell took third. PRSA won the Rusty Rudder Participation Award for the most boats from a single club, but Susquehanna pretty much dominated the Lightning division with four boats among the five finishers. To put it all in perspective: 37 boats registered and six finished. Just surviving the regatta was winning.

Five Fleet 50 boats traveled to Annapolis for the Frigid Digit regatta October 14–15 in challenging winds on Saturday and gentler winds on Sunday.



PRO Todd Johnson

Frank and Nabeel, both highly experienced Fleet 50 skippers, capsized in the second race on Saturday but recovered to finish in the middle of the Fleet. John Butler was the highest-placing Fleet 50 skipper overall, in 25th place (out of forty-one boats competing).

Fleet 50 boats traveled to the Pennsylvania Governors Cup at Susquehanna and to the Borderline Regatta at Kerr Lake the weekend on October 28–29 but did not race due to the extraordinary winds (gusts to 50 MPH) brought by a strong storm system that worked its way east after dumping 20 inches of snow in Colorado.

Four Fleet 50 boats traveled to Hampton, Virginia, the weekend of November 11–12 for the Hampton Fling regatta and enjoyed outstanding November weather on Saturday, with temperatures in the high 70s and gentle 10 mph southwesterly winds. An added treat was the arrival of the aircraft carrier Wasp, which sailed past the start line prior to the first race, coming home to Norfolk after three months on station in the Persian Gulf, announced by a 12-gun cannon salute. What a wonderful weather day to end the 2006 season.

Non-racing Events

The month of June brought the Fleet sponsorship of Virginia Special Olympics sailing held at the Washington Sailing Marina. Lightning skippers Joe Warren, Frank Gallagher and newcomer Norm Kruse (using Drew Hudson's boat) provided boats and drivers for the summer Special Olympics program. Sailing started on June 12 and was cancelled for the next two weeks due to thunderstorms and the flooding of the Potomac. The program resumed on Mondays in July. Light air prevailed for the Monday training sessions, but when it was time for the end-of-season regatta on July 22nd, winds of 11–17 knots from the southwest gave the participants a chance to seriously test their skills. The boats returned to the marina just before wind gust picked up to 20 knots, and fortunately, there was no capsizing. The best part was watching the reaction of these athletes—their visible excitement was rewarding for all the Fleet 50 participants.

Throughout the summer, informal weekend sailing took place for those not traveling to regattas. In June, sunny skies and steady southerly winds around 12 mph made for perfect sailing conditions. July and August brought the same. Funny how good winds prevail when a regatta isn't scheduled.

This year we revived the tradition of a mid-summer downriver cruise to Ft. Foote, a historic site along the Potomac River. On a beautiful sunny and mild Saturday in July, four Lightnings, four Lasers, two Interlakes, two Albacores and a Hobie Cat made up our flotilla. All week the wind forecast had been for northerly winds around 10 mph, but at the appointed time of departure the winds were light. By the time most of the boats made it out of the cove, the light winds became barely perceptible, and the boats were reduced to floating down river with the current. Albacore skipper Mike Heinsdorf, driving the 19-foot Carolina Skiff, saved the day by demonstrating awesome boat handling skills as he snaked his way around the upper Potomac, picking up the thirteen boats that had set sail and creating a chain under tow, delivering us to Ft. Foote in time for our picnic and volleyball game. While we were picnicking, the winds came back, and on the return trip we had northeasterly breezes at 8–9 mph, enough to make us move smartly, but not enough to heel us over. All enjoyed a relaxed, easy day.

Lighting skippers, led by PRO Jeff Storck, provided the Race Committee for the 2006 Albacore US National Championships held on the Potomac October 7–9. Good winds and cold rain were offered up on Saturday, nicer weather and lighter winds on Sunday, and beautiful weather but no wind at all on Monday made for a fun regatta for the 34 competing, one-design Albacore competitors who came from across the US and Canada to compete.

Looking Forward

Fleets 50 and 329 are coordinating their planning efforts for the 2007 Lightning Women's, Juniors', and Masters' (WJM) Championships Regatta at Leesylvania and the 2007 Lightning North American Championships Regatta at Severn Sailing Association on the Chesapeake. The Regattas will be conducted Wednesday, August 15 through Saturday, August 18 (WJMs) and Sunday, August 19 through Friday, August 24 (NAs). Nabeel Alaslani of Fleet 50 will serve as Regatta Chair for the WJMs, Steve Constants of SSA for the NAs. We look forward to these events and hope to see a great turnout.

Four Fleet 50 skippers will serve on the board of the Potomac River Sailing Association in 2007: Jeff Storck as Commodore, Pat McGee as Vice-Commodore, David Thompson as Rear Commodore, and Nabeel Alaslani as Membership Chair. PRSA is our club and is the organizing body for all one-design racing events on the Potomac in Washington DC.



Rafting up on downriver cruise



Frank, Maryann & Matt at PC



Doug

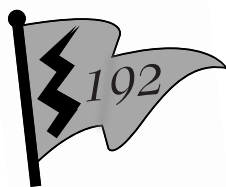


Ron, Cat & Mark at PC



David & George

DIXIE DISTRICT



Lower Susquehanna

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain..... Adam Dolezal

Boat#/Name		Owner
9544	Disco Volante	Adam Dolezal
10302	Blueberries for Sail	Mark Hergan
11240		Mark Daghir
12613		Mike McKusker
13667		Douglas Fletcher
14165	Soggy Break Down	Robert McAnally
14366	T2	Patrick Phelan
14629		Thomas Compton
15024	Killer Biscuits	Jason Werner
15131		Carl Muska

It was an exciting 2006 for Fleet 192 in Havre de Grace, Maryland. With our regular Thursday night series, our annual "Duck" regatta and our annual team-racing duel with Susquehanna Yacht Club, it proved to be a great summer of sailing. In addition to our local events, many of our boats ventured beyond the lower Susquehanna to experience the thrill of competition. The 2006 season was shaping up to be one for the books.

With many of last year's sailors returning and a couple of new comers to boot, Fleet 192 is enjoying an active seven-boat fleet, seeing full and competitive action almost every Thursday. With challenging conditions in our early summer season, veteran skills and know-how prevailed, with Carl Muska (15131) taking top honors. Carl showed consistency pays, winning by a small margin in a tight fleet of boats. The late summer season proved to be equally shifty, but better turnout and more practice made for incredible competition. Pat Phelan (14366) took the top spot by a reasonable margin, but the Fleet stayed tight and racing was great.

Our annual teams' race versus Susquehanna Yacht Club was as spirited as ever with both teams fielding talented sailors. The annual event, with rotating venues, was hosted by SYC in 2006 and was done so in excellent fashion. With two days of perfect breezes, racing was tight and competitive, HdGYC Fleet 192 was soundly ahead at the end of the first day, but SYC came out swinging on Sunday and tied the series up early, leaving the final race to decide. HdGYC managed to win the final race, but unfortunately, due to an un-exonerated penalty accrued by HdGYC, a tie was declared. For 2007, it's on our turf again, and we look to regain the title of "King of the River."

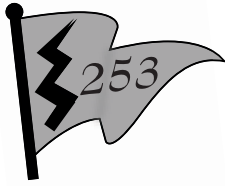
With the summer in full swing, it was time again for our annual Duck Regatta. This year we had shifty but breezy conditions in two days of beautiful sunshine. Racing was great as always, with 19 boats registered, seven races and only four points dividing first and second. A Saturday evening feast of steak and potatoes helped to refuel the crews for two days of intense competition. After the first day, local Pat Phelan (14366) was leading but would not prevail, as it was fleet 50's Nabeel Alsalam (15142) sailing fast and consistently to take the overall win. To round out the top three, it was two locals in Pat Phelan and Jason Werner (15024). We're looking forward to hosting the event again next year in August prior to our Districts and the North Americans.

Other interesting Fleet news brings congratulations to several members of Fleet 192. Expert Lightning crew and general nice guy, Rich Morris, and

his wife Bonnie welcomed future skipper Grant Morris into the Fleet on the 14 of April. Also, making waves in the baby department is our inter-fleet couple of Matt Jay and Sharon Slikker-Jay, who brought daughter and also future skipper Te'a into the Fleet on December 14. And as many of you know, Jason Werner and Heather Dodd finally tied the knot on the 16th of June at a beautiful ceremony on the beach overlooking the Chesapeake. Thank you to Capital Logo for putting on such a wonderful wedding.

2007 should prove to be another banner year for Fleet 192. With Thursdays approaching rapidly, and several events to look forward to, Fleet 192 intends on hosting the Lightning Labs in May and our annual Duck Regatta in August. We will also be hosting this year's rematch of the SYC/HdGYC teams' race. Please bookmark our new website: www.hostsrv.com/lf192. We have regular updates, information and photos for current and past events.





Susquehanna Yacht Club

Sailing on the Susquehanna River
Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....Mike Wertz
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Remorenko
Fleet TreasurerKen Kuzdro
Fleet ChampionCarol Park

Boat#/Name	Owner
8959	Christopher Rumpf
9897	Steve Tiley
10493	John Bates
11329 Rare Vos	Joseph Lauver
11582	Walt Poyck
11596	Joseph W Deerin
12081	Brian Schooling
13047	Gary Hoffer
13218	Ken Kuzdro
13813 Double Whammy	Frederick S Bush
14074	Richard M Doherty
14156 Starthrower	Charles F Noble
14365 Strikes Twice	Thomas E Dexter
14525 Spitfire	James Bates
14692 Potluck	Matt Potvin
14777	Joseph W Deerin
14902 Miss Conduct	Bill Remorenko
14927 Shark Bite	Michael Wertz
15118 Yellow Boat	Starling H Mikel
15159	Frank Hanson
15210	Kevin MacNeil
	Carol A Park

Fleet 253 was busier than ever this year!

We hosted our third annual Junior Sailing Day this year with a day in June and a second day in July. Kathie Wild led a group of nearly 20 junior sailors through four skill areas, with the capsized drills and actual sailing being the most popular events. Each day was completed with a barbecue and certificate ceremony.

The fourth annual "King of the River" team race event was held at SYC. Fleet 192 from Havre de Grace entered six teams, and after two grueling days of competition, both on the water and at the evening party, it all ended in a tie!

In August, the 8th Annual Sweet Corn Regatta was held at SYC with 18 boats participating. For the first time in several years we had wind, allowing five races to be held. Carol Park (SYC), with her crew of Bill Remorenko and Rhea Cosentino, won the event with scores of 6,2,1,1,1. Nabeel Alsalam and Bob Astrove, both from Fleet 50, were a close second and third.

Also in August, Fleet 253 participated in the Four Diamonds Day on the river. The day is for children with cancer who get to choose between sailing, water skiing and many other water sports. Both the SYC and Fleet

253 contributed both time and equipment to make this event a memorable one for all involved.

Our season ended in October with the 40th Annual Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta being held at SYC in conjunction with Fleet 16, Paupack. Eighteen boats competed, with Dick Hallagan continuing his domination of this event with yet another win.

I almost forgot...we also raced from the end of May until the end of October! The competition was brutal with ten different skippers winning at least one race. The overall champion for the fourth time in five years was Miss Conduct, skippered by Carol Park with the Remorenko and Lucy Kniseley crewing. Kevin MacNeil was a very close second, with Star Mikell, Tom Dexter, and Matt Potvin all within a "boat length."

On a final note, we are saying goodbye to a long time friend, sailor and all around "good-guy." Charlie Noble is moving to Southern California and will be leaving the Fleet after nearly thirty years of service. Charlie has been everyone's friend, and anyone who knows him has a "Charlie Story" to tell! He'll not be forgotten. We all wish Charlie "fair winds and following seas" and hope he remembers to keep the wet side down!



Sassafras River

Sailing on the Sassafras River
Chesterton, Maryland

Fleet TreasurerDavid J Horne

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



Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn

Sailing on the Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Boat#/Name	Owner
10490 Incontinent	Barry Brogan

DIXIE DISTRICT



Severn Sailing Association

Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay
Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain.....Steve Constants
Fleet Treasurer.....Todd Johnson
Fleet Champion.....Steve Constants

Boat#/Name		Owner
9655	Sundance	James Bielefeld
10860	Still Crazy	Gregory & Jo Ann Fisher
14049		Diana Lohmeyer
14139	Boatbox	Robert Harmon
14221	Iwakuni	Mark E Whitson
14548	Painkiller	Johnathan S Guth
14581		Edward J Friebele
14588		Tijuana Taxi
14588	Tijuana Taxi	Gregory Virgin
14950		Ed Michels
14975		Allan Terhune
15016	Loon	James B & Susan Bickell
15054	Blue Highways	Jonathan I Lange
15202		Todd Johnson
15240	Got Moe Joe	Stephen Constants Michael Constants

2006 was a busy year for Fleet 329, both on and off the water. Steve Constants was elected Fleet Captain to take over for Ed Michels, who served admirably. Jamie and Susie Brickell spent the majority of the season RVing throughout the western United States. They were never far away from us though because Jamie provided everyone with weekly summaries of their adventures. It was kind of like reliving the Lewis and Clark expeditions. Ed



Todd Johnson



NA Runner-Up Alan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Kris Smith

Michels, unfortunately, hurt his ankle at the beginning of the season and had to be put on the injured reserve squad. Diana Lohmeyer gave birth to twins during the year and spent the majority of the season managing her new additions. We expect to see more of Jamie, Ed and Diana in 2007. Our newest member, Greg Virgin, was a welcomed addition. His aptly named yellow boat, Tijuana Taxi, also provoked addition ad-lib names from Fleet members.

Some other member highlights. Todd Johnson had several outstanding performances teaming up with Neil Fowler at the Southern Circuit, ACCs, and Pan Am Trials. Jonathan Lange made it out to San Diego for the NAs. Joe Friebele went through ANOTHER mast. Jon Guth was fast in Fleet competition. Mark Whitson showed marked improvement out on the racecourse. Greg Fisher excelled in just about every other one-design out there. Jim Bielefeld got the old boat moving, though were still hoping he gets a new boat. Allan Terhune had a great year with a first at Districts, second at NAs, third ACCs, second at Pan Am Trials and second at Frigid Digit.

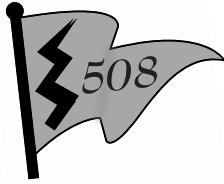
Fleet 329 holds two invitational regattas, the No Gas Regatta in May and the Frigid Digit Regatta in October. In addition to the invitationals, Fleet racing takes place over numerous weekends designated into Spring, Summer, Fall Regattas. Our Fleet racing is always highly competitive with a closely matched 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 some food from the "Angry Chef." Although our average Fleet participation per event was down ever so slightly from last year (7.6 in 2006 vs 8 in 2005), our Fleet was the third most active out of twelve sanctioned one-design fleets at SSA. Our Regatta winners were: No Gas Regatta: Jamie Brickell, Spring Series: Todd Johnson, Summer and Fall Series: Allan Terhune.

Our season was marked by several big events:

The Pan Am Games Trials were held next door at Eastport Yacht Club, with the assistance from our Fleet on October 11-12. Our own Ed Michels, a member of both SSA and EYC, was the regatta chair. Seventeen competitors, who qualified by their performance at the Winter Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship, or the North Americans, competed for the opportunity to represent the United States at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro in July of 2007. The racing was both challenging and extremely close. David Stark won and will represent the United States next year in Brazil. Our own Fleet 329 Allan Terhune finished in a close second.

Our fall invitational, the Frigid Digit, was chaired this year by Joe Friebele and has been categorized as a heavy air regatta the past several years. In fact, surviving the Digit has become a sort of a right of passage here in Annapolis. It seems like everyone has the bumper sticker that states "I survived the Frigid Digit." Well, the initial forecast was like that of the past several years, northwest 20-25 knots. That alone will normally keep a few people from showing up and it did, but as the weather updates continued and the front dissipated, we were left with two days of absolutely beautiful fall weather on the Chesapeake Bay. Forty-one boats competed and we were able to get in five races for the first time in a few years. Jody Swanson Stark finished first, followed by Allan Terhune and Neil Fowler. It was a great way to end a good year.

By now you know that Fleet 329, the Severn Sailing Association and Eastport Yacht Club will be hosting the 2007 Lightning North American Championships. So by the time you see this in print we will be putting the final touches to what will be a great event in Annapolis. We look forward to see you all here in August.

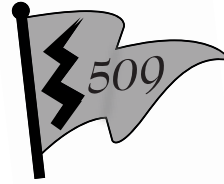


Solomons

*Sailing on the Patuxent River and
Chesapeake Bay*
Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Captain.....David H Meiser

Boat#/Name	Owner
11983 Lolly	Jeff Kumke
14028 Permanent Accessory	Don Behrens
14800	David H Meiser
	Shawn Stanley



Fishing Bridge

Sailing on Fishing Bay
Deltaville, Virginia

Fleet Captain.....Joe Buczkowski
Fleet ChampionJoe Buczkowski

Boat#/Name	Owner
11369 No More Excuses	Kevin Crossett
15084 Irie	Joe Buczkowski
15221 Bonk	George Nagy

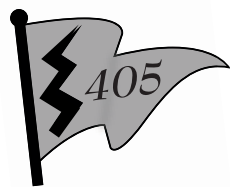
We saw some growth in the Fleet with two new additions, George Nagy and Kevin Crossett and several other members who were former Lightning sailors, like Ryan Parker joining the Fleet and sailing in several events, including the Dixie Districts, Fall Fling and Frigid Digit.

Our biggest event this year was the honor of hosting the Dixie Districts. Sixteen highly competitive teams descended to Hampton Roads and sailed six great races in winds ranging from 4–15 knots and bright sun! Allan Terhune and gang showed us once again they are a tough team by winning the regatta with straight bullets! Their throw out (the last race) was a second!

As always, we look forward to hosting the Hampton Lightning Fling. Once again this year, it was a spectacular event. Short course racing kept everyone close. The down side was we only got in four races on Saturday, as the wind gods prevented sailing on Sunday, but as always, those four races provided close quarters along with tactics that made your head spin. 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 continued expansion of the Fleet and keeping the sailing fun and would love to have more boats join the Fling. This year it is scheduled for November 10–11. 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.





Salinas Yacht Club
Sailing on the Pacific Ocean
 Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Captain..... Carlos Lecaro
 Fleet Secretary.....Paco Solá
 Fleet TreasurerJuan Santos
 Fleet ChampionJuan Santos

Boat#/Name		Owner
8513	El Abuelo	Roberto Campoverde
9411	Huevo Frito	Enrique Granja
11365	White Shark	Julio Velez
11928	La Ratonera	Sebastian Herrera
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel Plaza
14145	Alzheimer	Jose Gonzalez-Rubio
14150	Sea Baby	Francisco Sola Medina
14163	White Shark	Julio Velez
14379	Xtreme	Jaime Calderon
14383	Alegato II	Jimmy Pazimiño
14389	Bada Bing	Sebastian Meira
14405		Francisco Soriano
14461		Alberto Maspons
14541	Colo	Cesar Baquerizo
14671	Magia	Juan Rafael Santos
14673	Black Beauty	Juan Santos Garces
14674	Marraqueta	Alfredo Ochoa
14676	Garufa	Carlos Lecaro
15080	For Sale	Paco Solá
15094		Juan Carlos Plaza
15095	Culilla	Juan Carlos Plaza
		Santiago Romero Barst
15096	Pataki	Xavier Monge



Salinas Yacht Club

Fleet 405

2006 was again a year full of activity for Fleet 405. We started the year with the Opening Regatta in January 14 and 15, which was won by Juan Carlos Plaza, followed by Alfredo Ochoa and Enrique Granja. In January 28 and 29, we held our second regatta, and it was won by Juan Santos, followed by Miguel Plaza and Juan Rafael Santos. We participated in the Olympic Festival in February 11, which was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro, followed by Jaime Calderon and Cesar Baquerizo. As it is a tradition now, the "Friendship Race" or "Regata de la Amistad" was sailed on February 25 with all active classes participating in one single start. First three places went to Miguel Plaza, Jaime Calderon, and Carlos Luis Lecaro. In March, we held the Genesis Cup with a 13-boat turnout, having been won by Juan Santos, followed by Carlos Luis Lecaro and Marcelo León from sister Fleet 447.



Jan & Steve Davis at the Lightning Bar

The Salinas Yacht Club Regatta has become our most important Fleet regatta of the year, one of the reasons being that the winner gets to put his boat's name in the Lightning at the "Lightning Bar!" This year we managed to get seventeen boats on the starting line, and the winner was, you guessed it, Juan Santos and company. So Black Beauty will adorn the bow of our Lightning Bar until 2007. Runner up was Julio Velez, and third place went to Tito Plaza.

We held the 1st Maxigraf Cup in July, which was again won by Juan Santos followed by Tito Plaza and Carlos Luis Lecaro. In August, we held the Francisco Sola Franco Cup which was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro followed by Paco Sola and Sebastian Herrera.

Our Districts were held in September with the participation of fifteen boats from our two active Fleets (405 and 447) in Salinas. The District Champion was Juan Santos and crew, followed by Julio Velez and Tito Plaza.

The 1st Luxaflex Cup was held in October and was won by Carlos Luis Lecaro, followed by Paco Sola and Marcelo Leon. Also in October, Santiago Romero hosted his annual regatta, which also constituted the Nationals, with a nice participation of fifteen crews. The Winner was Juan Santos, followed by Julio Velez and Carlos Luis Lecaro.

Our grand event of the year was undoubtedly the South Americans, attended by crews from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, United States, and Ecuador. It was an honor for our fleet that Juan Santos and his crew of son, Juan Andres Santos, and Rafael Lecaro came away as the undisputed winners. We are proud of having such a great sailor and three-time South American Champion among our ranks and we have high hopes of his team winning a medal at the PanAm Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2007. Congratulations Juan, Juan Andres, and Rafael!

We were honored to have as our distinguished guests during the South Americans Mr. Steve Davis, ILCA President, Mrs. Jan Davis, ILCA Secretary, and Brian Hayes, Executive Secretary, who, besides sailing, participated in several meetings with members of the participating countries, allowing them to learn about our realities and problems first hand.

For 2007, we are happy to announce a new active boat now that Francis Soriano decided to leave his post as crew and bought his own Lightning. Congratulations!

We would like to finish this report by thanking all crews that participated in our regattas this past year, so here it goes: Juan Santos, Rafael Lecaro, Juan Andres Santos; Julio Velez, Maria Beatriz Gonzalez Rubio, Samuel Herrera; Carlos Luis Lecaro, Oscar Viteri, Jorge Norero; Tito Plaza, Juan Carlos Plaza, Fernando Coronel; Miguel Plaza, Leopoldo Benitez, Jose Ferretti; Paco Sola, Joao Casal, Arturo Iturralde; Jaime Calderon, Santiago Garcia, Justus Klemperer; Marcelo Leon, Maria Clara Ordonez, Ole Emik; Sebastián Herrera, Manuel Ignacio Granja, Carlos Drouet; Juan Rafael Santos, Rafael Quintero, Diego Gonzalez Rubio; Xavier Monge, Pollo Rodriguez, Lobo Rodriguez; Sebastián Meira, Francisco Soriano, Jorge Palacios; Olaf Dyck, Gustavo Cordovez, Luis Quisaguano; Cesar Baquerizo, Orlando Rodriguez, Felipe Panchana; Jose Gonzalez Rubio, Juan Manuel Meira, Maria de Romero, Santiago Romero; Robby Campoverde, Alexis Campoverde, Mario Rocafuerte; Jimmy Pazmino, Fernando Amador.

We hope 2007 to be another excellent year for the Lightning Class in Salinas!



Flag raising at the South American Championship

EQUADOR DISTRICT

El año 2006 fue de gran actividad para la flota 405 . Iniciamos el año con el Campeonato Apertura en Enero 14 y 15 , este torneo fue ganado por Juan Carlos Plaza, seguido por Alfredo Ochoa y Enrique Granja. En Enero 28 y 29 se realizó el segundo torneo del año ganado por Juan Santos, en segundo lugar Miguel Plaza y en tercer lugar Juan Rafael Santos. En Febrero 11 se realizó el Festival Olímpico que fue ganado por Carlos Luis Lecaro, seguido por Jaime Calderon y Cesar Baquerizo. Como todos los años la Clase Lightning participó en Febrero 25 en la Regata Multi Clases "Regata de la Amistad Carlos Lecaro Viggiani", los tres primeros puestos fueron para Miguel Plaza, Jaime Calderon y Carlos Luis Lecaro. En Marzo se realizó la segunda Copa Génesis que tuvo una participación de 13 botes, el ganador fue Juan Santos, el segundo puesto fue Carlos Luis Lecaro y el tercero Marcelo Leon de la Flota de San Pablo.



Regatta organizer Carlos Lecaro welcomes the competitors

La Copa Salinas Yacht Club es nuestro Campeonato anual de la flota 405, además tiene una gran importancia ya que el bote ganador pone su nombre en el Lightning Bar durante todo el año, este año tuvimos 17 lightnings en la línea de partida y el ganador fue, adivinaron, Juan Santos, así que Black Beauty estará hasta el 2007 en el Lightning Bar; el segundo puesto fue para Julio Velez y el Tercero para Tito Plaza. En el mes de Julio tuvimos la 1era. Copa Maxigraf repitiendo el primer puesto Juan Santos, seguido por Tito Plaza y Carlos Luis Lecaro. En Agosto navegamos la Copa Sola-Franco la misma que fue ganada por Carlos Luis Lecaro, en segundo lugar Paco Sola y en tercero Sebastián Herrera. El Campeonato del Distrito se realizó con la presencia de tripulaciones de San Pablo y Salinas por el Salinas Yacht Club con la participación de 15 botes, el campeón una vez mas fue Juan Santos, seguido por Julio Velez y Tito Plaza. En el mes de Octubre se llevo a cabo la 1era. Copa Luxaflex la misma que fue ganada por Carlos Luis Lecaro, seguido por Paco Sola y Marcelo Leon.. También a finales de Octubre se realizó la Copa Santiago Romero que fue tambien nuestro Campeonato Nacional , participaron 15 botes y el gran campeón fue Juan Santos seguido por Julio Velez y Carlos Luis Lecaro.



South American Champions Juan Rafael Santos, Juan Andres Santos, Rafael Lecaro



Brian Hayes putting on a Lightning Lab

El gran evento del año para nuestra flota fue el Campeonato Sudamericano en Salinas, este año tuvimos participantes de Brasil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Estados Unidos y Ecuador, el gran Campeon fue Juan Santos con sus tripulantes Rafael Lecaro y Juan Andres Santos, para nosotros es un orgullo tener a este extraordinario velerista en nuestro club quien por tres veces ha sido Campeon Sudamericano de Lightning, esperamos que el 2007 traiga una de las medallas de los Juegos Panamericanos en Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, felicitaciones a Juan, Rafael y Juan Andres. En el Sudamericano tuvimos la presencia del Presidente de la ILCA, Steve Davis, de la Secretaria Jan Davis y de Bryan Hayes, quienes participaron en reuniones con los miembros de la clase sudamericana y conocieron las realidades de nuestra clase en esta parte del mundo.

Para el 2007 la flota 405 tendra un nuevo bote ya que Francis Soriano dejo su puesto de tripulante y pasara a capitanear su propio lightning.

No queremos finalizar este reporte sin agradecer y nombrar a todas las tripulaciones que participaron este año en Salinas, así que aquí van: Juan Santos, Rafael Lecaro, Juan Andres Santos; Julio Velez, Maria Beatriz Gonzalez Rubio, Samuel Herrera; Carlos Luis Lecaro, Oscar Viteri, Jorge Norero; Tito Plaza, Juan Carlos Plaza, Fernando Coronel; Miguel Plaza, Leopoldo Benitez, Jose Ferretti; Paco Sola, Joao Casal, Arturo Iturralde; Jaime Calderon, Santiago Garcia, Justus Klemperer; Marcelo Leon, Maria Clara Ordenez, Ole Emik; Sebastián Herrera, Manuel Ignacio Granja, Carlos Drouet; Juan Rafael Santos, Rafael Quintero, Diego Gonzalez Rubio; Xavier Monge, Pollo Rodriguez, Lobo Rodriguez; Sebastián Meira, Francisco Soriano, Jorge Palacios ; Olaf Dyck, Gustavo Cordovez, Luis Quisaguano; Cesar Baquerizo, Orlando Rodriguez, Felipe Panchana; Jose Gonzalez Rubio, Juan Manuel Meira, Maria de Romero, Santiago Romero; Robby Campoverde, Alexis Campoverde, Mario Rocafuerte; Jimmy Pazmino, Fernando Amador.

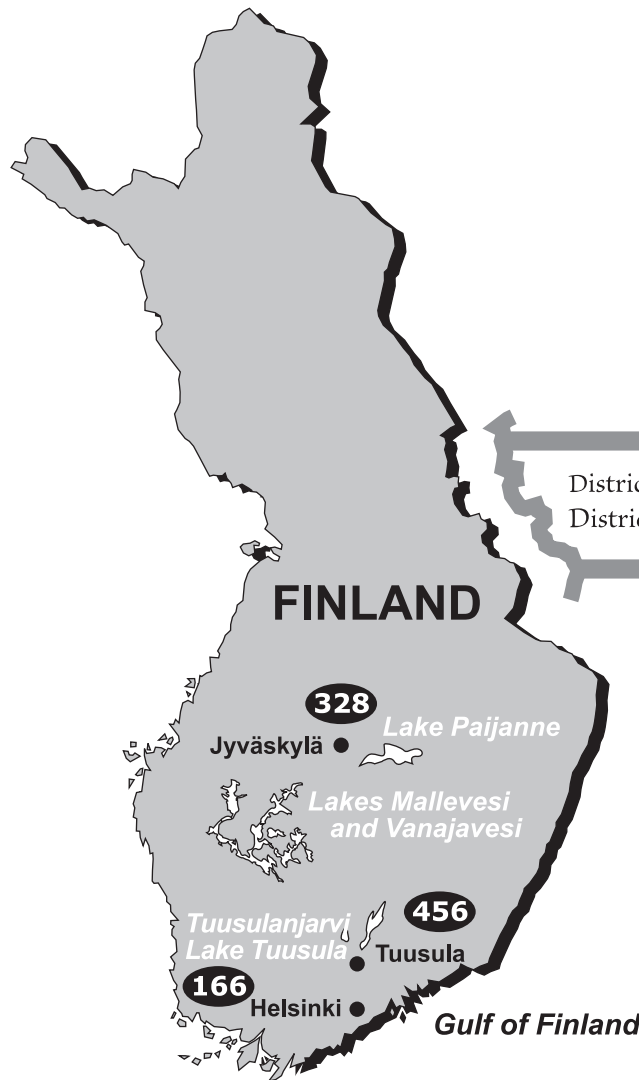
Esperamos que el 2007 sea otro gran año para la navegación en Salinas.



Club Nautico San Pablo
Sailing on Lago San Pablo
Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain.....	Lars Dyck
Fleet Captain.....	Marcelo J Leon

Boat#/Name		Owner
14160	Hakuna Matata	Marcelo J Leon
14765	Quickly	Olaf Dyck



District Commodore: Sakari Pesola
District Treasurer: Riitta Kangas

Finland arranged the European Championships as well as the Youth World Championships in 2006. A total of thirty-three boats, of which twenty-one were Finnish boats, attended the combined Finnish Championships and Europeans in July in Juurikkasaari Jyväskylä. The number of the boats was a bit higher than we expected due to the Greek teams being very active this year. That may be a sign of preparations for the next Worlds in Athens in 2007. The weather for the Europeans was perfect, no light winds, as is often the case in July in Finland, and no heavy gusts like the ones that occurred just before the regatta when an old birch tree tipped over in thunderstorm and almost hit three of the rental boats.

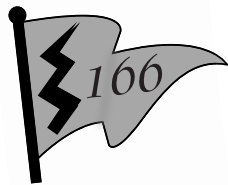
After the Europeans, we continued with the Youth World Championships which involved only ten boats. Three of them were from Finland, others came from US, Greece and Brazil. In Youths, there were relatively heavy, almost northern winds, which are not often seen in Finland in summertime. But all the committee boats knew their tasks, and our 'service team' was prepared to fix all the damages caused. I would like to thank all the volunteers of the Finnish Lightning Class Association and the Jyväskylän Veneseura. Valuable work was performed. It is very nice to see that we have active youth teams again that will continue Lightning sailing next summer.

Valuable work has also been done in boat building. Pyry Craft made a new wooden Lightning for Kimmo Aromaa, who took gold with it in the Finnish Championships. Kimmo's previous boat has new active owners in Tuusula. New active sailors, especially youth teams and new boats, are the only way to promote Lightning sailing in Finland. We are in good shape now.



Photos by Timo Siltala and Matti Leppänen

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Helsinki

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland
Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain..... Jari Aromaa

Boat#/Name	Owner
15281 Masi VII	Kimo Aromaa

During the sailing season 2005 the Helsinki Fleet 166 continued to work in close cooperation with the Tuusulanjärvi fleet 456. Kimmo Aromaa had ordered a new wooden Lightning from Finnish builder Pyy Craft. This prototype took a much longer time to construct than planned, so he had to start the season with a borrowed traditional woody. The new boat, Masi VII, was finished during the Europeans in Jyväskylä, and Kimmo proved again to be the fastest Finnish sailor. Kimmo Aromaa as skipper and Mika Aromaa as forward crew won the District Championship for the fourth time in a row. For their cousin, Juha Aromaa, the Championship was the first one. It was nearly fifty years ago when Juha's father Raimo as skipper and Kimmo's and Mika's parents as crew won their first Championship. That was in 1957.

On May 14, the Finnish Lightning sailors had a heavy loss. Terho Aromaa, one of the founding fathers of Lightning class in Finland and one of our most successful sailors, passed away after a short illness. He had started sailing with Lightnings in the 1950s, had his most victories in 1960s, trained the next generation in 1970s and 80s and finished in the 1990s. He worked a long period as District Measurer and measured over 100 boats.

The most important events for the season 2006 were the Europeans and Youth world Championship in Jyväskylä. The Europeans were a success with 33 boats. The brand new boat, 15281 Masi VII, was christened with a good amount of bubbly drinks. The team won the District Championship and one race, even their tiller broke. It looks like that the traditional way of christening the vessel still gives good luck.

For the Youth Worlds, a few more would have been nice. The races were well organized. The main problem was our aging boats. During the Youth Worlds the "District Service Team," with guys from Jyväskylä, Tuusula and Helsinki Fleets, had to work around the clock. We sincerely hope that



Photos by Jari Aromaa

the wooden boat project produces many new boats to replace the aging fiberglass boats.

The woody prototype Masi VII will be slightly modified during the winter, and a second boat will be built. The two woodies will attend the Worlds in Athens next summer. We hope that Lightning sailing in Finland will gain interest and the Class will be seen as a group with extreme sailing and a group that is known to race with over-rigged high-tech wooden boats.



Jyväskylä

Sailing on Lake Paijanne
Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain..... Ilkka Lilja
Fleet Secretary..... Samppa J Salminen
Fleet Champion Samppa J Salminen
Fleet Runner-up..... Timo O Järvinen
Fleet Junior Champion..... Vili-Pekko Pukari

Boat#/Name	Owner
6838 Old Lady	Timo Lehtinen
11359 Muje	Esko Saltevo
12479 Melanie	Antero Westerlund
12908 Lola	Timo O Järvinen
12918 Mafalda	Vesa Purokuru
12996 Kristiina	Keijo Tulomäki
13505	Lars Hammar
13919 Vanha Herra II	Martti Nurminen
14351 Tuula	Hannu Kolehmainen
14364 Nikea	Samppa J Salminen
14559	Timo Siitla
	Ilkka Lilja
	Aulus Naykki
	Markku Paloma

Fleet 328

Our Fleet had the honour to organize The Junior World Championships and the Europeans 2006! During the long winter we had our meetings to prepare fine championships during the coming summer. The clubhouse is located ten miles outside the city of Jyväskylä. The nature around the racing area is beautiful and almost wild.

We noticed soon that the interest from the Europeans would be very high. Without any doubt, we would get at least thirty boats, maybe even forty. We found out that our weakest point would be the old and very narrow slip. It would be impossible to get all the boats in and out of the water on time. So we had to make a bigger one. The work started just after the ice was melted in the middle of May.

Our home lake was still frozen when we were packing "Lola" and "Nikea" to the first ranking regatta. We drove 150 miles south to the lake Tuusulanjärvi. Timo O Järvinen worked hard during the winter to restore "Lola." Both boats had brand new sails, and the result was very good: Timo with his crew, Vesa Karhusaari and Antti Kanninen, finished fifth, and Samppa with Tero Kotimäki and Heikki Tulomäki won the first regatta. It was very promising that we had twelve boats already in this season breaking "On the Rocks" regatta.

Two weeks later the next ranking regatta was held on Lohja, 200 miles to southwest. This time our fleet was represented by "Nikea" and "Kristiina." Keijo Tulomäki bought this boat for his 14-year old son Heikki, who was training for the youth championships. There is one very interesting thing with this boat. Samppa and his father had made this wooden boat during the years 1975–77, and now this boat came back to home waters! "Kristiina" and the juniors, Heikki Tulomäki, Anna Hendersson and the skipper Vili-Pekko Pukari, showed their potential by finishing 9th among eleven boats. Samppa with Keijo and Tero finished second.

The third regatta was held the last weekend of May. This time we didn't need to travel anywhere because the host club was our own. We had four boats from our fleet and total of twelve boats. Results on home waters were not very encouraging. "Nikea" (Samppa, Tero and Keijo) were sixth, Lola (Timo, Vesa and Antti) came in seventh, Juniors doing all the time better now with boat "Tuula" were ninth, and "Old Lady" was twelfth. Our juniors sailed with the team which they had registered to the Junior Worlds: Vili-Pekko Pukari, Heikki Tulomäki and Johannes Geiss.

After midsummer it was time to participate in the traditional 35-mile long distance race called Keitele Regatta. This year the Lightnings were the biggest fleet with nine boats. After two days racing, "Nikea" (Samppa, Tero and Seppo Varma) was number one of Lightning fleet and managed also to be the fastest boat in the whole regatta! Lola with Timo, Riitta Kangas and Petra Lehtinen came in fifth. Old Lady with Esko Lehtinen,

Olli Lehtinen and Heli Korjus were 6th. Tuula with Hannu Kolehmainen and Eija Kolehmainen were ninth.

Now it was time for the Open Europeans. Our friends from Switzerland and Greece arrived in good time before measurement day. It was a positive surprise that we got ten teams from Greece. It was also great to see that the Brazilian Junior Team arrived at the same time to take part in the Open Europeans. We were very happy that we got together thirty-three entries. Several of the foreign teams came without their own boats. This situation presented the organizers with a big challenge—how could we find a rental boat for every team? Finnish Lightning District Commodore Sakari Pesola and company did a great job by bringing boats to Jyväskylä.

The rental boats were in various conditions. We especially warmly remember the attitude of the Brazilian team. The condition of their boat honestly wasn't the top, but they didn't complain. And what a result they showed later with this boat!

During the championship the wind was blowing from the north and north-west. This is a very unfamiliar wind direction at this time of the summer. The other surprise was very positive. We had good winds every day instead of predicted south wind 0–6 mph.

The Europeans started with the same script as so many times earlier. The experienced Swiss team, skippered by Urs Wyler along with his crew members Walter Durr and Gilbert Durr, took the lead. They had a very good competition, especially from the two young Greek teams skippered by Christos Atzemian and Panagiotis Verginadis. When the final race started, the Swiss team had a "safe" lead with one drop off by six points, compared to Panagiotis. The last race showed how dramatically the situation can change. Urs finished 9th, and Panagiotis won the final race. So the young Greek team of Panagiotis Verginadis with his crew Timos Vlachos and Theodoros Poulakos won the European title by one point!

The Brazilian team was fourth with their "uncompetitive" boat. The best Finnish team was Kimmo Aromaa in eighth place. Once again we saw how difficult it was to sail on home waters. Our own fleet's result was: Samppa J Salminen with Tero Kotimäki and Keijo Tulomäki finished nineteenth, Timo O Järvinen with Vesa Karhusaari and Antti Kanninen were twentieth, Esko Lehtinen with Pekka Lehtinen and Jukka Lehtinen were twenty-sixth, Ilkka Lilja with Anssi Lilja and Kari Elivuori were twenty-eighth, Vesa Purokuru with Petri Sallinen and Pekko Sallinen were thirtieth, and finally, our juniors Vili-Pekko Pukari with Heikki Tulomäki and Johannes Geiss came in thirty-second.

The Finnish Championship was formed from the European results. Kimmo Aromaa with Mika Aromaa and Juha Aromaa won the championship, Matti Leppänen won silver, and Niko Lappalainen won the bronze medal. Samppa in seventh place was the best from our own Fleet.

Now it was time for the Junior World Championship! We had been preparing ten equal boats for the juniors plus one reserve boat. We want to thank John Atkins, VP Junior World Championship, for his outstanding efforts and a great job trimming the boats. Also we want to thank John for his advice, help and perseverance when communicating and sending an endless number of emails during the long winter.

We had ten entries in the Juniors: one team from Brazil, three teams from Greece, USA and Finland. During the practice race the weather was sunny and warm, and wind was light from south 0–6 mph.

When we awoke up on the first competition day, the morning the wind was back to the north, and all over the lake there were white caps from wind blowing 20–25 mph. The first race was dominated by the Brazilian team skippered by Thomas Sumner. European Champion Panagiotis was second. While the sailing area was very near to the clubhouse, all the boats came on shore to have a warm meal. Boats were changed after each race. Thomas also dominated the second race and, Panagiotis followed him.

Many teams washed their boats and sails on the shore. It was a big surprise when they heard that it is not necessary because we are sailing on drinkable waters!

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The third, fourth and fifth races were won by Panagiotis, and Thomas was second in every race. So the title was still open, and in fact, it was open until the last mark rounding. What a thriller. Winning the last race, the 2006 Junior World Champion went to Thomas Sumner, Felipe Brito and Filipe Gil from Brazil. This was Thomas' third Junior World Champion—a record which might be unbeatable!

The silver medal went to Panagiotis Verginadis, Timos Vlachos and Theodoros Poulakos. Bronze medals went to USA Nicholas Aswad, Connor Aswad and Peter Hazelet. The best Finnish team, Pyy Itkonen, Laura Hemming and Maria Hemming, were eighth. Our own boys, Vili-Pekko Pukari, Heikki Tulomäki and Johannes Geiss, finished ninth. Eppu Pötry, Anna Henderson and Eero Viitanen finished tenth.

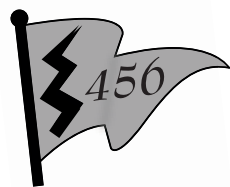
Immediately after the Junior Championship was over it was time to concentrate on the traditional 65-miles long multi-fleet race through the whole Lake Päijänne. It had been blowing very hard during the week. Now when 160 boats were waiting for the start signal, there was almost no wind at all. Altogether seven Lightnings were starting in the race. Our Fleet was represented by "Nikea" Samppa J Salminen, Keijo and Heikki Tulomäki, "Muje" Anssi, Rudolf and Henrik Lilja and "Old Lady" Pekka, Esko and Olli Lehtinen. Also Timo O Järvinen was sailing a TP boat "Burgundy." When the race time limit was achieved after sailing twenty-six hours, the Lightnings didn't reach the finish line. "Nikea" was nearest but had still five miles to go. For the first time in history, all Lightnings got DNF!

On the first weekend of October we had the next Ranking series in Kotka. Among ten boats "Nikea" with Samppa, Tero and Heikki Nurmi was third. "Lola" with Timo, Vesa Karhusaari and Olli Lehtinen finished fifth.

These results meant that Samppa J Salminen won the bronze medal in the whole ranking series. Timo O Järvinen was seventh, Vili-Pekko Pukari was fourteenth, Esko Lehtinen was nineteenth, Ilkka Lilja was twenty-second, Vesa Purokuru was twenty-third, Hannu Kolehmainen was twenty-fourth, Timo Lehtinen was twenty-fifth and Olli Lehtinen twenty-sixth.

We finished our very active season on Lake Tuusulanjärvi on the last weekend of September with eleven Lightnings. "Nikea" Samppa with Tero and Heikki Nurmi was second, "Lola" Timo with Timo Lipas and Antti Kanninen 6th and "Kristiina" Vili-Pekko Pukari with Heikki Tulomäki and Johannes Geiss ninth. The sun was shining warmly, and it was very windy. Three boats capsized. We have never had such huge surfing than in the last race. It was really a fine way to close the incredible season!

These great championships had a very positive effect to our Fleet. We got also several "new" boats. Now it appears that the Lightning sailing in Jyväskylä is finally on the rise after several quiet years. We are waiting for a very active summer 2007. Thank you to all our Lightning friends who were visiting our Fleet and club during the championships!



Tuusulanjärvi Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Tuusula

Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Captain.....	Esko Aalto
Fleet Secretary.....	Sari Aalto
Fleet Treasurer	Riitta Kangas
Fleet Champion	Esko Aalto

Tuusulanjärvi Yacht Club (TP) and Lightning Fleet 456 enjoyed another exciting sailing season and racing on the beautiful Lake Tuusula in South Finland at 60° north latitude. Thank you to all of those who participated and helped during the 2006 season.

Boat#/Name		Owner
5552	Kikka	Arto Rintanen
9437	Cassandra II	Pekka Bollström
12352	Sofia	Lasse Lammi
13130	Masi III	Juha Savela
13357		Antti Schroderus
13413	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
13560		Pekka Ylänen
13562	Amanda	Hannu Hanskala
14018	Ayolos	Niko Lappalainen
14179	Porkkana	Rainer Korhonen
14196		Keijo Latvala
14331	Shark	Liisa Hasunen
14352	Sini	Riitta Kangas
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14534	Forte	Esko Aalto
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
14638	Gamma	Matti Leppänen
14761	Red Snapper	Olli Kanerva
14936	Burgundy	Sakari Pesola
15412	Sininen Salama	Yrjö Klippi
		Kaarlo Jaskari

Fleet 456 hosted the annual season opening and Lightning ranking regatta On the Rocks in early May, where twelve Lightnings participated in fresh winds and waters. The winner was Kimmo Aromaa of HSK, but the places 2,3,6,7,9,10 and 11 went to Fleet 456 sailors Niko Lappalainen, Matti Leppänen, Esko Aalto, Pekka Bollström Gerhard Sternberger, Antero Punttila, and Eppu Pötry.

The ranking series continued in Lohja with eleven boats, six from our Fleet, where Niko Lappalainen was the winner, and in Jyväskylä with twelve boats, five from our Fleet, where Matti Leppänen was the 2nd.

In midsummer, nine Lightnings, five from our fleet, participated in Keitele Regatta, a 30-mile long distance day sailing along beautiful lakes and waterways in mid Finland. Samppa Salminen of Jyväskylä was the winner on his home waters, and Matti Leppänen of Tuusula, the second. Another event on waters of the Lake Päijänne tempted four Lightnings from our Fleet and three from other fleets to participate among the 100+ keelboats in a 60-mile long, non-stop distance sailing. The race was shortened at midnight due to dying wind. The best of Lightnings was Samppa Salminen of Jyväskylä, and the best of our Fleet was Matti Leppänen (fourth). Three of our Lightnings sailed among two hundred others sailed in a wooden and classic boat regatta "Viaporing Tuoppi" around Helsinki archipelago. Sakari Pesola with Sininen Salama was the second just after the Finnish Champ Kimmo Aromaa, Matti Leppänen with Kikka the third, and Esko Aalto with Sofia the fifth.

The highlights of the season were Lightning Class European Championship 2006 and Youth World Championship hosted by Jyväskylä Boat Club. Europeans got together thirty-three boats from Finland, Switzerland, Greece, and Brazil. The junior team of Panagiotis from Greece won the title of European Championship; and the best of our Fleet was the sixth Matti Leppänen, followed Niko Lappalainen (13), Pekka Bollström (22), Esko Aalto (23), Kaarlo Jaskari (24), Pertti Pyy (25), Eppu Pötry (junior, 27), Gerhard Sternberger (29) and Olli Kanerva (33).

The Lightning Class Youth World Championship trophies went to Brazil (First), Greece (Second) and USA (Third). Our fleet was presented by Pyy Itkonen (Seventh) and Eppu Pötry (Tenth) with their crews.

Weekly racing series, sailing school for beginners, sailing training, cruising, and promotion events were also organized by our fleet and the host club TP actively during the season on our lake.

Our membership remains strong and committed to the spirit of the Lightning sailing and Lightning racing. See you next year at the Worlds in Athens!

Antero Punttila



Youth World Championship—Jyväskylä Boat Club

Towards Youth Worlds—First Steps

After our decision to enter the Youth Worlds 2006, our first target was to get as much competition experience as possible. Our first competition was On The Rocks in Tuusulanjärvi (6–7 of May 2006), organized by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat Yacht Club. On The Rocks was also my first competition as a Skipper. At that time it was our intention to go to the Youth Worlds with Eero Viitanen and Pyry Itkonen and me. Pyry couldn't go to On The Rocks, so there were only Eero and me. Luckily, the weather wasn't too rough so we could sail through the competition with only two of us, although in few races we didn't hoist the spinnaker, which probably was smart. After all, neither of us had much experience in the Lightning or with a spinnaker. So, more than for results, we tried to learn how the boat worked and the meaning of all those ropes. Thanks to everyone who gave us advice. The weather was sunny and warm, considering the time of the year. The water was still quite cold so capsizing wasn't so favorable.

Another Lesson

Our second competition was Lohja ranking. Eero Viitanen, Pyry Itkonen and I, again sailed the Burgundy, which Sakari Pesola lent to us. When we first arrived, there was no wind and lots of fog. As we got our boat ready, the weather cleared up, but there still wasn't much wind. During the race we were still learning boat handling and who should do what in manoeuvres. We were anxious to get some results.

We definitely learned much, and it was great fun. Our final results weren't so good, but we didn't let it bother us. Or at least I didn't, and more than final results, I was pleased with the experience we got.

Back to Square Two and Up Again

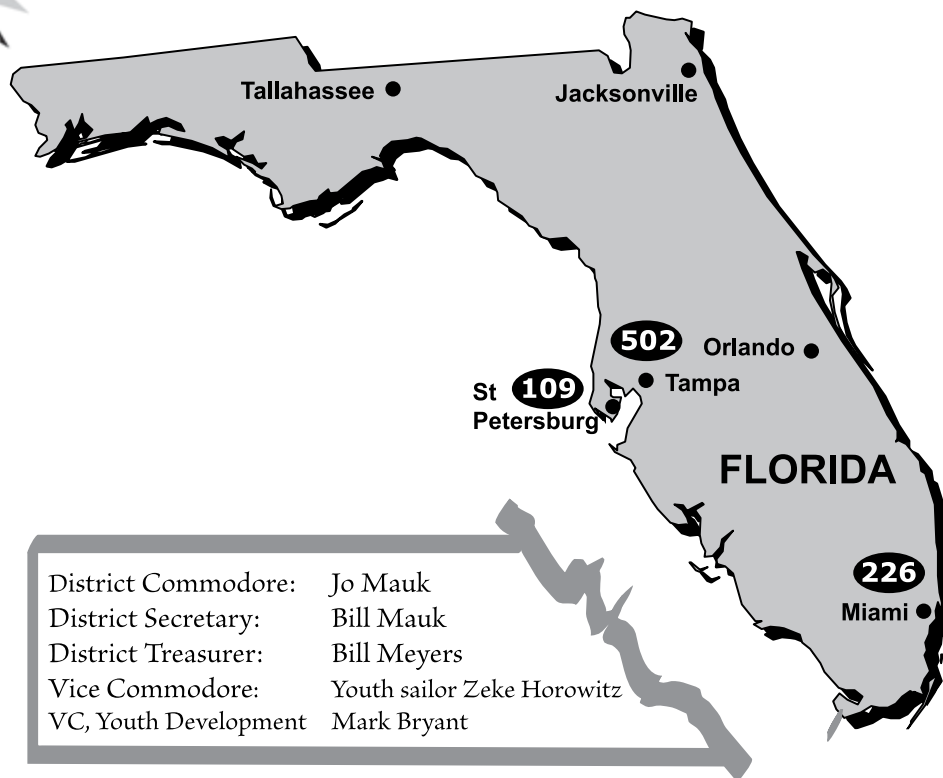
Between rankings two and three, it became possible to get three boats from Finland to Youth Worlds, and Pyry Itkonen became the Skipper of that third boat, with Maria and Laura Hemming. Fortunately, Anna Henderson came to us to replace Pyry at the Worlds but couldn't come to sail with us at the third ranking, which was held in Jyväskylä by the Jyväskylän Veneseura Yacht Club. So we had Roope Jokitalo replace Anna. Again we had to learn to work as a team. The race area was the same as it would be in Europeans and Youth Worlds, so this was good practice for the big event and good practice for our unskilled crew. The weather was still quite light, although there were more wind than previous races but nothing like it would be in Europeans or Worlds.

Still, it was fun, like every race last summer. When the final results came in, we weren't the last boat—whee! Our progress from the first sailings was noticeable, but would it be enough for the big event in July?

Thanks to all who helped us to get this far, especially to Sakari Pesola, who lent us Burgundy several times and helped us in many different ways.

Eppu Pötry





District Commodore:	Jo Mauk
District Secretary:	Bill Mauk
District Treasurer:	Bill Meyers
Vice Commodore:	Youth sailor Zeke Horowitz
VC, Youth Development	Mark Bryant



Florida District Champions—Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton & Mark Taylor



Districts—downwind

Sailing with Juniors—Bill Mauk

The 2006 Florida Districts were held in May at Davis Island Yacht Club. The club is placed a short five-minute sail from the race course, which has a special set of challenges. Conditions on Hillsborough Bay are like racing on a mid-sized lake, as it is located on Hillsborough Bay, surrounded by land, but with a possibility of a sea-breeze working in from the Gulf of Mexico.

The racing was very competitive. Going into the last race, three of us were within one point of the championship. But even more than the nature of the competition, I had a fantastic experience sailing with two excellent junior sailors.

Going into the Districts, I needed crew, so I asked Mark Bryant, Florida's VP of Youth Development, for suggestions. When he found me Amanda Holm from Ft. Meyers and Zeke Horowitz from Sarasota, I was excited. Mark had coached both of the high school students. They started in strong Optimist programs and now sail Lasers and 420s on their school teams. Amanda even started her high school's team and teaches sailing at the Ft. Meyers Sailing Center. Zeke has a passion for team-racing and has a full schedule of events around the country this summer, including high hopes for the Sears Cup. The only small downside was that neither of them had stepped foot on a Lightning.

Their solid sailing foundation made it fairly easy to become outstanding crew. Zeke sailed with me on Friday in the Masters competition. After the racing was over that day, Amanda joined us and we went out and practiced for about 90 minutes. Amy Linton talked through the mechanics of working the bow with Amanda and when the racing started on Saturday, we not only had great boat handling, but these juniors added much more.

We had thorough discussions on strategy, which developed into solid judgments for most of the races. Zeke was particularly good on tactics during the race. His decision-making on fleet management always kept us in the hunt. Amanda was a genius at seeing the wind on the runs and judging where to place the boat for the next pressure.

When things were not going well, they were patient and always stayed in the race. Sailing with Juniors turned out to be a fantastic experience for me.

After the regatta was over, they both said they really enjoyed the Lightning. They especially liked all the sail controls, and both gained significant knowledge about what standing and running rigging could do to the shape of a sail and what it means to boat speed. They thought the three-person crew was really great and liked the ability to move the boat around with crew weight. They said they would talk the boat up with their friends.

What was surprising to me was they had not heard of the Junior North Americans or Youth Worlds. They had very little idea that the Pan American Games were comparable to the Olympic Games. They were excited about the possibility of competing and thought if more junior sailors knew of these events, that it would be good for the Class.

If we are to grow the Lightning class, junior sailors should think of the Lightning as a one-design class to which to advance as they think about their sailing future. For this to happen we need to ask more juniors to sail with us (we might even improve our finishes!) and get the word out on the Championship opportunities.

By the way, we finished tied for first, but lost the tiebreaker. The team of Jeff and Amy Linton, and Mark Taylor is tough competition, but the future looks bright. I recommend junior sailors highly!

Results:

Florida Masters (non-sanctioned) Regatta—May 5, 2006, Davis Island YC

1. Bill Mauk, Zeke Horowitz, Kat Malone
2. Howie Smith, Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton
3. John Hughes, Mark Bryant, Charlotte Sims
4. Bill Johns, Joanna Beaver, Bob Camp
5. Bill Meyer, Dave Mickleson, Colin Browning

Florida Districts, May 6–7, 2006, Davis Island YC

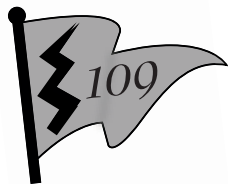
1. Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Smith Linton 1,4,4,1,(9) total: 10 points
2. Bill Mauk, Zeke Horowitz, Amanda Holm 2,(7),3,3,2 total: 10 points
3. Jim Alman, Laura Jeffers, Josie Williams 5,3,2,(7),1 total: 11 points
4. Colin Park*, Karen Park, Hans Birkholz 3, 1, (8), 6, 4 total: 14 points
5. Frank Atkinson, Michelle Sumpton, Tim King (6),5,1,5,6 total: 17 points
6. Travis Maier, Charlotte Sims, Fred Strammer 4,(9),7,2,5 total: 18 points
7. Jeff Duval, Vladimir Kulinchenko, Tommy Single (7),6,5,4,3 total: 18 points
8. Rod Koch, Andy Hayward, Tina Tinaret 10,2,6,10,(11) total: 28 points
9. Bill Johns, Joanna Beaver, Bob Camp 8,8,(9),9,7 total: 32 points
10. Dave White, Cort Steck, Kat Malone 9,10,(13/OCS),8,10 total: 37 points
11. Bill Meyer, Colin Browning, Scott Schuman (11),11,10,11,8 total: 40 pts

* Top sanctioned master



Districts—Start

FLORIDA DISTRICT



St Petersburg St Petersburg, Florida

Boat#/Name	Owner
11379	Johnathan Ruykhaver
11981	Cameron Carlin
14748	James Alman

Our Fleet has mostly young families, so our time is spent with soccer, hockey, scouts etc.

Some of us have actually packed our boats a few times and ventured south to Miami and east to Tampa for some racing. We all keep threatening to get motivated in 2007. We will see what happens. Three of our four Fleet boats should be sailing in St Pete for the Winter Championship. We look forward to seeing everyone here.

Jim Alman



Biscayne Bay Sailing on Biscayne Bay Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11702	Glockenspiel Larry J Ames
13983	Rumrunner Onofre Torres
14309	David Kurtz
14374	Vigilante Carol Stout Ewing
14708	Booby Trap Frank H Atkinson
14866	Progressive Bill Mauk
14930	Widespread Panic Stephen Horwitz
15151	Palindrome Frank H Atkinson



The Suncoast Fleet Tampa, Florida

Fleet Captain..... Bill Meyer
Fleet Secretary..... Amu Smith Linton
Fleet Champion Jeff Linton
Fleet Runner-up..... Bill Mauk

Boat#/Name	Owner
2	Fisk Hayden
2924	Dream On Kenneth See
6350	Uncle Mills Corland Steck
9098	Zapper Mark Rodgers
10338	Enchilada Picante Rod Koch
10565	Go Dog Go! Amy Smith Linton
10944	Black Watch Jon Cameron Carlin
11346	FOB Christopher "kip" Hamblet
11379	Jon Ruckhaver
14006	Fired-up William H Meyer, III
14414	Emeline Michael S Maher
14428	Yellow Kitten Robby Brown
14730	Katana David E White
14748	Jim Alman
14752	Calvin Fisk & Steve Hayden
14780	Comedy Central Colin & Karen Park
15083	Jeff Linton
	Laura Jeffers
	Don Sherburne

Our season more or less starts with the Southern Circuit. New skipper Jeff DuVal sailed his first regatta in St. Petersburg, while several Fleet 502 sailors crewed with out-of-towners. Jeff Linton and his usual crew took home bragging rights from the series.

The 2006 Districts were held in Davis Island Yacht Club with the usual small handful of strong competitors, including Frank Atkinson (sailing Booby Trap), Bill Mauk, and Jim Alman. Jeff Linton topped the fleet, with Bill Mauk and his all-youth team of Zeke Horowitz and Amanda Holm in a tight second place.

Again, we were very proud of "our" winning Sears Cup team, headed by Fred Strammer, who took the nation's top youth ladder rung this summer. Considering how little effort we put into the campaign—we lent boats and did a practice session or two—Fred's victory gave the Fleet a great sense of satisfaction and ownership.

With great pleasure, we saw the return of Steve Hayden, who guest-crewed during the Thanksgiving Regatta at Davis Island. We hope that the pressures of work will permit him to hit the water a little more often in the coming year. In preparation for the Greece Worlds, we hope to hold a few practice weekends in 2007. Other goals for the year? Help more youth sailors learn to love the Lightning by sailing the square-bottomed things.



District Commodore: Costas Liberakis



Salamis Fleet

*Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece*

Fleet Captain..... N Carageorgiou
Fleet Secretary..... E Romeos

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13968 Renata	Manolis Stoumpos
14334 Krinis VII	Christo Atzemian
15077 Tzini II	Iasonas Spanomanol Panagiotis Verginadis



Parthenon

*Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece*

Fleet Captain..... George Andreadis
Fleet Secretary..... Andrew Sinopoulos
European Chamionship-1st..... Skipper P Verginadis
Crew T Poulakos, T Vlahos
Youth World Championship-2nd..... Skipper P Verginadis
Crew T Poulakos, T Vlahos

Boat#/Name	Owner
14211	Nikos Bikakis Costas Limberakis George Procopiu



Dolphin Fleet

*Sailing on Phaleron Bay
Piraeus, Greece*



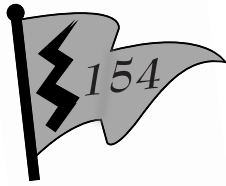
The Indianapolis Sailing Club hosted the Indiana District Lightning Regatta the weekend of June 17–18. The District had its lowest turnout since 1998, which was due in part to the North Americans being held in California and skippers lacking the desire to travel this distance. But that did not keep the six skippers that sailed from enjoying a great weekend of racing. Bill Allen failed to read the course board correctly in the first race and had to return to the finish line, finishing second behind Joe Lassaus. Joe returned the favor to Bill in the last race. Bill with crew Peggy Lehman and Greg Johnson finished first overall, with Joe and crew Mike Naughton and Joan Naftziger finishing second.

The sailing season in this area was open the weekend of May 6–7 with the Indianapolis Sailing Club hosting the Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta, commonly known as the Indy Open. Twenty-six skippers from nine different Fleets attended another great weekend, with six races being sailed. James Taylor from Cowan Lake with crew Nato Ireland and Bridget Ireland pulled off a four-point margin of victory over the Hofmesiter of Bluenose fame, and Bill's crew of Mandy Hofmesiter and Cully Ward picked up the third spot.

The season was wrapped-up with the "Hoosier" at Wawasee Yacht Club. Again, the Indiana District had an well-attended regatta, with twenty-three skippers from eight fleets competing. This number was in spite of a horrible weather forecast, which turned out to be fictitious. Those weather guys missed by almost 180 degrees. The factory team of Skip Dieball, Karl Felger, and Michael Rush squeaked by dad Bill Faude, Ernie Dieball, and Jared Drake, with one point separating the two teams. They were followed-up by George Sipel, Debbie Probst (our local girl), and John "Sleeper" McCree rounding out the top five.

Participation was up at both clubs this year. Indianapolis Sailing Club, with Ken McGinity leading the way the past two years, has encouraged his members to travel to other sites. The Wawasee Yacht Club has modified their local sailing instructions to allow for two person crews. This has increased the local average starts per race by two boats over the previous year. We encourage all clubs to experiment with this rule. It may bring new life into your racing program.

Until next year, see you all at the Indy; come and bring a fellow skipper.



Wawasee Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Wawasee
Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain..... Edward Bradley Wagon

Boat#/Name	Owner
11181	Dale E Fulkerson
13910 Golden Harvest	Billy J Allen
13975 Divine Wind	Virgil L Snyder
14024 Big Red	Ron Lester
14125 Miller's Merry Manor	Stehen C Miller
14143	Jim Orr
14173 Thor Play	Jim Sabens
14475 Band Camp	Dave Wisler
14600	Edward Bradley Wagon
14647	Keith Swihart
14835 El Zorro	Alan Fox
14870 Con Brio	Herbert Snyder
14940	Craig Cobbum
15213 Plate Spinner 2:Failure to Thrive	Jeffrey A Schmah
15251 Mother's Day Out	Debbie Probst
15259 Wolf Cookie	Edward Bradley Wagon
15299	George E Buckingham

This was the year for increased participation in our Fleet by junior sailors. Jeff Schmah, George Buckingham, Keith Swihart, Bill Allen and I all had junior sailors on board as crew during the 2006 season. One of the few races I won was with two junior sailors, Katy Keller and my great nephew Cody Carl, on board. It may have had something to do with power to weight ratio!

Fleet 154 has really taken to supporting the junior sailing program at Wawsee. We even donated the majority of our trophy budget this year to the purchase of some much needed upgrades and equipment for the club-owned Optimist Prams used in teaching junior sailors. If we don't keep the junior sailors in the pipeline, there won't be anyone to sail our boats when we no longer can.

The season was once again dominated by Craig Cobbum, who easily won the season championship again for the umteenth time. Bill Allen won the Indiana Districts this year for the first time with all first place finishes. Way to go Craig and Bill!

I had set a goal to increase the average number of starters from six to ten boats for this year. While we didn't quite hit an average of ten, we did increase to an average of 7.8. We will keep our eye on ten as the goal for next year.

The year was capped off, as always, with the Hoosier Regatta the last weekend of September. We had 22 boats this year and a near perfect weekend. Skip Dieball edged out Bill Faude and George Siple for the win.

We would love to have you all join us for next year's Hoosier Regatta! As John McCree says, "You guys set the bar for fall regattas." Thanks, John.

Final Fleet standings for 2006 season:

- 1 Craig Cobbum
 - 2 Bill Allen
 - 3 Jeff Schmah
 - 4 Brad Wagon
 - 5 Keith Swihart
 - 6 Ron Lester
 - 7 Alan Fox
 - 8 Virgil Snyder
 - 9 George Buckingham
- Reiss/Miller
Debbie Probst
Jim Orr
Jim Sabens
Herb Snyder
David Schmah

Brad Wagon



Silver Fox Squadron/ Indianapolis Sailing Club

Sailing on Geist Reservoir
Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain.....Carlton Simmons

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
12296 Sochaint	Peter J McGinity
12963 Navigo	Mark A Cudworth
13278	Peter J McGinity
13279	Andrew Cook
12657	Michael R Francesch
14020 Dream Chaser	Frank A Wilder
14359	Joseph A Lassaux
14449 Fins Up	Dale Krcek
14537 Winsome	Walter B Tinsley
15097 Elaine	Carlton Simmons



District Commodore: Antonio Marino

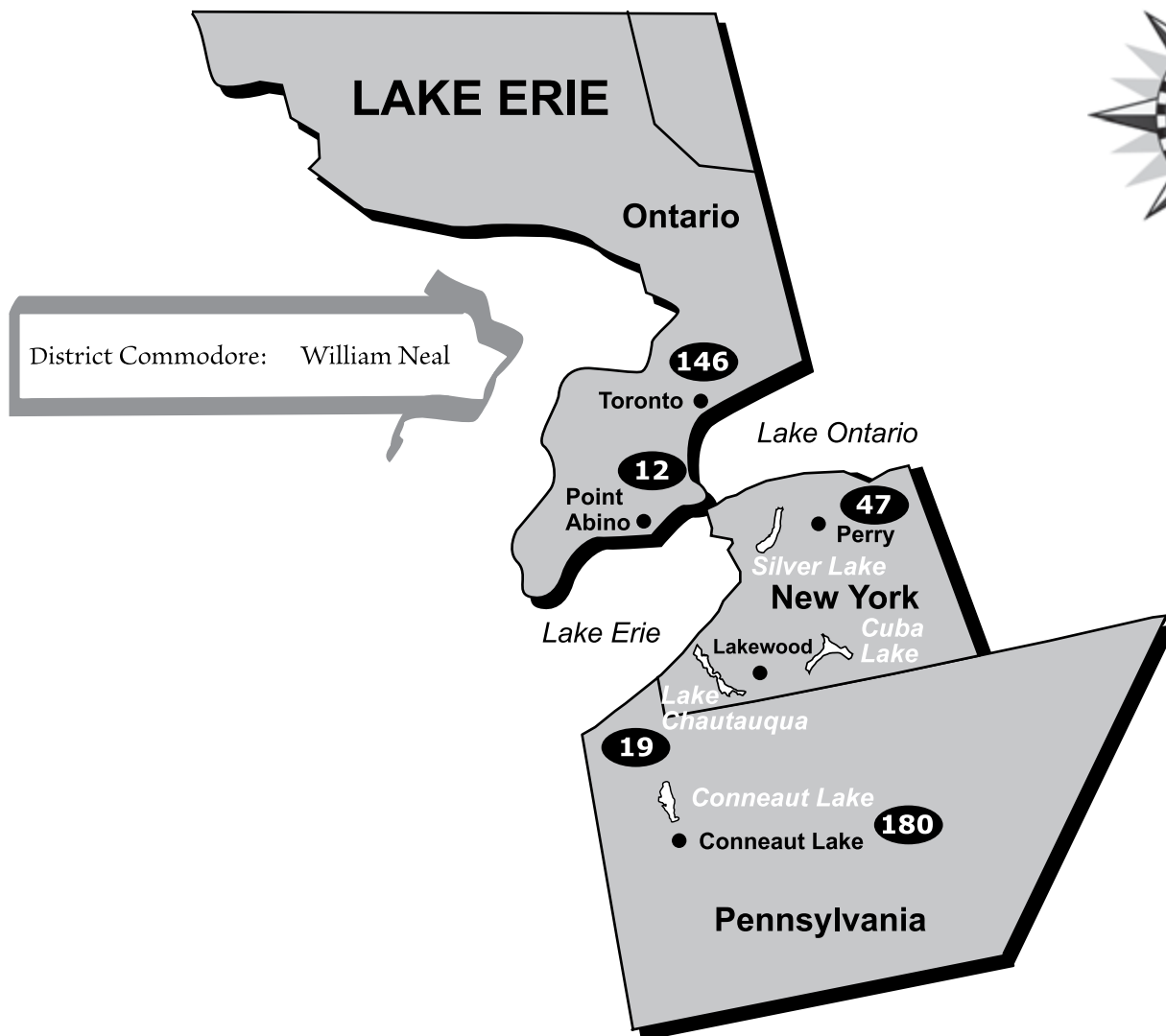


Circolo Velico Marsala YC
Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea
Marsala, Sicily, Italy

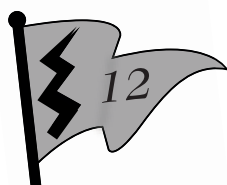
Fleet Captain..... Giovanni Pelligrino



Skipper Bonanno Ignazio, Crew Nizza Nicola, Crew Scontrino Simone



District Commodore: William Neal



Buffalo Canoe Club

*Sailing on Abino Bay at Crystal Beach
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada*

Fleet Captain..... David Starck
Fleet Secretary..... Warren Emblidge
Fleet Treasurer Ian Jones

Boat#/Name		Owner
6983		William E Neal
10491	Erin Anne	David A Dooley
14286	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	Warren E Emblidge
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker
14371	Confusion 3	Robert B Starck
14410	Catspaws	Pascal Buckley
		Richard J Buckley
14416		Peter C Godfrey
14519		Erich Steadman
14569		William E Neal
14651		Tom Allen, Sr
14744		Richard A Aubrecht
14828	Jib Jab	Ira Johnson
14905		Tom Allen, Sr
15125		Jody Swanson Starck
15168		Tom Allen, Jr
15196		Tom Allen, Sr
15246		Larry MacDonald
15251		Debbie Probst
15252		David Starck
15284		Richard A Aubrecht
15298		Ian Jones
15308		Tom Allen, Jr
		Michael Vollmer

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

Fleet 12

Fleet 12 took the unusual and extraordinary step of 'getting organized' this year. Unfortunately, it didn't happen until the season was over, so what follows is a transcript of the chaos that ensued over the course of the year.

It all started with a spring get-together at Mark and Lora Grinder's. After the beer cans we left in their bushes and the banana peels we hid under their sofa cushions last year, we were a bit surprised they had asked us back, but we graciously accepted their invitation and, of course, had a wonderful time. Thank you Mark and Lora!!

Speaking of Mark, he gave his trust fund a work-out and shipped his new retro-blue rocketship to San Diego for the North Americans, leaving him without a ride for much of the season. Not one to miss a night of club sailing, or the tall tales that follow, Mark teamed up with Lightning legend Tom Allen Sr., and promptly began spamming the Fleet's email server with trash talk about his unconquerable super-group and its impending Tuesday night victories. When the big day arrived, the rest of the Fleet appeared nervous as the dynamic duo pulled into the lot with their boat. Everyone soon felt a collective sigh of relief when it was discovered that Tom's boat had lost its mojo (i.e. they forgot to bring the mast!). Mark vows they'll come back with the stick next year, while Tom claims he's holding out for better crew.

Without the super-group to muddle matters, David Starck managed to squeak out a few victories in our Tuesday night series, which saw fantastic participation. Had Warren Emblidge competed in more races, he surely would have given David a run for the money (he won three of the four races he entered, and was only called over early in two of those). Many thanks to our dedicated race committee of Jean, Anne, Suzie, Joe and Carol!

Monica Jones and Cindy Kelly stole the show this summer, helping make even David Starck, winner of the Canadian Open, and Debbie Probst Atlantic Coast champion, look good. Congratulations! Jody Swanson Starck had an eventful year as well, giving birth to daughter Sabrina and winning the Frigid Digit, all while finding time to be elected to the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame, alongside Bruce Smith (Bills) and Dave Andreychuk (Sabres). We should also note that her husband, David, sailing with rock-stars Bill Faude and Jody, of course, won the US Pan Am qualifiers this fall. Nice job and good luck!!

We're also happy to say that the Fleet continued to grow this year. Peter Jones, Jim Eagan, Dick Aubrecht and Ian Jones all brought new boats to the race course this year. At our fourth annual Pro-Am Regatta, we managed to place 494 juniors with twelve "Pros" (well, maybe it was thirty-two juniors, but it seemed like 494.) What a great opportunity to get the juniors acquainted with the Lightning!! At the other end of the spectrum was our annual Old Salts' Regatta, which was won by long-time Lightning stalwart Tom Ward and his balding crew of wonder Wayne Knibloe and commodore Burt Sellers (well, he actually is the Commodore). Nice job!

Did we mention we got 'organized'? Best wishes to our new Fleet Captain David Starck, Treasurer Ian Jones and Secretary Warren Emblidge. We'd also like to thank our Fleet Minion Brian Starck and for his continued service. We're looking forward to a great year in 2007 and are targeting continued growth of our Fleet and a rejuvenation of our District.

Buffalo Canoe Club

BCC One-Design Regatta for the Lightning Fleet

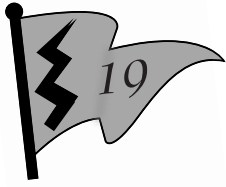
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Rank	SailNo	Helm	1	2	3	Total
1	19 - 15252	David Starck	6	2	3	11
2	10 - 15246	Larry MacDonald	2	9	2	13
3	12 - 15082	Jamie Allan	3	8	9	20
4	32 - 15232	Allan Terhune Jr.	1	15	4	21
5	15 - 14957	Ryan Ruhlman	5	10	6	21
6	24 - 15298	Ian Jones	13	4	8	25
7	22 - 15202	Neal Fowler	10	5	11	26
8	25 - 15125	Tom Starck	9	1	17	27
9	16 - 15164	Jed Dodge	7	3	18	28
10	9	Thomas Allen Jr.	4	19	5	29
11	06 - 14901	Ian Schillebeeckx	18	11	1	30
12	08 - 15257	Rob Ruhlman	12	7	12	31
13	11 - 15272	Mark Grinder	11	6	15	32
14	05 - 15206	Bill Faude	14	12	10	36
15	28 - 14768	Peter Hall	20	16	7	44
16	21 - 15251	Deb Probst	8	14	22	45
17	07 - 14261	Ed Roseberry Jr.	15	18	16	50
18	14 - 15064	Richard Walsh	24	17	13	54
19	26 - 15075	Maegan Ruhlman	23	20	14	57
20	13 - 14479	Kevin Robinson	26	13	23	61
21	03 - 15015	John Werley	19	13	DNF	63
22	23 - 14580	Carissa Cox	17	25	21	64
23	04 - 14811	Tom Allen	16	22	28	67
24	27 - 15125X	Bill Neal	28	23	20	71
25	02 - 14502	Tom Ward	25	29	19	73
26	20 - 14612	Ross Bailey	22	26	26	74
27	31 - 14174	David Sprague	27	24	24	75
28	17 - 14268	Warren Emblidge	30	21	27	78
29	01 - 14410	Pat Buckley	29	27	25	81
30	18 - 15284	Dick Aubrecht	OCS	28	29	89



Spring meeting at the Grinders

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT



Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Chautauqua
Lakewood, New York



Toronto Bay
Sailing on Humber Bay, Lake Ontario
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



Silver Lake Yacht Club
Sailing on Silver Lake
Perry, New York

Fleet Captain..... Craig Nobbs

Fleet Captain..... Daniel Sprague

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
13714	Poitin	Paul J Malone
13948		Mark H Dadd
14580		Larissa Cox
14672		Mark W Grinder
15168		John Humphrey
15272		Mark W Grinder

Boat#/Name		Owner
10702		Walter Blackwell
14174		David Sprague
14347		Daniel Sprague

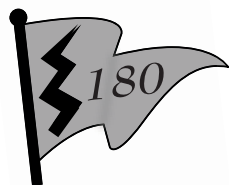
The Boulevard Club and Fleet 146 enjoyed another building year of sailing. Over the past year the Toronto Fleet has tried hard to expose as many new people to the Lightning as possible. David Sprague routinely took out groups of new Lightning sailors into the Toronto Bay in order to get them familiar with the boat. These sailors were a mix of both novice and experienced sailors. The hope is that with increased exposure to the Lightning they can be convinced to attend future Lightning events. David has been successful in recruiting a core of semi regulars that will go out whenever the wind conditions are favorable.

Depending on the number of people available, a couple of Lightnings will be out in the bay in order to do some match racing. When numbers were limited, one boat would go out and practice in order to increase the proficiency of the new Lightning sailors in preparation for Lightning events. Since the Fleet is limited in the number of boats available to race against, they traveled to other places for increased competition. The majority of those trips included regular travel to the Buffalo Canoe Club, but also included trips to Chicago and Florida for the Southern Circuit. Future goals include attendance at more regattas and a continued increase in local sailor interest.

David even managed to convince two other brave souls to go sailing during the first week of January, 2007, and here they are taking the boat out of the water, which was 40 degrees F or 4.5 degrees C, as well as a shot of the top of the mast a few days later after a freezing rain storm.



LAKE ERIE DISTRICT



Conneaut Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Conneaut Lake
Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain..... Chad Waldschmidt

Boat#/Name	Owner
14750	Edward J Benevent
14763	Chad Waldschmidt

The Conneaut Lake Yacht Club's Lightning Fleet 180 has been racing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, since 1948, but, for the past few years, the club and fleet have been facing a major issue; one that seems to be plaguing so many other fleets sailing the small inland lakes; that of a steady decline in sailing interest and participation.

It has traditionally been our practice at Conneaut Lake to expose kids to sailing through an active Sunfish class sailing/racing program. Rosie and Mike Mercatoris have run an outstanding youth sailing program for many years, but the program has struggled to achieve attendance and sustain the interest of the younger generation, which has many other options for recreation at Conneaut Lake, including wave runners and ski boats. So, we are experiencing fewer younger sailors graduating into the Lightnings. Also, our drives to recruit and encourage new adults to 1st experience sailing and then to hopefully join us as crew and eventually to take the key step into boat ownership, have not been successful.



Michael Mercatoris in hot pursuit of Chad Waldschmidt

Concurrent with the decline in new memberships, Fleet 180 has also been dealing with a shrinking active membership with the recent passing of two of our senior and original sailing skippers, brothers Charles and Duane Good and the decisions of other competitive sailors, Skip Ragghianti, who graduated to larger boats on Lake Erie, Ken and Jean Pote, who have retired from racing, and John DeArment, Geoff Taylor, Bob Azmus, and Bill Cooper who became inactive due to other personal priorities. We hope some of them will return to active status with us soon.

Thus, we entered into our Spring 2006 planning sessions with only four skippers prepared to race the Summer Series; Ed Benevent, Mike Mercatoris, John Andrews, and Chad Waldschmidt. We began our competitive season, managing to complete some of the races per the 2006 season schedule, but even the active skippers had timing conflicts and frequent difficulty in obtaining crew. Due to the reduced participation, we agreed that we did not have a sufficient number of races completed to constitute a season.

Our post season Labor Day meeting found us focusing again on the need to initiate recruiting efforts for the 2007 season and brainstorming ideas to create more interest in sailing among both the youth and adults in the Conneaut Lake area. We plan to put some of these ideas into action early in 2007.



Fleet 180 Annual Labor Day Picnic" from left front around the table: Chad Waldschmidt, Carole Waldschmidt, Lynn Bunting, Jody Bunting, Jean Pote, Ken Pote, Ed Benevent, Chris Benevent, Rosie Mercatoris, Michael Mercatoris



District Commodore:	George Koch
District Rear Commodore	Malcolm B Hendry III
District Secretary:	John Holzaphel
District Champion:	Malcolm B Hendry III
District Runner-up	Neal Litman
District 3 rd Place	John Holzaphel

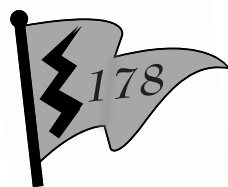


George Koch is our Commodore, and he does a fantastic job of keeping all District business rolling along. He always has a cold beer at the end of the day if you hang around! Our District consists of two fleets of very competitive sailors. We have one North American blue fleet sailor, another fleet member who goes to Florida for the Midwinters every year that I can remember. Another District member is a four-time Penguin National Champion. Numerous others travel from Fleet to Fleet to sail with each other. This is made easy as SHYC sails on Wednesday nights, OYC sails on Thursday nights. Both Fleets sail on Saturday. The names are not important, the fact that they are dedicated and help each other is. The Long Island District is the only place I would want to sail—good people, good wind, and lifetime friends. After hours, steak and beer are a staple in both our Fleets. We had an overall great season. Not one weekend was a bust—that is how good the weather was all season long. Anyone wanting to sail in either of our fleets is welcome—just call and we can set you up with a boat.

Malcolm Hendry III



LONG ISLAND DISTRICT



Great South Bay

Sailing on Great South Bay
Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain.....Alan Pearlman
Fleet Secretary.....Elizabeth Brewer

Boat#/Name	Owner
5132 Surprise	Michelle Yacob
10260 Bullshit	Elizabeth Brewer William P Weiss

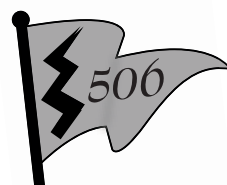


Southampton Yacht Club

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay
Southampton, Long Island,
New York

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11701 Windy Too	John VH Halsey
11219	Bob Bickford
13874 AMF	Teresa Hendry
14032	Hull/Rydberg (Team Hull)
14138	Tim Rumph
14157	Tim Rumph
14551	John Lowendowski
14560 White Knuckles	Richard E Warren
14758	Neil Litman
14917 Motu Iti	Malcolm B Hendry III Kent Rydberg

The sailing season was fantastic this year. We have a new club house this year, it is a wonderful place to sail from and make friends. The newest member of our fleet is Neal Litman, he also sails Penguins, ICs, A Scows. The season trophy went to Malcolm Hendry, Terri H and Karynne Reichel. Runner up was John Halsey. Third place went to Neal Litman. Wednesday night series was won by Malcolm Hendry, Karynne and Molly. We would like to thank Malcolm and Kent, for running the racing series this summer, and keeping the lightning program intact. We had many junior sailors participating this year, Molly, and Maitlin. At 14 years old Molly was sailing 13874 on a regular basis. Two times Molly sailed in 15 to 20 knot winds, impressive for a girl of her age. Other junior sailors were Sara T, Greg G, Jenny, and many others. We were lucky to have sailors from Orient YC. Lightning Fleet to sail at our club for the districts. Thank you George Koch and John Holzapfel sailing an almost new Lightning. Hope to see you all next year.



Orient Yacht Club

Sailing on Orient Harbor
Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain.....George Koch
Fleet Secretary.....John Holzapfel
Thursday Night Fleet Champion.....George Koch
Saturday Fleet Champion.....George Koch

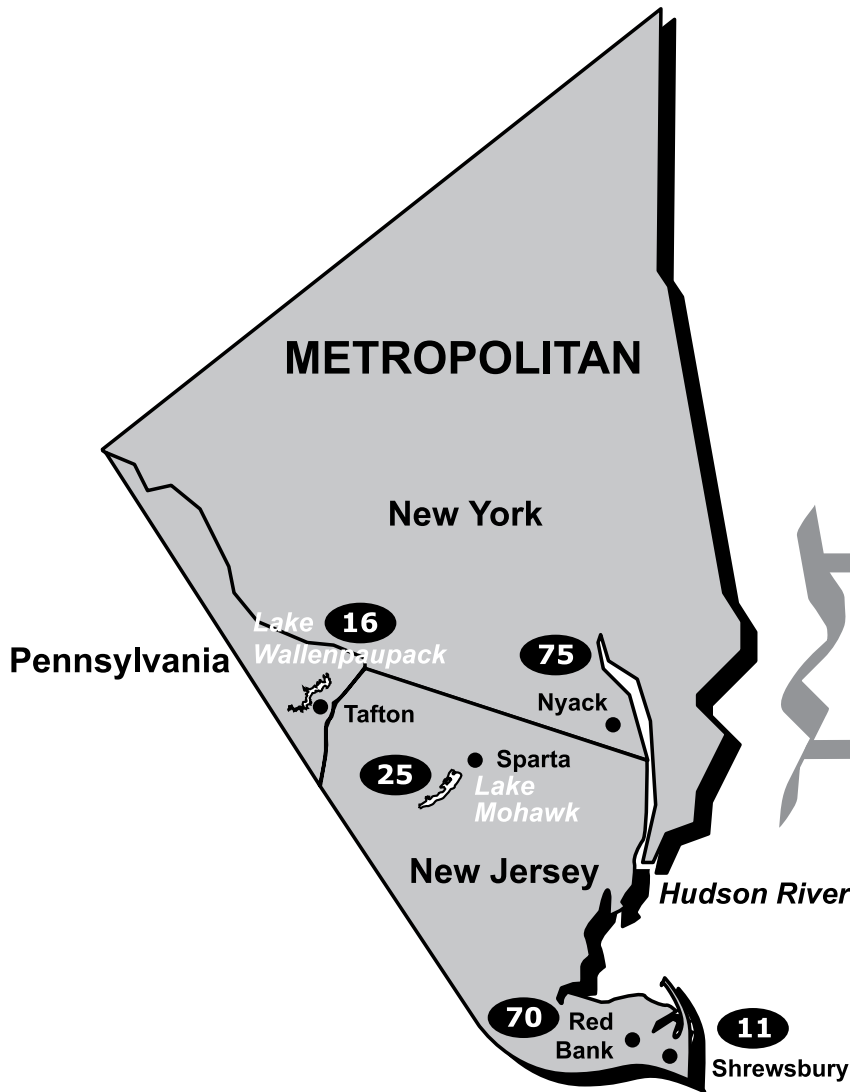
Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
10545	Orient Yacht Club
13050	John Holzapfel
13660	Derrick Cephas
14025	Rich Gluckman
14122	George W Koch
14455	Rachel Sorenson
14850 Missy	George W Koch
15070	John Holzapfel

Fleet 506 of the Orient Yacht Club had another very busy and exciting year. The competition in both Thursday and Saturday racing was extremely close for all the positions but Fleet champion. Once again, George Koch, ably assisted by an ever-changing crew, convincingly won both the Thursday night and Saturday racing series. The rest of the positions were only separated by only a few points. Second place on Thursdays went to John Holzapfel, and third place went to Rachel Duell and her crew. On Saturday, second place went to John Holzapfel and his crew, while third place went to Rich Gluckman and his crew.

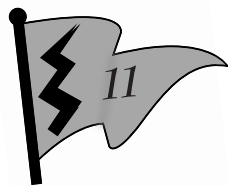
As opposed to last years damaging wind burst, this year's unusual weather event was a series of four Thursday nights in a row when it blew more than 25 knots each night. The Lightning Fleet cancelled its racing each night but was shown up by the Opti's who sailed through it all.

Once again, George Koch, the winning skipper of the yacht club's Thursday and Saturday series, and his daughter took a trip to Florida to represent the Orient Yacht Club at the Southern Circuit.

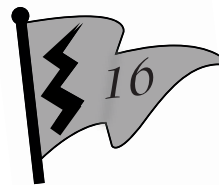
A note to all other fleets. This year we inaugurated an informal course for any members of the yacht club who wished to learn how to just crew on a Lightning. There was a strong interest and a few of the skippers took on two students each. By the middle of the season there was a whole new crop of interested, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and available crew. It really added a new dimension to Lightning Fleet, and we hope it leads to a number of new skippers in the future.



District Commodore: Daniel Parietti
 District Secretary/Treasurer: Stephanie Mayo
 District Champion: Jon Schwartz
 District Runner-up: David Watts



North Shrewsbury River
Sailing on North Shrewsbury River
 New Jersey



Paupack
Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack
 Pocono Mountains near
 Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain..... George Madel
 Fleet Champion George Madel
 Fleet Runner-up.....Brian Williams
 Sailing DirectorSandi Scull

Boat#/Name	Owner
14786 Le Speu	Jon Schwartz

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
10301 Mimsy	Brian Williams
11907 Halcyone	Sandi Scull
12140 Daisy	John Weiss
13638 Windy	Heinz Kornmann
13816 Haulin Ash	Ash Scache
14278 Stormy Weather	Robert W Hall
14722 Byken	George Madel

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Fleet 16

2006 will be remembered for the bizarre weather that affected the sailing. Of 26 scheduled races, only 13 were sailed. The reasons were, a) lack of wind, b) way, way too much wind or c) monsoon type rain which then resulted in flooding not seen in recent times. For those that are familiar with our club, the motor that runs the railroad was under water, the platform of the boat lift was under water, and the boats and trailers were floating. Fortunately, Sandi Scull and Brian Williams, who live locally, pulled them to higher ground before any damage was done.

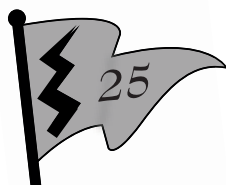
The regular sailing season at LWYC normally consists of 13 Saturdays between Memorial Day & Labor Day. Our season is broken into three series. The first is the Folwell Series. It was won by George Madel with regular crew Molly Rodgers and Craig Compton. In second place were Bob Hall with regular crew Kristen Hancox and Paul Gallagher. Third was Brian Williams with regular crew Ken Didion and Peter Seeuwen.

The second series was the Miller Series, which was won by Brian with George second, and Sandi Scull third. Sandi sailed with regular crew Deni Morgan and a variety of others including George Barr. George Barr had been a regular sailor at LWYC and now visits from Hawaii.

The final series was the Baron Series, which was won by George with Brian second, and Sandi third. The overall season was George first, Brian second and Bob third. Heinz Kornman did not sail as often as usual but when he did he was always competitive. He sailed with regular crew Jay Demerer and a variety of others.

The irony of this year was flooding in June and low lake water levels in September. As a result and because of the low water levels, for the first time in Fleet 16 history, our mid-September Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta was cancelled. The regatta was subsequently held in late October at Susquehanna Yacht Club.

Sailors are welcome to sail with us anytime they are in the area. Our racing schedule is Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Saturday. Contact any of our members for more information.



Lake Mohawk Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Mohawk
Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Donald T Okner
Fleet Secretary..... Donald T Okner
Fleet ChampionRichard T Miner

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
11565	Ariba-Ariba-Andale	John Marx
13160	Sub-Lime	Henry Jelinek
13373	The Great Escape	William M Beveridge
13381	Spaghetti	Mark Marussich
13820	Tatoo	Charles "Chuck" Chute
13925	Guardian Angel	John Incantalupo
14198	Sushi	Donald T Okner
14327	Wild Goose	Angela Hopkins
14607	Hawkeye	Richard T Miner
15090	M	Perry Anderson

Our Commodore for 2006 was Lightning Fleet Champion Rich Miner in his second successive year at the helm of our club. As usual, our activities began with the annual clean-up, followed in April by the first social event of the year, the Prep Signal. It was held at the Lake Mohawk Country Club where we were treated to the DJ music of Lightning Sailor Mark Marussich. Mast Raising-Tune Up Day was followed on May 6 with a Cinco de Mayo party hosted by one of our club's Snipe sailors, Jeff Urbanski, and his wife Jill at their newly remodeled home.



Award-winning photo by John Incantalupo



Our first day of racing for 2006 was on Sunday, May 14. This was Mother's Day so the turnout was small. Also, two Lightning sailors, Hank Jelinek and Mark Marussich, served as race officials, so only two boats skipped by Rich Miner and Chuck Chute went head to head, with Rich taking first place for both races. The following week, the pace picked up a bit with four Lightnings on the course for the first race and three for the second. With a good wind out of the southwest, Rich Miner racked up two more bullets, and Don Okner took a second in the first race, followed by Hank Jelinek and Chuck Chute in that order. Don did not sail the second race during which Hank and Chuck collided and went over. Fortunately, the damage was not severe, and both boats were seaworthy and competitive for the balance of the season.

The Gabor Cup Regatta was scheduled for May 28. Unfortunately, we had to cancel racing on that day due to the lack of wind. And if that was not enough of a disappointment for the many boats and race officials who showed up for the event, on the following weekend we again had to cancel regular racing again due to lack of wind. During 2005 we had zero cancellations due to lack of wind, but things caught up with us in 2006 with four of the first eight races being cancelled.

On June 11 the much wanted wind—at moments a bit too much—returned. Three Lightnings battled it out in a breeze of 10–12 knots with gusts to 20 knots out of the north-northwest. In the first race, Don Okner with son Jim Okner and Pete Brown as crew took first place. They were followed by Perry Anderson and Rich Miner. In the second race, the honors went to Rich and his crew, wife Gail and Edgar Braendle. Perry and crew Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown took second place, and Don Okner and his crew in third. Pete Brown's quote of the day was "I like hiking out!"

Six Lightnings were at the line for two races in an 8-knot south southwest wind on June 18. John Incantalupo, with wife Margie and son Sean, made their 2006 debut on that day. However, the following weekend brought rain but no wind, so we again had to cancel. Fortunately, for our Marine Base Regatta, held on July 2 and sponsored by the Snipe Fleet, we were treated to a 10-knot wind out of the southwest that encouraged five Lightnings, two Snipes and a Sunfish to engage in handicapped competition. Perry Anderson served as race official for the event which was won by Mike Kelly and his sister in a Snipe. Don Okner and his crew, Jim Okner and Pete Brown, took second, followed by Rich Miner and crew, Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle, in third position. It was a humbling day for the Lightnings.

The annual, Independence Day Family Picnic took place on July 3rd to coincide with the Lake Mohawk Country Club fireworks. We had a great turnout with about 90 members and guests enjoying traditional hamburgers and hot dogs before viewing the fireworks from our docks. Thanks once again to Cathy Chute and Bambi Newton for organizing the event and for all who helped with the setup, cooking and other jobs that made this the best family picnic ever!

For racing on July 9 we had a 5–10 knot wind out of the southwest that brought seven Lightnings to the line. Race official Lincoln Rowley set a triangle course and ran two races, back to back, with the Lightnings sailing

seven legs in each race. This was a picture perfect day that saw the return of Mark Marussich to the waters of Lake Mohawk. However, wife Siobhan was not crewing because she was expecting their first child, Catherine, born a few short months later. In the race, Rich Miner took two firsts with Don Okner and Perry Anderson each taking a second and Chuck Chute and Hank Jelinek trading places for third.

On July 16 the wind was out of the northwest at only five knots. However, there was enough air to move a boat, so races were held with Don Okner and Jim Okner doing their turn as race officials. The Spring Series ended the following weekend on a sunny July 30 afternoon with 4–8 knot wind out of the northwest. The Miners served as race officials, and Don Okner and Perry Anderson traded for first and third during the two races, with Chuck Chute managing two seconds.

Final results for our Spring Series were as follows:

- First Place: Skipper: Rich Miner
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle
- Second Place: Skipper: Don Okner
Crew: Jim Okner
- Third Place: Skipper: Perry Anderson
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown
- Fourth Place: Skipper: Chuck Chute
Crew: Dave Newton
- Fifth Place: Skipper: Hank Jelinek
Crew: Adam Enea
- Sixth Place: Skipper: John Incantalupo
Crew: Margie Incantalupo

The Jack Robertson Cruising Day on July 29 was once again a great day. Boats from all Fleets sailed, and of course, Jack himself was there to preside. Chuck Chute manned the grill and cooked brats and burgers while Cathy Chute and Bambi Newton took care of the fixings. Also, the Junior Sailing program ended in early August, and once again, a group of young people have now learned the basics of sailing—skills that will last a lifetime.

The early August racing conditions were not great but more sufficient to allow us to complete the first four races that were scheduled. On August 6 there was a wind out of the east-southeast between two and six knots. Rich Miner, along with Gail Miner, served as race officials while three Lightnings competed. Perry Anderson took two firsts. On the 13th, Perry Anderson, as well as Margaret Anderson and Bill Henderson, ran the races and were challenged by a wind of only four knots out of the west that eventually came around to the southwest and picked up for the second race. Again, three boats sailed in the light air with the Miner boat finishing first in both races.

The pace picked up on August 20 when we were treated to a southwest wind that climbed from 5–10 knots. Six boats were at the line for two races in which Rich Miner and Perry Anderson swapped for the first and second place honors. However, on August 27 racing was canceled due to lack of wind.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

The Commodore's Cup Regatta, our last handicapped event for the year, was held on September 4, 2006, and was won by Commodore Rich Miner skipping one of the five Lightnings that competed in the event. In second place was Jeff Urbanski in a Snipe followed by Mike Kelly also in a Snipe who edged Don Okner out by 1.3 seconds for third place position. The event was filled with a few mishaps. Margie Incantalupo decided to practice the "woman overboard drill," and John's Guardian Angel later suffered a bit of damage to its bow during a hard docking. Shirley Miller raced a Sunfish and went for a dunking when she turtled. Thankfully, no one was hurt and all had a great time. That evening, Commodore Rich Miner and his wife Gail hosted a terrific party at their home on the lake.

On September 10, the winds were light out of the northeast, but six Lightnings raced with Hank Jelinek running the races. Nearly our entire Fleet was out on the lake that day. However, Perry Anderson made the supreme sacrifice and traveled to his alma mater, University of Michigan, to cheer on the Wolverines. Perry's very able crew, Ali Brown, is an Ohio state Buckeye, but they both insist that school rivalry is put aside on the boat. Given that the Anderson boat is a steady, top performer, it looks like skipper and crew do work well together.

The Fall Series began to fizzle out with cancellations on September 17 and October 8 due to lack of wind and on September 24 due to heavy wind in excess of 20 knots with a lot of shifts. Other "pond sailors" will know what this can be like. However, we did squeeze in four more races to round off the Fall Series. On October 1, our 2006 racing activities ended on a high note, with sailors experiencing good wind out of the west-southwest. Chuck Chute, John Incantalupo and Hank Jelinek raced in a 5-knot breeze, with Chuck posting two firsts and moving into a third place finishing position for the Fall Series.

The Fall Series closed out with our skippers and crew ranked as follows:

- First Place: Skipper: Rich Miner
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle
- Second Place: Skipper: Perry Anderson
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown
- Third Place: Skipper: Chuck Chute
Crew: Dave Newton
- Fourth Place: Skipper: Don Okner
Crew: Jim Okner
- Fifth Place: Skipper: Hank Jelinek
Crew: Adam Enea
- Sixth Place: Skipper: John Incantalupo
Crew: Margie Incantalupo

The Annual Awards Brunch was held on November 19, 2006 at 12:00 noon in the Papoose Room of the Lake Mohawk Country Club. This was our last official event of the year at which final results for the Fleets were announced and trophies were awarded. The 2006 overall results for our Lightning Fleet were as follows:

- First Place: Skipper: Rich Miner
Crew: Gail Miner and Edgar Braendle
- Second Place: Skipper: Perry Anderson
Crew: Margaret Anderson and Ali Brown
- Third Place: Skipper: Don Okner
Crew: Jim Okner
- Fourth Place: Skipper: Chuck Chute
Crew: Dave Newton
- Fifth Place: Skipper: Hank Jelinek
Crew: Adam Enea
- Sixth Place: Skipper: John Incantalupo
Crew: Margie Incantalupo

Finally, please take note of the terrific photo accompanying this article taken by John Incantalupo (see page 92). John's photo of Lightnings racing on our lake in 2005 received honorable mention in the black and white category at the 2006 New Jersey State Fair in August. It is not only a worthy piece of art but, it also reminds us that even a light air day sailing is better than anything else.

Looking forward to sailing in 2007, we welcome you to visit our web site at: www.lakemohawksailing.org for up to date information. You can Email us at: info@lakemohawksailing.org. Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Don Okner



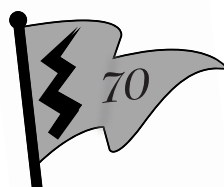
Chuck Chute heading for the mark



John Incantalupo setting his watch



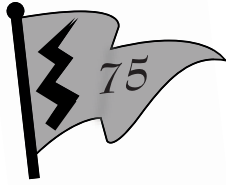
Fleet Champion Rich Miner heading out



Red Bank of the Shrewsbury
Sailing on North Shrewsbury River
Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Dale Barney

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
10626	Sage	William Jaeger
13386	Magnum Force	Patrick E Corr
14175		Ted Duffy
14276	Snoop De Ville	Dale Barney
14706	Bolt	George E Harrington
14727	Small Axe	David Watts
14888	Lucky Dog	R Robert Sengstacke
14922	White Lightning	Henry O'Hern
15052	Magnum Force	Patrick E Corr



Nyack Boat Club

Sailing on Tappan Zee, Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain.....Jan Crittenden
Fleet Secretary.....Stephanie Mayo
Fleet TreasurerGeorge Penny

Boat#/Name		Owner
7098		George Penny
8252		Daniel Parietti
9909		Leslie Ginsberg
10207	Otter Confusion	Ronald G McCormack
10224		Jim Wolf
10368		George Penny
10620	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
10796	Kestrel	Christopher Visentin
11143		Marc H Silverstein
11583	Grease	William Donelan
12280		Aoan Gordan
13625	Corvette	George Penny
14073	HIS	Gary S Hurban
14277	Flying Patio Furniture	Eric Beck
14363	Thumbs Up	Lawrence Decker
		JanCrittenden
14445	Scratch	Charles Taus
14482	Otter Confusion	Ronald G McCormack
14484	Ketchum	Nathan H Little
14484	Ketchum	Arthur Broadbent
14488	Luck Dog	Bob Sengstacken
14514	Special K	Bill Roesch
14531	K2	Bill Roesch
14714	Ruffian	Paul & Kathryn Cornell
15059	Heart Breaker	Stephanie Mayo
15093	HERS	Joan A Hurban
15178	No Excuses	Dan
15296	Legacy	Ryan Sprole
		Peter Jadrosich

We had excellent wind on the Tappan Zee of the Hudson River all season. With five to ten boats on the line every weekend, we had ample opportunities to learn and improve our racing. Unpredictable westerlies have knocked us down like the hand of God. 90-degree shifts have turned runs into beats. Our crews have taken the helms and shown their mettle, newcomers have thrown wild cards into the mix, and new boats and experience have raised skippers to new levels. Fleet Captain Jan Crittenden has galvanized us into a regular sailing cult, serious on the water and serious about our parties.

I think it's true of most Lightning fleets, but it's certainly true of ours. We have the best Fleet at the club. I'm completely objective about it. Everybody shares experiences and observations in winners' circles after races. Everybody is heard, everybody is respected, and nobody is spared poignant jibes. It's good and bad for sailors new to racing. The bar here is

so high! One of our skippers and his crew went to the Worlds last year and beat half of the boats there. Several have sailed in the Nationals. Half of the regular racing Fleet went to the Atlantic Coasts this year. With so much talent, you have to learn—quickly.

Ron McCormack, with crew Ron Longueira and Sylke Jackson, sailed almost every weekend, hugging the inside and roaring out of the middle of the Fleet with a handful of bullets and some spectacular knockdowns. Bill Cook came out just enough to "mess with their heads," bearing straight down the line on port ten seconds before the gun. Stephanie and Bill Mayo got a new boat and always seemed to come out of nowhere just when you'd counted them out. Ryan Sprole and his dad were always among the first at the mark, and their brand new boat didn't make much difference. Charles Taus sneaked away from his new baby when he could, and new members Bill and Kelley Roesch have started to cut deep into the Fleet. They will be a threat next year. Joan and Gary Hurban and Bob Sengstacken (back from the Worlds and newly wed to excellent Penny on the river) travelled often, giving us a break from their relentless dominance of first places. Dan Parietti, with crew Jeff Sorenson and Star Mike (Carney), was on the road almost as much. Bob Sengstacken's crew, Mino Tsutsui and Daniel Zitin, showed their skills several weekends, managing once to capsize at the finish right in front of Race Officer Bob. Larry Decker and Jan Crittenden took a bunch of aces, even when they didn't have Shea Thorvaldson with them, and George Penny's crew, his "Brooklyn Girls," Lizzie and Jennie (and Carlo), became real sailors on an early Nickels boat, 13625—still game, and still quick downwind. Eric and Ann Beck got a new boat cover which they needed; they spent the whole summer on Lasers. Art Broadbent joined the Fleet and is learning the ropes (quite different from the woody of his youth). Mark Silverstein brought Dan's old boat back to the yard, and Les Ginsberg got his black boat on the water, though not as often as he wanted to. Jim Wolf moved away, but Eric Kent's return brought a wily skipper back to the line.

We have two traditional regattas here in Nyack that date from the days when Lightning Fleets dotted the Hudson River, Long Island Sound, and Great South Bay—when the Metropolitan District was a power in Lightning sailing. The 32nd annual Magnus Pederson Regatta was sailed June 3 and 4. We had fourteen boats on the line on Saturday, braving lousy forecasts for heavy rain and thunderstorms. We were rewarded with occasional rain and winds from 2–18 knots. The exacting Charlie Green kept the race patrol busy moving marks to adjust to frequent 30-degree shifts, giving us good upwind and downwind legs. With eight races, Gary Hurban took first overall with a series of good choices, Bob Sengstacken earned a third, Joan Hurban was fourth, and Larry Decker sixth, with long-time visitors filling in the spaces. Ched Proctor, known to many of us in the Class, led a round table discussion during cocktails, and we dissected the races. A delicious steak barbecue followed. It was a weekend with lots of sailing, great food, and friendship.

Our second big event was the Last Blast Regatta, a regular stop on the unofficial Northeast fall tour. The races, our river, and NBC's renowned hospitality drew top talent and fast boats. We had 22 boats at the first gun, and there was a lot of traffic. Ched Proctor and Dick Hallagan, Class legends, took first and second, and our own Bob and Gary with incomplete crews took third and fourth. Ryan and Chris Sprole crowded the top, and Eric Kent sailed Stephanie and Bill Mayo's new gray boat a little too well. Joan, Ron, Dan, George, and Bill and Kelley had some excellent beats and some fast runs, and although some boats filled with water, no one went over in semi-blasting winds, steady NE 15 to 20 with nasty gusts and a sudden lull that drifted fitfully west. We had a great party thanks to Dan and the fleet. It was an excellent day of sailing. The conditions minimized the advantage of brand-new boats, because everyone was going fast. Tactics mattered more than hull stiffness, and although some of us were concentrating on survival, others played the wind and current like Zen sages.

We love these boats, and we love racing them.



District regatta at Macatawa was lightly attended, but those who stayed home missed fine hospitality, dinner at the yacht club and excellent racing. There was no golf. Dave's favorite conditions prevailed throughout the regatta, a very tactical 3-12 in relatively smooth water by big lake standards, with a persistent veer that clicked right in big shifts on both days. This caused the occasional, significant boat-favored starting line, required good layline management from competitors and nearly wore out the volunteers on the weather mark boat. Starting second row at the boat and tacking was a decent strategy for most of the weekend. Charlie Hess won the first race with blinding boatspeed that caused me to have to look the other way, and Joel Humphrey won the last race with a well-timed tack towards the shore on the last beat. In between, our host Michael Norris and perennial favorite Jim Allen traded wins. We had a couple of nice tacking duels with Michael, but the last leg was never quite long enough. On the final beat Michael crossed a few of us with one of the few lefties of the weekend to save his points and capture the George Sipel trophy on tie-breaker with the Allens.

The "northern circuit" was also lightly attended. Tawas drew a small but competitive fleet, with Jim Allen and Ernie Dieball schooling the faithful from Fleet 216 in ideal boatspeed conditions. Charlie Hess was just as fast on our other Great Lake but was undone by an overstressed gooseneck and awarded only style points for best comeback after a quick Sunday morning repair from borrowed parts. The party at the Princings was a little more subdued, now that Willie has assumed some role model responsibility for his young daughter.



District Winner—Michel Norris and Crew



District 2nd Place—Jim Allen and Crew

Michigan Districts Macatawa Bay Yacht Club—Holland, Michigan June 24–25, 2006

After seven years the Michigan Districts were back in Holland, hosted by the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. On Friday night about half the Fleet arrived, and after some rig-up cocktails the stories flowed late into the night. With the rest of the fleet arriving on Saturday, we headed towards the race course on Lake Michigan.

The wind forecast for the weekend was gloomy at best, with expected winds Saturday under five mph and "lighter" on Sunday. Luckily for us, the "Wind Gods" were smiling and provided us winds between 8–10 mph on Saturday and up to 12 mph on Sunday.

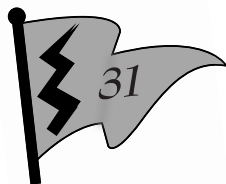
The Race Committee was constantly working to adjust the course to constant wind changes. All races were very close, with aggressive starts (a few OCSs) and a constant change of positions at every mark. All the way down to race six, we, Jim Allen, Charlie Hess and John McCree had a shot for the regatta. Having rounded the leeward mark in fifth, we benefited from the "battle" between Allen, McCree, Fidler and Humphrey, who invested on the right side of the course leaving us, the "option" of the left. Tension was running a little high as the wind continued to go right, but with more pressure on the left and a 5-degree knock, we managed to cross all but Joel Humphrey, who crossed us to win the race.

A good time was had by all, and I would like to thank John Heagy and the Michigan Class for coming to Macatawa. We are working toward rebuilding the Fleet, and the Districts were a major contribution for members to see how much fun can be had in a Lightning and, more importantly, the great people that the Class attracts.

Michigan District Retatta—June 24th, 25th 2006

Skipper	Sail	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total Pts	PI
Norris	15193	(-5)	1	1	5	2	2	11	1
Allen		2	2	(-9)	1	1	5	11	2
McCree	14323	3	6	2	3	OCS (19)	3	17	3
Hess	14842	1	4	6	2	OCS (19)	6	19	4
Humphrey	15151	4	3	8	(-15)	3	1	19	5
Fidler	15299	6	OCS (19)	7	7	4	4	28	6
Klaban	15200	7	8	3	11	OCS (19)	7	36	7
Heagy	14543	9	(-12)	12	4	5	10	40	8
Ehrenberg	14613	10	5	11	(-14)	9	8	43	9
Niles	14737	12	10	(-15)	6	6	11	45	10
Heller	14819	8	9	4	(-16)	12	14	47	11
Kiss	5193	11	7	10	13	8	DNS (18)	49	12
Waechter	14087	(-16)	11	14	8	6	13	52	13
Welsh	14964	(-)15	13	13	10	10	9	55	14
Vickers	14774	14	16	5	9	OCS (19)	18	62	15
Dolan	14963	13	14	(-16)	12	11	15	65	16
Litynsky	14743	17	15	17	17	OCS (19)	11	77	17

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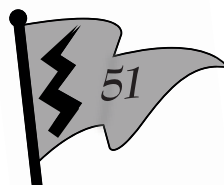


Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake

Manitou Beach, Michigan

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
12121	TCB	Hank Hodgson
12607	TCB	Hank Hodgson
13959	Oar Knot	Jeffrey W Clemes
14301		Merrill Bales
14510	TCB	Hank Hodgson
14810		Jeffrey C Maludy
14830		David Laidlaw
14884		Dan Norton



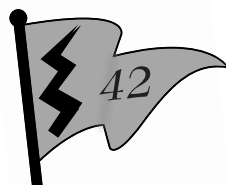
Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Brian Walter
 Fleet Secretary..... Bob Pfeffer
 Fleet Treasurer Mike Williams
 Fleet Champion Tom Vickers

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
13488	Black Pearl	Brian Walter Bob Pfeffer
14434	Traf	Joe Romer
14652	Zoo Station	Paul Nagel
14743		Andy Litynskyj
14774	Ticket	Tom Vickers
14856	Assisted Suicide	Michael Williams
14982		Robert G Brower



Western Lake Erie

Sailing on Lake Erie

Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Captains..... John Heagy
 Jim Davis

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
10638	The Missing Piece	Skip Dieball Ernest Dieball
11515	The Missing Piece	Skip Dieball
14148	The Happy Boat	Stephen H Thomas
14249		George Sipel
14543		John Heagy
14779	Flash Over II	Jim Davis
14880	Rudie	Skip Dieball Ernest Dieball
15249	(Purchased but not built)	George Sipel

Our season starts in May on the beautiful lake of St. Clair. Our Wednesday night Series continues to grow every year in popularity for the one-design fleets here at Crescent. Our series is broken up into a Spring and a Summer Series consisting of seven races per series. During the season Mother Nature threw racing conditions at us that varied from survival to drifting and everything else in between.

The Wednesday Night Spring Series was closely contested between Tom Vickers and Mike Williams. Tom and his crew sailing Ticket were victorious in the spring. Third place was taken by the Black Pearl sailed by Walter and Pfeffer. The battle continued for the Summers Series with Tom and crew again leading the way and Mike Williams on Assisted Suicide a close second. Andy Litynskyj and his crew ended up in third for the summer.

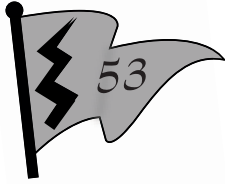
In our clubs annual Crescent Regatta, the Lightning fleet was well represented with one of the largest one-design fleets participating. This hotly contested regatta saw Bob Pfeffer and family on the Black Pearl come out victorious. Paul Nagel was a close second with Tom Vickers coming in third place.

We had another new skipper join the Fleet this year—Andy Litynskyi. Andy was a great competitor this season on the race course and a welcome addition to our Fleet.

The overall season champion for 2006 was Tom Vickers. Tom and his crew dominated the Wednesday Night Spring and Summer Series. A well deserved congratulation goes out to Tom and his crew.

Thanks to all of those who participated and helped to make this past season a success. We look forward to the 2007 season.

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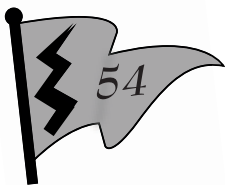


Lake Fenton Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Fenton

Fenton, Michigan

Boat#/Name	Owner
8590 Ti Hara	Paul Kachudas
14899 Resistance Is Futile	Kevin Nickels
15041 Swag System	David Nickels



Pontiac Yacht Club

Sailing on Cass Lake

Keego Harbor, Michigan

CommodoreJim Allen
 Vice Commodore Tom Crosby
 Rear Commodore..... Gary Reinheimer
 Fleet Captain.....Richard Beaubien
 Fleet Secretary.....Joyce von Drehle
 Fleet Treasurer Salo Korn

Boat#/Name	Owner
7676	Mack C Goodwin
7959 Gwaihir	Kevin Wilson
8479	Bruce T Lessien
9168	Michael Browne-Procaskey
9393	Edward A Diakow
9584	Gregory J Harris
9900	Joel H Thurtell
10803	Nazir Kasi
11599	Matthew Foulston
11844	Jeffrey Admonius
11868	Dwight R Smith
11966	Brian M Clancy
12331	Robert M Falbert
12708 Apres Ski	Ronald G Palmer
12927	Harold E Callahan
12938 Greased Lightning	Donald W Hackett
12959	Max M Clixby
12961	Elizabeth Groesbeck
12977	Sean O Whalen
13121 Positive	Todd M Young
13283	Harper Phillips
13450	Deanna L Geisler
13468 High 90s	Gary Reinheimer
13606	John Crowther
13789	Jim Bowers
13859	Edward R Starback

Boat#/Name	Owner
13985 Minnie Mae II	Norman W Burns
13991	Joel D Humphrey
	Ryan Flack
13995 Phantasy	Paul von Oeyen
14031	Dennis Hafley
14033	Mark Whatley
14097 No Clue	Edward G Woods
14117	Mark Kramer
14126	William P Sanders
14177	Gerard P Gray
14215	Phillip V Tomlinson
14220	Thomas C Post
14239	Dwight R Smith, Jr
14280 Shadowfax	Tom Crosby
14282	Robert Meyer
	Bruce T Henderson
14333	Dennis M McCarthy
14439	Michael J Raualet
14557 Lightning Bug	Joseph L LaPalme
14464 Positive	Todd M Young
14477 Shenandoah	Stephen E Handelman
14511	Michael Hecker
14515	John B Morley
14531	Stephen M Park
14563	Robert C Padilla
14567 Flying Circus	Mark Allen
14590	Christopher Longe
14601 Gator	Wallace P Smith
14604	Salo Korn
14618	Thomas L LaBelle
14628 Over-Engineered	Andrew Monique
14690	James McCoy
14710 Britannia	Neil Willets
14755	Thomas A DeVilbiss
14767 Renaissance	Richard F Beaubien
14789 Excelsior!	James R Bowers
14842 Flash3	Charles C Hess
14854	John Stromberg
14919 Gotcha	Edward Dziuba
14933	Gregory S McQueen
14964	Michael Welch
14970	Stephen R Braski
15021	Matt H Struble
15048	John S Garrison
15120	Rick Siegel
15148 Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15151 Palindrome	Joel D Humphrey
15155	Matthew Morin
15185 Bruce Almighty	Bruce J Finsilver
15200 Overdrive	Thomas E Klaban
15208	James S Allen
15230 Evergreen	Robert H Mathers
15239	Sean Fidler
	Dwight R Smith, Jr
15245 Midnight Drift	Matthew P Morin
15299	Sean Fidler
15300	Joel D Humphrey
15313	Matthew P Morin
	Jeffrey Admonius
	Gavin Awerbuch
	John B Morley
	John H Ostrander
	Rick Siegel

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Fleet 54

The world's largest Lightning Fleet, Pontiac Yacht Club, saw 57 races completed of the 65 scheduled for the Spring, Summer and Fall, Sunday and Wednesday Series. Five cancelled races were early in the season in the Spring Sunday and Wednesday Series, with two in the Summer Sunday Series and just one in the Fall Wednesday series. Most of the races were sailed in moderate and light winds, with a few gustier days interspersed to keep club members and their crews on watch. More skippers than in past years made unexpected capsize recoveries on the gustier days, including Dick Beaubien, Norm Burns, Ed Dziuba, Eric Heller, Matt Morrin and Andy Monique.

The Spring Sunday Series had twenty-four skippers sailing one or more races with fifteen qualifying for the series, which was five more than number of participants from the year before. The Spring Wednesday Series had thirty-three skippers sailing, with eighteen sailing enough races to qualify, which was four more than the year before. The Summer Sunday Series saw thirty Lightnings being sailed with twelve skippers qualifying for the series that equaled the number of qualifiers in the previous year. The Summer Wednesday Series had thirty-nine skippers sailing one or more races with fourteen qualifying. The Fall Sunday Series saw twenty-eight entries scoring points, while thirty skippers continued to sail in the Fall Wednesday Series. The Sunday Series had more members participating, while the Wednesday Series remained constant from Spring to Fall with the number of members competing throughout the year.

The Memorial Day Regatta had eighteen skippers and crews sailing in the first mini-regatta of the year. Tom Klaban won with Mike Roualet and Mike Hecker following in second and third. The Club Championship in July only had five participants on the water sailing in the first day's racing this year, with Ed Dziuba winning all three races on Saturday and then going on to finish the remaining races on Sunday in first place. Mike Welch finished as the runner-up. The Fourth of July Regatta was not held due to the holiday and weekend not being on concurrent days. The Labor Day Regatta saw twelve skippers sailing the scheduled races of the holiday weekend. Tom Klaban won, followed by Sean Fidler as the runner-up and Mike Hecker in third place.

The Commodore's Challenge Wednesday evening race night saw Brian Klaban winning the only race to get under way as the wind subsided as the evening progressed.

Mike Hecker sailed forty-two races during the three series of Sunday and Wednesday races this year. An additional group of three skippers also sailed over forty races each at PYC this year, including Norm Burns, Dick Beaubien and Mark Kramer.

The top five skippers in each of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series are shown below:

Spring Wednesday Series

1. Matt Struble
2. Mark Allen
3. Mike Hecker
4. Eric Heller
5. Bob Mathers

Spring Sunday Series

1. Tom Klaban
2. John Garrison
3. Matt Struble
4. Norm Burns
5. Mike Hecker

Summer Wednesday Series

1. Mark Allen
2. Tom Klaban
3. Sean Fidler
4. Norm Burns
5. Mike Roualet

Summer Sunday Series

1. Tom Crosby
2. Norm Burns
3. Matt Morin
4. Richard Beaubien
5. Bob Meyer

Fall Wednesday Series

1. Mark Allen
2. Greg McQueen
3. Matt Struble
4. Mike Hecker
5. Sean Fidler

Fall Sunday Series

1. Tom Crosby
2. Mike Hecker
3. Sean Fidler
4. Mark Kramer
5. Andy Monique

A total of 15 Pontiac Yacht Club skippers won one or more races during the year in one or more of the three series scheduled for the Spring, Summer and Fall including: Tom Klaban (11), Sean Fidler (8), Mark Allen (6), John Garrison (6), Matt Struble (6), Charlie Hess (5), Norm Burns (2), Mark Kramer (2), Mark Whatley (2), Tom Crosby (1), Bruce Finsilver (1), Jean-Francois Guillou (1), Bob Mathers (1), Bob Meyer (1), and Matt Morin (1). The leaders in the fleet standings were fairly well spread out, allowing everyone an opportunity to sail competitively throughout the year.

The Sunday Overall Series Title was won by Tom Klaban, as in the previous year, and John Garrison was the runner-up. The Wednesday Overall Series Title was won by Mark Allen with Tom Klaban finishing in second.

The 48th annual White Cap Regatta started out with a bang—of thunder. For the twenty-six participating Lightnings, the weather didn't look great Saturday morning, but the rain clouds moved out, and the sailors moved out onto the water. The wind diminished after the storm passed, and a warm sun tricked many into removing their warm clothing. However, that didn't last long. The wind came in from the east/northeast at 8–15 knots, and the clouds and colder air returned for the remainder of the afternoon, to the regret of those who had peeled off their rain gear earlier.



White Cap Regatta

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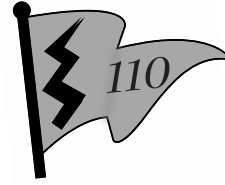
Club Champs

It took a little while to get the first race off because the RC was having problems anchoring the pin end of the starting line. We sailed three windward leeward races that were just about as long as can be on Cass Lake. The left start of the line was heavily favored, and the left paid off big on the first leg of the race. Mark Whatley, sailing with Jean Francois Guillou and Kevin Thomas, won the first race, followed closely by John Garrison and Jim Allen. The next two races were similar to the first with the good wind holding. There were some big puffs and some shifts to be had. Jim Allen, sailing with Jane Allen and Beth Groesbeck, won the second race by a wide margin, followed by Mark Whatley and Charlie Hess, sailing with his two sons, Alex and Andrew. The last race of the day continued with great sailing conditions on the lake. Jim Allen won the third race, followed by Mark Whatley and Joel Humphrey.

With the day's racing over, everyone headed for shore to get ready for a great steak dinner that's a tradition at the Whitecap Regatta—along with appropriate beverages. Everyone had a good time at the club with the party continuing late in the evening in front of the fire.

Sunday morning greeted the sailors with more of the same conditions as Saturday. So off to the races we went after some bagels and doughnuts at the club. Jim Allen continued where he left off Saturday, winning the remainder of the races to complete the series. Joel Humphrey finished second in the fourth race followed by John Garrison. The fifth race saw Charlie Hess and the boys finish second with John Garrison in third again. There was a lot of covering going on in the last race. John Garrison, sailing with Ruth Lyons and John Mathers, moved into second place. Mark Whatley completed the series in third, and Charlie Hess finished fourth. Ryan Flack, who grew up at PYC, came in from Chicago to finish fifth. This year the Whitecap Regatta really had whitecaps!

Overall, the year was a very successful and entertaining series of races, holiday mini-regattas, special events and social gatherings that make Pontiac Yacht Club an outstanding place to sail.



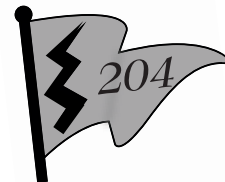
Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake

Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... John Dent

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
2138		Scott Carman
9102	Bohica	Peter B Morley, Jr
10291		Chuck Alday
11520		Frederick J Schuster
12784		Leon Terrian
13493		Rob Rye
13826		Peter B Morley, Jr
13999		Scott Carman
14021	Deck-a-Dent	John N Dent
14054		Fred Karuss



Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Michigan &
Macatawa Bay*

Holland, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Michael Norris

Boat#/Name		Owner
15193		Michael Kiss
		Michael Anthony Norris
		Phillip Norris
		J D Stone

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Saginaw Bay

Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....Matt Princing
Fleet Treasurer.....Gus Dey
Fleet Champion.....Sleeper
Fleet Champion.....Scars & Scrapes

Boat#/Name	Owner
7153 Megs	George Aschert, Jr
9705	Matthew D Princing
12588	Saginaw Bay Community Sailing
13779	Grant Hilger Drew Hilger
13858	Tom Hernick, Jr
14022 Teko	John Johnson
14048	Blair Moulthrop
14076 Dr Strangelove	Mike Sulfaro
14077 Full Frontal LaBotimer	Tim Botimer
14087 Score One	John Waechter
14103 Zipper	Clark Howell
14323 Sleeper	John McCree
14464 Positive	Joseph C Dissette
14503 Hot Dog Man	George Peet
14603 Hart Beat II	Terry Hart
14703 Motion Sensitive	Gus Dey
14775 Shussboomer	Jim Schofield
14937 Scars & Scrapes	Matthew D Princing
15151	Joel Humphrey
15225 Fast Idiots	Chris Jacobson
15233 Carousel XXXV	Joseph C Dissette

2006 will be remembered as the year of the weird weather—of course, on Wednesdays, sailing night. We only managed to get in 30 races this year for the “Dissette” series. We had four nights cancelled due to weather, and the fleet voted not to count races the week of July 4th. June was almost non-existent as we sailed on Wednesday, the 14th and didn’t resume sailing until July 12—4 weeks! Oh well, we deal with what the good Lord gives us.

We were lucky to add two new members in 2007 Joel Humphries, who transplanted from Pontiac and a new-to-the-Lightning-Class brother duo of Grant and Drew Hilger. The Hilger’s come to us from sailing big boat programs, most recently Melges 24. They are young and energetic and a welcome addition to our Fleet. We’re also subject to new sailors looking for rides, some actually sailing often, like Sue and Lori. I think we have enough crew members floating around to get a few more boats on the Bay.

Weather patterns offered up a variety of sailing conditions. We had light air and flat water, we had light air and Saginaw Bay chop, we had midrange air, heavy air and a variety of waves thrown in. We had cold water and warm—it seemed to take the Bay a while to warm up this year. Wind direction was from all over the compass, and we did get a few late afternoon thermal winds sucking right down the bay.

We were once again blessed by terrific support people. Our regular guys on RC, Tom and George, were joined by our new other regular Doug. It

worked out great. If one couldn’t make it the other did, and when they were both around it was that much better. These guys put in a lot of hours so that we can have fun. Joe Dissette is responsible for scheduling and finding these dedicated individuals. Jim Schofield did trophies for the regatta and scoring again this year, and Terry Hart did trophies for the Fleet.

After thirty races, the points were fairly tight. The leader board looked familiar at the top, but some new faces or old ones (Terry) were found in the top five. The year started to look like a real shoot out. Fast Idiots was hot early in the season, and Scars & Scrapes kicked it up a few notches in the latter part of the season, but it was the consistency all year by Sleeper that won them the series. These three boats won twenty-four of the thirty races. Also winning races were Carousel 35, Shussboomer and 13779.

Top five looked like this:

1st	Sleeper	John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Sue Alexander, Melissa Bridges
2nd	Scars & Scrapes	Matt Princing, Chris Princing, Jen Princing
3rd	Fast Idiots	Chris Jacobson, Tom Hernick, Zach Bowdish
4th	13779	Grant Hilger, Drew Hilger, Adam Tompa
5th	Hart Beat II	Terry Hart, Jeff Titsworth, John Laundra

Our historical and very coveted fleet awards went to:

Duct Tape Award	Grant Hilger
Clamso Award	13779 Hilgers
Aquatic Excellence	Drew Hilger

Yes, the new kids cleaned up the good awards—damn young punks.

The Wednesday after July 4th offered a unique opportunity for our Fleet. We had already decided not to have Fleet racing, but a group of boats wanted to race, so we resurrected an old and very sought-after can, the Scars & Scrapes Memorial Can, this year sporting Budweiser Select. The group had a nice day of racing, and the 2006 winner is 13779.





Start of Tawas Regatta

Well done, and cherish the Can. Grant and Drew join an illustrious group of former winners, like McCree, Cabin Boy and Ludwig. Our Fleet Regatta was once again a blast. Turn out was low, but the Group that sailed had fun and tore up the Bay. John McCree and the crew on Sleeper won the regatta.

We once again cosponsored the regatta in Tawas with the J22 fleet up there. We had another great trip from the Saginaw Bay Fleet, making up over half the field. Six races sailed in up to 20 knots—what a hoot. Jim Allen took home the win. I would tell you more but, I don't remember. Must have had a good time, my bar tabs agrees.

Our Fleet was well traveled again this year. We had representation at all the Michigan District regattas, with the exception of Pontiac. We Also sent five boats up to Boyne City for Mark Madness, a fund raising regatta held in early June. The Hot Dog man played hostess with the mostess. The evening party ended with drunken tractor racing. No arrests were made, and no animals were injured in the racing. Our members won silver everywhere they went, including; Indy, Boyne City, Tawas, Districts, Bay City, Higgins, Devils. Great job Travelers.

As good as 2006 was, 2007 looks even brighter. We had ten actively raced boats this year, and next we looked to add more. We need to shame the owners who aren't getting their boats on the water into using them. We have the additional and eager bodies to make it work. We also need to attract more young members to lift us up and continue in the great traditions of our Fleet and work into roles of running this thing so Gus and I can kick back with a cocktail and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Well it is 60 degrees and sunny today, odd for late October. Suppose to be in the 30s by week's end, spitting snow and freezing rain—more like it. The Lions still suck, I still haven't done the work on Scars I said I was going to do last winter, and I haven't told my wife about the new sails—a typical fall day, wouldn't you say. So off I go to Men's Town to look at the boats on the hard, kick up the radio and throw back some cold ones. By the way, just over six months to Indy.



Future Lightning sailors? Sydney Prining and her friend Riley Carroll. The bunny? That's Pinky.



Burt Lake

Sailing on Burt Lake

Sheboygan, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Clark E Swayze

Boat#/Name	Owner
14770	Clark E Swayze

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Grand Traverse Yacht Club

Sailing on Great Traverse Bay
Traverse City, Michigan

Boat#/Name	Owner
	Paul C Davis
	R Garret Demarest
	Michael Fisher



Douglas

Sailing on Douglas Lake
Cheboygan County, Michigan



Lansing Sailing Club

Sailing on Lake Lansing
Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Blaine Severin
Fleet Champion Pat Dolan

Boat#/Name	Owner
14756 Sail Fevre	John R Lefevre
14963 Wind Dancer	Patrick Dolan
	Larry Koster

Lightning Fleet 387 is pleased to report that our 2006 participation was the highest in several years, with nine skippers qualifying for the full season. This can be attributed to the active recruitment of sailors by our club management. As many of our Lightning skippers and crew are also Laser and Sunfish racers, junior training and recruitment occurs in all our fleets. Our club continued to host several crew training courses. The Lightning Fleet is the recipient of the "racing spirit" generated at our club.

The Lansing Sailing Club Lightning Fleet sailed a "Dual" Season during 2006 to encourage participation. The "Full-Season" was comprised of 61 races held on 21 Sundays between May and October. Scores were based on the individual skipper's best 24 (40%) scores, with 40% participation needed to qualify. The "Half-Season" was based on a predetermined schedule of 16 race-days (33 races) during the season. The best 21 scores were used to calculate the individual results. No minimum participation was required.

Our 41st Annual Tune-Up Regatta was held on May 20th. We continue to be one of the first regattas in the Michigan District regatta season, and hold a one day (Saturday) venue that attracts several skippers for purpose of setting up for an early tune-up. This year, the fleet was dominated by Tom Klaban (Pontiac Yacht Club) with his two sons, Eric and Brian, who scored six first place victories. Second place went to Chris Jacobson (Bay City Yacht Club) while third place went to Blaine Severin (Lansing Sailing Club). A total of nine boats raced in the 2006 regatta.

The 387 Lightning Fleet annually presents special awards for character and performance. The honored skippers were; Pat Dolan (Fleet Champion), Jim Fletcher (Corinthian Trophy for sportsmanship), Merrick Hurlbutt (Challenger Award for competitiveness), Larry Koster (Most Improved Season), Jonathon Ahlbrand (Rookie Skipper) and Susanna Tellschow (WOW! astronomical improvement). Crew awards went to; Gil Chesboro (Crew of the Year), Michael-Salomen Jost (Rookie of the Year) and Alanna Harvey (Jane Marshall Wet Bottom Award for stalwart crew).

Our participation in Michigan District Regattas was somewhat less this year than in previous years. The 387th was represented at the District regattas: District Championship (1), Pontiac White Cap (3), Devil's Lake (1) and Higgins Lake (1). We also sent 1 boat to the Nashville Blue Nose and 1 boat to the Wawassee regattas (out of district).

If you can't come visit us for our next "Tune-Up Regatta", then visit us at our [website www.lansingsailing.org](http://www.lansingsailing.org)

2006 Full-Season Results

	Skipper	Points	Races
1	Pat Dolan	2996	47
2	Mike Moody	2736	39
3	Blaine Severin	2476	39
4	Merrick Hurlbutt	2288	39
5	Larry Koster	2092	34
6	Jim Fletcher	2068	30
7	Jonathon Ahlbrand	1682	42
8	Neil Harrison	1528	31
9	Susanna Tellschow	1241	30

2006 Half-Season Results

	Skipper	Points	Races
1	Pat Dolan	2428	25
2	Blaine Severin	1809	24
3	Mike Moody	1616	15
4	Larry Koster	1547	18
5	Jonathon Ahlbrand	1351	30
6	Jim Fletcher	1283	17
7	Merrick Hurlbutt	1245	18
8	Neil Harrison	1229	22
9	Susanna Tellschow	1150	24
10	John LeFevre	485	9
11	Chris Miller	274	3
12	Eddie Fletcher	162	3
13	Bill Davidson	150	3
14	Scott Watkins	126	3
15	Tom Vickers	125	1
16	Gil Chesbro	125	1

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Great racing
in the center
of the Michigan
mitten!



(A) The LSC "Tune Up Regatta" gets off to a great start

(B) It is often light air on Lake Lansing
but the sailors don't mind



Ann Siegle being interviewed by WLNS
TV6's Mona Shand for "Be a Tourist in
Your Own Town" aboard Pat Dolan's
Wind Dancer

(A) Just another great day
sailing on Lake Lansing

(B) Susanna Tellschow
our newest Lightning
skipper picks a good shift.



Crews hard at work
at the 41st Annual
Tune Up Regatta



Mike Moody leading the way downwind

Fleet 387 '06 Full-Season Series Results			
Pos	Skipper	Tot Pts	Tot Races
1	Pat Dolan	2996	47
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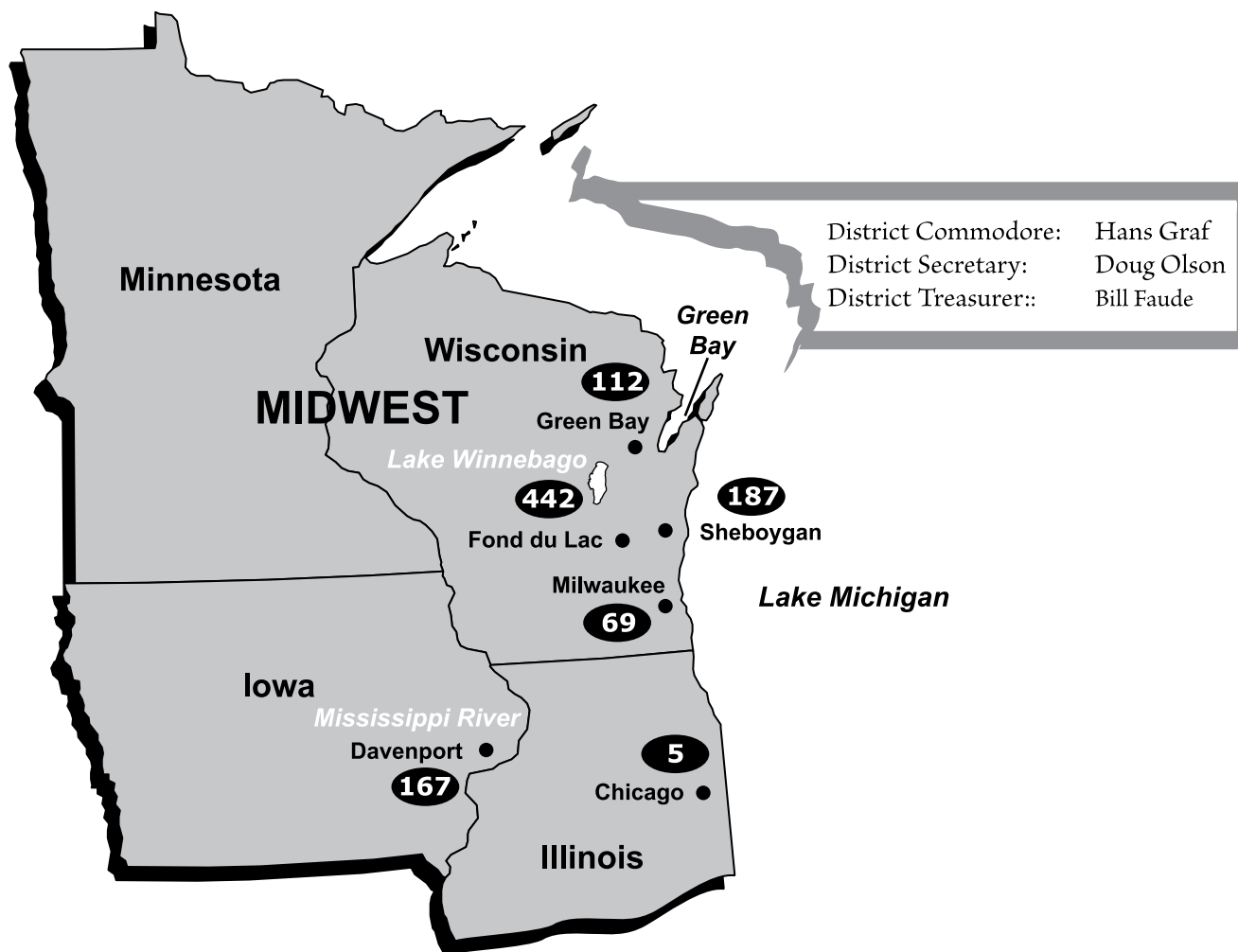
41st Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta
Lake Lansing at Haslett, MI, May 20, 2006, 9 Boats

Place	Boat	Skipper	Points						Total
1	15200	Tom Klaban	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	15225	Chris Jacobson	2	4	3	2	5	2	13
3	14468	Blaine Severin	3	2	4	5	3	3	15
4	14294	Larry Koster	4	5	2	4	2	DNF	17
5	14147	Mike Moody	7	3	6	3	7	DNF	26
6	14447	Susana Tellschow	5	8	7	6	6	4	28
7	14087	John Waechter	8	7	5	7	4	DNF	31
8	14476	Jim Fletcher	6	6	8	8	8	5	33
9	1502	Johnathon Ahlbrand	9	9	9	DNF	DNS	DNS	47

1994 Ron Wilson • 1995 Terry Kleiman • 1996 Ron Marshall • 1997 Matt Dahline • 1998 Matt Dahline • 1999 Matt Dahline • 2000 George Siegle • 2001 Mike Moody • 2002 George Siegle • 2003 Pat Dolan • 2004 Pat Dolan • 2005 Pat Dolan • 2006 Pat Dolan

• 1985 Ron Wilson • 1986 Mike Caterino • 1987 Mike Caterino • 1988 Alan Becke • 1989 Alan Becke • 1990 Alan Becke • 1991 Ron Wilson • 1992 Terry Kleiman • 1993 Ron Wilson •

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It was a wonderful year in the Midwest District for Lightning sailing in 2006—especially if you were Todd Wake and crew. Quietly at first but then lately with a rush, Todd has become the dominant force in our District. For the first time, probably since the Goldsmith era, one skipper won every regatta in which he competed—and it was Todd along with his wife Christine and often Ben Spiller.

The year began with the annual Lighthouse regatta at Fond du Lac, sailed on the waters of Lake Winnebago. This is an excellent way to begin any sailing season, as the lake, although very large, is also relatively shallow and warms up quickly. In past years that warmth has been welcome, as early June in southeast Wisconsin can be notoriously variable. We've had 90 degree temperatures. We've had 40 degree temperatures. We've also had boats round side up doing some early season capsized recovery practice. This year was very moderate. The food was amazingly inexpensive and yummy. We were again joined by our friends from Canada, as Richard and Lorrie Walsh and Alec Smith brought their boat, as did Ross Bailey with his teammates Julie and Van who also happen to be his kids. We really appreciate it every time they drive the twelve or thirteen hours it takes to get across the Pigeon River and into the states to come sail with us. Of note also in this event is the fact that team LeMahieu, Greg, Dale and Joel, made the scene at their first traveling regatta after becoming members of the Fleet in Sheboygan. They must have had a fun time because they made it up to Green Bay too and at last word were planning a Southern Circuit trip. Most excellent evidence of the fact that The Midwest District Is growing!!

Results of the Lighthouse:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Stix
3. Team Reichelsdorfer
4. Team Faude
5. Team Walsh

In an oddity of scheduling, the Midwest District Regatta was the next event on our calendar. Fleet 69 hosted at Milwaukee Yacht Club. It was organized largely by Steve and Martha Cushman, who have enough to do with their own kids, yet still are willing to invite the rest of us to hang out with them. The event featured a historical relic in this year of global warming—a north easterly breeze with large waves!! Another historical relic appeared in team Ed Coleman, valued District sailors who don't make it out as much as any of us would like. They came out firing and almost won the first race! Of note was the official emergence of Pete Orlebeke as a force in our District. With his wife Kim and a variety of rock stars, Pete has been rapidly moving up since finishing in the top five in the Green Fleet at the Sheboygan NAs.

Results of the Midwest Districts:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Orlebeke
3. Team Brian Phelan
4. Team Larson
5. Team Stix

Next up for our District, contested on the dates when we usually sail the P&T in Milwaukee, was the Evans Regatta, sailed on the beautiful waters of Green Bay. Of note at this event was breeze! Beautiful 15–22 out of the southwest on Saturday when four races were held. Following that, a fantastic Greek theme dinner was held complete with togas. (Does anyone in our District really look good in a toga?) Next year a WET toga party?! Just a thought. The second day saw lighter breezes with more shifts to greet those over-served the evening before. Ric Larson showed up to dominate the festivities, taking a 1 and 2 on Sunday. Too bad he wasn't able to compete on Saturday.

Results of the Evan's Regatta:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Brian Phelan
3. Team Kathy Lindgren
4. Team Steve Adamski
5. Team Jim Hopkins

And then there was the 2006 Brotz Regatta, hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club, host of the 2005 Lightning North American Championships. This event has grown to include all matter of PHRF and IRC boats on two circles in becoming one of the newest Leukemia Cup events with proceeds to benefit the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. \$40,000 was raised this year, an incredible amount. Light southerly breezes were enjoyed on Saturday. That wind neglected to show up again on Sunday, so racing was scrapped and fun was had on shore. Noteworthy performances were turned in by

Mike Nimmer and Mike Elmergreen, who did a horizon job on the entire fleet in winning race #2.

Results of the Brotz Regatta:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Stix
3. Team Phelan
4. Team Reichelsdorfer
5. Team Adamski

Following that, the annual P&T Regatta was held in conjunction with the Last Blast regatta at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. Climate change played a positive role in this event, as large waves and blasting puffs contributed to some awesome surfing conditions. One boat capsized in race two just yards from the finish. The skipper was separated somewhat by the wave effect. Fortunately, a freakish water temperature of 76 degrees, unheard of in our experience on Lake Michigan, made spending a little time in the water less threatening than it might be with normal lake temperatures, something like 15 degrees or more cooler.

Results of the P&T Regatta:

1. Team Wake
2. Team Orlebeke
3. Team Cushman
4. Team Tim Hayes
5. Team Paul Reak

Our season concluded with the 2006 Red Flannels Regatta hosted by Fleet 5. The turnout for this event was unacceptably small for this classic event. A small group of liquidly-motivated Fleet members have taken it upon themselves to guarantee at least 30 racers for next year's event. Meanwhile on the water, Matt Fisher came out of a brief, work-related retirement of an entire year. It didn't look like it to those who followed him around the course. Two days of great racing in northerlies on both days that resulted in challenging chop were an excellent test. Racing like that made it tough to put the boats away.

Results of the Red Flannels Regatta:

1. Team Matt Fisher
2. Team Orlebeke
3. Team Faude
4. Team Ryan Flack
5. Team Ward Detwiler

There were lots of high points for Midwest District sailors outside the District this season. Four of our teams made the trip to San Diego for the North Americans. Teams Wake and Reichelsdorfer both made it into the Blue Fleet. Kathy Lindgren, Denise Strand and Amy Simonson won the Woman's North American Championship!!!! Ric Larson, Eric Larson and Mike Elmergreen were 5th in the Masters NAs and think they actually sailed better than when they won the Masters in 2005. Team Wake placed 3rd, and Team Faude was 5th in the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville. Bill Faude will sail with David Starck and Jody Swanson—Starck representing the United States in the 2007 Pan American Games.



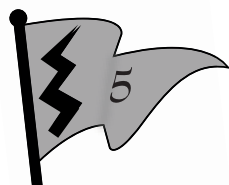
Lighthouse Regatta



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Lighthouse Standings—2006

Place	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
1	15234	Todd Wake	Kristine Wake	Ben Spiller	1	1	1	1	1	5.00
2	14938	David Stix	Mark Wessel	Tony Orlebeke	6	2	5	5	2	20.00
3	14994	Dan Reichelsdorfer	Michou Reichelsdorfer	Jonathan Ribich	3	6	2	6	6	23.00
4	14740	Bill Faude	Jared Drake	Mike Baccus	2	10	3	4	5	24.00
5	15064	Richard Walsh	Lorrie Walsh	Alec Smith	4	3	4	7	7	25.00
6	15158	Pete Orlebeke	Kim Orlebeke	Dave Bronson	10	4	6	3	4	27.00
7	14958	Kathy Lingren	Denise Cornell	Lynelle Reak	9	8	8	2	3	30.00
8	15119	Ric Larson	Eric Larson	Lori Jost	5	5	7	8	13	38.00
9	14612	Ross Bailey	Julia Bailey	Van Bailey	8	7	10	9	8	42.00
10	15189	Paul Reak	Jason Allard	Jason Diener	7	9	9	10	9	44.00
11	14499	Brian Cox	Alex Cox	Alicia	11	11	11	11	10	54.00
12	13818	Joel LeMahieu	GregLeMahieu	Dale Heunink	12	12	12	13	13	62.00



Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain.....David Stix
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Fairman
Fleet TreasurerSteve Jenkins
Fleet ChampionBill Gibson

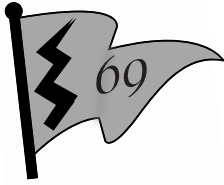
Boat#/Name	Owner
8172	James Sims
10443	Wind On
11185	David Carpenter
11316	Wind Rose
11663	John F Tschanz
13779	Jim Reiman
14015	Hot Flash
14045	Blitz
14065	Doug Steffenson
14137	Plan B
14137	Jim Fairman
14137	Tony Seitz
14433	Robert H Hartshorn
14466	Photon
14478	Bob Smither
14613	Paul Wurtzebach
	Jeanne Ehrenberg
	Doug Nickel
14740	Feeding Frenzy
14844	Urban Renewal
14938	Rayo
14975	Dennis A Burke
15045	Total Recall
15069	Ladies Choice
15167	Wunderkind
15243	Pigs on Ice
	William Gibson
	Jim Reiman

Awarded every year since 1947 to the Fleet 5 champion, the Hildegard Perpetual Trophy is a beautiful handmade scale replica of a wooden Lightning built by Irving K Campbell. Bill Gibson and crew won the 2006 Fleet Championship in their thirteenth year sailing together. The Fleet Championship was sailed over the entire season, from June 4 through September 17, with 17 races sailed most every Sunday.

The Red Flannels Regatta was held September 23–24, 2006, with thirteen teams enjoying a variety of conditions over the weekend with team Matt Fisher / Dan Moriarty / Tobi Moriarty finishing first, and Peter Orlebeke / Kimberly Orlebeke, Aaron Diener in second, and Bill Faude / Jared Drake / Mike Healy in third. Ryan Flack / Kevin Morin / Matt Morin finished in fourth, and Ward Detwiler / John Greitzu / Hui Sinto rounded out the top five.



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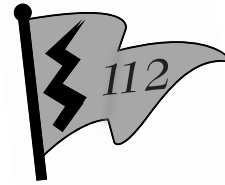


Milwaukee Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain..... Martha Cushman
Fleet Secretary..... Mark Polzin
P&T Winner..... Todd Wake



Green Bay Sailing Club

Sailing on Green Bay

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain..... Tim Monday
Fleet Secretary..... Kendall Kissel
Fleet Treasurer Christina Leiterman
Fleet Champion Brian Phelan

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
11442	Rampage	Dean S Cady
13794	Calamity Jane	Patrick McGuinnis
14118	More Wind!	Mark Polzin
14162	Hike!	Thomas "Mac" Slater
14388		Tim Hayes
14508	Bonski	Steve Cushman
14740	Poodles by Verna	Bill Faude

Local Lightning racing in 2006 improved greatly for our Fleet. The season featured six boats regularly racing on Wednesday nights, with a total of forty races over the summer. We raced in the inner harbor, which is really helpful on those light-air summer nights—we can get in a lot more races than if we were out on the big water.

The Wednesday Night season series was closely fought, with Mac Slater and crew taking first by one point on "Hike!" The Cushmans and Pat McGuinnis tied for second, with the tie breaker going to the Cushmans on "Bonski," and Pat McGuinnis with third on "Calamity Jane."

The 2006 season also featured our P&T Regatta, held in the early fall, and early fall weather we did receive. Saturday September 16 brought winds of 20–30 knots and waves of 4–8 feet. We had ten boats for the regatta, and it was a fun challenge for all. Todd and Kristine Wake from Sheboygan won the regatta again. (They have been winning a lot lately).

We are looking forward to building on our effort in 2007!

Boat#/Name		Owner
10349	Think Twice	Douglas Olson
113007		Brian Keller
13568		Nick Wood
13589		John Haugh
13817		Mari Martin
13872	Think Twice	Douglas Olson
13901		Kelly Stevens
14038		Timothy Monday
14084		Dave Wickert
14106	White Lightning	Michael B Kulkoski
14130	K G Skipper	Michael J Merkatoris
14193	Shadow Hog	Gary Leuer
		M Boncher
14250	Puzzle	James L Hopkins
14400		Brian Grahovac
14408	Hurricane Mom	Brian Keller
14476	Splash	Carl Manns
14582	Rock 'N Roll	Bill Dean
14778		Michael Tennity
14911		Edward Coleman
15005	Reality Check	Carl Manns
15081		Jim Gagnon
15137		Steve Adamski
15207	Talaria	Stewart Doty

Summer Sailing in Green Bay, Wisconsin

I can't believe fall is here already, and the leaves are falling in the cool wind of the shortened days. It seems like it was just a few weeks ago, with the warm winds blowing and the daylight lasting until nearly 9:00 PM, that the Fleet 112 Lightning sailors of Green Bay excitedly gathered in late May for the first of thirty races scheduled in our Monday/Thursday series of the 2006 season.

Typical evenings brought out twelve to fourteen boats, sailing upwind and down the lower bay, getting a feel for what the course had to offer. The crew of 13817, Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans, had it figured out better than the rest of us, taking 50% of the races and staying in the top five the remainder of the time. Places second through fifth were hotly contested. Brian Grahovac, Doug Olson, Jim Hopkins and Steve Adamski rounded out the top five.

We endured many a whisper-wind start, when everyone hoped for a puff to offer respite from the summer heat.

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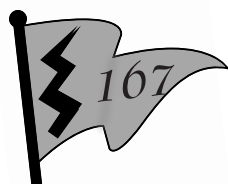
The Champs on 13817—Mari Martin, Brian Phelan and Rick Evans

We also enjoyed many gusty, heavy-air races that kept the old pros as challenged as the newcomers.

Every other week captain and crew alternated providing a delicious, post-race meal for hungry fellow sailors, RC, family and friends. We shared laughs and race highlights between fresh grilled corn or hot baked lasagna. This is a great Fleet social time after the race!

The midsummer Evans Regatta was our big event. On June 8 we hosted 15 boats from Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee and Green Bay. Mother Nature cooperated, and we had a sunny, windy start to the day. Southwest winds at a steady 15 mph, gusting to 20 plus, gave us four fast races. Sunday was calmer with the wind again out of the southwest at 6–12 mph. We were able to complete two races. Todd Wake from Sheboygan took the Evans Trophy home for 2006. Congratulations to Todd and his crew, Kristine Wake and Ben Spiller!

After our challenging day on the water, we headed ashore for dry clothes, malted beverages and a special Greek feast. The toga-clad sailors sang Happy 40th Birthday to longtime Fleet 112 member Steve Adamski. However, the icing on the cake was not chocolate; it was the much-anticipated annual trip to Kastle Karts for the go-cart “regatta”! When the happy sailors descended upon the track, the pit crew scrambled to announce the rules of the road. The carts were off! There was a lot of shrieking and laughing and a bit of rule breaking among the riders. Whew! No one was kicked off the course this year! We are on again for 2007. Hope you can join us!



Lake Davenport

*Sailing on the Mississippi River
Davenport, Iowa*

Fleet Captain.....Chuck White

Boat#/Name	Owner
6033 Kasara	Wesley L Johnson
11456 Off Like a Prom Dress	Brandon Holton
14831 Irrational Exuberance	Chuck White
15857 Mermaid	Michael Steffenson



Sheboygan Yacht Club

*Sailing on Lake Michigan
Sheboygan, Wisconsin*

Fleet Captain.....Todd Wake
Fleet Secretary.....Michou Reichelsdorfer
Fleet TreasurerBruce Van Dommelen
Fleet ChampionRic Larson, Eric Larson, Lori Jost

Boat#/Name	Owner
7879 Puff	Robert T Melzer
11188 About Time	K C Schmidt
11589 D-Toxx	Brad Gruneberg
11622	Tim Lorenz
13224	Tom Landry
13818 Warrior	Joel M LeMahieu
13930	Jim Krennedy
13994 Silent Movie	Michou Reichelsdorf
14005	Matt Wierzbach
14142 Lrd Nanas Pirates	Karla Zahn
14234	Tom Wright
14380	Tryg Jacobson
14598	Denise Cornell
14921	Bruce Van Dommelen
	Jay Hogfeldt
14958 Stone Cold	Denise Cornell
14994 Lake Effect	Daniel Reichelsdorfe
15119 Squito	Eric R Larson
15189 Lamaini	Paul Reak
15234 Stay on Target	Todd Wake
15261	Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center
15262	Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center
15301 Stone Cold	Denise Cornell

Thirteen of our nineteen boats competed in the twelve-week 2006 summer Tuesday night racing program, with an average number of eight at each starting line. Once again, Fred and Gail Tyszka headed up a terrific race committee and completed all scheduled races!

Our summer fleet racing is broken down into three four-week series, and this year each individual series was won by a different boat and crew. Winning the month of June's Piper series was Denise Cornell with crew Kathy Lindgren and Greg Farrell. The Gresholt Series is run during the month of July, and taking top honors was Todd and Kristine Wake with crew Ben Spiller. The Graf/Jacobson series is held during the month of August and was nicely won by the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center boat. Tony Orlebeke and Dave Bronson provided student Adam Grandlic with a terrific and consistent summer sailing experience, participating in ten of the twelve race nights.

And in keeping with the practice of spreading the wealth around, Ric Larson with son Eric Larson and Lori Jost avenged their season championship loss from last year by taking top honors in 2006. Ric had four first place and four second place finishes to secure the overall championship. This years season runner-up was the Wakes introducing, six-year-old son Douglas to the racing experience!

Fleet 187 was well represented at many of the local, not-so-local and national events held during 2006. Todd Wake and Denise Cornell competed in all regattas comprising the Southern Circuit for the first time. Todd now holds the Newcomer Award, and both teams enjoyed the Circuit so much that they plan on being back in 2007.

Todd and Kristine Wake with Jim Walker beat out NAs winner Matt Burridge to earn first place at the Mid-Continent Regatta in some very extreme sailing conditions. Other Fleet 187 boats that competed were first-time travelers Brad Gruneberg with Scott Jelinek and Chris Ross, Denise Cornell with Mark Wessel and Dave Bronson, and youngest skipper Matt Wierzbach with Jake Den Boer and Nate Komoroski.

The Fond du Lac Lighthouse Regatta was held in early June and marks the first traveling experience for Joel LeMahieu and brother Greg LeMahieu with Dale Huenink. Todd and Kristine Wake with Ben Spiller dominated with five 1st place finishes in the two-day event (this has become a familiar trend in our Fleet). Other skippers competing were Dan Reichelsdorfer, Cornell, Ric Larson, and Paul Reak.

Midwest Districts were hosted by Milwaukee Yacht Club in June, and the Wakes again displayed great consistency in very inconsistent conditions to earn first place. Supporting cast included Reichelsdorfer, Cornell, Reak, and Gruneberg—goes to show once you take that first step and travel to an out-of-town regatta, you become hooked!

LeMahieu repeated his traveling experience by joining fellow skippers Wake, Cornell, Reak and Larson at the Evans Regatta in Green Bay in early July.

Seven boats from our Fleet participated in the locally hosted Brotz Leukemia Cup in July and marked Bruce Van Dommelen, Jay Hogfeldt, and Nick Barnes' first 2006 regatta. Thanks to our local club's great efforts at RC, off-the-water activities and wonderful meals, this event is a great time for sailors and a great fund raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Two double-decked rigs left our Fleet in early August bound for San Diego. Ric Larson with son Eric and Mike Elmergreen raced in the Masters, and Denise Cornell with Kathy Lindgren and Amy Simonson won the Women's. Cornell then moved to Mission Bay to join the Wakes and Reichelsdorfers in the NAs. Joel LeMahieu participated in his first NAs as crew and enjoyed the experience so much he is now in the planning stages to get his boat and crew to Annapolis and plotting to get others from our Fleet involved. Go Joel!

Gruneberg took advantage of one last fall regatta and joined the Wakes and Paul Reak at the P&T in Milwaukee. It was great to have the additional teams travel this year to local district events and seeing they all had marvelous experiences. Their enthusiasm is the best marketing tool to encourage and expand our Fleet both locally and nationally.

Kathy Lindgren



Fond du Lac/Winnebago

Sailing on Lake Winnebago

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain.....	Mike Elmergreen
Fleet Secretary.....	Sue Dorscheid
Fleet Treasurer	Sue Dorscheid
Fleet Champion	Tim Baccus



Doug's first race in Paul Reak's boat

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
359	First Attempt	Pete Chisholm
12554	Achilles	Mike Elmergreen
13580	Splurge	Darrel Greening
15042	Ellie B	Mike Elmergreen
		Sue Dorscheid
15158	Too Klos	Pete Orlebeke
		William Faude
16220	This Old Boat	Mark Wessel
		Mike Elmergreen

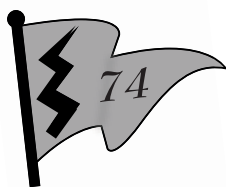
This year started with the Lighthouse Regatta which featured a Fleet of Buccaneers racing on the same course as the Lightnings with separate starts. This year it was won in convincing fashion by Todd Wake with his wife Kristine and Ben Spiller as crew.

The Early Season, raced on Tuesday nights as a Portsmouth Fleet, was won by Tim Baccus who was steering with Mike Elmergreen and Sue Dorscheids as crew. They were followed very closely by another Lightning sailed by Pete Orlebeke with his wife Kimberly and son Cole.

The Late Season was won by a hot M16 that really turned it on during the late season. Tim Baccus was second, and that was enough to secure him as season champion.



District Commodore: David Young



Decatur

Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

Boat#/Name		Owner
13726	Fat Chance	Gary Peck
14004		Douglas D Walker
14012	Bobs Last Boat III	Robert W Ohlsen

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT



Harbor Island Yacht Club

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake

Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain..... David Young

Fleet ChampionRobert Hempel

Boat#/Name		Owner
9211		Owen Chandler
9948		Owen Chandler
10621		Owne Chandler
11333	The Circle of Life	Gary Markham
11480		Bill Killebrew
11600		Owen Chandler
11737	Doc Gibert Express	Owen Chancler
12511	The 7th Habit	Todd Anderson
13370		Leif Asgeirson
13875		Bill Killebrew
14116	Kat's Kradle	Culy Ward
14226	Moon Children	Scott Howard
14533	Message in a Bottle	Robert Mattix
14571	Wildebeest IV	Robert G Hempel
14645	Airborne	Robert Cotton
14680	Taylor	Bill Killebrew
14969		Owen Chandler
15010		David Young
15011		John W Hess
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce Richards
15100	Fang	Bradford Currie
15206	Moon Children II	William Hofmeister
15216		Cully Ward
15308		Bill Killebrew

Lightning Fleet 262 had an enjoyable season on Old Hickory Lake outside Nashville. The local racing scene consists of two regattas at each end of the season. William Hofmeister won the Tennessean regatta in April over Ian Schillebeeckx and Cully Ward. Robert Mattix continued his improvement, scoring a victory over Rob Hempel in October's McDougall.

HIYC hosted the Mississippi Valley District Championships in June, with excellent conditions and abundant racing prevailing for the weekend. Four races were sailed on Saturday, with an additional three on Sunday morning. Defending NA Champ Matt Burridge crewed for class newcomer Paul Hanson from St Louis, and they found the winning combination. In second was local Cully Ward, followed by Scott Zerban. Not driving for the Districts did not hamper Matt's ability, as he managed to defend his North American title with a win in San Diego. William Hofmeister also rode a fourth place finish at the Districts to a top five spot in the President's Cup. Congrats to Matt, Dan and Tobi on another outstanding season. We look forward to the competition in 2007!

Harbor Island hosts the Bluenose Regatta the first full weekend of November. A very deep fleet of thirty-six boats showed up for the event. The sailors were treated to a spectacular Saturday of weather, with lots of sun

and good breeze enabling us to complete four races, which as it turned out, was all the wind gods would allow. First time participant Allan Terhune prevailed in the event, with Richard Hallagan, Todd Wake, local Mandy Hofmeister and Bill Faude rounding out the top five. We look forward to seeing everyone November 3-4, 2007, for top-notch competition and a great time!

David Young



Carlyle Sailing Association

Sailing on Carlyle Lake

Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain.....Rick Bernstein

Boat#/Name		Owner
8144	Chaos	Jerry Vali
10537		Brad Hamby
13273	Gumby	Rob Zerban
13308	DF	Greg Florian
14009	Bemongo	Paul Hanson
14118		Scott Zerban
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14260		John D Folwell
14614		Scott Zerban
14636		Tobi Moriarty
14766	Top Flash	Terrence R Burke
14798		Rick Bernstein
14834	Yeti	Matt B S Burridge
14901	Vanceva	Marc Schillebeeckx
14920		James Chapin

Fleet 266'ers out of Carlyle, Illinois, were busy early in the year participating in midwinter regattas. Dan and Tobi Moriarty joined the Wake's from Sheboygan for the Southern Circuit, winning 5th place overall. Ian Schillebeeckx raced the St. Pete portion, finishing in the top third of the Fleet with Maxim Schillebeeckx and Lucas Hofmeister as crew. Matt Burridge flew out to take part in the California Circuit, sailing with Jeff Coppens along with Jim Sears. This trio clean swept the California Circuit taking turns driving.

Matt and Chris Burridge hosted our annual fleet party a little earlier in 2006. Our Fleet Captain, Rick Bernstein, ran a quick meeting, and James Chapin surprised us all by volunteering to organize the Mid Continent Regatta again. Paul Hanson and family were a nice addition to the party as our newest Fleet members. Scott and Stacey Zerban were not yet boat owners so they mostly took part in the beverage sampling and chair breaking, but little did we know they would be proud parents of a Lightning just a couple weeks later. Matt displayed his North American Championship Cup that he and crew Dan and Tobi had won that past season. Little six-month old Erin Zerban enjoyed sitting in the cup, giving it special good luck for the NAs to come.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT



Erin Zerban

The Mid-Continent Regatta was well attended and saw huge winds. James Chapin did a fabulous job organizing the regatta and putting on an amazing dinner. Visiting boats traveled from near and far to race with us. A fun impromptu rum party broke out on the leeward side of the Wake's van as the winds were too strong to race Saturday afternoon. The rum must have been good luck because the fifth race was completed Sunday afternoon and the Wake's along with their crew Jim Walker won the Augie Paoli Memorial Trophy again beating out Matt Burridge by five points, Dan Moriarty by six points, and Scott Zerban by twelve points.

Two Fleet 266 boats went the following weekend to the Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta in Indianapolis. Ian Schillebeeckx sailed with his junior teammates from Nashville and finished the regatta in third place and James Chapin had Marc Schillebeeckx and Nicholas Beckmann as crew and they finished in sixth place.

Districts, held in Nashville, Tennessee, was next up for the traveling Carlylians. We sent five boats and were well represented until the mysterious flu showed its ugly head. Team Moriarty was attacked viciously on the ride down; both crew Tobi and Alina hit a major wall and were unable to race. Little did we know that the flu had hit the members at CSA and would later make the news. New to the Lightning fleet but not to racing, Fleet 266er Paul Hanson showed up ready to play with Matt Burridge and Ian Moriarty as crew. Paul took off and never looked back as he took his first District Championship. Scott Zerban took third place in his come-back regatta, Ian Schillebeeckx took fifth place, The All-Burke team sailed by Terry, Edd, and Bryan finished in sixth place.

Our Fleet is very proud of Ian Schillebeeckx who made a strong showing at the Junior Lightning Worlds in Finland, finishing in 6th place with his teammates, fellow MLVD youth Beth Ward and Lucas Hofmeister. This young team sailed several regattas to prepare for this event including the above mentioned regattas as well as the Canadian Open, where they even won a race against some of the toughest Lightning competition. Their practice paid off when they raced in the Junior North Americans, winning all but one race to become the 2006 Lightning Junior North American Champions.

The all-266 team of Ian Moriarty, Edd Burke, and Bryan Burke also raced in the Junior North Americans. Along with the other MVLD team, they gave the regatta the one-two punch, proudly winning second place overall. His first year too old to sail, Nicholas Beckmann made the trip out for the Juniors, cheering for his former team from the spectator boat. Terry and Carolyn Burke as well as Roselyn Hazard spent the week checking out the nice Southern California weather and supporting our juniors at their big event.

The North American Championships in San Diego had a great Fleet 266 showing, sending three boats. Team Burridge, featuring Matt Burridge, Dan and Tobi Moriarty, did not disappoint as they repeated as North American Champions. Ian Schillebeeckx competed in the Blue Fleet with his fill-in teammates, former 266-juniors Maxim Schillebeeckx and Nicholas Beckmann. Terry Burke raced with his two sons Edd and Bryan, finishing second in the President's Cup Division. Ian Moriarty crewed for the regatta organizer Jeff Coppens, placing 16th in the Blue Fleet. Lal Burridge joined the 266-group in the trip to California to proudly watch his son race. It sure was fun to have him at a big Lightning event again!

Eventually all the Carlylians made it back to their home turf to continue on with the Summer and Fall series. Fall came along and so did the Strawberry Daiquiri Regatta where Tobi Moriarty continued her domination in this regatta and started a winning tradition with two juniors, Alina Moriarty and Shannon Lacker. A few weeks later, Tobi and Dan crewed for Matt Fisher in Chicago, winning the Red Flannels. The Pan-Am Trials were not in the cards for team Burridge, so it didn't take long for Dan Moriarty to be recruited. He made the mid-October trip to Annapolis and raced with Todd and Kristine Wake, finishing in fourth place. Matt Burridge did take the time to represent the Lightning Class in the Champions of Champions at Grande Maumelle Sailing Club in Little Rock, Arkansas. Paul Hanson crewed for Matt sailing Y-flyers in varying conditions. The team won a few races and finished the regatta in second place.

"Lightning Hill" at Lake Carlyle held court all season long for its usual suspects and new comers that did not know any better. The winds were subtle at times, which allowed for spontaneous BBQs and exchange of scuttle. We utilized our Lightning Fleet party tent to block us from the grueling heat and sun. Many of our future juniors were taking part of the CSA Opti program and raced Laser Radials, while the even younger ones learned to walk. The Sunday races did present some fun, on-the-water competition. The Fleet's newest member, Scott Zerban, mixed it up, winning the Spring Series, Summer Series, and the Championship series. Terry Burke generously shared his tiller-time with the juniors this season and still managed to win the Fall Series and finish second in the Championship Series. The steadfast John Folwell finished in second place for the Spring Series and took third place in the Summer, Fall, and Championship Series. The Moriartys finished in second place for the Summer Series and fourth place for the Championship Series. It was a fun year on and off the water at our home club.

It was a very fun and successful year for our Fleet, and we are all excited for our growth. We are experiencing growth in new members, returning members, and the juniors that are starting to teach us all a thing-or-two. Hopefully 2007 will present as many fortunate opportunities and luck as the past few years. The plans are already in the works to start back up and do it all over again!



Ian Schillebeeckx with crew Beth Ward and Lucas Hofmeister

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT



Delta Sailing Association

Sailing on the Arkabutla Reservoir
Memphis, Tennessee

Fleet Captain..... Tim Ryan
Fleet Champion William Baxter Jr
Fleet Runner-up..... Jere Fones

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11386 Dos Mas	Ralph L Leon
11999 Turbo Dog	William N Baxter
12852	Mark George
13258 Rodeo Cold	Herbert Cochrane
14149	Max Shelton
14230	Michael Arndt
14338 Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14357	W N Baxter
14488 Rodeo Cold	Herbert Cochrane
14666	Crit Currie Jr
15128	Max Shelton

The 2006 sailing season started out with the 28th annual "I hate bowl games, recover from the night before, New Years Day Regatta." Three boats and nine sailors showed up for the event; unfortunately, one skipper had a moment of sanity and did not launch his boat, and eight people piled into two boats for the race. Crit Currie Jr. won the around-the-island race, followed by Bill Baxter Jr. The Memphis Fleet had several road warriors this year. The team of Mike Arndt, Bill Baxter Jr. and Billy Wilkerson took off and sailed the Southern Circuit. They are still telling stories to any one who will listen. Baxter Jr. joined the team of Crit Currie Jr. and JoJo Crenshaw, along with the team of Batton Kennon, Mandy Kennon, and Dick Bannin, sailed the Spring Fling in Jackson, Mississippi. Team Currie managed to take home a third place in the regatta. The team of Baxter Jr, Mike Arndt, and Elaine Leo, and the team of Currie Jr, JoJo Crenshaw, and Tim Ryan sailed the West Marine Tennessee regatta in Nashville. Batton Kennon put some mileage on his vehicle in the early summer. He was the only participant from Memphis who sailed the Mississippi Valley Districts. He sailed the Texas Districts and took home a second place. He also went to the GYA championships and made a respectable showing. Mike Arndt made a couple of notable trips to the Dixie District Championships and to the Atlantic Coast Championships crewing for George Nagy.

The Fleet racing this year was not the best. It was very hot and the winds were light. The races that were held were very competitive, and a few new names rose to the top of the standings. Bill Baxter Jr. still dominated the series, but Jere Fones, Warren Ayres, and Ralph Leon sailed well and moved into the other top spots.

The Hernando DeSoto Regatta saw some new out of town players. We were happy to welcome Robert Bernhardt, Tom Niles, John Waskom and Scott Anderson. The racing was very tight, and Bill Baxter Jr. just edged out Robert Bernhardt to take the win. The Cotton Pickin' Regatta was another good regatta; unfortunately, the turn out was a little light. Tom Niles gave Bill Baxter Jr. a very good fight for the win but lost out in the last race to give the win to Bill Baxter Jr.

In the fall, the road warriors got back on the road. Bill Baxter Jr., Crit Currie Jr. and Ralph Leon traveled down to Jackson, Mississippi for the Hospitality Regatta. Larry Frost of New Orleans showed every one the way around the race course. Crit took second place, followed by Baxter Jr. Then it was off to the Bluenose—fun was had by all. The only thing that the Memphis group could win was the Amber Fluid, and Crit was

good enough to share the libation with all. The last stop on this journey was the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans. The teams of Crit, JoJo and Glen Stephenson won the party, and the team of Baxter Jr., Mike Arndt and Ralph Leon learned about the quarter martini lunch at Commander's Palace.

Well we are hoping for a better sailing season for the 2007 year. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop on in for a good sail and some great southern hospitality. We would love to have you.

William Baxter Jr



Valley Sailing

Sailing on Alton Lake
Machens, Missouri

Fleet Captain..... Jerry Wnorowski
Fleet Secretary..... Steve Wyers
Fleet Champion Michael Reed
Fleet Runner-up..... Rick Conaway

Boat#/Name	Owner
10291	Sea Scouts
11205 A-1-A	Dwayne Hilton
11598 Ziggy II	John Voelker
12033	Sea Scouts
12891	Rich Neiman
12892 Mud Runner	John Tarnow
13232	Don McNabb
13836 Becky Sue	Michael Reed
	Keith Vidal
13379 Top Secret	Steve Wyers
14088 Fascination	Rick Conaway
14089 Warlock	Joe Petjeane
14233 Tacks is Due	Jerry Wnorowski

The Mississippi was kind to us, allowing us to sail until New Year's. Our Wednesday PHRF evening races were spiced up with a barbecue afterwards, but the turnout was the smallest in many years. We were hit by two big storms in succession. In the first one, the race committee blew abandonment early on, so that we had only one Laser capsized near the shore and two boats down in the harbor. St. Louis was without power for five days or more, however, Dry weather kept the mosquito turnout to a minimum, but our turnout has been small. I couldn't give a hot dog away! The Lightnings have been having problems with work commitments and finding crew.

The Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta was held September 9–10, We had six boats on the line. Winds were between 6–12 mph at race time, and the weather was perfect, giving us a pleasant sail. Mike Reed, a newcomer from big boats, sailed well to win.

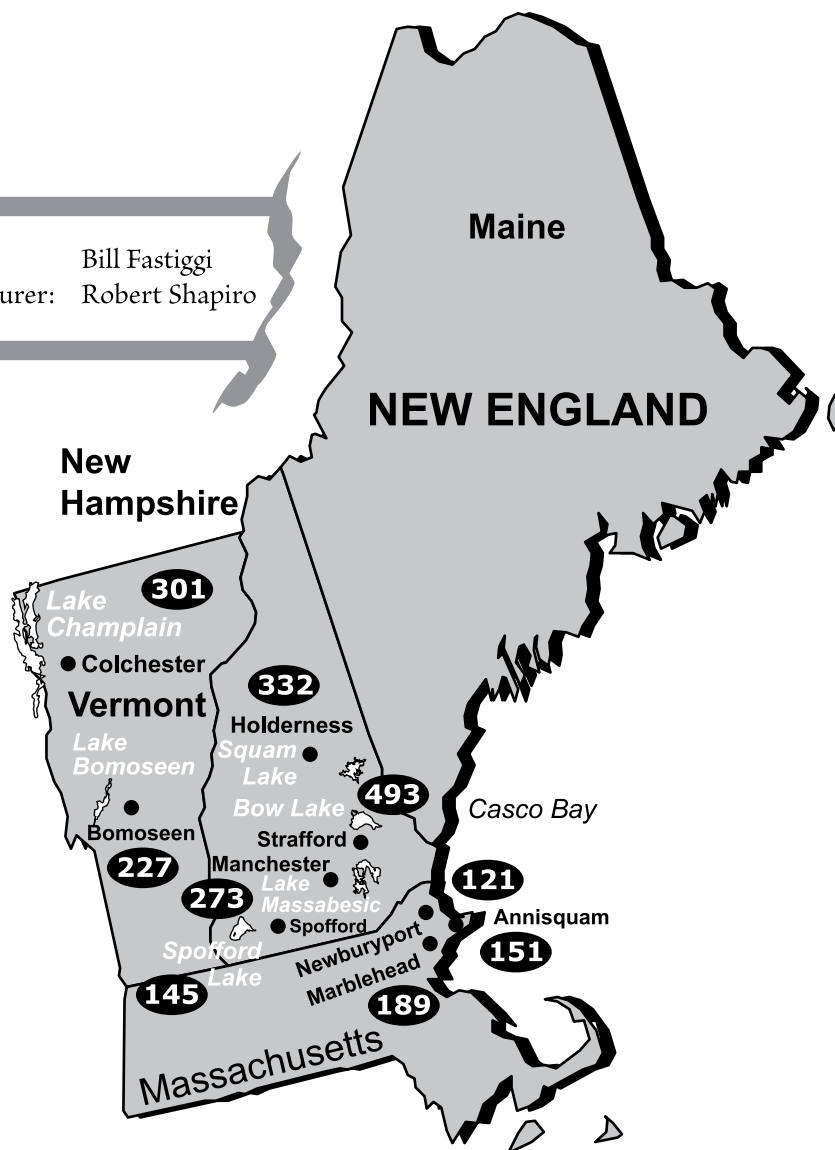
The Governor's Cup Regatta all-class invitational on September 30–October 1 featured six starts for Lightnings, Comets, Lasers, Cabin Classes and miscellaneous boats. Winds were light both days, a pleasant change from the usual hurricanes we get. Mike Reed won the class, Rick Conaway was second and Steve Wyers third.

The harbor officially closed on November 18, but some of us have stretched the season, sailing on December 29 at the latest in mild 60 degree weather.

Steve Wyers



District Commodore: Bill Fastiggi
District Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Shapiro



More so than in many years, Mother Nature made her presence known throughout the 2006 New England District season. Our winter hats made appearances on race courses and yacht club lawns, as usual, during the bookends of the schedule in Burlington, but they were also seen popping up in surprising locales, such as Squam Lake in August and brief moments at Bow Lake in September.

And when the temperature was more seasonal, Mother Nature changed her tactics and tested racers and race committees with a mix of light thermals and gale force breeze as we made our annual trek throughout New England this summer to visit familiar places and see familiar faces.

Lightning sailing kicked off early for a few, as Bob Bush of Spofford Lake, sailing with wife Sterling and Dan Egan from Squam, packed the boat up and shipped it off to Chile for the South American Championships and Lightning Worlds. They had such a great time that they recommend that we add Santiago to our District schedule! Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn also made the trip to crew for Bill Mauk and helped him to an 8th place finish.

The US Lightning season got started with the annual pilgrimage south for the Southern Circuit. Bill Fastiggi got back behind the tiller and with faithful crew Suzy and help from north of the border in Canadian Olympic Sailing Team member Chantal Léger had a great showing, finishing an impressive 4th place overall for the Circuit.

Joining Bill and crew from New England for the full Circuit were Sean Fagan's team from Newburyport and Bob Shapiro's team from Bow Lake. And joining Bill, Sean and Bob for the latter parts of the Circuit were Pat Gallagher from Newburyport and Bob Bush.

Our season kicked off the weekend after Memorial Day at Mallets Bay Boat Club in Burlington for the annual Spring Regatta. Twenty-one boats battled cold air and stiff competition for the chance to stake their claim as the "boat to beat" for the season. A Canadian invasion was held on Lake Champlain, as Peter Hall and crew dominated the races to finish in first and Jamie Allen took third. Bill Fastiggi's team squeezed into second, but it should be noted that they had Canadian representation on the boat in Chantal Léger.

The District descended on Spofford Lake in New Hampshire for our championships. Rumor has it that District Commodore Bob Shapiro had hair the last time that our districts were at Spofford, and we were all thrilled to show off the strength of the District to one of the most hospitable yacht clubs in New England and the country.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Sailors in Friday's Women's, Juniors' and Masters' were treated to lots of sun and good breeze for their races. Nick Aswad with Chad Miller and Alyson Russell were unstoppable, winning the junior championship with an unblemished record of five bullets and topping the women and masters boats in a couple of races. And it was a race of the top crews in the District for the women's championship, as Beth Holland, Sterling Bush and Suzy Coburn took the reigns of their respective boats. Well, almost. Beth Holland brought in a couple of ringers, stayed in the front of the boat, and squeezed out a win over Sterling Bush in a tiebreaker.

The Masters' competition was fierce, and rumor has it that some trash talking occurred between the eight boats on the race course. In a show of strength, and certainly age, Ned Hinds gathered fellow Bow Lake skippers Bob Shapiro and Mike Aversa together to squeak out a one point victory over Mark Gardner and his crew.

On Saturday, twenty-two boats descended on Spofford and were met by the many smiling faces of Spofford's team of volunteers, a lot of sun and, well, not so much wind. Showing mercy on the Fleet, the RC blew the canon three times to cancel racing for the day, and many of the teams shuttled off to nearby Keene to satisfy their competitive desires at the bowling alley. Bob Shapiro took the title by nearly bowling an impressive 294—over two games!

Sunday brought more waiting on shore, but finally the wind cooperated and racing commenced. Challenging, shifty conditions prevailed as the wind tried to stabilize and the Fleet chased Bill Fastiggi and his team of Suzy Coburn and Lauren Harris around the race course. No one could catch Bill, but very tight racing over five races resulted in Brian Gibbs, with crew Mike Boardman and Beth Holland, taking second and Bob Bush, with wife Sterling and local favorite Tom Fitch, finishing third. The District Championships also served as the 2006 Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta, so it was especially touching to have Tom on the top Spofford boat. And Dot Fitch brought smiles and tears to the Fleet, as she always does in her poetic tribute to the sailors.

When the boats were packed away from Spofford, a few of the boats and crews shipped off to exotic locales, such as Finland for the Youth Worlds and San Diego for the North American Championships, and many others made the trip to New Jersey for the ACCs. We were thrilled to have ten boats representing New England at the ACCs, with Bill Fastiggi, Bob Bush and Don Brush finishing in the top third of the highly competitive 70-boat fleet.

New England was well represented at the Youth Worlds in Finland, with Nick Aswad, sailing with brother Connor and Peter Hazlett, and Chad

Miller, sailing with his sister Tanya and Daniel Kagan, showing off the junior talent of our District. Congrats to both teams on their fantastic racing, with Nick finishing third and Chad seventh!

A number of New England District sailors made the very worthwhile, if not long, trip to San Diego for the North American Championships. In the Masters' race, Georges Peter sailed to a seventh place finish. In the championship, Bill Fastiggi, Bob Bush and Dan Egan battled it out with the stiff competition. The District was also very proud to see Nick Farina, a recent transplant from Vermont to Colorado and longtime crew in our District, jump in the back of the boat and string together an impressive victory in the President's Cup. And if you think traveling across the country is a chore, just ask Dan Egan and Susie Radcliff about their three week meander across our country with a double-decked trailer. They had a blast!!

Back in New England, sailors were busy competing for the Brian Hughes Memorial Regatta and raising money for the Leukemia Foundation. Big, shifty breeze was the theme of the weekend, handled best by Brian Gibbs and crew, who beat out Team Colantuano for the victory. And at Squam Lake, where the breeze was light, rain cold, and competition and camaraderie heated, seventeen boats battled very difficult conditions, with Nick Aswad taking the victory over Art Cunningham and Bob Shapiro.

As September rolled in and New England continued to wait for the summer weather to arrive, Lake Massabesic hosted their annual regatta, and Joe Ray, sailing with Team Mercier (Matt and Nick) and Pierre Letourneau, took the title over Ken Deyett and Bob Shapiro. Bow Lake's Ed Hinds Memorial One Day event followed, with the teams led by Bob Bush, Brian Gibbs and Ken Deyett proving that consistency is possible in not-so-consistent conditions.

Seasonal temperatures finally arrived by the time October rolled around, and the District sailors ventured back to Lake Champlain to end the racing season in New England at the Leaf Peeper Regatta. While the weather was warmer, the wind was blowing hard and led to seven challenging, fun races for the seventeen-boat fleet! An amazing two days of racing in 15–25 knots were run, with Bill Fastiggi's and Don Brush's teams taking the top two spots and Team Wallace, Ben, Karen and Tris, brushing the cobwebs off the boat to round out the top three.

Reflecting back on the season, one thing stands out. Regardless of weather, distance, the struggles to find crew or the many other reasons that can stand in the way of racing the Lightning on a given weekend, the pleasures of sailing and racing the Lightning in New England outweigh all. We all can't wait for the new season to begin!

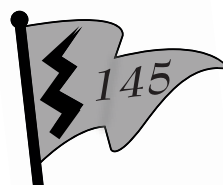


Merrimack River

Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain.....Sean Fagan

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
11150	Patrick Gallagher
13642 Chalooby	Kenneth A Woods
14275	John R Hughes
14345	Brian Gibbs
14384	Patrick Gallagher
14481 Jamaican Bobsled	Scott McBurney
14547	Patrick McCormack
15182	Sean Fagan Ann Snow



Spofford Lake

Sailing on Spofford Lake

Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....Robert Bush

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
10254	Alex Gemmell
11210 Smurfin Along	Frederick Turner
11346 FOB	Christopher Hamblet
13792	Joe Rosen
14072 Sunshine	Paul Henkel
14360	Patrick MacQueen
14621	Ben Wallace
14654 AmBush	Robert C Bush A Serling Bush

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Fleet 145

We had some good sailing at Spofford this year, holding the New England Districts, including the WJMs on the Friday before the regatta, and our normal sailing days.

We started the second Sunday in June with a number of races in 8–13 knots of breeze. The shifts were about 30 degrees—typical for our small lake, coming over the hills. We usually run very short races, as boat speed is not of primary importance, but boat position on the course and tactics are the keys to good results. Races last 15–20 minutes. This day, we ran five races in less than two and a half hours. It was a really nice sailing day.

On Saturday June 24 we held the Districts warm-up. The day warmed up, but no wind was available.

The WJMs of the New England District were held on July 7. The day started slowly, with no wind and then just a little. Just a little is all we need, as Spofford Lake has very few motorboats, no jet skis and no chop. We probably started the first race about five minutes too early, as the wind pooped out right at the start, but just a few minutes later everyone was moving and the race took thirty-two minutes for the first place boat—Paul Henkel of Spofford!

We raced the three fleets together, but scored separately. Thirteen boats, with eight masters, three women and two juniors. The next four races were all eighteen minutes for the first boat. It was a perfect day of sailing at Spofford. Nice breeze; sunny, but not too hot.

Nick Aswad from Burlington was the best overall sailor and won the junior division ahead of John Cunningham from Squam, who also sailed well. Ned Hinds from Bow Lake with two other skippers on board (yeah—that will last!) won the Masters' in a close contest over Mark Gardner from Burlington. Spofford's own Paul Henkel was third. The Women's was won by Kelly Millane, winning the tiebreaker over the all-Spofford boat of Sterling Bush, Karen Wallace and Peggy Frehsee.

The next two days were supposed to be the New England Districts and Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta. As nice as Friday was, Saturday was not—for sailing that is—perfect day otherwise. No wind—not even a reason to put the twenty-two boats in the water. We held the New England district meeting, and then there was much swimming and card play. Summer camp at Spofford! The day ended with bowling for the four teams staying with Alex and Sandi Gemmell for the weekend. We showed that we will not be professional bowlers any time soon—the possible exception being our intrepid newly elected District commodore, Bob Shapiro.



An unusual photo: Bill Fastiggi looking forward to view the competition

Sunday dawned with little wind, but the boats were put in the water and out we went, drifting around in less than two knots of breeze. The wind finally did start to build, and racing began, with Bill Fastiggi showing the way. Four more races with more wind each race, but the same winner. Well done Bill. Brian Gibbs was second with Spofford's own Bob and Sterling Bush and Tom Fitch (Dave and Dot's son) third.

Alex Gemmell, Paul Henkel and Joe Rosen continue to take many of the top spots in the Wednesday Sunfish races. Ducking below the boom in a Lightning is a snap after the Sunfish. Ben and Karen Wallace have been busy getting Ian ready for both boats. Mary will not be far behind. Watch out for the Wallaces—they have one mighty big water cannon stowed in that boat. I think the water stops going over the dam briefly when they fill that thing. Fred Turner keeps his hand in with all of the RC work. What a pleasure not having to worry about RC duties during the regattas.

One more sailing day in mid September. Another perfect day on the lake, but only three boats. We went south a little farther than normal. This helped, as the top of the beats were still in the big part of the lake, making the shifts smaller and the breeze a little more predictable. However, the bottom of the race course was just close enough to shore where the wind would start to lift from the lake, making the bottom end quite light most of the time. Five quick races and pack the boats up for home or the next regatta.

Come sail with us. The racing is friendly and fast.



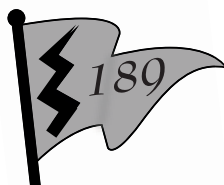
Annisquam Yacht Club

Sailing on Ipswich Bay

Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain..... Georges Peter

Boat#/Name		Owner
14688	Mouette	Georges Peter



Marblehead

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain..... Donald Humphrey

Boat#/Name		Owner
14750		Edward J Benevent
14763		Chad Waldschmidt

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



Bomoseen Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen

Bomoseen, Vermont



Lake Champlain

*Sailing on Malletts Bay,
Lake Champlain*

Colchester, Vermont



Massabesic Yacht Club

Sailing on Massabaesic Lake

Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain..... Mark Gardner
Fleet Secretary..... Patrick Zachary
Fleet Champion Mark Garnder
Fleet Runner-up..... Bill Fastiggi

Fleet Captain..... Walter Colantuono

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
9390 Mongoose 2	Gordon Geick
11327	Walter Buchwald
11401 Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740 River Blues	Walter M Colantuono
12455 Banana Split	John Webb
13798	John Messler
13828 Quick Silver	Maurice L'Heureux
14180	Frank Aversa
14273	Norman Deyett
14394	Kenneth Deyett
14442 Amarcord	William Berry
14895 Bloody	Joe Ray
15239	John Mollicone

Boat#/Name	Owner
695	Joe Berry
4614 Eclipse	Tim Hodson
6567	Ben Wood
10212 Coast2Coast	Mike J Dewane
10440	Al Baker
10480 Annie Oakley	Aaron Frank
10846	Ed Guild
11623	Tom Papp
11745 Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
12525	Bill Fastiggi
13156 Blue Storm	David N Little
13902	Arnold Tran
14050	Breton Gardner
14056	Erik Johnson
14119	Chad Miller
14124	Alec Brecher
14131	James Unsworth
14146 Drop It Like It's Hot	Nicholas Aswad
14297	Ed Zeimer
14438	Peter Tourin
14446 Apple	Kurt Kling
14480 Ciao	Richard N Fastiggi
14514 Special K	Arnold Tran
14520 Hare Brained Idea	Todd Cox
14577	Victor Rossi
14584 Abba Zabba	Peter Hazelett
14640	Donald C Brush
14646	Mike Huffman
14658	Bill Fastiggi
14876 Southern Cross	Janice Lange
14901	David Gorman
14905	David P Gorman
14958	Bill Fastiggi
14972	Patrick Zachary
15058	Paul Gutwin
15060 Pure Insanity	Heather Rowe Ambrose
	Tim Ambrose
15237 Hot Flash	Mark Gardner
15238	Bill Fastiggi

It was a super year for wind on beautiful Lake Massabesic, particularly for the Brian Hughes Regatta in July, when it blew hard all weekend, and for the Club/Lightning District Fall Regatta in September. The BH regatta was held at MYC in conjunction with the American YC at Lake Massabesic this year due to low tides in Newburyport. Winner was Brian Gibbs, with Theresa Colantuono a close second.

The weekly Sunday races brought out the usual three to six boats for some good competition with Ken winning, and Walt usually second. Joe Ray, with Nick and Matt Mercier as crew, won the fall regatta for the third year in a row. Newly married, Mo again spent his weekends on his 38' trawler in the ocean and marina. We missed his competition, but he still has his Lightning. We are now waiting for the ice to be safe enough to enjoy the winter on the lake.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Fleet 301

First, the bad news. Lack of wind caused us to cancel a large number of our Fleet races, and we had some noted absences this season. Patrick and Kika were building a house, Doc and Judy got married and were away for a long honeymoon, and Karl and Erik graduated from Dartmouth and spent the summer working on a ranch out west.

Fortunately, we had a lot of good news this season! Bill and Suzy, with Chantal Léger, finished 5th overall for the Southern Circuit, then, with Nick Aswad, finished 2nd at the Long John in Red Bank, New Jersey.

Closer to home, we had twenty-one boats for our Spring Regatta, where Peter Hall and his team of Ollie Bone and Stephan Lucas from Montreal won, followed by Bill, Suzy and Chantal, with Jamie Allen, Mike Holly and Jay Deakin in third. Fleet 301 sailors Don Brush, Bretton Gardner, James Unsworth, Heather Ambrose, and Doc Gorman finished fifth through ninth.

Next up were the New England Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Districts at Spofford. Fleet 301 boats performed well, with Nick Aswad, Chad Miller and Allyson Russell winning the Junior Districts, Mark and Lynn Gardner and Marilynne Johnson finishing second in the Masters, and Suzy Coburn, Heather Ambrose and Susie Radcliff finishing third in the Women's event. In this event, all the boats sail together as one fleet and then get scored separately, and overall Nick, Chad and Allyson dominated the fleet with a 3,1,1,1,2 for finishes. Mark, Lynn and Marilyn finished third overall, just two points out of second.

The NE districts followed and Bill, Suzy and Lauren Harris won with an amazing five firsts in five races. Other fleet 301 members had solid performances with Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Allyson Russell finishing fourth and Bretton Gardner, Scott Thibault and Justin Dorey finishing fifth, Nick Aswad, Conner Aswad and Pete Hazelett were sixth, Don Brush with Lea Ann and Robert Smith were seventh, and James Unsworth, Derrick Deming, and Brad Harris were eighth.

Probably the highlight of our season was two of our Junior teams attending the Youth Worlds in Finland. Congrats to Nick and Connor Aswad and Peter Hazelett for finishing third and Chad and Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan for finishing seventh. We are so proud of all our young sailors!

Teams Ambrose, Brush, Fastiggi, Hazelett, and Unsworth, all went down to the ACCs down in Little Egg, New Jersey, and had a great time.

Bill, Suzy and Chantal made the trip out to San Diego for the North Americans where they finished fourteenth in the blue fleet. Special congratulations go out to Nick Farina, who was one of our sailing instructors, super crews and occasional guest skippers. Nick moved to Colorado, borrowed a boat and won the President's Cup in one of his first regattas as a skipper!

Nick and Connor Aswad allowed their dad Jon on the boat and dominated the Squam regatta, with Heather and Tim Ambrose (with Tris Wallace) making the trip as well.

Mark, Lynn and Marilynne made it over to the Bow Lake One-day where they finished a respectable fifth, losing a three way tie breaker for third!

Our fall Leaf Peeper had seventeen hardy teams sailing in what turned out to be great conditions! A little breezy, a little chilly, but a great time was had by all. Bill, Suzy and local junior sailor Christina Whelan, nosed out Don, Robert and Lea Ann. Ben, Karen and Tris Wallace finished third. Local sailors Todd Cox finished fifth, Bretton Gardner sixth, Al Baker seventh, and Mark Gardner ninth.

A few other notable highlights—David Hazelett stole his son Peter's boat and sailed in his first Lighting regatta. Judging by the smiles, Peter might not get the boat back next season. Arnie and Kay Tran won their first fleet race. Junior sailors Kolby Kruger and Christina Whelan are getting ready to challenge the older kids. James Unsworth used his Lightning experience to lead his sloop team from Roger Williams to the ICSCA Nationals. Nick Aswad and Allyson Russell are looking forward to sailing on the Kings Point and Brown Sailing teams next year. Kate Brush represented Hobart/William Smith Colleges in the ICSCA Women's nationals for the second year in a row.

Special congratulations to Fleet Champions Mark Gardner, Lynn Gardner and Marilynne Johnson. They showed great consistency over the sailing season and even had a good time while sailing!

Lastly, the Malletts Bay Boat Club and Fleet 301 have been selected to host the 2009 World Championships. We are very excited and honored that the ILCA Governing Board selected us to host this most prestigious event!





Squam Lake

Sailing on Big Squam Lake

Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain..... P J Blankenhorn
 Fleet Secretary.....Janet Rosequist
 Fleet TreasurerDwight Gertz
 Fleet Champion Art Cunningham

Boat#/Name		Owner
9829		John Cunningham
12012	coast2coast	Dan Egan
10320		Garr Corcoran
10555	Jumbo	William G Abbott
10732	Go-mo-shun	David D Closson
12859		Squam Lakes Association
13101		Phil Sullivan
13021		Art Cunningham
14247	Steppin' Out	Douglas R DeCluitt
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14881	Mac-At-Tack	Dan Egan
14926		Dwight Gertz
		Ginny Welles
14953	Fleeting Moment	Tony Wagner
14955		Jeff Dropkin
15089		Al Macquarrie
		Skip Johnstone

2006 was a year when some very traditional things happened again up in the White Mountains of New Hampshire while some exciting new developments also occurred.

Starting with the traditional events, we endured a summer with too much rain and some truly weird winds to successfully complete all the series that were scheduled for the season. We had as many as twelve boats appear for Fleet races. The big trophy, the Howdy Wood award for the season championship, went to Art Cunningham. The boat Art used for this accomplishment was actually purchased on eBay for an undisclosed (but very small) amount and fixed up enough to match any boat on the lake. Art is the 45th winner of this award. Dave Closson, who was the second winner in 1962, is still sailing in the Fleet—and still sailing fast! The July series for the Richardson Blair Trophy and the August series for the Jack Russell Cup also went to Art and his ever changing crew of Cunningham family members. Art accomplished this feat in spite of the fact that his son John was sailing his own boat and recruiting from the same crew pool.

The Around the Lake Race again required the Lightning Fleet to weave through narrow channels and squeeze by granite ledges on the way from Holderness to Sandwich and back. P J Blankenhorn won her first major award as a Lightning skipper by pulling a true horizon job in this endurance contest. Dwight Gertz, who shows up every year at the end of the summer and tries to get the boat tuned by Labor Day, won the "Pop" Closson Bowl for the best performance in the last three races of the season.



Wally Ackley and Jeanine Carlson squeeze through Great Island Narrows in a typical Squam Lake scene. It all looks very pretty, but they have about six inches of navigable channel on either side of them. Wally is the personification of bravery on our lake.

In the new developments category, we had the largest regatta in the last 25 years. Seventeen boats showed up, filling the race course with sails. In another new development, the locals were actually competitive with Art Cunningham 2nd to win the trophy for the highest local finisher. Dwight Gertz was 4th and Dan Egan 5th behind regatta winner Nick Aswad from Burlington and 3rd place finisher Bob Shapiro from Bow Lake.

Another new development was a growing willingness to travel. Dan Egan and the Cunninghams made it to several regattas in the Northeast, and Dan took his boat all the way to San Diego for the NAs. Dan, whose extreme skiing business has its own TV series on cable, is the first truly glamorous member the Fleet has ever had. He cemented this reputation with a late winter e-mail to some Fleet members inviting them to drop by and ski with Dan's friend Bode Miller. It wasn't a hoax, Bode really showed up.

2006 was such a success that we elected the same officers for 2007. If your travels bring you to New England, come and visit.



Bow Lake

Sailing on Bow Lake

Strafford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....Ned Hinds
 Fleet Secretary.....Bob Shapiro
 Fleet ChampionBob Shapiro
 Fleet Runner-up.....Ned Hinds

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Fleet 493

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
8301 Jessie S	Linda Karpeichic
9662 Holy Boat	Bob Murphy Norb Church Dave Sandmann
12079 Three Men in a Tub	Bob Murphy Norb Church Dave Sandmann
13556 Water Log	Bob Boynton
13888 What Now?	Bob Boynton
14296 Naut!	Ned Hinds
14418 The Blind Squirrel	Mike Aversa
14667 Miss Behavin'	Bob Shapiro Ed Hinds

Several Fleet members traveled throughout New England and beyond during the 2006 season.

Bob Shapiro made his mostly annual trip to the Southern Circuit, trying to see how many different people he could have on board for the Circuit. Bob's son Greg and Greg's friend Karim were on the docket for Savannah and Miami. Bob drove through Annapolis, stopping for dinner with his Mom, then drove to Savannah and picked up Karim at the airport on his way into town. While taking a dip in the hotel swimming pool, Greg called from Washington, DC, to say that he had missed his flight. Good thing Dad wasn't the one who called him stupid. More than one way to skin a cat, Greg took a late flight to Atlanta, an all night bus to Savannah, and a cab to the hotel, arriving at 6:30 AM. Meanwhile Bob and Karim hung out in the bars downtown and listened to live music. This was Karim's first time racing and first time using the spinnaker, so he got a baptism under fire in Savannah's crooked race courses, but he learned quickly and things went well—no capsizes, no collisions and no screaming. Karim and Greg continued on board for Miami as well. The highlight was Greg coming in second place in the Hula Hoop Competition Men's Division, and getting his picture on Gregg Fisher's blog! Another high point was hitting the taco bar before heading out of town. There was sailing too...

Bob dropped Greg and Karim at the airport and headed to St. Pete where he collected sweetheart Margo and later that night picked up Amy Byron. There was plenty of sailing to be had and a tough fight for middle of the fleet and one of Steve Davis' magnificent trophies, but an unplanned excursion by Margo (she decided to check out the Fleet rounding the leeward mark from a water-level vantage point) put us a couple of points away from the trophy. Bob dropped the ladies at the airport—sensing a theme here? I thought skippers were supposed to take the luxury route while crews did the heavy lifting. An all-night drive put Bob in Annapolis in time for breakfast with Mom, and then it was on to Boston and back to work for a little vacation.



I think this end goes up!



Is that the around-the-end flag?



Bob, Kyle, Ryan & Ned Waiting for Wind



Karen, Ryan & Ned on a Wing and a Prayer



Three Generations and an Elbow in the Ear

Mike Aversa made the trip to Burlington, Vermont, for their Spring Regatta with Amy Byron (she gets around) and John Boynton on his team. They had a lot of fun and got better as the regatta wore on, but Mike complained that John's butt was in his face every time they tacked. John's response, "Move your face!"

Bob Shapiro, Greg Shapiro and Dana Montalto teamed up for the Spofford One-Day Regatta. Dana had never been on anything but a Sunfish and was excited to have a chance to learn about jibs, spinnakers and hiking. Unfortunately, the only hiking she got to do was to leeward, and there wasn't enough wind to fill a handkerchief let alone a spinnaker! We did start one race, which was mercifully at the time limit with the lead boat 100 yards from the finish. Greg and Dana agreed to race the next day at Bow Lake, and they hopped in Greg's car and started the two-hour drive. Bob left an hour later and called Margo to let her know extra people were coming. An hour after that Bob arrived but there was no Greg, no Dana. Their two hour tour turned into a five hour slog, as Greg missed a few turns. Perhaps he was distracted? Dana isn't telling.

Ned Hinds, Mike Aversa and Bob Shapiro got together in a boat for the first time at Spofford for the District Masters' Championships. Of course Ned is the only one of the three who is old enough, so he had to be the skipper. It was an exciting day of racing, and at the end, consistent finishes put the team ahead of Mark Gardner by a point, bringing one of the District championship trophies to Bow Lake for the first time ever.

The District Championships were held that weekend at Spofford, and the "no wind" trend continued. Saturday saw lots of games of hearts, plenty of swimming, consumption of some beer—but no sailing. Saturday night saw Mike and Jillian Aversa head home, while the rest of the Bow Lake gang headed out for ice cream and bowling. Bob Shapiro took the bowling prize in a repeat of his 1998 sweep. Amy Byron switched from Mike's boat to Kip Hamblett's boat (she does get around doesn't she?), while Ned, Jeff Baker and Stacey Baker manned Naut! and Bob Shapiro, Karen Hinds and Mike DeWane were on board Miss Behavin'. After some more hearts and swimming, a faint breeze appeared and it was off to the races. Ned sailed great and ended up in the middle of the Fleet with Bob and Kip close behind.

At the Squam Lake Regatta Bob Shapiro teamed up with Guillaume Jofrees for Guillaume's first away regatta, joined by Norb Church whose son goes to camp on the lake. On Saturday there wasn't much wind, so the race committee elected to tow the entire fleet to Canada where a high pressure system was building. The Fleet voted against the portage over the Presidentials, and so we only went to the far end of the lake—places never before seen by visiting Lightning sailors. After an extended swim and some squirt gun fun

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



Marion Hinds
on the Race Committee



Close Racing!



Dennis, Pauline, Pam & Werner
on the Race Committee

(always keep a Super Soaker on board at Squam!) a couple of races were held. The Bow Lake team was looking good in second place, but alas, Norb couldn't sail Sunday and nobody else was available. What to do? Go to the cocktail party, find an attractive lady (Jean Sullivan whose husband crewed for you last year), feed her numerous drinks, tell her about the fantastic opportunity and con her into agreeing to sail. Then quietly mention that she may want to bring foul weather gear, long underwear and a ski hat, as the forecast is for light air, 40 degrees and soaking rains. And this was August! And it was cold! And wet! There is nothing worse than inches of water in the boat from the rain but not enough wind to bail. When all was said and done, the team ended up capturing third place for the regatta, with five other boats within two points of them.

Bob and Greg Shapiro and Mike Baker teamed up to race the Lake Massabesic Annual Regatta. As has been the case the last few years, Joe Ray and his super team of Merciers were the class of the regatta. Saturday the Bow Lake team was just behind, but Sunday saw another change in the team—Mike Baker replaced by Shane Derrant. The wind was so fluky it was very tough to trim the chute, especially for Shane who was trying it for the first time. But he came through with some great jibes, and the team finished third for the regatta.

Fifty sailors, twelve sailboats, ten Race Committee members and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Twenty-three races were held from June 25 through September 3.

Ned Hinds had won last year, Bob Shapiro had won this event for the previous six years, while Ned had won the twenty-two years before that. Would Ned continue his dominance from the year before? Would Bob start a new streak of his own? Local money preseason was on Mike Aversa winning with his new boat and great finish to last year.

2006 turned out to be a year where everyone had trouble finding crew, and many people rotated among several boats. Bob had ten different crew members as well as two guest skippers. Bob Murphy, Dave Sandmann and Norb Church in Three Men in a Tub were the most consistent crew. Most boats were forced to sail with two people at least once. The Gershuny family with Josh, Ryan and Kyle crewing on various boats in various weeks, was a life savor! Jamie Boynton moved to Hong Kong for two years, putting a serious damper on the racing season for What Now? but she did make it out for a few races. And just before he headed to Hong Kong, Jamie bought three brand new bright red racing marks for the fleet. Thank You, Jamie!

At the end of the season, Bob Shapiro had started a new streak, with Ned Hinds second and Mike Aversa close behind. Skippers were awarded engraved apothecary jars, and crew received Bow Lake Sailing engraved shot glasses (renamed votive candle holders for crew under twenty-one). Rumor has it that Three Men in a Tub will add gimboled shot glass holders to their boat next year to go with the gimboled beer holders they already have.

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam Daigneault, Werner Daigneault, Marion Hinds and Sandy Boynton for all of their help. A Bow Lake Race Committee windbreaker was

presented to Roger Williams for stellar crash boat service, including two rescues this year.

Saturday, September 23, 2006, was the 2006 Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta. Saturday dawned cold and rainy with no wind, but twelve Lightnings attended and everyone had a fabulous time. Four boats from Bow Lake joined eight visiting boats from Lake Massabesic, Squam Lake, Newburyport, Lake Spofford, Lake Champlain, Newfound Lake, and Niantic, Connecticut.

The weather was great with 70-degree temperatures and bright sunshine. The wind was lighter than desired, ranging from 0–5 knots during the day. It changed its direction for every race, keeping the crash boats busy moving the racing marks.

Pam and Werner and Pauline Daigneault were on Race Committee. Roger Williams, Dennis Unger and Emma King manned crash boats. Five windward-leeward races were run during the afternoon of sailing.

The caliber of racing was very high. The winner was always tough, Worlds qualifier Bob Bush with Sterling Bush. Sterling fell off a ladder a couple of days before and sported the ugliest bruise you have ever seen on her lower back. And she insisted on showing it to anyone who would look. LBJ watch out! Bob Bush "slept" in Dulles airport the night before and flew in the morning of the regatta. Third place went to perennial contender Ken Deyett with Ken's daughter Ali, and Jeanine McKay from nearby Lake Massabesic. There was a three-way tie for third with Ned Hinds and Mark Gardner. Ned lost it on the third tie breaker.

Local boats, including Greg King sailing with Dan Hertzner, were first to the windward mark and a second place finish. Kerry McCoolle joining Ma and Pa Boynton on What Now?, Miss Behavin' with middle crew Mike Baker and Tris Wallace, Ned, Jeff, and Karen on Naut! and Three Men in a Tub were in great form but politely allowed visitors to finish in front of them.

After the races, the Bow Lake Grange Hall was the center of activity. Appetizers included chips and salsa, guacamole and vegetables with dip. Dinner was a taco bar with tacos, tortillas, beef and chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese, guacamole, sour cream and salsa, along with salad, vegetables and garlic bread. For desert, fresh fruit, home made cookies and more were available. But Amy's Kahlua Trifle, otherwise known as "tub of booze, cream and chocolate" took the cake for the second year running. Thank you to everyone for making the dinner so successful. Special thanks to Caroline King for preparing food and for getting the Grange ready while the rest of us were all out sailing. And to Emma King for doing her community service at the regatta (not sure of the crime she committed to force the service) was amazing!

The Martha Comstock award is given each year to a person who exemplifies the spirit of sailing on Bow Lake. This year Bob Boynton made a drama-filled presentation to Thad Comstock. Thad and his late wife Martha raced many years on Bow Lake, and as Thad said, "We weren't very good but we were very competitive."

See you on the water next year!



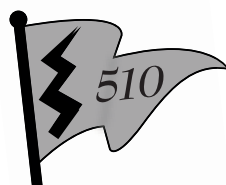
Just enough after party!



Kitchen
stars
Caroline
& Emma
King



Too much after party!



Lagos Yacht Club
Sailing in Lagos Harbour
Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa

Boat#/Name	Owner
43 Sorry-O	David J Use
13520 Nuance	Michael Barnes
13521 Teacer	Wilbert Dresser
13522 Gamba	Winifred Hirmer
13523 Spetters	Exxon Mobil
13525 Khartoum 2	Mike Jones
13527 Bavaria	Juliam Calvin
13752 Turtle	Tad Schirme
13753 Twister	Colin Symes
13754 Tanimola	Syd Warburton
13756 Lady Eleanor	Mike Newton
13757 Standfast	Tony Bowles
13759 White Star	Exxon Mobil
14166 White Swan	David Use
14392 Orioda	Alan Emslie
14448 Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun
14549 Spellbinder	Kevin O'Farrell
14928 Never Say Never	Laurent Couderc
14929 Just In Time	Mark Haas
15267 Shango	Andrew Barton

Boat#/Name	Owner
15268 Constant Care	Maersk Nigeria
15270 Otitan Daran	John Anderson
15271 Lizard	Wolfgang Stoeigemayer
15273 Scud	Ian Edwards
15274 Now Now	Richard Wilmott
15326 Speed	Gary L Schwantz
T1 Tarpon	Lightning Class
T3 Thunder	Dick Francis
T5 Jacana	Kevin Heuhlefeld
T6 Tarn	Alex Bauer
T7 Constance	Stefano de la Rocca
T9 Thaila	Donald Spencer
T13 Thistle	Franklin Hancock
T17 Kai	Larry Amusu
T18 Taondelayo	Anga Fubara
T22 Xanthippe	Wolfgang Trappe
T27 Windegat	David Alderson
T28 Avanti	Andre De Leebeek
T29 Tamanko	Peter Kolev
T30 Triton	Carol Khouri
T32 Moondance	Chris Axelson
T41 Suzy Tee	Agnes Desport
T43 Sorry-O	Nick Anderson
T45 Henriette	Evangelos Boouljeros
T53 Goodwood	Reinhart Stiegemayer

Boats T1 to T32 inclusive are Woodies



The Lagos Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 510 again enjoyed sailing throughout the year thanks, to the relatively constant climate, a gentle if prolonged monsoon season and no major storm on sailing days. A variety of class, pursuit and team races were held in the harbour, offshore in the Bight of Benin and in the creeks and lagoon. A number of Club cruising events were organized within the Lagos waters, and these family friendly BBQ events attracted good attendance from the Lightning Fleet.

Races for trophies or the quarterly points series were held nearly every Saturday of the year except once or twice when the wind failed or the water hyacinth got too thick. It was normal for 16 to 20 Lightnings to compete regularly with the other classes in the combined fleet. The first quarter was won by Helmut Braun in Kiwi Magic, with Ian Edwards second and Agnes Desport third. The second quarter was won by Ian Edwards in Scud, with Helmut Braun second and Andrew Barton third. The third quarter was again won by Helmut with Ian Edwards second and Mark Haas third. The fourth quarter is still in competition as we go to press. A new programme of Sunday races has also started with a growing participation.

The Lightning Fleet in Lagos is expanding steadily, with six new boats arriving in March. This and the delivery of several sets of new sails has prompted much more vigorous competition in the racing this year, with the lead in series changing place regularly. The fleet of Lightnings is now twenty-eight glass fibre hulls with another fifteen woodies also now in full sea-going condition.

As reported previously, we have re-built the original locally-made wooden Tarpon, based on the Lightning design, first sailed in 1947. This has now been completed and with gleaming varnish looked a fine sight when she was, at last, launched in April. To commemorate this event a T1 Regatta was held on Good Friday with thirteen woodies competing for a new trophy. By careful arrangement of the sailing instructions, T1 won the competition, crewed by the Clubs three trustees (combined age of 216 years). It is intended that this event will become a regular annual fixture.

The National Championships were held on November 4 with a total participation of twenty-five Lightnings and eleven Tarpons (woodies). The weather was kind to us during the racing, although many members would have preferred much stronger winds. However, when a major storm broke soon after the close of sailing, it was agreed that we had been lucky after all. The full programme of five races was completed during a long day within Lagos Harbour. The overall winner for Fleet Champion was Agnes Desport with crew, husband Olivier. Second was Mike Barnes and third Richard Willmott.

The Lightning Class annual dinner was held in April on the open deck of the Lagos Yacht Club, under a tropical starry sky, overlooking the city waterfront. This formal event was well attended, champagne flowed freely and a good time was had by all.

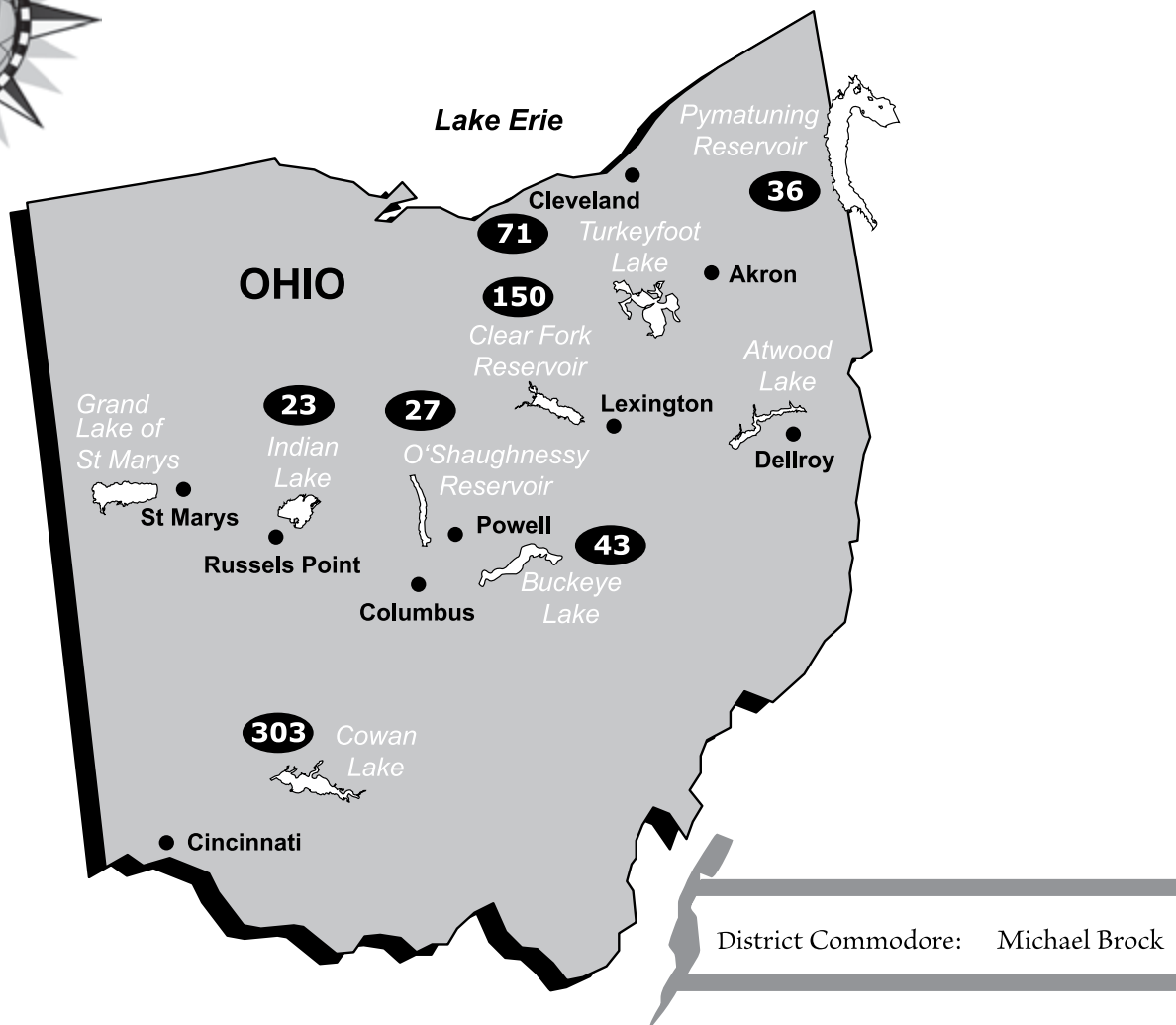


Lightning Nationals



Lightning Dinner—April 6, 2006





As the new Ohio Fleet Commodore, I would like to recognize Mike Brock for his years of service as previous Fleet Commodore. Mike served two terms back-to-back and did many great things to help the Ohio District.

Regatta participation continues to be a challenge. During the ten years I have been a Lightning sailor, participation is down across the board. To fight this trend the Ohio District has looked at ways to change things. Participation and communication with neighboring Districts has helped. Several Ohio boats have traveled to Indiana for events, and sailors from the Indiana District have started participating in Ohio events. Cowan Lake is a great example of what needs to be done. They have made boats available for events, and Jim Taylor has offered his boat and instruction and will have a representative from Cowan at the Youth NAs next year. Indy would like to participate in our Districts at Pymatuning this year as well.

We would like to get more juniors racing Lightnings. One idea we have had is to hold a junior regatta in our District and have three junior races on Saturday morning prior to one of our District regattas. If you have juniors that would be interested or if you have ideas, thoughts or suggestions, please let us know.

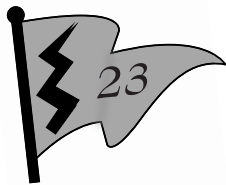
The 2006 Ohio Districts were held as part of Cleveland Race Week. This allowed Ohio sailors the chance to sail in the open waters of Lake Erie in a major sponsored event. Eighteen boats participated. As fleets shrink or cease entirely, this is a fantastic option for at least an every-other-year open Districts event. The 2006 Ohio District Champion was David Werley.

The Ohio District was represented in San Diego by three boats from the Ruhlman family. It should be noted they all qualified to sail in the Championship Fleet. Dave Vieregg and Bill Buckles also represented Ohio.

Twenty-five Lightnings showed up at the annual "Snowball" regatta at Buckeye Lake October 7-8 to help George Fisher celebrate his 80th Birthday and BLYC's 100th anniversary. George Fisher is renowned as a great sportsman and gentleman, having been recognized by US Sailing as the winner of the National Sportsmanship Award, W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. Trophy, a few years back. A past president of the International Lightning Class, old friends, Jim Dressel, Tom and Anne Allen, Bruce Goldsmith, David and Jody Starck, Skip Dieball (winner of the regatta), and scores of others honored him during the celebrations. The Saturday night party was quite a special event that none will soon forget....if they could remember in the first place! Bertie Werley with George's sons Greg and Matt Fisher hosted the event.



1st Place: David Werley, Greg Maras, John Woodall—2nd Place: James Taylor and crew



Indian Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Indian Lake
Russels Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....James Young
Fleet Secretary..... Robert Clover
Fleet Treasurer Robert Clover

Boat#/Name		Owner
12551	Wind Thief	Robert Clover
13719	Coot	Bill Young
13741	Wind Thief	Robert Clover

Fleet 23 keeps plugging along. Competition has been lacking, but the enthusiasm for pleasure sailing is still strong. We enjoy some of the best sailing conditions in our area of Ohio and are anxious to entice a few more Lightning sailors to our Fleet. It may happen this year.

Robert Clover



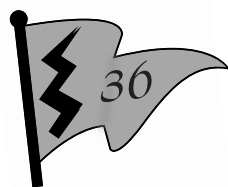
Leatherlips Yacht Club

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir
Powell, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....Eric Brandt
Fleet TreasurerEric Brandt

Boat#/Name		Owner
14897		Kurt Andrews
15191		

OHIO DISTRICT



Pymatuning Yacht Club

Sailing on Pymatuning Lake

Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain..... Gary Condon
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Kandi Caley
Race Chairperson..... Dean Caley

Boat#/Name		Owner
6133		G Scotland Werley
8635		Justin Proctor
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	G Scotland Werley
9835		June Maltbie
12585	Buzz Off	Diana Pollock
12593		Robert C Baumgardn
12972		Scott Hall
13240	Recess	Janis Garner
13465		Gordon Fink
13608	Relax	Bridget Frymier
13905	Cyzygy	Jonathan Dean
14143	Rigmarole	Edgar Rumble
14208		Beverlu & Brodget Boyle
14242	Blue Moon	M Andrew Sees
14285	Enticer	Frank Thompson
14340		Dennis McLaughlin
14343	SOB	William H Wiehe, Jr
14420	Greased Lightning	Dean N Caley
14483	Spice	Martin Powell
14513	Hang Tuff	Lud Lekson
14546	Hakuna Matata	Victor & Marilyn Maras
14573		John M Woodall
14579	Arete	G Scotland Werley
		Nedra Lewis
14657		Justin Proctor
14751	Tog Bog E	Ralph Meacham
14885	Blue Line	Doug Blackburn
14907	Chaos & Creation	Kate Meacham
14914	Cool	Donald P Courtsal
14956	Encore Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
14957	Git-R-Dun	Ryan Ruhlman
15000	Jack's Boat	John Werley
15015	Slightly Cantakerous	John Werley
15022	Sight Unseen	Gary Condon
15075		Maegan Ruhlman
15112	Barometer Soup	David E Werley
15221		David N Viereg
15257		Robert & Abigail Ruhlman
15288	Drops of Jupiter	David N Viereg

Fleet 36 at Pymatuning Yacht Club continues to thrive. We have participation from long standing Lightning Class and Fleet members as well as adding some new members along the way. We have over 25 Lightnings in our fleet.

There are very few Lightning Fleet families like the ones at PYC, and very few have multiple families as engaged as the Ruhlman, Werleys and Maras families. Tim Werley and Kate Werley began racing their own Lightning, and Matt Werley and Samantha Maras were seen crewing. This year Rob, Abby, Ryan and Maegan Ruhlman continued to be ambassadors for our Club, Fleet and the Lightning Class as they traveled to the Worlds (finishing in the top twenty), the Southern Circuit, the Canadian Open and the North Americans.

The year begins at PYC in April with an "all hands on deck" club opening work day. The Club is officially brought back to life, and boats roll into the dry sail area. We anticipate our first club race of the season but most of all seeing our friends from around the region at the Spring Classic Regatta, traditionally held on Mother's Day weekend. But this year, and until further notice, this regatta will be held the weekend after Mother's Day to accommodate and attract new sailors to the event. Thirty-two boats registered for the event, but we hope to see more as sailors pencil the date into their racing and social calendars. Racing and social are keys to this event. On the racing side, we had sailors attend from Chicago, Buffalo Canoe Club, Michigan, Toledo, Cincinnati, Canada and Indiana, and not to mention all the local talent. Bill Faude, Skip Dieball and Jim Allen battled it out at the top of the Fleet, with Bill taking home the winners trophy. Skip lead by five points going into the last race when a broken jib halyard put him into second place. Both skippers were gracious with their compliments of each other and the regatta. Oh yea, and Ryan beat dad again, after a 30-knot puff crossed the lake in the final race, taking out numerous boats.

15260	Bill Faude	Jared Drake	Tom Starck	2	8	2	1	4	1	18
14880	Skip Dieball	Derek Gauger	Kristin Medwid	4	1	3	3	1	12	24
15208	Jim Allen	Jane Allen	Valerie Tardiff	5	3	4	10	2	2	26
15082	Jamie Allen	Mike Holly	Jay Deakin	3	2	1	8	17	7	38
15112	David Werley	Jonette Werley	Greg Maras	1	7	5	11	11	5	40
14957	Ryan Ruhlman	Nick Turney	Erin Whistler	11	5	9	7	5	4	41
14922	Jack Huntsman	John Huntsman Jr	Marshall Hunstman	17	6	6	5	6	3	43
14249	George Sipel	Jeff Hahman	Carl	10	9	12	6	7	6	50
15213	Jeff Schmahl	Stuart Webster	Brad Wagnon	6	17	8	4	13	9	57
15257	Rob Ruhlman	Abby Ruhlman	Garry Condon	9	10	13	2	9	14	57
15075	Dave Viereg	Tina Viereg	Caroline Sundman	7	14	11	14	8	8	62
10638	Ernie Dieball	Jim Starck	Brooke	8	4	7	DNS	18	11	80

On the social side, the welcoming hot dog party tradition raged on with free beer. On Saturday night the Trailer Trash Band played as usual, and after many encores, the night finally ended the next morning. Good times were had by all.

Top 10 reasons to attend Spring Classic:

1. Cool Breezes—after all it's May in Pennsylvania
2. Hot Competition—did you see the list of sailors?
3. Warm Friendships—just ask anyone
4. Welcoming party—can you say free beer and hot dogs
5. On Site Camping/housing—free and convenient

6. 2 hoists—easy launching
7. 3 amigos race committee—the best
8. 30+ boats every year—what a great way to kick off the season
9. Trophies, shirts, lunches, dinner—all included
10. The Trailer Trash Band

After The Classic, our Fleet racing begins with different series (Spring/Summer/Sat/Sun/Fall) through October. We race almost every weekend day, as long as the wind cooperates, and some boats travel to other venues. We had over eighteen Fleet races and at times up to sixteen boats on the line. This year's Fleet Championship went to John Woodall, with Sarah Woodall and Tina Vieregg crewing. John had the most consistent finishes, never seems to get rattled on the racecourse, and is always smiling. John and Dave Werley were second and third respectfully, while Dave Vieregg (borrowing boats all summer) and Tim Werley (newest fleet member) were fourth and fifth.

The Open Ohio Districts, chaired by Dave Vieregg from PYC, were held at Edgewater Yacht Club in conjunction with Cleveland Race Week. It was a way to get some sailing on the open water of Lake Erie, as well as some PR for the Lightning Class and our District. Both goals were accomplished. The weather cooperated and brought hot temperatures, medium breeze on Saturday and heavy air on Sunday. Seven of the sixteen boats came from Pymatuning, with Dave Werley and crew Greg Maras and John Woodall winning. These new Ohio District Champions are the first non-Fisher champs in a very long time. We hope to return to EYC and Lake Erie in the next couple of years for another Open District Regatta. Congrats to Dave Stark on winning the regatta and to Bruce Finisilver for attending this event.

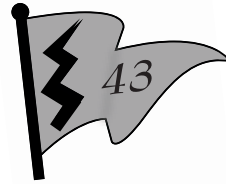
We hosted our annual 4th of July Regatta in conjunction with the Thistles, Highlanders, Fireballs and J22s. Ryan Ruhlman was this years winner of the Big Ugly! Congrats Ryan, your name will be forever etched with the other greats.

Once August hits, the annual trip to the NAs is on, and this year it was quite the trip. Four PYC boats attended—Rob Ruhlman 15257, Ryan Ruhlman—14975, Maegan Ruhlman—15075 and Dave Vieregg—15288. Each boat was loaded onto a flat bed car hauler trailer that accommodated six boats in a maze of metal and straps. The boats made it out west okay (only minor scrapes), and the racing was on. Rob and Abby participated in the Masters', while Maegan raced hard in the Women's out of SWYC on the San Diego Bay Side. Maegan finished a very close, down to the wire, second place. The following week was spent at Mission Bay Yacht Club and off of Mission Beach in the Pacific, with 75+ other boats racing for the North American Championship. All four PYC boats made it into the Blue Fleet with Rob, Abby and Dave Werley finishing tenth—leading the way with a great overall finish! Ryan finished seventeenth, while Maegan and Dave Vieregg were twenty-fourth and twenty-eighth respectively.

Meanwhile, back at PYC the racing continued for the "Stay at Home" Series and Fleet series. The year ended with Lightning Fleet parties such as the Corn Roast and a new event, The Golf Sail Open Triathlon. The triathlon consists of golf, racing and Bocce. Golf nine holes in the morning, race Lightnings in the afternoon and play Bocce in the evening. Same teams for all three events, some eating and drinking in between and fun prizes to the winners.

The very last event on the racing calendar was a trip to Buckeye Lake for the annual Snowball Regatta. Eleven PYC boats followed the Trailer Trash Band to Buckeye Lake Yacht Club for some fun, sailing and partying to celebrate George Fishers 80th birthday and the 100th annual regatta. The top PYC boats were Rob, Abby and Tina Vieregg finishing third, while Dave Vieregg finished sixth.

2006 will be remembered as a year of light winds, travel for some and good friends always at PYC. Come and visit for either the Spring Classic, 4th of July Regatta or anytime!



Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Buckeye Lake
Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Gary Condon
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Kandi Caley
Race Chairperson..... Dean Caley

Boat#/Name	Owner
15181	George Fisher

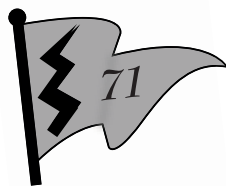


Bruce Goldsmith and Jim Dressel with George Fisher at his 80th birthday party



Snowball Regatta

OHIO DISTRICT

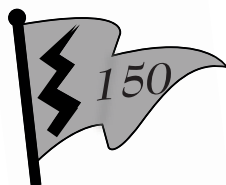


Rocky River

Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Dave Samanich

Boat#/Name		Owner
0653	Game	Jack Mueller
13726	Fat Chance	Bill Buckles
14143	Snooker	Brant Russel
14433		Dave Samanich



Mansfield Sailing Club

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir
Clearfork, Ohio

CommodoreSean Dillon
Vice Commodore Jon Varley
Fleet Captain.....Tom Varley
Fleet Secretary..... Dave Emmens
Fleet Treasurer Bob Shutt
Fleet ChampionTom Varley

Boat#/Name		Owner
6944		Chandler Stevens
10444	Das Boot	Christopher Schneider
13485	Close to the Edge	Christopher Clarke
13935	White Heat	Karla Varley
13979	X stream	Thomas H Varley
14067		Bob Shutt
14212	Steam Driven	Sean Dillon
14390	Shifty Characters	James L Stone
14421	T-Bird	Sean Dillon
14824	Nuckenphutz	Christopher Clarke
14851	Kokopeli	Susan Baker
14952	X stream	Thomas H Varley
		Patti Schneider

The Mansfield Sailing Club saw a slight increase in our membership in 2006 with the addition of one new Lightning to the Club—14851 owned by Susan Baker. We also had a member upgrade to a newer boat, 14824 for Chris Clarke.

Our Club has three major series, the Sunday AM, won by Bob Shutt, followed by Chris Schneider and Jon Varley. The Sunday PM, won by Tom Varley, followed by Sean Dillon and Chris Schneider, and a Wednesday Evening, won by Bob Shutt, followed by Chris Schneider. All the series have their own rotating trophies.

There are also three holiday series scored individually within the main series of races. The first is the Memorial Day Series, won by Tom Varley, with Sean Dillon in second and Chris Clarke third. Next is the he July 4th Series, won by Tom Varley, with Chris Schneider second and Chuck Shaw in third, The Labor Day Series was won by Jon Varley, followed by Chris Schneider second and Sean Dillon third.

We also have a Fall Series which begins the weekend of our annual Bare Bones Regatta and runs to the end of the sailing season. The Fall Series was won by Tom Varley, with Sean Dillon and Bob Shutt following respectively.

The final event of the season for our Club is the Championship Sail Off Series. This series consists of as many races as boats that have qualified, with skippers and crew switching boats for every race. Tom Varley took first with three bullets in three different boats, followed by Bob Shutt and Chris Clarke.

We hosted our eleventh Bare Bones Regatta in 2006. With six boats traveling to our Club for the event and our seven, we had a total of thirteen Lightnings on the line. The weather was supposed to be terrible, but thankfully, we never did get any thunderstorms. The wind was incredible for the whole weekend, with a substantial increase for Sunday's races.

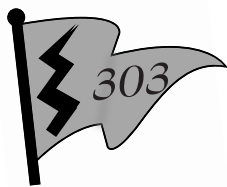




We would like to thank all the people who have traveled to our regattas and worked on them over the years. Thank you all for making our Bare Bones Regatta a success!

Three of our boats are quite active traveling the Ohio District regatta schedule. Tom Varley made it to five Ohio District regattas and also traveled to the Indianapolis Sailing Club for the Burl Harmon Lightning Open Regatta. Bob Shutt traveled to four regattas, sailed in the Ohio Districts and crewed in the Burl Harmon Lightning Open Regatta. Jim Stone made it to three regattas, the Ohio Districts and crewed in the Indian Lake Yacht Club's Stump Buster Regatta.

Our Club is maintaining it's numbers and remains very active with our own schedule and within the Ohio District. All our members are firmly committed to the Lightning and the Class.



Cowan Lake Sailing Association

Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Ann Brock
Fleet Champion Dr Steve Weeber

2006 was another sustaining year for Fleet 303 and a tale of those who kept boats on the line for club racing and those who did the regatta circuit. On the home front, our master mariner Ken Irwin, Dennis and Kathy Rhoades and Brian Ridderford were Sunday regulars. Steve Weeber insured there was adequate Sunday competition and again won the Fleet championship. Steve and his team took a year off from the regatta circuit as he and Donna welcomed another addition to their family with the birth of their second child. We expect to see Steve back on the regatta circuit

Boat#/Name		Owner
96		John Hayes
10687		Tom Ward
11777		Jim Young
13504	Rocky	James P Taylor
14110		Dick Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J Irwin
14785		Bryan P Riddiford
14287	Talaria	Stephen A Weeber
14824	Nuckenphutz	Michael Shayeson
14851	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades
14867		Mike Kemp
14875		Bryan P Riddiford
14925		Michael H Brock
15172	Rocky	James P Taylor
15179	Kokopeli	Dennis A Rhoades
15207	Talaria	Stephen A Weeber

in 2007 with his other addition—a new Allen boat. We were thankful and blessed to see Jim Young out sailing on occasion as he made a successful recovery from surgery.

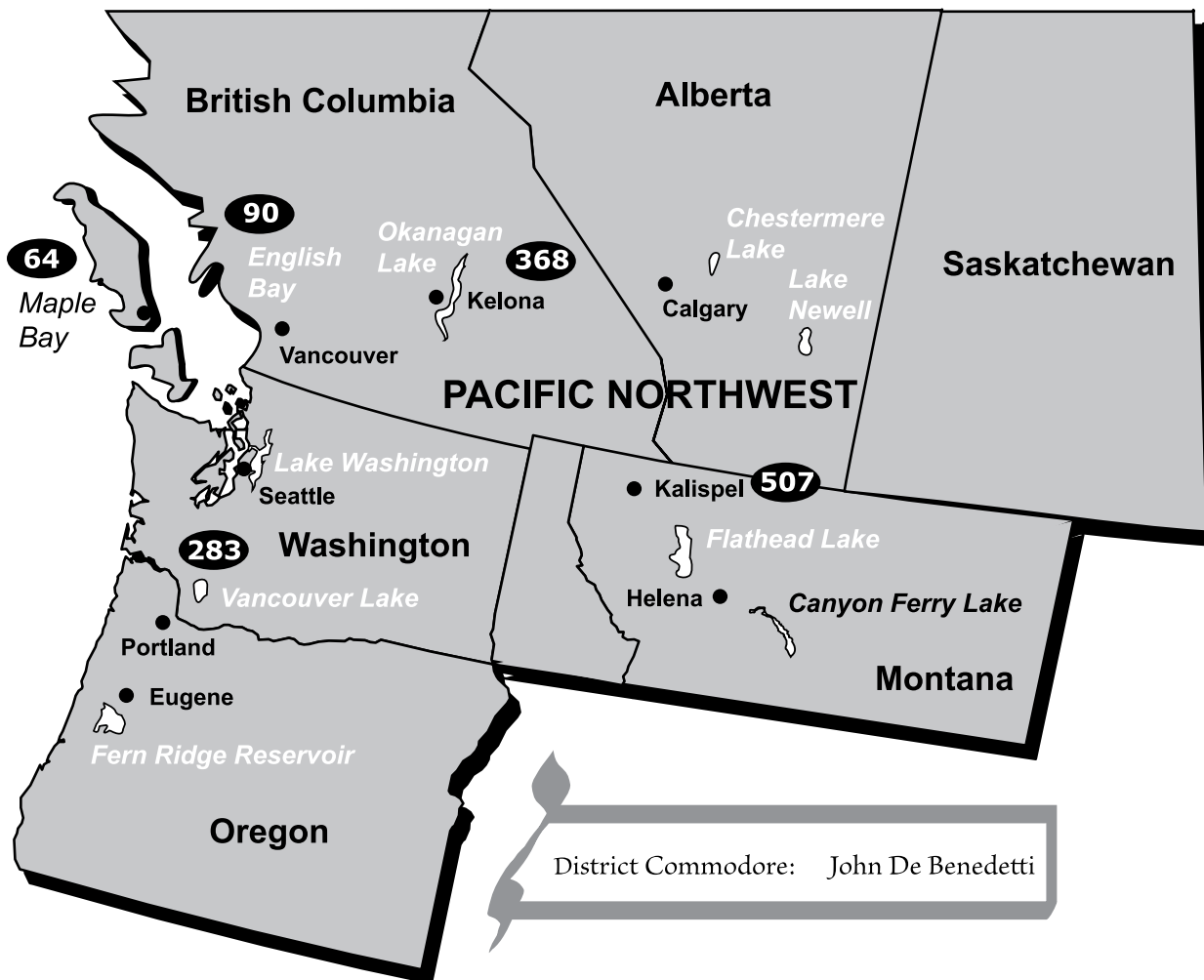
Dick Pugh, Jim Taylor and Mike Brock kept busy on the regatta circuit as well as getting in a few club races. Jim represented our Fleet well by winning the Burl Harmon Memorial Indy Open, Leatherlips Windshift, Indian Lake Stumbuster and Mansfield Barebones regattas. He also took second at districts and fourth at Buckeye's Snowball regatta. Equally impressive were his scores at ACCs and Bluenose. Jim won the Ohio District Governor's Cup for the fourth consecutive year.

Our Lightning Fleet was well represented at the club level with Dennis Rhoades as clubhouse chairman, past commodore Ken Irwin who is involved in every aspect of the club, and Mike Brock who led the shelter house restoration initiative and Cowan Lake marketing study for the club's five-year strategic plan.

In late October we hosted the 33rd annual Cowan Fall-In regatta. We moved the regatta a week later than when we normally host it due to several conflicting fleet weddings. Even with the move and a very problematic fall weather pattern, fifteen boats showed up to a very cold, wet and blustery weekend. Saturday, sailors were greeted to a high wind advisory of +35 mph winds. As the out of town sailors grudgingly put their boats together and sailed to the club house shoreline in downpour, everyone else waited in the fire-warmed clubhouse silently hoping, or more like praying, the race committee would make the right decision. When the skies cleared Jim Taylor, Eric Brandt and both crews attempted to show, or "show off," what heavy air sailing is all about. The race committee and the rest of the fleet eagerly watched to see who would capsize first. While neither did capsize, we did see a few rudders pop out of the water, and their crews reported the fastest rides they had ever experienced. As the winds continued to build with forecasts of 50 mph gusts, the race committee wisely decided to abandon races for the day. The remainder of the time was spent watching Ohio State football, playing cards and enjoying time with each other.

Sunday brought in less but challenging wind, and the race committee got in three good W/L races. Brad Wagnon from Wawasee was very impressive on Sunday and won the regatta with consistent 2-1-2 finishes. Jason Japikse, a Cowan junior and competitive Thistle sailor, skippered Jim Taylor's boat to a second place finish. Jason had lots of help with long time friend and other Cowan junior Logan Hearn and, of course, Jim Taylor as crew. Jim is letting Jason and Logan campaign his boat at the 2007 junior nationals. These young men are our club's best juniors, and we are expecting great things from Jason and Logan. While we are accustomed to seeing Jason/Logan out racing Thistles, it is great for our Fleet to see them take an interest to Lightnings and be coached by Jim.

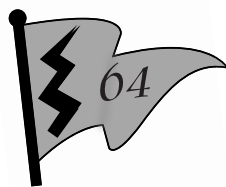
Our outlook for 2007 looks to be the same, with a good balance between both club and regatta racers. Ann Brock continues to be a good steward for the Fleet and keeps the Fall-In regatta and social parties well organized.



The Northwest district had an interesting year. There was the usual travel to the regatta spots, but the highlight was the sending five teams to the North Americans in San Diego. Jerry Neuburger and John DeBenedetti competed in the Masters' regatta. Then, Philip Parshley, Roger Hicks and the Hickmans came down for the NAs. We were especially proud of the Hickmans, who received the Smither trophy for the highest placing first-timer in the Blue Fleet. This is the second year in a row the award has gone to our District! Parshleys and Neuburger made the blue fleet as well. DeBenedetti and Hicks were in the Green Fleet. See you next year!



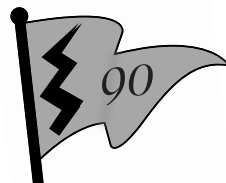
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT



Maple Bay

Sailing on Maple Bay

Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada



Kitsilano Yacht Club

Sailing on English Bay

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
11645		Douglas Ash
13289	Liisa	Campbell Pearce
13685		Menno Bos
		George McLaughlin
14841	Rocket	Matthew Henley



Columbia

Sailing on Vancouver Lake

Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain.....David Collins
 Fleet Secretary/TreasurerGail Hickman
 Fleet Champion Darrell Peck
 Fleet Runner-up..... Doug Hickman

Boat#/Name		Owner
8497	An' Son	John A Sanford
10731	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
11151		Darrell Peck
12426	Tin Hau	Gary A Kokstis
12990		Darrell Peck
13788		Gerald L Neuburger
13837	Spook	Gerald Martin
13949	Frenzy	David Collins
		Randy Anderson
14040	Roaring Forties	Roger Hicks
14079	Hippo Thunder	Douglas S Hickman
14246		Darrell Peck
14288	Humuhumunukunuaupua	Philip P Parshley
14453	Blue Bayou	Darrell Peck
		Mark Fischer

A few of us, like John DeBenedetti, have been a part of the Lightning Fleet family since the club started in 1967. Most of us have been a part of the Fleet family for fifteen years or more—some of us less but just as involved in the maintenance of the Fleet. Much of the drive and energy for the Fleet comes from John DeBenedetti, our Northwest District Commodore. We also have a new Fleet Captain, Dave Collins. He has a foot locker full of great ideas to keep the Fleet growing strong and the lines of communication open.

Our racing season starts in February with a Sunday frostbite series and ends in October with team racing. We completed eighty races this year. We usually have at least eight to ten Lightnings on the starting line. It's close, good competition on the water, followed by discussions of the race in the club house while sharing adult beverage and potluck dinner. Randy and Sue Anderson hosted the Christmas/Awards Banquet/Meeting at there lovely home again, where we re-cap the year and hand out awards. Our Fleet Champion is Darrell Peck, and the Runner-Up is Doug Hickman. Our Broken Rudder Award was given to Brian White for trying to beach his Lightning and not removing his rudder. Oops! The Crew of the Year Award was given to Philip Pharsley Sr. Our Mary Kay DeBenedetti Award was given to Doug Hickman for motivating and helping those going to San Diego for the NAs get their boats ready.

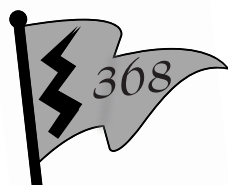
This year the NAs were in San Diego, California, at the Mission Bay Yacht Club on the west coast! It was finally in our neighborhood again. Five boats from VLSC Fleet 283 traveled to the NAs—Doug Hickman, Phil Parshley Jr, Jerry Neuburger, John DeBenedetti, and Roger Hicks. Jerry and John competed in the Masters' and the NAs. Three of our boats made the Blue Fleet. We are extremely proud of Doug Hickman and his crew, Gail Hickman and Kevin Stravers in Hippo Thunder, for winning the Thermis Trophy. What a thrill! This is the second year in a row that Fleet 283 has had the Thermis Trophy in their possession, with Darrell Peck having won it the year before. Mission Bay Yacht Club did a fantastic job. What a great place to sail and play.

This year our circuit included:

<u>Regatta</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Memorial Day Regatta	EYC	Kevin Stravers
VLSC Regatta	VLSC	Doug Hickman
Pacific Northwest District Regatta	VLSC	Doug Hickman
Pacific Coast Championship Regatta	Kitsilano, CA	Darrell Peck
Harvest Day Regatta	EYC	Darrell Peck

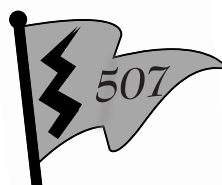


PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT



Okanagan

*Sailing on Okanagan Lake
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada*



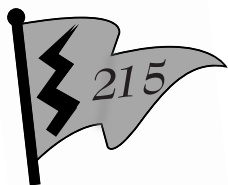
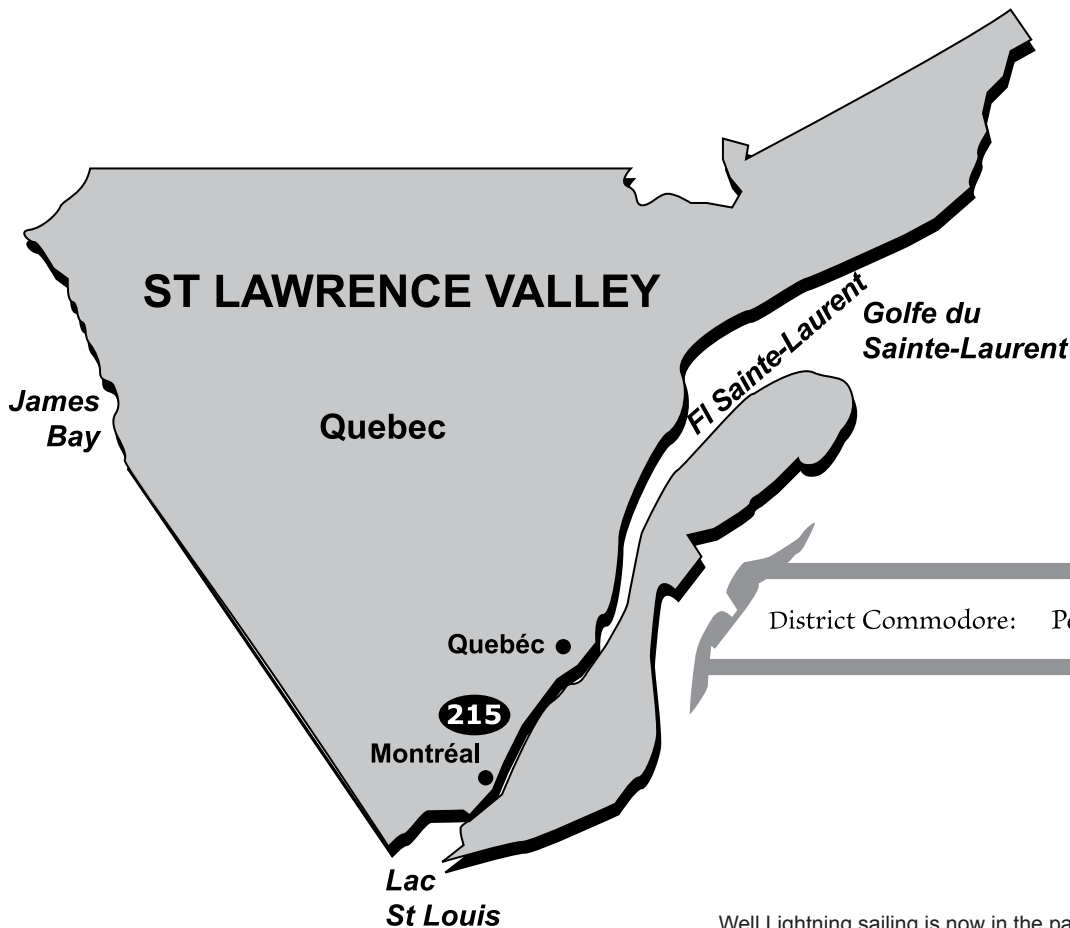
The Prairie Fleet

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



Fleet Captain.....Karsten Dalbert

Boat#/Name		Owner
10891		Tim Hornett
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten Dalberg



Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club

Sailing on Lac St Louis

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain..... Valérie Tardif-Holly

Boat#/Name		Member/Owner
2684	Day Girl	Michael Holly
13855		Louis Brousseau
14114		Alain Ranger
14326		Ka,oe A;;am
14398		Mark Osterman
14443		Rod Hayes
		John Sauter
14591		David Gorman
14768	Kristatoo	Peter Hall
15082	Day Girl	Michael Holly

Well Lightning sailing is now in the past. July was not so great due to lack of wind, but the last few weeks of the summer were much better and with a great turnout!

Jamie Allan, Jay Deakin and Michael Holly won the Class championships and went on to win the Club Championship. Russ must be proud of you guys from sailing heaven. Our district Champion is Michael Holly.

This summer we lost our sailing mentor, Russel Scrim. The Eager Beaver Trophy, which he donated to the Club, will be awarded to him this year in recognition of his passion for sailing and his involvement in the Lightning Fleet through the years. He was also very involved in the ILCA and will be missed by many of his Lightning friends. Every year he would come to the St. Petersburg regatta to say hello to everyone.

We will be hosting the 2007 Canadian Championships next year on June 30 and July 1, 2007. Our Fleet is very excited and we are hoping for a great turnout.

We have the honor to have been chosen as the North American venue for the 2008 Junior Worlds. We will take that opportunity to grow our juniors interest in Lightnings. The event will most likely take place in July 2008. It is a great time to be in Montreal! We have some very excited Fleet members!

We had an evening of racing dedicated to juniors. Every boat had two juniors from the junior squadron on board. It was a very exciting and windy evening. We will definitely have a repeat of that evening next year to promote juniors in the Lightnings and to get a team prepared for the 2008 Junior Worlds.

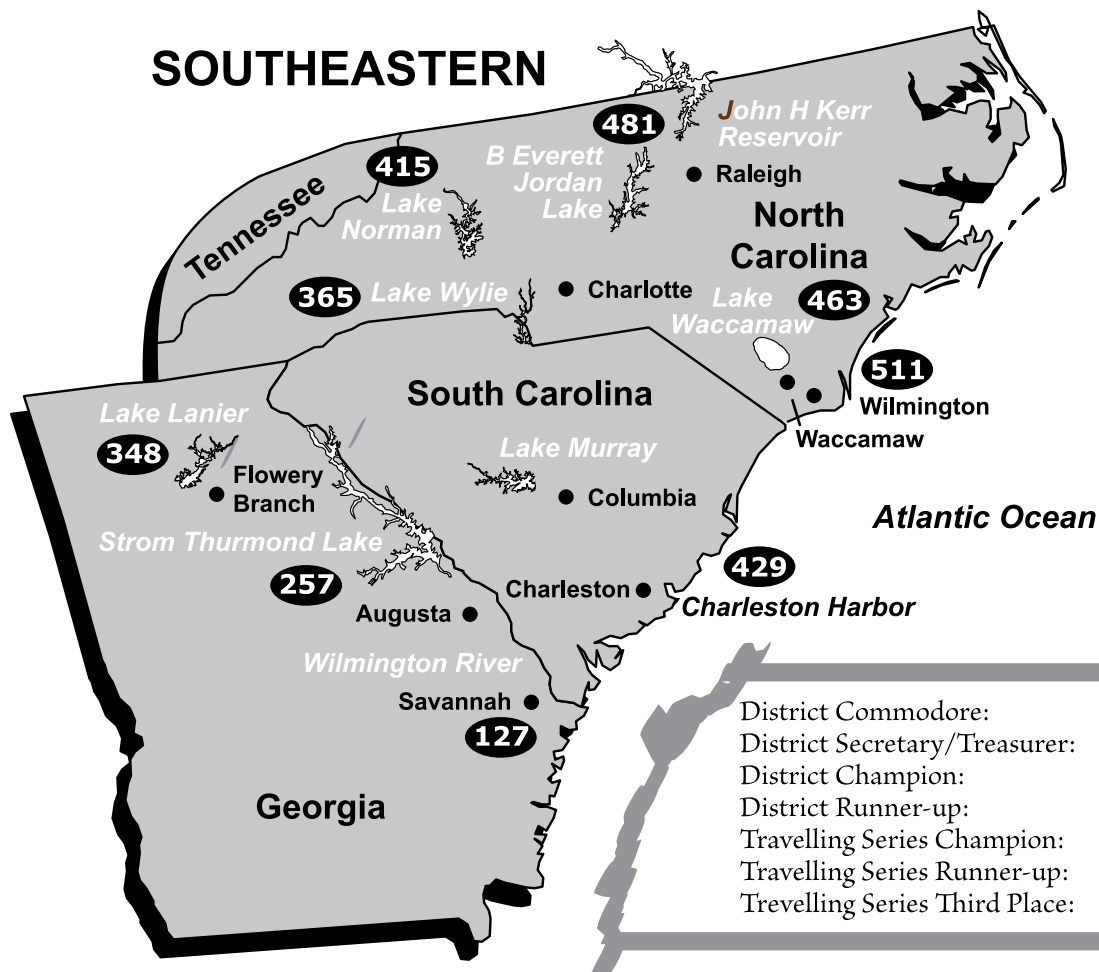
Congratulations to Peter Hall, Jay Deakin and Phil Karrigan who came 2nd at the Soling Worlds, which took place in Annapolis in October 2006! In November 2006, the same crew won the Lightning International Masters Championships in Chile!

We also have Chantal Léger who is doing an Olympic campaign in Ynglings. Go Chantal!

And lastly, our crew roster will increase with the addition of a Holly boy, son of Michael Holly and Valérie.



SOUTHEASTERN



District Commodore:	Terry Tyner
District Secretary/Treasurer:	Lauren Beauchamp
District Champion:	Bob Harkrider
District Runner-up:	Pierce Barden
Travelling Series Champion:	Bob Harkrider
Travelling Series Runner-up:	Terry Tyner
Trevelling Series Third Place:	John Pelosi

For the second year in a row, Bob Harkrider ran the table in the Southeastern District, winning the Traveling Series and the District Championship. Terry Tyner opened the 2006 season with a win at the Lake Murray Sailfest on his home waters in Columbia, South Carolina. Terry duplicated the win a few weeks later at the VooDoo Regatta on Lake Norman.

On June 3, we turned to our District Championships at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. The competition was fierce. In Race 1 there was rain, Race 2 brought 20-knot breezes, and the day ended with dying breezes in Race 4. Three skippers won races, including Pierce Barden, Bob Harkrider, and John Sawyer. Barden won the day with a low score of eight points. On Sunday, Bob sailed 1-2 while Avis Bridgers won the final race. With a throw-out in effect, Harkrider won the championship with a low score of eight.

When September arrived, we went back to the lakes. John Sawyer joined Bob Harkrider and Terry Tyner as the third skipper to win a traveling regatta, taking first at the Augusta Invitational. Two weeks later, he duplicated the result with a win at Waccamaw. In Atlanta, Marcus Moehlman, new to the District this year, won first place, becoming the fourth skipper to win a series event. That left the Borderline regatta. The Wake Fleet hosts a great October regatta, and the Borderline annually attracts national caliber sailors. Tom Allen, Jr. won the regatta, with Tom Hissam, Pierce Barden, Bob Harkrider, and Terry Tyner going 2-3-4-5. When the season tabulations were in, Bob Harkrider won the traveling series by nearly a full point over Terry Tyner.

Season kudos also have to go to John Pelosi. John sailed more regattas than any other skipper (six). He placed top three in four regattas and earned a solid third place finish on the season.

On the national scene, Bob Harkrider (7), Pierce Barden (13), and Avis Bridgers (15) all raced for the President's Cup at San Diego. Avis finished third in the Women's NAs. Pierce raced the ACCs (36). Lenny Krawcheck (11), Terry Tyner (29) and Pam Barron (38) raced Savannah. Pam also had a great finish at the Bluenose. If you need a home for great Lightning sailing, check us out at www.sailsoutheast.org.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Savannah Yacht Club
Sailing on the Wilmington River
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia



Lake Lanier
Sailing on Lake Lanier
Flowery Branch, Georgia



Clarks Hill
Sailing on Clarks Hill Reservoir
Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain.....Robert Harkrider
Fleet Secretary..... Sharon Harkrider
Fleet Treasurer Richard Mayne

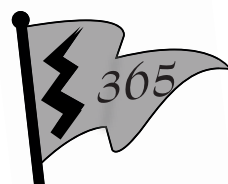
Boat#/Name		Owner
10810	Rode Hard	Bob Harkrider
14127		Marcus Moehlman
15310	Plane Jane	Sharon Harkrider

Fleet 257 had another year of limited activity. We hosted a regatta in September attended by ten boats. It was won by John Sawyer of Wilmington, North Carolina. Finishing in the top half of the Fleet was our newest member, Marcus Moehlman, who bought 14127 from Dick Mayne. Another interesting note, four of the skippers in our regatta were women, Lauren Beauchamp, Pam Barron, Avis Bridgers and new Lightning owner and sailor Sue Holt. Who says women can't be great skippers!

We also added a new boat to our Fleet with the purchase by my wife of hull 15310. I think we are going to call her "Plane Jane" after that wild paint scheme light grey over light grey.

All is well in Augusta Georgia and should anyone who is visiting our fair city decide to go for a sail or just want to talk lightning sailing please give me a call.

Bob Harkrider



Catawba Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Wylie
Charlotte, North Carolina

Boat#/Name		Owner
13941		John Holmes
14355	Spirit	Ronald K Wright
15033		John Holmes



Lake Norman
Sailing on Lake Norman
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Captain.....Carter Utzig

Boat#/Name		Owner
13957	In Sensitivity Train	Peter Marriott
14044	Whistling Pygmy	Lauren Beauchamp
14432	Blitzen	Gordon P Kellogg
14702		Richard Simpson
14773		Sam L Boone
14947	Mutant Black Sheep	Carter Utzig
		Carter Utzig

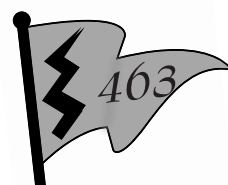
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Greater Charleston

*Sailing on Charleston Harbor
Charleston, North Carolina*

Boat#/Name	Owner
11771 Wasabi	William R Sloger
14957	Ryan Ruhlman
15085	Leonard Krawcheck



Lake Waccamaw

*Sailing on Lake Waccamaw
Waccamaw, North Carolina*

Fleet Captain..... Paul R Jueschke

Boat#/Name	Owner
14980 Celebrate	Paul R Jueschke



Wake

*Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan
Raleigh, North Carolina*

Fleet Captain..... Dave Puckett
Fleet TreasurerAvis Bridgers
Fleet Champion-Kerr Series.....John Chaplinsky
Fleet Champion-SE District Racing.....John Pelosi

Boat#/Name	Owner
12773	Worth A Lutz
13477	Michael Rees
13620	Harry Cline
14080	John Chaplinsky
14637	Charles Moore
14641 In Pursuit	Alan Hawkes
14720 Stinger	Jay R Johnson
14728	Dale Hedin
14747	Alan Krauss
14852	Robert Graves
14932	John W Pelosi
15141	Avis Bridgers
15146 Eleven!	David L Puckett

2006 has been a status-quo year for Fleet 481. We finished this season having neither gained nor lost average participation in our local regattas. For this season, I list eleven "active" Lightning sailors; however, three of these skippers chose only to serve as crew this year, and two skippers participated in only one regatta for the season. So to be most realistic, we currently have six active Lightnings in the fleet.

But this is not bad news for Fleet 481. There is renewing interest and energy, and 2007 promises to be a stronger year for Fleet participation. Dale Hedin is a new boat owner who recently refurbished his boat in time to participate in our Fleet-sponsored "Borderline Regatta." We are looking forward to Dale's participation next season. Alan Hawkes is becoming increasingly active, and we have two new Lightning owners in the area, Tripp Foster and Ambrose Stafford. They have not yet purchased their boats but will hopefully be joining us on the water next season.

Lack of love for sailing the Lightning is never a reason given for lack of participation. Nor is lack of crew. We have a nice supply of capable Lightning crew that participate with several fleets comprising the Carolina Sailing Club. Rather, it is the usual "pressures of life" that seem to be the main culprit. Alan Krauss has family commitments that presently consume his free time, although we look forward to his return to activity in a few years. Michael Rees, as a managing physician, has his sailing time limited by his professional demands but continues to be active with the club. Charles Moore has often sailed with his daughters who have less time for sailing these days (we are going to find Chuck some crew!). It was Charles,

in fact, in a recent conversation, that put his finger on one of the biggest participation challenges facing our fleet. We sail "off the ramps" and do not have a permanent physical club or marina. This means we set-up and tear down for each and every regatta, and this takes extra time for those that are time challenged. Personally, I really disliked this when I started sailing Lightnings in 2005. Now, I'm OK with it—practice makes perfect!

Presently, Wake 481 participation is sustained primarily by six skippers: Pelosi, Puckett, Bridgers, Chaplinsky, Graves and Hawkes. Bob Graves deserves special mention in our Fleet because he travels all the way down from the Williamsburg, Virginia area to participate in our Kerr Lake events. Pelosi and Bridgers, and to a lesser extent Puckett, have carried the Wake 481 flag around the Southeastern Lightning District (SELD). Puckett will be more active in the district in '07 ('06 saw his district season run aground with both of his primary crew developing back injuries that were not sailing related).

Within the SELD, John Pelosi is our Fleet champ. He finished third overall in 2006, missing second place by the narrowest of margins. Avis and Henry Bridgers also campaigned across the southeast, but their '06 season was focused on getting to the NAs in San Diego—a long way to drive from North Carolina! And we cannot report without tipping our hat to our Kerr Lake Series Champion, John Chaplinsky.

For those Lightning sailors out there who may be considering a move to the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area (the "Triangle area" as it is said around here), we offer a variety of racing opportunities:

- Kerr Lake Championship Series—one weekend per month, April through October
- Jordan Lake Informal Series—one Sunday per month, year 'round sailing!
- Governor's Cup Regatta—open invitational in June with a LI one-de sign start
- Edenton Bay Challenge—held mid-summer on the Albemarle Sound
- The Borderline Regatta—Lightning One-Design each October on Kerr Lake



Cape Fear

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
Wilmington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain.....	Pierce Barden
Fleet Champion—Ocean Series.....	Steve Johnston
Fleet Champion—Sound Series	Pierce Barden

Fleet 511 welcomed its newest member, Tommy van Arsdale. Tommy was an active junior sailor at Surf City Yacht Club in New Jersey. He is now a junior sailing instructor at Carolina Yacht Club and joined our Fleet this past year with Jack Elfman's boat #15139, raising the total number of boats in the fleet to twelve.

The Cape Fear Fleet began its season with the Carolina Yacht Club's Ocean Series in May. The Series runs over the course of the summer,

Boat#/Name		Owner
9398	Old School	Jay Taylor
12126		David A Pyle
14062	White Star	Andrew Barton
14318	Soul Sister	John Sawyer
14356	Lightn' Up	William F King
14550	K3	Theresa Kramer
14622	Sasam	Thomas Hissam
14682		Bob Cowen
14695		Richard B Waldkirch
14701	Driving Blind	James A Harris
15139		Tommy Van Arsdale
15156		David A Pyle
15236		Steve Johnston
15241		Pierce P Barden

one Saturday a month with three races per day. First place honors were given to Steve Johnston. Pierce Barden finished first in the annual Sound Series which began in May and was conducted on Tuesday nights throughout the summer, with a total of ten races scheduled. Pierce also took home first place in the club's Independence Day Regatta, and Jim Harris was first in the Labor Day Regatta. The Carolina Yacht Club's Annual SAYRA One Design Invitational held in August boasted a Lightning fleet of fourteen boats, with top honors going to the team of Jay Taylor, Phil Taylor, and Ellie Stone.

The Southeastern Lightning District Championships were hosted by Fleet 511 the first weekend in June, with thirteen boats participating. On Friday night, John and Becky Sawyer hosted a cookout at their new home, giving everyone a chance to socialize before setting off for a weekend of competitive racing and challenging conditions. Saturday's racing was accompanied with lots of wind, big waves and a few moments of wondering why you were out there in the first place. Racing was followed by a catered dinner at the club and the SE District Annual Meeting where events for the 2007 season were discussed. We awoke Sunday to very light winds and no waves, which forced the Race Committee to postpone the racing until the wind increased. Still, we were able to get in two races on Sunday, and the winner wasn't decided until the last race, when Bob Harkrider from Augusta, Georgia, came from behind on the last downwind leg and won the District Championships. Pierce Barden finished second, and three Fleet 511 boats tied for fifth, with John Sawyer winning the tie breaker over Steve Johnston and Jay Taylor.

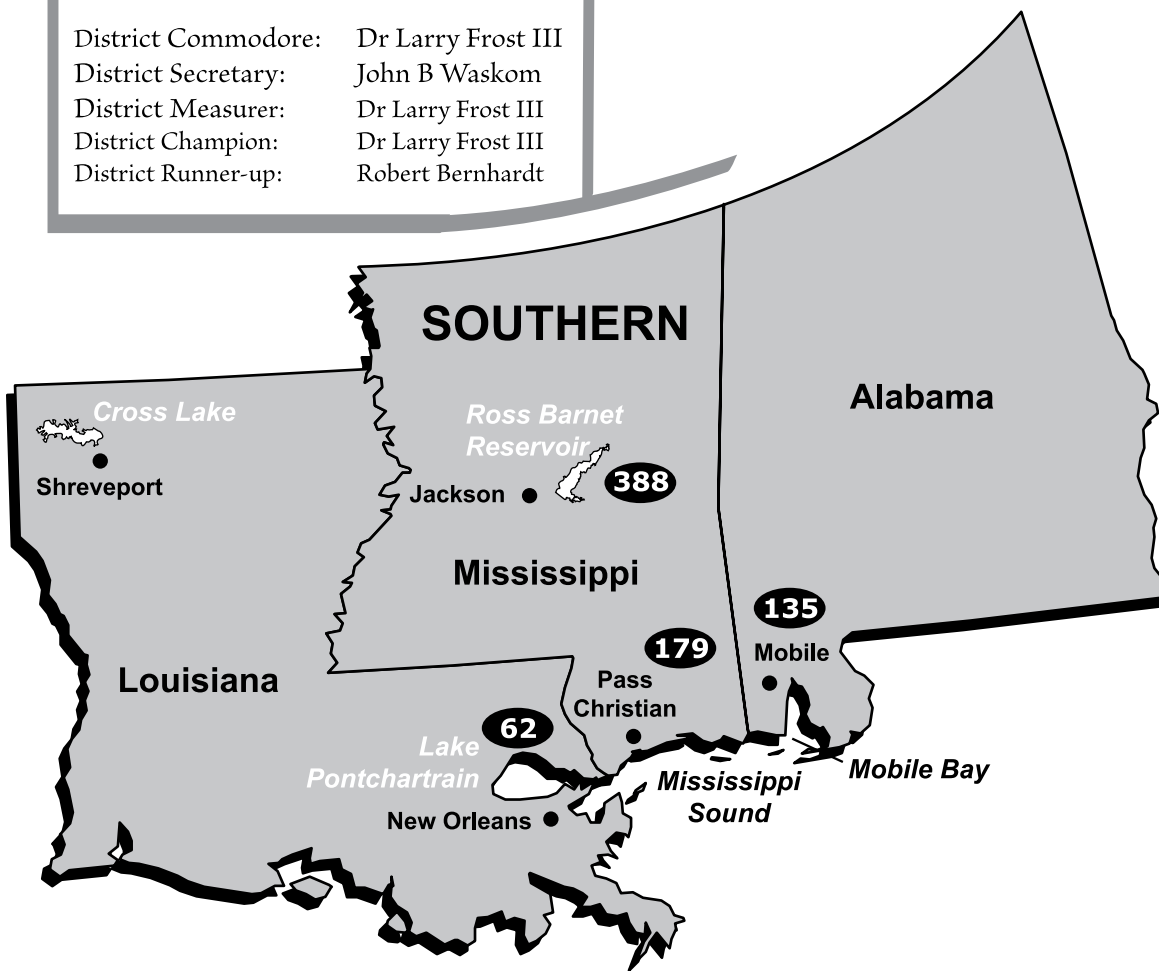
We had two boats qualify for the SELD traveling series, with John Sawyer finishing fourth and Richard Waldkirch finishing in fifth place overall. The Fleet was also represented at larger regattas, with Waldkirch attending the Deep South in Savannah, Dave Pyle and Barden attending the Potomac Cup in Virginia, Barden traveling to New Jersey for ACCs, and then to San Diego for North Americans. Fleet 511 was represented very well at the Borderline, with seven boats competing, consisting of Tom Hissam, Barden, Sawyer, Taylor, Waldkirch, Pyle, and Bob Cowen.

Come join us on June 2-3, 2007 for our annual SE Lightning District regatta held in the Atlantic Ocean.

Ellie Stone
Pierce Barden



District Commodore: Dr Larry Frost III
District Secretary: John B Waskom
District Measurer: Dr Larry Frost III
District Champion: Dr Larry Frost III
District Runner-up: Robert Bernhardt



2006 was a year of stabilization for the Southern District, attempting to return to normal after the devastation of homes, Yacht clubs and boats from hurricane Katrina in September, 2005. The focus of the Southern District's efforts for 2006 was to set and attend a limited schedule of regattas and to maintain our visibility and presence within the local yachting communities.

Interdistrict cooperation and travel with neighboring Texas and Mississippi Valley Districts have resulted in more competitive sailing and more enjoyment for all the participants.

Our District Level 2006 Competitions included:

- The District Championship, May 6 and 7 at Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson Mississippi, hosted by the Jackson Yacht Club and Fleet 388
- An "open" regatta was held to encourage all area Lightning sailors to attend. Two boats from Fleet 274 in Memphis, Tennessee, came south to enjoy racing and proved to be worthy competitors. Five races were completed. Dr. Larry Frost III turned in an unbeatable performance with four bullets and a second followed, by the rest of us.

Open Regatta Results

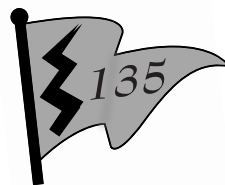
Boat#	Skipper	Fleet#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
15211	Dr Larry Frost III	62	1	1	2	1	1	6
15169	Batton Kennon	274	4	2	3	3	2	14
14666	Crit Currie	274	2	3	1	4	6	16
15201	Robert Bernhardt	135	6	5	6	2	3	22
14736	Ian Lacour	388	3	4	8	5	5	25
14737	Tom Niles	388	7	6	7	8	4	32
13781	Chris Frost	135	8	8	4	7	7	34
9696	Buddy Clark	179	5	7	5	9	8	34
14355	Pete Furze	135	9	9	9	6	10 DNS	43

The GYA Championship was held on July 15 and 16 at Mobile Bay, Alabama, hosted by the Mobile Yacht Club and Fleet 135

The Mobile Yacht Club conducted an excellent multi-fleet regatta in typical light air, warm, humid Gulf Coast conditions. A little weather excitement was generated on the post race Sunday morning return to harbor. A thunderstorm moved into position over the mouth of the harbor. The combination of enough rain to provide a whiteout plus gusts of 30+ knots made for some interesting navigation. Congratulations to Dr. Larry Frost III. By winning both the District and the GYA events, he repeats as the Combined Trophy winner.

All lightning sailors are invited and welcome to attend our District events in 2007. Schedules are being developed and will be announced in the Flashes and on the ILCA web.

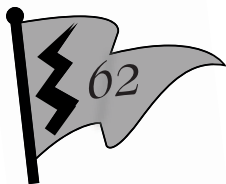
John Waskom



Mobile Bay

Sailing on Mobil Bay
Mobile, Alabama

Fleet Captain..... Christopher Frost
Fleet Secretary..... Barney March



Southern Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain
New Orleans, Louisiana

Boat#/Name	Owner
14136	Callender Herman
15126 FF2	Laurence N Frost, Jr
15211	Dr Lawrence N Frost

Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13060	E Russell March
13781 Pretty Poison	Christopher Frost
	Vivian Gaudet
15201 Bob Sled	Robert E Bernhardt



Pass Christian Yacht Club

Sailing on Gulf Coast, Mississippi Sound
Pass Christian, Mississippi

Fleet Captain..... Buddy Clarke

SOUTHERN DISTRICT



Jackson Yacht Club

Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir

Jackson, Mississippi

Fleet Captain.....John Waskom
Fleet Treasurer.....John Waskom

Boat#/Name		Owner
10959	Hard Tack	John B Waskom
11085		Joe McDevitt
12746		David McNair
14736	Enigma	John B Waskom
14737		Thomas Niles

Fleet 388 experienced some much needed growth during 2006 with the arrival of Lightning veteran Tom Niles, who purchased 14737 and brought it to central Mississippi to sail with his sons Evan and Kenneth in our Fleet and District regattas. Two additional Lightnings were added to the Fleet in 2006. 11085 was rescued after hurricane Katrina and is being restored to racing condition for skipper Joe McDevitt. 10959 was extricated from storage by John Waskom who is refitting her for use in Fleet development.

To help compensate for the hurricane loss of several District sailing facilities, our Fleet efforts for 2006 were directed into utilizing our great facilities at the Jackson Yacht Club to provide a venue for all of the area Lightnings to compete and enjoy sailing together. We were able to host a Lightning Fleet in the April Spring Fling Regatta, Host the Southern District Championship Regatta and host a Lightning Fleet in the fall Hospitality Regatta.

The willingness of fellow Lightning sailors from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas to travel to Jackson and sail in our events is truly appreciated and has attracted the notice of our club officers and members alike. Our newest Fleet member, Tom Niles, responded in kind and attended regattas in the Texas, Michigan and Mississippi Valley Districts.

Southern District Championship

May 6 & 7, 2006

Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson, Mississippi

Boat#	Skipper	Hometown	R1	R2	R3	Ttl
15211	Dr Larry Frost III	New Orleans, LA	6	1	1	8
14817	Scott Anderson	Dallas, TX	3	4	2	9
15201	Robert Bernhardt	Pensacola, FL	2	2	8	12
14666	Crit Currie	Memphis, TN	4	3	8	15
15169	Batton Kennon	Memphis, TN	7	5	3	15
14736	John Waskom	Jackson, MS	6	6	4	15

Our 2006 racing season started March 27 and 28 with the JYC Spring Fling Regatta. Lightnings from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, and Mississippi attended. Three Races were run in warm weather and good winds.

On May 6 and 7 Fleet 388 and the Jackson Yacht Club hosted the Southern District Championship Regatta.

July 15 and 16 found Tom, Kenneth and Evan Niles in 14737 and John Waskom crewing for Batton Kennon in 15169 (Fleet 274) traveling south to the Lightning GYA Championships held at the Mobile Yacht Club. We were treated to some excellent sailing in a variety of conditions, from drifting to 30+ knots in a thunderstorm on the Sunday return after racing.

On September 16 and 17 Tom Niles, with crew Kenneth Niles and John Waskom, sailed in the Hernando De Soto Regatta on Lake Arkabutla, Mississippi. It was hosted by Lightning Fleet 274 and Thistle Fleet 72. Tom enjoyed the regatta, finishing second overall.

On October 7 and 8 Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi Lightnings converged in Jackson for the annual JYC Hospitality Regatta. The desire to sail and have a good time overcame light air weather conditions on Saturday, followed by more pleasant social activities and a good dinner at the club. Sunday brought more of the same, with the Fleet retiring in mass after race four, electing to drink beer, pack up the boats, and wait for the trophy ceremonies.

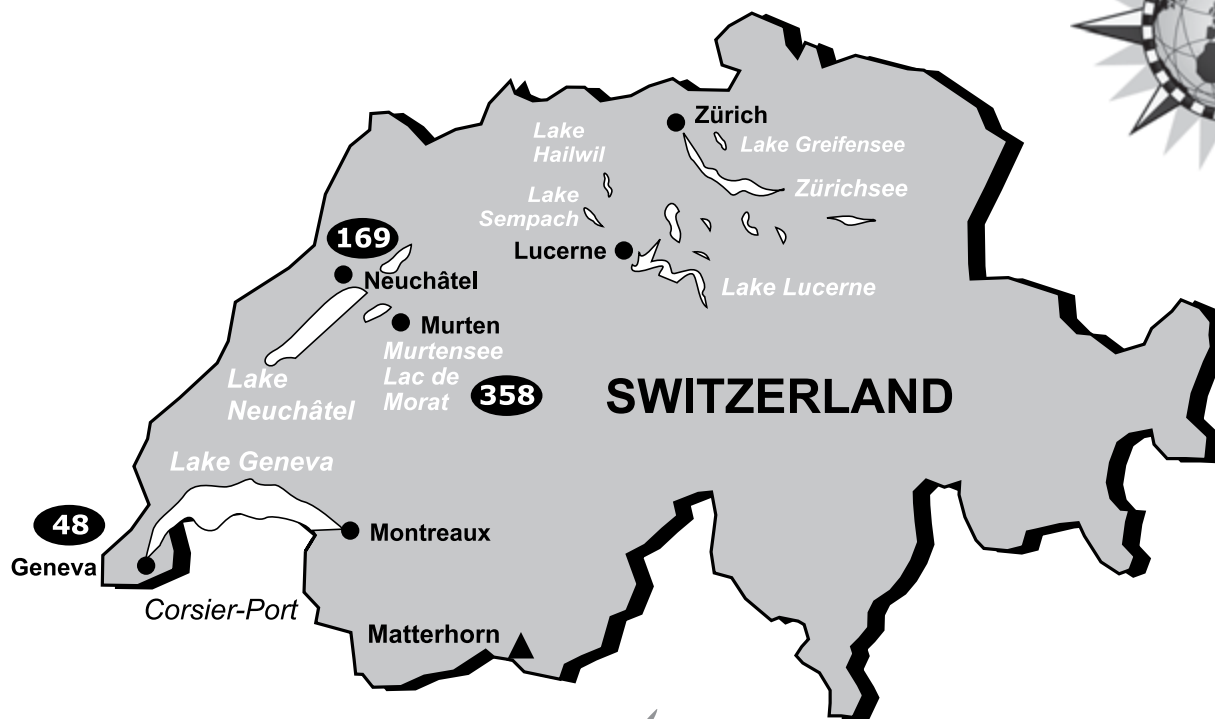
Fleet 388 extends an open invitation to all Lightning sailors to come to Jackson, Mississippi, and join us in our 2007 events and to experience the hospitality of the Jackson Yacht Club.

Hospitality Regatta

October 7 & 8, 2006

Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson, Mississippi

Boat#	Skipper	Hometown	Fleet
15211	Dr Larry Frost III	New Orleans, LA	62
14666	Crit Currie	Memphis, TN	274
14230	Bill Baxter III	Memphis, TN	274
14736	Ralph Leon	Memphis, TN	274



District Commodore: Jacques Perret
 District Treasurer: Margrit Graf
 District Measurer: Urs Wyler
 District Champion: Urs Wyler
 District Runner-up: Jacques Perret

National Activity

Always the same situation for the participation at our Spring regatta on the Lake of Sempach, but this year we have touched the ground! We had just two boats on the starting line.

By contrast, we had a good participation of seven Lightnings for the fourth edition of the "Memorial Claude Lambelet" on 21st and 22nd October in Neuchâtel. There was hard competition between the two top crews.

Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel – Memorial Claude Lambelet—2006

Boat#	Skipper	Crew	Club	Ttl
13790	Urs Wyler	W Durr, A Wyler	SCM	6
14530	Jacques Perret	A de Montmollin, A Louis	CVN	6
12571	Alain Perret	JP Geiser, S Jordan	CVB	11
13692	Hans Peter Schmid	J Menzi	SCM	17
13840	Lukas Gerig	R Huwiler, J Brunner	SKM	19
14664	Peter Graf	J Rutz, A Brauniger	SVT	19
13705	François With	E With, D Wyler	SCVG	28

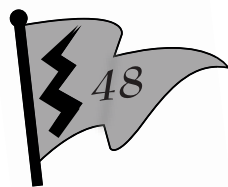
International Activity

We had just one Swiss crew at the Europeans in Finland. Once again our District Champion crew Wyler/Dürr/Dürr failed on the finishing line to bring the European title back to Switzerland. Congratulation for the good second place with the strong concurrence of the Greek youth crews.

I wish to all Swiss Lightning sailors, active and less active, a very good season 2007. Rendez-vous in Sempach!!!

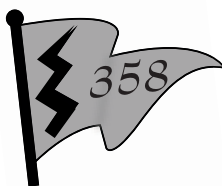


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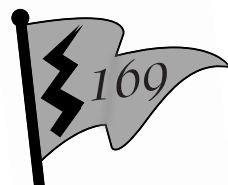
Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port

Sailing on Corsier-Port
Geneva, Switzerland



Flotte Murtensee

Sailing on Lake of Murten
Murtensee, Switzerland



Lac de Neuchâtel

Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel
Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain..... Urs Wyler
Fleet Treasurer Walter Durr

Boat#/Name	Owner
12860	Jean-Michel Luhi
13840 Chiloë	Gilbert Despland

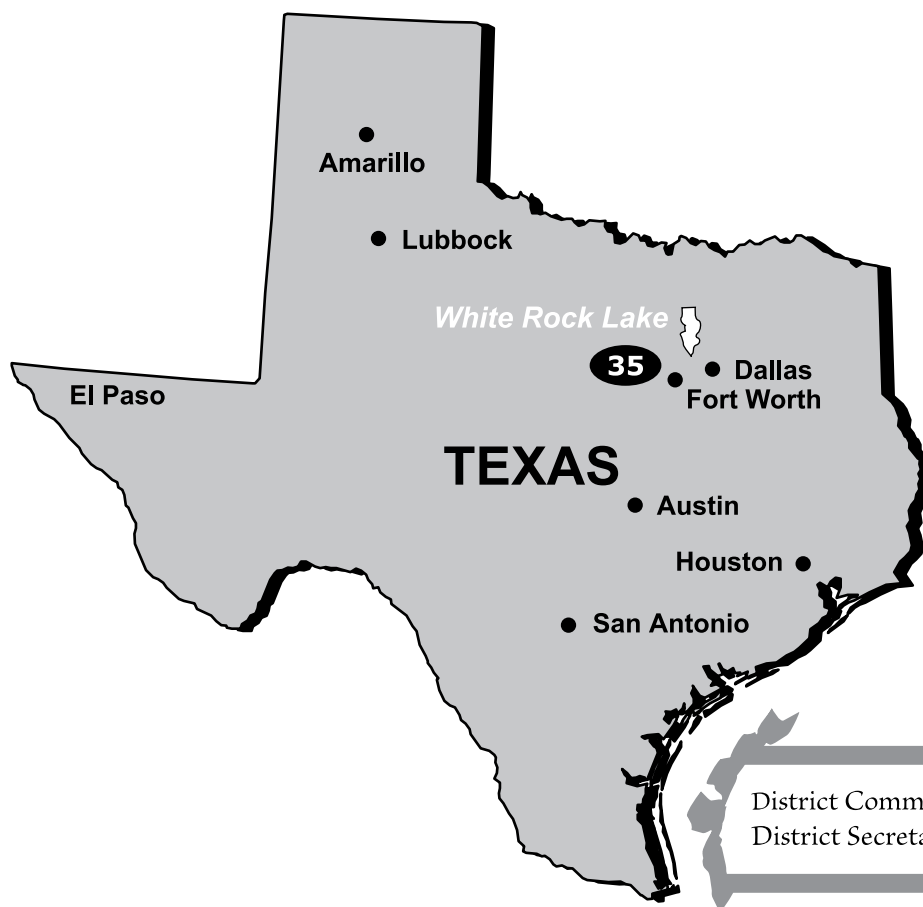
Boat#/Name	Member/Owner
13692 Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790 Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14530 Gaston	Jacques Perret
14664 Karhu	Peter Graf



Die Aktivität unserer Flotte hielt sich auch dieses Jahr in Grenzen. Da auf dem Murtensee keine Lightningregatta stattfand, trafen sich Meltemi und Gaston im Mai auf dem Sempachersee zur Frühlingsregatta. Leider nahmen nur gerade 2 Lightnings an dieser traditionellen Regatta teil. Meltemi bereitete sich einmal mehr auf die Europameisterschaft in Finnland vor. Die Crew Wyler, Dürr, Dürr kehrte mit einem guten zweiten Platz aus Jyväskylä zurück. Es wäre mehr möglich gewesen. Der Mastbruch auf der Heimreise konnte die gute Laune über diesen unvergesslichen Ausflug in den Norden nur kurz etwas trüben.

Alle Boote unserer Flotte trafen sich im Herbst zum traditionellen Critérium Claude Lambelet. Die spannende Regattaserie wurde erst auf dem Zielstrich der fünften Regatta entschieden.





District Commodore: Scott Anderson
District Secretary: Amanda Boers

We sail on White Rock Lake in Dallas. Seven boats signed up to sail in this year's Texas District Championship. We had two boats travel from outside the District to help us have a good regatta. The Texas District is in the process of rebuilding, with a combination of new sailors and some experienced sailors taking the sport back up again.

The first race was started in an easterly breeze of around ten knots. The boats that held left on the first beat lead at the first windward mark. As the leaders approached the windward mark, a shift to the right meant an immediate gybe set for the run. The middle paid off on the second beat. The wind died as the leaders sailed the second run. The second beat had spread the Fleet out, but as the wind filled back in, the Fleet bunched up again resulting in nail-biting, overlapped finishes.

The wind died again, and we didn't get any more racing in on Saturday. On Sunday morning we had a steady ten to twelve out of the south. We got three good races in. The second race started in a right phase, but with the mark tucked in under the shore. It paid to hold on starboard to the left shore. The second beat played out the same way, resulting in a lead change.

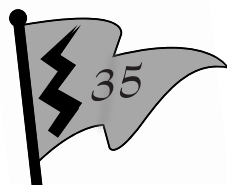
In the third and fourth races, the beats demanded playing the shifts up the middle. Downwind, it seemed to pay off to sail deep along the left, which was important because we had downwind finishes on Sunday morning.

White Rock is a small inland lake with no wave action, so clear air and boat speed were critical. The leaders consistently had the best speed. In the end, we had some good racing, and Texas will send at least two boats to San Diego. See you there!!

2006 Texas District Championships
Corinthian Sailing Club
White Rock Lake—Dallas, Texas
June 3–4, 2006

#r	Fleet	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Place
13806	35	Clarke Newman	Kelson Elam	Deanna Newman	1	2	1	1	5	1
15169	274	Batton Kennon	Stephanie Laughlin	-----	2	1	2	2	7	2
14817	35	Scott Anderson	Brad Winslett	Angela Loud	3	3	3	3	12	3
14737	388	Tom Niles	Evan Niles	Kenneth Niles	4	4	4	4	16	4
10275	35	John Womble	Christie Womble	Amy Williams	DNF	7	5	5	25	5
13311	35	Beth Richard	Gery Osowiecki	-----	DNF	5	6	6	25	6
11118	35	Ralph Bilnowski	Sylvan Newman	-----	5	6	DNC	DNC	27	7

TEXAS DISTRICT



Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club

Sailing on White Rock Lake

Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain.....Scott Anderson

Fleet Secretary.....Amanda Boera



Newman measuring in at the NAs

The 2006 sailing season is now coming to a close. We had more boats at the Texas Districts than we have had in many years, and for the first time in ten years, we sent more than one boat to the North Americans. Clarke Newman, after a multi-decade hiatus, won the Texas Districts in June with Deanna Newman and Kelson Elam as crew. Newman last attended the NAs in 1979, and the San Diego NAs was the first out-of-town regatta he had sailed as a helmsman in fifteen years. Needless to say, it was somewhat humbling. Regardless, it was great fun all the way around—even if it took the whole regatta for him to remember out how to hold a lane against good sailors in a chop. Scott Anderson and his crew Brad Winslett also went to San Diego and was the top Texas boat.

Fleet racing moved along from February through November, with many of fleet members participating. Sylvan Newman and Vernon Goldberg, both in their eighties, are still very active in Fleet racing. Ralph Bilnoski, John Womble and Beth Richards were active participants in the fleet series as well.

Scott Anderson and John Womble attended out-of-town regattas this year.

2006 was a transition year for Texas, with one newer boat being added to the Fleet but no new skippers. Activity was higher, and that is encouraging. Also, there has been some interest in restarting the Lake Conroe Fleet. We hope that happens.

Boat#/Name		Owner
10002		Jim Crittendon
10014		Rob Edwards
10275	Xanadu	Elizabeth A Richards
10811		Paul Barton
10937	The Flying Spoon	Kerry Cole
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
12085	Spray III	Carl Tackle
13100		Wills McQueen
13228	Andros 3	Vernon Goldberg
13311	Sláinte	Elizabeth A Richards
13644		Michael Daniels
13703	Saguaro	Stephen Bell
13722		Spencer McGowan
13806		Clarke D Newman
13953		Scott Anderson
14045	Blitz	John Womble
14344		Clancy McKenna
14814	Aeolus	Scott Anderson
14817		Scott Anderson



Deanna Newman and Amy Williams at the NAs



US @ LARGE DISTRICT



Rocky Mountain

*Sailing in Colorado, Nebraska
and Wyoming*

Denver, Colorado

Fleet Captains.....Mike Taber and Dave Pearce

Fleet Secretaries.....Steve Davis and Nick Farina

2006 was a year of firsts for Fleet 488. We started racing the first Sunday in April and continued well into October, completing three series under the Denver Sailing Association. Spectacular views of snow-covered mountains were an added bonus, as The Thawout Series throughout April experienced good wind, weather, and competition. Traditionally, winds are light and fluky on Cherry Creek, although sometimes there is just a moment separating glass from 25+ knots. However, there are also the very comfortable "come and go" winds of 7-10 knots that grace The Spring Series from May through mid-July and The Summer Series from that point through the end of September.

Boat participation continued to improve this year, with six to eight boats sailing regularly on Thursdays. New to Colorado and Cherry Creek, skipper Nick Farina regularly came down from Boulder with his girlfriend and four or five fellow female PhD candidates at the University of Colorado. Most of these women had never sailed before, and no one had seen a Lightning, thus making for interesting times and good stories.

Boat#/Name		Owner
435		Donna Downey
2954		Mark Rauch
6392	Zephyr	Jesse Witt
9250		Colorado Sailing
9287	Wild Goose	Brent Kendrick
9588		John Morse
10383	Wind Tree	Scott Evans
10682	ToysRUs	David Pearce
11138	Beater	David Spira
11446	Frolic	David Pearce
11457		Norm Jarvis
11815	Revolution	Nancy Nowak
12240		Mike Weidl
12428		Brad & Beth Hamilton
12871	Dandy Lion	Tom McNish
13478		Fred Denny
13857		Marty Mulhern
13858	Gunboat	Mike Taber
14041		Mike Mercatoris
14769	North Star	Bob Stoller
15004		Scott & Pat Hathcock
15103		Steve Davis
15220	Odyssey	David Spira
15265		Steve Davis



*Bob Stoller, Bill Cabrall and Mary Anne Byrne
chasing Rob Ruhlman downwind*



Reeve Dunne, Dave Pierce & Scott Hathcock



Jan crewed for Neil Hayes in "Woody"

One breezy evening, three of these women were crewing for Mike Ledger. On the downwind leg, they eventually put the chute up and had a good ride until the leeward mark. As no one except Mike knew Lightnings, they couldn't get the spinnaker down as they attempted to sail upwind. Here, we all witnessed our first, and possibly last, "chicken-tack" to avoid the looming dam. During the "chicken-tack," everyone went for an extended swim. Sadly, one of the girls never came down again, but the other two are regulars. Steve will never let Mike live that one down.

After a night of racing, Fleet and DSA members congregate on the dock for grilled brats and burgers for hungry sailors. Since the Denver area has few mosquitoes, this after-dark camaraderie is almost as much fun as the racing. The overall Lightning Fleet winner for the year was Nick Farina, who received the Fleet 488 Champion award at the Denver Sailing Association Annual Awards Dinner in November.

We became more of a traveling Fleet this year with strong showings in national and junior regattas. Steve Davis sailed with Greg and Jo Ann Fisher in the Southern Circuit and the US Pan Am Trials. Steve also crewed for Colin and Karen Park in the Masters' NA, finishing second, and drove his own boat with the Parks to an eleventh in the Championship fleet.

Juniors Reeve Dunn, Ian McKenzie and Gabe Stallings traveled to San Diego and sailed again in the Junior NAs, finishing THIRD! Reeve stayed in San Diego for the open, with Dave Pierce and Scott Hathcock finishing respectfully in the President's Fleet. Reeve began his college career this September, entering Tufts University as a freshman, and joined the sailing team. He'll be dangerous next summer after a year of coaching from Ken Legler.

Nick Farina, Ashley Jerman, and Mike Ledger won the President's Cup in San Diego, finishing off a great summer of sailing for all of them. This was the first major Lightning regatta the three of them had sailed together. Other Fleet 488 skippers and crews in the NAs were Bob Stoller, Mary Anne Byrne, and Bill Cabrall, as well as Jan Davis on Neil Hayes' boat.

On the Good Citizenship side, Fleet members were hard at work on a second Lightning to refit and donate to the Denver area Community Sailing Program early in 2007. More boats were added to the Fleet last year, and just as important, more crew and a heightened sense of excitement are part of a growing and sustaining fleet! We look forward to next summer and the continued participation of the unofficial MCDB sailing team from the University.

NA's Awards Ceremony



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Lightning Trivia Answers

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| 1) 12 – Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Italy, Nigeria, Switzerland, and the US. | 18) Urs Wyler – 8 times. | 34) George Fisher – 80 years old. |
| 2) 1938. | 19) Their hands. | 35) Skaneateles, NY. |
| 3) Karl Smither - Anne Allen's father. | 20) Milford, CT. | 36) Carlos Navarro Jr. |
| 4) Matt and Greg Fisher, Jay and Jody Lutz, and Tim and Bill Healy. | 21) 3 – Tom Allen, (1961, 1965), Bill Shore (1971, 1985), and Bruce Goldsmith (1973). | 37) Canada and Italy – 3 each. |
| 5) John Barnes. | 22) Jack Swanson | 38) Bay Head Yacht Club, NJ. |
| 6) Mystic Seaport Museum. | 23) Tito Gonzales – 7 times. | 39) Stu Anderson. |
| 7) Matt Fisher. | 24) 1940. | 40) Jack Mueller. |
| 8) Jody Swanson (Sorry David, she wasn't a Starck yet). | 25) The aluminum mast. | 41) first – blue, second – white, third – yellow. |
| 9) The original schooner America. | 26) Victor Lobos of Chile – Race #2. | 42) Brian Taboada and Allan Terhune. |
| 10) Skaneateles, NY. | 27) Karl (5), Lou (4), Jim (4), and Matt (3). | 43) Green. |
| 11) Tom (8), Bill (6), Bruce (4). | 28) Bob Seidleman, Larry MacDonald and Dave Curtis. | 44) Hale Walcoff. |
| 12) Sparkman & Stevens. | 29) Egyptian cotton. | 45) Mike Healy and Dick Escalera. |
| 13) A formula with 4 measurement points. | 30) Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador – 1975 and 1999. | 46) The Don Bliss Trophy in Miami and the Pelican Trophy in St. Pete. |
| 14) Stephen Craig, and Ned Roseberry. | 31) Larry MacDonald and Jay Lutz. | 47) Tito Gonzales - Lightning, J-24 and Etchelles. |
| 15) Tom Allen Sr. and Tom Allen Jr. | 32) George Fisher, Anne Allen, Jack Swanson, and Bob Wardwell. | 48) Bill Faude. |
| 16) Betsy Allison, and Mandy Hofmeister. | 33) 4 – Brazil, Canada, Chile, United States. | 49) 5 – Tom Allen (8), Bill Shore (6), Bruce Goldsmith (4), John Barnes (3), Ched Proctor (3), Matt Fisher (3). |
| 17) Cedar. | | 50) Brian Taboada. |



2006 Lightning Youth World Championship Jyväskylä, Finland

July 17–20, 2006

During the third week of July, ten teams, three from Finland, three from Greece, three from the USA and one from Brazil, descended on the Yacht Club of Jyväskylän Veneseura, located 20 km south from Jyväskylä (approximately 280 km north of Helsinki and 450 km south of the Arctic Circle) in the suburban town of Säynätsalo on Juurikkasaari (a small island), to determine the 2006 Lightning Youth World Champion. Thomas Sumner was present to defend his title as Youth Champion, along with his crew which included Felipe Brito who crewed with Thomas in 2004 and Felipe Gil.

The Organizing Sailing Club was Jyväskylän Veneseura JVS together with the Finnish Lightning Class Association. The sailing area was located right next to the club on Lake Päijänne which stretches for 65 miles to the south. The boats were provided by the members of the Finnish Lightning Class Association. The Youth World Championship was preceded by the 2006 Lightning European Championship and followed immediately by the PäijännePurjehdus, a multi-fleet race, in which Lightnings participate. The race starts at Jyväskylän Veneseura and finishes 65 miles to the south. Panagiotis Verginadis had just won the European Championship, with Christos Atzemian finishing in third and Thomas Sumner in fourth leading up to a very competitive Youth World Championship.

The regatta started with a practice race on July 17 at 6:00 PM in the evening. The wind was as had been predicted, south at 0 to 6 mph. As usual, most teams did not finish the race but sailed past the finish on the outside of the pin. The morning of the 18th, the first day of racing, the wind was from the north, an unusual direction for this time of year, but more unusual, it was blowing between 10–12 m/s with gusts to 14 m/s. The first race was started with wind approaching the 25 mph limit. During the race gusts were recorded somewhat higher, but generally the winds were somewhat less as the race preceded. Two boats tipped over and did not finish the race as they required assistance. Thomas Sumner won with Panagiotis Verginadis a close second. The third and fourth boats were separated by 20 cm (8 inches) with Nick Aswad in third and Christos Atzemian in fourth. This set the stage for the next five races.

Since the club was only a short sail from the race course it was decided to bring the teams into the club between races so they could get a hot lunch and the boat repair team could make any necessary repairs. The temperature was very comfortable on shore but cool on the water as the north wind brought down the cool arctic air. The second race was started later in the afternoon with winds slightly less than the first race. Again Thomas won with Panagiotis in second. Nick Aswad, while almost capsizing on the final downwind leg, finished in third followed by Chad Miller in fourth.

The second day of racing dawned with the winds still out of the north, but slightly less than the first day and yet cooler temperatures. The tight competitive racing continued through the two races, with Panagiotis winning both races and Thomas finishing in second. Christos finished in third in both races and Nick in fourth.

The third day of racing again dawned with the north wind still blowing and the temperature still dropping. The fifth race started in medium winds with continued tight racing. Panagiotis won the race with Thomas in second, setting up an interesting sixth and final race. If Thomas Sumner was to win his third Youth Championship, he had to win the last race. Nick finished in third and Christos in fourth, giving Nick a two-point lead over Christos for third. Ian and Chad were tied for fifth, with Alexios only two points behind in seventh.

At the first windward mark rounding of the final race of the Championship, Alexios was in first with Nick in second. One of the markset boats had

Thomas 45 seconds behind the leader in seventh with Panagiotis in fifth. Throughout the next five legs, Thomas caught and passed the leaders finishing only a boat length or so ahead of Nick and Alexios, with Panagiotis in fourth. This gave Thomas his third Youth World Championship, Felipe Brito his second Championship and Felipe Gil his first. Panagiotis, Timos Vlachos and Theodoros Poulakos tied with Thomas but lost the tie breaker based on who beat who in the last race, finishing second in the Championship. Nick Aswad with Connor Aswad, Peter Hazelett finished in third with Christos Atzemian with Faidon Kounas, Themis Parousis in fourth. The fifth through seventh places were tied on points with the tiebreaker going to the team that had the best finish in the Championship. Alexios Papoutsoglou, Maria Mesiskli, Kouros-Sokratis Moghaddam-Gholipour finished fifth with Chad Miller, Daniel Kagan, Tanya Miller in sixth and Ian Schillebeeckx, Beth Ward, Lucas Hofmeister in seventh. The three teams from Finland finish in eighth, ninth and tenth.

This was by far the most competitive Youth World Championship that I have attended. No position was decided until all six races had been completed. Not only were the teams very competitive but the Race Committee did a excellent job of setting the courses and the equal quality of the boats kept the racing close. Again the Lightning Class wishes to thank JVS and its organizers as well as the Suomen Lightningliitto for running an outstanding Lightning Youth World Championship.

Ollie Ahonen from JVS served as the regatta chairmen, and Sakari Pesola served as the chairman of the Suomen Lightningliitto (Finnish Lightning Class). Ollie and Sakke were my main contacts throughout the organization of this Youth Championship. Many e-mails were sent back and forth during the planning stages, and their dedication provided the base for a very successful Championship.

Per-Ole Holm, an International Judge, served as the head of Jury, and Timo Lippas was the Race Chairman. Both Ollie and Timo were members of JVS. The members of the Lightning Class came from all the various Fleets throughout Finland, most traveling hundreds of kilometers to be at the event.

Kimmo Aromaa, who sailed in both the 1980 and 1982 Youth World Championships, was responsible for the boats. I know that there were many working under Kimmo both their preparation and maintaining them throughout the regatta. They were found working on the boats when we arrived in the morning, during lunch break and late into the evenings. Rumor has it that they didn't leave till after dark every night (with 20+ hours of daylight that made for a very long day). But this dedication made for very equal and competitive boats for each team. Others that helped throughout the championship are listed below.

Boat Service Team:

Kimmo Aromaa
Mika Aromaa
Kalle Ahola
Sakari Pesola
Vesa Karhusaari
Matti Leppänen

Measurements:

Jari Aromaa
Simo Wäänänen

Race Office:

Timo Lipas
Olli Ahonen
Teija Jokitalo
Suvi Kellokumpu
Neera Jokitalo

Jury:

Per-Ole Holm
Mikko Puhalainen (Finland)
Costas Tsantilis (Greece)

Support boats on the race area:

Samppa J. Salminen
Keijo Tulomäki
Timo O. Järvinen
Jukka Pötry
Riitta Kangas
Antti Honkala
Pentti Paatola
Mika Viitanen
(Kalle Ahola)
(Matti Leppänen)
(Sakari Pesola)

Visitor boat:

Ari Hiltunen

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Rank	Nat	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Nett
1	BRA	14894	Thomas Sumner	Felipe Gil Filipe Brito	SPYC	1	1	-2	2	2	1	7
2	GRE	15077	Panagiotis Verginadis	Timos Vlachos Theodoros Poulakos	YCG	2	2	1	1	1	-4	7
3	USA	14146	Nicholas Aswad	Connor Aswad Peter Hazelett		3	3	-4	4	3	2	15
4	GRE	14334	Christos Atzemian	Faidon Kounas Themis Parousis	YCG	4	-5	3	3	4	5	19
5	GRE	11811	Alexios Papoutsoglou	Maria Mesiskli Kouros-Sokratis Moghadd- am-Gholipour	PSC	-7	7	5	6	6	3	27
6	USA	14901	Ian Schillebeeckx	Beth Ward Lucas Hofmeister		5	6	6	5	5	-8	27
7	USA	14119	Chad Miller	Daniel Kagan Tanya Miller		6	4	5.0 RDG	5.0 RDG	7	-9	27
8	FIN	14761	Pyy Ikonen	Laura Hemming Maria Hemming	HSK	(11.0 DNF)	9	8	10	8	6	41
9	FIN	14364	Vili-Pekko Pukari	Heikki Tulomäki Johannes Geiss	JVS	8	8	9	7	9	(11.0 OCS)	41
10	FIN	14331	Eppu Pötty	Anna Henderson Eero Viitanen	TP	(11.0 DNF)	9.0 RDG	10	9	10	7	45





Runner-Ups—Greece
Panagiotis Verginadis
Timos Vlachos & Theodoros Poulakos



3rd Place—USA
Nicholas Aswad
Connor Aswad & Peter Hazelett



4th Place—Greece
Christos Atzemian, Faidon Kounas,
Themis Parousis (Bow 9)

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Championship

1st Place—Brazil
Thomas Sumner-Skipper, Filipe Brito, Filipe Gil



5th Place—Greece
Alexios Papoutsoglou, Maria Mesiskli, Kouros-
Sokratis Moghaddam-Gholipour



6th Place—USA
Ian Schillebeeckx, Beth Ward,
Lucas Hofmeister



7th Place—USA
Chad Miller, Daniel Kagan,
Tanya Miller



8th Place—Finland
Pyrä Itkonen, Laura Hemming,
Maria Hemming



9th Place—Finland
Vili-Pekko, Heikki Tulomaki,
Johannes Geiss



10th Place—Finland
Eppu Potry, Anna Henderson,
Eero Viitanen

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How the West was Won

One view of the 2006 NAs at Mission Bay Yacht Club

Matt Burridge #14834

Last October a former Class champion asked me, "How are you going to defend your title at NAs in San Diego? Up to that point in time I had considered our victory in Sheboygan as a bit of a welcome fluke. However, over time the idea grew on me, and I prepared for San Diego in the same fashion as I had for Sheboygan—lots and lots of crewing, physical work outs and boat preparation. I also made sure this regatta would be fun for us. My dad had retired and was going to help me drive the boat the 1,900 miles to San Diego. My wife, Chris, and our two boys, Patrick and Tim, were going to fly out. After the regatta we would take several days in southern California as a family vacation. These NAs would be all about fun. If the regatta worked out OK then that would be great too.

If you want to read a regatta write up that is a "box score," you can read someone else's article. This one is mostly about why the Lightning Class is so great—although there is a bit on the racing too.

My Top 10 list of fun stuff at the San Diego North Americans:

10. **MBYC Mai Tais**—Only drink one per day; two is pain the next morning, and three induces coma. But one is OK!!
9. **Great Friends**—This regatta was a reunion: Bill Buckles, Mario, Telma and Marc Buckup, Gary Demarest, Greg and Leenie Florian, Sean Carroll, Phil Parshley, John DiBenedetti and Dr. Jim Sears, plus our new found friends and whole crew in the daily "Mai Tai corner" of the MBYC bar. Good luck in the 470s Katie!
8. **The Ruhlman Armada**—This family has enough boats for their own Lightning District. Hey, since all three made the Blue Fleet, they could get Abby her own boat and get the extra NAs qualifier in '07!
7. **MBYC Crew**—Jeff Coppens, Pete Bellin, Scott Finkboner, Kirk and Edna Johnson and too many MBYC members to name, super hospitality and graciousness, a wonderful week of activities, culminating

with an unforgettable Luau Awards Banquet in the sand. BTW, who won the keys to the Woody anyway?

6. **Tobi the Seal**—Each morning (except for one) we'd sail out by the channel buoy and say "Hello" to the lounging seals basking in the sun. We named our favorite one "Tobi" for the obvious reasons.
5. **Sailing the qualifiers instead of taking a bye.** It was the perfect warm up for our team, Dan and Tobi Moriarty and myself. We needed the time in the boat but didn't get so much that we remembered any bad habits.
4. **Juniors**—On the race course (but not the bar), finishing well and conducting themselves with Class and good sportsmanship.
3. **Families**—Watching the MacDonald kids put the family boat away after a day's racing. I don't think I'll ever forget the sight of their five-year old daughter trying to push the boat into the parking space from underneath the transom!
2. **3408 Beachwalk Condo**—Team Yeti, Todd & Christine Wake, Ben Spiller and Lal (my dad). We all shared a condo, tuned up, shopped, drank, ate, commiserated and watched seagulls drink from lawn sprinklers together. Try the sea gull trick after several Mai Tais!
1. **The Racing Competition**—Parking next to Jim Carson, Jeff Linton, Jeff Coppens, Bill Mauk and near by Allan Terhune's teams. After each day's tight racing, we'd decompress and laugh about the twists of fate and manna from heaven, etc. What a great group of fierce, friendly competitors this Class has!

OK, now the racing. This regatta will be long remembered for the venue, beautiful conditions where "Ground Hog Day" meant another day in sailing paradise. This year the qualifiers were sailed in 8–12 knot sea breeze with moderate ocean swells and relatively big wind driven chop. During the practice race and qualifiers, we noticed the wind variations were very hard to see due to the wave texture on the water, but they did not appear in sheets, as in lake sailing, but rather in "lanes" or "columns" like long narrow fingers reaching downwind. Getting to a lane of 2–3 knots more breeze (and the shift) before the competition was very important, as it meant we could shift into a higher pointing mode with the velocity.





Technical Stuff

We deviated from our standard tuning for these conditions (as we had in Sheboygan) and discovered that it worked well for the long starboard tacks directly into the chop. Racing with three skippers on board can be difficult, so all I did was focus on sail shape and steering technique in the waves. Dan and Tobi Moriarty did everything else and were strong communicators keeping me from “mushing” weed and grass patches. Their expert boat handling skills directly translated to speed (upwind and down) and showed why they are highly prized as team mates. We felt as fresh as a Sheboygan morning and were hoping for another week of living a charmed life.

Qualifiers

I was concerned that we won the qualifiers because I knew that only two or three times had the winner gone on to win the championship. However, I am not superstitious (although maybe a slow learner) and remembered that once the jinx was broken by Mark Bryant in San Diego in 1980, so there was precedence. Larry MacDonald with his all star family team of Adam and Joy were tied with the family teams of Jeff and Amy Linton (Mark Taylor also along) and Allan and Katie Terhune (with Kris Smith) with five points. With the conditions being fairly consistent from one race to another (ignoring some bizarre variations within each race), all of these teams finished the

series in the top five in the series. We were happy for our friends Dan and Michou Richelsdorfer who won the coveted Fallon Trophy and made the Blue Fleet. Hearing Bill Neal relate the lore of Tom O and Marie Fallon's contributions to the ILCA for those who had not met them was a true delight.

Racing

The Championship Series—I made a bad error early on the way out to the race course. We did not sail by the channel marker to commune with the sea lions as we had done during the qualifiers. These are beautiful animals who luxuriate in the warm sun and eye the sail boats gliding by. The real mistake was leaving the boat in the same “gear” as it had been during the qualifiers. This became a huge problem as the wind in race #1 was only 8–10 knots, and we were not set up for the lighter stuff, I botched the start, pin balled the first third of the beat and failed to find a good lane upwind. We rounded about tenth but then were cut down like weeds by taking too deep gybing angles (again thinking like the breezier qualifiers) and eventually finished twenty-eighth. No excuses here. A mental error had put our dreams of a repeat championship in real danger. I also assumed the Native American alias of “Kelp on Rudder.” We were beaten out of sight so badly I did not even know that David, Jody and Tom Stark had won the race, with Tom, Jim and Shelby Allen second. After this opening race, I did not look at the scoreboard until race #6.



Jeff and Amy Linton with Mark Taylor



Matt Burridge with Dan & Tobi Moriarty



Larry, Joy & Adam MacDonald

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Matt Burridge and crew in 14834, Larry MacDonald and crew in 15246, Richard Hallagan and crew in 15255

Race #2

Tobi snapped us out of the funk from our 28th, and we reviewed what had worked previously and why it had worked. We re-tuned for the lighter conditions and then started to have some fun. Allan Terhune was launched, and we spent time tracking him down to finish second, with "bouncing Hallagan" third." Dick had a potential disaster in the morning when his hoisting bridle ring opened, and his boat fell on to the trailer but sustained no obvious damage. Dick has sailed a beautiful regatta in 1980 at the same venue with his now-grown kids, Jean and David, and clearly he had not forgotten any of his successful techniques since. He was very fast. Team Linton-Linton-Taylor had one great and one bad race, and only Terhune and Starck were sailing consistently at this point in the regatta. After years of chasing Larry MacDonald, I knew we'd see him roaring back in the series. This was shaping up to be an uphill battle with some of the toughest competitors in North America and the enormous talents from South America, Buckup, Herman and Reid in the fray.

We definitely felt as though race #2 was a more representative effort of how we could sail, but everyone else was figuring out the venue too. As a result, by the end of each day's races, I would be fried mentally and wanted to surrender the helm. After race #2, Tobi sailed the boat in as we were chatting back and forth with the Terhune team and just loving the 14 knots and bright sunlight conditions, as well as the opportunity to "race" the President's Cup competitors in through the jetty to the hoist. PRO Stan Betts had run a four-leg race for the Green fleet, helping them get to the hoist first, a very popular move in the large Green Fleet.

Day #2—Races 3, 4 and 5

We did not think about the pervious day's disaster and recovery. We focused on the little steps that make for a good race and only on what was in front of us, getting off the starting line and finding a workable upwind lane. My team had a great attitude, great communications and clearly it worked for us. Pre-race I spent some time "loving" the boat (cleaning and rubbing her bottom) and talking with new friends to help put me in the right mindset for a pivotal day. We had to regain control of our destiny this day or see the chance for a repeat championship fade forever.

Race #3: "The race with the big left turn." The sea breeze pumped fifteen degrees left to 255 degrees and stayed there on the first run. We were well placed and came away with a modest win in a four-leg downwind finish race, with Juan Reid of Chile pacing us and Jeff "I choose left" Linton third. Allan Terhune collected his only non-top ten race (a 14th, his eventual throw out). Things were getting interesting in this series as the wind and chop were both less than the day before.

Race #4: With the race course set more to the left, the orientation of star-board tack was more into the chop as the sea breeze strengthened and the chop was becoming a factor again. Juan Reid was launched and there was no catching him. We worked hard to claw up to Linton, but he shut the door beautifully at the finishing pin, so we ducked and followed them across for third. Tom Allen and Bill Fastiggi followed in fourth, fifth and Terhune sixth. At this point in the series, we had no idea what the points were but only saw that our performances were much better and that the Linton, Terhune and Reid teams were sailing very well. We were grateful that a third race was signaled for the day.

Race #5: I totally destroyed a perfectly good start and relied on Dan and Tobi to serve as "air traffic control" and find a lane on port as we bailed out as early as possible and took many transoms to find a lane. They found the most beautiful, big, wide open lane in pressure that we'd seen all week long. We started to sail fast and found a way to recover from the start. Brief forays left were OK, but it was clear that the game was on the right. We also noticed some current lines where weeds accumulated but did not figure out how to take advantage of them. The pressure was up on the runs and we, Allan and Jeff gained separation from the Fleet. Al gained on us but we held him off. Linton was third with Fast Brian Hayes (Carter Utzig and Laura Jeffers on board) were fourth. They left did no favors for Juan Reid, however, who collected a thirty-first.

During the race we also pulled the spinnaker halyard tail all the way through the spin sheet block in the corner and could not sheet in or out and wondered if the chute COULD come down. Somehow Tobi fixed the problem by untying knots very quickly. This had never happed in seven seasons in this boat, and it occurred twice in one-leg race, once the hoist and once on the take down. These Gremlins made me nervous.

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Series Day #3—Race #6

The run for the roses. I finally looked at the standings, and it appeared the sailing conditions had torn the Fleet into many pieces in races #1–5. After 4th place, point gaps between places were eight to ten points. Assuming a race #6 occurred (to allow for a throw out), only three boats could win. Going into this final race we had seven points and a twenty-eighth as a throw out, Jeff Linton with eleven points and a twenty-first as a throw out and Allan Terhune with fifteen points with a fourteenth as a throw out. Team Starck was solidly in fourth with twenty-one points with a twelfth as a throw out. The dynamics of a three-boat duel meant that it would be a significant risk for any one boat to try to sail someone out of the race. The theory of the case was that if one boat was sailed out of it, the other might slip by. It appeared to be to the advantage of all three boats to go out and race for it rather than resort to “funny stuff,” although if it happened, we felt confident with our hand-to-hand combat skills. However, if we finished fifth or better, we would win the regatta no matter where any other team finished. This final fact encouraged us to absolutely go for it in a tactical sense and let our speed do some damage.



Mark Grinder and crew in 15272,
Matt Burridge and crew in 14834, David Vieregg in 15288

The conditions were unique in this race, as the breeze was all the way around right to 310 degrees, and the starboard tack near the beach was where all the articles, local banter and common wisdom said you had to be. In the back of my mind was a similar situation in the last race of the 2003 Miami Worlds where the sea breeze pumped back against where it should have been (and hung me out to dry), so I was a bit nervous about where our competitors were. However, the start time was an hour earlier than the day

before, so if the sea breeze pumped as it did yesterday, it should be an hour further into that race, and if it went left there, it would be a huge potential gain for those bucking the local knowledge.

The start for us was like the lyric from song Alice’s Restaurant... “and they all moved away from us on the bench.” It was as if someone had poured oil on the water around us and there was a smooth two-boat length gap to leeward and to windward of us at the start. No one was near, and we obliged by tacking to port and marching to the beach. Three minutes after the start we were lined up on port with Coppens and Terhune off the hip to windward (in that order) sprinting to “right land” but never saw Linton. As it turned out, Linton was pinned on the left, and we did not see them until the windward mark. We tacked under the lay line and worked hard to gain altitude to make the mark through the chop. Al was immediately to leeward of us by two to three boat lengths but had to tack out and find a hole on the lay line with a three to four boat group immediately behind us, rounding about fourth.

Rounding first caused us to get conservative. Al and Jeff followed us to the right on the run (looking down wind), but Al gybed onto port first on a good streak, passing us in the process. We picked the left gate and followed Al up wind. After wriggling free upwind, Al showed how fast he is off the wind and passed us a second time, along with Larry Mac Donald going into the beach side gate. We decided to keep our distance, rounded the unfavored gate in third for the last beat to the finish. Larry had a solid performance, and the second place finish lifted them to fifth in the regatta. I have no doubts that sometime soon Joy and Adam MacDonald’s names will be on the North Americans perpetual trophy.

By our not fully committing to the right of the last beat, we opened the door for Dick Hallagan (who was VERY fast all week), who put the pedal down and passed into third place. We were hedging to the left because Jeff Linton was out there again and was the closest boat to us in the overall standings (until Al’s victory), so we covered them to the finish. Al won the race and lifted their team to second overall, by two points, over Team Linton, who was seventh in the race.

When the horn sounded, we were 4th, had successfully defended and there was no muting the enormous yell and falling down group hug. Maybe Sheboygan wasn’t a fluke? Just like last year, Tobi sailed us home, and we had MacDonald and Coppens supplied champagne for the bowl, which we shared with the Class. I’ll never forget the luau awards or the top ten list from the whole week. This regatta was so much more than a box score summary!

Thank you to Mission Bay Yacht Club for a great vacation! Huge thanks to my team mates, Dan and Tobi Moriarty, for their expert skill on and off the water. They create the positive environment that allowed this team to perform (and for driving the boat home while my family and I vacationed in Southern California). Thanks to my dad, Lal Burridge, for helping with the drive and spending a week with us—it was even better than the “good old days”.



The biggest thanks go to my family, wife Chris and sons Patrick and Timothy who gave me the freedom to train year round for this one event and share in the many sacrifices that made our strong performance possible at this regatta.

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Mission Bay Yacht Club

San Diego, California

August 16–18, 2006

Pl	B#		and	13	15	17	19	21	23	Total
1	34	14834	Matt Burridge, Dan Moriarty & Tobi Moriarty	-28	2	1	3	1	4	11
2	32	15232	Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Kris Smith	6	1	-14	6	2	1	16
3	83	15083	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton & Mark Taylor	3	-21	3	2	3	7	18
4	36	15252	David Starck, Jody Starck & Tom Starck	1	8	6	-12	6	9	30
5	62	15246	Larry MacDonald, Joy MacDonald & Adam MacDonald	7	15	-25	10	10	2	44
6	55	15255	Richard Hallagan, Joan Hurban & Lori Foster	13	3	21	-28	7	3	47
7	27	14688	Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig & Laura Jeffers	11	-20	9	17	4	11	52
8	21	14709	Juan Reid, Pablo Lorca & Steve Pickel	9	18	2	1	-31	24	54
9	19	15302	Bill Healy, Nicole Breault & Meredith Killion	4	11	16	-31	18	6	55
10	5	15257	Rob Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman & Dave Werley	18	-28	7	13	13	5	56
11	65	15265	Steven Davis, Colin Park & Karen Park	17	23	4	-30	5	12	61
12	25	15215	David Peck, Ellen Starck & Bryan Lilley	12	14	15	9	11	-17	61
13	23	9	Tom Allen, Jim Allen & Shelby Allen	2	13	17	4	27	-31	63
14	81	15301	Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Chantal Leger	14	7	18	5	-22	20	64
15	44	15234	Todd Wake, Kristine Wake & Ben Spiller	-16	12	13	8	15	16	64
16	35	14924	Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears & Ian Moriarty	-23	4	19	14	16	14	67
17	9	14957	Ryan Ruhlman, Patrick Wilson & Nick Turney	15	6	-26	23	9	15	68
18	71	15171	Josh Goldman, Ryan Minth & Marian Spurrier	-36	5	5	22	20	32	84
19	37	14378	Mario Buckup, Telma Buckup & Marc Buckup	5	26	24	21	-30	10	86
20	6	14079	Douglas Hickman, Gail Hickman & Kevin Stravers	24	24 \ SCP	-31	16	14	13	91
21	46	14866	Bill Mauk, Travis Maier & Alex Ranum	10	(39 \ DSQ)	37	29	8	8	92
22	42	13856	Ed Petit de Mange, Tom McKenzie & Sean Carroll	-29	16	28	11	17	23	95
23	31	15240	Stephen Constant, Mike Constants & David Constants	8	17	23	-32	19	29	96
24	45	15075	Maegan Ruhlman, Martha Fisher & Matt Frymier	27	29	11	15	-34	19	101
25	7	14791	Pablo Herman, Luis Herman & Claus Engel	30	19	27	7	-35	22	105
26	11	15272	Mark Grinder, Matt Fronzak & Bergen Ackerman	-31	9	22	18	26	30	105
27	17	15235	John Faus, Victor Lobos & Mac deTuro	21	30	8	24	23	-35	106
28	88	15288	Dave Vieregg, John Reiter & Caroline Sundman	-33	25	33	19	21	18	116
29	18	15164	Bob King, Conor Healy & Mike Healy	25	31	12	-36	25	27	120
30	90	14901	Ian Schillebeeckx, Maxine Schillebeeckx & Nicholas Beckham	22	27	-36	25	28	21	123
31	77	14654	Bob Bush, Sterling Bush & Amy Byron	26	24	-30	20	29	28	127
32	70	14994	Daniel Reichlsdorfer, Michou Reichlsdorfer & Jonathan Ribich	19	-34	29	26	32	25	131
33	57	14288	Philip Parshley, Philip Parshley & Lois Parshley	35	-36	10	35	24	34	138
34	22	15122	Jim Carson, Ryan Stagaard & Jarrett Lynn	20	32	20	-33	33	33	138
35	39	13788	Gerald Neuburger, Dan Burton & Sandra Neuburger	34	35	34	27	12	-37	142
36	14	15154	Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider & Greta Schneider	-37	22	35	34	36	26	153
37	63	14263	Pete Bellin, Katie Love & Olin Paine	32	33	32	-37	37	36	170

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st



Dan Moriarty, Toby Moriarty & Matt Burrridge

2nd



Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Kris Smith

3rd



Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor & Jeff Linton

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Mark, Ashley & Greta Schneider



David Starck, Jody Starck and Tom Starck



Larry, Joy & Adam MacDonald



NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Awards Ceremony—hula lessons



Awards Ceremony



South Americans who came to sail with us



Juniors had a great time at the San Diego NAs!

ILCA SPECIAL TROPHIES



McDermott Trophy—Bill Mauk

For most improved from 2005 Qualifying Series to the 2006 Qualifying Series.



Swanson Trophy—Kathy Lindgren & Denise Cornell

*To promote and encourage women skippers.
Presented by David Starck*



Kaleigh Wilday Trophy—Gillian Francis

*For youngest competitor.
Presented by David Starck*



Thermis Trophy—Doug Hickman

To the highest finisher in the Championship Fleet who has never qualified before.

Presented by Jim Allen

Jack Elfman

Memorial Trophy—Richard Hallagan

To highest finishing Master who also competed in the Masters Championship.

Dick Hallagan was not present to receive the award.

Fallon Trophy—Dan Reichelsdorfer

For the last boat to qualify into the Championship Fleet.



Steketee—Steve Constants,
Severn Sailing Association and Annapolis Fleet 329
For volunteering to host the 2007 North American Championships.



Pete Bellin receiving an Appreciation Award
from Brian Hayes for serving as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 2006 North American Championships.



Fleet 36 Award—Ian Schillebeeckx
Awarded to the top finishing Junior skipper

International Lightning Class Association Awards Presented at the North American Championships, August 2006

James Taylor—For his dedication and expertise in acting as our liaison with US Sailing, the International Sailing Association, and the US Olympic Committee in organizing the US Pan American Trials.

Karen Park—For her dedication and expertise in the creation of the ILCA Yearbooks for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Karen Johnson—For her years of dedication and expertise as the Executive Secretary for the International Lightning Class Association.

Mission Bay Yacht Club—For hosting the 2006 Lightning North American Championships.

Southwestern Yacht Club—For hosting the 2006 Lightning North American Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Championships.

Pete Bellin—For his dedication and expertise as a Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 2006 Lightning North American Championships held at Mission Bay Yacht Club.

Jeff Coppens—For his dedication and expertise as a Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 2006 Lightning North American Championships held at Mission Bay Yacht Club.

Edna Johnson—For serving as Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 2006 Lightning North American Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Championships.

John Atkins—For his dedication and expertise as the ILCA Vice President in charge of the 2006 Lightning World Youth Championships held in Finland.

Craig Thayer—For his dedication and expertise on behalf of the Classic Lightning community of the ILCA.

Bob Astrove—For his dedication and expertise on behalf of the Classic Lightning Community of the ILCA

We Went to Have Fun

**Nick Farina—Winner of the
North American President's Cup**



Nick Farina

At one of the first Spring events in Denver, Mike Ledger and I starting talking about sailing the North American's together. We'd both been crewing for a while and would like to do our own thing this year. And what better place to start than in San Diego—a perfect location for a vacation on the beach with beautiful weather and perhaps even a little surfing.

It was decided. Now, who for a third? Who would want to go and just have fun? We called Ashley Jerman.

Crew, check.

Next, to find a boat. Mike and I approached the Davis', who were more than happy to let us use 15103, AND the boat was going to be brought out for the WJM. Perfect, no trailer on the way out.

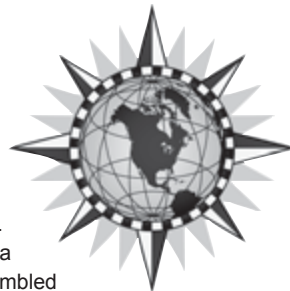
Things looked good—great crew, great boat, and we had all summer to work on lodging. The excitement built as August approached.

Ah yes, August, time to leave. We still had no place to stay, but off we went anyway—Mike, my girlfriend Elizabeth, and I. We drove over the Rockies, through Vegas at midnight, and arrived in San Diego for sunrise. After bringing the boat over from Southwestern Yacht Club and rigging it, we spent a gorgeous afternoon on the beach playing in the waves. Oh, how soon we would learn the pain and frustration of those waves!

As dusk settled in, it was off to the airport to pick up Ashley, get the team together for the first time, and figure out where to crash. Luckily, Ashley's

friend, who lives in town, offered us space on his Catalina 30.

After a relaxing weekend, it was time to sail. But first, I needed a shave, and we needed a mascot. Luckily, Mike and I had recently stumbled upon a picture of a woman wearing an Afro wig looking way too excited. Onto the transom she went. She was our speed charm.



Day One

The qualifiers were interesting. This was my first NAs and second Lightning regatta where I was driving, the first time Mike, Ashley and I had sailed together, and my first experience driving a Lightning in waves. Moments before the start of race one, I remember thinking, "There are a lot of boats around here and they are not maneuverable like collegiate dinghies." Bang! And we were racing. To my surprise, the whole race went off without a catch, and before we knew it, we'd finished our first race together. The waves were tough, but I was able to focus on driving through them, trying to feel the boat move, while Mike and Ashley were constantly looking around and talking, making tactics a group effort. Race two proceeded in a similar manner. Each leg, we seemed to improve slightly, gaining confidence and having an absolute blast. How could we not? There were no complaints. We could do this.

Day Two

We took advantage of the fact that races didn't start until noon and went surfing with Mr. Pinky. Gidge was nice enough to get up at eight and brave the cold waters to give us our first lesson. What a blast. We all nearly rode a wave or two, AND I learned how the waves worked. It's amazing what a surfboard and a Lightning have in common.

We set out for the race course knowing that with a good day, we could make the Blue fleet, something I didn't really expect. However, this may have psyched us out. Race three was horrible. We were anxious, made some bad decisions, and almost forgot to enjoy it. Thanks to Mike, Ashley, and a passing sea lion, our mentality changed as soon as we finished, as Mike and Ashley had each seen the movie Talladega Nights with Will Farrell and were constantly quoting it, keeping us laughing and smiling.

"Shake 'N Bake," Mike said to Ashley as they banged knuckles like a high-five.

"Shake 'N Bake," in reply, turning to me.

"Shake 'N Bake."

And so our pre-race ritual was born.

We learned a lot throughout the qualifying series and were ready for a fresh start, missing the Championship fleet by 6 places. But hey, top 5 in the President's fleet would be a great goal and a very satisfying finish.

Day Three

Ashley had been wearing zinc on her nose all week. She finally made Mike and me join in after a few days of nagging. I'm sure we looked ridiculous.

Knowing that there were a lot of good sailors to compete with, I was nervous that we wouldn't be able to sail with the top five. My fears were calmed, however, after the first race when we finished 4th, proving that we belonged there and giving us a nice confidence boost. Who cares if we looked silly with our white noses; we were fast.

We sailed the second race well and suddenly found ourselves out in the lead, coming into the last weather mark with Tom Allen Sr. and Michael Poltorak right on our heels. The last downwind was fun, with the three of us jockeying for position the whole leg. One boat length to the finish, we were neck and neck, and then a wave. Tom Allen Sr. got the best of it and won

with us in second and Michael Poltorak in third, all within a boat length. What a finish. Two good races, first to the hoist, there was sunshine, and we were out in front.

Day Four

Psyched that we were actually winning, we liberally applied zinc on the way out. It even covered our lips. All week, Ashley had wanted to see sea lions, so we journeyed past the red navigation buoy for pictures. BARK! BARK! BARK! Oops! We got a little too close for their comfort, although having one on our bow would have been amusing. We picked up where we left off the day before, winning the first race convincingly. Then things went down hill. We again got too excited, started making mistakes, and sailed two frustrating races. We all felt that we had fallen several places in the standings. It was to our surprise to discover that we were still in the lead! After some math, we knew the last race would determine the regatta, with Joel Humphrey, Bill Hofmeister, Tom Allen Sr. and Terry Burke all close behind us.

Day Five

The final race was by far the most emotional and exciting. After the same ritual of zinc, sea lions, and Shake 'N Bake, it was go time. OH NO! We were second row! My worst start of the regatta. Luckily there was still a lot of race left, of which both Mike and Ashley were quick to remind me. And left we went, rounding the weather mark behind three of the boats that we needed to stay close too. Shortly thereafter, we realized that Bob Burke was a mile out in front and untouchable, so we focused on the boats near us, trying to catch up or at least hold our position. The second weather leg wasn't much better than the first. As we headed downwind for the last time, both Mike and I looked up and saw Joel several boats ahead of

us winning the regatta, followed closely by Bill. Slightly downhearted, we started saying "oh well" and "it was too good to last" when Ashley started talking about going upwind.

Wait, we have another leg!!

Mike and I had misread the course and thought we were finishing. Back into the race now, we sailed the last quarter of the leg focused, determined to catch boats upwind after a good rounding. Ashley was reading out numbers constantly, and we were able to take some steps up. Half way up the leg we could not only see the leader but had significantly closed the gap between us. Was this really happening? We had passed five boats by the time we were 100 lengths to the finish, including Joel and Bill. Time to cover. 50 lengths, 10 lengths, 5, 3, 1, did we get a gun...BANG! Euphoria overwhelmed us. We finished 4th and knew we'd won. It was the best I've ever felt sailing, especially after feeling dejected on the downwind, only to come back so dramatically.

What an amazing event. I want to thank Mission Bay Yacht Club, their staff, and Lightning Fleet 488 for putting together a fun regatta; all the participants for some very competitive racing; Steve and Jan Davis for use of their boats throughout the summer and for all they've done for sailing in Colorado as well as the Lightning Class; my lovely girlfriend Elizabeth, who just started sailing this summer and loves it, for driving out to San Diego with me and for being her; and finally, Mike Ledger and Ashley Jerman—none of this would have been possible without the two of them. They are great sailors, good friends, and fun to hang out with. I look forward to sailing and sharing stories with them in the future. 'Til then, Shake 'n Bake!



Winners—Nick Farina, Ashley Jerman & Michael Ledger

PRESIDENT'S CUP



Mission Bay Yacht Club

San Diego, California

August 16-18, 2006

Pl	B#	Sail #	Skipper and Crew	14	16	18	20	22	24	Total
1	3	15103	Nick Farina, Ashley Jerman & Mike Ledger	4	2	1	-9	7	4	18
2	66	14766	Terry Burke, Edd Burke & Bryan Burke	2	10	-15	6	2	1	21
3	69	13991	Joel Humphrey, Molly Hopkins & Jason Hubbard	5	-12	3	5	3	6	22
4	26	15206	William Hofmeister, Ted Chapin & Becca Hofmeister	1	8	-18	3	5	7	24
5	47	14811	Tom Allen, William Hackett & Merlin Green	10	1	-12	1	9	8	29
6	1	14202	Michael Poltorak, Moni Lampe & Cesar Romero	(36 \ OCS)	3	19	4	1	3	30
7	59	10810	Bob Harkrider, Ellie Stone & Jennifer Dewey	8	-13	11	7	10	2	38
8	50	14450	George Francis, Gillian Francis & Courtney O'Connor	3	15	-20	8	4	10	40
9	75	15279	Alan McReynolds, Logan McReynolds & John Atkins	7	4	8	-21	18	11	48
10	96	13896	John De Benedetti, Roger Artigues & David Artigues	11	-14	6	12	8	13	50
11	12	14904	Scott Finkboner, Jennifer Lyons & Jerry Kane	6	7	-17	13	16	9	51
12	10	14881	Dan Egan, Susie Radcliffe & Jay Dieselman	15	-16	5	15	12	5	52
13	20	15241	Pierce Barden, Chip Till & Tommy Van	9	11	4	11	19	(36 \ OCS)	54
14	30	15130	Chris Vann, Len Vann & Joel Vann	13	9	10	-20	14	14	60
15	41	15141	Avis Bridgers, Henry Bridgers & Mike Didyk	14	21	14	-26	6	12	67
16	33	14817	Scott Anderson, Brad Winslett & Amy Williams	12	20	13	10	13	(35 \ DNS)	68
17	74	13308	Bill Buckles, Ed Edgell & Greg Florian	21	5	22	23	11	-26	82
18	60	13806	Clarke Newman, Deanna Newman & Parker Mitchell	23	6	9	-24	21	23	82
19	76	15276	Phillip Lange, Jonathan Lange & Dan Pope	18	19	7	-27	17	25	86
20	24	14658	Paul Gelenitis, Ryan Gelenitis & Kristen Gelenitis	19	(35 \ DNF)	21	14	20	17	91
21	58	14958	Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell & Joel Lemahieu	20	(36 \ OCS)	2	17	36 \ OCS	24	99
22	16	14846	Mike Brewer, Richard Brewer & Greg Tondreau	16	24	23	22	-26	15	100
23	4	15004	Reeve Dunne, Dave Pierce & Scott Hathcock	(36 \ DSQ)	17	28	19	22	16	102
24	99	13742	Kenneth Manzoni, Bryan Buffalo & Sandra Sherman	26	28	29	2	(36 \ OCS)	21	106
25	8	10801	Neil Hayes, Carole Fisher & Jan Davis	(31 \ SCP)	23	25	18	15	28	109
26	40	14040	Roger Hicks, Bruce Harrington & Kara Ganter	22	22	-31	16	24	27	111
27	2	14769	Bob Stoller, Mary-Anne Byrne & Bill Cabral	25	18	-30	28	28	22	121
28	49	14308	Dale Bull, Bob Ruane & Ed Mayo	24	26	26	25	-27	20	121
29	38	13860	Dan Gravatt, Donna Collins & Fred Misa	28	25	16	31	23	(35 \ DNF)	123
30	15	14415	George Glenn, Chappy Hopkin & James Glenn	(35 \ DNC)	27	27	29	25	19	127
31	53	15188	Stephen Little, Peter Colantuano & Gus Wirth	27	29	24	30	(36 \ OCS)	18	128
32	86	15220	David Spira, Ryan Flack & Jennifer Armbruster	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	175T
33	89	6983	Bill Neal, Emily Neal & Sarah Neal	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	175T
34	87	15045	Matt Fisher, Ric Bernstein & Doug Nichol	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	(35 \ DNC)	175T

1st



Champions Nick Farina, Ashley Jerman & Michael Ledger

WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



2006 Women's North American Championship

After a few false starts, the team of 'Stone Cold,' Denise Cornell, Kathy Lindgren and Amy Simonsen, arrived in beautiful, sunny San Diego for the Lightning Women's North American Championships.

The first false start occurred when an unexpected health concern prevented the 'boat delivery person' from being able to make the trip. Plan "B" quickly went into action when Denise's husband, Ken, offered to deliver the double-decked boats (Stone Cold and Ric Larson's boat, also from Sheboygan) to San Diego. Ken arranged to use his father's van for the trip which offered plenty of storage room for boat supplies, luggage (think 3 women) and even enough room for stretching out for a quick nap (think driver saving hotel expenses)!

The second false start involved a crew member switch. When a new job opportunity changed the plans of the third crew member a mere two weeks before the event, Amy Simonsen came to the rescue with a very quick, 'Yes, I would love to go—let me re-arrange my (and my families') schedule!' Once again Plan "B" came into play.

Denise and Kathy arrived at Southwestern Yacht Club Monday morning to find that Ric and his crew found the boats first and already had them separated (yeah!). We noticed that not all the braces had been removed from the trailer, though, and quickly determined why. Luckily, Nick (all round helpful, sweet man who provided endless hours of work manning the davits, getting the lunches, and providing whatever general help was needed throughout the week) happened to walk by and make the mistake of saying, "Let me know if there is anything I can do for you!" Nick put all his strength into removing the last of our stripped bolts so the struts could be removed, and we could move on to boat setup. Thanks again, Nick. Then on to a very easy and fast boat measurement process. Thanks, Bill and team.

Although the number of participants was disappointing, the level of competition each team brought to the regatta made for an exciting event. We first met Meagan Ruhlman at the 2004 NAs held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. She was a junior skipper who had her boat moored next to ours and finished 3rd in that event. We first competed against her at the 2005 Women's NAs in Milwaukee, and then again the NAs in Sheboygan, so we knew she would be tough competition.

And tough it was! At the end of Day 1, with 2 races completed, we are tied with Meagan winning the tiebreaker (1-2, 2-1). Meagan wins the first race of Day 2 and is leading in the third race. We get close enough to her on the last downwind to engage in a tacking duel on the final upwind leg. The first 2 tacks don't appear to be working in our favor, but persistence pays off. By working ourselves to her left, we finally get between her and the finish. At the end of Day 2, with 4 races completed, we are still tied, but we win the tiebreaker (1-2-4-1, 2-1-3-2). Now for Day 3. Meagan has an excellent start in the first race and gains a lot of distance on the remaining fleet. Avis Bridgers and her team from North Carolina have been steadily improving every day, and they too are having a great race. They split from

the fleet early on and come back with a nice lead over us. We now are two points behind Meagan going into the final race, but there are no negative thoughts. After all, this is what we came here for! Let's just "Git R Dun!" Oops that is another Ruhlman...

Our focus in that final race was to race as hard and as smart as we possibly could and see what happens. We have a good start and keep great boat speed both upwind and downwind. Avis has another great race and again takes second. Our 1st place finish in the final race gets 'Stone Cold' the trophy!

San Diego proved to be an excellent venue for the event. It was worth the drive! (Just ask our Boat Delivery Man). The Southwestern Yacht Club was wonderful and the hospitality exceptional. The racing conditions, with warm temperatures (same everyday), consistent winds (same everyday), gentle swells (almost the same everyday), and beautiful scenery, will be hard to beat. Thanks to all who made the event possible.

**Just a note regarding participation levels of Women's and Junior N/A Championship events. These events provide great opportunities for participants at a VERY reasonable cost. Our Class supports these events from the Executive level, but it needs to be better supported through the Districts and down to the Fleets. Our team challenges each District and Fleet to help increase next year's participation in both of these events. It will be a Fleet and Class building experience!

Respectfully Submitted,

Crew of Stone Cold
Kathy Lindgren
Denise Cornell
Amy Simonsen



Women's start

WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Southwestern Yacht Club

San Diego, California

August 9–11, 2006

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Sail#	Yacht Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Ra5	R6	Total	T/O	Final
1	Kathy Lindgren	Denise Cornell, Amy Simonsen	14958	Sheboygan Yacht Club	1	2	4	1	3	1	12	4	8
2	Maegan Ruhlman	Megan Hawn, Caroline Sundman	15075	Pymatuning Yacht Club	2	1	3	2	1	3	12	3	9
3	Avis Bridgers	Ellie Stone, Jennifer Dewey	15141	Carolina Sailing Club	3	3	1	4	2	2	15	4	11
4	Karen Johnson	Jeannette Little, Becca Hofmeister	14095	Harbor Island Yacht Club	5	5	2	3	4	5	24	5	19
5	Colleen Cooke	Heidi Taylor, Sandra Sherman	13742	Southwestern Yacht Club	4	4	5	5	5	4	27	5	22

1st



Denise Cornell, Amy Simonson & Kathy Lindgren

2nd



Magan Hawn, Maegan Ruhlman & Caroline Sundman

3rd



Ellie Stone, Jennifer Dewey & Avis Bridgers

WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Caroline Sundman, Maegan Ruhlman & Meagan Hahn



Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell & Amy Simonson



Jennifer Dewey, Avis Bridgers & Ellie Stone



Becca Hofmeister, Jeanette Little & Karen Johnson

JUNIORS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Southwestern Yacht Club
San Diego, California
August 9–11, 2006

Position	Skipper	Crew	Sail	Yacht Club	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	Race #6	Race #7	Race #8	Race #9	Total	Throwout	Final
1	Ian Schillebeeckx	Beth Ward, Lucas Hofmeister	14901	Carlisle Sailing Association	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	7
2	Ian Moriarty	Edd Burke, Bryan Burke	14766	Carlisle Sailing Association	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	21	3	15
3	Reeve Dunne	Gabe Stallings, Ian McKenzie	15103	Denver Sailing Association	3	2	3	1	3	2	3	3	2	22	3	16

1st



Lucas Hofmeister, Beth Ward & Ian Schillebeeckx

JUNIORS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Ian Moriarty, Becca Hofmeister & Bryan Burke



Gabe Stallings, Ian McKenzie & Reeve Dunne



Juniors' start

MASTERS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



2006 North American Masters' Championship Report

Bill Mauk

Thanks to the Southwestern Yacht Club for doing such a great job with the Lightning North American Masters' Championship!

It was a fantastic regatta—and not just because I finished at the top of the competitive fleet. The location, in beautiful San Diego, is worth a few paragraphs, if only I could do it justice. On our arrival at Southwestern Yacht Club, members made us feel right at home. That first evening, several members bought us drinks, engaged in great conversations (we solved all the world's problems, although the next day we could not remember the answers) and they gave us the lowdown on the area. A great start to our stay.

The next morning, we unpacked the boats, which was quite a production. Bob Harkrider had worked with Henry and Avis Bridgers to transport the boats. The Bridgers build low cradles that stack up to three boats high, and unstack with casters instead of wheels. That made it easy to parallel-park our boats on the pavement, though getting the rigs unstacked was something of an engineering challenge.

For those who haven't been there, let me tell you that the Southwestern Yacht Club is located inside a huge, busy bay. On any given day, racers shared the waterways with aircraft carriers, submarines, a destroyer that came right down the channel (and the Navy always gets right of way!), as well as barges, security, and fishing boats large and small. Every day, we passed the Navy's marine mammal training facility full of barking sea lions and the occasional porpoise. They made a lot of noise—hard to say if the sea-lions were happy, or hungry or asking to be liberated. We figured they must have mixed feeling about their role in our national defense efforts.

The racing was very competitive. Dick Hallagan and Colin Park (who won an NAs out on this coast) were never far out of the top. Add to that some challenging wind, current, and kelp conditions, and it was a tough regatta. I was fortunate in having Jeff and Amy Linton crew for me. I've sailed against them for years and looked forward to having them on my team again. Of course, Jeff called tactics on the Etchells Worlds team last fall, but Amy also sailed with Tito, Diego, and me in San Francisco, warming up the week before the Worlds. I expected to have a pretty competitive team!

Sure enough, going into the last race, we needed to beat Colin (who sailed with Steve Davis and Karen Park), and Jeff positioned us on the starting line in a great spot. We jumped off and got a lead early on, and then just worked to stay ahead of Colin for the rest of the race.

It was a thrill to win the North American Masters title, and I want to thank my wife Jo for being great beach crew, and of course, the Southwestern Yacht Club for making it a week to remember. Thanks!



Masters' start

MASTERS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Southwestern Yacht Club
San Diego, California
August 9–11, 2006

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Sail	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Final
1	Bill Mauk	Amy Linton, Jeff Linton	14866	Coral Reef Yacht Club	1	1	7	2	2	13
2	Colin Park	Karen Park, Steve Davis	15265	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	2	2	3	3	5	15
3	Richard Hallagan	Hendrix Ten Eyck, MaryLou Carlucci	15255	Newport Yacht Club	4	3	2	4	4	17
4	Mario Backup	Telma Backup, Marc Backup	14378	Guarapiranga Lake	10	4	1	1	3	19
5	Ric Larson	Eric Larson, Michael Elmergreen	15119	Sheboygan Yacht Club	3	5	5	6	1	20
6	Kip Hamblet	Abby Ruhlman, Rob Ruhlman	15257	Suncoast	7	6	4	9	7	33
7	Georges Peter	Brian Hayes, Jan Davis	14688	Annisquam Yacht Club	5	10	6	5	9	35
8	Bob Harkrider	Henry Bridgers, Pierce Barden	10810	Clarks Hill	6	7	8	10	8	39
9	Jim Carson	Don Schon, JoAnn Schon	15122	Metedeconk River Yacht Club	11	11	10	8	6	46
10	William Hofmeister	Richard Hofmeister, Dennis Colby	15206	Harbor Island Yacht Club	9	8	11	7	11	46
11	Tom Allen Sr	William Hackett, Lizette Hackett	14811	Buffalo Canoe Club	13	9	9	15	10	56
12	Gerald Neuburger	Sandra Neuburger, Larry Lyons	13788	Columbia/Vancouver Lake Sailing Club	8	15	12	13	12	60
13	John Atkins	Alan McReynolds, Lori Foster	14397	Newport Yacht Club	12	12	14	11	14	63
14	Scott Finkboner	Dan Gravatt, Roselyne Hazard	14904	Mission Bay Yacht Club	14	13	13	12	13	65
15	John DeBenedetti	Mary Mackey, Steve Little	13896	Columbia/Vancouver Lake Sailing Club	15	14	15	14	15	73
16	James McIntosh	Josh Goetz, Terry Gallagher	15279	Newport Yacht Club	16	DNF	16	DNF	16	82



Bill Mauk and the Lintons

MASTERS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st



Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton & Bill Mauk

2nd



Steven Davis, Karen Park & Colin Park

3rd



MaryLou Carlucci, Hendrix Ten Eyck & Richard Hallagan

4th



Mario, Telma & Marc Buckup

5th



Eric Larson, Michael Elmergreen & Ric Larson



John Atkins receiving an Appreciation Award for his outstanding efforts in organizing the Youth World Championships



Karen Johnson receiving an Appreciation Award for her 10+ years of service to the ILCA as its Executive Secretary



Edna Johnson being thanked for all her efforts as the Chair of the WJM



Henry Bridgers, Pierce Barden & Bob Harkrider



Jim Carson, JoAnn Schon & Don Schon

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



2006 Lightning South American Championships

"How the South was Won" (but not by us!!)

Brian Hayes

Matt Burrige's fine article in a recent Lightning Flashes, titled "How the West was Won," showed how he and his team managed the travel, the conditions and the competition to win the North American Championships in San Diego. This article is an exact mirror to Matt's in that it will cover the overall experience but will differ with one notable exception. The author of this article and his team did not even come close to winning the South American Championships. In fact, due to many circumstances directly within our control, we were barely able to compete and, in fact, featured a scorecard with more letters than a healthy serving of alphabet soup.

It started innocently enough. New ILCA President, Steve Davis, our Class Executive Secretary, Jan Davis, and I decided that, if everything fell into place, we should try to go to the South Americans in Salinas, Ecuador, so that we could: a) get together with the South American Lightning sailors to hear their ideas and opinions on the Lightning Class, b) show the international Lightning community that the Class Office and officers were committed to growing the class internationally, and c) "show 'em how it's done"!! Well, two out of three ain't bad.

October 30, 2006—Introduction to Ecuador

I leave my house at 6:00 AM for a 10:25 direct flight from JFK to Guayaquil. I have two bags, my laptop, a couple of hundred dollars, very limited international travel experience and a couple of years of junior high school Spanish as my assets. Jan and Steve leave at around 8:00 AM Denver time but have stops in Houston and Panama City before arriving in Guayaquil. My flight lands on time at around 5:00 PM, and after collecting all my stuff, I meet up with Arturo, Paco Sola's crew. I am whisked away to a local Café where we chat in "Spanglish" and await the arrival of several other local fleet members.

Juan Santos arrives first. Juan's English is similar to my Spanish. Then more local sailors arrive. Carlos Lecaro, Santiago Romero and a few others. At around 8:00 PM I am then whisked away again, this time to dinner with the "guys" at the Banker's Club in Guayaquil. After a great dinner I am taken back to the airport where I see Jan and Steve just as they arrive. The three of us hop into a waiting van and head off to Salinas, which is about two hours away. It is 11:00 PM. We arrive at the Barcelo Hotel (pronounced bar-sell-o) in Salinas at 1:00 AM. Our accommodations, which have been arranged by Santiago Romero, are perfect. The hotel is quite nice and new with many modern amenities, which we are soon to discover, are not featured in many areas of Salinas. We arrange the sleeping so that Jan and Steve get the bedroom and I get the cot in the common area, and we crash at around 2:00 AM.

October 31, 2006—"Try the Ceviche!!"

Our team begins to stir early. We are all used to getting up fairly early, especially President Davis. If Steve isn't cranked up and doing something by 6:00 AM, I am told, there is something wrong. Steve's the Energizer Bunny. Last to bed, first awake. (More on this later). Carlos Lecaro comes by the Barcelo and picks us up around 11:00 AM for the two-mile drive to the Salinas Yacht Club ("clobber-yots" for the taxi drivers). The Club is awesome. Plenty of room. Two hoists. Lightning Bar. We find our boat and rig it, as there is not much activity at the Club on a Tuesday. After a while Jan and Steve decide it's time for lunch. We sit in the outdoor restaurant. Now I'm not saying this is verbatim, but this is my recollection of the conversation.

Jan: Oh, they say we have to have the ceviche!

Brian: What's ceviche?

Steve: Oh, it's a mix of things like squid, shrimp—sort of a salad kinda thing.

Brian: And you eat this?

Jan: Oh, it's delicious!

Steve: (to server) Uno ceviche mixto por favor!!

Jan: (to server) Si!! Ceviche mixto!!

Brian: (to server) Diet Coke and toast...por flavor!! (my Spanish is not good!)

6 minutes later...

Steve: This is really good!! How's yours, Jan?

Jan: Awesome!!

Brian: My toast tastes great—if you're interested.

The rest of the day went harmlessly. We met Marcelo Leon and his wife and crew and sit at the Lightning Bar and had dinner with them and a few others while sharing lots of stories and great laughs. We retired back to the Barcelo, and Jan went off to bed while Steve and I went to the bar and casino (we won \$30) before retiring.

November 1, 2007—Why is that Lady on the Ground?

Wednesday dawned, and the practice race was scheduled for 2:00 PM. We helped Marcelo with his boat, as well as Olaf Dyck and Cristobal Perez. We sailed out with perhaps 13-14 other teams for the practice race, a five-leg windward leeward, and raced four legs, then dropped out to sail against some of the competitors to check their trim and set up.

Opening ceremonies were scheduled for 8:00 PM (which, come to find out, really means about an hour later Ecuador time), and Jan, Steve and I arrived plenty early. A traditional flag raising ceremony, with Jan doing the honors for the lone US team, was followed by a formal indoor ceremony with many dignitaries, including Steve, giving speeches.

Now I'll stop here because this is about the time that our trip turned from being fun and frivolity to an exercise in creative crew replacement and stamina. Remember the ceviche from early?? Well here it comes. Literally...

BAR LIGHTNING	
ENSALADAS	
ENSALADA DE CALAMAR	\$ 3.75
ENSALADA DE CHOCLO CON QUESO	\$ 2.25
ENSALADA CAMPESTRE	\$ 2.45
SOPAS Y CREMAS	
CREMA DE POLLO	\$ 2.50
CREMA DE LENTEJAS	\$ 2.50
SANCOCHO DE PESCADO	\$ 3.31
SOPA MARINERA	\$ 3.75
ENTRADAS FRIAS	
CEVICHE DE CAMARON	\$ 4.75
CEVICHE DE PESCADO	\$ 3.83
CEVICHE DE CONCHA	\$ 5.25
CEVICHE MIXTO	\$ 5.25

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After dinner was served, Steve was chatting with Paco while I was attempting to ply some of the locals into a drinking game when I hear, "She passed out. She fell straight to the floor." Now I'm not certain what or who they are talking about, but I look on the balcony and I see Jan surrounded by many concerned sailors. Steve darts outside and I follow. Jan had passed out and fallen down. Not sure why but she doesn't look well, and we quickly ask for a ride back to the Barcelo so she can rest. Needless to say, Jan is totally incapacitated for the next 24 hours. Details not required. (See above: ceviche!!) I adopt a new mantra. Cerveza, rum, toast!!!

November 2, 2006—How Do You Say Jib in French?

We awake for the first day of the championship, short one crew. Jan is out. We put her on the "unable to perform" list, give her bananas, juice and water and head to the club. I have a 9:00 AM clinic scheduled (which, as we learn, is really 9:40), and we need to find a third for the day. The clinic goes well as I use a whiteboard to draw prebend concepts and discuss headstay sag in my best Spanglish. We all head over to my boat and display the effect prebend has on the sail shapes and field questions as best I can. The "reunion de Capitains" is at 11:00 AM (which really means, to my amazement, 11:00 AM), and I listen in and catch a few key phrases while being assisted by Paco with some translations.

Racing is at 1:30 PM, and at noon Steve and I are introduced to our third, Pierre. Pierre is a Spanish and English speaking Frenchman living in Ecuador (and I thought I had identity issues!!). His kids are sailing the Opti Regatta, and he is game to go racing. He is very good. Pierre quickly gets the hang of proper heel and can fly the kite well. We finish the day with a 10,1,OCS. Steve looks tired. Kinda sluggish. Pierre is fresh as a daisy. We have a cerveza and head back to the hotel to check on Jan. Dinner is at 9:00 PM (yeah right) on the beach, and we want to see how Jan is doing. We have a 7:00 PM meeting scheduled for the ILCA but postpone it until Friday, as we don't think Jan will be up to it today. Steve looks tired and curls up in bed at 6:30 PM. Jan does the same. I don't see either of them until the next day.

The beach party is awesome. Our host, Xavier Monge, has the party right in front of his home on the beach. I arrive at 9:00 PM (way to early), find the baño (bathroom) and grab a glass of wine. A bonfire is stoked up, and tables are set up on the beach as well as two bars, dozens of tiki torches and a huge buffet. I gather near one of the bars and chat with many fellow sailors. All are concerned about Jan, and I am now concerned about Steve. Remember Steve is the Energizer Bunny. He's in bed at 6:30. Not good. I finally eat around 10:30 and sit with Cesar Baquerizo and his wife and enjoy some great conversation and learn more about Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and the Salinas Yacht Club. The Baquerizo's kindly offer me a lift back to the hotel, and I gladly accept it so I am back and in bed by 1:00 AM.

November 3, 2006—Who's This Guy Who Looks Like Steve??

I am the first one to wake up. I knock on Steve and Jan's door. 9:00 AM. "You guy's alive in there?" A minute later Jan comes to the door. I ask Jan, "How ya feelin'?" "Better," she replies. Steve is in a fetal position on his bed. "Is that a good sign?" I ask her. She nods, "Nope." OK. Plan C.

Steve awakes and is determined to sail. Jan is up to it today as well. Jan is at 60%. We estimate Steve at 35-40%. Nearly 100% between the two of them. Not bad. Jan and I prepare the boat while Steve rests upstairs at the club. We drop the boat in and chase the fleet out to the start line. Steve sleeps in the bow. Jan and I chat about lots of stuff (but ceviche is off the topic list). We start the day with a third, but our stamina is not good, and we get worse as the day goes on, not quite getting left enough and sailing poorly in general, to finish with a 9,14. We sail in and Steve looks green. Jan is better.

We have a South American ILCA organizing meeting that Steve is to run, but we get him back to the hotel and put him to bed. We won't see him for another 14 hours. Jan and I run the roundtable discussion, and we come

away from the meeting with a lot of good ideas and a feeling that, under the right circumstances, the opportunity for future success for the Lightning in South America is attainable. We are excited to see that the local sailors are anxious to help. Time will tell how we successful we are as a team in moving forward and implementing some of the ideas that were discussed at this meeting.

That evening is the awards dinner for the "Copa de Santiago Romero." It is an annual race sponsored by Santiago Romero. The race had been held about two weeks prior, but the party is really what it is all about. Starting promptly at 9:00 PM (read: 10:00 PM) this was an event not to be missed!! Open bar, sushi bar, pasta bar, chicken, steak, shrimp, six-piece band, beautiful trophies for the winners and personalized t-shirts for every one who competed with a caricature of each competitor on their own t-shirt. This event was first class all the way!! Dancing, food, interesting party masks (ask Jan!). One thing I do know. A great party translates well in any language!!

November 4, 2006—Finally, We're all in One Piece, Except the Mainsheet!!

Saturday morning comes and Steve is moving and Jan is moving. Everyone is healthy(ish)!! Finally our team is together. Let's see if we can salvage this regatta. Three good finishes can put us in a position to be as good as 2nd. I'm confident we can do it. Steve has much more energy today, and Jan is way better. We head out to the course with high spirits. I do a survey of the boat on the way out. Looks good. But..."Hey Steve. You think that little chafe in the mainsheet is OK? Oh well. Gonna have to be since it's an internal boom sheeting. We can't re-tie it". (Note the clever use of fore-shadowing here)

First race of the day we win the pin. Sail fast to the left (re-read results of Pavlov experiments the previous evening). We were fast enough to get under Juan Santos' bow and tack and led at the first mark. We held our lead on the run and lost two boats from the right on the next beat. Lost another (from the right) on the run for a 4th. We're still in the game. Two more top 5s gives us a small chance for 2nd and a good chance at top 5.

Race #8. Individual recall. Is it us?? We go back. Last at first mark. Last at 2nd mark but closer. We work left, and the boats on the right go light. We get breeze and a header. Back in the game again!! We tack. BIG lift!! Top 10?? Maybe better?? BANG!!! Now I don't ever remember breaking a mainsheet before in a Lightning. Been sailing them for the better part of four decades. Can't even recall SEEING a mainsheet break. But there is a first for everything. Broken mainsheet + internal sheeting boom = thanks for coming, your consolation prize is backstage. We limp into the club holding the tail of the mainsheet 1:1 and begin to break the boat down. We slip of the boom end cap and re-lead the mainsheet so the boat is ready to go for the next time. This certainly wasn't the boats fault. It is our responsibility to check the equipment and make certain it is race ready. With all the other "items" on our agenda during the week, we missed the chafing on the sheet. Our scores were 10,1,OCS,3,9,14,4,DNF,DNS. Solidly 12th. Mid-fleet. Not quite as good as Juan Santos and his team. They had 2,3,4,2,(11),2,1,4,2. Dominating!! Congratulations to Juan and his team. They sailed great!

The awards dinner was as impressive as every other party. There was food, wine and dancing as usual. Carlos Lecaro, the regatta chairman, did an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies (I could easily be out of a job). Each competitor was recognized as well as individual race winners. Also, in ILCA tradition, a raffle was held with 100% of the proceeds donated to the local Red Cross (which everyone agreed is a great way to allocate the funds). Carlos and Company raffled off twenty North Sails hats and bags as well as miscellaneous ILCA gear. They were HOT items!! The crowd was in a frenzy!! Good times!! Steve, Jan and I hung in there until around midnight (also known as "when the party just gets started"), as we had an early van back to Guayaquil so I could catch a Sunday flight. We wandered around thanking all our hosts as we worked our way to the door and crashed back at the Barcelo around 1:00 AM.

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SALINAS YACHT CLUB

53° Campeonato Sudamericano de Lightning—Noviembre 1-4 de 2006

Pl	Sail #	Team	From	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	14673	Santos Juan / A. Santos / R. Lecaro	Ecuador	20	2	3	4	2	(11)	2	1	4	2
2	14794	Perez Cristobal / C. Grez / Sergio Baeza	Chile	47	(23 OCS)	7	5	1	15	5	5	1	8
3	14894	Sumner Thomas / G. Satio Harada / F. Brito	Brasil	47	6	2	8	8	6	1	(11)	10	6
4	14791	Herman Pablo / I.F. Herman / Claus Engell	Chile	51	4	6	10	(15)	1	11	7	2	10
5	15095	Plaza M. Miguel / S. Romero / Maria De Romero	Ecuador	52	1	10	1	9	7	9	(19)	11	4
6	14163	Velez Julio / S. Herrera / MBeatriz Grubio	Ecuador	52	8	8	3	(23 OCS)	2	13	9	6	3
7	14676	Lecaro C.Luis / O. Viteri / J. Norero	Ecuador	57	3	17	(18)	12	5	3	2	14	1
8	11043	Bettini Pepe / L. Calabrese / Diego Gner	Argentina	62	7	4	11	6	(18)	4	10	7	13
9	14671	Santos Rafael / K. Quintero / D. Grubio	Ecuador	68	9	(15)	6	14	10	7	8	5	9
10	11037	Ricoveri Robert / G. Berberian / L. Authier	Argentina	73	19	5	7	4	3	(22)	12	16	7
11	15150	Sola Francisco / C. Casal / A. Iturralde	Ecuador	85	17	9	(23 OCS)	10	8	12	15	9	5
12	14688	Hayes Brian / Steve Davis / Jan Davis	USA	87	10	1	(23 OCS)	3	9	14	4	23 DNF	23 DNF
13	14160	Leon Marcelo / Ole Emmick / Clara Ordoñez	Ecuador	93	13	12	14	13	16	6	16	3	(23 DSQ)
14	15094	Plaza Andres / J.C. Plaza / Fdo. Coronel	Ecuador	104	21	14	15	(23 OCS)	4	10	14	15	11
15	14379	Calderon Jaime / S. Garcia / J. Klempere	Ecuador	107	15	13	19	7	19	8	18	8	(23 DNF)
16	14099	Plaza Merino M/L. Benites / J. Ferretti	Ecuador	109	18	16	(23 DSQ)	11	21	16	3	12	12
17	14541	Baquerizo Cesar / O. Rodriguez / F. Panchana	Ecuador	112	12	(20)	17	5	20	20	6	17	15
18	14802	Tamayo Gustavo / N. Guerrero / J. Delgado	Colombia	115	5	(23 OCS)	12	16	14	19	17	18	14
19	14389	Meira Sebastian / Fco. Soriano / J. Palacios	Ecuador	116	11	18	9	(20)	13	15	20	13	17
20	14675	Dyck Olaf / Ada Dyck / G. Cordovez	Ecuador	118	16	11	13	(19)	12	18	13	19	16
21	14678	Herrera Sebasti / H. Herrera / C. Drouet	Ecuador	133	14	19	2	18	17	17	(23 DNS)	32 DNF	23 DNF
22	15096	Monge Xavier / Lobo y Pollo Rodriguez	Ecuador	154	20	21	16	17	(22)	21	21	20	18



Champions!



Rafael Lecaro, Juan Andres Santos & Juan Rafael Santos



2nd—Sergio Baeza, Cristobal Grez, Cristobal Perez & presenter Santiago Romero



3rd Thomas Sumner, Felipe Brito, Gustavo Satio Harada & presenter ILCA President Steve Davis

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Claus Engell, Luis Filipe Herman & friend



Assistant Measurer Jamie Calderon



Jan Davis at the Class Meeting



Tommy Sumner's team from Brazil



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

European Championship

Jyväskylä, Finland



The Lightning Class European Championship began in Jyväskylä with Greek domination. After three races on the first day, only one Finn, one Swiss and one Brazilian boat were in the top ten.

After the three races are over, the experienced Swiss team, lead by Urs Wyler in "Meltemi" along with crew members Walter Dürr and Gilbert Dürr, were in the lead. Wyler had already sailed 30 years in the Lightning Class world elite. In second place were the young Greeks in "Krinis," captained by Christos Atzemian and crewed by Faidon Kounas and Themis Parousis.

The Brazilians, Thomas Sumner, Felipe Brito and Felipe Gil, slipped to third place. They were also the current Youth World Champions and were are competing in the Open European Championships, though they could not win the actual title of European Champion.

On the first race day the most successful Finnish team was Matti Leppänen and his crew in "Gamma." This team, representing Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, was ninth in the competition with Kalle Ahola and Mari Leppänen as crew.

On the second day, the hosts themselves started to get a feel of the winds of Lake Päijänne. Kimmo Aromaa and his crew, sailing on "Masi VI," won Saturday's second race and rose to seventh place as the best Finnish team. However, in the gusts and shifts of Lake Päijänne, the top two from the previous day were the best.

The last day was a magnificent one for Panagiotis Verginadis and his crew. The day was sunny, but winds kept shifting. Panagiotis Verginadis, with his crew Timos Vlachos and Theodoros Poulakos, maneuvered the difficult circumstances best and took two number ones. That was enough to take them to the top of the results—just one point ahead of the Swiss skipper,



Urs Wyler. Urs, sailing on "Meltemi" with crew Walter Dürr and Gilbert Dürr, achieved yet another trophy position in an international regatta, but leading the regatta for two days, it must have been a disappointment.

"Krinis," with skipper Christos Atzemian and crew Faidon Kounas and Themis Parousis, was third in a very exciting regatta. All the Greek teams showed competitive seamanship—two out of three top places is not bad at all.

Then came Atzemian Panagiotis Verginadis, also from Greece, holding fourth place with an equal number of points. Five points behind them were the governing Youth World Champions from Brazil, Thomas Sumner and his crew. Otherwise, the top ten was comprised of all Greek sailors. The next best Finnish boat, Matti Leppänen's Gamma, was in eleventh place.

The Lightning Class European Championship ended on Sunday in Säynätsalo. There were three races that day, starting at 11:00 AM. The fleet returned to the harbour between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. The prize giving ceremony started at 6:00 PM at Juurikkasaari race harbour in Säynätsalo. Sailing events continued on Monday with the Lightning Class Youth Worlds.



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Lake Päijänne—Jyväskylä, Finland

July 13 16, 2006

Rank	Boat	Sail	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Nett
1		GRE 15077	Panagiotis Verginadis	Timos Vlachos Theodoros Poulakos	YCG	2	-6	3	2	6	1	1	6	1	22
2	Meltemi	SUI 13790	Urs Wyler	Walter Dürr Gilbert Dürr	SCM	1	4	2	1	2	4	8	1	-9	23
3	Krinis	GRE 14334	Christos Atzemian	Faidon Kounas Themis Parousis	YCG	3	3	1	3	4	5	7	(34.0 DSQ)	6	32
4	Huihai	BRA 14894	Thomas Sumner	Felipe Brito Fillipe Gil	SPYC	6	1	4	6	9	2	10	4	-14	42
5		GRE 13801	Manolis Stoumpos	Antonios Mpourdous Iiki Dima	PSC	4	11	10	-12	8	3	3	7	2	48
6		GRE 15244	Yannis Manolakis	Sotiris Tsamis Manolis Papagrigorakis	YCG	8	15	9	8	5	(34.0 OCS)	2	3	3	53
7		GRE 14211	Yannis Giannopoulos	Dimitris Telios Marios Petrogonas	YCG	5	7	11	9	-19	12	5	9	4	62
8	Masi VII	FIN 15281	Kimmo Aromaa	Mika Aromaa, Juha Aromaa	M	10	-16	14	11	1	7	12	2	11	68
9		GRE 14361	George Magouras	Marios Paraskeuas Michel Papatheoharis	N/A	17	12	15	4	(34.0 DSQ)	6	9	8	10	81
10	Gamma	FIN 14638	Matti Leppänen	Kalle Ahola Mari Leppänen	TP	13	9	5	-24	16	9	6	18	12	88
11	Renata	GRE 11811	Papoutsogiou Alexios	Mesiskli Maria Moghaddam-Gholipour Kourus-Sokratis	PSC	7	2	(34.0 DSQ)	7	15	8	34.0 OCS	10	5	88
12		GRE 14264	Georgia Chimona	Elena Politi Vasilis Papadakis	YRCG	14	5	6	5	14	20	14	-23	16	94
13	Ayolos	FIN 14018	Niko Lappalainen	Pasi Hannila Kari Kanerva	TP	20	8	12	15	12	10	(34.0 OCS)	12	13	102
14		GRE 14377	Alexandros Bellos	Manthos Sikiniotis Gerasimos Asvestaris	YCG	9	21	20	16	18	(34.0 DSQ)	11	5	7	107
15		GRE 13402	Argyris Kampitsis	Dimitrios Alevizakis Zoi Karamatsou	PSC	21	14	17	18	7	13	4	14	(34.0 DNF)	108
16		FIN 14494	Matti Bruun	Markku Kallio Juha Savela	KuoPS	15	13	8	21	11	14	(34.0 OCS)	11	23	116
17	Pohjan-Akka	FIN 12995	Aulis Näykki	Heikki Ulen Erkki Puuperä	KPS	12	-23	23	14	10	11	15	16	20	121
18	Elf	FIN 12258	Henry Elfving	Esa Pukki Ralf Sundberg	LPS	18	17	21	17	3	18	-24	15	17	126
19	Nikea	FIN 14364	Samppa J Salminen	Tero Kotimäki Keijo Tulomäki	JVS	(34.0 OCS)	22	7	10	26	15	13	20	15	128
20	Lola	FIN 12908	Timo Järvinen	Vesa Karhusaari Antti Kanninen	JVS	11	10	19	20	20	(34.0 DNF)	23	17	8	128
21	Kikka	FIN 14269	Markku Paloma	Heidi Paloma Ari Raappana	OPS	16	18	13	19	17	16	17	-25	19	135
22	Shark	FIN 14331	Pekka Bollström	Sakari Pesola Liisa Hasunen	TP	24	-26	16	22	13	17	18	21	18	149
23	Forte	FIN 14534	Esko Aalto	Sari Aalto Pasi Kivimäki	TP	19	19	22	13	21	-28	25	19	21	159
24	Snow White	FIN 14535	Kaarlo Jaskari	Antero Punttila Jenni Punttila	TP	23	29	18	23	23	21	16	13	-30	166
25	Amarillo	FIN 14406	Pertti Pyy	Laura Suolahti Walteri Karhusaari	TP	22	20	24	26	24	25	20	-27	27	188
26	Old Lady	FIN 6838	Esko Lehtinen	Pekka Lehtinen Jukka Lehtinen	JVS	22.0 RDG	25	26	28	-30	24	19	24	24	192
27	Masi III	FIN 13130	Eppu Pötry	Anna Henderson Petri Mäkinen	TP	28	28	-31	25	29	19	21	29	22	201
28	Muje	FIN 11359	Ilkka Lilja	Anssi Lilja Kari Elivuo	JVS	-32	27	25	31	22	22	27	22	31	207
29	Sini	FIN 14352	Gerhard Sternberger	Jukka Pötry Riitta Kangas	TP	-30	24	27	30	27	27	22	28	26	211
30	Mafalda	FIN 12918	Vesa Purokuru	Petri Sallinen Pekko Sallinen		27	31	28	-32	25	26	28	26	28	219
31	Tuula	FIN 14351	Hannu Kolehmainen	Janne Ahonen Juhani Ahonen	JVS	26	30	29	27	31	(34.0 DNF)	26	32	25	226
32	Kristiina	FIN 12996	Vili-Pekko Pukari	Heikki Tulomäki Johannes Geiss	JVS	29	-33	32	29	28	23	29	30	29	229
33	Red Snapper	FIN 14761	Olli Kanerva	Lasse Lammi Alex Kanerva	TP	31	32	30	(34.0 DNF)	DNC	DNC	30	31	32	254

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Canadian Open
Buffalo Canoe Club
Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada
July 24–25, 2006

Sailed: 3—Discards: 0—Ratings: None—Entries: 30

Rank	SailNo	Helm	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	19 - 15252	David Starck	6	2	3	11
2	10 - 15246	Larry MacDonald	2	9	2	13
3	12 - 15082	Jamie Allan	3	8	9	20
4	32 - 15232	Allan Terhune Jr	1	15	4	21
5	15 - 14957	Ryan Ruhlman	5	10	6	21
6	24 - 15298	Ian Jones	13	4	8	25
7	22 - 15202	Neal Fowler	10	5	11	26
8	25 - 15125	Tom Starck	9	1	17	27
9	16 - 15164	Jed Dodge	7	3	18	28
10	9	Thomas Allen Jr	4	19	5	29
11	06 - 14901	Ian Schillebeeckx	18	11	1	30
12	08 - 15257	Rob Ruhlman	12	7	12	31
13	11 - 15272	Mark Grinder	11	6	15	32
14	05 - 15206	Bill Faude	14	12	10	36
15	28 - 14768	Peter Hall	20	16	7	44
16	21 - 15251	Deb Probst	8	14	22	45
17	07 - 14261	Ed Roseberry Jr	15	18	16	50
18	14 - 15064	Richard Walsh	24	17	13	54
19	26 - 15075	Maegan Ruhlman	23	20	14	57
20	13 - 14479	Kevin Robinson	26	13	23	61
21	03 - 15015	John Werley	19	13	DNF	63
22	23 - 14580	Carissa Cox	17	25	21	64
23	04 - 14811	Tom Allen	16	22	28	67
24	27 - 15125X	Bill Neal	28	23	20	71
25	02 - 14502	Tom Ward	25	29	19	73
26	20 - 14612	Ross Bailey	22	26	26	74
27	31 - 14174	David Sprague	27	24	24	75
28	17 - 14268	Warren Emblidge	30	21	27	78
29	01 - 14410	Pat Buckley	29	27	25	81
30	18 - 15284	Dick Aubrecht	OCS	28	29	89



David Starck

What can I say...it is always nice to win at home. Despite the light winds, the 2006 Canadian Open was a fun regatta. The weather cooperated with the exception of the wind. It was unfortunate because the turnout was excellent. Many top teams used the regatta to prepare for the San Diego NAs. The RC did a nice job of completing three quality races.

The Buffalo Canoe Club has hosted the Canadian Open many times. This year the regatta was held in conjunction with other one-design classes. It proved positive as the Lightning was showcased amongst the classes.



THE ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Atlantic Coast Championships

**Beach Haven, New Jersey
July 29 & 30, 2006**



Seventy Lightning Class boats sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championships this last weekend at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in Beach Haven, New Jersey. This event was sanctioned by the US Olympic committee to be a pre-qualifier for the US Pan American competition to be held in Annapolis in October of this year. The ultimate winner of that event will go on to represent the United States in the Pan American Games in Brazil in 2007. Seventy percent of the boats came from local states (NJ, PA, NY, MD, CT), but boats traveled from locations as far as Quebec, North Carolina and Michigan.

SCORCHING HOT, would describe the weather and sailing conditions best. A westerly system prevailed over the standard strong southerly sea breeze until the fifth and last race on Sunday. The comments most given about Saturday's races, sailed in 10-15 shifty wind with gusts, were that the club did a fantastic job making sure everyone had the water they needed. Then, of course, came Sunday, where the first race was a

grueling affair that started after several recalls and a black flag and lasted almost two hours. The flies were much more prevalent than the butterflies, although they seemed to be out in numbers as well. The second race was postponed several hours until the sea breeze was fighting to come in after 2:00 PM.

Debbie Probst and her female team of Monica Jones and Cindy Kelly seemed to master the conditions most consistently, as they won the event by five points over second place contender Jim Crane (third in 2003 Worlds). He was followed by the 2004 North American Champion Allan Terhune in third, and prior NA champion Jody Lutz, sailing with his son, in fourth. The competition in this regatta was fierce. The depth of this regatta is even better demonstrated by the respective final positions of the winners of each of the five races: twenty-third place Joel Humphrey won the first race, eleventh place Ian Jones won the second, fifth place Jeff Linton the third, Tenth place Keith Toboata the fourth, and third place Allan Terhune the fifth. To round out the others in the top ten: sixth place was Nicole Breault, eighth Neal Fowler, and ninth Ched Proctor.

Thanks were given repeatedly by the contenders for the excellent regatta organization, club facilities and sailing venue. The Schneiders organized the regatta and had incredible assistance by many volunteers. Special thanks should be given to: Bonnie Lenhard for registration, Jack Lampman for preparing the parking area, Mike and Nancy Davis for the breakfasts, the crew of Bob Cronin, Tom Greenwald, Nils Herdelin, Bob Morris and Charlie Barkley for getting the boats in and out of the water efficiently, and Richard McOrman for pulling them out of the launch area. Robert Stevens organized and ran the races in challenging conditions; John Coyle supplied the patrol and safety support; Nina Gilman and Jan Gartland coordinated the scoring; Timmi Vesci and Pat Miller organized the lunches; Ken Klaus put together the after-race dock-side reception; and Harvey Restruck arranged the dinner dance. The awards were obtained by pat Miller and Louise Reynolds. A typical LEHYC display of coordination and volunteerism produced an excellent regatta.



THE ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pl	Sail#	Crew	From	Subj	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOTAL
1	15251	Debbie Probst, Monica Jones & Cindy Kelly	Buffalo Canoe Club	PANAM	8	2	14	3	9	36
2	14900	Jim Crane, Brenda Crane & Kelly Crane	Noroton	PANAM	12	3	8	16	2	41
3	15232	Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Dave Perkowski	Eastport Yacht Club	PANAM	10	9	11	15	1	46
4	15166	Jody Lutz, Jason Lutz & Matt Schon	Metedeconk		30	8	6	12	6	62
5	15083	Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton & Mark Taylor	The Suncoast Fleet	PANAM	46	5	1	7	5	64
6	15190	Nicole Breault, Micheal Gooch-Breault & Bruce Stone	Niantic Bay Yacht Club	PANAM	3	11	16	25	14	69
7	15238	William Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Nick Aswad	Lake Champlain		20	7	10	6	28	71
8	15202	Neal Fowler, Todd Johnson & Katie Offerman	Severn Sailing Assoc		2	22	15	5	29	73
9	14821	Ched Proctor, Brian Taboda & Tom Proctor	Cedar Point Yacht Club	PANAM	32	4	2	9	34	81
10	14597	Keith Taboada, Russell Schon & Alex Curtis	Metedeconk	PANAM	21	19	39	1	3	83
11	15298	Ian Jones, Lauren Jones & Kevin Robinson	Buffalo Canoe Club	PANAM	25	1	7	10	50	93
12	15154	Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider & Jim Buckley	Riverton Yacht Club	PANAM	27	12	17	21	33	110
13	15142	Nabeel Alsalam, Russell Roberts & Lisbet Kugler	Potomac River Sailing Assoc		14	15	26	27	21	113
14	15197	Matt Reiser, Colleen Kennedy & Stu Josberger	Lovalllette	PANAM	28	30	30	11	15	114
15	15240	Stephen Constants, Mike Constants & Chloe Constants	Severn Sailing Assoc		15	38	53	2	7	115
16	14175	Ted Duffy, Paul Luisi & Rob Ruffus	Monmouth Boat Club		7	41	5	39	23	115
17	14654	Robert Bush, Anne Sterling Bush & Richard Randall		PANAM	47	20	31	18	10	126
18	14960	Mitch Hnatt, Ted Wedieke & Tara Schon	Metedeconk	PANAM	55	10	4	8	51	128
19	14727	David Watts, Robert Watts & Wendy Thrower	Monmouth Boat Club	PANAM	44	18	13	33	24	132
20	15265	Steven Davis, Jan Davis & Travis Maier	Rocky Mountain		29	44	42	17	4	136
21	14640	Don Brush, Tris Wallis & Paul Butwin	Malletts Bay Boat Club	PANAM	42	13	28	41	13	137
22	14008	George Kinzel, Phil Kinzel & Megan Crann	Metedeconk	PANAM	19	37	34	22	27	139
23	15151	Joel Humphrey, Molly Hopkins & Mark Allen	PYC	PANAM	1	29	3	36	71/DNF	140
24	15235	John Faus, Mac De Turo & Will Brown	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	PANAM	4	61	36	13	26	140
25	14888	Bob Sengstacken, Mino Tsutsui & Daniel Ziti	Nyack Hudson River		31	35	9	29	38	142
26	14771	John Haiges, Lisa Haiges & Jason Timmonds	Riverton Yacht Club		34	25	49	23	11	142
27	15175	Tim Robinson, Andy Temme & Lidia Boyland	Surf City Yacht Club		6	23	37	43	39	148
28	14119	Chad Miller, Max Farr & Tanya Miller	Malletts Bay Boat Club		11	42	60	19	16	148
29	14665	Gregory Hall, Christopher Lagan & Jennifer Hall	NBYC	PANAM	24	28	50	34	12	148
30	14842	Charles Hess, Alex Hess & Andrew Hess	Pontiac Yacht Club	PANAM	22	33	20	47	71/DNF	150
31	15204	Bill Mergenthaler, Dan Mergenthaler & Sarah Mergenthaler	Surf City Yacht Club	PANAM	35	34	33	30	20	152
32	14706	George Harrington, Paul Micholowski & Aaron Freeman	Monmouth Boat Club	PANAM	5	21	41	38	48	153
33	15172	James Taylor, Mike Brock & Stan Cummings	Cowan Lake Sailing	PANAM	37	6	25	14	71/DNF	153
34	14890	Peter Denton, John Townsend & Sara Pramik	Riverton Yacht Club		13	45	23	35	157	157
35	15218	Stephen Warren, Paul Tarantino & Alex Lobo	Surf City Yacht Club		63	27	12	52	8	162
36	15139	Pierce Barden, Tommy Vanarsdale & Chip Till	Cape Fear	PANAM	49	14	56	27	17	163
37	14345	Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman & Beth Holland	Merrimac River	PANAM	50	32	19	20	42	163
38	14325	Eric Reitinger, Meghan Ruhman & Liz Essig	Brant Beach Yacht Club	PANAM	17	52	29	32	13	173
39	14073	Gary Hurban, Jamie Krause & Maude Lindsay	Nyack Hudson River	PANAM	16	46	46	42	31	181
40	15060	Heather Ambrose, Chip Kaupp & Tim Ambrose	Lake Champlain	PANAM	38	48	27	31	37	181
41	14786	Jon Schwartz, Paul Krezinski & Jay Schwartz	Red Bank of the Shrewsbury		39	16	32	24	71/DNF	182
42	15093	Joan Hurban, Peter Jadosich & Lisa Mayday	Nyack Hudson River	PANAM	41	26	55	45	19	186
43	14548	Joanathon Guth, Peter Rich & Jando Castro	Severn Sailing Assoc	PANAM	9	47	45	50	36	187
44	15122	James Carson, Ryan Staggard & Wade Schon	Metedeconk River		43	50	18	44	32	187
45	15082	Jamie Allan, Mike Holly & Jay Deakin	Royal St Lawrence		18	17	43	40	71/DNF	189
46	14300	Rich Warren, Randy Swartley & Mike Warren	Surf City Yacht Club		45	24	35	51	35	190
47	15055	Hugh Hutchison, Marc Venables & Dultcha Maccollom	Riverton Yacht Club		53	36	38	26	40	193
48	14719	Bill Begardus, Jarrett Lynn & Courtney O'Conner	Metedeconk River	PANAM	26	31	54	61	22	194
49	1142	Benjamin Forman, Ann Cody & Tim Asan	Potomac River Sailing Assoc		23	53	22	60	44	202
50	14942	Dick Moyer, Helen Moyer & John Depenbrock	Riverton Yacht Club		33	39	48	59	25	204
51	15024	Jason Werner, Heather Dodd & Matt Jay	Lower Susqueanna	PANAM	40	43	47	48	30	208
52	15296	Ryan Sprole, Christopher Sprole & Lindsey Boyle	Nyack Boat Club		60	49	59	28	18	214
53	14635	Darryl Waskow, Ambrose Stafford & Carleigh Beriont	Surf City Yacht Club		51	54	21	46	54	226
54	14584	Peter Hazelett, Bretton Gardner & Connor Aswad	Malletts Bay Boat Club		36	40	44	54	71/DNF	245
55	14131	James Unsworth, Derrick Denning & Brad Harris	Malletts Bay Boat Club	PANAM	54	57	40	55	71/DNF	277
56	14450	George Francis, Richard Thomas & Doug Zimmerman	MCYC		61	51	24	71/DNC	71/DNS	278
57	14881	Dan Egan, Susie Radcliffe & Garr Corcoran	Squam Lake	PANAM	58	69	65	47		284
58	14595	Robert Rizzitello, Alyssa Rizzitello & Rick Pyle	Surf City Yacht Club		68	59	62	49		284
59	11576	John Richardson, Dylan Richardson & Joseph Walker	NY Harbor Racing Assoc		64	56	69	53		294
60	14451	George Glenn, Chappy Hopkin & James Glenn		PANAM	56	65	64	63		297
61	14350	Clay Shaner, Steve Wright & Joe McGinnis	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	PANAM	48	55	66	58	71/DNF	298
62	14363	Larry Decker, Jan Crittenden & Shea Thorvalsen	Nyack Hudson River		57	63	51	56	71/DNF	298
63	11767	Harry Keith, Katie Keith & Henry Keith	Potomac River Sailing Ass		62	67	61	62	47	299
64	15079	Franz Schneider, Susan Lojek & Dennis Lojek	Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club		66	58	63	57	55	299
65	15178	Daniel Parietti, Jeff Sorenson & Mike Carney	Nyack Hudson River		59	62	67	67	53	308
66	13970	Mark Kaplan, Tim Rutler & Mark Epstein	Barnegat Light Yacht Club		52	64	58	64	71/DNF	309
67	14699	Allan Crew & Diana Crew	Riverton Yacht Club		65	60	57	66	71/DNF	319
68	14276	Dale Barney, Cole Barney & Ian Sanderson	Monmouth Boat Club		67	68	52	65	71/DNF	323
69	14660	Edward Ferrell, Barb Ferrell & Jeff Carson	Brant Beach Yacht Club		69	66	68	71/DNC	71/DNS	345
70	13897	Kinney Clark, Steve Vandam & Pat Gorman			70	70	70	71/DNC	71/DNS	352

ACC Champs



Champions—Debbie Probst, Monica Jones & Cindy Kelly



2nd Place—Jim, Brenda & Kelly Crane



3rd Place—Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Dave Perkowski



Awards Ceremony



Top team—on the water



4th Place—Jody Lutz, Jason Lutz & Matt Schon

THE ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



Boat yard scene



Amy Linton, Cindy Elfman & Faye Bennet



*Franz Schneider
Regatta Organizer*



*Carrie Reiser, Samantha Reiser, Jana Balsamo
(Billy Bogardus' wife), Grant Bogardus*



Neil Fowler, Jon Guth & Todd Johnson



John Faus & Mac Deturo



Mark Allen, Joel Humphrey, Molly Hopkins



*Phil Kinzel, Grey Kinzel, Colleen Kennedy
Ted Weideke & Mitch Knatt*

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS

Orange Bowl Regatta—Coconut Grove Sailing Club Miami, Florida

Skip Dieball

Sugar Bowl Regatta—Southern Yacht Club New Orleans

Scott Anderson, Batton Kennon, Amy Williams

Chilean Nationals, Pingual, Chile

Alberto Gonzalez

Midwinter Regatta #1, Richmond Yacht Club

Wayne Clough, Peter Beecher, Terri Olson

Turkey Regatta—Mission Bay Yacht Club

Scott Finkboner

Colombian District Championship—Club Nautico Muna Lake Tomine, Colombia

Felipe Castillo, Juan Pablo Castillo, Alejandro Abisambra

Hampton Fall Fling, Fleet 509, Hampton, Virginia

Patrick Phelan, Sanford, Debrincat

Bluenose Regatta—Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, Tennessee

Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Sarah Paisley

South American Championships—Salinas Yacht Club, Ecuador

Juan Santos, A Santos, R Lecaroe

Borderline Regatta—Kerr Lake, North Carolina

Tom Allen



David, Jody & Bill

US Pan American Games Trials—Eastport Yacht Club

David Starck, Jody Swanson Starck, Bill Faude

Frigid Digit—Severn Sailing Association Annapolis, Maryland

Jody Swanson Starck, David Starck, Cory Sertl

Leaf Peeper Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, Vermont

Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Christina Whelan

Pre-Pan American Games Regatta Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

George Rider, Sidney Bloch, Pedro Soares

Skaneateles

Dan Pope

Last Blast Regatta—Nyack Boat Club

Ched Proctor, Tim Milheiser, Julia Marsh



Skip Dieball

Snow Ball Regatta—Buckeye Lake Yacht Club George Fisher's 80th

Skip Dieball, Karl Felger, Rynne Gallagher

Hoosier Regatta—Wawasee Yacht Club

Skip Dieball, Karl Felger, Michael Rush

Ed Hinds Memorial Bow Lake Regatta

Bob Bush, Sterling Bush

Barebones Regatta—Mansfield Sailing Club

James Taylor, Stan Cummins, Brian Riddiford

Red Flannels Regatta—Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty

Manahawkin Bay Cup—Surf City Yacht Club

R Warren, R Swartley, S Warren

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS

Cotton Pickin' Regatta—Memphis

William Baxter, Jr, Mike Arndt, Rich Hall

Leukemia Cup—Washington DC

Bob Astrove, CJ Fisher, T Graham Fisher

Presidents Cup—Potomac River Sailing Association

John Butler, Benjamin Forman, Tim Olson

Lake Massabesic Annual Regatta Auburn, New Hampshire

Joe Ray, Matt Mercier, Nick Mercier/Pierre Letoumeau

Pontiac Yacht Club Whitecap Regatta Keego Harbor, Michigan

Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Beth Grosebeck

New Jersey Junior Championship Regatta Surf City Yacht Club

Mathew Schon, Timmy Crann, Jason Lutz

Squam Lakes Regatta Holderness, New Hampshire

Nick Aswad, Jon Aswad, Connor Aswad

Duck Challenge Regatta Havre de Grace, Maryland

Nabeel Alsalam, Lisbet Kugler, Russ Roberts

North American Championships Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, California

Matt Burridge, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty

Presidents Cup

Nick Farina, Mike Ledger, Ashley Jerman

Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships—Southwestern Yacht Club San Diego, California

Women's

Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell, Amy Simonsen

Juniors'

Ian Schillebeeckx, Beth Ward, Lucas Hofmeister

Masters

Bill Mauk, Jeff Linton, Amy Linton

Higgins Lake Regatta—Higgins Lake Boat Club

John McCree, Dave Corcoran, D Arceo, J Dent

Brian Hughes Leukemia Regatta
American Yacht Club

Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman, Beth Holland

Sweet Corn Regatta

C Park, B Remorenko, R Cosentino

Atlantic Coast Lightning Championship Little Egg Harbor

Debbie Probst, Monica Jones, Cindy Kelly

Wooden Boat Get Together—Onondaga Yacht Club Syracuse, New York

Best Restoration—Martin Osterode, Massachusetts

Unknown Hull #—Italian built 1950s

Biggest Project Ahead—Malcom Hendry, New York

Longest Drive—Melson Laffey, Missouri

Oldest Boat on the Water—Doug Dixon, Virginia, #584



Martin Osterode and Dolce Vita

Bay City Lightning Regatta

John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Drew Hilger

Central Atlantic District Championships Surf City Yacht Club

Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider, Eric Reitingner

Youth World Championships

Thomas Sumner, Felipe Brito, Felipe Gil

European Championships—Jyväskylä, Finland

Panagiotis Verginadis, Timos Vlachos, Theodoros Poulakos

Evans Regatta—Green Bay, Wisconsin

Todd Wake, Kristen Wake, Ben Spiller

Tawas Bay Lightning Regatta—Tawas Bay Yacht Club

Jim Allen

New England Districts—Spofford Yacht Club

Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Lauren Harris

Michigan Districts—Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Michael Norris



Kirk Reynolds

Canadian Open—Buffalo Canoe Club

David Starck, Monica Jones, Cindy Kelly

Metropolitan Districts—Monmouth Boat Club

Jon Schwartz

Midwest Districts—Milwaukee Yacht Club

Todd Wake

New Jersey State Championships Brant Beach Yacht Club

Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, Jill Lutz

Indiana Districts—Indianapolis Sailing Club

Bill Allen, Peggy Lehman, Greg Johnson

Caz Flash Bash—Central New York Districts Willow Bank Yacht Club

Kirk Reynolds, Allister Thompson, Lynn Thompson

Ohio Districts—Edgewater Yacht Club

Dave Starck, Tom Starck, Brian Starck

California Districts—Mission Bay Yacht Club

Scott Finkboner, Jennifer Lyons, Greg Tondreau

Connecticut/Rhode Island Districts Housatonic Boat Club

Jim Crane, Brenda Crane, Billy Crane

Pacific Northwest Districts

Doug Hickman

Mississippi Valley Districts—Harbor Island Yacht Club

Paul Hanson, Matt Burridge, Ian Moriarty

Dixie Districts—Hampton Yacht Club

Alan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Dave Perkowski

Southeast Districts—Wrightsville Beach Yacht Club

Bob Harkrider, Jim Harris, Marcus Moehlman

Magnus Pederson Regatta—Nyack Boat Club

Gary Hurban, Maude Lindsey, Justin Coplan

Texas Districts Corinthian Sailing Club—White Rock Lake

Clarke Newman, Kelson Elam, Deanna Newman

Lighthouse Regatta—Fond du Lac Sailing Club

Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Ben Spiller

Windshift Regatta Leatherlips Yacht Club

James Taylor, Carl Taylor, Bryan Riddiford

Malletts Bay Boat Club Spring Regatta—Lake Champlain

Peter Hall, Ollie Bone, Stephan Lucas

Keuka

Landy Atkinson

Spring Classic Regatta—Lake Pymatuning

Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Tom Stark

Hernando De Soto Regatta, Hernando, Mississippi

William Baxter

4th Annual Spring Lightning Regatta Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Jed Dodge, Bill Dodge, Trevor Dodge

Early Bird Regatta—Cedar Point Yacht Club

Dave Peck, Ellen Stark, Bryan Lilley

Southern Districts—Jackson Yacht Club

Larry Frost III

Potomac Cup

Alan Terhune, Katie Terhune, John Townsend

Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta Indianapolis Sailing Club

James Taylor, Nato Ireland, Bridget Ireland

Florida Districts

Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Smith Linton

Florida District Masters

Bill Mauk, Zeke Horowitz, Kat Malone

Campeonato Nacional Colombia—Club Nautico Muna

Santiago Uscategui, John Raute, Sergio Delgado

Mid Continent Regatta—Lake Carlyle

Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Jim Walker

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS

45th Long John Regatta—Monmouth Boat Club

Larry Colantuono, PJ Schafer, Steve Kirkpatrick

California Circuit

South Bay Series, San Diego, California

Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears, Matt Burrridge

Marathon

Jim Sears, Jeff Coppens, Matt Burrridge

Mission Bay Ocean Series, Mission Bay, California

Matt Burrridge, Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears

Southern Circuit



Jared, David and Ian

Deep South Regatta, Savannah, Georgia

David Starck, Ian Jones & Jared Drake

Miami Midwinters, Miami, Florida

Jeff Linton, Amy Linton & Mark Taylor



Jody, Jay, Taylor

59th Annual Lightning Winter Championship St Petersburg, Florida

Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, & Taylor Lutz



Mark, Jeff, Amy

Overall Southern Circuit

Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor

Lightning Masters' Winter Championship St Petersburg, Florida

Richard Hallagan, Rick Ten Eyck, Dan Pope





WORLD CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2005	Club de Yates Higuierillas Con Con, Chile	Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Diego Gonzalez Cristian Herman Santiago, Chile	David Starck Ian Jones Scott Ikle Kenmore, NY, USA
2003	Coral Reef Yacht Club Miami, FL, USA	Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez Claus Engel Jay Lutz Santiago, Chile	Steve Hayden Barr Batzer Jamey Rabbitt Lake Mary, FL, USA
2001	Circolo Belico Marsala Marsala, Italy	Jeff Linton Amy Linton Mark Taylor Tampa, FL, USA	Matt Fisher Dan Moriarty Rick Bernstein Westerville, OH, USA
1999	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Alberto "Tito" Gonzales Pablo Barahona Claus Engell Santiago, Chile	Jeff Linton Amy Linton Mark Taylor Tampa, FL, USA
1997	St Claire Yacht Club Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Larry MacDonald, Jr Jody Swanson Ian Jones Carlisle, Ontario, Canada	Manuel Gonzales Mas Juan Francisco Novion German Novion Santiago, Chile
1995	Kuopion Pursiseura Kuopio, Finland	Alberto "Tito" Gonzales Rodrigo Zuazola German Schacht Santiago, Chile	Thomas Allen, IV Jim Allen German Schacht Buffalo, NY, USA
1993	Ilhabela Island São Paulo, Brazil	Manfred Kaufmann São Paulo, Brazil	Fernando Hackerott São Paulo, Brazil
1991	Seyern Sailing Association Annapolis, MD, USA	David Dellenbaugh Hale Walcott Kip Hamblet Essex, CT, USA	Larry MacDonald, Jr Carlisle, Ontario, Canada
1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Athens, Greece	Peter Hall Westmount, Quebec, Canada	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH, USA
1987	Club Naval Castillogrande Cartegena, Columbia	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Santiago, Chile	Eddy Martin Montreal, Quebec, Canada
1985	Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club Beach Haven, NJ	William A Shore Newport, RI, USA	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil
1983	Circolo Velici Napoletani, Italy	Jay Lutz Newport, RI, USA	Sergio Messina Marsala, Italy
1981	Gran Hotel Pucon Pucón, Chile	Walmor Games Soares Florianopolis, Brazil	Glenn Darden Ft Worth, TX, USA
1979	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, TX, USA	Glenn Darden Ft Worth, TX, USA	William A Shore Newport, RI, USA
1977	Spiez Yacht Club Spiez, Switzerland	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY, USA	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil
1975	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	William A Shore Newport, RI, USA
1973	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL, USA	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH, USA
1971	Merenkavijat Yacht Club Helsinki, Finland	William A Shore Depew, NY, USA	Jack Mueller, Jr Rocky River, OH, USA
1969	Yacht Club Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL, USA	James R Crane Darien, CT, USA
1967	Royal Canada Yacht Club Toronto, Canada	Dr Louis Pocharski Marblehead, MA, USA	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY, USA

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1965	Circolo Canottieri Naples, Italy	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY, USA	Alan Raffee San Diego, CA, USA
1963	Club de Regatas Lima, Peru	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY, USA	Robert Seidelmann Westmont, NJ, USA
1961	Milford Yacht Club Milford, CT, USA	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY, USA	Jorge Salas-Chavez Burnos Aires, Argentina



*2005 Champions
Alberto Gonzalez, Diego Gonzalez & Cristian Herman*



INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' CHAMPIONS



2005 Champions
Peter Hall, Phillip Kerrigan & Jay Deakin

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2005	Club de Yates Higuierillas Con Con, Chile	Peter Hall Phillip Kerrigan Jay Deacon	Jim Carson Jay Lutz Michael Schon
2003	Coral Reef Yacht Club Miami, FL USA	Jim Crane Larry Bone Kip Hamblet	Bill Mauk JohnHumphrey Claus Engel
2001	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Italy	Richard Hallagan Hendrix Ten Eyck Tammi Jamison Peter Hall Phillip Kerrigan Jay Deacon	Urs Wyler Walter Durr Gilbert Durr
1999	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Jack Elfman Cindy Lister Mike Holly	Tom Allen, Sr Anne Allen John Humphrey





YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONS



2006 Lightning Youth World Champions
Thomas Sumner-Skipper, Filipe Brito & Filipe Gil

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2006	Jyväskylä Lake Jyväskylä, Finland	Thomas Sumner São Paulo, Brazil	Panagiotis Verginadis Pireas, Attiki, Greece
2004	Laguna Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil	Thomas Sumner São Paulo, Brazil	Marcelo Bellotti São Paulo, Brazil
2002	Newport Yacht Club Rockester, NY USA	Thomas Sumner São Paulo, Brazil	Erik Johnson Richmond, VT USA
2000	Yacht Club of Greece Athens, Greece	Dionisis Dimou Athens, Greece	Sotiris Dimopoulos Athens, Greece
1998	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Sean Carroll Jericho, VT USA	Konstantinos Merentitis N Smimi, Greece
1996	Metedeconk River Yacht Club Brick, NJ USA	Miguel Plaza, Jr Guayaquil, Ecuador	Chad Atkins Rockester, NY USA
1994	Cercle de Voile de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Miguel Plaza, Jr Guayaquil, Ecuador
1992	Higuerillas Yacht Club Vina del Mar, Chile	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY USA	Nicholas Granucci Buenos Aires, Argentina
1990	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY USA	Sjoerd-JanVanderhorst Blacklick, Ohio
1988	Nasijarven Purjehdusseura- Nasijarvi Segelsallskap RY Tampere, Finland	Duncan Stewart Kingston, Ontario, Canada	Alexandros Dimou Pireaus, Greece
1986	Yacht Club Olivos Olivos, Argentina	Guillermo Parada Argentina	Christian Frers Argentina
1984	Metedeconk River Yacht Club Brick, NJ USA	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY USA	Anthony Fink Leonardo, NJ USA
1982	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily, Italy	Gordon Anderson Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Pasquale Vitaggio Marsala, Sicily, Italy
1980	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Ian Jones Snyder, NY USA	Otavio Machando de Almeida São Paulo, Brazil
1978	Yacht Club Peruano Peru	Stehen Craig Heath, TX USA	Hugo Castro Buenos Aires, Argentina



Three-time Youth World Champion Thomas Sumner with crew Filipe Brito and Filipe Gil

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONS

The first National Championship was held when the first boat was publicly less than eight months old. Nineteen boats participated, and John Barnes won with three firsts.

In 1945, the Championship was renamed International, there being thirty some boats in "foreign" countries.

In 1961, the first Lightning World Championship was held, and that year the Internationals were renamed once again, this time to the North American Championships.



2006 North American Champions—Matt Burridge, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty



YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	PRESIDENTS CUP	RUNNER-UP	GOVERNORS CUP	RUNNER-UP
2006	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Matt Burridge Kirkwood, MO	Allan Terhune Annapolis, MD	Nick Farina Boulder, CO	Terry Burke St Louis, MO		
2005	Sheboygan Yacht Club Sheboygan, WI	Matt Burridge Glendale, MO	Bill Fastiggi Winooski, VT	Jason Werner Annapolis, MD	Pierce Barden Wilmington, NC		
2004	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Jody Swanson Egbertsville, NY	Michael Gooch-Breault New York, NY	David Helmick Longwood, FL	David Werley Pittsburg, PA	Steve Constants Edgewater, MD	Jim Carson Brick, NJ
2003	Cedar Point Yacht Club Westport, CT	Allan Terhune Swedesboro, NJ	Bill Healy Niantic, CT	James Brickell Sykesville, MD	David Helmick Longwood, FL		
2002	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Bill Healy Niantic, CT	David Starck Kenmore, NY	Jack Elfman Surf City, NJ	Michael Buczkowski Lavallete, NJ	Josh Kersh Ann Arbor, MI	Bill Mauk Miami, FL
2001	Malletts Bay BC Colchester, VT	Steve Hayden Casselberry, FL	Jim Crane Darien, CT	Gianni Cuccio Southport, CT	Georges Peter Barrington, RI	Jon Guth Annapolis, MD	Erik Goethert CT
2000	Seyvern Sailing Association Annapolis, MD	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Bill Fastiggi Burlington, VT	James Allen Walled Lake, MI	Brian Taboada Brick, NJ	Jon Schwartz Lincroft, NJ	Juan Santos Guayaquil, Ecuador
1999	Carlyle Sailing Association Hazel, IL	Andy Horton Shelburne, VT	Jim Allen Walled Lake, MI	Rafael Tamayo Bogota, Columbia	Patrick Hylant Glenwood, NY		
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	James Crane Darien, CT	Sturat Nickerson Milton, MA	Juan Carlos Uzcategui Bogota, Columbia	Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH
1997	Crescent Sail Club Lake St Clair—Detroit, MI	Tim Healy Niantic, CT	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	Paul Wurtzebach Woodridge, IL	Aaron Stange Toledo, OH		
1996	Southern Yacht Club Lake Ponchartrain—New Orleans, LA	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Tim Healy Niantic, CT	Tom Allen, Jr Kenmore, NY	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY	Paul Gelenitis Kearny, NJ	Joe Buczkowski Mantoloking NJ
1995	Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Henderson, NY	Brian Taboada Brick, NJ	Jim Crane Westport, CT	Jack Elfman Surf City, NJ	Ray Harrington Bomoseen, VT	Gary Hurban Palisades, NY	Dan Reichelsdorfer Sheboygan, WI
1994	Boulevard Club Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Stu Nickerson Milton, MA	Don Brush Charlotte, VT	Jody Lutz Trumbull, CT	Ray Harrington Bomoseen, VT	Warren Emblidge, III Orchard Park, NY
1993	Milwaukee Yacht Club Lake Michigan—Milwaukee, WI	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL	Allan Leibel Toronto, Ontario	David Stix Chicago, IL	Craig Gabel Manitou Beach, MI	Dave Decker East Grand Rapids, MI
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Larry MacDonald Toronto, Ontario	David Starck Buffalo, NY	Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL	William Faude Cedarburg, WI	Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA	Paul Wurtzebach Woodridge, IL
1991	Sail Newport Fort Adams—Newport, RI	Jody Lutz Monroe, CT	Bradford Read Newport, RI	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	Chris Vann Unionsville, CT	Ed Roseberry Buffalo, NY
1990	Rochester Yacht Club Rochester, NY	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	Colin Park Midland, MI	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Djoerd Joekstra Malvern, PA	Mark Whatley Farmington Hill, MI	Dr Joel Humphrey Walled Lake, MI
1989	North Cape Yacht Club Toledo, OH	Tom Allen, IV Buffalo, NY	Colin Park Midland, MI	Chis Vann Unionsville, CT	Djoerd Hoekstra Malvern, PA	Mark Whatley Farmington Hill, MI	Dr Joel Humphrey Walled Lake, MI
1988	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Colin Park Midland, MI	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC	Hand Hodgson Manitou Beach, MI	Chuck Ellery Davenport, IA	Tony McBride Beaconsfield, Quebec
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Jed Dodge Sodus Point, NY	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL	Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA	Wiley Crockett Douglaston, NY	Gerry Paoli Belleville, IL
1986	Olympic Harbor Kingston, Ontario, Canada	William A Shore Newport, RI	Garrt Denarest Traverse City, MI	Tom Ingram White Plains, NY	Edson White Westport, CT	James Ward, Jr Hendersonville, TN	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI
1985	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	William A Shore Newport, RI	Manuel Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Eric Larson Sheboysan, WI	Fred Hutchinson Maimi, FL	Thomas Hering New York, NY	Jon Ewing Aptus, CA
1984	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Lake Michigan—Chicago, IL	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Paul Gelenitis Matedecpml, NJ	Jody A Swanson Egbertsville, NY	Scott Zerban Belleville, IL	Warren Gross San Diego, CA
1983	Rush Creed Yacht Club Heath, TX	William A Shore Newport, RI	James R Crane Norwalk, CT	Rick Tears Dallas, TX	Paul Emens Rockwall, TX	Kirk A Johnson San Diego, CA	Hank Hodgson Horton, MI
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Tom Allen, Jr Buffalo, NY	Jim Carson Brick, NJ	W Todd Jones Tonawanda, NY	Hand Hodgson Horton, MI
1981	Cedar Point Yacht Club Westport, CT	David Curtis Marblehead, MA	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Ched Rogan Huntington, NY	Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ	Richard Thackaberry Fairfield, CT	Meredith C Jones St Louis, MO
1980	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY	David Curtis Marblehead, MA	Ross Bailey Thunder Bay, Ontario	Luis Herman, Jr Santiago, Chile	Randy Ruhlman Cleveland, OH	Lance Drewe Lewisville, TX
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Jim Crane Norwalk, CT	Bruce Goldsmith Lake Geneva, WI	Will Petersilge Newark, OH	Ross Bailey Thunder Bay, Ontario	Jim McCoy Drayton Plains, MI	Peter Huston Tonawanda, NY
1978	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Rehoboth, DE	William A Shore Newport, RI	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Dr Donald Delorme Alexandria, VA	Jim Carson Brick, NJ	David Sprague Toronto, Ontario	Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC

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1977	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Greg Fisher Newport, RI	David M Peterson Old Saybrook, CT	Denis Farley Middletown, NJ	Jon Schwartz Fair Haven, NJ	John A Ballatin Metairie, LA
1976	Sheboygan Yacht Club Sheboygan, WI	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Fisk Hayden Liverpool, NY	Dave Peters Ann Arbor, MI	Fred Hamblet Keene, NH	John Cuccio Westport, CT	Christopher Hamblet NH
1975	Savannah Yacht Club Sea Pines Plant—Hilton Head, SC	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	William A Shore Newport, RI	Bob Hutchinson Red Bank, NJ	Bill McKinley Saginaw, MI	John Mueller, Sr Rocky River, OH	Jack Burwell South Freeport, ME
1974	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	Greg Zettler Bellevue, WA	Djoerd Hoekstra Haverford, PA	Warren Gross San Diego, CA	George Sipel Morenci, MI
1973	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	James R Crane Darien, CT	Steve Harper Gilford, NH	John A Ballatin Metairie, LA	Cal Schmiede Lewiston, NY	Mark Bryant Cheektowaga, NY
1972	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Rehoboth, DE	James Crane Darien, CT	Bob Seidelmann Gibbsboro, MH	Dr Georges Peter Annisquam, MA	John S Schneider New York, NY	Aenold Schwartz Red Bank, NJ	Howard J Mullin Colts Neck, NJ
1971	Milwaukee Yacht Club Lake Michigan—Milwaukee, WI	William A Shore Depew, NY	James G Carson Philadelphia, PA	John J Collins Marblehead, MA	A Marcy Lippincott Riverton, NJ	Dr A J Penfield Fayetteville, NY	C O Jones, Jr Buffalo, NY
1970	Southern Yacht Club Lake Ponchartrain—New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	James G Carson Philadelphia, PA	Richard W Hallagan Neward, NY	Fred H Hamblet Keene, NH	A Marcy Lippincott Riverton, NH	Allan W Siegner, Jr Kenmore, NY
1969	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Louis A Pocharski, Jr Marblehead, MA	John W Mueller, Jr Rocky River, OH	Richard Ferrick Orchard Park, NY	William E Neal Perry, NY	John Schneider New York, NY
1968	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Lake Michigan—Chicago, IL	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Louis A Pocharski, Jr Marblehead, MA	William T Uhl Woodbury, NY	R Garrett Demarest, III Bridgeport, CT	Sam B Fortenbaugh, III Bay Head, NJ	Robert K Smither Hinsdale, IL
1967	Cleveland Yachting Club Lake Erie—Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	W Stephen Bachman, Jr Whittier, CA	Ralph B Sperry, Jr Southport, CT	Charles G Obersheimer, Jr Buffalo, NY	Richard W Hallagon Newark, NY
1966	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Robert Seidelmann Cherry Hill, NJ	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Jay L Doty Chicago, IL	Hugo C Long St Joseph, MI	William T Uhl Woodbury, NY	Robert S Shuris Wyckoff, NJ
1965	Bay Head Yacht Club Barnegat Bay—Bay Head, NJ	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Louis A Pocharski, Jr Marblehead, MA	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Dr Charles H Maltbie Youngstown, OH	Robert Don Clark Kent, WA	Robert Polhemus Noroton, CT
1964	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Robert Seidelmann Morrestown, NJ	David M Peterson Old Saybrook, CT	Dr Leo Wasserberger Pontiac, MI	Richard C Benner Palos Verdes, CA	Alton A Nerg Northbrook, IL	Arnold Schwartz Lincroft, NJ
1963	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	William Campbell St Joseph, MI	W Stephen Bachman, Jr Southport, CT	Howard J Mullin Saddle River, NJ	David Chanoux Trumbull, CT	Warren R Gross San Diego, CA
1962	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Carter G Ford Riverside, CT	David Chanoux Trumbull, CT	James Coggan Kalamazoo, MI	J R G Bleasby Toronto, Ontario
1961	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Robert B Crane Darien, CT	Wendell Harter Manhattan Beach, CA	David K Storrs Oyster Bay, NY		
1960	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Henry J Cawthra Gross Pointe, MI	Jay L Doty Chicago, IL	Dr John T Gentry Skaneateles, NY	Dr Charles H Maltbie Youngtown, OH	Robert Birmingham Pittsburgh, PA
1959	Crescent Sail Club Lake St Clair—Detroit, MI	Herman Nickels, Jr Fenton, MI	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Carter G Ford Riverside, CT	John W Swanson Buffalo, NY		
1958	Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club Beach Haven, NJ	Henry J Cawthra Gross Pointe, MI	William T Uhl Syosset, NY	Tim Nelson Kitchener, Ontario	Kenneth L Ireland Nichols, CT		
1957	Milford Yacht Club Long Island Sound—Milford, Ct	William S Cox, Sr Darien, CT	John Teigland Lake Pine, MJ	Henry J Cawthra Gross Pointe, MI	Joahn M McIntosh Savannah, GA		
1956	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	William S Cox, Sr Darien, CT	Gene Walet New Orleans, LA	Richard Karslake Chautauqua, NY	Marjorie J Adams Rydal, PA		
1955	Southern Yacht Club Lake Ponchartrain—New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Robert R Adams Gwynedd Valley, PA	Paul Shreck Rydal, PA	C J Prados New Orleans, LA		
1954	Crescent Sail Club Lake Erie—Detroit, MI	Thomas Allen, III Bainbridge, MD	Harry R Sindle Little Falls, NJ	Peter Grainge N Tomawanda, NY	Clarence L Holman, Jr Fenton, MI		
1953	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Harry J Cawthra Detroit, MI	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	Warren F Jones Detroit, MI	James G Carson Philadelphia, PA		
1952	Spray Beach Yacht Club Spray Beach, NJ	Robert W Graf Buffalo, NY	Eugene Walet, III New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Edward G Waters Little Sliver, NJ		
1951	Toledo Yacht Club Lake Erie—Toledo, OH	John Teigland, Jr Bedford, NJ	John N F Robertson Hamilton, Ontario	Howard J Foht Erie, PA	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY		
1950	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	H Richard Krauss Toledo, OH	Magnus Pederson Nyack, NY	William Walker Erie, PA	Dr Gerald Murphy Lake fenton, MI		
1949	Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Coconut Grove, Miami, FL	Richard H Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Bob Graf Buffalo, NY	Dr Herbert Virgin, Jr Miami, FL	Felix Ross Miami, FL		
1948	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Richard H Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Walter Swindeman, Jr Toldeo, OH	Karl Smither—Robert Crane Buffalo, NY	R Ludlow Wray Philadelphia, PA		
1947	Toledo Yacht Club Lake Erie—Toledo, OH	Walter Swindeman, Jr Toldeo, OH	Karl Smither—Robert Crane Buffalo, NY	Robert H Siemer Wiliamsville, NY	Leo E Wassenberger Pontiac, MI		
1946	Skaneateles Country Club Skaneateles, NY	Walter Swindeman, Jr Toldeo, OH	Karl Smither—Robert Crane Buffalo, NY				
1945*	Riverside Yacht Club Long Island Sound—Riverside, CT	George R Barnes Skaneateles, NY	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY				
1944*	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario, Canada	Theodore Maher Riverside, CT	Karl Smither—Robert Crane Buffalo, NY				
1943*	Bay Head Yacht Club Barnegat Bay—Bay Head, NJ	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	John W Orelup Short Hills, NJ				
1942*	South Haven Yacht Club Lake Michigan—South Haven, MI	David G Cluett Lawrence, NY	Walter E Swindeman, Jr Toledo, OH				
1941	Skaneateles Country Club Skaneateles, NY	John M Stern Buffalo, NY	David G Cluett Lawrence, NY				
1940	Riverside Yacht Club Long Island Sound—Riverside, CT	John S Barnes Skaneateles, NY	Carl Dixon Riverside, CT				
1939	Bay Head Yacht Club Barnegat Bay—Bay Head, NJ	John S Barnes Skaneateles, NY	John C Hirst Mantoloking, NJ				

NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN CHAMPIONS



YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2006	Southwestern Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Kathy Lindgren Sheboygan, WI	Maegan Ruhlman Bratenahl, OH
2005	Milwaukee Yacht Club Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Sarah Buckley Chicago, Illinois	Jody Swanson Kenmore, NY
2004	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Jody Swanson Egbertsville, NY	Debbie Probst Ft Wayne, IN
2003	Niantic Yacht Club Niantic, CT	Theresa Colantuono Portsmouth, RI	Carol Park York, PA
2002	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN	Karen Park St Petersburg, FL
2001	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Heather Rowe S Burlington, VT	Chantal Leger Montreal, Quebec
2000	Fishing Bay Yacht Club Deltaville, VA	Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN	Judy Hanlon Norwalk, CT
1999	Carlyle Sailing Association Hazlet, IL	Kathryn Connell Blauvelt, NY	Felicia Bamer Manchester, MO
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Kathy Connell Blauvelt, NY	Joan Hurban Palisades, NY
1997	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN	Bonnie Nickels Waterford, MI
1996	Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Jo Ann Jones Burlington, VT
1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Kathy Connell South Nyack, NY
1994	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Lori Foster Rochester, NY
1993	Sheboygan Yacht Club Sheboygan, WI	Hannah Swett Jamestown, RI	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Cory Serfl Rochester, NY	Betsy Alison Newport, RI
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Tammi Jamison Glens Falls, NY
1990	Newport Yacht Club Rochester, NY	Jean Palm Oswego, NY	Tammi Jamison Glens Falls, NY
1989	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI
1988	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Joni Palmer San Diego, CA	Lynn Huntley Richmond, CA
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Brenda Crane Norwalk, CT	Susan Rogers Stony Creek, Ontario
1986	Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Henderson Harbor, NY	Pamela Tuttle Tully, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL
1985	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	Mary Anna Portner Washington, DC	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI
1984	Corinthian Yacht Club Chicago, IL	Betsy Gelenitis Brick, NJ	Fay Regan Miami, FL
1983	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, TX	Fay Regan Miami, FL	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Pt Abino, Ontario	Anne Allen Buffalo, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL

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1981	Cedar Point Yacht Club Westport, CT	Cherie Neville Chautauqua, NY	Cheryl Osgood Riverside, CT
1980	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Brenda Allen Buffalo, NY	Cherie Neville Cleveland, OH
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Cherie Neville Shaker Heights, OH	Bonnie Shore Newport, RI
1978	Bay Head Yacht Club Bay Head, NJ	Bonnie Shore Newport, RI	Ann Boyd Columbia, SC



2006 Champions



NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2006	Southwestern Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Ian Schillebeeckx Labadie, MO	Ian Moriarty St Louis, MO
2005	Milwaukee Yacht Club Milwaukee, WI	John Newell Rochester, NY	Billy Healy Newark, NY
2004	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	John Newell Rochester, NY	Ben Spiller Oostburg, WI
2003	Niantic Yacht Club Niantic, CT	Wade Schon Brick, NJ	Ben Spiller Oostburg, WI
2002	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Erik Johnson Richmond, VT	Ryan Ruhlman Bratenahl, OH
2001	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Andrew Brennan Brick, NJ	Ryan Ruhlman Bratenahl, OH
2000	Fishing Bay Yacht Club Deltaville, VA	John Boxberger Watertown, NY	Ronn Frerker St Louis, MO
1999	Carlyle Sailing Association Hazlet, IL	John Boxberger Watertown, NY	Jim Ward Nashville, TN
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Nicholas Mercier Manchester, NH	
1997	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Charles Wardell Richmond, VA	Sean Carroll Jericho Center, VT
1996	Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA	Gaston Vedani Guayaquil, Ecuador	Ryan Dunn Brick, NJ
1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	John Dane Pass Christian, MS	Charlie Wardell Richmond, VA
1994	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Andrew Horton Sherburne, VT	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario, CA
1993	Sheboygan Yacht Club Sheboygan, WI	Andrew Horton Shelburne, VT	Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Warren Emblidge Orchard Park, NY	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Jay Miles Newport, RI	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY
1990	Newport Yacht Club Rochester, NY	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY	Tom Starck Kenmore, NY
1989	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Sean Fidler Troy, MI	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst Blackick, OH
1988	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Ned Roseberry Eggertsville, NY	Ross Nemeroff San Diego, CA
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	David Starck Buffalo, NY	Sean Fidler Troy, MI
1986	Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Henderson Harbor, NY	Jim Allen Buffalo, NY	Steve Hayden Fern Park, FL
1985	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	John Swanson Eggertsville, NY	David Starck Kenmore, NY

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1984	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Chicago, IL	Trevor Born Kingston, Ontario	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY
1983	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, TX	Peter Hallagan Newark, NY	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Michael Hein Upper Arlington, OH	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ
1981	Cedar Point Yacht Club Westport, CT	Kevin Carr Middletown, NJ	Peter R Hallagan Newark, NY
1980	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Jody Lutz Brick, NJ	Ian Jones Snyder, NY
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Stephen Craig Heath, TX	Ian Jones Snyder, NY
1978	Metedeconk River Yacht Club Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Stephen Craig Heath, TX
1977	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario
1976	Milwaukee Yacht Club Milwaukee, WI	Mark Bryant Kenmore, NY	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ
1975	Lake Murray Lake Murray, SC	Robby Wilkins Columbia, SC	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ
1974	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH



2006 Champions

Ian Schillebeeckx, Beth Ward & Luke Hofmeister

NORTH AMERICAN MASTERS' CHAMPIONS



YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2006	Southwestern Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Bill Mauk Miami, FL #14866	Colin Park St Petersburg, FL #15265
2005	Milwaukee Yacht Club Milwaukee, WI	Ric Larson Sheboygan, WI #15119	William Hofmeister Nashville, TN #15206
2004	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Richard Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355	Bill Neal Wyoming, NY
2003	Niantic Yacht Club Niantic, CT	Colin Park Midland, MI #14780	Richard Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355
2002	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Jack Elfman Surf City, NJ
2001	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Bill Shore Newport, RI #14969	David Gorman Malone, NY #14758
2000	Fishing Bay Yacht Club Deltaville, VA	Colin Park Midland, MI #14780	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345
1999	Carlyle Sailing Association Hazlet, IL	Colin Park Midland, MI #14780	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY #14811
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14649
1997	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14649	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH #10680
1996	Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Tom Allen, Sr Buffalo, NY #14611
1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Richard Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355	Cal Schmiede Lewiston, NY #14580
1994	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Don Sherburne Nashville, TN #14588	Sandy Huntsman Red Bank, NJ #14492
1993	Sheboygan Yacht Club Sheboygan, WI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14449	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Tom Allen, III Buffalo, NY #14524	Bob Crane Darien, CT #14572
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	R G "Lal" Burrige St Louis, MO #11800
1990	Newport Yacht Club Rochester, NY	Richard Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355	Joe Dissette Midland, MI #14433
1989	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Richard Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI #14240
1988	Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066	Myron Lyon San Diego, CA #13911
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie—Pt Abino, Ontario	Dick Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066

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1986	Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Henderson Harbor, NY	Richard Hallagan Newark, NJ #12355	Crit Currie Memphis, TN #14099
1985	Tawas Bay Yacht Club East Tawas, MI	R G "Lal" Burrige St Louis, MO #11800	Jim Carson Brick, NJ #13710
1984	Corinthian Yacht Club Chicago, IL	Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702	John Teigland, Jr Allentown, PA #11666
1983	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, TX	Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702	Buck Ballatin Metairie, LA #9696



2006 Champions
Bill Mauk, Jeff Linton & Amy Linton



SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS
2006	Salinas, Ecuador	Juan Santos Guayaquil, Ecuador	Ecuador, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, USA, Colombia
2005	Con Con, Chile	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Switzerland, USA
2004	São Paulo, Brazil	Thomas Summer São Paulo, Brazil	Brazil, Chile, Ecuador
2003	Salinas, Ecuador	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
2002	Tominee, Colombia	Sebastian Higuera Colombia	Chile, Ecuador, Colombia
2001	Algarrobo, Chile	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Chile	Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, USA
2000	San Pablo, Ecuador	Miguel Plaza Menendez Ecuador	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador
2000	San Pablo, Ecuador	Miguel Plaza Menendez Ecuador	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador
1999	Salinas, Ecuador	Sebastian Higuera Colombia	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1998	Tomine, Colombia	Sebastian Higuera Colombia	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador
1997	Santiago, Chile	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Chile	Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, USA
1996	Cartegena, Colombia	Juan Santos Garcés Ecuador	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1995	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Chile	Argentina, Chile
1994	Salinas, Ecuador	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Chile	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1993	São Paulo, Brazil	Claudio Biekard Brazil	Brazil, Chile
1992	Salinas, Ecuador	Juan Santos Garcés Ecuador	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1991	Bogota, Colombia	Santiago Uzcategui Colombia	Ecuador, Colombia
1990	Callao, Peru	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1989	Ilhabela, Brazil	Claudio Biekard Brazil	Brazil, Chile, Ecuador
1988	Santiago, Chile	Claudio Biekard Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1987	Salinas, Ecuador	Francisco Solá Medina Ecuador	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1986	Bogota, Colombia	Andres Lisocki Colombia	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1985	Lima, Peru	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez Chile	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1984	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru
1983	Olivos, Argentina	Mario Abinzano Argentina	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS
1982	Pucón, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1981	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador
1980	Tomine, Colombia	Fernando dela Concha Colombia	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1979	Ancon, Peru	Francisco Solá Medina Ecuador	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1978	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay
1977	Pucon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1976	Olivos, Argentina	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1975	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1974	Callao, Peru	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1973	Cargegena, Colombia	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1972	Algarrobo, Chile	German Novion Chile	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1971	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay
1970	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1969	Olivos, Argentina	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1968	Callao, Peru	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1967	Cartagena, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1966	Vina del Mar, Chile	Carlos M Collet Argentina	Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1965	Puerta Bucco, Uruguay	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay
1964	Salinas, Ecuador	Santiago Maspons Ecuador	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
1963	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Migone Argentina	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1962	Ancon, Peru	Jose Barreda Moller Peru	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1961	Guanabara, Brazil	Erik Schmidt Brazil	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1960	Algarrobo, Chile	Isidoro Melero Chile	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay
1959	Muna, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela
1958	Guayaquil, Ecuador	Carlos Navarro Peru	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1957	Buceo, Uruguay	Feliz Castellanos Uruguay	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1956	Callao, Peru	Julio C Goldie Uruguay	Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay
1955	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Migone Argentina	Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS



YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2006	Jyvasjarvi Lake Jyväskylä, Finland	Panagiotis Verginadis Pireas, Attiki, Greece Fleet 251, #15077	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
2005	Porto San Giorgio, Italy	Monolakis Antonis YC of Greece, #14211	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358
2004	Grandson, Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	Kimmo Atomaa Finland Fleet 166
2003	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	Kerni, Finland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	Samppa Salminen Finland
2001	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Italy	Haralambos Piperakis Greece	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
2000	Yacht Club of Greece Athens, Greece	Charalabos Piperakis Greece	Dionisis Dimou Greece
1999	Segelclub Murtlen, Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	Mario Noto Italy Fleet 449, #14731
1998	Tuusulanjarven Purjehtijat, Finland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	Karl Huusko Finland
1997	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Greece	Theodore Tsoulfas Greece	Alexandros Dimou Greece
1996	Societa Canottieri Marsala, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fleet 449, #14731	Antonio Marino Italy Fleet 449, #13402
1995	HSK Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fleet 449, #14731	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
1994	Matelot Yacht Club Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	Giuseppe Alagna Italy Fleet 449, #13402
1993	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #14264	Costas Lyberakis Greece Fleet 286, #14334
1992	Kuopio Yacht Club Kuopio, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fleet 449, #14361	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
1991	Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fleet 449, #14361	Stefano Reina Italy Fleet 449, #14361
1990	Bordee de Tribord Lake Biel LaNeuville, Switzerland	Gaetano Palizzaro Italy Fleet 476, #14243	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Greece	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #14361
1988	Nasijarven Purjehdusseu- ra-Nasijarvi Yacht Club Tampere, Finland	Francesco Ferrari Italy Fleet 249, #14245	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
1987	Brezona/Lago di Garda Numana, Italy	Marcello Attina Italy Fleet 4499, #13481	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
1986	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790	S Coutisikos Greece Fleet 286, #13981
1985	Cercle de la Voile Lake Neuchatel Switzerland	Christoph Luthy Switzerland Fleet 250, #13099	Carlo Galetti Italy Fleet 249, #13878
1984	BSF Pori, Finland	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #13790
1983	Circoli Velici Napoletori Marsala, Italy	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459	Giuseppe Palomba Italy Fleet 312, #13036
1982	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459	Sergio Messina Italy Fleet 449, #13065
1981	Circolo Velico Marsala Italy	Capt C F Coccioni Italy Fleet 235, #13374	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459
1980	Cercle de la Voile Lake Neuchatel Switzerland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fleet 169, #	Roberto Crucitti Italy Fleet 449, #13414

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1979	SPS Helsinki, Finland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fleet 169, #	Terho Aromaa Finland Fleet 166, #13130
1978	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459	Christoph Luthy Switzerland Fleet 250, #13099
1977	Club Nautico Numana Adriatic Sea Italy	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fleet 169, #	Antti Ruukanen Finland Fleet 166, #12085
1976	Grandson Sailing Club Lake Neuchatel Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fleet 358, #12637	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fleet 169, #12319
1975	PP & KP Keuru, Finland	Antti Ruuskanen Finland Fleet 394, #12257	Christoph Luthy Switzerland Fleet 250, #12320
1974	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #9447	Nicholas Dimou Greece Fleet 286, #11459
1973	Circolo Della Veladi Roma Anzio, Italy	Alexander Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459	Hans Rahn Switzerland Fleet 219, #12305
1972	Lake of Geneva Morges, Switzerland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fleet 286, #11633	Hans Luthy Switzerland Fleet 250, #9503
1971	Yacht Club Helsingfors Segelkubb Helsinki, Finland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fleet 286, #11633	Alexander Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #11459
1970	Royal Yacht Club of Greece Corfu, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #10996	Stelios Bonas Greece Fleet 286, #9447
1969	Circolo Della Veladi Roma Anzio, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fleet 251, #8397	Pentti Puupera Finland Fleet 166, #10057
1968	Regattaverien Brunnen Brunnen, Switzerland	Guido Tulli Italy Fleet 381, #10740	Dag Bjurström Finland Fleet 394, #8211
1967	Nasijarvi Sailing Club Lake Nasijarvi Tampere, Finland	Catello Russo Italy Fleet 237, #8492	Stig Haglund Finland Fleet 166, #9166
1966	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #9447	Alfred Lanz Switzerland Fleet 169, #8396
1965	Circolo Velico Stabia Stabia, Italy	Guido Tulli Italy Fleet 312, #9322	George Andreadis Greece Fleet 286, #9447
1964	Cercle de la Voile Lake Neuchatel Switzerland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fleet 251, #8397	Giorgio Focanti Italy Fleet 278, #753?
1963	Circolo Velico Stabia Stabia, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fleet 251, #8397	Catello Russo Italy Fleet 237, #6728
1962	Merenkavijat Yacht Club Helsinki, Finland	Maurizio di Segno Italy Fleet 318, #7238	Carlo Postiglione Italy Fleet 237, #6728
1961	Royal Yacht Club of Greece Corfu, Greece	HRH King Constantine Greece Fleet 287, #6943	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fleet 191, #7212
1960	Yacht Club Lucerne Lucerne, Switzerland	Franco Cavallo Italy Fleet 223, #7422	Claude Lambelet Switzerland Fleet 169, #7467
1959	Club Vela di Roma Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fleet 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fleet 237, #6728
1958	Ostra Nylands Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fleet 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fleet 237, #6728
1957	Royal YC of Greece Corfu, Greece	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fleet 191, #6390	Franco Cavallo Italy Fleet 223, #4966
1956	La Borde de Tribord La Neuville, Switzerland	Ralph Camardella Italy Fleet 191, #4122	Franco Cavallo Italy



CANADIAN CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2006	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	David Starck Buffalo Canoe Club	Larry MacDonald
2005	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario	David Starck Buffalo Canoe Club	Jody Lutz Metedeconk River YC
2004	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Michael Holly Montreal	Peter Hall Royal St Lawrence YC
2003	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	David Starck Buffalo Canoe Club	Larry MacDonald, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club
2002	Thunder Bay Yacht Club Thunder Bay, Ontario	Alan Boucher Royal St Lawrence YC	Jamie Alan Royal St Lawrence YC
2001	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Hamilton, Ontario	Matt Fisher HYC	Tom Allen, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club
2000	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Ched Proctor CPYC	Phil Grotheer SSA
1999	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Tom Allen, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club	Matt Fisher HYC
1998	Gimli, Manitoba	Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Larry MacDonald, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club
1997	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Tom Allen, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club	David Starck Buffalo Canoe Club
1996	Thunder Bay Yacht Club Thunder Bay, Ontario	Alain Boucher PCYC	Jean-Francois Simard Royal St Lawrence YC
1995	Pointe Claire Yacht Club Montreal	Dick Hallagan SBYC	Don Brush MBBC
1994	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Jim Crane CPYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr RHYC
1993	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Marty Essig RHYC	Allan Leibel RCYC
1992	Thunder Bay Yacht Club Thunder Bay, Ontario	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Peter Hall Royal St Lawrence YC
1991	Royal Canadian Yacht Club Toronto, Ontario	Jim Cameron TRSC	
1990	Hamilton	David Starck Buffalo Canoe Club	Peter Hall Royal St Lawrence YC
1989	Pointe Claire Yacht Club Montreal	Jay Mann Royal St Lawrence YC	
1988	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Peter Hall Royal St Lawrence YC
1987	Toronto, Ontario	Peter Hall Royal St Lawrence YC	
1986	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Peter Hall Royal St Lawrence YC
1985	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt Abino, Ontario	Jim Crane CPYC	Tom Allen, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club
1984	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Tom Allen, Jr Buffalo Canoe Club
1983	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Ross Bailey	Susan MacDonald RHYC
1982	Thunder Bay Yacht Club Thunder Bay, Ontario	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Jay Lutz MRYC
1981	Thornbury	Dick Hallagan SBYC	Dave Sprague BC

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1980	Vancouver, British Columbia	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Dave Sprague BC
1979	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Larry MacDonald RHYC	Dick Hallagan SBYC
1978	National Yacht Club Toronto, Ontario	Tom Allen Buffalo Canoe Club	Larry MacDonald RHYC
1977	Thunder Bay Yacht Club Thunder Bay, Ontario	Jay Hansen Buffalo Canoe Club	Larry MacDonald RHYC
1976	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Hamilton, Ontario	Dick Hallagan SBYC	Tom Allen Buffalo Canoe Club
1975	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	Dick Hallagan SBYC	Bob Wardell HHYC
1974	National Yacht Club Toronto, Ontario	Bill Buckles CYC	Jay Hansen Buffalo Canoe Club
1973	Kingston Yacht Club Kingston, Ontario	William Shore Buffalo Canoe Club	M Nelson BRYC
1972	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	D Allen RHYC	J Hanson Buffalo Canoe Club
1971	Kingston Yacht Club Kingston, Ontario	J Mueller CYC	D Allen RHYC
1970	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	William Shore Buffalo Canoe Club	Dick Hallagan SBYC
1969	Hudson Yacht Club Montreal	Dick Hallagan SBYC	D Allen RHYC
1968	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton, Ontario	S Anderson NSC	Dick Hallagan SBYC
1967	Royal St Lawrence YC Montreal	S Anderson NSC	Dick Hallagan SBYC
1966	Port Arthur	Tom Allen Buffalo Canoe Club	P Sulman NYC
1965	Owen Sound Yacht Club Owen Sound, Ontario	Tom Allen Buffalo Canoe Club	S Anderson NSC
1964	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Hamilton, Ontario	D M Allen RHYC	J R G Bleasby Royal Canadian YC
1963	Royal Canadian Yacht Club Toronto, Ontario	J Bernel Buffalo Canoe Club	S Anderson NSC
1962	Owen Sound Yacht Club Owen Sound, Ontario	J R G Bleasby Royal Canadian YC	D M Allen RHYC
1961	Britannia Yacht Club Ottawa, Ontario	J R G Bleasby Royal Canadian YC	J Miwann QCYC
1960	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	G Russell Royal Canadian YC	G Hampson RHYC
1959	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	A Dutton QCYC	G Russell RCYC
1958	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	J R G Bleasby Royal Canadian YC	
1957	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	June Method RBYC	R Robson SBYC
1956	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	A Dutton QCYC	
1955	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	G Layton Royal St Lawrence YC	S Anderson NSC
1954	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	Thomas Fallon Buffalo Canoe Club	
1953	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	Tom Allen Buffalo Canoe Club	
1952	Royal Canadian YC Toronto, Ontario	Tom Allen Buffalo Canoe Club	

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS

YEAR	MIAMI, FLORIDA	ST PETERSBURG-MIAMI CHAMPION	OVERALL CHAMPION
2006	Jeff Linton		Jeff Linton
2005	David Starck		Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez
2004	Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez		Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez
2003	Jeff Linton		Jeff Linton
2002	Larry MacDonald, Jr		Larry MacDonald, Jr
2001	Larry MacDonald, Jr		Ched Proctor
2000	Larry MacDonald, Jr		Larry MacDonald, Jr
1999	Tim Healy		Tom Starck/David Starck
1998	Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez		Tito Gonzalez
1997	Ched Proctor		Larry MacDonald, Jr
1996	Tim Healy		Taboada/Drake/Faude
1995	Ched Proctor		MacDonald/Proctor
1994	Terry Hutchinson		MacDonald/Proctor
1993	Brad Read		Neal Fowler/Greg Fisher
1992	David Curtis		Jody Lutz/David Curtis
1991	Brad Read		Brad Read
1990	Stuart Nickerson		David Dellenbaugh
1989	Tom Allen		Ched Proctor
1988	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
1987	Bill Shore	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1986	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
1985	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Larry MacDonald, Jr
1984	Bill Shore	Bill Shore/Ken Read	Bill Shore/Ken Read
1983	Richie Silverman	David Curtis	David Curtis
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1981	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Mark Bryant
1980	Mary Bryant	Mark Bryant	Jim Dressel
1979	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Jeff Dressel
1978	Matt Bryant, Jr	Jay Lutz	Jim Crane
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	Bruce Goldsmith
1976	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1975	Don Delorme	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1974	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith
1973	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Tom Allen
1971	Lou Pocharski	Lou Pocharski	Bruce Goldsmith
1970	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1969	Tom Allen	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1968	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1967	Bruce Goldsmith	Harry Sindle	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1965	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1964	Carl Smither	Karl Smither	Stu Anderson
1963		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1962		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1961		Hank Cawthra	Bob Lippincott
1960		Tom Fallon	
1959		Alex Carlin	
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SOUTHERN CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS

YEAR	DEEP SOUTH REGATTA SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	WINTER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	SAVANNAH-ST PETERSBURG CHAMPION
2006	David Starck	Jody Lutz	
2005	Bill Fastiggi	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez	
2004	Alberto 'Tito' Gonzalez	Allan Terhune	
2003	Chec Proctor	Brian Hayes	Brian Hayes
2002	Steve Hayden	Jody Lutz	Larry MacDonald, Jr
2001	Andy Horton	Matt Fisher	Ched Proctor
2000	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Greg Fisher	Greg Fisher
1999	Andy Horton	Brian Hayes	Andy Horton
1998	Greg Fisher	Tim Healy	Tito Gonzalez
1997	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Larry MacDonald, Jr
1996	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Brian Taboada	Taboada/Drake/Faude
1995	Larry MacDonald, Jr	David Starck	
1994	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Brad Read	
1993	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Peter Hall	Larry MacDonald, Jr
1992	Lenny Krawcheck	Matt Fisher	Terry Hutchinson
1991	David Dellenbaugh	Jody Swanson	Brad Read
1990	Lenny Krawcheck	David Dellenbaugh	David Dellenbaugh
1989	Jim Crane	Matt Fisher	Ched Proctor
1988	Tom Allen, Jr	Jim Crane (R)	Jim Crane
1987	Larry MacDonald, Jr	Jim Crane	Brad Read
1986	Dick Hallagan	Tom Allen, Jr	Bill Shore
1985	Neal Fowler	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1984	Bill Shore	Ken Read	Bill Shore/Ken Read
1983	David Curtis	Ed Baird	David Curtis
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1981	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant
1980	Peter Isler	Jim Dressel	Jay Lutz
1979	Bruce Goldsmith	Jeff Boyd	Jeff Boyd
1978	Bill Shore	Tom Allen	Jim Dressell
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	James Lippincott
1976	Don Delorme	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant
1975	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1974	Bruce Goldsmith	Jack Mueller	Jack Mueller
1973	Jack Mueller	Jim Crane	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Bill Shore	Tom Allen (R)	Bruce Goldsmith
1971	Carl Eichenlaub	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1970	Richard Lippincott	A Marcy Lippincott	Bob Seidelmann
1969	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1968	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1967	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1965	Stu Anderson	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann
1964	Stu Anderson	Carl Eichenlaub	Stu Anderson
1963	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	
1962	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	
1961	Carl Eichenlaub	Hank Cawthra	
1960	Carl Eichenlaub	Tom Fallon	
1959	John McIntosh	Herman Nickels	
1958	John McIntosh	Gene Walet	
1957	Bob Crane	Walt Swindeman	



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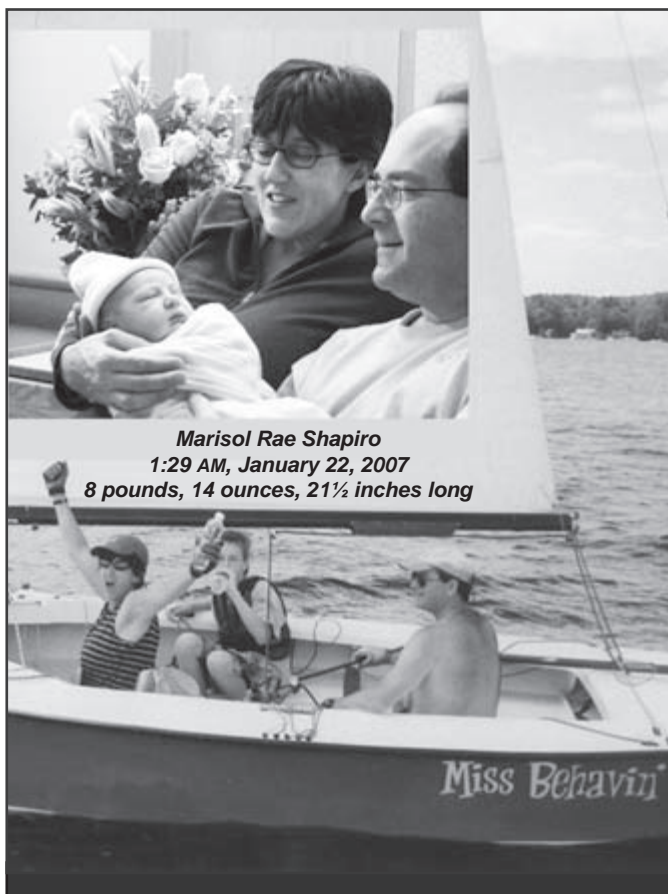
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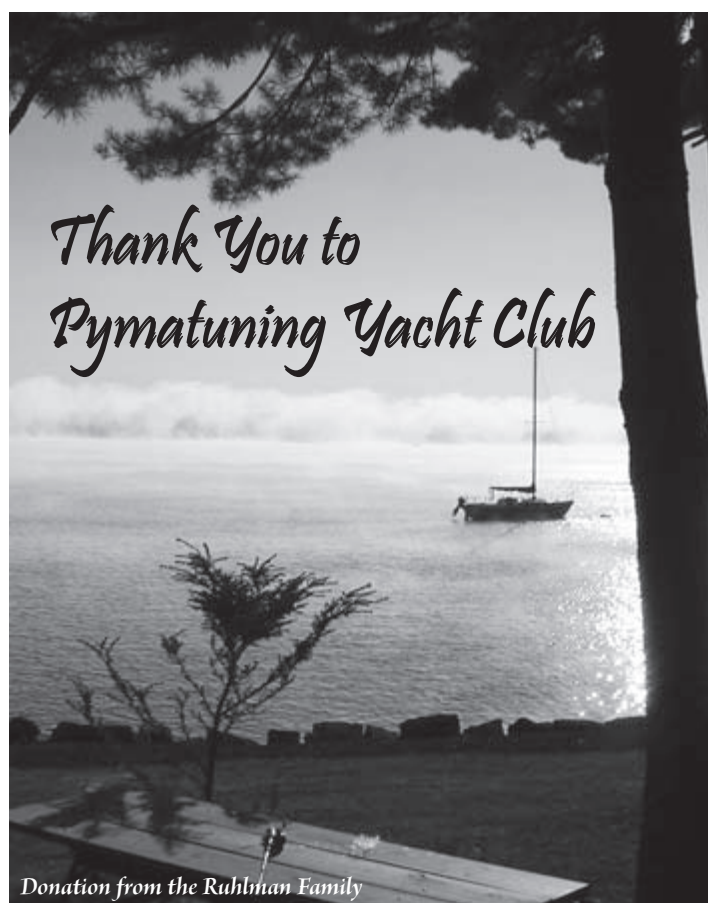
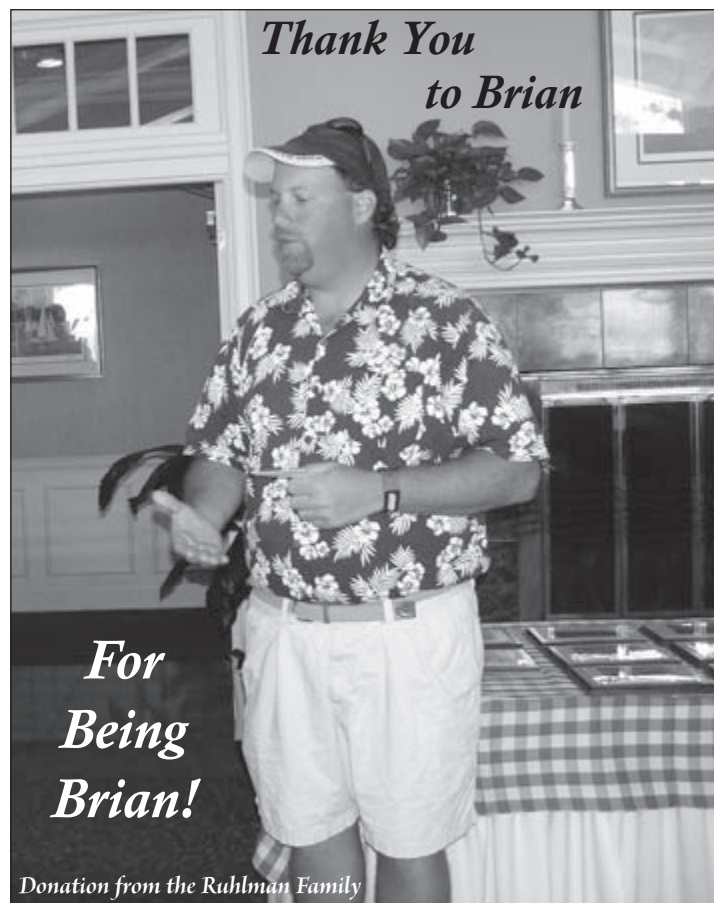
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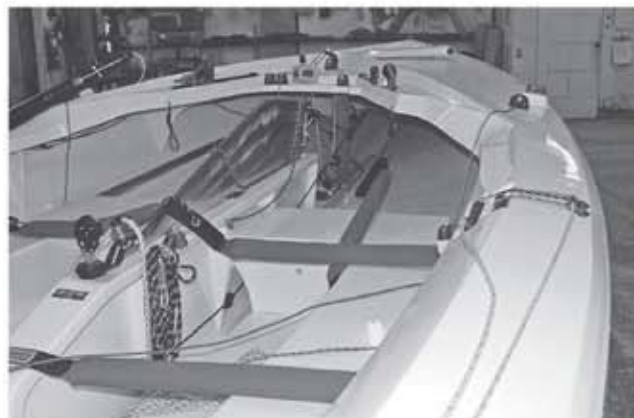
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