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#### Dedication

#### HELEN E. LIMBAUGH Executive Secretary/Director ILCA 1965-1982

On February 17, 1999 the International Lightning Class Association lost Helen E. Limbaugh, one of its most dedicated, hard-working, respected and loyal members. Helen and her husband, Jay (ILCA President in 1964) joined the Class in 1956 and immediately became active in all aspects of the Class, including the Fleet, District and North American levels. Together, Jay and Helen sailed in many Lightning regattas, literally all over the world. When she wasn't racing, Helen was active in all other aspects of a regatta. She was always available to assist in racing activites, registration and scoring.

Members who were active in the Class administration during Helen's tenure as Executive Secretary and Director will confirm how valuable her attention to detail and follow-up was to the Class, particularly in the days before the modern marvels of computers, email and faxes. She was instrumental along with several other members in the Class achieving world status and international recognition. Her contributions have been recognized by all members of the Class worldwide.

Helen will always be an inspiration to all of us. Her great personality, her incanny ability to skillfully nudge officers of the Class to perform their responsibilities (the writer can attest to this), her love of the Class and her ambition to make the Class the number one sailing association in the world speak for themselves.

- George Fisher and John Schneider

Helen was the Lightning Class' Mother to many of us. She could be a stern taskmaster to those of us involved in the Class. She taught us about what was right for the Class. She gave us the lessons from the past while always looking out for all of our futures. Helen kept the Class going. She knew when to prod the volunteers and when to lead them. To so very many of us, she WAS the Class. We will all miss her.

- David Sprague

### Dedication

#### On the 60th Anniversary of the Lightning Class Association . . .

to the designers and the builders of the first Lightning

and to the builders of the next one and the next 15000.

to the sailors who have raced the Lightning

and to those who sail but do not race.

to the sailors who have stayed with the Class since they first sailed and to those who have returned.

to every sailor who has been a member of a Fleet, from Skaneateles #1 to Lagos, Nigeria #510.

to everyone who loves the Lightning and to the graceful boat herself.

Happy 60th Birthday, lady Lightning.

1938 - 1998

60 years

#### The ILCA Fund

The International Lightning Class Association has been granted status as a 501(c)3 charity by the Internal Revenue Service. Just like gifts to the United Fund and the Olympic Committee, gifts to the I.L.C.A. can be deducted from income in computing your taxes. You can make a gift and the I.L.C.A., of course, gets the full value of your gift to use for many worthy projects.

The I.L.C.A. Fund was formed in 1982 to give some direction and impetus to the solicitation of charitable gifts. The I.L.C.A. Fund is directed by a committee of five I.L.C.A. members who serve staggered three year terms. Each year members send gifts along with their I.L.C.A. dues. Several large gifts have been received, including a 30 acre farm in Mississippi and the funds to purchase the beautiful Masters' Trophy awarded each year at the St. Petersburg Regatta. Other uses of the Fund have been the newest computer and printer, the FAX machine, the copying machine and several Junior events. Income from the I.L.C.A. farm is earmarked for use in promotion of Lightning sailing.

The long term objective of the Fund is to build an endowment equal to two hundred percent of the I.L.C.A.'s annual budget to stand as the guarantee that the Class will remain solvent so long as boats float on water and to ensure future sailors the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing Lightning Class sailboats.

Most sailors who have been members of the I.L.C.A. for several years come to realize that the value they receive from participation in the sport of racing and sailing Lightning Class yachts is much greater than the \$45.00 annual dues. Gifts to the Fund provide a means, with help of the tax deduction, to pay the I.L.C.A. back.

When you pay your membership dues, include something extra as a gift to the Fund.

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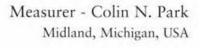
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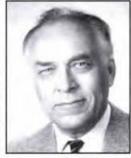


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### World CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR PLACE	E	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1961	Milford Y.C. Milford, CT USA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Jorge Salas-Chavez Buenos Aires, Argentina				
963	Club DeRegatas Líma, Peru	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Robert Seidelmann Westmont, NJ				
965	Circolo Canottieri Naples, Italy	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Alan Raffee San Diego, CA	200			
967	Royal Canadian Y.C. Toronto, Canada	Dr. Louis Pocharski Marblehead, MA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY				
969	Yacht Club Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	James R. Crane Darien, CT				
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1971	Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland	William A. Shore Depew, NY	Jack Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH				
973	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH	1711			
975	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	William A. Shore Newport, RI				
977	Spiez Yacht Club Spiez, Switzerland	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	te i ci			
1979	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, Texas USA	Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX	William A. Shore Newport, RI				
1981	Gran Hotel Puçon Puçon, Chile	Walmor Gomes Soares Florianopolis, Brazil	Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX				
1983	Circola Velici Napoletani	Jay Lutz Bonnie Shore Newport, R.I.	Sergio Messina Marsala, Italy				
1985	Little Egg Harbor Y. C. Beach Haven, NJ USA	William Shore Betsy Allison Karen Neri Newport, R.I.	Mario Bucku São Paulo, Brazil	Cotto			
1987	Club Naval Castillogrande Cartagena, Colombia	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Santiago, Chile	Eddy Martin Montreal, Quebec				
989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Athens, Greece	Peter Hall Al Boucher	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	1001			
		Westmount, Quebec					
991	Severn Sailing Association Annapolis, MD USA	David Dellenbaugh Hale Walcoff Kip Hamblet Essex, CT	Larry MacDonald, Jr. Carlisle, Ontario				
1993	Ilhabela Island São Paulo, Brazil	Manfred Kaufmann São Paulo, Brazil	Fernando Hackerott São Paulo, Brazil	17533			
995	Kuopion Pursiseura Kuopio, Finland	Alberto Gonzales Mas Rodrigo Zuazola German Schacht Santiago, Chile	Thomas Allen IV Jim Allen Jane Allen Buffalo, NY				
1997	St. Claire Yacht Club Montreal, Canada	Larry MacDonald Jr. Jody Swanson Ian Jones Carlisle, Ontario	Manuel Gonzales Mas Juan Francisco Novion German Novion Santiago, Chile	-111			

### World Youth CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR P	LACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1978	Yacht Club Peruna Peru	Stephen Craig Heath, TX USA	Hugo Castro Buenos Aires, Argentina				
980	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	lan Jones Snyder, NY USA	Otavio Machando de Almeida São Paulo, Brazil				
982	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily Italy	Gordon Anderson Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada	Pasquale Vitaggio Marsala, Sicily Italy				
984	Metedeconk River Y. C. Brick, New Jersey USA	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY USA	Anthony Fink Leonardo, NJ, USA				
986	Yacht Club Olivos Olivos, Argentina	Guillermo Parada Argentina	Christian Frers Argentina	1			
988	Nasijarven Purjehdusseura Nasijarvi Segelsallskap R.Y. Tampere, Finland		Alexandros Dimou Piraeus, Greece				
990	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY USA	Sjoerd-JanVanderhorst Blacklick, OH USA				
992	Higuerillas Yacht Club Viña del Mar, Chile	Thomas Starck Buffalo, NY USA	Nicholas Granucci Buenos Aires, Argentina				
994	Cercle de Voile de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario Canada	Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaqui Ecuador				
996	Metedeconk RiverYC Brick, New Jersey USA	Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaquil Ecuador	Chad Atkins Rochester, New York USA				
998	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas Ecuador	Sean Carroll Jericho, VT USA	Konstantinos Merentitis N. Smirni Greece				
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### 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.

YEAR	PLACE	NATIONAL CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	PRESIDENTS CUP	RUNNER-UP	GOVERNORS CU	P RUNNER-UP
1939	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	John S. Barnes Skaneateles, NY	John C. Hirst Mantoloking, NJ				
1940	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside,	John S. Barnes CT	Carl Dixon Skaneateles, NY	Riverside, CT			
1940	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside,	John S. Barnes CT	Carl Dixon Skaneateles, NY	Riverside, CT			
1941	Skaneateles C. C. Skaneateles, NY	John M. Stern Buffalo, NY	David G. Cluett Lawrence, NY				
1942 +	South Haven YC Lake Michigan - South Haven,	David G. Cluett MI	Walter E. Swindeman, Jr. Lawrence, NY	Toledo, OH			
1943 *	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	John W. Orelup Short Hills, NJ				
1944 #	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Theodore Maher Riverside, CT	Karl Smither-Robert C Buffalo, NY	irane			
1945 *	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside,	George R. Barnes CT	Karl Smither Skaneateles, NY	Buffalo, NY	* Special War-Time Reg	gattas	
1946	Skanesteles C. C. Skaneateles, NY	Walter E. Swindeman, Toledo, OH	Jr. Buffalo, NY	Karl Smither-RobertCo Philbdelphia, PA	rane		
1947	Toledo YC Lake Erie - Toledo, OH	Walter Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	K. Smither-R. Crane Buffalo, NY	Robert H. Siemer Williamsville, NY	Leo E. Wasserberger Pontiac, MI		
1948	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Richard H. Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Walter Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	K. Smither-R. Crane Buffalo, NY	R. Ludlow Wray Philbdelphia, PA		
1949	Miami, Coconut Grove, Biscayne Bay Y. Clubs - Miami, Fl	Richard H. Bertram LMiami Beach, FL	Bob Graf Buffalo, NY	Dr. Herbert Virgin, Jr. Miami, FL	Felix Ross Miami, FL		
1950	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	H. Richard Krauss Toledo, OH	Magnus Pederson Nyack, NY	William Walker Erie, PA	Dr. Gerald Murphy Lake Fenton, MI		
1951	Toledo YC Lake Erie - Toledo, OH	John Teigland, Jr. Bedford, NJ	John N. F. Robertson Hamilton, Ontario	Howard J. Foht Erie, PA	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY		
1952	Spray Beach YC Spray Beach, NJ	Robert W. Graf Buffalo, NY	Eugene Walet III New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Edward G. Waters Little Silver, NJ		
1953	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Harry J. Cawthra Detroit, MI	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	Warren F. Jones Detroit, MI	James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA		
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		
1955	Southern YC Lake Ponchartrain - New Orle	Thomas Allen III	Robert Adams Buffalo, NY	Paul Shreck Rydal, PA	C. J. Prados New Orleans, LA		
1956	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	William S. Cox, Sr. Darien, CT	Gene Walet New Orleans, LA	Richard Karslake Chautauqua, NY	Marjorie J. Adams Rydal, PA		
1957	Milford YC Long Island Sound-Milford, CT	William S. Cox, Sr. Darien, CT	John Teigland Lake Pine, NJ	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	John M. McIntosh Savannah, GA		
1958	Little Egg Harbor YC Beach Haven, NJ	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	William T. Uhl Syosset, NY	Tim Nelson Kitchener, Ontario	Kennth L. Ireland Nichols, CT		
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		
1960	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	Jay L. Doty Chicago, IL	Dr. John T. Gentry Skaneateles, NY	Dr. Charles H. Maltb Youngstown, OH	Robert Birmingham Pittsburgh, PA
1961	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Robert B. Crane Darien, CT	Wendell Harter Manhattan Beach, CA	David K. Storrs Oyster Bay, NY		
1962	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, 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
1963	Tawas Bay YC 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
1964	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Robert Seidelmann Moorestown, 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
1965	Bay Head YC 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

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1966	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	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
1967	Cleveland Yachting Club Lake Erie-Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Tom Allen III Buffalo, NY	W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. Whittier, CA	Ralph B. Sperry, Jr. Southport, CT	Chas. G. Obersheimer, J Buffalo, NY	r.Richard W. Hallagan Newark, NY
1968	Chicago Corinthian YC 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 II Bay Head, NJ	Robert K. Smither Hinsdale, IL
969	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, 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
970	Southern YC Lake Ponchartrain-New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	James G. Carson Philadlephia, PA	Richard W. Hallagan Newark, NY	Fred H. Hamblet Keene, NH	A. Marcy Lippincott Riverton, NJ	Allan W. Siegner, Jr. Kenmore, NY
971	Milwaukee YC Lake Michigan - Milwaukee, W	William A. Shore Depew, NY	James G. Carson PhiladelphiaPA	John J. Collins Marblehead, MA	A. Marcy Lippincott Riverton, NJ	Dr. A. J. Penfield Fayetteville, NY	C. O. Jones, Jr. Buffalo, NY
972	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn Rehoboth, DE	James Crane Darien, CT	Bob Seidelmann Gibbsboro, NJ	Dr. Georges Peter Annisquam, MA	John S. Schneider New York, NY	Arnold Schwartz Red Bank, NJ	Howard J. Mullin Colts Neck, NJ
973	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	James R. Crane Darien, CT	Steve Harper Gilford, NH	John A. Ballatin Metairie, LA	Cal Schmiege Lewiston, NY	Mark Bryant Cheektowaga, NY
974	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Mario Buckup Brazil	Greg Zettler Bellevue,WA	Djoerd Hoekstra Haverford, PA	Warren Gross San Diego, CA	George Sipel Morenci, MI
975	Savannah YC Sea Pines Plantation-Hilton Head, SC	Bruce Goldsmith	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
976	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	William Shore Newport, RI	Fisk Hayden Liverpool, NY	Dave Peters Ann Arbor, MI	Fred Hamblet Keene, NH	John Cuccio Westport, CT	Christopher Hamblet W. Swanzley, NH
977	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, 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
978	Rehoboth Bay	William Shore	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Dr. Donald Delorme Alexandria, VA	Jim Carson	David Sprague	Lenny Krawcheck
979	Sailing Assn. Rehoboth, DE Cleveland Yachting Club	Newport, RI Jim Crane Norwalk, CT	Bruce Goldsmith	Will Petersilge	Brick, NJ Ross Bailey	Jim McCoy	Charleston, SC Peter Huston
980	Rocky River, OH  Mission BayYC	Mark Bryant	Lake Geneva, WI  David Curtis	Newark, OH Ross Bailey	Thunder Bay, Ontario Luis Herman, Jr.	Drayton Plains, MI Randy Ruhlman	Tonawanda, NY Lance Drewes
981	San Diego, CA Cedar Point YC	Buffalo, NY David Curtis Marblehead, MA	Marblehead, MA Jay Lutz	Thunder Bay, Ontario Ched Rogan	Santiago, Chile Paul Gelenitis	Clevebnd, OH Richard Thackaberry	Lewisville, TX Meredith C. Jones
982	Westport, CT Buffalo Canoe Club Pt. Abino, Ontario, Canada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Brick, NJ Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Huntington, NY Tom Allen, Jr. Buffalo, NY	Metedeconk, NJ Jim Carson Brick, NJ	Fairfield, CT W.Todd Jones Tonawanda, NY	St. Louis, MO Paul Gelenitis Brick, NJ
983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	William 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
984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ	Jody A. Swanson Eggertsville, NY	Scott Zerban Belleville, IL	Warren Gross San Diego, CA
985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	William Shore Newport, RI	Manuel Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Eric Larson Sheboygan, WI	Fred Hutchinson Miami, FL	Thomas Hering New York, NY	Jon Ewing Aptus, CA
986	Olympic Harbor Kingston, Ontario, Canada	William Shore Newport, RI	Garry Demarest Traverse City, MI	Tom Ingram White Plains, NY	Edson White Westport, CT	James Ward, Jr. Hendersonville, TN	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI
987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Jed Dodge Sodus Point, NY	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL	Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA	Wiley Crockett	Gerry Paoli Belleville, IL
988	Mission Bay YC	Colin Park Midland, MI	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC	Hank Hodgson Manitou Beach, MI	Douglaston, NY Chuck Ellery	Tony McBride
989	San Diego, CA North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Tom Allen, IV Buffalo, NY	Colin Park	Chris Vann Unionville, CT	Djoerd Hoekstra	Davenport, IA Dr. Joel Humphrey	Bob Fidler
990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	Midland, MI Colin Park	Ched Proctor	Malvern, PA Djoerd Hoekstra Malvern, PA	Walled Lake, MI Mark Whatley	Dr. Joel Humphrey
991	Sail Newport	Jody Lutz	Midland, MI Bradford Read	Southport, CT Thomas Allen, III	Mario Buckup	Farmington Hill, MI Chris Vann	Walled Lake, MI Ed Roseberry
992	Fort Adams, Newport, RI Buffalo Canoe Club	Monroe, CT Larry MacDonald	Newport, RI David Starck	Buffalo, NY Steve Hayden	Sao Paulo, Brazil William Faude	Unionville, CT Scott Finkboner	Buffalo, NY Paul Wurtzebach
993	Point Abino, Ontario Milwaukee YC	Toronto, Ontario Ched Proctor	Buffalo, NY Steve Hayden	Altamonte Springs, FL Allan Leibel	Cedarburg, WI David Stix	San Diego, CA Craig Gabel	Woodbridge, IL Dave Decker
994	Milwaukee, WI Boulevard Club	Southport, CT Ched Proctor	Altamonte Springs, FL Stu Nickerson	Toronto, Ontario  Don Brush	Chicago, IL Jody Lutz	Manitou Beach, MI Ray Harrington	East Grand Rapids, MI Warren Emblidge III
995	Toronto, Ontario, Canada Henderson Harbor YC	Southport, CT Brian Taboada	Milton, MA Jim Crane	Charlotte,VT Jack Elfman	Trumbull, CT Ray Harrington	Bomoseen,VT Gary Hurban	Orchard Park, NY  Dan Reichelsdorfer
996	Henderson, NY Southern YC	Brick, NJ Matt Fisher	Westport, CT Tim Healy	Surf City, NJ Tom Allen, Jr.	Bomoseen,VT Dick Hallagan	Palisades, NY Paul Gelenitis	Sheboygan, WI Joe Buczkowski
997	New Orleans, LA Crescent Sail YC	Westerville, OH Tim Healy	Niantic, CT Greg Fisher	Kenmore, NY Paul Wurtzebach	Newark, NY Aaron Stange	Kearny, NJ	Mantoloking, NJ
998	Grosse Pointe Farms, MI Buffalo Canoe Club	Niantic, CT Matt Fisher	Columbus, OH Tito Gonzalez	Woodridge, IL James Crane	Toledo, OH Stuart Nickerson	Juan Carlos Uzcategui	Mike Thomas
U.S.	Point Abino, Ontario	Westerville, OH	Santiago, Chile	Darien, CT	Milton, MA	Bogota, Colombia	Bowling Green, OH

### North American Junior CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
974	Cleveland Yachting C'lub Rocky River, OH	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Andrew Horton Shelburne, VT	Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH
975	Lake Murray S.C. Lake Murray, SC	Robby Wilkins Columbia, SC	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Andrew Horton Shelburne,VT	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario
976	Milwaukee YC Milwaukee, WI	Mark Bryant Kenmore, NY	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester,VT	John Dane Pass Christian, MS	Charlie Wardwell Richmond, VA
977	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, C'anada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	1996	Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA	Gaston Vedani Guayaquil, Ecuador	Ryan Dunn Brick, NJ
978	Metedeconk River YC Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Stephen Craig Heath,TX	1997	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Charles Wardwell Richmond, VA	Sean Carroll Jericho Ctr,VT
979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio	Stephen Craig Heath, TX	lan Jones Snyder, NY	1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Nicholas Mercier Manchester, NH	Sam Septembre Miami, FL
980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Jody Lutz Brick, NJ	lan Jones Snyder, NY				
981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	Kevin Corr Middletown, NJ	Peter R. Hallagan Newark, NY				
1982	Buffalo CanoeClub Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Michael Hein Upper Arlington, OH	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ				
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	Peter Hallagan Newark, NY	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ				
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Trevor Born Kingston, Ontario	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY				
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	John Swanson Eggertsville, NY	David Starck Kenmore, NY				
1986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Jim Allen Buffalo, NY	Steve Hayden Fern Park, FL				
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario,Canada	David Starck Buffalo, NY	Sean Fidler Troy, MI				
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Ned Roseberry Eggertsville, NY	Ross Nemeroff San Diego, CA				
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Sean Fidler Troy, MI	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst Blacklick, OH				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY	Tom Starck Kenmore, NY				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Jay Miles Newporl, RI	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY				
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Warren Emblidge Orchard Park, NY	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY	ļ.,			

### North American Women CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1978	Bay Head YC Bay Head, NJ	Bonnie Shore Newporl, RI	Ann Boyd Columbia, SC	1997	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN #14706	Bonnie Nickels Waterford, MI #14755
979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Cherie Neville Shaker Heights, OH	Bonnie Shore Newport, RI	1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Kathryn Connell Blauvelt, NY #14174	Joan Hurban Palisades, NY #14482
980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Brenda Allen Buffalo, NY	Cherie Neville Cleveland, OH				
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981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	Cherie Neville Chautauqua, NY	Cheryl Osgood Riverside, CT				
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Anne Allen Buffalo, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL	111			
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath,TX	Fay Regan Miami, FL	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI				
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Betsy Gelenitis Brick, NJ	Fay Regan Miami, FL	111			
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Mary Anna Portner Washington, DC	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI				
986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Pamela Tuttle Tully, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL	100			
987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Brenda Crane Norwalk, CT #11138	Susan Rogers Stony Creek, Ontario #13671				
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Joni Palmer San Diego, CA	Lynn Huntley Richmond, CA			P	
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Jean Palm Oswego, NY	Tammi Jamison Glens Falls, NY				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Tammi Jamison Glen Falls, NY				
992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Cory Serti Rochester, NY	Betsy Alison Newport, RI				
1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Hannah Swett Jamestown, RI	Christine-Kronich Sheboygan, WI				
994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Lori Foster Rochester, NY	11.			
1995	Mallets Bay Boat Club Colchester,VT	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Kathy Connell South Nyack, NY				
996	Southern YC	Betsy Alison	Jo Ann Jones	1			

### North American Masters CHAMPIONS

1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Stu Anderson Stuart, FI #11702 Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702	Buck Ballatin Metairie, LA #9696 John Teigland, Jr. Allentown, PA	19.9		
		Stuart, FL	Allentown, PA			
1985			#11666			
	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	R. G. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #11800	Jim Carson Brick, NJ #13710	1251		
1986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY		Crit Currie Memphis, TN #14099			
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #12355	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066			
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066	Myron Lyon San Diego, CA #13911			
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14255	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI #14240	HIT		
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14255	Joe Dissette Midland, MI #14433			
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	R. G. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #14229	777		
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Tom Allen, III Buffalo, NY #14524	Bob Crane Darien, CT #14572			
1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14449	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #13970	***		
1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada	Don Sherburne Nashville, TN #14588	Sandy Huntsman Red Bank, NJ #14492			
1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14655	Cal Schmiege Lewiston, NY #14580	TITE		
1996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Tom Allen, Sr. Buffalo, NY #14611			
1997	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14649	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH #10680	111		
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Bruce Goldsmith Midland, MI #14649			
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### Canadian Open CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1952	Toronto	T. Allen, BCC		1980	Vancouver Kitsilano	Larry MacDonald, RHYC	Dave Sprague, BC
1953	Toronto	T.Allen, BCC	W. Swindeman, TYC	1981	Thornbury RBC	Dick Hallagan, NYC	David Sprague, BC
1954	Toronto	T. Fallon, BCC	G. Layton, RStLYC	1982	Thunder Bay TRYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Jay Lutz, MRYC MRYC
1955	Toronto	G. Layton, RStL YC	S. Anderson, NSC	1983	Montreal RStLYC	Ross Bailey	Susan MacDonald RHYC
1956	Toronto	A. Dutton, QCYC		1984	Toronto NYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Tom Allen, Jr. BCC
1957	Toronto	June Methot, RBYC	R. Robson, SBYC	1985	Point Abino BCC	Jim Crane CPYC	Tom Allen, Sr. BCC
958	Toronto	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC		1986	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1959	Toronto	A. Dutton, QCYC	G. Russell, RCYC	1987	Toronto BC	Peter Hall RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC
1960	Toronto RCYC	G. Russell, RCYC	G. Hampson, RHYC	1988	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. HBC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1961	Ottawa BYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	J. Miwann, QCYC	1989	Montreal PCYC	Jay Mann RStLYC	Jody Lutz MRYC
1962	Montreal RStLYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	D. M. Allen, RHYC	1990	Hamilton FBC	David Starck BCC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1963	Toronto RCYC	J. Bernel, BCC	S. Anderson, NSC	1991	Toronto BC	Jim Cameron TRSC	Matt Fisher BLYC
1964	Hamilton RHYC	D. M. Allen, RHYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	1992	Thunder Bay TRSC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. BCC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1965	Owen Sound GYC	T.Allen, BCC	S. Anderson, NSC	1993	Montreal RStLYC	Marty Essig RHYC	Allan Leibel RCYC
1966	Port Arthur TRSC	T. Allen, BCC	P. Sulman, NYC	1994	Point Abino BCC	Jim Crane CPYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC
1967	Montreal RStLYC	S. Anderson, NSC	R. Hallagan, SBYC	1995	Montreal PCYC	Dick Hallagan NYC	Don Brush MBBC
968	Hamilton RHYC	S. Anderson, NSC	R. Hallagan, SBYC	1996	Thunder Bay TRSC	Alain Boucher PCYC	Jean-Francois Simard RStLYC
969	Montreal Hudson Y.C.	D. Hallagan, SBYC	D. Allen, RHYC	1997	Point Abino BCC	Thomas Allen IV BCC	David Starck BCC
970	Toronto RCYC	W. Shore, BCC	D. Hallagan, SBYC	1998	Gimli, Manitoba	Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Larry MacDonald, Jr. BCC
1971	Kingston KYC	J. Mueller, CYC	D. Allen, RHYC,				
972	Montreal RStLYC	D. Allen, RHYC	J. Hansen, BCC	14.3			
973	Kingston KYC	W. Shore, BCC	M. Nelson, BRYC				
974	Toronto N.Y.C.	Bill Buckles, CYC	Jay Hansen, BCC	3-9			
975	Montreal RStLYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC	Bob Wardwell, HHYC				
976	Hamilton RHYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC	Tom Allen, BCC				
977	Thunder Bay TRYC	Jay Hansen, BCC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC				
1978	Toronto NYC	Tom Allen, BCC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC				
979	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC				

### South American CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS
955	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Mignone	Argentina, Bolivia Argentina Ecuador, Peru Uruguay	1977	Puçon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Peru
956	Callao, Peru	Julio C. Goldie Uruguay	Argentina, Bolivia Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1978	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Peru, Uruguay
957	Buceo, Uruguay	Feliz Castellanos Uruguay	Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1979	Ancon, Peru	Francisco Sola Ecuador	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru Ecuador, Uruguay
958	Guayaquil, Ecuador	Carlos Navarro Peru	Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1980	Tomine, Colombia	Fernando de la Concha Colombia	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1959	Muna, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Peru Venezuela	1981	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador
960	Algarrobo, Chile	Isidoro Melero Chile	Argentina, Boliva,Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay	1982	Puçon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1961	Guanabara, Brazil	Erik Schmidt Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1983	Olivos, Argentina	Mario Abinzano Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru
1962	Ancon, Peru	Jose Barreda Moller Peru	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1984	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Peru
1963	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Mignone Argentina	Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1985	Lima, Peru	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1964	Salinas, Ecuador	Santiago Maspons Ecuador	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1986	Bogota, Colombia	Andres Lisocki Colombia	Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1965	Puerto Bucco, Uruguay	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Peru, Uruguay	1987	Salinas, Ecuador	Francisco Sola Ecuador	Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1966	Viña del Mar, Chile	Carlos M. Collet Argentina	Argentina, Chile Ecuador, Peru	1988	Santiago, Chile	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1967	Cartagena, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1989	Ilhabela, Brazil	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Brazil, Chile Ecuador
1968	Callao, Peru	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1990	Callo, Peru	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1969	Olivos, Argentina	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1991	Bogota, Colombia	Santiago Uzcategui T. Colombia	Ecuador, Colombia
1970	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1992	Salinas, Ecuador	Juan Santos Ecuador	Brazil,Chile,Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1971	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay	1993	São Paulo, Brazil	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Brazil, Chile
1972	Algarrobo, Chile	German Novion Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru	1994	Salinas, Ecuador	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1973	Cartagena, Colombia	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Eucador, Peru	1995	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Chile
1974	Callao, Peru	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru	1996	Cartegena, Colombia	Juan Santos, Garces Ecuador	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru
1975	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru	1997	Santiago, Chile	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Chile, Equador, Peru, USA
1976	Olivos, Argentina	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1998	Tomine, Colombia	Sebastian Higuera Colombia	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador

### European CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1956	La Bordee de Tribord La Neuville, Switzerland	Ralph Camardella Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy	1978	Yacht Club ot Greece Phaleron Bay	George Andreadis Greece	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland
		Fl. 191,#4122	Fl. 223 #4966		Athens, Greece	Fl. 286, #11459	Fl. 250, #13099
1957	Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #6390	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #4966	1979	SPS Helsinki, Finland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Terho Aromaa Finland Fl. 166, #13130
1958	Ostra Nylands Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1980	YCG Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Roberto Crucitti Italy Fl. 449, #13414
1959	Club Vela di Roma Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1981	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily	Capt. C. F. Coccoloni Italy Fl. 235, #13374	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459
1960	Yacht Club Lucerne Lucerne, Switzerland	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Claude Lambelet Switzerland Fl. 169, #7467	1982	Yacht Club Of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Sergio Messina Italv Fl. 449, #13065
1961	Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece	HRH King Constantine Greece Fl. 287, #6943	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #7212	1983	Circoli Velici Napoletani Naples, Italy	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Giuseppe Palomba Italy Fl. 312, #13036
1962	Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland	Maurizio di Segno Italy Fl. 318, #7238	Carlo Postiglione Italy F. 237, #6728	1984	BSF Pori, Finland	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1963	Circolo Velico Stabia Stabia, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1985	Cercle de la Voile Grandson, Swilzerland	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099	Carlo Galetti Italy Fl. 249, #13878
1964	Cercle de Neuchâtel Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397	Giorgio Focanti Italy Fl. 278, #753z	1986	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481	S. Coutsikos Greece Fl. 286, #13981
1965	Circolo Canottieri Procida, Italy	Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 312, #9322	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	1987	Brezone/Lago di Garda Numana, Italy	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1966	Yacht Club ot Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	Alfred Lanz Switzerland Fl. 169, #8396	1988	Nasiärven Purjehdusseura- Nasijärvi R.Y. Tampere, Finland	Francesco Ferrari Italy Fl. 249, #14245	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1967	Nasijarvi Sailing Club Lake Nasijarvi Tampere, Finland	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #8492	Stig Haglund Finland Fl. 166, #9166	1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #14361
1968	Regttaverein Brunnen Brunnen, Switzerland	Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 381, #10740	Dag Bjurstrom Finland FI. 394, #8211	1990	Bordee de Tribord Lake Biel LaNeuville, Switzerland	Gaetano Pellizzaro Italy Fl. 476, #14243	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1969	Circolo Della Veladi Rome Anzio, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #1096	Pentti Puupera Finland Fl. 166, #10057	1991	Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361	Stefano Reina Italy Fl. 449, #13706
1970	Royal Y. C. of Greece & Piraeus Sailing Club Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 251, #10996	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 286, #9447	1992	Kuopio Yacht Club Kuopio, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1971	Y. C. Helsingfors Segelklubb Helsinki, Finland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #11633	Alexander Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	1993	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #14264	Costas Lyberakis Greece Fl. 286, #14334
1972	Lake of Geneva Morges, Switzerland	Stelios Bonas, Greece Fl. 251, #11633	Hans Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #9503	1994	Matelote YC Yverdon, Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790	Giuseppe Alagna Italy Fl. 449, #13481
1973	Circolo Della Veladi Roma Anzio, Italy and La	Alexander Andreadis Greece, Fl. 286, sse Hammar Finland, Fl. 307	Hans Rahn Switzerland Fl. 219, #12305	1995	HSK Helsinki, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14731	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1974	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	Nicholas Dimou Greece Fl. 286, #11459	1996	Societa Canottieri Marsala, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449 #14731	Antonio Marino Italy Fl. 449, #13402
1975	PP & KP Keuru, Finland	Antti Ruuskanen Finland Fl. 394, #12257	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #12320	1997	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	Theodore Tsoulfas Greece	Alexandros Dimou Greece
1976	Grandson Sailing Club Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #12637	Jean-Claude Dupasquiier Switzerland Fl. 169, #12319	1998	Tuusulanjarven Purjehtijat Finland	Urs Wyler Switzerland	Kari Huusko Finland
1977	Club Nautico Numana Adriatic Sea Italy	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland FI. 169, #13067	Antti Ruukanen Finland Fl. 166, #12805				

### Southern Circuit

Year	Deep South Regatta	Winter Lightning Championship	Savannah—St. Petersburg
	Savannah, Georgia	St. Petersburg, Florida	Champion
1957	Bob Crane	Walt Swindeman	
1958	John McIntosh	Gene Walet	
1959	John McIntosh	Herman Nickels	
1960	Carl Eichenlaub	Tom Fallon	
1961	Carl Eichenlaub	Hank Cawthra	THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IN COLUMN TW
1962	Bob Seidlemann	Bob Seidelmann	
1963	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	
1964	Stu Anderson	Carl Eichenlaub	Stu Anderson
1965	Stu Anderson	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1967	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1968	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1969	Bob Seidemann (R)	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1970	Richard Lippineott	A. Marcy Lippincott	Bob Seidelmann
1971	Carl Eichenlaub	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Bill Shore	Tom Allen (R)	Bruce Goldsmith
1973	Jack Mueller	Jim Crane	Bruce Goldsmith
1974	Bruce Goldsmith	Jack Mueller	Jack Mueller
1975	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1976	Don Delorme	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	James Lippincott
1978	Bill Shore	Tom Allen	Jim Dressell
1979	Bruce Goldsmith	Jeff Boyd	Jeff Boyd
1980	Peter Isler	Jim Dressel	Jay Lutz
1981	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1983	David Curtis	Ed Baird	David Curtis
1984	Bill Shore	Ken Read	Bill Shore/Ken Read
1985	Neal Fowler	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1986	Dick Hallagan	Tom Allen, Jr.	Bill Shore
1987	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Jim Crane	Brad Read
1988	Tom Allen, Jr.	Jim Crane (R)	Jim Crane
1989	Jim Crane	Matt Fisher	Ched Proctor
1990	Lenny Krawcheck	David Dellenbaugh	David Dellenbaugh
1991	David Dellenbaugh	Jody Swanson	Brad Read
1992	Lenny Krawcheck	Matt Fisher	Terry Hutchinson
1993	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Peter Hall	Larry MacDonald. Jr.
1994	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Brad Read	
1995	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	David Starck	
1996	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Brian Taboada	Taboada/Drake/Faude
1997	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
1998	Greg Fisher	Tim Healy	Tito Gonzalez

Deep South Regatta sailed at Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, Georgia.

Trophies: Deep South Regatta Perpetual Trophy, deeded by the Savannah Yacht Club, retired by winner

August A. Busch, Jr. Trophy, deeded to S.Y.C. for the Lightning Regatta.

Winter Lightning Championship sailed at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida. Trophies: Wally Bishop Trophy, presented by Mrs. Wally Bishop.

I.L.C.A. Past Presidents Trophy, deeded by Past Presidents of I.L.C.A. to I.L.C.A. for the

winner of combined Savannah and St. Petersburg.

#### CHAMPIONS

Year	Miami, Florida	St. Petersburg / Miami Champion	Overall Circuit Champion
1957			
1958			
1959		Alex Carlin	
1960		Tom Fallon	
1961		Hank Cawthra	Bob Lippincott
1962		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1963		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1964	Karl Smither	Karl Smither	Stu Anderson
1965	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1967	Bruce Goldsmith	Harry Sindle	Bob Seidelmann
1968	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1969	Tom Allen	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1970	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1971	Lou Pocharski	Lou Pocharski	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Tom Allen
1973	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1974	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith
1975	Don Delorme	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1976	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	Bruce Goldsmith
1978	Matt Bryant, Jr.	Jay Lutz	Jim Crane
1979	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Jeff Boyd
1980	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant	Jim Dressel
1981	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Mark Bryant
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1983	Richie Silverman	David Curtis	David Curtis
1984	Bill Shore	Bill Shore/Ken Read	Bill Shore/KenRead
1985	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
1986	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
1987	Bill Shore	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1988	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
1989	Tom Allen		Ched Proctor
1990	Stuart Nickerson		David Dellenbaugh
1991	Brad Read		Brad Read
1992	Dave Curtis		Jody Lutz/Dave Curtis
1993	Brad Read		Neal Fowler/Greg Fisher
1994	Terry Hutchinson		MacDonald/Proctor
1995	Ched Proctor		MacDonald/Proctor
1996	Tim Healy		Taboada/Drake/Faude
1997	Ched Proctor		Larry MacDonald, Jr.
1998	Tito Gonzalez		Tito Gonzalez

Midwinter Championship sailed at Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida
Trophies: Regal Cup, deeded to I.L.C.A. by a Miami Company.
Alex Carlin Trophies, presented by Alex Carlin for the Miami-St. Petersburg (Special Formula).
Retired to top skippers' yacht club after nine years.
Buffalo Canoe Club received the trophy in 1969. The second Trophy was retired, after the 1978 Regatta, to Tom Allen for the Buffalo Canoe Club. The third and last trophy was retired in 1988 to the Buffalo Canoe Club, donated by Alex's wife Ethel in his memory.

I.L.C.A. Southern Circuit Champion, presented by I.L.C.A. for the winner of combined Savannah, St. Petersburg, and Miami. No retirement.

FOCUS ON CREW WORK AT SAVANNAH'S DEEP SOUTH REGATTA

Photos by David Sprague

### March 14-15, 1998 SAVANNAH DEEP SOUTH REGATTA

#### SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB · SAVANNAH, GA

42 Boats, 3 Races

	Door #	Toom	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	TOTAL
+	Boat #	Team  George Fisher Leure Miles Will Leffers			Kace = 3	11
1	14045	Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Will Jeffers	5	2 8	2	13
2 3 4 5 6	11011	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	1	6	10	17
2	14548	Thomas Starck, Steve Roseberry, Becky Nitterauer	14	0	10	18
4	14787	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman		3		21
2	14821	Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Ned Roseberry	8 4	1	12 16	21
0	14884	Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle		5 7	10	25
7	14695	Len Krawcheck, Beau Samuelson, Oliver Humphries	13	10	6	26
8	14768	Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, Tyler Moore	6	12	9	27 30 31 31 36
9	14763	Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Maria White	12	10	8	30
10	14878	Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	17 7	16	13 5	31
11	14730	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	17	9	5	31
12	14698	Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	7	11	18	36
13	14825	Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Dan Holloway	9 15	4	24	37
14	14740	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	15	19	11	37 45
15	11754	Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Katie Dutton	10	22	19	51
16	13010	Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, Anne Allen/Sam Septembre	23	14	15	52
17	14867	Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, Blaire Largay	11	23	20	51 52 54
18	14746	Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Charlie Üsher	18	27	14	59
19	14684	Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	25	29	7	61
20	13911	Neff McIntosh, Olivia McIntosh, Will McIntosh	27	15	23 3	65
21	14866	Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	21	dnf (43)	3	67
22	14321	Jack Jones, Ray Cudney, John Steiner	28	13	26	67
23	14655	Dick Hallagan, Lori Foster, Dan Pope	26	26	17	69
24	11753	Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folw		17	25	73
25	14591	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich	33	21	22	73 76
26	14111		36	18	29	83
20		Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	20	dnf (43)	21	84
27	14634	John Porter, Stephanie Maxheimer, Mike Mathewson	30	24	21	85
28	14612	*Charlie Burns, *Mike Couture, Kelly McCaig	16	dnf (43)	31 27 33	86
29	14485	Charles Wardwell, Ryan Dunn, Melissa Schulz			27	
30	14273	Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett	dns (43)	20	22	96 97
31	14809	John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	29	25	43	97
32	14482	*Joan Hurban, *Gary Hurban, Theresa Kramer	39	28	30	97
33	14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	19	dnf (43)	43	105
34	14595	*Jarrett Lynn, Jim Carson, Bill Bogardus	34	dnf (43)	28	105
35	14701	Jim Harris, Connie Harris, Tom Niles	22	dnf (43)	dns (43)	108
36	14654	*Gerry Paoli, *Dan Moriarty, Carol Aljets	24	dnf (43)	dns (43)	110
37	14366	Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	35	dnf (43)	32	110
38	11767	Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	38	dnf (43)	35	116
39	13602	Joe Ray, Marcel Mercier, John Mayer	40	dnf (43)	34	117
40	14680	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	32	dnf (43)	dns (43)	118
41	14190	Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris	37	dnf (43)	dns (43)	123
42	14811	Tom Allen Sr., Kerry Lynaugh, SAM SEPTEMBRE!	dnf (43)	dns (43)	dns (43)	129
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Laura Milne, Will Jeffers, Greg Fisher, winners of the Deep South Regatta.

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### March 17–18 MIAMI MIDWINTER REGATTA

#### CORAL REEF YACHT CLUB · MIAMI, FLORIDA

49 Boats, 4 Races

	Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	TOTAL
1	11011	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	1	5	1	2	9
2	14045		3	1	6	1	11
3	14768	Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, Tyler Moore	6	8	2	6	22
4	14740	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	4	4	20	3	31
5	14695	Len Krawcheck, Jamie Ewing, Oliver Humphries	22	2 6	5	8	37
5	14821	Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Dave Peck	2	6	5 3	30	41
7	14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	10	13	7	16	46
8	14752	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	9	10	14	14	47
9	13927	Jean-Francois Simard, Marc Robin, Marcel Tremblay	20	14	9	5	48
10	14098	Eamonn deLisser, Heidi deLisser, Kolisch	18	7	15	12	52
11	14809	John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	12	20	10	15	57
12	14825	Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Pablo Bordino	23	18	11	11	63
13	14878	Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	11	31	4	20	66
14	14763	Tim Healy, Mike Breault, Maria White	5	9	dsq(51)	4	69
15	14730	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	15	3	ocs(51)	10	79
16	14698	Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	14	11	dnf(50)	9	84
17	14595	*Bill Bogardus, Jim Carson, Jarrett Lynn	24	17	21	27	89
18	14548	Thomas Starck, Steve Roseberry, Becky Nitterauer	13	19	8	ocs(51)	91
19	14684	Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	19	12	13	dns(50)	94
20	14591	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich	7	15	26	dnf(50)	98
21	14655	Dick Hallagan, Dan Pope, Jeff Brault	43	24	19	18	104
22	14111	Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	31	27	25	22	105
23	13010	Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, P.J. Buhler	21	ocs(51)	17	17	106
24	14779	Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway	26	16	16	ret(50)	108
25	14758	David Gorman, Morgan, Limaugh	29	21	12	dnf(50)	112
26	14654	*Gerry Paoli, *Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein	27	22	18	dns(50)	117
27	11767	Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	35	33	27	25	120
28	14680	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	34	28	32	26	120
29	14866	Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	16	42	ret(50)	13	121
30	14787	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman	17	dnf(50)	dns(50)	7	124
31	14612	*Charlie Burns, *Mike Couture, Kelly McCaig	38	dnf(50)	22	19	129
32	14321	Jack Jones, JoAnn Jones, Marsder	33	26	24	dns(50)	133
33	11753	Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grad	ce Folwell30	32	23	ret(50)	135
34	14207	Joe Anderson, Thomas Cinko, Dennis Turcotte	45	39	30	24	138
35	14030	Christopher Miller, Gardiner Cleaves, Chris Howard	46	35	31	29	141
36	13602	Joe Ray, John Mayer, John Hughes	36	30	29	dns(50)	145
37	11754	Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Katie Dutton	25	23	dnf(50)	dns(50)	148
38	11425		44	36	ret(50)	21	151
39	14482	*Joan Hurban, *Gary Hurban, Theresa Kramer	39	40	dns(50)	23	152
40	14374	Jon Ewing, Vickie Matthews, Tim Banks 28 29 dnf(50) ret(50)	157				
41	14266	David Pyle, Carl Wilson, Andy Moore 41 38 28 dns(50)	157				
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40	14374	Jon Ewing, Vickie Matthews, Tim Banks 28 29 dnf(50) ret(50)	157
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41	14266	David Pyle, Carl Wilson, Andy Moore	157
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42	14884	Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle	
		8 ret(50) dnf(50) dns(50)	158
43	14273	Norman Devett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Devett	
		37 25 dnf(50) dns(50)	162
44	13934	Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller, Byrne O'Brien	
		dnf(50) 41 dns(50) 28	169
45	13861	Randy Clee, Stringos, Pszenny	
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46	14828	Tom Aquino, Carol Aljets, Scott Aljets	110
10	14020	42 37 dnf(50) dns(50)	179
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47	14174	David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Kelly Bayer	100
225		32 dnf(50) dns(50) dns(50)	182
48	14366	Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	
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49	12606	Dave Marsicano, Nate Vilardebo, Jeanette Rodriguez	
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Tito Gonzalez, winner of the Miami Midwinter Regatta and Southern Circuit Champion Photo credit David Sprague

### March 20-22 ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

#### ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB • FLORIDA

68 Boats, 4 Races

	Boat #	Team	Pace #1	Race #2	Page #2	Paga #4	TOTAL	floot
1	14763	Tim Healy, Mike Breault, Maria White	Race #1	4	Race #3	Race #4	TOTAL 13	neet
2	11011	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	1	1	3	12	17	
	14821	Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Ned Roseberry	4	3	7	16	30	
4	14548	David Starck, Becky Nelson, Thomas Starck	2	2	10		31	
3 4 5 6 7	14752	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	2 9 8	5	2	18	34	
6	14878	Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	8	10	17	3	38	
7	14866	Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	7	11	8		39	
8	14730	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	5	29	13	1	48	
9	14045	Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Will Jeffers	30	7	11	10	58	
10	14787	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Blaire Largay	20	6	15	24	65	
11	14655	Dick Hallagan, Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer	19	15	18	14	66	M
12	14825	Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Karen Park	36	18	9	7	70	
13	14884	Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle	26	28	14		74	
14	14880	Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Steve Callison	21	36	12	11	80	
15	13010	Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, Dave Beatson	14	23	21	28	86	
16	14768	Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, David Berger	15	17	16	38	86	
17	14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	13	13	25	39	90	M
18	14740		ocs(70)	9	4	15	98	
19	14698	Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	10	19	32	40	101	
20	13927	Jean-Francois Simard, Marc Robin, Marcel Tremblay	6	ocs(70)	23	4	103	
21 22	14701 14649	Jim Harris, Colin Park, Connie Harris Bruce Goldsmith, Vickie Matthews, Dave Laidlaw	27 23	dnf(69)	6 40	2	104	3.6
23	14779	Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway	25	12 20	37	30 25	105 107	M
24	14809	John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	11	8	ocs (70)	19	107	M
25	14758	David Gorman, Chris Morgan, Chris Snyder	12	14	44	43	113	
26	14190	Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris	22	27	39	36	124	
27	11753	Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace		25	34	27	126	
28	14482	*Gary Hurban, *Joan Hurban, Theresa Kramer	33	30	29	37	129	M
29	14229	Matthew Burridge, Ken Kneipmann, Mark Kneipmann	35	dnc(69)	19	9	132	
30	14591	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich	29	ocs(70)	27	8	134	
31	14706	William Hofmeister, Sean Claire, Mike Hester	32	33	31	41	137	
32	14824	Jeffrey Hagman, Rick Rothenbuhler, John Hagman	17	21	ocs(70)		139	
33	14699	Allan Crew, Hugh Hutchison, Mark Venables	dnf(69)		26	29	146	M
34	14321	Jack Jones, JoAnn Jones, John Atkins	31	32	38	46	147	M
35	14111	Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	41	37	20	50	148	
36	14345	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea	dns(69)	dnc(69)	5	20	163	M
37	13602	Joe Ray, John Mayer, John Hughes	42	24	46	53	165	
38	13970	Rod Koch, Matt Mulock, Charles Clifton	34	dnc(69)	33	35	171	
39	14695	Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Beau Samuelson	18	16	dnc(69)		172	
40	14273	Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett	44	dnc(69)	28	33	174	
41	14175		dnf(69)	31	36 47	45	181	
42	14025	Robert Bush, Sterling Bush, Dave Hess	16	dnc(69)			183	
43	14286	Warren Emblidge, Jack O'Donnell, Brian Starck	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	22	23	183	
44	14266 14595	David Pyle, Carl Wilson, Andy Moore	49	35 dec(60)	45	55 22	184	
45	14828	*Jim Carson, Jarrett Lynn, Bill Bogardus Tom Aquino, Carol Aljets, Scott Aljets	24 52	dnc(69)		42	185	1.0
47	14590	Peter Wenzler, Jon Bennett, Diana Fernando	dnf(69)	dnc(69) dnf(69)	30 24	32	193 194	M
48	14600	Brad Wagnon, Bill Allen, Peggy Lehman	47	34		dnc(69)	199	
49	14366	Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	50	dnf(69)	41	48	208	
50	14680	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	ocs(70)	26	ocs(70)	44	210	
51	11754	Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Erin Shea	39	ocs(70)	ocs(70)	34	213	
52	11767	Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	46	dnf(69)	50	52	217	
53	13934	Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller, Byrne O'Brien	51	dnf(69)	48	54	222	M
54	14612	*Mike Couture, *Charlie Burns, Kelly McCaig	43	dnf(69)	42	dnf(69)	223	
55	14006	Bill Meyer, Chris Gittens, John Ward	dnf(69)	dns(69)	43	47	228	
56	12606	Dave Marsicano, Nate Vilardebo, Andy Hayward	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	21	229	
57	14126	James Mick, Lal Burridge, Jeff Buchanan	45	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	49	233	
58	14148	Mike Thomas, Jennifer Johnson, Bill Thomas	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	dsq(70)	26	234	
59	14654	*Dan Moriarty, *Gerry Paoli, Rick Bernstein	28	ocs(70)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	236	
60	14539	Alfred Morton, John Morton, Nick Montgue	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	35	dnf(69)	242	M
61	378	Mike Yates, Grace McNamara, Schyler Barnes	54	dnc(69)	51	dnc(69)	243	W
62	14527	Jeanne Ehrenberg, Tim Shambrook, Rob Zerban	37	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	dnf(69)	245	
63	14174	David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Merideth Allen	38	dnc(69)	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	245	
64	14030	Christopher Miller, Gardiner Cleaves, Chris Howard	48	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	255	
65	2924	Kenneth See, Randy See	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	52	dnc(69)	259	W
66	14207	Joe Anderson, Thomas Cinko, Dennis Turcotte	53	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	260	
67	14684	Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	276	
68	13063	James Taylor, Sandy Scheda, Ralph DiVivo, Jr.	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	276	
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# March 20–22 ST. PETERSBURG WINTER MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB • FLORIDA

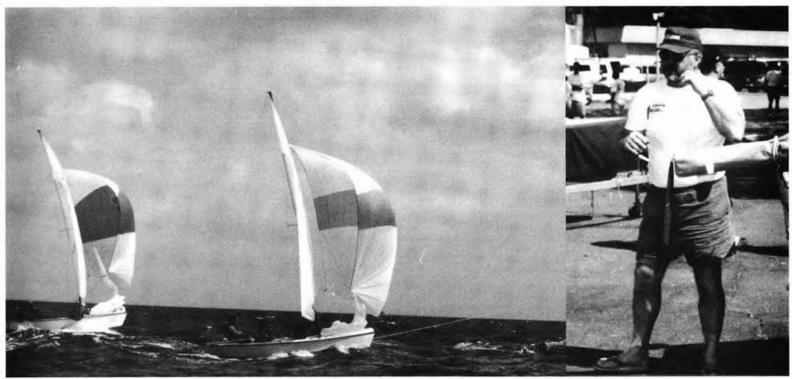
#### 11 Boats, 2 Races

	Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	TOTAL
1	14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	1	3	4
2	14655	Dick Hallagan, Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer	2	2	4
3	14482	Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Theresa Kramer	6	5	11
4	14779	Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway	4	8	12
5	14345	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea	12	1	13
6	14649	Bruce Goldsmith, Vickie Matthews, Dave Laidlaw	3	10	13
7	14321	Jack Jones, JoAnn Jones, John Atkins	5	9	14
8	14828	Tom Aquino, Carol Aljets, Scott Aljets	8	6	14
9	14699	Allan Crew, Hugh Hutchison, Mark Venables	12	4	16
10	13934	Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller, Byrne O'Brien	7	11	18
11	14539	Alfred Morton, John Morton, Nick Montgue	12	7	19

#### ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP - WOODIES

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, March 20-22, 2 Boats, 2 Races

	Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	TOTAL
1	378	Mike Yates, Grace McNamara, Schyler Barnes	1	1	2
2	2924	Kenneth See, Randy See	3	2	5



Tim Healy, winner of the St. Petersburg Winter Championship. Photo Mary Huntsman

Jack Elfman, St. Petersburg Winter Masters Champion. Photo by David Sprague

# March 14–22 1998 OVERALL SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

#### II Races, I Throwout Savannah Deep South Regatta, 42 Boats, 3 Races Miami Midwinter Regatta, 49 Boats, 4 Races St. Petersburg Winter Championship, 69 Boats, 4 Races

Boat #	Team	Sav1	Sav2	Sav3	Total	M1	M2	МЗ	M4	Total	SP1	SP2	SP3	SP4	Total	CI	RCUIT	
Sail #																Total T	hrow	Final
1 11011	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	3	8	2	13	1	5	1	2	9	1	1	3	12	17	39	12	27
2 14045	Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Will Jeffers/Brian Hayes	5	2	4	11	3	1	6	1	11	30	7	11	10	58	80	30	50
3 14763	Tim Healy, Maria White, Bill Healy/Mike Breault	12	10	8	30	5	9	51	4	69	3	4	1	5	13	112	51	61
4 14821	Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Ned Roseberry/Dave Ped	ck 8	1	12	21	2	6	3	30	41	4	3	7	16	30	92	30	62
5 14768	Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, Tyler Moore	6	12	9	27	6	8	2	6	22	15	17	16	38	86	135	38	97
6 14878	Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	2	16	13	31	11	31	4	20	66	8	10	17	3	38	135	31	104
7 14740	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	15	19	11	45	4	4	20	3	31	70	9	4	15	98	174	70	104
8 14730	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	17	9	5	31	15	3	51	10	79	5	29	13	1	48	158	51	107
9 14825	Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Dan Holloway/																	
	Pablo Bordino/Karen Park	9	4	24	37	23	18	11	11	63	36	18	9	7	70	170	36	134
10 14787	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman/Blaire Largay	14	3	1	18	17	50	50	7	124	20	6	15	24	65	207	50	157
11 14695	Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Beau Samuelson/																	
	Jamie Ewing	13	7	6	26	22	2	5	8	37	18	16	69	69	172	235	69	166
12 14698	Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	7	11	18	36	14	11	50	9	84	10	19	32	40	101	221	50	171
13 14866	Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	21	43	3	67	16	42	50	13	121	7	11	8	13	39	227	50	177
14 14809	John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	29	25	43	97	12	20	10	15	57	11	8	70	19	108	262	70	192
15 13010	Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, Anne Allen/																	0.00
	Sam Septembre/P.J. Buhler/Dave Beatson	23	14	15	52	21	51	17	17	106	14	23	21	28	86	244	51	193
16 14655	Dick Hallagan, Dan Pope, Lori Foster/Jeff Brault/Craig Thaye		26	17	69	43	24	19	18	104	19	15	18	14	66	239	43	196
17 14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	19	43	43	105	10	13	7	16	46	13	13	25	39	90	241	43	198
18 14884	Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle	4	5	16	25	8	50	50	50	158	26	28	14	6	74	257	50	207
19 14591	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich/Nicole Russo	33	21	22	76	7	15	26	50	98	29	70	27	8	134	308	70	238
20 11753	Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwe		17	25	73	30	32	23	50	135	40	25	34	27	126	334	50	284
21 14111	Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	36	18	29	83	31	27	25	22	105	41	37	20	50	148	336	50	286
22 14321	Jack Jones, Ray Cudney/JoAnn Jones, John Steiner/	-	7.7	1.55			270	177	~~			-	20	2.0		000	5.0	200
	Marsder/John Atkins	28	13	26	67	33	26	24	50	133	31	32	38	46	147	347	50	297
23 14595	*Jim Carson, *Bill Bogardus, *Jarrett Lynn	34	43	28	105	24	17	21	27	89	24	69	70	22	185	379	70	309
24 14482	*Joan Hurban, *Gary Hurban, Theresa Kramer	39	28	30	97	39	40	50	23	152	33	30	29	37	129	378	50	328
25 11754	Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Katie Dutton/Erin Shea	10	22	19	51	25	23	50	50	148	39	70	70	34	213	412	70	342
26 14684	Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	25	29	7	61	19	12	13	50	94	69	69	69	69	276	431	69	362
27 14273	Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett	43	20	33	96	37	25	50	50	162	44	69	28	33	174	432	69	363
28 14612	*Mike Couture, *Charlie Burns, Kelly McCaig	30	24	31	85	38	50	22	19	129	43	69	42	69	223	437	69	368
29 14680	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	32	43	43	118	34	28	32	26	120	70	26	70	44	210	448	70	378
30 11767	Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	38	43	35	116	35	33	27	25	120	46	69	50	52	217	453	69	384
31 13602	Joe Ray, John Mayer, Marcel Mercier/John Hughes	40	43	34	117	36	30	29	50	145	42	42	46	53	183	445	53	392
32 14654	*Gerry Paoli, *Dan Moriarty, Carol Aljets/Rick Bernstein	24	43	43	110	27	22	18	50	117	28	70	69	69	236	463	70	393
33 14366	Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	35	43	32	110	50	50	50	50	200	50	69	41	48	208	518	69	449
17000	San Prostal Linda Prof Barr, Fat Frician	33	43	32	110	30	30	30	30	200	30	09	41	40	200	310	09	449

## April 5-11 CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT

CORONADO YACHT CLUB • MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB • SAN DIEGO, CA

#### **OVERALL CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT, 4 Regattas**

1	Steve Ross	54 points
2	Scott Finkboner	60 points
3	John DeBenedetti	67 points
4	Scott McBurney	78 points
5	Joel Humphrey	78 points

Bernard Gross Memorial Trophy: Steve Ross Fred Knauer Memorial Trophy: Al Poindexter Bowling Trophy: Dick Brewer Susan M. Arnold Perpetual Trophy: Allison Webber



#### Overall Circuit Winners Skipper Steve Ross (center) with cew Bill Sturgeon and Artie Means

Co	ronado Yacht Club, April 5-6, 11 Boats, 5 Races, No Th	Bill Sturgeon and Artie Means								
1	Steve Ross, Bill Sturgeon, Artie Means	MBYC	13938	2	2	1	1	1	7	
2	Scott Finkboner, Damon Smith, Yumio Dornberg	MBYC	14681	1	8	2	3	3	17	
3	John DeBenedetti, Allison Webber, David Webber	VLSC	13896	4	1	3	9	7	24	
4	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, David Mountford	PYC	14451	7	3	8	2	4	24	
5	Scott McBurney, Sean McBurney, Michelle Krengel	RYC	14481	6	7	7	5	2	27	
6	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Frank Davies	MBYC	14095	3	6	4	6	dnf	31	
7	Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, Bruce Harrington	VLSC	14040	5	9	6	8	5	33	
8	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	MBYC	14846	8	5	5	7	8	33	
9	Wendell Harter, Gordon Murphy, Joe Zarro	KHYC	13186	10	4	10	10	10	44	
10	Al Poindexter, Chris Doolittle, Eddie Romans	MBYC	11514	dns	dns	dns	4	6	46	

#### MARATHON from San Diego Bay to Mission Bay, April 7

1st	Al Poindexter
2nd	Steve Ross

**CORONADO SERIES** 

3rd Everyone Else (Note: all other competitors rounded the wrong mark and were scored DNF)

#### MISSION BAY OCEAN SERIES

11 Chuck Artigues, Roger & Ron Artigues

Mi	ssion Bay Yacht Club, April 9, 12 Boats, 3 Races, No 1	hrowout					
1	Scott Finkboner, Damon Smith, Kyle Henehan	MBYC	14681	5	1	2	8
2	Kirk Johnson, Belen Poltorak, Karen Johnson	MBYC	14095	1	5	4	10
3	John DeBenedetti, Allison Webber, David Webber	VLSC	13896	2	2	6	10
4	Scott McBurney, Mark Breen, Michelle Krengel	RYC	14481	3	7	3	13
5	Steve Ross, Bill Sturgeon, Artie Means	MBYC	13938	7	8	1	16
6	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, David Mountford	PYC	14451	4	6	7.	17
7	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Frank Davies	MBYC	13842	11	3	8	22
8	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	MBYC	14846	8	9	5	22
9	Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, Bruce Harrington	VLSC	14040	9	4	dns	26
10	Chuck Artigues, Roger & Ron Artigues	VLSC	8966	6	10	10	26
11	Al Poindexter, Chris Doolittle, Colleen Cooke	MBYC	11514	10	12	9	31
12	Wendell Harter, Gordon Murphy, Joe Zarro	KHYC	13186	12	11	11	34

#### **MISSION BAY BAY SERIES**

Mission Bay Yacht Club, April 10, 13 Boats, 5 Races, No Throwout

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1	John DeBenedetti, Allison Webber, David Webber	VLSC	13896	6	5	5	3	2	21
2	Scott McBurney, Mark Breen, Michelle Krengel	RYC	14481	2	6	8	2	6	22
3	Scott Finkboner, Damon Smith, Kyle Henehan	MBYC	14681	1	8	2	5	7	23
4	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Sue Arnold	MBYC	13475	7	10	3	1	3	24
5	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, David Mountford	PYC	14451	3	11	4	6	1	25
6	Steve Ross, Bill Sturgeon, Artie Means	MBYC	13938	12	1	1	11	4	29
7	Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, Bruce Harrington	VLSC	14040	4	2	8	8	11	33
8	Al Poindexter, Colleen Cooke	MBYC	11514	5	3	11	10	5	34
9	Kirk Johnson, Belen Poltorak, Karen Johnson	MBYC	14095	11	4	7	9	8	39
10	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	MBYC	14846	8	7	12	4	9	40
11	Wendell Harter, Gordon Murphy, Joe Zarro	KHYC	13186	10	9	10	7	10	46
12	Chuck Artigues, Roger & Ron Artigues	VLSC	8966	13	12	9	12	13	59
13	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Frank Davies	MBYC	13842	9	13	13	13	12	60

# The Other Circuit The Other Coast

-EDNA JOHNSON

The California Lightning Circuit was begun 32 years ago by Bernard Gross after he and his son Warren towed their Lightning cross country to participate in the Southern Circuit. At that time there were 2 Lightning fleets in San Diego, one in Los Angeles and one in San Francisco, and Carl Eichenlaub was building Lightnings out here.

Unlike the Southern Circuit, the California Circuit has changed venues over the years, San Diego being the only constant location. It has historically been sailed the week before Easter, so sometimes it begins in March, most often in April. Most recently 4 venues are sailed: South San Diego Bay, sailing out of Coronado Yacht Club, the 17 mile Marathon, sailing from the Coronado Bay Bridge, out the channel, up the coast, into Mission Bay channel, finishing at Mission Bay Yacht Club; in the ocean off Mission Beach, sailing out of Mission Bay Yacht Club; and in Mission Bay for the last day. In the past, parts of the Circuit were sailed with Alamedas Bay Yacht Club's Olympic Classes Regatta and at King Harbor in Los Angeles. There is always talk of sailing at Lake Cachuma or San Francisco, but because of the difficulty for skippers who must fly to California and then charter a boat the Circuit has become a one-city event.

The winner of the first California Circuit in 1967 was Al Coha. Some well-known names have been added since then: Eichenlaub, Allen, Lutz, Mueller among them. A trophy is given for the overall winner and for the winner of each of the separate series. In addition, 2 special trophies have been dedicated: the Susan M. Arnold Perpetual goes to the woman, skipper or crew, who sails every race and finishes highest in the overall standings. The first winner was Edna Johnson. Audrey Matteson won it in 1995. Sue will be back in 1999 for her 25th consecutive Circuit. Someday we hope to present the trophy to Sue.



Allison Weeber (left) accepting the Susan M. Arnold Perpetual Trophy for the highest placing woman who sails the entire Circuit. Photos courtesy Edna Johnson



In 1985 the Bowling Trophy was dedicated. It goes to the skipper with the biggest screw-up and/or unintended and exceptional behavior. The kind of thing about which you hear people say "There oughta be a trophy for THAT!" Well, we have one. In 1998 it went to Mike Brewer. Leading the very windy Marathon, Mike rounded the wrong ocean buoy and led the entire fleet, with one exception, to scores of DNF. After 4 hours of heavy sailing the fleet was ready, upon finishing and learning it was all for naught, to give Mike something.

#### CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT WINNERS

1967	Al Coha	1983	Warren Gross
1968	Carl Eichenlaub	1984	Scott Finkboner
1969	Carl Eichenlaub	1985	Scott Finkboner
1970	Myron Lyon	1986	John Greene
1971	Carl Eichenlaub	1987	Tom Allen, Jr.
1972	Carl Eichenlaub	1988	Tom Allen, Jr.
1973	Warren Gross	1989	Tom Allen' Sr.
1974	John Mueller	1990	John Lyon
1975	Myron Lyon	1991	John Lyon
1976	Warren Gross	1992	Scott Finkboner
1977	Tom Allen, Sr.	1993	John Lyon
1978	Mark Patty	1994	John Lyon
1979	Myron Lyon	1995	John Lyon
1980	Jay Lutz	1996	Myron Lyon
1981	Jay Lutz	1997	Scott Finkboner
1982	John Greene	1998	Steve Ross



Bob Wardwell crossing the finish line in Sunday's race. Photo by J.H. Peterson

### 60th Anniversary Regatta

-BOB WARDWELL

Skaneateles Country Club, Skaneateles, NY, July 3-5 The 60th was definitely on our list of must do regattas

The 60th was definitely on our list of must do regattas this season not only for the sailing but also mainly for the chance to celebrate 60 years of Lightning Sailing and see many friends and people we had not seen for some time. The Skaneateles Country Club took on the huge task of hosting a 180+ boat regatta and did an excellent job even without the cooperation of Mother Nature on Saturday.

The fleet was split into serious racers, club racers and vintage boats; this allowed participants a choice and helped take some of the pressure off. We had planned to have fun, enjoy seeing old friends and relax some. My crew, Ron Buchanan and Regan Edwards commented we were going to a big party and there was also sailing. We arrived Friday evening, set the boat up and started the party.

Saturday dawned sort of gray and looking like rain. With a 9AM-harbor start we were up early, launched the boat and had breakfast. By the start of the first race there was a light southerly wind, the line was set very well but we thought there was a little more wind on the east (left) side of the course and opted to start close to the pin end. Fortunately we got away clean and worked the left side of the course as the wind went lighter and lighter. We saw a lot of Jody Lutz, Mark Sertl, Larry Macdonald and Phil Grotheer as we moved up the first beat. We stayed left mainly looking wind and managed to round first followed by Phil, Larry, Mark and Jody. On the run we stayed with our strategy of staying on the left side of the course and took the starboard side of the gate. We missed a shift from the west just before we rounded and this allowed Phil and Larry who rounded the Port gate to get up inside us. We held off everyone except Phil who went on to win a shortened race. The

top five were Grotheer, Wardwell, MacDonald, Sertl, and Lutz.

The second race was similar to the first with rain thrown in. We again started near the pin and worked the left side of the course. We saw a lot of Jack Huntsman and Scott Finkboner as we approached the weather mark, I think Scott rounded first with Jack close behind and us. We took the port gate and worked the West side of the course for the second beat and were able to catch Scott who stayed on the left side. Fortunately we were able to build a

lead downwind for the downwind finish and race to the hoist. Jack was 2nd followed by Scott, Brian Taboda and Mark Sertl. After two races the scores were: Wardwell 3, Sertl 9, Lutz 12, Huntsman 13, Finkboner 17, Hallagan 17, Chandler Owen 21, Phil Grotheer 22, Steve Hayden 24 and Jack Elfman 24.

The only way to describe Saturday night was rainy and muddy but we had great time anyway. I have to give a lot of credit to the club racers and vintage boats who had more rain and less wind and much longer wait at the hoist.

The front moved through Saturday night and Sunday turned into a beautiful day with a good breeze from the North. The first two races we could explain at least in our own minds. We had picked the correct side and had clear air and caught most of the shifts. Our plan in the third race was to start close to the middle, get clear air and try to stay close enough to Mark and Jody to not lose the lead. About 45 sec after the start our plan was scrapped. We were squeezed at the start between Phil Grotheer and George Sipel (I think) and had to bail out early. I seemed like we made a hundred tacks before we found a lane in the middle somewhere. After clearing

#### Bob Wardwell continued

we found Sertl on the right side looking pretty good but as we continued on a starboard tack the boats on the right fell down and we were able to cross Mark on a shift. As we approached the weather mark the boats that had gone left off the line came in strong; we were close and rounded about fifth behind Cal Schmiege, Larry Macdonald, Sean Fidler, George Sipel and Brian Hayes. We were on the outside at the wing mark and had to go low on the run which had us pretty nervous as we watched a large pack move on our inside. Fortunately staying low worked and we held our position rounding fourth or fifth. The next two legs we sailed the shifts and kept and eye on Mark who was two or three boats behind us. After the last leeward mark rounding the wind was pretty shifty and we were able to move into second behind Larry MacDonald who won the last race. Sean Fidler was 3rd followed by George Sipel and Mark Sertl.

We came to Skaneatleles to have fun and enjoy the weekend, winning the Regatta made it much more fun than we expected. Again I thank may crew, Ron Buchanan and Regan Edwards, they did a great job and had plenty of fun also. The entire Skaneateles County Club Team is to be congratulated for putting on a truly memorable event.

Photos by J.H. Peterson













### On to Skaneateles

-DON JOHNSON, #14720, MUSCATINE, IOWA

The 60th Anniversary Lightning Regatta was also a memorial regatta for my daughter Jolene and me, in memory of the late Roger Grohne, that erstwhile lightning sailor from Decatur, Illinois. He had organized the group for the 50th when I was only a year out of Decatur and began organizing us for the 60th in '97. Unfortunately, he passed away in August of that year and was with us only in spirit.

I met Jolene en route as she resides in Lansing, Michigan. She had enlisted Chris Hedrick from Columbus as our third crew. The first highlight of the Regatta was pulling into the huge, festive parking area and meeting sailing friends from around the country. I could have left the boat at Lake Davenport and still enjoyed myself. I did leave my foul weather gear behind. If the weather was foul I wouldn't race, thought I, and besides, the weather forecast on the internet looked good! That was my first, and worst, mistake!

The practice race was fun and the tuning/trimming seminar was extremely helpful to me. I hope they are continued at major regattas. Details of the races are rapidly blurring into fond memories, such as the gentle rain, sans wind, of the first

race . . . the chaos at the leeward mark when a northerly sustained gust made it a windward mark just as both fleets converged upon it . . . We wound up well in back and my crew left it up to the wet, shivering skipper whether we raced the second one. I was about ready to throw in (or rather, get) the towel when WIND FILLED THE RACECOURSE! Of course we raced. Who cares about rain when the wind is blowing? I hardly felt wet and cold anymore, adrenaline will do that for you. A hot shower, a stiff drink and a good meal set everything right that night. With the ideal conditions on Sunday and the skipper making only three more mistakes, we crossed the finish line in the upper third of the fleet giving us an overall top half finish, which was one of our goals (it was my first race of the season).

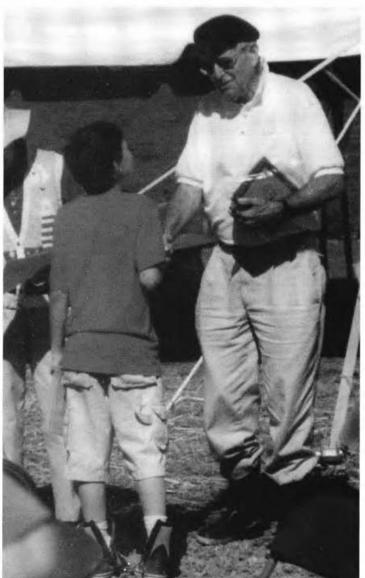
The other goal was to have as good a time as anticipated. We did that too in spite of the rain Saturday. We didn't even miss the fireworks; Jolene and I watched them as we drove through Cleveland, homeward bound on Sunday night. We did miss Roger; he would have been pleased.

### Sailing with Joe at Skaneateles

-JOHN MCCREE



Our wives got us started. With the enthusiasm of newly- photo Ann Dissette lot more to the story than that, but let's weds, Ann and Robin decided that Joe should travel to a regatta for once (like he had for so many years, so many years ago), and that I should crew for him for the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. We have put in a few Master NA's together since then, but we were back again fro the 60th, Joe Dissette, Jim Schofield and me, rigging Carousel XXXIII on what was to become one of the few relatively dry parking spots on the hillside of the Skaneateles Country Club - there really was no place else we could be this weekend.



Logan McReynolds, youngest skipper, shakes hands with Joe Dissette, winner of the "Green Fleet." Photo courtesy Al McReynolds

Joe would turn 76 on Tuesday. He has been the mainstay of Fleet 216 far longer than the short 15 years I've been here, selling his Carousel's and other fine used boats into the fleet, greeting us every spring at his home, making sure we start and end on the right Wednesday, and keeping us in endless supply of committee boats and new young crew. There's a just say it's not everybody that sets goals

of learning to do a decent pin end start or sail fast runs on this new-fangled windward leeward course, and does so with just a little coaching from one of the "young guys" - after 45 years of boat end starts and double reaches.

Jim still has the smile and twinkle in his eye of a younger man as well, but he has also been our fleet's yacht club liaison and a board member since I can remember, and I believe he's eligible to sail a Master's himself. If he'll have me, I hope to be crewing for Jim for the 80th.

Joe confided to me that he wasn't quite sure he'd signed up for the right fleet - he certainly had as much time at the helm as perhaps any skipper at the event. But there comes a time in life when you can pretty much sail with whom you choose, and it seemed to me this was Joe's

Saturday morning arrived with a little more anxiety than usual on a race day - Joe's rapid heart beat was not responding to the medication as well other days. We went down to the club to rig and launch the boat, with Joe to meet us when his pulse settled. At 09:30 Jim relayed Joe's suggestion - go ahead and pick up crew and sail without him if he wasn't there. We hung at the mooring like a pair faithful dogs waiting for the morning walk, but the crowd began to thin, and we hooked up with Doug, a bright young junior sailor who stepped onto a Lightning for his first time that morning. On our third circle round the dock the Buick pulled up, and Ann sent Joe down to our end of the dock with a kiss goodbye. Doug stepped off with a handshake and a thankyou, which didn't feel like enough, but a kiss probably would have been too much.

As it turned out we got to sail with the blue fleet after all, finishing right behind Ched Proctor who apparently had not taken full advantage of the head start. I also doubt he was carrying the extra tool bag, full ground tackle or bugle that Joe seems to feel is necessary. This was the only time I've ever asked for a gun, and after checking our flag, the score sheet, and looking around, we were graciously given one. Doesn't happen that way every

The only other moment on the course that I remember, besides that time I suddenly remembered the "no pee rule" and the booming voice of David Bull, was down the run on the last race. We looked over into the boat next to us at a skipper clearly Joe's junior.

"Hey, how old are you?"

..um, I'm 12.

"Does your Dad know that you're out here with his new

"That's him next to me."

"And I suppose that's your sister next to him?" "Yup."

Sailing with Joe continued

Logan, Erin, Alan McReynolds went on to finish 3rd for the regatta. I don't know if Logan will still have the feel for the boat that Joe has when he turns 76, but he sailed away from us pretty easily on that leg.

Later that same race, Robert W. Shaw, Joyce Von Drehle, Andre Guillemin crossed the finish line so far ahead most of us never saw the sail numbers. Bob later mentioned it was his first time ever in the hardware at a regatta.

Back when I was a youngster, I had always wondered why Dad wasted all that time digging a trench around the tent. Now, I know. Only the superb planning that was evident at the event could have saved us from that weather. Thank you, Skaneateles volunteers, one and all.



Skaneateles Country Club from the dock. Photo Ann Dissette



This is our first year in a Lightning and we have thoroughly enjoyed sailing and tuning our boat, meeting new people and sailing in different places. We find the Class spirit to be very high and enthusiastic and the sailors to be friendly and helpful. It has been a fun season and we are anxiously looking forward to next season.

# Faces at the 60th -MARY HUNTSMAN



## Skaneateles Highlights

-DAVE BULL

Just a couple of comments from the RC's vantage point. I was trying to help Joe Spaulding's group and Dick Besse from Skaneateles Sailing Club run the 60th races. First, I think all contestants will

agree they did a super job. You have to have the right equipment and know what you're doing when you're setting marks in 250' of water. Lots of help from J-24 sailors Mark Fleckenstein who ran around in a whaler truing up gates and offsets.

RC could not have managed without bow numbers on boats. High cost almost dissuaded us from using them but we came up with digital concept and cost per boat was about \$2. Don't try to cut out 7000 segments from Bainbridge stock on a 12" paper cutter in four days unless you're some kind of masochist, though.

When the wind went light halfway through the first race, Dick decided to shorten to four legs and I was hailing boats rounding the windward mark, "Course shortened to four legs - finish on the run," when Dick told me to look up course. The green fleet, going south, all had spinnakers up and was on a collision course with the blue fleet, going north, also with chutes up. We changed the hail to "Finish at the north end!"

We had only two recalls for the nine starts. The "I" flag was not flown before the first start and more than a third of the blue fleet was on the course side in the last 10 seconds before the start. We decided to use the one minute rule for all subsequent starts and hail all contestants so they were well aware of this - it worked. Some thought that there were early starters in the blue fleet at the pin end for the first start and at the RC end for the Sunday start. I want to assure all that every 1-minute-rule violator re-started around the end correctly. The second recall was an equipment problem on the RC for the Sunday green fleet start.

Finally even on a rainy night, it is not safe to leave marks in the water. Some idiots just love to go to the gate in the middle of the night, unsnap the ground tackle and lose 500' of it.





### Skaneateles Memories

-MARY HUNTSMAN

We all came to Skaneateles for the 60th to celebrate our wonderful Class, see old friends and make new ones. I came with camera in hand and did manage to take a lot of pretty pictures. I also came to

sell from the "ILCA Shop" in order to raise some dollars for the Class. The biggest fund raiser was to be the grand-daddy of all 50-50's. Well, I went to the Governing Board cocktail party in a short white skirt and neat leather heels. Then it was time to go to the tent and have Jack Elfman and his team start the 50-50. Well in the rain, I took two steps under the tent and went into the muck just short of the bottom of my skirt - a couple of feet anyway. Yes, I will remember that . . . but when the sun came out the next day and the day was magnificent . . . well, we did all have fun. The ticket that was drawn first and wasn't claimed? It was in my grandson's pocket on the way back to New Jersey. he forgot to give the other crew that ticket. Betcha that won't happen again either.

### Skaneateles Memories

-FRANK HAAS



We had a great time. Here is a photo of me holding my "Oldest Skipper" award. My daughters Holly (the tall one) and Linda (from Seattle, WA) crewed with me in the races.

Photo courtesy Frank Haas.

photo by Mary Huntsman

# More Faces at the 60th -MARY HUNTSMAN







# A History of the Lightning Class 60 Years

EXCERPTED FROM THE LIGHTNING IN SKANEATELES
BY JOHN BARNES & MIKE YATES

The emergence of the Lightning class sailboat from a small upstate New York village in 1938 was the logical conclusion of events of the preceding 150 years. The Skaneateles area, like much of upstate New York,

was primarily settled by Revolutionary War soldiers given land grants for their service. The dense forests and abundant waterways of the region made it a natural link in the country's early transportation network of canals and rivers.

Documented boating history in Skaneateles begins with a raft built by an early settler in 1794 to transport his possessions to the southern end of the lake. Other key developments in the early boating years were the yachts Four Sisters and Laura. Four Sisters had a waterline approaching 42 feet, impressive for her time. Laura was a sandbagger designed by George Steers (designer of America) which sailed the waters of Skaneateles for 81 years.

The Lightning's lineage begins in 1876 with the formation of Bowdish and Company. Bowdish quickly developed a reputation for building fine small steam launches, rowboats, canoes, and sailing canoes. In 1890 a young boatwright named George Smith joined the company. In 1893, Smith and his partner, James Ruth purchased Bowdish and Company and renamed it the Skaneateles Boat and Canoe Company. At that time, canoeing and sailing canoe racing were very popular throughout the northeast, and Skaneateles boats were well regarded in that circle.

By 1932, the Skaneateles Boat and Canoe Company had built and sold 5,082 canoes, rowboats and sailboats which had been shipped throughout North and South America and Europe. George Smith wanted to slow down a little and sold the company to two brothers, John and George Barnes. John and George were active one design sailboat racers. They renamed the company the Skaneateles Boats Company and expanded the company's product line to include such popular designs as the Star and International 14 racing dinghies.

The International 14 had been of special interest to the Barnes brothers. They were determined to build a craft that would win fame in the international yachting world and thought the International 14 was the best place to start. As a result of these efforts the International 14 was developed into a state of the art, high performance class.

The Barnes brothers had long wanted to sell a boat about the size of a Star that would appeal to both racers and their families. Shortly after the introduction of the International 14, they added the 19' Mower Interlake Class to the Skaneateles product line. The Mower was a family daysailer with excellent racing capabilities. A beautiful, round bottomed boat, the high costs associated with its bent ribbed hull caused the boat to be beyond the reach of many depression-era sailors, and the boat never caught on.

At about the same time, a new boat was quickly gaining strength up and down the east coast - the Comet. The Comet was a sawn-rib, hard-chined boat, making it economical and easy to build. The Skaneateles Boats Company began building Comets in the early 1930s and continued to so for many years. After the Lightning, the Comet was probably the most successful boat built during this period.

By 1937 it was apparent that the Mower wasn't going to catch on. The Barnes were still looking for the elusive day-sailer/racer they'd hoped the Mower would become. The Star was too big and uncomfortable and the Comet was too small to meet this need.

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The plans for the Lightning had been completed by Olin Stephens II in late 1935. Over the next two years, the Barnes' and Stephens' teams consulted with each other on the design of the boat that would become the Lightning. Hull #1 was launched in October, 1938 at the Skaneateles Country Club and used as a test bed for the Lightning development program. In the winter of 1938, the Barnes took Lightning #1 to the New York City boat show, and were rewarded with numerous orders. It looked like the Barnes had a successful design on their hands.

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Realizing the need for a strong organization to establish the class as a racing class, the John and George Barnes launched the formation of the Lightning Class Association. The first annual meeting of the class was held at the New York City boat show the following winter. C. Lindsey Nicholson of Skaneateles (also with the company) was elected the first president of the class. The Skaneateles Country Club was granted the charter for Lightning Fleet #1.

Olin Stephens and the Barnes' recognized the unique contribution that the boat could offer to one-design sailing and decided to treat the Lightning with unprecedented generosity. Rather than retaining exclusive rights to the design, they donated the rights to the then brand new Lightning Class



Association. This contribution ensured that anyone who wanted to could build a Lightning, and all design royalties would contribute to the strength of the class association.

The metropolitan New York area became an early hot bed of Lightning sailing, evidenced by the area's fleet numbers, and the fact that many of the early national and international championships were sailed in the area. A review of early championship regatta results shows that John and George Barnes dominated the class early in its history. John Barnes became the first national champion in 1939.

The Skaneateles Boats Company built most of the first 300 Lightnings. Other early builders were The Photos this page by Stephen Shaner Lippincott Boat Company of Riverton, NY and Emmons Boat Works of Central Square, NY. By the time of the 1946 International Lightning Regatta, which was held in Skaneateles, about 2000 Lightnings had been built, in spite of the fact that the boat companies were doing war work nearly full-time between 1941 and 1945.

The Lightning steadily gained popularity in the post-war years. By the late 1950's, the class was the largest one-design class over 16 feet in length, with over 8000 boats registered worldwide. With the advent of fiberglass construction, growth of the class persisted. By the time of the 30th Anniversary Regatta in 1968, 11,000 boats had been built. The Lightning has survived against the proliferation



of inexpensive, modern competitors by adopting technological advances at a pace reasonable enough to advance the design without making obsolete the thousands of boats still enjoyed all over North America and the world. Today, with some 15,000 boats built, the Lightning class is still one of the largest, most active sailboat classes in the world.

In 1968, and every ten years since, Skaneateles has welcomed the Lightning class home for the 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th Anniversary regattas. This year, the Skaneateles Country Club hosted the 60th anniversary regatta. Each event has been a celebration of one of the most enduring one-design classes in the world. Each anniversary regatta has presented an opportunity for all aspects of the Lightning family, as originally envisioned by the Barnes' and Stephens' firms, to be realized. Experienced racers, sailing families, and casual cruisers all come out to enjoy their boats and one another's company.





# INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION 60th ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

### Skaneateles Country Club, Skaneateles, NY, July 3-5, 1998

		72 Boats Skipper, Crew, Crew	Fleet/Yacht Club R	ace 1R	ace 2R	ace 3	Total
Posi	ition						
1	14825	Robert C. Wardwell, Ron Buchanan, Regan Edwards Mark C. Sertl, Robert Bryant, Linda Bryant Larry MacDonald, Julie-Marie MacDonald, Mike Healy Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomsen, Nancy Barger Jody Lutz, Michael Schon, Wade Schon, Mathew Schon Philip Grotheer, Jeff Riedle, Lesley Frymier Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Dan Vought Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Greg Fisher Sean Fidler, Bill Thomas, Shane O'Neill Scott Finkboner, David Briggs, Frank Davies	509 Fishing Bay	2 4 3 6	1	2	5
2	14298	Mark C. Sertl, Robert Bryant, Linda Bryant	77 Newport	4	5	5	14
3	14873	Larry MacDonald, Julie-Marie MacDonald, Mike Healy	12 Buffalo	3	25	1	29
4	14655 14642	Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomsen, Nancy Barger	// Newport	6	11	13 19	30
4 5 6	14881	Philip Crotheer Jeff Riedle Lesley Frymier	320 Severn Sailing Assoc	3	7 21	16	31 38
7	14814	Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Dan Vought	70 Monmouth Boat Club	11	2	26	39
7 8	14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Greg Fisher	196 Surf City	16	8	20	44
9	14787	Sean Fidler, Bill Thomas, Shane O'Neill Scott Finkboner, David Briggs, Frank Davies Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose George Sipel, Kathy Keene, Surge Vanderhorst Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Brian Milne	216 Bay City	20	24	3	47
	14904	Scott Finkboner, David Briggs, Frank Davies	194 Mission Bay	14	3	33	50
	14878	Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	501 Manetts Bay Boat Club	21	9	24	54
	14249 14807	Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Brian Milne	42 North Cape 54 Pontiac	15 39	40 14	4	59 59
	14752	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood	54 Pontiac 461 Eustis Sailing Club 126 Cedar Point	8	16	36	60
	14821	Ched Proctor, Al Boucher, Tom Proctor Jon Schwartz, John Fiest, Randy Dickerson R. Neil Hayes, Brian Hayes	126 Cedar Point		10	10	61
	14786	Jon Schwartz, John Fiest, Randy Dickerson	70 Monmouth Boat Club	29	15	17	61
	10801	R. Neil Hayes, Brian Hayes			6	18	62
	14882	Raiph F. Wilson, Eric Wilson, Hmothy Wilson	70 Monmouth Boat Club	13	28	22	63
	14174 14589	David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Daniel Sprague Brian Taboada, Stuart Challoner, Derek Frickey	146 Boulevard Club 34 Metedeconk River	18 50	26 4	21 12	65 66
		Chandler Owen, Amy Wilder, Andrew Monahan	262 Harbor Island	9	12	47	68
		David Ruiter, Stephanie M. Ruiter, David Thompson	262 Harbor Island 34 Metedeconk River 461 North Florida 59 Niagara Sailing Club 69 Milwaukee	17	31	25	73
23	14418	Fisk Havden, John Steiner, Clay Murphy	461 North Florida	26	38	9	73
24	14580	Cal Schmiege, Larissa Higgins, Don Evert, Bob Starck	59 Niagara Sailing Club	10	56	8	74
25	14740	Peter Isler, Bill Faude, Susan Daly	69 Milwaukee	32	36	. 7	75
26	13927 10355	Jean-Francois Simard, Joanne Jones, Chantal Leger	69 Milwaukee 215 Royal St. Lawrence 1 Skaneateles	10	37 17	11 41	75 77
	14654	Robert Rush Starling Rush Mike Holly	228 Riverton		13	42	80
	14746	Thomas Allen, Jr., Lisa Brauer, Jared Drake Jean Palm/Peter Hallagan, Sandy Schraeder Ed Seyerlein, Tom Carson, Jeannette Little Jed Dodge, Bob King, Jay Moreno Mike Huffman, Meg Huffman, Kip Hamblet William E. Neal, Larry MacDonald, David Copperfield	228 Riverton 12 Buffalo Canoe Club	33	18	29	80
	14355	Jean Palm/Peter Hallagan, Sandy Schraeder	Crescent	42	27	15	84
	14713	Ed Seyerlein, Tom Carson, Jeannette Little	484 Ithaca	7	29	59	95
	14520	Jed Dodge, Bob King, Jay Moreno	Sodus Point	43	19	35	97
	14644	Mike Huffman, Meg Huffman, Kip Hamblet	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	12	42	43	97
34	6983 14397	William E. Neal, Larry MacDonald, David Copperfield Chad Atkins, John Atkins, Matt Atkins	77 Newport	23	50 35	34 45	107 108
		Raymond Harrington, Toni Harrington, Alan Keyes	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club 47 Silver Lake 77 Newport 227 Bomoseen 118 Flying Beaver 27 Leatherlips	34	20	55	109
37	14476	John Rogers, Cam MacDonald, Stan Chambers	118 Flying Beaver	66	23	23	112
38	14848	Daniel Hertzer, Donald Schregardus, Martha Hertzer	27 Leatherlips	24	58	32	114
	11754	Sean Carroll	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	31	32	52	115
40	14634	Caroline Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Fo	olwell 228 Riverton	44	39	40	123
41	14758	Terrence R. Burke, Ron Frerker, Nora Kelly David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Rebecca Sidway	266 Carlyle Sailing Assoc. 301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	22 36	30 33	73 58	125 127
43	14321	Jack Jones, Eric Schnettler, Michelle Wolpe	225 Henderson Harbor	37	44	49	130
44	14824	Jack Jones, Eric Schnettler, Michelle Wolpe Jeffery A. Hagman, Nicole Russo, Derek Gauger Carl Muska, Karen Phelan, Pat Phelan Jamie Brickell, Kimberly Brickell, Sue Brickell Tom Allen, Sr., Sam Septembre, Becky Newrider Peter I. Wenzler, Mathew Wenzler, Melissa Wenzler	42 North Cape	65	52	14	131
45	14366	Carl Muska, Karen Phelan, Pat Phelan	50 Potomac River Sailing Ass	oc.51	53	28	132
46	14028	Jamie Brickell, Kimberly Brickell, Sue Brickell	329 Severn Sailing Assoc.	59	22	53	134
47	14811	Tom Allen, Sr., Sam Septembre, Becky Newrider	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	63	46	27	136
	14371	Peter J. Wenzler, Mathew Wenzler, Melissa Wenzler Brian Starck, Larissa Higgins, Ellen Starck	51 Crescent Sail 12 Buffalo Canoe Club	30 61	55 49	54 30	139 140
50	14275	John Hughes, ,	121 American	48	48	46	142
51	14508	Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Cheree Dillon	5 Chicago Corinthian	40	57	48	145
52	14073	Gary Hurban, John Hurban, Len Hurban	75 Nyack	56	47	44	147
53	14672	Mark Grinder, Matt Grinder, Alyssa Grinder	47 Silver Lake	55	43	51	149
54	13911	Michael Kane, Greg Buckley, Patti Pohlig	115 Cuba Lake	62	51	37	150
	14901 14719	Gerry Paoli, Kay Ward, Sue Albert John Humphrey, Mark Humphrey, Jackie Humphrey	266 Carlyle Sailing Assoc. 47 Silver Lake	47 53	34 72	73 31	154 156
57	14110	Jeff Pugh, Tracy Pugh, Mark Thompson	303 Cowan Lake Sailing Asso		72	39	156
	14216	Kenneth J. Irwin, Sherrie Desmond, Tammi Jamison	303 Cowan Lake Sailing Asso		54	56	156
59	14482	Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Yoli Taylor	75 Nyack	58	41	60	159
60	14897	Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirarchi	27 Leatherlips	54	72	38	164
	12480	Malcom B. Hendry, Bruce Hendry, Teresa Bouchard	178 Great South Bay	64	45	62	171
	13900	Chris Kuhns, Ted Lavery, Chris Gelston	1 Skaneateles	57	61	57	175
64	11767 13979	Harry H. Keith, III, Steve Putsher, Tony Vernon Thomas Varley, Kay Varley, Jon Varley	329 Severn Sailing Assoc. 150 Mansfield Sailing Club	52 35	62 72	61 73	175 180
65	14411	Dave Stephens, Ryan Webb, Clint Webb	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	71	63	50	184
	13740	Jonathan Guth/Peter Lauria, Julie Blessing,	50 Potomac River Sailing Ass		59	64	191
67	14369	Frederico Meira, Mark Lesinski, Aislinn Cook	164 Willow Bank	49	72	73	194
68	14266	David A. Pyle, Carl Wilson, John Hart	50 Potomac River	69	64	63	196
69	14350	John A. Faus, Brad Faus, David Faus	335 Barnegat Light	70	60	73	203
(1)	14852	Sandy Huntsman, Patrick Corr, Kristin Laughrey	11 Monmouth	60	73 72	73	206
	14445	David Gall, Dan Gall, Julie Moore	212 Atwood	67	11	73	212

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1	14703	Joe Dissette, John McCree, Jim Schofield	216 Bay City	1	5	5	11
2	14760	Robert W. Shaw, Joyce Von Drehle, Andre Guillemin	54 Pontiac	2	18	1	21
3	13815	Logan McKeynolds, Erin McKeynolds, Alan McKeynolds	34 Metedeconk River	9	6	8	23
5	14221	Peter Cunningham, David Cunningham, Elise Cunningh	am 252 Keuka	6	4	15	25
6	11650	David Grogono, Pam Tuttle Murphy, Leslie Tuttle DiTra	ni 164 Willow Bank	. 5	7	21	33
8	14465	Tom Vickers Reth Grosbeck Lias McCabe	51 Crescent Sail	29	3	10	21 23 23 25 33 39 42 43 46
9	10555	Dwight Gertz, Virginia Welles, Dr. Jeanine Carlson	332 Squam Lake	11	29	3	43
10	14870	Bob Mathers, Bob Kranich, John Mathers	54 Pontiac	23	21	12	46
12	13888	Patrick Zachary, Alex Trass, Kika Bronger	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	16	27	6	47 49
13	14502	Tom Ward, Matt Ward, Alan Sherer	12 Bufalo Canoe Club	20	19	13	49 52 55
14	14854	Richard Bukowsky, Mike Thompson, Traci Thompson	50 Potomac River Sailing A	10	13	18	55
16	14628	William C. Anderson, Maggie Anderson, Ben Anderson	484 Ithaca	13	28	16	56 57
17	14030	Christopher Miller, Christopher Howard, Adam Lewis	126 Cedar Point	32	.2	24	58
18	13948	lim Dillard/Justin Morris Flizabeth Morris	50 Potomac	15	35	25	60 63
20	14012	Robert W. Ohlsen, Matt Bery, Marc Hieschman	74 Decatur	25	15	27	67
21	14778	Edward A. Dziuba, Pegi Eddy, Ginny Wilking, Glen Gary	754 Pontiac	42	20	14	76
23	13897	Ron Kiss, Tom Kiss, Tom Keady	104 Lavallette	52	37	43	77 93
24	14712	Thomas Peter Hudson, Paul Karl, Babara Kay Gillespie	137 Gull Lake	31	17	49	93 97
25	14604	Salo J. Korn, Adam Korn	54 Pontiac	47	32	20	99
27	13640	Bob Richel, Ray Matuszak, Jamie Matuszak	42 North Cape	36	25	39	100
28	11456	Brandon Holton, Gerald Holton, Jeff Holton	167 Lake Davenport Sailing	g 26	22	56	104
30	14154	Peter C. Paullin, Tracie Paullin, Richard Paullin	31 Devil's Lake	43	42	23	104 106
31	14342	Timothy Millhiser, Les Hathaway	129 Madison Beach Club	4	88	17	109
32	14185	Leland G. Atkinson, Deborah Wight, Ryan Atkinson	77 Newport	14	88	9	111
34	13697	Daniel Koretz, Mitchell Koretz, Phil Goldberg	1 Skaneateles CC 77 Newport	57	33	51	112 119
35	13375	Dave Birchenough, Sammy Birchenough, David Guches	s	62	40	22	124
36	14431	Leon A. Fontier, Eileen Loh-Fontier, Gil Harrop	252 Keuka	24	52	50	126
38	14434	Javid C. Nasca, Craig Nobbs, Paul Maione Joe Romer Rick Romer Renee Romer	51 Crescent Saiing Club	40	34	57	129 131
39	14240	John B. Rudd, David Harris, Beverly Chin	484 Ithaca	54	46	34	134
40	11960	Glenn Wilcox, Anca Trandasirescu	484 Ithaca	63	23	48	134
42	14856	Mike Williams, Robert Werenshi, Sally Werenshi	51 Crescent Sailing Club	17	31	88	134 136
43	12941	Starling H. Mikell, III, David Hershey, Gene Shoe	253 Susquehanna	50	44	44	138
44	14443	John Sauter, James Sauter, Rod Hayes Mark Keane, Sharon Dovrige, Malinda Keith	75 Nyack Boat Club	72	88	30	139 143
46	12764	Dave White, Carter White, Tyler White, Steve White	73 Nyaek Boat Club	18	88	38	144
47	14548	Chris Bone, Bob Bone, Larry Bone	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	39	88	19	146
48	12400	Joe Hamola, Tom Gahagan, Vince Demperio	77 Newport	34	58 88	29	149 151
50	10620	Lawrence Decker, Jim Crittenden, Bill Munn	75 Nyack Boat Club	56	43	53	152
51	13218	Kenneth Kuzdro, Thomas Brown, Kevin Smith	253 Susquehanna	45	51	58	154
53	13081	Richard I. Doherty, Gary Snyder, James R. Doherty	77 Newport	27	88	42	156 157
54	14367	Philip Lange, Alexandra Lange, Julia Lange, Bill Cawley	77 Newport	27 58	14	88	160
55 56	10444 14291	Alexander P. Vucelic, Dan Cropper, Katherine Vucelic	150 Mansfield Sailing Club	60	41	59 54	160 166
57	10679	Bent L. Thomsen, Kim Peet Thomsen, Carl Thomsen	1 Skaneateles	65	39	00	167
58	14096	Nabeel Alsalam, Charles Masten, Jameel Alsalam	50 Potomac River Sailing A	ssoc.68	88	11	167
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61	13571	Paul J. Nagel, Mark Nagel, Sue D. Nagel	51 Crescent Sail	66	49	61	176
62	14514	Bernie Beegle, Jeff Lucas, Victor Roth	34 Ocean Gate	44	88	46 67	178
63	11154 14303	David Loftus, Ir., Michael Wahlrab, John Hazard	1 Skaneateles	64	54	64	178 182
65	14182 14457	Jay H. Anderson, Eric H. Anderson	39 Chelsea	61	53	69	183
66	14457 13124	Joe LaPalme, Jessica M. LaPalme, Joe J. LaPalme	54 Pontiac	55	88	47 66	190 190
68	13666	Brian Smokler, Mary Ann Smokler, Duane Hatch	262 Harbor Island	53	50	88	191
69	13933	Richard H. Ryczek, Robin J. Ryczek, Carolyn F. Ryczek	164 Willow Bank	76	55	70	201
70	13082	R. Neal Smith, Neal Gray, Kevin Gray, Eva L. Smith	77 Newport RVI Vacht Club	28	88	88 68	204 205
72	14727	Wolfgang Haugk, Diane Mess, Skip Bugbee	70 Monmouth Boat club	30	88	88	206
73	12549 14727 13856	Jonthan Lange, Loree Benziger, Matt Lange	329 Severn Sailing Assoc.	35	88	88	211
74 75	13684 12004	Sam Woods, Campbell Woods, Anya Woods	164 Cazenovia	69	88	88 62	215
76	14025	Carl Robinson, Hildi Bachtile, Bob Sherman	I SHOWIN THE	73	88	60	221
77	11073	Joe Hagaman, Margy Hagaman	42	74	88	65	227
78 79	13321	Red Fehrle, Mike Beaver, Susan Barry Richard J. Doherty, Gary Snyder, James R. Doherty Philip Lange, Alexandra Lange, Julia Lange, Bill Cawley Alexander P. Vucelic, Dan Cropper, Katherine Vucelic Charles Noble, Rick Doherty, Karen Hurd Bent L. Thomsen, Kim Peet Thomsen, Carl Thomsen Nabeel Alsalam, Charles Masten, Jameel Alsalam Dick Leonardo, Cathy Leonardo, Jonathan Leonardo Walter Rogers, Walt Rogers, Charles Tracy, Charlotte Ro Paul J. Nagel, Mark Nagel, Sue D. Nagel Bernie Beegle, Jeff Lucas, Victor Roth Frank Hass, John E. Hass, Holly H. Bagdonas David Loftus, Jr., Michael Wahlrab, John Hazard Jay H. Anderson, Eric H. Anderson Joe LaPalme, Jessica M. LaPalme, Joe J. LaPalme Aage (Lars) Larsen, Colin Warren, Billy O'Brien Brian Smokler, Mary Ann Smokler, Duane Hatch Richard H. Ryczek, Robin J. Ryczek, Carolyn F. Ryczek R. Neal Smith, Neal Gray, Kevin Gray, Eva L. Smith Russell J. Pringle, Collin S. Pringle, Kathy C. Buckhardt Wolfgang Haugk, Diane Mess, Skip Bugbee Jonthan Lange, Loree Benziger, Matt Lange Gorton C. Cook, Phillip G. Cook Sam Woods, Campbell Woods, Anya Woods Carl Robinson, Hildi Bachtile, Bob Sherman Joe Hagaman, Margy Hagaman Ralph Shaver, Thomas Shaver, Jon Shaver, Chris Kalwar Thomas West, Sr., Tom West, Jr., Karen Bucholz Scott Warrener, Brad Puskas	Ta	76	88	88 88	211 215 219 221 227 252 252 264
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81	13330	D. J. Honold, Paul Torrisi	1 Skaneateles	88	88	88	264 264
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84	12031	William Collins, Sara Collins, Libbie Wing	1 Skaneateles	88	88	88	264
85 86	12720 9109	Peter King, Kathleen King	164 Willow Bank	88	88	88 88	264 264
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### Yellow Fleet 23 Boats

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ng Reg	Boat #	Skipper, Crew, Crew	Fleet/Yacht Club	Race 1F	Race 2Ra	ice 3	Total
	Positio	n					
1	736	Craig Thayer, Dan Pope, Jack Ennis	10 Onondaga	1	1	3	5
2	7949	C. Scott Degolver III, Jim Berry	47 Silver Lake	7	2	2	11
3	9102	Dr. Peter Morley, Jr., Stan Dent, Dr. Susan Morley	110 Higgins Lake Boat Clu	ib 4	3	5	12
4	9424	Karen Johnson, Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Evan John	son 27 Leatherlips	8	5	1	14
5	9050	John B. Leath, Bradley J. Williams, Joanna K. L. Williams	270 Indianapolis Sailing C	Ilub 5	6	4	15
6	10113	Byrne O'Brien, Karen O'Brien, Ann Werstler	484 Ithaca	2	7	6	15
7	10705	John A. Barnes, Kenise Barnes-Lorderfeld, Gabrielle Mar	ie Derosha 1 Skaneateles	9	8	8	25
8	378	Mike Yates, Grace McNamara, Schyler Barnes	1 Skaneateles	6	10	11	27
9	6378	Jamie Perkins, Liz Perkins, Ben Perkins		11	9	10	30
10	8441	Addis Katterheinrich, Bill & Tom Katterheinrich	400 St. Mary's Boat Club	3	4	24	31
11	2924	Kenneth See, Randy See, Tom Woollett		11	13	12	36
12	8899	Doug Tucker, Daniel Ferguson	1 Skaneateles Sailing Club	11	24	7	42
13		Carl Pickhardt, Barbara Johnson, Erik Pickhardt	The state of the s	11	24	9	44
14	7221	Jim Crandall, Hans Kastens		11	11	24	46
15	8599	George J. Paiva, John Little, Nancy Little, Jennifer A. Pai	va	11	12	24	47
16	9991	Lindsay Bach, Jon Bach, Vanessa Kimba Bloodsworth	508 Solomon's Island	11	24	13	48
17	8368	Dario Panfili, Jr., John Bailey, Kate Bailey		11	14	24	49
18	13503	Daniel Henly, Celeste Henly		11	24	16	51
19	13080	James McIntosh, John McIntosh, Heather Lockwood	77 Newport	11	24	24	59
20	1792	Stephen C. Lathrop, Cheryl W. Matheson	491 Nockamixon Sail Club	11	24	24	59
21	392	Dan Gorski, Steve Gorski, Nancy Gorski		24	24	14	62
22	470	Marc H. Schieber, Marsha Schieber, Marsha Schieber	77 Newport	24	24	15	63
23	4661	Gordon Potter, Abby Potter, Gordy Potter	2/47/ 3/15.58/62 <mark>-</mark> 188-2/4	24	24	24	72
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Dan Ferguson at the helm of The Fighting Lady #8899 Photo courtesy Dan Ferguson



Mike Yates in the Vintage Fleet. Photo Mary Huntsman



Kirk Johnson unrigs #9424 at the 60th. Photo credit from the Albany Press

## Ohio District at the 60th Anniversary

PHOTOS BY KAY VARLEY



Ohio sightseers at Skaneateles on Friday afternoon.



Mansfield's Alex Vucelic being towed, with his crew for Sunday morning, Karla and Jon Varley.



Dan Hertzer with crew Marti Hertzer & Don Schregardus.



1st race Saturday morning



The Ohio tables at dinner in Our Wet Tent.









### Fleet 75 Partied at the 60th



Lightning Fleet 75 members enjoying the post race party while awaiting haul-out at the 60th. Members include: Jan and Larry Decker, Sharon DeVries, Mark Keane and Cathy Chapman.



Sharon DeVries flying the chute aboard Thumbs Up #14363.



Being hauled.



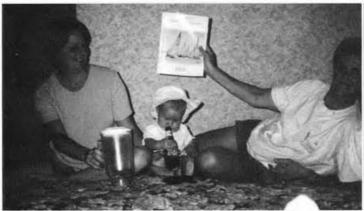
The Tractor Lady, in dress whites, hauling boats through the mud.



Starting sequence.



Beer delivery to boats witing to haul out.



Joan Hurban showing her spirit for the Lightning Class while training future crew.



Jackson Chapman showing his form and willingness to party at the 60th. Photos courtesy Mark Keane

## More Photo-Memories -BY LANDY ATKINSON



Gillis, 50th Chairman, Pat Blackler, Check-In Chairman

Frank Haas, oldest skipper

### How it all Happened

-ANONYMOUS (WITH SOME HELP FROM THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE)

#### In The Beginning

Way back in 1995 at St. Pete, there was talk of the looming 60th Anniversary Regatta in 1998. Did anyone think Skaneateles could repeat the 1988 event? Were there still enough Lightning sailors around? Everyone looked fondly back at the 50th in 1988 and recalled they hadn't seen much of Skaneateles Lightning sailors since then. Mike Yates had been campaigning #378 in the Woodies and Masters circuit for the last few years and #39 had recently been brought back to Skaneateles for restoration. There was a spark of enthusiasm for Lightning sailing in Skaneateles and the idea got kicked around for a few months. And a few more months. And a few more.

One year later at St. Pete, the proposal was introduced at the Winter General Meeting. The ILCA governing board was told that there was a sucker - er, enthusiastic individual - willing to chair the event and a few gullible - uh, equally motivated - people ready to begin the planning for the big event and we wanted the approval of the ILCA. Motion accepted, the "aye's" have it. SOLD, to the woodie sailors from Skaneateles, one major regatta to a club who hadn't hosted anything of this magnitude since 1988.

By the time the Central New York Lightning District meeting was held in November of 1996, the Regatta Organizing Committee had managed to organize a fancy organization chart. They also organized the chairs in the room and the flowers on the table. At that meeting the District Officers began to ask such probing questions as: "How many boats are you planning for?" And, "What areas do you need help with?" The organizing committee began to get the sense that this might be a big job.

By the summer of 1997, the major planning subcommittees had set to work. Publicity had been initiated in the 1997 Yearbook and in early 1997 issues of *Flashes*. A logo had been designed and potential sponsors were being lined up. One major sales job was underway to the officers of a club



Early-On Planning Committee Meeting: Judy Gelston, Dave Bull, Dick Tuttle, Stu Evans



Early-On Planning Meeting: Mick Barnes, Bent Thomsen, Joan Thomsen, Jack Helmer, Dave Penfield, Save Bull, Stu Evans. Photos courtesy Joan Thomsen

whose membership was made up of 90% non-sailors and whose cruising members far outnumbered racing enthusiasts. A committee had to be set up to begin to deal with the inquiries which began to come in from across the country on how to register.

#### OK, Time to Get Serious-

By the Fall of 1997, there were 12 major subcommittees preparing plans for activities such as powerboat support, sponsorship, food and beverage, race committee, and registration. Registration. That job seemed so straightforward to the enthusiastic couple, Bent and Joan Thomsen, who agreed to head it up during the summer. We just take in money and make sure they all have goodie bags, right?

The Registrars turned out to be the most valuable help the Chairman could have ever dreamed for. Bent and Joan managed to keep all the record straight. They set up accounting systems and ledgers for recording all the information we requested of registrants. Being retired, they did not mind staying up late revising, and revising, and revising. Registration forms, race instructions, schedules, ad copy. They had a hand in it all; since, as they reasoned: "every change you make that we don't know about now, will come back to bite us later." How right they were.

And then there was the budget. The costs of everything had skyrocketed in the last ten years. The prices it looked like we were going to have to charge would keep everyone away. And economies of scale. If we had a small turnout we still had all those fixed costs. We had to lower the prices, to attract the sailors, to achieve the economies of scale, to keep the price low. And the ILCA. There was a lot of resistance to the prices when first proposed. But, we were planning a BIG event!

#### Darkest Days of Winter-

Atthe Central New York Lightning District meeting in November of 1997, the Committee got a lot of great advice

#### How it happened continued

from the more experienced clubs in the district. We parted confident that we had a good package of activities, a good price, and a good team. There were a lot of details to work on still, but we had the price, and the package ready to market to the class members. Come on, registrations!

And there was still plenty to attend to:

The Race Committee needs a cannon-The Banquet Manager needs to know how many, what kind of seating-Which material is better for the awards-

The hotels are filling up, can we reserve rooms-How will we control camping locations, so far away from the clubhouse-

How are we going to pay the deposit on the portapotties-

The CNY District donates rental for the porta-potties, so camping will be free-

We receive our first registration-from Bill Faude-we're rolling now-

The Registration Chairman needs heart surgury-Heart Surgery?!? How could this happen? Is she alright? Was it all the late nights? What's the prognosis? Where will we get a replacement? Will she be OK???

Joan Thomsen had a non-cancerous tumor growing in her heart. Yes, it was serious. No, it wasn't caused by all the hard work. The prognosis was excellent, but she needed surgery soon, followed by several weeks of rest, then rehabilitation. She insisted she did not need a replacement as the Registrar. OK, we won't tell her we're going to replace her, we want to be positive through this-

Joan was, and is, fine. She was back to work in days. She really didn't need to be replaced. And we were all very thankful.

### Even Darker, Darkest Days of Winter-

Now, we know there are many months to go, but it's already the end of January, and there have only been half as many registrations at this time as there were in 1988. We're going to have to cut the budget. We're going to have to downsize our plans. We'll never pull this thing off-

News of Tom Allen's on-the-water heart attack has everyone concerned. Do we have enough medical support? Crash boats? What's our liability? The good news was that Tom, like Joan, was determined to come and was getting better.

But the registrations weren't looking good. We now had three budgets. One for a 120 boat showing, one for a 150 boat fleet, and one for 180. Those responsible for the money thought the 180 boat budget was just an exercise in wishful thinking. 120 would be far more likely, based on registrations to date. The trick was, 120 boats was a physical limit for the Skaneateles Country Club facilities. Everyone hoped we would get more than 120 boats. But, with that many people, the clubhouse capacity would be exceeded and we would need a tent, along with cooking facilities, which would all cost more money!

OK, one desperate attempt to get a surge in registrations. We would waive the \$20.00 late registration fee for another month. We could handle the increase in registrations during May and still plan for the most likely crowd size based on the June 1st registration count. That decision had to be made in April, for the May Flashes. It still looked like we would have about 120 to 140 boats, so we began making our final plans for that number.

Sometime in mid-May, we celebrated the "break-even boat." That was the boat (#130-something) which put our budget in the black. This was now based on 150 boats. The last 10 or 15 registrations would give our budget a little breathing room. By mid-June we exceeded 160 boats and the 180 number began to look realistic. Two weeks to go and we needed to get a bigger tent, more food, lots more beer-

#### The Eve of the Big Event (aka "Crunch Time")-

By now, the hardy group of 12 planners who had been meeting monthly for almost a year, had swelled to over 30, meeting weekly, and daily over the last week. It seems the separation of responsibilities got a little less strict in those last few days. The launch committee found itself marking camping spaces. The registration and check-in crew found time to purchase additional prizes and awards. Well, there were a lot of things to do and they wouldn't have gotten done if anyone on the organizing committee took an "It's not my job" mentality.

Here are some of the prized memories recalled of planning, preparing for, and conducting the weekend's activities:

Receiving 30 Lightning-shaped bottle openers, donated by the Barnes girls (grand-daughters of the original Lightning builders) to be used as prizes.

Advice: "Why don't we reconsider the courses, maybe you will want to run the races on two separate courses?" (Picture: Dick Tuttle)

Listening intently to progress reports from the subcommittees: "I can't talk with my mouth full." (Picture: Dave Penfield)

Procuring hay bales: "just in case we get a little rain. OK; at that price, double the order. We won't need it all, but it's a good deal."

Launch crew training: "boy, that ONE boat went in and out like clockwork; we're gonna be great!"

9:00 pm Thursday night and they're still streaming in. By Friday morning there will be a long line for registration. Some tireless souls kept check-in open until 10:30 Thursday (probably the same ones who would have to do it Friday morning).

One of the tractor drivers claiming first come first served on Friday for any unused hay bales on Monday morning. "Why'd you go and buy all that hay?"

The oldest skipper: Skaneateles' own Frank Haas. (Picture: Frank Haas)

Reports from the Club Staff: "We have the tent all laid out for Saturday's banquet. We'll just back up the truck and unload the band's equipment right there"

### How it happened continued

Nice turnout for the clinic by North Sails on Friday: "Everyone is eager to sail; that is, about twice as many as we expected.) (Picture: clinic)

Friday's weather forecast for Saturday: "Partly cloudy, chance of showers." (Nothing about monsoons.)

Report from the speaker's committee: "Mr. Stephens is in town and looking forward to speaking tomorrow night. He doesn't want to speak long."

We got a nice supply of dry wood for the bonfire Saturday night after dinner.

Some of the crash boat drivers report that they would like to return home for raingear.

Seems the rain and lack of wind on Saturday encouraged everyone to go in for lunch, but the lunches were on their way out to the racecourse.

Following the event, many Skaneateles merchants reported an increase in wet, muddy patrons in their bars and restaurants on Saturday night.

We set up outdoor showers for the sailors to cleanup before dinner on Friday and Saturday. They didn't get much use-

The entertainment committee assures us the tent is sufficiently sized for the whole crowd in the event of light rain.

Olin Stephens gets a round of applause for hanging out all evening Saturday, even though his reserved seat was lost in the crowd.

Despite the improved weather on Sunday, several of the launch crew didn't return after Saturday's exercise. Thanks to all who worked all Sunday afternoon.



Angels of Mercy (aka "Suds Fairies") prevented the boat retrieval crew at the hoists from drying up and blowing away on Sunday (the sunny day).

It is still unresolved whether the mud trail was deeper leaving the trailer parking area or the camping area-

Unofficial count: way more smiles on Sunday afternoon than any day of the weekend (except maybe on the organizing committee's collective faces on Monday.)

More than 120 souvenir tee-shirts were needed for all the walk-in volunteer help over the weekend (originally planned 40 volunteers.)

Best volunteer worker: Charlie Noble from Susquehanna Yacht Club, after he lost his boat off the hitch on the way here, he went to work on traffic control.



### How it happened continued

Best savior: Judy Walker, for contributing her boat to Charlie Noble and crew so they could sail and get off traffic control detail.

Best souvenir picture: Scott Finkboner, for the photographic mural from the 50th Anniversary Regatta now gracing our clubhouse wall.

Best all-around committee member: Genie Barnes, for recruiting so many volunteers, for proving her family to be a model of helpfulness and courteousness, and for providing antique furniture valet service, among other, innumerable chores. (Note: shortly after the Regatta wrapped up, Genie underwent abdominal surgery, which left her hospital-bound until September. She is recovering steadily and retains her ever-present good humor.)

#### Post-Mortem-

The Skaneateles Country Club has been overwhelmed with compliments and kind comments from Lightning sailors. Many of us may have failed to notice it at the time, but apparently, everyone was having FUN, despite the rain and mud.

The Organizing Committee is ready and willing to advise any club on the wisdom of running a large-scale regatta (anybody want to run a 61st or 62nd Anniversary Regatta? We definitely will NOT be running one for the next year or two). We can provide:

Two years of e-mail, official correspondence and documents on CD

Hundreds of perfectly good, new posters needing only minor alterations in date, place, event, etc.

Many slightly dirty, but lightly used table linens An unused bandstand and speaker's podium

A barely-used, custom-designed, semi-portable, outdoor shower

Hundreds of reasons why you want to do this when you see the smiles leaving your club on Sunday afternoon!

Thank you to the ILCA for letting Skaneateles Lightning Fleet #1 host this special event. Thanks to Bill Faude, for his unwavering support. Best of luck, Bill in your future challenges. And thanks to Karen Johnson for being the glue that kept us all together.

Skaneateles Country Club, Lightning Fleet #1

# 60th Regatta Wrap-Up

Total Lightnings Attending 180 Skippers and Crew 540 Total Regatta Guests 800 est Average Skipper Age 48 Oldest Skipper 86 Youngest Skipper 12 Oldest Crew 96 Youngest Crew 3 1/2 States Represented (plus DC and Canada) 22 Furthest Boat Travel San Diego Furthest Crew Travel Denmark Number of Woodie & Vintage Boats 23 Number of Skaneateles Built Boats 6 Boats from Out-Of-State 105 Regatta Organizers and Workers 160

The International Lightning Class Association 60th Anniversary Regatta was an undisputed success and numerous favorable comments have been received from sailors and guests alike. Many ILCA officials came to celebrate the anniversary, as did Olin Stephens II, the designer of the Lightning, now 90 years of age. Despite rainy weather on Saturday, all 3 races went off as scheduled. The sight of 180 Lightnings on the lake was an unforgettable experience!

In addition to the top 6 finishers in each fleet, awards were presented to the following:

Oldest Boat
Oldest Skipper
Youngest Skipper
Oldest Crew
Youngest Crew
Boat From Furthest Distance
Best Finishing Skaneateles-Built Boat

Oldest Boat
Frank Haas
Logan McReynolds
Dr. John McIntosh
Evan Johnson
Scott Finkboner, San Diego
Craig Thayer, #736



# EM- JA SM-KILPAILUT, SEKÄ EUROOPAN ENSIMMÄISET MASTERSKISAT TUUSULANJÄRVELLÄ

MARTTI LÄHTEINEN & WALTTERI KARHUSAARI

Uudet ratatyypit ja lähtöjen lukumäärän lisääminen tuovat uutta säpinää ratapurjehdukseen. Tämä tuli osoitettua, kun

Tuusulanjärvellä järjestettiin heinäkuun lopulla puolentoista viikon mittainen regatta, jossa ratkottiin Lightningien sekä Euroopan että Suomen mestaruudet. Lisäksi kisa oli yksi Lightningien kuudesta ranking-osakilpailusta.

Kisat järjestettiin Suomessa juuri tänä vuonna juhlistamaan Suomen Lightningliiton 50-vuotis juhlavuotta. Lisäväriä tapahtumaan toi Euroopan ensimmäinen Masters-purjehtijoiden avoin EM-kisa (kippari vähintään 50v ja miehistön yhteisikä yli 120v). Tapahtuman kunniaksi Lightningliitto julkisti järjestämässään juhlagaalassa

Lightningpurjehduksen noin 100 sivuisen 50-vuotis historiikin,jota on saatavissa liiton toimihenkilöiltä 100mk:n hintaan. Tuusulanjärven rannalla järjestettiin myös

Puuvenenäyttely, jossa oli mukana sekä iäkkäämpi upeasti kunnostettu Lightning että aivan uuden puuvenetuotannon edustaja.

Tuusulanjärvi osoitti kisoissa parhaat puolensa. Epävakainen sää takasi hyvät ja välillä varsin navakatkin tuulet: kaatumisiakin nähtiin tiukassa kisassa muutamia. Myös Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijoiden tukikohta Purjeranta, joka sijaitsee Vanhankylänniemen leirintäalueen "sisällä", toimi hyvin; erityisesti pitkässä regatassa on tärkeää, että purjehtijat ja heidän perheensä ja muut tukijoukot viihtyvät myös varsinaisen kilpailun ulkopuolisena aikana. Kun Tuusulanjärven kaunilla ranta-alueella voidaan tarjota majoitusmahdollisuuksia asuntoautoille ja ^vaunuille, leirintäalueen mökkejä, telttamajoitusta, kanttiini - ja ravintolapalveluja ja lisäksi purjehtijoille ja rantajoukoille oli järjestetty monipuolista iltaohjelmaa, oli onnistuneen kilpailukokonaisuuden ainekset koossa. Kaikki tämä tapahtui hyvin saumattomasti sujuneessa yhteistyössä järjestävän seuran ja Suomen Lightningliiton kesken.

Kokenut sveitsiläinen Urs Wyler miehistöineen oli EM-kisassa pitelemätön. Purjehtiminen Sveitsin järvillä ei aivan oleellisesti poikkeakaan Tuusulanjärven olosuhteista. Tiukimmin pani vastaan kemiläinen Kari Huuskon kipparoima "Gamma"; nuoresta iästä huolimatta jo monista veneluokista kokemusta hankkimaan ehtinyt venekunta. Kolmanneksi sijoittunut valkeakoskelaisten Järvisen veljesten "Red Snapper" ahdisteli myös kärkeä monissa lähdöissä. USA:lainen Dick Hallagan pääsi charterveneellään regatan edetessä parempaan ja parempaan vauhtiin, mutta mitalisijaan kiri ei aivan riittänyt. Masterskisassa Hallagan sen sijaan oli pitelemätön, joskin voitto ratkesi vasta viimeisen lähdön viimeisellä lenssillä Sveitsin Jacques Perret'n hyy-

Photo: European Champions Urs Wyler and crew at the European Championships. Courtesy Waltteri Karhusaari

tyessä liian rohkeaan leikkaamiseen. Kolmanneksi ja parhaaksi kotimaiseksi nousi varmalla purjehduksellaan Leo Korhonen. Tuusulanjärven tuulet hyvin hallitseva Kaarlo Jaskari ahdisteli myös vahvasti mitallisijoja, mutta pari heikkoa sijoitusta kuudessa purjehditussa lähdössä vei mahdollisuudet taistella mestaruudesta.

EM-kilpailujen ohessa kilpailtiin myös Suomen mestaruuksista. Tiukassa taistelussa voiton vei Kari Huuskon venekunta Kemistä ja hopealle sijoittuivat Valkeakosken pojat, Pentti Järvisen kipparoimana. Pronssille sijoittui TP:n Olli Lähteinen. Lopuista pistesijoista (4-6) käytiin kovaa kamppailua. Aromaan veljekset Helsingistä, Kimmo kipparina, sijoittui lopulta neljänneksi ja muutaman vuoden tauon Litipurjehduksessa pitänyt Lauri Hemming viidenneksi. Toivottavasti Lauri sai hyvästä menestyksestä kipinän palata Lightningin pinnaan. Samppa J. Salminen Jyväskylästä nappasi viimeisen pistesijan sijoittuen kuudenneksi.

Kahden yläpoijun ja portin muodostavan kahden alapoijun "Nakki"-rata tuntui olevan Lightningpurjehtioiden suosiossa, vaikka myös perinteisellä Olympia/Hellerup-radalla on omat vahvat tukijansa. Valtaosa lähdöistä ajettiin nakkiradalla, joka myös jonkin verran vähentänee protesteihin helposti johtavia tilanteita merkeillä. Nakkiradan lenssit eivät olleet "peräkkäin purjehdusta", vaan niillä tapahtui

paljon sijoitusten muutoksia. Oli toki myös niitä purjehtijoita, jotka jäivät kaipaamaan enemmän vauhdikkaita slöörejä. Lähtöjä ajettiin EM:ssä kolme ja Masterseissa kaksi päivässä, jotka reippaissa tuulissa menivät verrattain nopeasti. Kilpailujärjestelyistä sai TP sekä suomalaisilta että ulkolaisilta osallistujilta pelkkää kiitosta.

Kilpailutoiminta Euroopaan tasolla jatkuu ensi kesänä Sveitsin järjestämillä EM-kisoilla, joihin näyttää olevan runsaasti osallistumisintoa ainakin Suomesta; kymmenkunta suomalaisvenettä ilmoitti suunnittelevansa osallistumista ensi vuoden kilpailuun. Myös hyvin onnistuneet Mastersit saanevat jatkoa jo Sveitsissä. Vuonna 2001 MM-kisat ovat todennäköisesti Ateenassa, minne pitkästä matkasta huolimatta osallistutaan laajalla rintamalla myös Suomesta. Matkaa voi lyhentää Via Baltica, joka todennäköisesti on jo tuolloin hyvin kilpailukykyinen reittivaihtoehto. Toivottavasti Ateenaan voidaan myös loppumatka "ajaa suoraan" kiertämättä Italian kautta. Vuoden 2000 EM-kisojen järjestysvuoro on Italialla. Harras toive meillä Pohjoisen purjehtijoilla on, että italialaiset järjestäisivät kisat kauniin mutta pitkän maansa pohjoisen osan rannoilla, mikä takaisi osallistujia runsaammin sekä Suomesta että myös

Photo: Runner-Up Karu Huusko and crew on Gamma leading the pack at the European Championship. Courtesy Waltteri Karhusaari

## THE 1998 EUROPEANS, FINLAND DISTRICTS AND THE FIRST-EVER EUROPEAN MASTERS ON LAKE TUUSULA



The 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland was celebrated on July 17-26, with the 1998 European Championships, the Finland District Championships and the first-ever European Masters Championships. The regatta was sailed on Lake Tuusula and hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat sailing club. A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts. For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members :-)

The racing format for the Europeans and the Districts was something new for most Lightning sailors: new courses and a lot of them! 10 races were held (out of the planned 12) mostly on windward-leeward courses with gates at both ends. More "traditional" Hellerup-courses were used in only a couple of races. The new course-type and the race format - many

starts, close to the shore - received a lot of positive feedback from the sailors. The race committee also did an excellent job by setting up good, square courses and by following the set schedule closely.

Lake Tuusula showed its best sides during the regatta: enough wind (at times even a little too much wind), plenty of sun (i.e. not too much rain) and the ability to follow the races from the club. The racing itself was quite tight, with several crews competing for the sought-after yellow race-winner T-shirts. Switzerland's Urs Wyler,

with crew Gilbert and Walther Dürr, took home the racewinner shirts by winning the last race, bringing their total to 6 wins out of the 10 races. Needless to say that Urs also took home the Europeans title, but despite what the results may show, the title came after a tough battle with Finland's Kari Huusko, Pentti Järvinen and USA's Richard Hallagan.

The Open European Masters was started after a picnic trip to Suomenlinna Fortress in Helsinki on the lay-day, with 13 boats on the starting line. Richard Hallagan had gathered

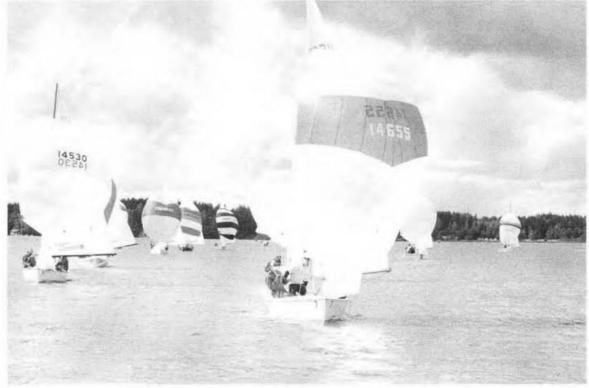


more and more speed as the Europeans progressed and continued his good form in the Masters. Switzerland's Jacques Perret and Finland's Leo Korhonen and Kaarlo Jaskari challenged hard for the title, but in the end Richard, with crew Craig Thayer and Lori Foster, took home the Open European Masters title and the yellow race-winner T-shirts by winning the last race.

The European Championships will be sailed next year in Switzerland with several Finnish crews already making

> plans to take part in the regatta. The Masters will also be continued next year in Switzerland, so it would seem that a new tradition has been started in European Lightning sailing. A tradition which will hopefully attact Lightning sailors not only from Europe, but also from the Americas, to meet old Lightning friends, share memories, and not to forget - enjoy competitive racing on the water in the future.

Photos this page courtesy Craig Thayer



### July 17-22 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

### Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, Finland 20 Boats, 10 Races, 2 Throwouts

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### July 24-26 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

### Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, Finland 13 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

1	14655	USA	Richard Hallagan, Lori Foster, Craig Thayer	2	3	2	1	6	1	9	
2	14530	SUI	Jacques Perret, Tuomas Ollila, Yvonne Perret	3	1	3	3	12	3	13	
3	14274	FIN	Leo Korhonen, Jari Aromaa, Kari Kanerva	1	5	6	5	3	2	16	
4	14352	FIN	Kaarlo Jaskari, Juha Siilin, Riitta Kangas	11	10	1	2	1	6	20	
5	14018	FIN	Rauli Willman, Niko Lappalainen, Olavi Uusi-Autti	5	4	10	6	2	4	21	
6	14331	FIN	Martti Lähteinen, Antero Nummela, Ilkka Kaitila	4	6	9	9	5	11	33 35	
7	14534	FIN	Terho Aromaa, Mika Aromaa, Mikko Aromaa	12	2	7	4	10	dnf	35	
8	14269	FIN	Markku Paloma, Ilmo Hassinen, Marja-Kaarina Paloma	9	7	5	10	7	9	37	
9	12995	FIN	Aulis Näykki, Heikki Ulen, Erkki Puuperä	7	8	8	7	13	8	38	
10	14364	FIN	Ilkka Lilja, Kari Elivuo, Anssi Lilja	13	11	11	11	4	7	44	
11	14406	FIN	Pertti Pyy, Lauri Heikkilä, Ritva Pyy	8	12	13	8	11	5	44	
12	14535	FIN	Antero Punttila, Jaakko Usva, Sakari Pesola	6	9	12	OCS	8	10	45	
13	14430	FIN	Vesa Tapola, Ilkka Tapola, Pertti Nyman	10	dnf	4	12	9	dnf	49	

### European Masters Championship

-DICK HALLAGAN

### Tuusula, Finland, July 24-26

This idea was born in Montreal, 1997. Early warning and invitation began to appear in Flashes around January. Lori Foster, Craig Thayer and I decided to answer the call. The greatest thrill in sailboat racing is to go abroad, meet many new people, cope with the language, tune up a borrowed boat, and try to do well on the race course; and have some fun in a new land. This time in Finland.

The organizers had hoped for entries from North America and South

America. They were grateful that the three of us journeyed to Finland. We were met at the Helsinki airport by Antero Punttila and Martti Lahteinen and took the 25km drive north to Lake Tuusula and the small city of Jarvenpaa. As long as we had traveled this distance, we were planning to sail in the Europeans as our warm-up series; a short-track race course with lots of starts. With one night's rest and one day of preparation this series began. There were 20 entries in the Europeans and our early finishes were not really keepers, but it got better. There were ILCA followers (Raimo Aromaa, Pentti Laitinen, Ilkka Tuominen, Hartti Nisonen) who wanted to sail in the Masters, but health restrictions prevented this. The Finnish District published (thanks to Juri Aromaa) their own Yearbook: FIN - LIGHT-NING, 1948-1998 detailing the 50 years of the Lightnings in Finland. The first Lightning arrived in Finland in an envelope from the USA in 1948. What a story. World War II was just over. By the end of 1949, forty-seven Lightnings had been built by hand at various homes and barns and issued LCA numbers. Many pictures show the great following the ILCA has had in Finland over 50 years. Their Yearbook lists all the Finn entries to every World Championship, to every European Championship, and to every Finn District Championship. The names are not forgotten because of great record keeping.

We might have seen older Finn District Commodores such as Haila, Laurila, Halva, Lindstrom, but I am not sure of their whereabouts. Six of the more recent Commodores were at the Masters Regatta: Lahteinen, Hemming, Punttila,



Laitinen, Nisonen, Aromaa. The Masters event had 13 entries: 1 USA, 1 SUI, 11 FIN. This was a three-day event, two back-to-back races each day with starts at 11:00am. Markku Tenhunen, the Race Committee, was always on time and wasted little time between races, and most boats were hauled out by 3:30pm.

On the first day, my boat was in the lead at the last mark in both races, only to be covering the wrong contestant in the tricky, shifty winds; Korhonen and Perret were race winners. On the second day, Kaarlo Jaskari showed his Windmill racing skills with

a 1-2 finish. May boat likewise had a good day with a 2-1 finish, and now we are two points on Jacques. Moving to the third day, the fifth race saw Hallagan sailing to a sure win, only to see a monster 80 degree shift give Kaarlo another win. As it turned out Hallagan and Perret sailed their drop race, so the score stayed the same between these two. The sixth race started as a drifter and Perret and Aromaa moved to the front, while Hallagan got at least one shift behind. If Perret won, Hallagan had to finish 2nd. The Baltic thermal does come inland to Lake Tuusula, and during the last run the winds jumped from 10mph to almost 20mph. A jibe was needed. Perret could not get jibed over and sailed way off course. Aroma disappeared in a tipover. Hallagan was now cruising; Thayer and Foster managed the jibe and USA-14655 flew to the gate all alone. Thank you very much. Up wind nothing broke, so the overall victory went to Thayer, Foster and "what's-his-face."

The regatta did attract 13 entries and besides our two hosts, I would like to thank the following skippers: Tapola, Pyy, Lilja, Naykki, Paloma, Willman. I think everyone had a great time sailing the Lightning. The Finns organized great evening events: old t-shirt contest, sauna party, Jarvenpaa House, party underground (1638 cellar barn dance). We were able to squeeze in trips to Tallinn, Estonia and Stockholm, Sweden. It was real tough to say good-bye to our hosts: Antero, Mariokku, Martti and Marja. Happy memories.

Photo Craig Thayer, Dick Hallagan, Lori Foster. Courtesy Craig Thayer.

### Crossing the Finnish Line

-CRAIG THAYER

#### Preface

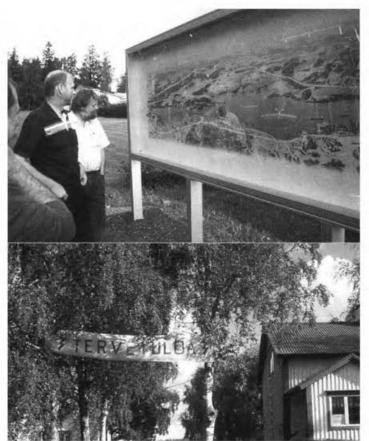
I guess this story really begins a couple of years ago when the Lightning Worlds were to be held in Montreal and a couple of Finnish sailors came to Newport Y.C.'s invitational for a tune up. It was here that my friend and oft times skipper Dick Hallagan had arranged for me to crew with Antero Punttila and his son Erkki on Dick's old boat 14255. It turned out to be a most enjoyable day with my two new friends, so when Dick mentioned that he was entertaining thoughts of going to the European Masters Championship to be held just outside Helsinki, I said to count me in. Our third, Lori Foster, did a lot of the "legwork" regarding air travel and places to see, with two of us keeping Antero busy with e-mails. Time remaining to the start of the regatta was growing shorter, and we still weren't sure we had a boat, but as with most any project, eventually the pieces start to fall into place and the deadline which seemed nearly unattainable is met. In this case, Antero was gracious enough to loan us his boat "Snow White", as he was able to borrow another boat at his club for the regatta (heck, we already had one of the seven dwarfs - sorry Lori). In addition, due to the availability of e-mail, we were able to both ask and answer questions with a speed and ease that would have been impossible a few years earlier.

#### Thursday, 7/16 - D DAY (Departure Day)

Well, it's 0 dark thirty and I'm up, packed, and headed to "the mines" to put out a few last minute fires before Dick, Lori, and her friend Dave arrive to pick up moi for our flight to Helsinki. We have chosen to drive the 5 hours to New York City as decent flights from here are scarce. Our departure is from the old Pan Am terminal. This brought back some memories, as the last time I was here was over twenty years ago when my mom and I met my dad's 707 at the gate on his last flight as a Pan Am captain.

#### We Arrive

A smooth flight and voila!, at approx. 9AM Helsinki time we are shaking hands with Antero and Martti Lahteinen, Finland's District Commodore. All our gear, the trunk with spare parts and Dick's rock collection (ask Dick), sails, and six of us all fit into Martti's van, which in about 15 minutes takes us to the southeastern shore of Lake Tuusula. A quick stop at a map of the lake, then on to the Jr. Sailing location, then through the city of Jarvenpaa (pop. 35,000)at the northeastern. tip. A few minutes later we arrive at the sailing club which has a big banner strung over the driveway which reads "Tervetuloa" (welcome). The club is located in a park like area where there are several rustic cabins, an



open area occupied by campers spending their holiday, and some rustic buildings where food and beverages are available (I had to sample a donut - it was good). We are introduced to "Snow White", and receive permission to do some "Hallaganization" after we return from our scheduled nap.

Martti takes us to his house in Jarvenpaa, where Dick and I unload our "stuff" and meet Marja his wife, Olli his son (and skipper), and dog Kasper. Dick and I are to overnight with

Martti and his family, while Lori and Dave go with Antero to the town of Kerava. After an all too short nap Dick gives Martti a hand in changing the numbers on his "new" set of sails we brought over, then we head to the lake to meet Lori who will assist us in our efforts (which will continue into the next day). We promise Antero that we will put his boat back the way we found it before we leave (we didn't cut or drill any holes). The group finally calls it quits for the day and invades a local pizza place for dinner. They had some exotic combinations, several of which were quite good. It was here that we learned you could order beer in different strengths, sort of high test and regular, or manly versus wimp. We also learned that the average beer in Finland went for about \$4.00 US.





The Games Begin

By the time of the practice race Saturday afternoon we had completed most of the modifications, except I think the adjustments to our internal body clocks would take a few days longer. We had now moved our base of operations to the Hotel Rivoli in Jarvenpaa, and we even had our own transportation thanks to the Lahteinens' allowing us to use one of their cars. The weather cooperated for the opening ceremony, and a very nice outdoor cocktail party was our first apres race activity.



The Europeans began in earnest the next morning. The series featured plenty of wind (sometimes a little too much), and real tight racing where a lead was never secure until you crossed the finish. We seemed a little sluggish at first, but seemed to get better as the days rolled on, but too late to matter, ending with a fourth place overall. The top two boats, and particularly the Swiss boat of Urs Wyler and crew Walter and Gilbert Durr sailed consistently smart and fast to capture the series con-

vincingly. Second went to Kari Huusko, third to Pentti Jarvinen, both of Finland. On the water, Markku Tenhunen did a superb job as RC chair.







Onshore activities were well run as well. Fleet Captain Waltteri Karhusaari kept us entertained as emcee of a vintage Lightning T-shirt contest, and during each day provided us with many enjoyable hours of music-which happened to be largely of US origin - Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Chuck Berry, etc., etc., and threw in some Finnish rockers, the Hurricames, for flavor. And speaking of flavor, many of the wives worked hard every day to prepare excellent hot lunches (including some great deserts) for the sailors. Their culinary talents even included an evening barbecue accompanied with a barn dance just down the lake a few miles.



Lay Day - Tallin

Thursday was a scheduled day off between the two regattas, and after some previous research, we opted for a day trip to the now sovereign country of Estonia, located about two



and a half hours by boat from Helsinki. While we were sailing, Lori's friend Dave had been busy making reservations (when he wasn't fly fishing) with the Eckero Line for a round trip to the port city of Tallin. An early morning train from Jarvenpaa to Helsinki, followed by a taxi ride to the docks put us on the deck of the ferry with about a half hour to spare. Let me state right here that this was not exactly the type of ferry that I had expected for a day run type of trip. This baby was about the size of a cruise



ship, with cabins, fast food, and even live music in the "Finlandia Dancing Bar". And don't let me forget the beer stands. They opened for business about the time the ship left the docks, with no shortage of patrons, even at 8:30 in the morning! (Anne- Dick and I waited until 11 when we sampled a couple in the "Dancing Bar"). It was a very nice trip, sunny but cool, due to the not so warm waters of the

Gulf of Finland.



When we arrived at Tallin, it was obvious by the lack of any real customs process that this country was not trying to make anybody mad about coming here to spend their money. After a short walk through a somewhat decayed dock area, we arrived at the old medieval city of Tallin. Entrance was gained through a

large portal (like you might find on a castle) in a fairly formidable looking stone wall. The streets were cobblestone, the buildings stucco, with nice wrought iron work and tile roofs. After not too long a period it became evident that reconstruction was taking place everywhere within the walls. Sidewalks, roads, and crumbling tiles and mortar were being repaired or replaced. This very old city was already beginning to have the appearance of a still picturesque, but very new city., As a photographer, I found my shots of old weathered wood, wavy glass window panes, and the semi-decrepit structures that I like to shoot, vanishing before my eyes. It was apparent that since gaining their freedom from the Russians, the Estonians had fine tuned their tourism business, so that now it was bringing in tons of cash daily by the ferry load.

The streets were clean, the shops filled with interesting and relatively inexpensive items, the restaurants and cafes offered very tempting fare to the passer by .

Proprietors were multilingual and friendly. Rubles and other memorabilia from the

tilingual and friendly. Rubles and other days of Russian occupation could be seen and purchased in several shops along the city's winding streets. Without a doubt, the most impressive statement of this era was found in the beautiful Russian Orthodox Church located on the square opposite what appeared to be the main government office building.

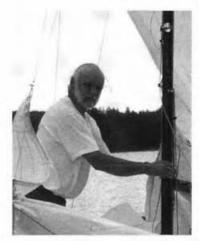
The afternoon was now almost gone, signaling it was time for us to retrace our steps back to the boat, and ultimately to our hotel in Jarvenpaa, as we would be starting the Masters Championships the next morning. At the train station in Helsinki we ran into the young men from

Greece whom we had





sailed against in the Europeans. They would be staying in Jarvenpaa for the next few days, but due to their ages, would not be in the masters. We had a good conversation with them for the remainder of the trip. While it had been a long day, it was a truly memorable one, that would not be soon forgotten.



#### The Masters

Whereas there were twenty boats in the Europeans, the number of older competitors decreased to a still respectable thirteen entries. Here again the racing was close, with the outcome not determined until the sixth and final race. Here we pulled out a bullet to clinch the victory over Jacques Perret (Switzerland), second, and Leo Korhonen from Finland whose team finished third. Markku

again did an outstanding job as Race Committee. I'd like to thank Antero again for use of his boat, Martti for trusting us with his car, and want to also thank Bill and Randy Shore and the production people at the Newport loft for making a beautiful set of sails for these events.

Our week in Finland was now over and sadly we would be saying good bye to our gracious hosts. We (Martti, Marja, Antero, Marjukka, and the four of us) decided to all go back to the same pizza restaurant for "the last supper" where after an enjoyable meal, final farewells and picture taking, we walked back to our rooms to finish packing for the next leg of our trip. Early tomorrow we would once again catch the train to Helsinki, where we would be able to spend several hours sightseeing before boarding our ferry, the Silja Line's "Symphony" for the overnight journey to Stockholm, Sweden.

#### Helsinki

After storing our luggage at the train station, and agreeing upon a time to reconnect for the cab ride to the boat, we set out to explore downtown Helsinki. Dick and I set out together, as did Lori and Dave. We wandered into a couple of large department stores which sold everything from pots and pans to reindeer skins. You could have spent an entire day at one of these stores - however, we discovered that they weren't shy about their prices, at least by comparison with stores back in the US. Eventually we found our way down to the harbor (I guess it comes naturally) and stopped for a bite at a little café where we sat outside and watched the world go by. Just down the street was a very large government building that was being renovated. From a distance the facade looked completed, but when the wind blew, the front of the "building" would flutter, as it was actually merely a picture of what it was going to look like. We both thought this was pretty cool due to its huge size. We watched jugglers in the park, stopped at another café at the



harbor's edge for some liquid refueling, and eventually stumbled upon the boat we would be taking later in the day. THIS WAS NO BOAT!! This "ferry" was also the size of a cruise ship, only bigger and more modern than the one to Tallin, with about a dozen decks. A little further in our travels we discovered Jacques and Yvonne's car and Lightning, so of course had to leave them with a note regarding their parking ability. We meandered through a very pretty park, and some rather quiet side streets (some with electric trolleys) as we made a loop back to the train station. Our comrades appeared, and after a brief cab ride, we're on board the Silja Symphony, bound for Stockholm.



#### The Ship

This was as impressive a ship inside as she was looking at her a few hours earlier from the dock. The promenade contained a variety of stores and restaurants and was open above us for several decks. We met up with our Swiss friends prior to departure, and then joined them in the bar near the bow of the ship where you could see the myriad of small islands in the archipelago silently slipping by. After a very nice dinner in the French restaurant on the promenade, I went up forward again where there were huge glass windows overlooking the bow of the boat . At this height above the water I got the feeling that I was floating through space on a starship, feeling the ship move slightly as it cut through the swells - this was an awesome sensation that alone made the trip. However, there was more to come as a live dance band cranked up in the center of the bar, and whose break was filled with a can-can type revue where as Z Z Top said: "She's Got Legs!" If that wasn't to your liking, there was a small casino area at the aft end of the bar,

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or a disco on the top deck at the stern. It was hard to turn in, but we would be arriving in less than eight hours.

It's now morning and we've only got about an hour to eat. Dick and I give up on the lines outside several of the promenade level restaurants, and go for the buffet down below. The spread was similar to our Finnish breakfast at the hotel - lots of breads, cereal, eggs, ham, cheeses, juice, yogurt, and lots more. We shared a table with a nice looking woman from Moscow who spoke English, and sounded exactly like Natasha on the Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoon show - PERFECT! She was there with a group that was going to go back up through Lapland on their return, and she told me she was traveling alone - (If you don't think this is true - ask Dick). Anyway, we're having a nice conversation when they announce the ship is docking, and that's the end of that - a quick good bye (no time for my usual "Do you live around here often?" etc. lines) and everyone heads for their cabins- Major Bummer!

#### Stockholm

It's another beautiful day in paradise! I guess somebody has to be working somewhere? We grab a cab to our hotel, located in the heart of the city, close to the train and bus station, shopping, and Gamla Stan (the old town). All are within walking distance, so after we ditch our stuff in our rooms, we head out to do some exploring. With a few pointers from the girl at the desk, and a couple of maps, we head for the money exchange across the street, then on to



the old town. After reading a few signs it begins to dawn on me that Swedish, unlike Finnish, is sometimes understandable. Whereas after a week I had mastered probably five words in Finnish, like pepper, milk, thank you, and of course BEER, I still didn't know how to ask where a bathroom was, or anything else for that matter. I learned that in Sweden, approximately one in five people own a boat. Therefore, it seemed only natural that the Swedish word for thank you is TACK. Case #2: Their word for bar is: you guessed it, BAR. Continuing, sailor is SEGLAR (pretty close), and there are others I could mention if I hadn't forgotten them. Unfortunately, I soon discover that the going rate for beer here is about \$4.50 for a draft. So much for linguistics - back to the story.........

This is one of the warmest days we've had since our trip to Tallin, maybe 25C, and it's a treat to wear shorts and no rubber suit. As we stroll through Gamla Stan, we come to



the royal palace (a tiny place of only 608 rooms, completed in 1754 and now used for business affairs only) and just beyond . . . imagine, we've found a portion of the harbor (since Stockholm is composed of a number of islands and canals I'm not sure if there is one main harbor) and there sits a boat where one may purchase beverages, etc.. After we've washed the dust out of our mouths, I talk Dick into going on a tour of the city by boat,



as there is this beautiful varnished craft sitting right in front of us, and it is a nice sunny day. This turns out to be a really informative ride, and made especially nice in this old open boat- the last one left of all the tour boats.

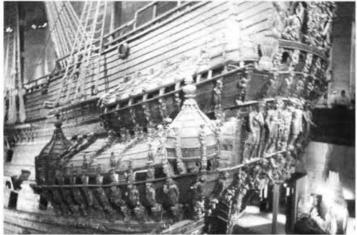
#### The Vasa

Off we go to visit the Vasa Museum, which we've just passed on our boat tour, and it's not too far away for a walk on a beautiful day like this. Beneath a weird looking barn red structure with masts protruding from the roof, is housed the Vasa, a 17th Century Swedish warship which sank in Stockholm Harbor in 1628 on its maiden voyage. There were no storms or high winds at the time, it was a case in which the ship had been redesigned from a one to two gundeck vessel just prior to its construction, and when completed, was top heavy and extremely tender. She simply rolled over in a puff, took water in through the gun ports, and sank to the bottom. She was to lie there for over 300 years until she was raised approximately 95% intact in 1961. She was patched, pumped out, and floated on her own when raised! While the gilding and paint is long gone, the details of the ornate carvings (97% were recovered) are still in incredible condition. As the world's oldest identified and complete ship it has been saturated with wood preservatives and is enclosed in this very dimly lit structure to minimize future deterioration. Well worth the visit!

Our visit to the Vasa now over, we begin to retrace our steps. Just across the bridge over the canal we noticed a



number of mini 12's tied up adjacent to a bar situated right on the canal, and we decide to check it out. Appropriately enough it is called the "Seglar Bar". It is pretty much an outdoors type place, and it is packed. Miraculously a table opens up and we settle in for some people watching (and of course we were getting thirsty from that preservative laden air over at the Vasa). As in Finland, the ambiance is routinely interrupted with the ringing of a cell phone. It appears that EVERYONE in both countries owns one (no wonder Nokia stock has done so well). On the way to dinner at yet another pleasant outdoor café in Gamla Stan, we get to witness the changing of the guard at the palace. A little more window shopping and we pack it in for the night.





### Drottningholm

Much cooler temperatures and overcast skies are on the menu for our final day, so we decide to take about a seven mile boat trip on an early 1900's launch style vessel to visit the royal family's residence.

Drottningholm, dubbed the Versailles of Sweden, is located on an island in Lake



Malaren. Like the palace in the old city, it's an impressive structure. We take the tour and emerge to check out the gardens where at about this time the occasional drizzle changes to a steady rain. The gardens behind the palace are truly impressive (no flowers though), but I opt for shelter after a while. The gift shop there has some very attractive Swedish made items, which I will add to my collection of goodies that I bought in Finland. A rather cramped but dry ride back aboard the old launch brings us up close to the dinner hour, so after a little more gift shopping in the Gamla Stan, Dick and I take a chance on a somewhat subterranean restaurant that was entered by going down one flight of stairs from the street level. It was one large room with an arched ceiling and a pleasant, dimly lit ambiance, which suggested that it could have originally been an old wine cellar.



#### It's Over

Well, dinner is over, another pleasurable experience ended, and we spend our last few hours in the old city shopping. Tomorrow morning we depart for home. Odd as it may seem, it was cheaper to fly back from Stockholm with one stop at Helsinki, than to leave direct from Helsinki. We say good bye to Dave and Lori at the bus station as they will be staying to attend a wedding in Denmark. Our flight departs and arrives at Helsinki on time(with a great view of Lake Tuusula out the left side), but then we are faced with a delay of several hours. I'm not sure of the exact length, but it was long enough to get a free lunch from Finnair. By the time we're back at JFK we're 4-5 hours late, then we face one of those wonderful New York traffic delays trying to get off of Long Island (one more hour down the tubes), so by the time we get to our hotel in eastern Pennsylvania it's



not too long before midnight. We have been up for over 20 hours and are beat. A short drive of a little over three hours tomorrow and I am home and back to reality again.

### Some Closing Thoughts

So there it is. I'm sure I didn't include some people, events, or other details that I'll wished I had at a later date, so I'll ask for everyone's forgiveness at this time.

Then again, I said I would write an article, not a novel. With the yearly occurrence of Lightning regattas in various waters outside of the USA, here is an opportunity for many of us to sail on a new pond, learn something about another part of our world, and most importantly, meet a lot of nice people. The hospitality of our Finnish hosts was in a word, outstanding. We were not left to fend for ourselves after the sailing for the day was done, but were invited to participate in a number of well planned activities, not to mention being put up at people's homes, and even loaned a car. Let me add that traveling in a land where different customs and language can sometimes make the simplest things difficult, is made far simpler when you are accompanied by friends on their own turf. I am hoping to attend the next Europeans to be held in Switzerland this summer, so that I may renew acquaintances, and add new friends to my e-mail address book. Maybe some of you who may have enjoyed reading of our exploits will realize how much belonging to the Lightning Class means, and will want to experience the fun and camaraderie on a similar trip.











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# Canadian Open Championship

PRE PAN-AM GAMES REGATTA GIMLI, MANITOBA, AUGUST 1-3 14 BOATS, 7 RACES, 1 THROWOUT

1	11011	Tito Gonzalez	3	1	ocs	2	4	3	3	16
2	14834	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	6	2	2	7	1	2	6	19
3	14507	Jim Cameron	1	4	3	5	5	5	2	20
4	14768	Peter Hall	5	6	4	1	2	4	10	22
5	13927	J-F Simard	4	7	1	ocs	6	6	1	25
6	14591	Alain Boucher	7	5	5	10	3	1	5	26
7	14612	Ross Bailey	8	3	6	3	dsq	7	4	31
8	14174	David Sprague	2	9	7	8	7	8	8	40
9	13115	Bob Maki	10	13	9	6	9	9	7	50
10	13591	Bob Walsh	14	10	8	4	10	11	9	52
11	14516	Steve Wells	11	8	10	9	8	10	12	56
12	14451	Brent Bottomley	9	14	11	11	11	13	14	69
13	11711	Gus Campbell	13	11	12	12	12	12	11	70
14	10917	Jim Richardson	12	12	ocs	13	13	14	13	77

### August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA 13 BOATS, 6 RACES, 1 THROWOUT

	TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	SAIL#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Final
1	Nicholas Mercier, David Adams, Pike Severance/Manchester, NH	11379	1	2	6	1	1	1	6
2	Sam Septembre, Danielle Septembre, Zach Goldman/Miami, FL	14895	4	4	1	2	3	3	13
3	Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Jeremiah Lyons/Essex Junction, VT	11754	6	5	3	3	2	2	15
4	John Boxberger, Scott Matarese, Allison Stevens/Watertown, NY	13834	5	1	4	5	4	7	19
5	Kat Ward, Jim Ward, Ronn Frerker/Nashville, TN	14116	3	3	7	6	7	4	23
6	Matt Ward, Chris Bone, Tim Ernst/Buffalo, NY	14548	7	9	2	4	6	6	25
7	Ryan Bradley, Kevin Dunn, Ryan Stagaard/Brick, NJ	14684	2	8	5	14	14	5	34
8	Robin Ghertner, Pete Kane, Joanna Carey/Sodus Bay, NY	12764	8	6	11	7	8	8	37
9	Ryan Ruhlman, Bridget Boyle, Matt Caley/Cleveland, OH	14751	9	12	10	8	5	9	41
10	Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Dan Rudewicz/Southington, CT	10356	12	7	13	9	11	10	49
11	Rio Gordon, Vicky Cook, Tim Orwin/Piermont, NY	14140	13	10	8	10	12	11	51
12	Logan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds, Bill Stuart/Fairport, NY	13815	11	11	9	14	10	13	54
13	Mary Dobmeier, Maureen Ward, Christopher Wohn/Buffalo, NY	14112	10	13	12	11	9	12	54









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### August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA 26 BOATS, 3 RACES, NO THROWOUT

	TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	SAIL#	Race#1	Race#2	Race#3	FINAL
1	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea/Hilliard, OH	14345	6	2	3	11
2	Bruce Goldsmith, Sherry Goldsmith, Ric Larson/Midland, MI	14649	5	9	1	15
3	Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden, Jed Dodge/Fern Park, FL	14752	18	1	2	21
4	Dick Hallagan, Nancy Bargar, Alan McReynolds/Newark, NY	14655	7	6	8	21
5	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Laura Milne/Surf City, NJ	14739	2	4	17	23
6	Stuart Anderson, Jody Swanson, Ian Jones/Stuart, FL	14834	1	18	7	26
7	Jim Dressel, Bonnie Shore, John Humphrey/Columbus, OH	14880	4	3	20	27
8	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Les Lashaway/Toledo, OH	14779	11	5	14	30
9	Bill Shore, Betsy Altman, Roberto Laignelet/Newport, RI	14787	3	22	6	31
10	Ed Roseberry Jr., Doug Heussler, Barb Heussler/Buffalo, NY	14261	8	8	15	31
11	Carl Eichenlaub, Jean Eichenlaub, Bill Neal/San Diego, CA	6983	10	19	4	33
12	Hank Hodgson, James Cameron, Elissa Wyatt/Manitou Beach, MI	14507	16	7	13	36
13	Thomas Allen, Sr., Bob Chambers, Amy Tillou/Buffalo, NY	14811	21	12	5	38
14	David K. Bull, Federico Meira, Mark Lesinsky/Cazenovia, NY	14369	12	11	16	39
15	Gary Hurban, Bill Mitchell, J. Patrick Hylant/Palisades, NY	14073	19	17	10	46
16	Jack Jones, John Atkins, John Steiner/Adams, NY	14321	15	24	9	48
17	David Gorman, Andy Horton, Marcy Milton/Malone, NY	14758	9	21	18	48
18	Don Sherburne, Bill Hofmeister, John Rogers/St. Petersburg, FL	14588	25	13	11	49
19	David Ruiter, Garold Thompson, James Heacock/Freehold, NJ	11894	13	25	12	50
20	Jim Carson, Lal Burridge, Joe Buczkowski/Brick, NJ	14595	14	16	24	54
21	John Esser, Bob Franke, Amy Simonsen/Milwaukee, WI	14400	24	10	22	56
22	Bob Mathers, Bob Shaw, Tom Crosby/Livonia, MI	14870	26	14	19	59
23	Cal Schmiege, Larissa Higgins, Larry MacDonald/Lewiston, NY	14580	17	20	23	60
24	Bob Starck, Brian Starck, James Eagan/Buffalo, NY	14371	20	15	27	62
25	Bob Cotton, Anne Cotton, Bruce Campbell/Nashville, TN	14645	22	23	21	66
26	Larry Koster, Scott Kinerk, Toby Kinerk/Lansing, MI	14267	23	26	27	76

### North American Masters Championship

-GEORGE FISHER

When we go to the Buffalo Canoe Club for a regatta, we know that we can anticipate great hospitality, a well organized regatta from top to bottom, an outstanding race committee, fine meals and a southwest breeze that has been blowing for days from Toledo.

Well, everything went as expected, great club, great hospitality, well organized regatta, great race committee - but no southwest breezes - I mean no southwest breeze.

The first day we sailed in a north wind, the second day an east wind and the last day, a very tired

and irascible south-southwest wind. There were shifts, holes and major increases and decreases in velocity all three days and especially the third day. It just wasn't the usual BCC weather we've come to know and love - let's blame it on El Niño - whatever.

The hospitality, as usual, was outstanding. One night, for example, all three fleets, women, juniors and masters had a nice dinner at Swansons, followed by a very competitive tug of war on the beach in front. (The west side group was victorious I might add, in spite of Elfman having his legs three feet in the ground.)



The Race Committee work headed by Dick Ferrick was very impressive, especially considering the conditions. We had excellent lines and courses throughout the series.

When you read the list of competitors it looks like the old Yankees murderers row. This was the 16th North American Masters Championship and it's interesting to note that all of the previous winners were racing, including the first champion, Stu Anderson, who was sailing with the newly named "dream team", Jody Swanson and Ian Jones.

They won the first race by what I would believe the biggest lead in the history of the regatta. It was so bad that I didn't think they were in the race, that some one was just spectating.

I've never tried to put a percentage on good luck, being fortunate, being at the right place at the right time, whatever you want to call it, when comparing one race to another, but these races required their share, that's for sure. I'm not apologizing for winning or putting out some stupid modesty but I've sailed long enough to know when things break right for you and when they don't and for no particular reason. And we sure had our share this regatta.



I sure don't want to take anything away from the work that Tom Emch and Greg Shea did—they were superb. They were never down and always giving 110%. Fortunately, they talked me into tacking to the last weather mark of the last race that really made the series for us. This is Greg's second year and we've done a lot of sailing in those two years, and Tom and I have sailed together eighteen years together. I mean agewise we qualify easy!

Several of the teams had two good races but then a disastrous third one. Jack Elfman and Jim Dressel were first and second going into the last race but both, on the first weather leg, went just a little left and fell into an unbelievable hole from which neither could recover. Fisk Hayden had a first and second the last two races but had to count an eighteen in the first race. In the last race it looked that Dick Hallagan was going to win the series after the first time around. Whatever, this series was never boring!

I guess I'll never get so old that it won't always be a thrill to be on the same starting line with so many of the greatest Lightning sailors in the history of the class, and there were a bunch of them. We know who they are - I'm sure I do - I sailed against them in their prime - and they're still great - great - sailors, great sportsman and great members of the class, and we're very lucky to have them.

I have to say how proud I am of my son Matt, Dan Moriarty, and Rick Bernstein for winning the North Americans. And oh please forgive me, Greg was second last year.

I can't say enough to encourage all of the members of the class who are eligible to come sail with us. Believe me, it's an experience that you will cherish.

See you at Lake Carlyle!

# Ranking Lightning Sailing Events by Degree of Competitiveness

#### LARRY KOSTER

These are the observations of a "small pond" sailor from Michigan sailing at the 1997 and 1998 North American Masters Championships. At North Cape Yacht Club on the western end of Lake Erie in 1997 and at the end of Lake Erie in 1998 in 1998 at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

Using a scale of 1 to 10, the ranking of a 10 would be highly competitive.

- 1 Small pond (552 acres) sailors at Lansing Sailing Club, with 8-10 boats at Sunday starting lines. Recent additions of new blood will raise level of competition.
- 4 Pontiac Yacht Club, fleet of 60-70 boats, the largest Lightning fleet in the world, sometimes 25 boats at Wednesday Night starting lines.
- 5 The Michigan "Districts," a collection of some 30-40 very competitive skippers.
- 6 The Michigan Fall Circuit, especially the White Cap Regatta (45 boats in 1997) the weekend after Labor Day at Pontiac Yacht Club and Devils Lake Annual Regatta the following weekend. Out-of-state skippers raise the level of competitiveness.
- 7 The Canadian Open, 44 boats in 1997, lots of talent from the US and Canada.
- 8 The Southern Circuit, 54 boats at Savannah and Miami, 72 boats at St. Petersburg in 1997 according to the 1998 Yearbook. Truly amazing!
- 9 The North Americans, usually some 100 boats that are divided into 3 fleets, including a number of South American skippers.
- 10 The MASTERS of the North Americans, several top notch skippers of yesteryear and the Legends: Tom Allen, Carl Eichenlaub, Bruce Goldsmith, and Bill Shore. A highly competitive, a very talented and a very aggressive group of skippers. As Bill Allen of Wawasee Yacht Club, Fleet 154, says in the 1998 ILCA Yearbook, "Bill knows why they call it the MASTERS. It doesn't have anything to do with ageit is the outstanding skill of the skippers."



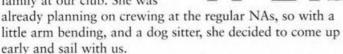
### Women's North American Championship

### or Butt Naked in Buffalo

-KATHRYN CONNELL, MANDY HOFMEISTER, JILL CARMEN

Mandy and I argued all winter about who was going to steer this in this year's Women's. She had gone and won it last year without me, and I (and both of our husbands) contended that it was her responsibility to defend her title. Mandy just kept saying it was my turn. So finally somewhere in early

July, I bowed to her insistence (I really wanted to drive all along anyhow) and started to get my act together to bring our boat. My spring series crew wasn't quite ready for a national regatta, so I asked Jill; who comes from a Lightning family at our club. She was



So here we are at the infamous Buffalo Canoe Club. Though I'd rather not sail in 8-ft waves, I'd kinda like a shot at a few 4-ft ones. (Joan thought she'd like that too, till the next week). BCC is a gorgeous boat club, with a fantastic beach, clubhouse and grounds. Paul and I thought it was one of the best clubs we'd ever regattaed at. Now we needed some time to practice and work together. So we went out and I did what I always do whenever Mandy and I crew together after a long absence.... I capsized the boat. Well, it was a quick capsize, and I figured it got THAT out of my system! Jill said that was her first capsize in a Lightning ever, and "that was easy!" Then I proceeded to spend the next three days practicing every conceivable way known to woman to tangle the tiller extension. Well, now I hopefully got that out of my system too!

We went out and practice raced on Monday with some great Juniors: Kat & Jim Ward from Mandy's club, and Sam Septembre, who ended up finishing second in the Juniors. We seemed to have good boat speed and pointing with them, and I felt pretty good about our boat handling by the first day of racing. It turns out our boatspeed was fantastic the whole regatta, thanks to Paul who spent the week before talking to Tim Healy and Bill Fastiggi about forestay lengths. Then he spent most of Saturday afternoon (after 8 hours in the car with two kids), on a day when it was hot enough to get even me swimming, tuning the boat. He did a great job! So, Wednesday morning on the way to the club, Jill wants to know what our "goals" are. She's a management consultant, and can't help but analyze these things. The first part was easy: to have fun. Jill kept saying "and...". And sail smart, and keep working the whole race, and do well; even if Mandy has left us a hard act to follow! So we go out and get headings, and watch the Juniors start. The RC has the mark at 25deg. We have the wind at 45deg. The juniors seem to

have split sides. We ended up going right for pressure (this ended up being our philosophy of the week: go right for pressure) with my crew screaming at me for a late start. Sterling scooted out inside us in the middle, then tacked right, into more air. We then went further right for pressure,

and she got a lift inside and beat us to the first mark of an "O" course. We had a new chute, and passed her the first reach and pulled away. We continued to cover and play the shifts. The second beat, we went right again, and Judy headed way left into shore and found something. Mandy says we have to tack and

check in with her, Joan and Sterling are safely back, but Judy's looking dangerous. Boy did that tack hurt. It seemed like I was steering 100deg away from the mark, and right down to Judy, but Mandy was right, it had to be done. We got on her line, tacked back, and lead to the finish.

The second race I thought my start was better, but I'm still sagging according to the crew. Judy had a good start and so did Sterling. Just go fast! Sterling tacked right and we did too. Pressure seemed better in the middle. Mandy and Jill are always working very hard to look around the course and analyze conditions, and feed me info. Judy goes left again, and loses the breeze. Joan and I are dueling up the middle. Sterling goes right and also loses pressure. We were on Joan's right and got lifted into the mark and rounded first. On the first run we worked low for breeze, then were in just the right spot for a perfect autojibe with a shift. Put on some distance, and just kept working. On the second leeward leg, as Iill says "the wind dies at 3." We heated it up to keep the boat moving, and passed a bunch of juniors down low. Then the wind dies, and gets squirrelly, trying to go SW. We beat the last few lengths to the leeward gate, popped the chute again and headed for the finish. The competing breezes made it tricky to figure out which way to go, and we ended up sailing through the southerly, back into the northerly, and having to beat the last couple of yards to the finish, with Juniors milling about, and Joan STEAMING up our backs on the filling southerly. Two flags in the bag!

Thursday I am feeling very nervous. I have been here before in Burlington, and it was all down hill after the first day. Mandy was there then too, and we joke about it, and she calms me down some. The first race is a windward/leeward in a light southeasterly. The crew is still complaining about my starts. Joan beats us to the weather mark after a tight duel upwind. We played the downwind shifts with Mandy really calling the jibes well and teaching me a lot about the tactical side of downwind. We got inside at the gate and lead up the next leg. Kept following the ol' right side pressure, and covered Joan to stay first.

### August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA 4 BOATS, 6 RACES, I THROWOUT

	TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	SAIL#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Final
1	Kathryn Connell, Mandy Hofmeister, Jill Carmen/Blauvelt, NY	14714	1	1	1	2	1	1	5
2	Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Chantal Leger/Palisades, NY	14482	3	2	2	3	2	2	11
3	A. Sterling Bush, Sue Bauer, Janice Lange/Plymouth Meeting, PA	14654	4	4	3	1	3	3	14
4	Judy Walker, Christina Hedrick, Brittani Lashaway/Buffalo, NY	14291	2	3	4	4	4	4	17

#### Butt Naked continued

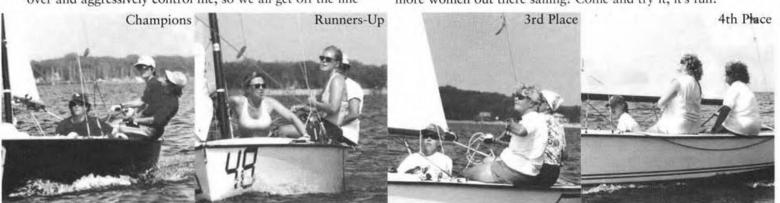
For the fourth race I am determined to be more aggressive on the start. I have a line sight, and I get in under Joan to try to get her over early. I take her up and then dive back down at about 15 seconds to go. I hear the gun, then from the RC "all clear." Rats! I thought sure I had Joan over, Oh well. 10 seconds later we hear a horn and "14714, 14482 OVER!" WHAT?? (That'll teach the crew to complain about our starts.) We are pretty positive we were not over. But I go back to restart, thinking here we go this is the beginning of the end. I get back first and take off on port, then Joan gets inside me on starboard and I have to tack under her. Judy and Sterling are gone, up off on the right side in wind. Joan tacks away for that side, and we keep going left, knowing that following won't get us anywhere, and boatspeed, and a little luck on the left, will. First mark dead last. Sterling is enjoying her head start, and we get down to business down wind and start picking off boats. We play the shifts down wind, go low and heat it up to the mark, passing Judy who is a boat behind Joan and both are inside us at the mark. This is the rounding that was up for much discussion later with Coach Kelly and various masters. We decided that instead of trying to stick it up inside Joan, and maybe giving her a lee bow position, then having to tack away to the bad left side; we would foot off a little, and shoot through her to leeward, use boatspeed and keep out in the velocity on the right. So we did. Though I probably did give her too much room at the mark. We passed her on the last leg and were eating up Sterling. Awesome crew work by Mandy and Jill as we chased 'em up and down. Right at the finish we decided to cover Joan, rather than attack Sterling, and finished second to much vippee-ky-yeahing on the other boat. Way to go Sterling!

Friday. The wind looks good from shore, but lightens as we get out. Hof says the only way I can tank now is to hit another boat at the start, turn around and sink. So I am "conservative" at the start. No-one seems to want to come over and aggressively control me, so we all get off the line

clean and go our own way. With a safe lead, we feel more like sailing our own race, rather that covering from the start, so we do. We still end up going right for pressure in a light westerly. Sterling sees something up the middle and wins the first leg. We go high back to the right on the run for velocity, and beat her to the gate. After that we pretty much parade up the right side, with Joan catching Sterling on the leeward leg when Sterling doesn't cover. The wind died way down and we finished first at the leeward mark.

Having the regatta in the bag, we are all feeling a little giddy. The Juniors are all rafted up and swimming just off the finish line. Iill jumps in for a swim since it's hot and becalmed. We mill about with our sails down drinking water (wishing it were champagne) and watching a gold flash finish first in the Master's fleet. Jill gets back in the boat and a discussion ensues about whether or not to stay out for the last race. Mandy and I want to stay out. Jill doesn't. She says she doesn't want to sail in no wind and wet shorts. We tell her to take her shorts off. So she does. Then Mandy takes off her hiking shorts. Then Jill wonders what Canada's rules are on sailing naked. Well we're in an all women's fleet aren't we? We decide we'll go in if the wind doesn't fill, and sail butt naked if it does, cause we really can relax now. Of course the wind comes back, the RC sets another course, and we really didn't sail naked - or the masters might have stayed out too!

I'd like to extend my gratitude to my husband, Paul. He gives me the moral and technical support anyone needs to get together to spend a week sailing. He stayed on shore with the kids, even though he really wanted to be out there with us all. You're the best Paul! And of course my crew: Mandy and Jill did as much or more than I to get us up front every race. We had a fantastic week. Buffalo Canoe Club was great, the people were great and the regatta ran really smoothly, with great events for all. My only regret is that Jody Swanson and Betsy Alison sailed with the master's instead of us. This is a really fun regatta with really high caliber sailing, and even greater camaraderie. We need to get more women out there sailing! Come and try it, it's fun!





President Bill Faude and Regatta Chairman Anne Allen at the Awards Ceremony. CHAMPIONS RICK BERNSTEIN, DAN MORIARTY AND SKIPPER MATT FISHER with their hardware and hatwear. Runners-Up Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht and skipper Tito Gonzalez from Chile. 2nd Runner-Up Mike Breault, skipper Tim Healy and Matt Reynolds. 4th place Kathryn Josenhans, skipper Ched Proctor and Ned Roseberry. Unfortunately we did not get a photo of 5th place finishers Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Eduardo Melchert from Brazil.



6th place skipper Mark Sertl, Becky Nelson, Joe Starck. 7th place skipper Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood. 8th place skipper Larry MacDonald, Jr. (not pictured, crew Ian Jones and Trevor Born). 9th place skipper Jim Allen, John Morley, Jane Allen. 10th place Cory Sertl and skipper Jody Swanson (not pictured crew Kurt Taulbee).



PRESIDENT'S CUP. Champions Larry and Peter Bone and skipper Jim Crane. Runner-Up skipper Stu Nickerson, Nick Mercier (Jr NA Champion) and Lisa Brauer. 2nd Runners-Up skipper Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose. 4th place skipper George Fisher (Master's NA Champion) and Tom Emch (not pictured, Greg Shea). 5th place skipper Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman and Eric Olving.



GOVERNOR'S CUP. Champion skipper Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Mauricio Valenzuela, Jochen Raute from Colombia. Runner-Up skipper Mike Thomas, Matt Selan, Steve Thomas. 2nd Runners-Up Theresa Kramer, skipper Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy. 4th place Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens, skipper Scott Finkboner. 5th place Josh Crosby, skipper Pierce Barden, Sam Harris. All photos by Laura Jeffers and Susie Fretz.

## North American Championship

-MATT FISHER

The outstanding hosts of the 1998 North Americans were the members of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Contestants were treated to a very well run regatta and a wide range of sailing conditions. The regatta organizers and what seemed like everyone involved at the Canoe Club went out of their way to put on a top notch, fun event. They enjoy hosting the regatta, and it was obvious the participants liked being there.

I was fortunate enough to sail with Dan Moriarty and

Rick Bernstein. They actually called me in April and asked if the three of us could sail together for the summer and for the Worlds in Ecuador. I haven't had very many people ask me that and we ended up being a pretty good team in the boat. They have sailed with Matt Burridge for years, and our mechanics were great.

The qualifying series had one light day (Sunday) and one beautiful/medium day (Monday). There seemed to be more surprises than usual with who didn't make the cut for the blue.

#### 1st Race

Monday night a cold front went through at about 12:35. I know this because I was sleeping on the porch of the house we rented from Bob Robinson. Jack Elfman and his team and our group shared a wonderful spot with all of the conveniences of home other than heat on the porch. During the morning it rained harder and got colder while the races were postponed about 2 hours. We left for the race course at about 11:30. It was blowing from the northeast at about 18 with puffs to 25. The course was WLWLW. At the risk of sounding like a whiner or a wimp, the class should reconsider whether this course should be used when it's blowing 25. I'm not complaining, but it doesn't "even out the fleet".

The line was well set with maybe a slight leeward favor. Brian Taboada had a great start about 1/3 from the pin and held out to the left for about 1/4 of the way up the beat and lead at the first mark. He was followed by Dave Starck, Tito Gonzalez, our boat, then Ched. Dead downwind was pretty crazy (for us) and Tito and his team of Rodrigo and German sailed like it was blowing 12. It was shifty upwind and we tacked about 8 times, so realistically we should do the same downwind to stay in phase. But, honestly, our plan was to jibe as little as possible and do so in the lulls. Tito sailed the shifts and led at the drop mark. Brian still appeared fast upwind and Ched climbed to 3rd on the sec-



Rick Bernstein, Dan Moriarty and Matt Fisher -1998 North American Champions.

Photo Cynthia Lawson

Healy 6th, Larry
MacDonald 7th, and the
ex-Pres Bill Faude 8th.
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The Race Committee made what turned out to be a great decision by holding the fleet out to assess the carnage and see/hope for the wind to drop. It did drop a little and we raced the 2nd race and probably gained a day on the entire regatta schedule by doing so. I'm

ond beat. At the finish it

was Tito 1st, Brian 2nd,

Ched 3rd, David Starck

4th, our boat 5th, Tim

sure it's moments like these (20 mph+, maybe 55-60 degrees) that make people check the vacation meter, but it is nice to get a jump on the schedule and to be assured that the regatta will have 2 very heavy air races.

#### 2nd Race

I'm a little cloudy on the second race other than noting that Mark Sertl sailed a great race for 3rd. Eight of the top ten from the first race were in the top ten for the second race. Tito won both races and looked invincible on heavy air paper; but he really got most of his distance from outstanding downwind boathandling. There were several out us the same speed upwind, but downwind Tito put 50-100 yards on the fleet. We actually were pleased to have two 5ths on this day and saw ourselves as only 8 points out of first.

#### 3rd Race

Wednesday was the same direction (northeast) but the 3rd race was about 8-15 and very shifty. We lead at the first mark after coming out of the left side with a 20 degree shift 2/3 of the way up the beat. Larry was second and David Starck was 3rd with a relatively big gap to 4th. It seemed like the old days with the 3 of us up there, except they both passed us within 1 minute of the wing mark. We were all close up the second beat until halfway up Larry and our boat pulled away by a couple of minutes. The wind had shifted way back to the right, and the RC moved the mark about 200 yards that way. We were also tangled up with the Presidents fleet once we put the chutes up. Larry still led at the drop mark, but we passed his team halfway up the last beat in a big time dying breeze. Jody Swanson was 3rd, Tito a strong 4th, David 5th, Steve Hayden with another 6th.

#### 4th Race

The RC smartly waited for about an hour for the breeze to settle, as the NE colder wind was fighting with the thermal (SW). The NE finally came in again at 10mph and the RC chose the perfect time to start blowing guns. The fourth

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race had lots of position changes. We had a little tangle at the start and tacked to clear with things looking very bleak. We dipped 6-8 boats but then found ourselves in very clear air and on a 15-20 degree port tack lift. Several minutes later, the wind came back to the right allowing us to tack and to get back into the top five. Tim Healy sailed a great race that had lots of ups and downs. The top five were Tim, yada yada yada and Larry then us. Larry later learned that he was over early. This race was key to the series. Tito, Biekarck, Sertl, Larry, David Starck, and really Ched all sailed races that would prevent them from winning the regatta. We were very fortunate to end up in fifth. There were times that we were at least bad as 15th, but we had a couple of right hand shifts that seemed to bail us out.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the regatta-long trivia contest that culminated after the races Wednesday. After each day of sailing some of the local trivia talent would hand out sheets with ten questions about various Lightning topics. It was a fun way to spend the beer blast time and it seemed like a lot of people were participating. The top ten trivia contestants faced off in front of the crowd with new questions being posed by the ex-class President. After several grueling rounds, Mike Huffman and I smoked the local talent. Mike and I then faced off for 3 final questions. I have to admit I was a little concerned and doubted that 100 people on their 5th beer would really want to stay tuned to this show - but they seemed to be having fun hearing the answer to questions like who has won the 2nd place trophy for the NAs the most (nice try). It finally came down to ex-President Faude requesting a question from the audience. Jay Mueller walked up and whispered the question to Bill. I wrote down Papa John Mueller on the top of my page and Mueller Boat Co. on the bottom anticipating the likely question to be asked. Huff exerted too many Dartmouth and Chicago Trading brain cells and wrote down what he thought was the right answer. I was crowned the Trivia King, and it was a huge psychological advantage for Thursday. Seriously, it was a fun event to carry out and I think everyone had a good time.

The scores were getting interesting. Tito actually had us by five points going into the last two races. We were obviously going to get a throw out with two days left to get in two races.

	all 4	best 3
Matt Fisher	16	11
Tito Gonzalez	23	6
Tim Healy	25	14
Ched Proctor	32	20
Steve Hayden	30	18
Dave Starck	42	22
Brian Taboada	42	24
Larry MacDonald	47	11
Claudio Biekarck	63	27
Mark Sertl	39	25

Thursday morning at the Canoe Club was a typical Canoe Club day. It was blowing 10 out of the SSW, maybe a little to the left of the thermal but with clear skies, and we're 5 points out of first.

#### 5th Race

We left early to get to the course with what turned out to be a dving breeze. The RC graciously postponed the start to wait for either the wind to make up its mind or for the rest of boats to come out. The race started at about 10:45 with the wind out of the SSW at about 7mph. The right came in big 2/3 of the way up the beat, and we were stuck more left than we should have been. These really were the only races of the series where the wind was out of the SW and it always pays to go very hard right. You can always tell SW races at the Canoe Club by noting Jimmy Allen's finishes. We came back from about 15-20 at the first mark to finish 8th. Jim Allen won with Jeff Linton 2nd, Ched 3rd, Claudio 4th and Tito 5th. This was still a very good race for us, although Tito beat us, and we basically sailed our throwout, but a lot of the other folks were putting themselves out of contention. To win the regatta, Ched had to win the last race and have our boat 7th or worse, Larry could win if he finished in the top 3 and beat us by 5 points. Tito obviously still had us by five.

	All 5(Best 4)
Tito Gonzalez	(28)11
Matt Fisher	(24)16
Ched Proctor	(35)23
Tim Healy	(52)26
Larry MacDonald	(58)21

#### Last Race

I don't remember personally being in this position, where there is a 5 point gap (fairly high) from 1st to 2nd and having a nothing-to-lose-we-want-to-keep-Karl-Smither-holding-onto-the-second-place-trivia-answer. To make matters better, the conditions, in our opinion, were favorable to us, with the wind 10-12 out of the SW. Also, the line was very leeward favored.

The leeward end part is key, since when you have one end favored, huge gains can be made right out of the box. We

consciously said we would be very aggressive since the objective was to win, and in this case the risk of being over early was worth it. Even though it was heavy leeward favored, the right was going to be the place to be. So you could have a great start by being middle or middle left end of the line. Fortunately, Ched was setting up in the middle of the line with obvious plans of a very good start also. We set up under Ched knowing that he knew he had to win the race and he wasn't going to screw around. We staved away from each other by a boatlength or two, and there really were no other boats within 3-4 boatlengths. It was great. The move was to tack at the gun and get away from the lee-



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ward mess. It worked - both Ched and we were trimmed in and moving on starboard at 25 seconds to go to the gun. We both tacked at the gun onto port and were basically long gone. We were nearly bow ahead of the boats who had tacked at the committee boat and the boats at the leeward end were tangled up. Although we weren't looking very hard, we didn't see Tito - but it was still nice not to see him. 2/3s of the way up the beat, we were looking very good compared to both sides. Ched was pulling out a little, but with him being a squeezer and me being a true driver but trying to convert to pointing, we were happy. We were starting to think too much and at least 3/4 of the fleet was to our left since we had been on port burning it out to the right for 10 minutes. So, we did what in hindsight was very stupid, and tacked to starboard away from Ched. We were on starboard for maybe a minute (had, I think, everyone from the left) and then came back to port with what we thought were covering moves with minimal shifts. After being away from him for 1 maybe 2 minutes Ched pulled away by 100 yards - I'm not exaggerating. To make matters worse we lost all 8 or 9 other boats on the right. It felt really stupid. Ched was in first and remember, and if he won and we were 8th, he won. Still didn't know where Tito was.

We were approaching the weather mark in now probably 10th or 12th. Then we noticed Ched luffing up to try to make the mark. Ched's boat was close to head to wind for a long time. It was a long luff and we were on starboard way behind him on the right (trying to learn). Finally Ched hit the weather mark. It took a long time for him to do it but I have to admit it was very motivating on our boat to see this, because Ched and his team are very capable of winning the race and we were very capable of getting 8th. Now after circling, Ched is 2 boats in front of us, and Tito and Larry are both way back.

But after one lap things were the same. At the second weather mark we were 10th, Ched was 9th, and Tito was about 17th. If Tito catches 3 boats and we stay put, they

win. Going dead downwind we got in phase and gained no boats but lots of distance on the 5 boats in front of us at the last leeward mark. We were also very tangled up with the Governor's fleet. (we were in about 20th in the Governor's fleet). We announced that we needed to gain five boats to win the regatta. We actually played to left side of the fleet and felt ourselves gaining on the immediate boats around us(Ched). Also, the top boats were caught in the middle of the yellow fleet and they never bailed out to the right hard enough. Out of the SW on this day, and most SW days in Buffalo, you have to go right, but to make it work you had to go all the way right. If you went 2/3 of the way to the right, it sometime doesn't work. The top guys in this race didn't go all the way over and we could tell we were picking up big distance. I know I'm being over dramatic here, but what was funny is while we were on port coming back from the left side we still didn't know what place we were in the blue fleet. The finish line was about 100 yards to weather of the weather mark for the Governor's Cup fleet. All these boats that we thought we blue fleeters kept pealing off to put up their chutes and we were saving "hey we're in sixth" We caught Ched at the finish line for fifth and weren't 100% sure we won, but had an idea.

Rick and Dan were outstanding to sail with. I wasn't kinder and gentler this time, but we got along great and they are outstanding teammates. Tito, German, and Rodrigo sailed great, as did Tim Healy and his team. It was a crazy series, but it seems that all of the major regattas have their share of crazy races. There were big ups and downs, but we had a variety of conditions and the race committee work was outstanding. They set great lines and perfect courses, and sailed when they should and held back when they needed to. They didn't seem to be in a hurry, and got the regatta done a day early. It was impressive. Our team definitely had a very good time after the banquet, but you're supposed to. I obviously really like the Canoe Club and am placing my unsolicited vote for the Worlds to be held there in 2003. I don't know if they want it but, I will help David and Kevin draft the letter.



Ched Proctor



Claudio Biekarck



Jody Swanson Photos by Susie Fretz

### 1998 I.L.C.A. NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS-QUALIFIERS

#### BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, August 15-16, 1998, 107 Boats, 4 Races, 1 Throwout

	TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	count	rysail#	r#1	r2	r#3	r#4	total
1	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Eduardo Melchert/Sao Paulo, Brazil	BRA	14203	5	5	1	1	7
2	Tim Healy, Matt Reynolds, Mike Breault/Newport, RI	USA	14763	10	1	5	2	8
3	Jim Allen, Jane Allen, John Morley/Walled Lake, MI	USA	14807	1	22	4	3	8
4	Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein/Westerville, OH	USA	14045	2	17	4	4	10
5	Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, John Humphrey/Kenmore, NY	USA	14905	15	10	2	1	13
6	Larry MacDonald Jr, Ian Jones, Trevor Born/Carlisle, ONT	CAN	14834	2	17	9	2	13
7			14881	18	2	4	7	13
	Phil Grotheer, Lesley Frymier, Jeff Riedle/Severn Park, MD	USA						
8	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht/Santiago, Chile	CHI	11011	3	7	7	3	13
9	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Mike Lucas/Surf City, NJ	USA	14739	24	1	6	7	14
10	Jody Swanson, Cory Sertl, Kurt Taulbee/Eggertsville, NY	USA	14491	9	18	3	2	14
11	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ben Altman/Chicago, IL	USA	14740	19	3	8	3	14
12	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman/Troy, MI	USA	14787	4	7	3	17	14
13	David Starck, Maria White, Kevin Robinson/Kenmore, NY	USA	14548	4	9	6	5	15
14	Ched Proctor, Kathryn Josenhans, Ned Roseberry/Southport, CT	USA	14821	14	16	1	1	16
15	Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin, Jason Timmons/Miami, FL	USA	14866	28	4	8	4	16
16	Robert Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman/Cleveland, OH	USA	14751	24	2	2	14	18
17	Gianni Cuccio, Jim Starck, Ellen Starck/Westport, CT	USA	13871	3	11	13	5	19
18	Eric R. Larson, Eric E. Larson, Amy Lundeen/Sheboygan, WI	USA	13862	22	1	3	16	20
19	Ed Roseberry Jr., Steve Roseberry, Sascha Greatrex/Buffalo, NY	USA	14261	4	17	9	9	22
20	Andrew Horton, Andrew Buttner, JoAnn Jones/Shelburne, VT	USA	14799	1	14	18	8	23
21	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood/Cassleberry, FL	USA	14752	7	20	6	10	23
22	Jody Lutz, Kip Hamblet, Ben Wagner/Trumbull, CT	USA	14597	6	13	5	13	24
23	Mark Sertl, Joe Starck, Becky Nelson/Rochester, NY	USA	14298	15	8	11	6	25
24	Brian Taboada, Larry Colantuomo, Roger Marino/Island Heights, NJ	USA	14589	18	32	1	8	27
25	Manfred Kaufmann, Claudio Kunze, Jeff Maludy/Sao Paulo, Brazil	BRA	14810	2	23	7	18	27
26	Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor/Tampa, FL	USA	14730	8	31	2	17	27
27	Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomson, Rick TenEyck/Newark, NY	USA	14655	12	2	18	13	27
28	Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Matt Ward/Burlington, VT	USA	14644	32	4	8	15	27
29	David Stix, Robert Alexander, Karl Erickson/Chicago, IL	USA	14898	12	24	5	11	28
30		USA	14780	17	6	11	11	28
31	Jon Schwartz, Mike Healy, Paul Krzensky/Lincroft, NJ	USA	14786	11	19	10	7	28
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37	Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Dave Adams/Essex Junction, VT	USA	11754	8	12	10	26	30
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	Georges Peter, Allison Peter, CH Ritt/Barrington, RI	USA	14688	32	8	19	4	31
39	Bob Wardwell, Regan Edwards, Ron Buchanan/Richmond, VA	USA	14825	9	14	19	8	31
40	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Jerry Fertig/Nashville, TN		14706	19		14	12	32
41	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea/Hilliard, OH	USA	14345	3	34	17	14	34
42	James Crane, Larry Bone, Peter Bone/Darien, CT	USA	14900	16	27	13	5	34
43	Robert Bush, Jeff Brault, Sterling Bush/Plymouth Meeting, PA	USA	14654	1	19	15	22	35
44	Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose, Heather Rowe/Burlington, VT	USA	14878	10	15	11	16	36
45	George Francis, Don Brennan, Andy Brennan//Brick, NJ	USA	14692	5	14	28	18	37
46	Carlos Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmino, Sebastian Meira/Guayaquil, Ecuador	ECU	14676	23	13	16	10	39
47	Joe Donovan, Paul Donovan, John LaGrasse/Ridgefield, CT	USA	14483	22	27	12	6	40
48	Ted Duffy, Dan Vought, Brad Thompson/Red Bank, NJ	USA	14175	7	26	17	19	43
49				8		14	22	44
200	Ryan Dunn, Mike Buczkowski, Ward Cromwell/Brick, NJ	USA	14525		DSQ			
50	Timothy Jehle, Peter Huston, Bruce Heine/Buffalo, NY	USA	14572	27	5	36	13	45
51	John Swanson, Megan Swanson, Dan Gradwell/Blasdell, NY	USA	14499	20	5	24	20	45
52	David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Patti Pohlig/Toronto, Ontario	CAN	14174	11	10	29	24	45
53	Paul Gelenitis, Chris Arner, Emily Ruiter/Brick, NJ	USA	14684	12	23	30	12	47
54	Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Alejandro Closs/Buenos Aires	ARG	11649	14	12	23	21	47

55	Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Eric Olving/Red Bank, NJ	USA	14814	23	16	13	18	47
56	Warren Emblidge, Martha Wilson, Trey Barrett/Orchard Park, NY	USA	14286	.6	18	24	24	48
57	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, Chris Snyder, Kate Loper/Royal Oak, MI	USA	14649	16	9	23	25	48
58	Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Kathy Dressel/Dayton, OH	USA	14880	24	24	14	10	48
59	Jim Carson, Kevin Dunn, Richard Eytel/Brick, NJ	USA	14595	20	8	22	DSQ	50
60	Chad Atkins, Adam Burns, Randy Shore/Rochester, NY	USA	14397	23	33	16	11	50
61	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Karl Bradley/Toledo, OH	USA	14779	13	35	23	14	50
62	Stuart Nickerson, Lisa Brauer, Nick Mercier/Milton, MA	USA	11379	19	22	12	20	51
63	Charlie Hess, Norm Walters, Jim Mick/Bloomfield Hills, MI	USA	14842	.7	29	24	21	52
65	George Sipel, Jay Mueller, Pat Poorman/Farmington Hills, MI	USA	14249	14	21	21	17	52
66	Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Braun, Tony Orlebeke/Sheboygan, WI Richard Aubrecht, Alison Aubrecht, David Stagney/Orchard Park, NY	USA	13994	16	25	20	16	52
67	Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Rick Buckley/Palisades, NY	USA USA	14744 14482	29 13	23 15	7 28	25 29	55 56
68	Christopher Sprole, Michael Cullen, Maud Lindsay/Lake Carmel, NY	USA	14631	6	31	20	31	57
69	David Ruiter, Stephanie Ruiter, Travis Freund/Freehold, NJ	USA	11894	33	7	31	20	58
70	Bob Sengstacken, John Sengstacken, Jill Carmen/Valley Cottage, NY	USA	14888	15	27	22	22	59
71	Diana Fernando, Eric Fernando, Jennifer Day/West Bloomfield, MI	USA	14049	17	11	33	32	60
72	Jim Cameron, Richard Walsh, Janice Cameron/Thunder Bay, Ontario	CAN	14507	33	28	25	9	62
73	Cully Ward, Jim Ward, Jan Thompson/Nashville, TN	USA	14116	10	22	32	30	62
74	Michael Vollmer, Peter Eagan, Dan Tironne/Burlington, Ontario	CAN	14772	26	21	28	15	62
75	Robert Harkrider, Tom Schroeder, Clay Rumble/Augusta, GA	USA	14889	21	34	18	23	62
_	Second Cut - Governor's Cup TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	count	rysail#	r#1	r2	r#3	r#4	total
76	Tom Ward, Kate Ward, Molly Ward/Buffalo, NY	USA	14502	5	25	33	34	63
77	Adrian Irving, Darian Irving, Megan McCellan/Chicago, IL	USA	14847	31	6	32	26	63
78	Jim Fairman, Monica Fairman, Tim Shambrook/Chicago, IL	USA	14065					
79	Jonathan Lange, Matthew Lange, Ryan Anderson/Colombia, MD			18	34	15	30	63
80		USA	13856	21	12	34	32	65
81	Dick Moyer, Mike Holly, Jamie Perkins/Oaks, PA  Roberto Laignelet, Maritra Varras, Cupthia Lawson/Rocate, Colombia	USA	13792	34	15	17	DSQ	66
82	Roberto Laignelet, Maritza Vargas, Cynthia Lawson/Bogota, Colombia	COL	14322	36	16	21	30	67
	Frank Kelly Jr., Joe Cunningham, Kat Ward/Brentwood, TN	USA	14748	27	24	26	21	71
83	Logan McReynolds, Alan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds/Fairport, NY	USA	13815	28	11	34	33	72
84	Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Andy Tocke Jim Eagan Jr./Buffalo, NY	USA	14371	27	18	33	27	72
85	Matt Reiser, Ryan Bradley, Ryan Stagaard/North Brunswick, NJ	USA	14833	26	20	27	26	72
86	David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Chantal Leger/Malone, NY	USA	14758	35	19	31	23	73
87	Michael Brewer, Richard Brewer, Matthew Wilcox/San Diego, CA	USA	14846	34	26	29	19	74
88	Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Jochen Raute, Mauricio Valenzuela/Bogota	COL	14704	26	30	21	27	74
89	Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan/Bowling Green, OH	USA	14148	33	30	12	DNS	75
90	Scott Finkboner, Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens/San Diego, CA	USA	14904	25	32	26	24	75
91	David Stephens, Tim Finkle, Ryan Webb/Williamsville, NY	USA	14411	35	20	31	25	76
92	Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirachi/Dublin, OH	USA	14897	21	28	27	DNF	76
93	Richard Bukowsky, Traci Bukowsky, Christina Hedrick/Lake Orion, MI		14854	30	13	36	35	78
94	Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris/Raleigh, NC	USA	14190	34	30	19	29	78
95	Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Steve Adamski/Chicago, IL	USA	14508	30	21	29	28	78
96	Peter Wenzler, Stuart Thompson, Matt Shrilla/Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	USA	14590	25	28	25	34	78
97	David Kunz, John Faus, Mac DeTuro/Feasterville, PA	USA	14850	32	DNF	20	28	80
98	Bob Cotton, Clark Higgs, Bruce Campbell/Nashville, TN	USA	14645	22	29	30	31	81
99	Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy, Theresa Kramer/Palisades, NY	USA	14073	28	31	30	23	81
100	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Paul Killebrew/Nashville, TN	USA	14680	25	33	25	33	83
101	Tom Vickers, Jennifer Johnson, John Kopko/Grosse Pointe, MI	USA	14819	31	33	26	27	84
102	Scott Warrener, Brad Puskas, Brian Snow/Simcoe, Ontario	CAN	14134	29	29	32	28	86
103	Chandler Owen, Amy Wilde, Andy Monahan/Nashville, TN	USA	11737	31	26	34	31	88
	Scott Anderson, Jay Martin, Meg Hamlet/McKinney, TX	USA	14817	30	35	27	32	89
	Timothy Millhiser, Dallas Murphy, David Langhorne/Madison, CT	USA	14342	29	32	35	29	90
	Mary Dobmeier, Eryn Whistler, Rachael Moloney/Buffalo, NY	USA	14112	35	25	DNS	DNS	97
	Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Matt Rusk/Southington, CT	USA	10356	35	35	35	33	103

## Long Live the King!

-IODY SWANSON

A corner of our living toom has two comfortable chairs with bookcases behind. On Its shelves are Lightning Yearbooks dating back to 1945. That is a lot of history and a lot of stories; there certainly have been many over the years. Stories of glorious victories and the agony of the missed tacks. This spot became a favorite for several trivia minded friends. The one who got the white chair could sit back, get comfortable, reach for a selected year, pour over the pages and fire away with questions. Who sailed with whom, at which regattas, in what year, and how many races did boat number (blank) win, only to place (blank) for the (blank) time? Not only did they question each other, but any one else who would listen. As time went on and their seemiing trivia prowess began to grow, these Lightning sailors began to view themselves as the experts.

- After enduring an endless stream of questions, what game was born and then played during the 1998 Lightning NAs?
- Which 3 sailors considered themselves the (self-appointed) Lightning Trivia Kings?

The Lightning Trivia Game was played Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after racing. Each game consisted of six questions with a 2-point bonus question. The top 10 scores advanced to the final round. The questions were based on all aspects of the Lightning class, its history, people, and lore. To show respect to the "Kings", each was able to submit 10 of their best questions.

- 3. Who, after winning the first game with a commanding score of 6 (the average was 3), considerably enhanced his confidence?
- 4. After many people posted the perfect score of 8 on the second game, what conclusion can be drawn: this par ticular game was easy or cheating was involved?
- 5. Who's whole regatte was made when one contestant falsely guessed that he was "Mr. Lightning"?

The three games were corrected and the scores were tallied and posted. The top ten people would have the chance to dethrone the Kings by advancing to the Final Round.

- 6. Who thought he would cruise to an overall win by winning the preliminary round with a score of 21?
- 7. Who at breakfast on the morning of the final round was seen cheating, pardon . . studying up on his trivia?

The Final Round was played on Wednesday after sailing. There was great anticipation and a lot of chatter as to who was going to prevail as the official Lightning Trivia King. The ten qualifiers were narrowed to four with the winner advancing.

- 8. Who was more talented as the MC for the final round than he was on the race course?
- 9. Due to a tie, which two sailors advanced to the Final Challenge to face the Trivia Kings?

The Final Challenge pitted the best of the "amateurs" against the so called "experts." The big question was, could the experts live up to their billing or were they just tegends in their own minds?

- 10. Who did Bill Faude, the Alex Trebec of the Final Challenge, get to model the coveted 14-carat gold, jewel-studded crown?
- 11. Out of the six questions asked to each King, how many did each answer correctly?
- 12. When the final 5-point bonus question submitted by the class president was read, which contestant automatically assumed that he would be crowned King?
- 13. After neither contestant could answer the bonus question correctly, resulting in a tie, who from the audience submitted the final question?
- 14. Who is the official Lightning Trivia King?
- 15. How long will the King's reign be: indefinite, until Huff demands a rematch or until the next Worlds at BCC?

Any more questions?

Answers on Page 79.





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## 1998 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffalo Canoe Club, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada, August 16-20, 107 Boats, 7 Countries, 3 Fleets

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET**

37 E	Soats, 6 Races, I Throwout									
	Skipper/Team		try/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	R#6	Final
1	Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein		14045	5	5	1	5	8	5	21
2	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Žuazola, German Schacht	CHI	11011	1	1	4	17	5	18	28
3	Tim Healy, Matt Reynolds, Mike Breault	USA	14763	6	7	11	1	26	4	29
4	Ched Proctor, Kathryn Josenhans, Ned Roseberry	USA	14821	3	9	12	8	3	6	29
5	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Eduardo Melchert	BRA	14203	11	4	dsq	12	4	1	32
6	Mark Sertl, Joe Starck, Becky Nelson	USA	14298	9	3	13	14	17	2	41
7	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood	USA	14752	10	6	6	6	15	15	43
8	Larry MacDonald Jr, Ian Jones, Trevor Born	CAN	14834	7	2	2	OCS	10	26	47
9	Jim Allen, Jane Allen, John Morley	USA	14807	16	19	17	ocs	1	3	56
10	Jody Swanson, Cory Sertl, Kurt Taulbee	USA	14491	20	18	3	16	11	8	56
11	David Starck, Maria White, Kevin Robinson	USA	14548	4	20	5	13	14	24	56
12	Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor	USA	14730	22	14	16	7	2	19	58
13	Brian Taboada, Larry Colantuomo, Roger Marino	USA	14589	2	8	14	18	22	17	59
14	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ben Altman	USA	14740	8	10	21	11	27	11	61
15	Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, John Humphrey		14905	14	12	9	9	19	33	63
16	Jody Lutz, Kip Hamblet, Ben Wagner	USA	14597	12	16	23	ocs	9	12	72
17	Robert Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman	USA		28	29	24	3	6	13	74
18	Theresa Colantuono, Laura Jeffers, Matt Bryant	USA		30	23	35	4	13	7	77
19	Andrew Horton, Andrew Buttner, JoAnn Jones	USA	14799	17	15	19	15	12	20	78
20	Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomson, Rick TenEyck	USA	14655	18	28	7	21	28	22	96
21	Jon Schwartz, Mike Healy, Paul Krzensky	USA	14786	13	32	18	ocs	7	28	98
22	Phil Grotheer, Lesley Frymier, Jeff Riedle	USA	14881	15	25	8	29	23	31	100
23	Paul Wurtzebach, Doug Nickel, Ben Wallace	USA		26	17	30	22	33	9	104
24	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman		14787	23	13	29	23	16	dnf	104
25	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Mike Lucas		14739	32	22	15	19	21	27	104
26	Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Joe Pitcavage		14695	27	11	26	ocs	20	21	105
27	Manfred Kaufmann, Claudio Kunze, Jeff Maludy		14810	25	dsq	20	20	25	16	106
28	Colin Park, Karen Park, Bill Thomas		14780	31	21	33	27	18	10	107
29	David Stix, Robert Alexander, Karl Erickson		14898	24	30	36	10	30	25	119
30	Gianni Cuccio, Jim Starck, Ellen Starck		13871	dnf	dns	10	25	24	23	120
31	Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin, Jason Timmons		14866	21	24	28	24	35	29	126
32	Tom Allen Sr., Sam Septembre, Danielle Septembre		14811	dnf	dns	25	2	31	32	128
33	Ed Roseberry Jr., Steve Roseberry, Sascha Greatrex		14261	29	31	34	30	29	14	133
34	Donald Barrett, Gary Mayer, George Wiedermann		14417	19	26	27	32	32	30	134
33 34 35	Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Matt Ward		14644	33	27	22	28	dns	dns	148
36	Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Dave Adams		11754	dnf	dns	31	26	34	34	163
37	Eric R. Larson, Eric E. Larson, Amy Lundeen		13862	dnf	dns	32	31	36	dnf	175
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Above Runner-Up Tito Gonzalez









Photos Susie Fretz

# PRESIDENT'S CUP

38 Boats, 6 Races, I	Throwout
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	Skipper/Team	Count	try/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	R#6	Final
1	James Crane, Larry Bone, Peter Bone	USA	14900	1	1	3	2	5	dns	12
2	Stuart Nickerson, Lisa Brauer, Nick Mercier	USA	11379	6	4	3 2	33	1	4	17
3	Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose, Heather Rowe		14878	3	10	1	7	7	dnf	28
4	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea		14345	10	8	10	5	4	11	37
5	Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Eric Olving		14814	12	14	5	15	3	6	40
6	Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Kathy Dressel		14880	13	3	36	20	6	1	43
7	Jim Cameron, Richard Walsh, Janice Cameron		14507	dsq	17	6	4	2	22	51
8	Paul Gelenitis, Chris Arner, Emily Ruiter		14684	5	2	13	23	30	13	56
9	Carlos Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmino, Sebastian Meira	ECU	14676	15	18	4	19	9	14	60
10	Sjoerd-Jan VanderhChris Snyder, Kate Lopper		14649	2	11	15	27	31	7	62
11	Jim Carson, Kevin Dunn, Richard Eytel		14595	22	15	11	3	23	12	63
12	Chad Atkins, Adam Burns, Randy Shore		14397	17	16	7	22	8	15	63
13	Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Alejandro Cloos		11649	8	9	20	9	28	19	65
14	John Swanson, Megan Swanson, Dan Gradwell	IISA	14499	16	7	28	26	13	5	67
15	Timothy Jehle, Peter Huston, Bruce Heine		14572	31	5	22	6	35	8	72
16	Bob Wardwell, Regan Edwards, Ron Buchanan		14825	11	31	- 9	14	20	21	75
17	David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Patti Pohlig		14174	26	dns	17	8	17	10	78
18	Joe Donovan, Paul Donovan, John LaGrasse		14483	4	25	8	16	26	33	79
19	Georges Peter, Allison Peter, CH Ritt		14688	14	12	19	10	27	24	79
20	Ryan Dunn, Mike Buczkowski, Ward Cromwell		14525	dnf	27	26	1	14	17	85
21	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Jerry Fertig			dnf	dns	16	11	18	3	87
22	Robert Bush, Jeff Brault, Sterling Bush	LISA	14654	20	20	24	12	24	16	92
23			11894	dnf	6	32	34	19	2	93
24	David Ruiter, Stephanie Ruiter, Travis Freund		14249	9	21	21	17	34	28	96
25	George Sipel, Jay Mueller, Pat Poorman		14889	19	13	29	37	10	25	96
	Robert Harkrider, Tom Schroeder, Clay Rumble		14779	29		14	24	25	9	98
26	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Karl Bradley			29	26		31	33		106
27	Ted Duffy, Dan Vought, Brad Thompson		14175	24	19	31			18	
28	Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Braun, Tony Orlebeke		13994	24	23	33	13	16 15	30 27	106 117
29	Charlie Hess, Norm Walters, Jim Mick		14842	27	30	34	18			
30	Richard Aubrecht, Alison Aubrecht, David Stagney	USA	14744	28	34	25	32	11	26	122
31	Diana Fernando, Eric Fernando, Jennifer Day		14049	34	32	18	25	22	31	128
32	Christopher SproleMichael Cullen, Maud Lindsay		14631	33	28	23	21	36	23	128
33	Bob Sengstacken, John Sengstacken, Jill Carmen		14888	21	33	27	38	29	20	130
34	Cully Ward, Jim Ward, Jan Thompson		14116	18	24	30	30	32	29	131
35	George Francis, Don Brennan, Andy Brennan		14692	25	22	12	35	38	dnf	132
36	Warren Emblidge, Martha Wilson, Trey Barrett		14286	23	35	35	29	12	35	134
37	Michael Vollmer, Peter Eagan, Dan Tironne		14772	30	29	38	36	21	32	148
38	Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Rick Buckley	USA	14482	dnf	dns	37	28	37	34	175



Jim Crane, President's Cup Champion



Stu Nickerson, Runner Up Photos Susie Fretz

# GOVERNOR'S CUP

32	Boats, 6 Races, I Throwout		. /C 11 =	D-1	D-2	D-2	Dark	Des	Dac	TV1
4	Skipper/Team		try/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	R#6	Final
1	Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Jochen Raute, Mauricio Valer			2		0	- 4		-	10
-	NOT THE CO. THE NAME OF THE		14704	5	1	9 2 1 4	1	2	6	12
2	Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan		14148	3	4	2	4	1	2	13
3 4	Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy, Theresa Kramer		14073	4	15	1	4 2 5	2	12	22
4	Scott Finkboner, Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens		14904	1	12	4	2	3 5 17	dnf	27
5	Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris		14190	10	9 2 6	3 5 18	6	17	7	35
6	Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Andy Tocke Jim Eagan Jr.	USA	14371	14	2	5	20	15	8	44
7 8	David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Chantal Leger		14758	7		18	19	4	14	49
8	Jim Fairman, Monica Fairman, Tim Shambrook		14065	13	20	7	3	19	9	51
9	Roberto Laignelet, Maritza Vargas, Cynthia Lawson	COL	14322	22	16	6	15	18	1	56
10	Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Steve Adamski	USA	14508	8	3	dnf	dns	12	4	60
11	David Kunz, John Faus, Mac DeTuro	USA	14850	15	7	10	9	22	19	60
12	Tom Vickers, Jennifer Johnson, John Kopko	USA	14819	11	13	19	7	16	17	64
13	Chandler Owen, Amy Wilde, Andy Monahan	USA	11737	28	19	14	11	6	15	65
14	Bob Cotton, Clark Higgs, Bruce Campbell		14645	17	5	17	8	21	20	67
15	Adrian Irving, Darian Irving, Megan McCellan		14847	21	18	12	16	11	11	68
16	Frank Kelly Jr., Joe Cunningham, Kat Ward	USA		23	17	22	13	8	13	73
17	Peter Wenzler, Stuart Thompson, Matt Shrilla		14590	6	14	26	14	27	16	76
18	Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirachi		14897	18	dnf	8	18	23	10	77
19	Scott Warrener, Brad Puskas, Brian Snow		14134	16	10	21	10	28	21	78
20	Logan McReynolds, Alan McReynolds, Erin McReyno			10						10
	nogan meneymoras, man meneymoras, min meneym		13815	dnf	dns	11	23	10	3	80
21	Dick Moyer, Mike Holly, Jamie Perkins		13792	dnf	dns	24	12	9	5	83
22	Timothy Millhiser Dallas Murphy, David Langhorne			12	11	15	24	24	dnf	86
22 23	David Stephens, Tim Finkle, Ryan Webb		14411	9	dnf	27	26	7	18	87
24	Matt Reiser, Ryan Bradley, Ryan Stagaard		14833	3	24	25	25	13	dsq	90
25	Michael Brewer, Richard Brewer, Matthew Wilcox		14846	19	8	23	21	20		91
26			14502	24		20	17	14	dsq	100
26	Tom Ward, Kate Ward, Molly Ward				23 21	29 13			22	
27	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Paul Killebrew		14680	25	21	13	22	29	23	104
28	Richard Bukowsky, Traci Bukowsky, Christina Hedri		11000	26	22	20	20	26	21	126
20			14854	26	22	28	29	26	24	126
29	Jonathan Lange, Matthew Lange, Ryan Anderson		13856	27	dnf	16	27	25	dnf	128
30	Scott Anderson, Jay Martin, Meg Hamlet			20	dnf	20	25	dns	dns	131
31	Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Matt Rusk		10356	29	dns	30	30	30	26	145
32	Mary Dobmeier, Eryn Whistler, Rachael Moloney	USA	14112	dns	dns	31	28	31	25	148



Mike Thomas after the last race Photo by Sally Atkins



Cynthia Lawson, Maritza Vargas and Roberto Laignelet from Bogota Colombia. Photo courtesy Cynthia Lawson

#### Answers from page 76

- 1. Lightning Trivia Game
- 2. David Starck, Kevin Robinson, and Jody Lutz
- 3. Mike Huffman
- 4. Game 2 must have been easy. Lightning sailors never cheat.
- 5. Jody Lutz
- Mike Huffman. The team of Lecaro/Schwartz was a close second with 19 points.
- 7. Georges Peter
- 8. David Starck

- 9. Matt Fisher and Mike Huffman
- 10. Carol Starck.
- 11. David 1, Kevin 2, Jody 1. Nice job!
- 12. Mike Huffman
- 13. Jamie Mueller
- 14. Matt Fisher
- 15. Even though Matt's reign as King would be long, the 2002 Worlds at the Buffalo Canoe Club seems like a fitting place to contest his reign. All in favor . . .

# Youth World Championship

-SEAN CARROLL

As I sit safely back in my apartment in Charleston, SC deft-

by the memories of this years Youth World Championships. At the 96 worlds in Metedeconk, the Ecuadorian sailors had brought photos of their vacht club in Salinas. I have spent the last two years longing for this regatta. My crew of Kate Sheahan on the bow and Karl Schutte in the middle spent the trip getting to know each since meeting for the first time.

Upon arrival in Guayaquil, we were greeted by a mob of people, thankfully one of them

was holding a Lightning Worlds sign. Seeing that was a relief for my crew and me after flying all day to a city we had barely heard of filled with people who didn't understand a word we were saying. After bridging the language barrier we realized that Paco Sola had taken care of everything and all we had to do was put our stuff in the van and go the hotel. After a much needed night of sleep it was back into another van and off on a two hour safari toward the sea. Once settled in by the yacht club pool, with icy cool drinks in hand, my crew and I toasted the Lightning class for hosting such quality events.

The regatta began with an oscillating 12 knot on shore breeze. The general swell ran at an odd angle to the breeze and a steep chop quickly developed. After being run over off the line we struggled to about tenth at the weather mark, with some familiar faces back there with me there was no taking a breather. There were hot little battles brewing everywhere. Unfortunately we encountered a hot little battle at the leeward gate and incurred a foul. The rest of the race was spent trying to play catch up. We had great seats for the race up front though. John Boxberger USA won the race followed closely by Bruno Ficker BRA.

After a nice relaxing lunch at the club and an efficient boat rotation, we were back to the course. The breeze had shifted left and built to 15, it looked as though the beach would be favored. Everyone lined up for the drag race to the left naturally I decided we should tack right to clear our air. Before we knew it Boxberger and I were stranded on the starboard lay line watching the compass drop twenty degrees. The persistent left shift remained for the rest of the day. The long boat speed beats in substantial breeze favored the bigger boys and Camilo Bustos COL came away with the win leading Andrew Allen's crew from Canada. Camilo

Bustos COL with an impressive three, one led after the first ly trying to study for final exams, I am constantly distracted day. John Boxberger fought his way out of the pack second

race and finished the day with a one, six to grasp second overall. After regrouping during the night, my crew and I knew we were in for a long week if we did not figure something out. I hate to say it but a few raunchy jokes from Karl was all it took and we were off to the races. The breeze had lessened from the previous day and had gone right quite a bit. A steep chop persisted

Miguel Plaza, Jr. congratulates the new Youth World Chambions. Sean Carrroll, Karl Schutte and Kate Sheahan

over the constant swell. After a clear start the fleet split, half to the right half to the left. Again, boat speed was at a premium, after everyone settled into their new boats it really became a horse race to win either side. The fleet did not join again until the weather mark. The first few boats led from the left and then the majority of the right made out. The Olympic course settled every one into a parade. After a shifty second windward the top three were Bruno Ficker BRA, Constantinos Merentitis, and luckily ourselves. The last windward would decide this one. Tight coverage ensued around the mark as we all tried to go our separate ways. We eventually won out on the right to take the race followed closely by Fricker and then Merentitis.



First Runners-Up - The Team from Parthenon Fleet 286: crew Michalis Koulianos, crew Elias Manolakis, Greek District Commodore Andy Sinopoulos, team coach Stelios Sotiriou, skipper Constantine Merentitis. Photo courtesy Andy Sinopoulos

#### Youth World Champion continued

During lunch, the wind had again shifted left toward the beach. The forth race appeared similar to the second race the day before a long windward leeward was set. Again, the fleet split and Derek Marston from Peru led from the left, followed closely by a group of North Americans and then us in fifth or sixth. The top five began reaching slightly and Karl was able to keep us going low and fast. We gained an inside overlap on the mark on everyone excluding the team from Peru who were launched ahead. In the end, it was Marston Peru, Carroll USA, and Boxberger USA. Our Shore Sails appeared quite fast in the chop as we had won the day and John Boxberger took the overall lead. The fleet was close with the top five within five points.

The final day boasted similar conditions to the rest with a slightly overcast sky keeping things a little cooler. It was clear that this championship would not be decided until the final bell was rung as everyone excitedly went through there pre race maneuvers. A hard left shift as the start gun sounded caused chaos at the pin end of the line as everyone struggled to get clear. We were able to tack onto port half way up the line and cross everyone who started above us. By taking advantage of the first shift, things looked good for us headed up the beat. There was certainly too much racing left to start counting boats though. We arrived at the weather mark second behind Derek Marston of PER who led the group from the left. A quick jibe under the fleet around the offset cost us a few boats and we were stuck in the middle of the run. All we could do was watch as the team from Peru reached the mark a full minute ahead of the next boat. Rounding about eighth at the leeward mark, we saw our dreams slipping away. We were able to pass a few boats over the coarse of the windward leeward and finished sixth. Congratulations to Derek and his crew for a most impressive win. Merentitis from Greece captured second and with that tied Boxberger for the lead headed into the last race.

After doing all the math we could on the dock, it was time for the last race. There were still five boats with the chance to win. With a clean start and a few smart calls by my crew we, for the first time this championship, were leading a race. The long Olympic coarse gave us plenty of time to lengthen our lead around the triangle. Applying a loose cover while heading up the second beat we were beginning to count our chickens and see where everyone, especially Greece, was. Suddenly our jib wire let go and our jib hit the deck. Boy was I a little surprised. We were able to make



repairs quickly and continued sailing. Unfortunately our lead had been squashed and we rounded the weather mark third. I had quickly seen my dreams begin to slide away but my crew kept me focused and we were able to pass Carlos Plaza ECU down wind. The long beat to the finish gave us time to get an understanding of what was going on behind us. Bruno Ficker BRA won the race and we crossed second, Plaza did not receive a finish bell because he was over early. With the Ecuadorians not counting, we began to see that we might not have enough points on the team from Greece. Thankfully, our two friends from Canada were locked in a firm battle with Merentitis GRE for third through fifth. The two Canadian teams beat him out to the finish and our dream became a reality as our team from America came away the champions.

I hope everyone reading this report realizes what a special event this Youth World Championship is to Lightening sailors. If you have never participated in one, please try to get a local team together and work towards Greece in 2000. This was my second world championship and my final event as a youth. On behalf of my crew, I would like to personally thank the Salinas Yacht Club for being such gracious hosts. In addition I would like to thank Paco Sola, Miguel Plaza and their families for their efforts during this regatta and there continued support of youth sailing. Thank you all, we look forward to seeing you on the water.



## Thanks from the Big Box

-TOM BOXBERGER

Even though I have spent a lot of time on the water, I could never understand this fascination with sailing. After all, wind only served to push your boat off of a good fishing spot or make it too rough to waterski. If the Good Lord had wanted mankind to sail, He would not have invented motors.

It is amazing how things change. When you leave matters up to your kids - and even your wifeyou are sometimes forced to learn and enjoy new things. Six years ago we purchased our first Lightning, No. 13834, which is now affectionately called "THE PIT" and my son John gave a hint of things to come when in his very first race at the tiller he passed the "GREEN MACHINE" on the final downwind leg to win his first flag.

Several District Junior Championships and a fourth place in the 1998 Junior N.A.'s later and John was honored and excited about the chance to represent Fleet 225, the District, and his Country as he and his crew of Allison Stevens (Ellisburg, New York) and Jim Ward (Nashville, Tenn.) prepared to sail in the World Junior Championships in Salinas, Ecuador.

My sister Ruth, from Phoenix decided to join her Godson in his experience, and Allison, John, Ruth and I left for New York to meet the Ward Family and fly off to South America. Though John and Al knew Jim and his sister Kat, who would be racing with Nick Mercier, Ruth and I had not met the family before. Barbara, Cully, Beth, and the two sailors proved to be just about the nicest people you could imagine, though our adventure would test our newfound friendships as their unique dietary habits became obvious. I am sure that they felt the same way about my travel arrangements though, as the flight to Ecuador seemed a little cramped(so who needs legroom anyway?), Or maybe it was the five hour wait at the airport after we arrived waiting for the ride that I was sure was arranged. Or maybe it was the ride back to the airport after the regatta when there was no ride at all. Oh well. DoWt worry Barbara - I won't mention about how well you can communicate in Spanish. What was that you ordered for a snack?? Mayonnaise, goat cheese and popcom?? Or Cully. No one would ever consider your refusal of a cold beer for that warm one as strange at all, now would they??? It was a good thing that Beth was there to keep an eye on her parents.

What we did find in Ecuador was a country filled with gracious and caring people, all of whom fortunately had a sense of humor throughout our attempts at learning their language. Cully and I learned fastest, as the first day we were able to get our needs met, "dos cervesas por favor". We did have some coaching from David Sprague on that gracias Dave. We had some time to explore Salinas as the juniors registered and measured sails. We learned the Yacht Club food was excellent, and once we figured out the exchange rate, we ate a lot, as it was so reasonable too. Just don't let Barb order for you! The ocean and beach were



Box, Al and Jim Photo Tom Boxberger

beautiful, and the accommodations arranged by the Championship Committee were great.

Tuesday was set aside for Practice racing, and we got concerned right away when A], Jim and John withdrew from the race and sailed towards shore. One new turnbuckle later and they were able to rejoin the fleet and get some practice in. Social activities abounded, the Opening Ceremonies were great to participate in and to watch, and again, the food was GREAT. Another item that the organizing Committee arranged was for several spectator boats for the families and coaches. Even Aunt Ruth, who turns several shades of green at the mention of sailing and swells and waves was able to enjoy several days on the water.

Wednesday, the 25th of November was the first day of actual racing, and the crews and spectators were greeted with beautiful weather and light breezes. John, Al and Jim started with a bang, hit the pin end of the line in full trim at the gun and sailed a perfect race, leading all the way. Race number two started much the same after the crews all swapped boats, with the team in first at the windward mark. Unfortunately for them this was the test race for disaster, as their spinnaker dropped into the water three times, they touched another boat and did their circle and their attempt at sailing two handed did not work real well, though Jim's swim was both short and refreshing. In spite of rounding the leeward mark in 13th place, they recovered to finish sixth, making this their most interesting and best race. There were several proud families after that recovery.

Races three and four were held in light breezes on Thursday, with U.S. boats finishing 1,3,5 in race three and 2 and 3 in race four. John, Al and Jim had a fifth and third on Thursday and were in first place overall after four races. Not too shabby for a crew that had never sailed together and only a few days earlier had dreamed of a top 10 finish.

#### Big Box continued

Day three saw more light air, and a bad start in race five and an OCS in race six dropped the team to fourth place in the final standings in a really close championship. Six different winners in six races and only 16 points separating the top 10 places attested to the competitiveness of the regatta. Congratulations to all sixteen teams and especially to the winning team of Sean Carrol, Karl Schutte and Kate Sheahan. All have great right to be proud of all that you accomplished by being there and sailing so well.

Since the race committee not only did a great job on the water, but were in such command of the weather and the wind, no races needed to be held on Saturday. The nine of us took that opportunity to travel up the coast and do some sight seeing. Cully and I felt proud when our passengers offered their vote of no confidence and planned on revoking our drivers licenses after driving on the El Nino damaged roads of Ecuador. And in spite of what they say, I was never in danger of driving all of us off the cliff after our hill climb! We got to see the beauty of that lovely country, met some great people and even got to see a few whales. Our day included a drive through a cloud forest, some rather humorous dogs doing all sorts of strange (and I think





painful) things to each other and finding our goals of long distance travel were way too grandiose. But we did make it back in time for the awards banquet, and all enjoyed ourselves there.

So, what can I say? To all the competitors, all of our appreciation and congratulations for a super week of racing. To the victors a "great job". A warm and appreciative thank you to all of the people who arranged, organized, judged, served on the race committee and otherwise took part in this event. The members of the Yacht Club and community all made us feel welcome and we are certainly grateful for all you did. Thanks to the IILCA and to Karen for all your assistance, and no, I won't call for help every day again - till next time. We met so many great people there, the People of Ecuador, racers and parents (David Sprague did so much to keep all of us in touch with the world - Thanks Dave), and so many others. I do need to thank the entire Ward family. You guys are great, and we will see you this summer for the N.A.'s, but we prefer our beer to be cold! Thanks to my sister - for everything. Allison and Jim and John - thank you for the week of smiles and the joy and excitement of watching you compete and do so well. But most of all, John thank you for letting me share in your dream...





The "official folks". Above left, the judges; left, the Race Committee. Above top, the skipper's meeting; above, "Snoopy" one of the official committee boats. Thank you! to all these officials who help make the regatta run smoothly. Photos by David Sprague

# A Canadian Perspective of the Lightning Junior Worlds

-MATT SIMPSON

On the twentieth of November 1998, three youth sailors from Toronto boarded a plane for the 1998 Lightning Youth World Championships. The event was to be held at the Salinas Yacht Cub, Salinas Ecuador, where the regular Worlds will be held in the fall of 1999. As we arrived at the club we were warmly greeted and given a tour of the club. All the male competitors were taken to the dorms right on the yacht club property while the girls were shown to their hotel rooms a few blocks down the beach. The girls certainly lucked out with their accommodations but we didn?t complain.

While the rest of all the international sailors were arriving, the club was hosting their annual, Ecuador vs. Columbia Regatta. This meant that all the boats, which were to be used for the Junior Worlds, were in use. This gave us a little bit more time to become acquainted and acclimatized.

There were 16 teams from eight countries and three continents. Representing Canada were two teams, one, ours,

from Toronto and one from Montreal. The team from Montreal consisted of Andrew Allen, Brent Basserman and Oliver Bone, while the team from Toronto was made up of Matt Simpson ( RCYC ), Dan Sprague ( Boulevard Club ) and Jessica Simpson ( RCYC ).

There was one practice day and an informal practice day before the regatta started. For the Worlds two races were scheduled for each of the three days for a total of six races. At the beginning of each day, every team was assigned the two boats they would be sailing in the day?s races. Racing started at one giving the competitors time to set-up their boat. After each race you would sail to shore, de-rig your boat and go to the next boat you were assigned. Once rigged you would head back out to the racecourse for the next race. There was approximately an hour and 45 minutes for you to complete this from the finish of the first boat to the start of the next race. This system worked well and made sure the boats were as equal as could be. It seemed to work based on the results.



A Canadian Perspective continued



One major factor in the racing was the extreme heat. The average temperature was around 30 - 34 degrees, with intense sunshine and high humidity. Many teams, including us, found dehydration was a major concern.

The conditions, though warm, were near perfect for racing. The first day we had the predominant breeze out of the SW at about 10-15 knots. For the next two days we had an unusual breeze (that?s what regatta organizers always say) out of the NW with wind speeds ranging from 5 to 15 knots with moderate chop. Along with the puffs came 30degree shifts with no noticeable pattern. This made the racing very challenging and the top sailors began to emerge. However, no one boat won more than one race and of the six races five different countries each won a race. In the end the racing was incredibly close with a three-way tie for fourth and only 12 points between 1st place and us. The winning boat was from the US, followed by the Greeks and then the Colombians. The boat from Montreal ended up fifth while we were seventh (and only 4 points from 4th). The highlight of our regatta was the last day when, overcoming our internal issues, we scored two thirds.

The intense competition, relaxed atmosphere on shore and lively festivities made this an event to remember. We all made a lot of new friends from all over the world and saw in addition to good racing they all knew how to party well. In fact I think that the South Americans had an edge in that area and it wasn?t just that they spoke Spanish better! I would personally like to thank my two teammates, Jessica (my older sister) and Dan (he won a trophy as the youngest crewmember in the regatta), it was their dedication and per-



Photos: the Canadian team practicing in Toronto for the Youth Worlds. Photos by David Sprague

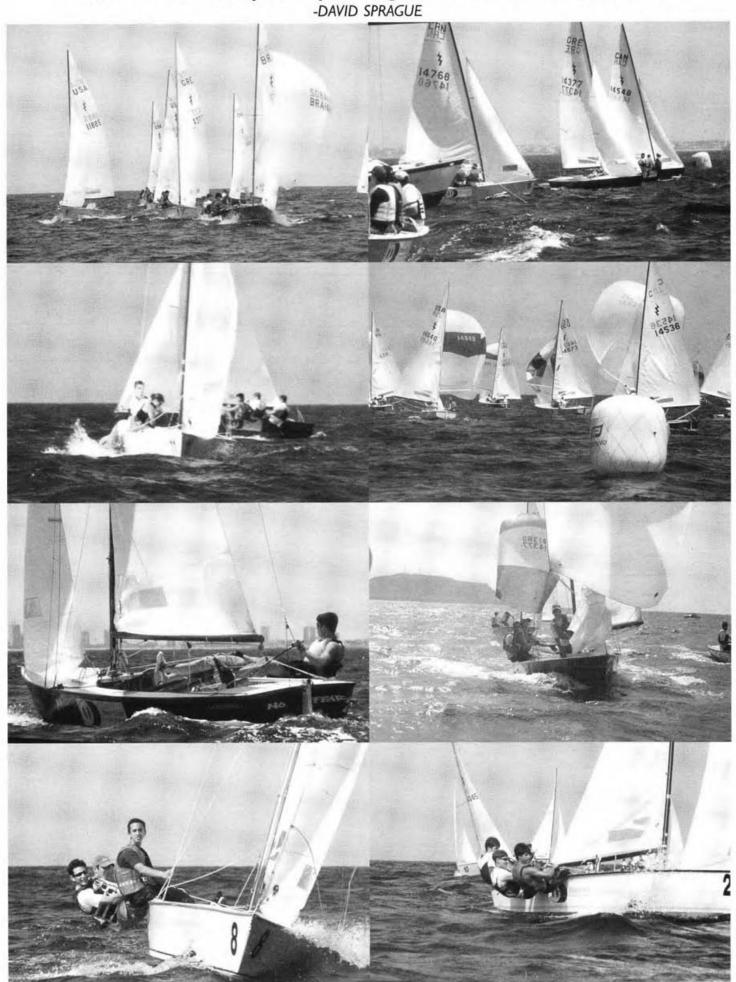
sistence that held us together. As a team, we would like to thank? the dads? Tom Simpson and David Sprague who took on the role of team managers and made the trip the success it was. Without their guidance, love and support, as well as the odd kick in the behind, none of this would have been possible. We would also like to extend our thanks to our sponsors, Sperry Top-Sider, and Rector Foods Inc. your support was greatly appreciated. Thank You.

After the regatta, we all played tourist and went travelling to take advantage of the distance we had come and to learn more about the country of the people who had done a magnificent job of hosting the Worlds. Dan and his dad, David went off for a 9-day sail in the Galapagos Islands and found them a truly enchanted group of islands. Jess and my dad, Tom went off to the interior of Ecuador and a 200-mile canoe down the Amazon. Here we learned an incredible amount about a unique area of the world. We all then met up in Quito for the flight back to Canada. As we flew back to ?civilization? we all reflected on the fantastic trip we had all been on. Wonderful sailing, great people, an unbelievable country and we got to miss school too!

I look forward to the next Juniors in Greece. This was my first year sailing Lightnings and it was a great learning experience for all of us as well as a chance to meet some great people at the regattas we travelled to, in preparation for the Ecuador. At each regatta someone was kind enough to put us up at their house, showed us where to go and helped us improve. Thanks to you all you know who you are. This is a great class and I look forward to sailing the Lightning Class next year.



## Youth World Championship Sailing Action at Salinas Yacht Club -DAVID SPRAGUE



## November 23-28 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## SALINAS YACHT CLUB, SALINAS, ECUADOR November 23-28, 1998, 16 Teams, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

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	Hilias Manolakis, Michalis Koulianos	7	5	2	13	2	6	35	22
3	Colombia / J. Camilo Bustos								
	Camilo Salcedo, Nicolas Deeb	3	1	12	9	5	7	37	25
4	USA / John Boxberger								
	Jim Ward, Allison Stevens	1	6	5	3	13	ocs	46	28
5	Canada / Andrew Allen								
	Brent Bassermann, Oliver Bone	8	2	6	8	15	4	43	28
6	Ecuador / Sebastian Meira								
	Octavio Jarrin, Francisco Soriano	5	3	14	6	9	5	42	28
7	Canada / Matt Simpson								
	Daniel Sprague, Jessica Simpson	6	12	9	11	3	3	44	32
8	Peru / Derek Marston								
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9	Brazil / Bruno Ficker								
	Marcos Biekarck, Patrick Fleury	2	7	dsq	16	10	1	54	36
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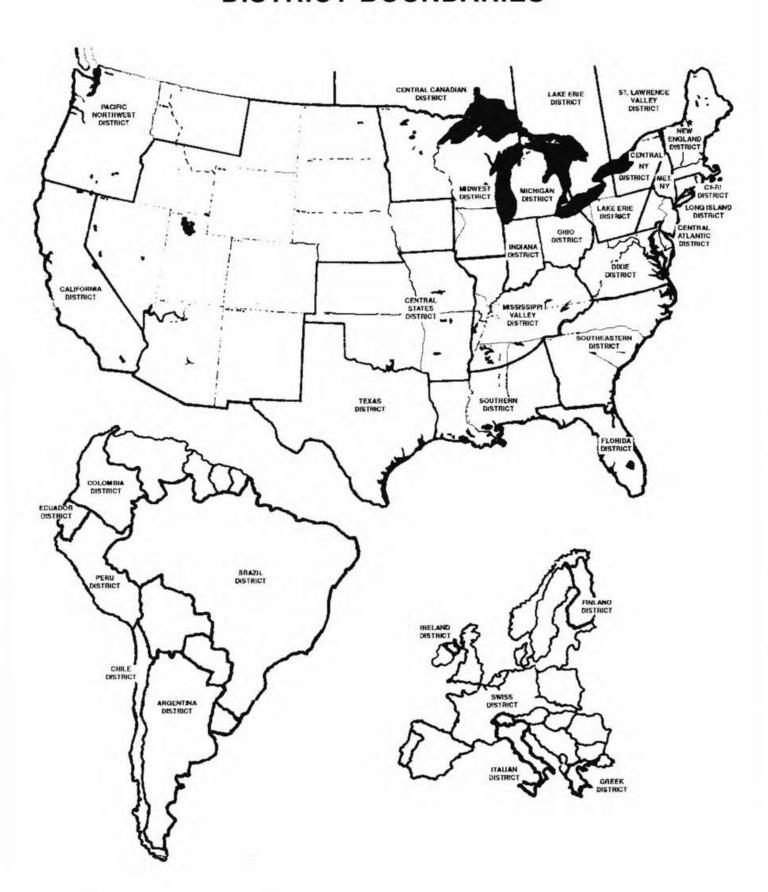




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# INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



#### ARGENTINA DISTRICT

Argentina Vice President & District Commodore . . . . . . . . . . Osvaldo Bordino

Fleets: Club Nautico Olivos 206; Buenos Aires 446

No Report.

#### BRAZIL DISTRICT

Brazil Vice President Michael Anthony Norris
District Commodore Claudio Biekarck
District Secretary Michael Anthony Norris
District Treasurer John Julio Jansen
District Measurer

Fleets: Sao Paulo 147; Guanabara 401; Guarapiranga 462

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a

participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.
'99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holi-

days) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto Manfred Kaufmann, Ir. Secretary / District Brazil

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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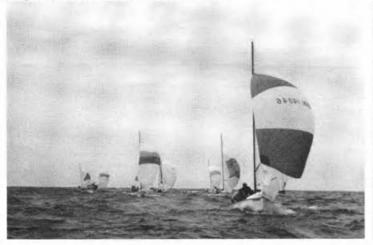
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#### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore		,	,		,			Elissa Hall
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District Measurer	-							Bruce Arnold
District Champion .								.Scott Finkboner
District Runner-Up								Mike Brewer

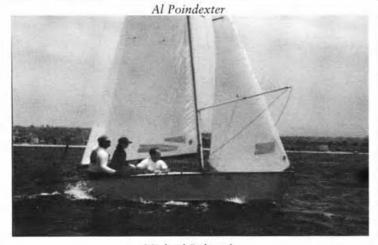
Fleets: Santa Monica Bay 102; Mission Bay 194; San Francisco 372

The 1998 season was a great year for the California District. The district had good participation from all three active fleets at the major west coast regattas. The most notable story of the district is the growth in the number of active boats



Mike Brewer leading the way





Michael Poltorak

The start of the season in California was signaled by the 32nd annual week long California Circuit put on by the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego. This years circuit found boats from up and down the west coast. Participants traveled from Portland, San Francisco, King Harbor and Michigan (No Joel, we won't forget you!). This years overall Circuit was won by Steve Ross, followed by Scott Finkboner in second and John Debenedetti from Portland in third. Most notable from the circuits races was the infamous sail around from Coronado to Mission Bay via the Pacific Ocean. All was well until Mike and Dick Brewer in first place led the fleet around the wrong channel marker 1.5 miles out in the Pacific. Only Al Poindexter and crew had the sense to round the proper mark in last place (sailing 3 miles less than the rest of the fleet) to win this race. The rest of the fleet was disqualified for not rounding the proper mark leaving Al to buy a lot of beers post race. The Brewers won the "Bowling Trophy" for their gallant efforts in leading the



Beating to windward in the Ocean



Kirk Johnson



Scott McBurney All CAL District Photos courtesy Edna Johnson

fleet around the wrong mark. As always this is a high quality event

with 5 days of great sailing. Come join us in 1999!

The next major event of the season was the district championships also sailed at Mission Bay Yacht club. This event saw 10 skippers competing, representing all of the active California Fleets. The event was won by Scott Finkboner followed by Mike Brewer, then Mike Poltorak finishing third. The district championship rotates between our three fleets and will be held in King Harbor in

California was well represented at the 60th anniversary regatta in Skaneateles by Scott Fink boner who finished 10th overall. Scott also donated a photo of the hundreds of boats which he shot at the 50th anniversary to the Skaneateles Yacht Club for hosting the event. Also representing California at the North Americans was Mike and Dick Brewer along with Scott Finkboner and Fred Chandler.

Back home on the west coast the next big event is our Pacific Coast Championships which was held in Eugene, Oregon. This regatta brought boats from mostly San Francisco and Portland. The perpetual trophy for this event is really top notch. Names such as Lowell North and the Barber Brothers are there from years past and so it is an honor to add your name to the ranks. Congratulations to Jerry Neuberger from Portland for winning this years event. The location for this event moves between the Pacific Northwest District and the California District every year. Next year the races will be sailed at the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay.

In general the California District is alive, well and growing. The rebirth of the Santa Monica Bay fleet with three new boats along with the ever present Mission bay fleet gives the southern part of the state a strong presence. The San Francisco fleet grew in 1998 from 4 active boats to 11 active boats sailing in the 1999 season. With a brief visit from Ex-President Faude to the bay area and several other prospective buyers we're having a shortage of boats as the biggest obstacle to growing further. If your moving to California don't forget to bring your boat as it seems every Lightning sailor who moves here sells their boat first (and there are several!). The competition in the district is increasing and the regatta schedule for 1999 is very

A few of the new regattas the district is planning on attending include the "Ski/Sail" at Lake Tahoe in April, the "High Sierra" Regata in July and of course the "Firecracker Regatta" in Klamath Falls (complete with a \_ section old woodie Lightning for a bar) on the 4th of July. These regattas in addition to the PCC's, Districts, CA Circuit and regular fleet racing will keep the California District racers busy in 1999. Also plans for a North Americans 2002 at the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay are in the works! Hope you can join us in 1999 for some fun in the sun Lightning sailing on the west coast.

Scott McBurney - District Secretary

#### CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore Don Brennan
District Secretary Robert Bush
District Treasurer Jack Elfman
District Measurer James Carson
District Champion Brian Taboada
District Runner-up Paul Gelenitis

Fleets: Bay Head 3; Metedeconk 34; Lavallette 104; Little Egg Harbor 26; Brant Beach 173; Surf City 196; Riverton 228; Barnegat Light 335; Ocean City 430; Nockamixon 491

Brian Taboada sailed excellently the first day of the District Championship and came far enough back in the last race the second day to capture his first District Championship. Paul Gelenitis was once again a close second. The regatta was well attended with 30 boats. Three long races were held the first day in heavy air with Jack Elfman, Paul, Keith Taboada and Brian sailing consistently in the front of the pack. The second day brought less wind and the committee had to wait for a light sea breeze to fill in. Kudos to the Brant Beach Yacht Club committee for a job well done. Next year's championship will be sailed from Surf City Yacht Club.

The District was fully represented at the NA's this year with eleven boats at Buffalo. We had two boats in the blue (Brian and Jack), five in the green (Paul, Jim Carson, Ryan Dunn, Bob Bush, Dave Ruiter, and George Francis) and three in the yellow (Dave Kunz, Dick Moyer, and Matt Reiser). We also had three boats at the Master's Championship (Jack, Dave and Jim) and Sterling Bush skippered in the Women's Championship. Let's see if we can keep the numbers up at beautiful Carlyle Lake in 1999.

Sail Expo, in February this year and in 1999, in Atlantic City is hosted by Sandy and Mary Huntsman with plenty of help from CAD sailors. It is always lots of fun to talk sailing for a few hours in the

winter and get antsy to go to the Southern Circuit.

Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to all participants. Look for the regatta schedule in the April Flashes and mark your calendars. Bob Bush

#### CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT

District Commodo	re							Ross Bailey
District Secretary								.Malcolm Crooks
District Measurer								Innes Martin

ZigZag Zeroes at Clearwater Bay 277; Temple Reef Sailing Club 279

No Report.

#### CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore Jean Palm
District Secretary Daniel Koretz
District Measurer Ed Seyerlein
Assistant Measurer
District Champion Dick Hallagan
District Runner-Up Jack Jones
District Junior Champion Charlie Wardwell
District Masters Champion Dick Hallagan

Fleets: Skaneateles 1; Newport Yacht Club 77; Willow Bank 164; Henderson Harbor 225; Keuka Lake 252; Galway Lake 338; Ithaca 484

The highlight of the Central New York District's 1998 season was the Lightning Class 60th Anniversary Regatta which was held at the Skaneateles Country Club on July 3-5, 1998 with more than 180 participants sailing in three fleets. Bob Wardwell, a former Central New York District sailor from Watertown, won the regatta. Mark Sertl along with his crew of Bob and Linda Bryant, won second place, and Dick Hallagan and his crew of Alister Thomsen and Nancy Barger took fourth place in the seventy-two boat Blue Fleet which was made up of the more competitive racers. Logan

#### CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT **TENTATIVE 1999 RACING** SCHEDULE

May 22-23Newport Invitational
June 12-13
June 26-27 Keuka - Champaign
July 10-11Centrals at RYC
July 24-25
TBA District WJM - Henderson
August 10-13
August 14-20 North American Championship
August 28 Onondaga One Day
September 11Skaneateles One Day

McReynolds sailing with his sister Erin and his father Alan, was third in the eighty-seven boat Green fleet. Logan, who is twelve years old, won the youngest skipper award for the regatta. Peter Cunningham with his crew of David and Elise Cunningham was fifth. In the "Woodie, Old-Timer" Yellow Fleet, Craig Thayer and his crew of Dan Pope and Jack Ennis were first. Craig won the award for the best finishing Skaneateles-built boat. Of special note, 96 years old, Dr. John McIntosh, and his son Jim and granddaughter Heather Lockwood sailed in this fleet and finished nineteenth out of the twenty-three boats that competed. Dr. McIntosh was the oldest crew in the regatta.

The Regatta was organized by Lightning Fleet 1 at the Skaneateles Country Club with Dave Penfield as Regatta Chairman. He was ably assisted by so many people from our District that it would be impossible to list them all, but they did a superb job. Now,

if it only hadn't rained!

The "Coach" series sponsored by the ILCA, once again had Kelly Williams spending a day at the Newport Yacht Club in early July. Twenty-one junior sailors participated and they found it to be

very productive and worthwhile.

The District had a number of world travelers this year. Dick Hallagan and his crew of Lori Foster and Craig Thayer traveled to Tuusua, Finland in late July and won the Masters European Championship. In addition, John Boxberger went to Salinas, Ecuador to compete in the World Youth Championship which was held on November 23-28, 1998.

The traditional sailing season opened with Newport's "Celebration of Spring" which was won by Kirk Reynolds who returned to Lightning sailing this year. Kirk followed this up by winning the Willow Bank "Caz Bash" two weeks later. Twenty-four boats were at the District Championship which was held at the Keuka Yacht Club on June 27-27. This one was won by Dick Hallagan. Chad Atkins won the "Centrals" at Fairhaven, NY and Kirk Reynolds won the Crescent Yacht Club Regatta held at Chaumont. The WJM's were hosted by the Henderson Harbor fleet on July 31, 1998. Jack Jones won the Master's, Jean Palm won the Women's, and John Boxberger won the Junior's. The fall series of one-day regattas began with the Onondaga One Day won by Kirk Reynolds, followed by the Caz One Day won Federico Meira, and finally the Ithaca Frostbite won by Dick Hallagan. The Blue Jacket Trophy, which goes to the sailor who has the most points for all the two day regattas, went to Dick Hallagan.

#### CHILE DISTRICT

Chile Vice President A	lberto "Tito" Gonzalez Mas
District Commodore	Eric Velasquez Beltran
District Secretary	Ignacio Bazaure
District Class Secretary	

Fleets: Antofagasta 318; Aculeo Lake 490

No Report.

#### COLOMBIA DISTRICT

Colombia Vice President	 .Roberto Laignelet
District Commodore	 Richard Deeb

Fleets: Club Nautico el Muna 73; Club Nautico El Portillo 501

No Report.

#### CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	.Gianni Cuccio
District Champion	Ched Proctor
District Runner-Up	Jim Crane

Fleets: Niantic Bay Yacht Club 85; Cedar Point Yacht Club 126; Madison Beach Club 129

The CT-RI District was active this year. Participation was up at all our district regattas and, as usual, the competition was very high. The first stop on the district trail was Cedar Point Yacht Club's Early Bird Invitational. This has consistently been a great regatta that always attracts a lot of boats and a lot of top sailors and this year was no exception. Unfortunately there was only racing on Sunday as Saturday's weather was poor. The top five in the three race series were Ched Proctor with 6 points, Gianni Cuccio with 8, Ted Duffy was third with 13, Stu Nickerson 4th with 14 and Theresa Colantuono fifth with 19. Next was the CT Governors Cup which is hosted annually by Niantic Bay Yacht Club. This is another popular regatta, but this year, it too was plagued was lousy weather. Top five in the one race series: cleverly won by Dave Peck followed by Tim Healy, Chris Vann, Stu Nickerson and Don Barrett. In July, C.P.Y.C. hosted the CT-RI District Championships and did a great job getting off 5 good races. Ched won it, followed by Jim Crane, Peter Hall, Jody Lutz and Theresa Colantuono. Many boats from our district did some traveling, placing well at various regattas -most notably Tim Healy and Ched Proctor for their top finishes at the Southern Circuit and North Americans. We are also extremely proud of Cedar Point Yacht Club for being selected this year as the recipient for Sailing World's prestigious St. Petersburg Trophy, a National award for outstanding race management. We now know, when Cedar Point hosts a regatta, the boats will come. - Thanks,

#### DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Harry Keith
District Vice Commodore	Amee Devine
District Champion	Phil Grotheer
District Runner-Up	.Doug Heussler

Fleets: Washington DC 50; Susquehanna 253; Sassafrass River 314; Rehoboth 325; Severn River 329; Swift Creek 496

The 1998 season for Dixie District opened with several District boats attending the most memorable Southern Circuit to come along for a while. Two notable attendees were Phil Grotheer with the inaugural regatta in his new 14881, and Harry Keith making his first Circuit in his vintage 11767. At the winter meeting, two new fleets were added to the District, a visible indicator of the phenomenal growth that the District is experiencing. We look forward to seeing and hearing more from Ron Buchanan's Fleet 509 in Fishing Bay, Virginia, and Dave Meiser's Fleet 508 in Solomon's Island, Maryland.

The Circuit was a prelude to a District schedule loaded with 12 District events and several major out of District events — a schedule that could easily supply 20 regattas of serious competition and even more serious fun. Our District schedule opened with Fleet 50's heavily attended Potomac Cup on the Potomac River in early May, and closed with Annapolis Fleet 329's equally popular Frigid Digit in mid October. In between, venues included Fleet 325's Delaware Governor's Cup on the incomparable Rehoboth Bay (featuring Carl Robinson's first race in his 11028), two invitationals at the newly formed Solomon's Fleet 508 (including our Districts!), and an invitational at the newly formed Fishing Bay Fleet 509. With District boats attending other regattas including the Long John, the ACC's and the NA's, the Borderline, the Bluenose, and of course the 60th, our District was represented at no less than 16 different locations this year!

Growth in the District is really exciting. We added two new fleets to the District this year. Fleet 329 in Annapolis is growing rapidly, with expectations of TRIPLING the number of active members by the end of 1999. Solomon's Island has several active boats, and may

well break a dozen by the start of 1999.

Annapolis Fleet 329 out of Severn Sailing Association is starting to gear up for two significant regattas. Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer is starting to work up the details of the ACC's in 1999, and hopes to use that regatta as a "warm up" to the NA's in 2000. With the growth that the District has seen over the last couple of years, these two regattas could well provide the extra push to make the Dixie District even better than it is today.

#### ECUADOR DISTRICT

Ecuador Vice President	Francisco Sola Tanca
District Commodore	Paco Sola T.
District Champion	Juan Santos
District Runner-Up	

Fleets: Salinas Yacht Club 405; San Pablo 447

Como todo niño malcriado, EL NIÑO dañó los planes que teníamos preparados para los primeros meses de 1998, desde Diciembre, todo fué llover y llover, así que parte de la flota se refugió bajo los paraguas, destapó sus cervezas y se puso a navegar Santa Barbara.

Pese al niño, programamos todo un calendario de eventos bajo el auspicio de Diners, con Campeonatos de Sábados y Domingos cada 15 días, lastimosamente solo se pudieron realizar dos.

Finalmente el sol salió, las aguas descendieron y para el 6 y 7 de Junio corrimos el primer Campeonato del Verano 98. Los resultados fueron en el siguiente orden: Lecaro, Parker, Meira Jr, Santos, Solá, Meira Sr. Mantuvimos la actividad en Salinas con torneos mensuales, siendo uno de los mas importantes, el organizado por la Armada del Ecuador, en Julio, en las va famosas regatas "Glorias Navales". Las posiciones fueron: Lecaro, Parker, Santos, Santacruz, Meira Jr., Tito Plaza Jr. En el mes de Agosto, nuestro Distrito estuvo representado en el Campeonato Norteamericano en Búfalo por Carlos Luis Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmiño y Sebastián Meira quienes terminaron 8 en President's Cup.

A nuestro Distrito le correspondió la organización en conjunto con la Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting de los Juegos ODESUR, los mismos se realizaron en Salinas con la participación de tripulaciones de Chile, Colombia, Perú y Ecuador, el ganador fue Tito Gonzalez, los nuestros Santos y Lecaro, terminaron 4 y 6 respecti-

En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY, los resultados fueron: Santos, Lecaro, Tito Plaza Jr., Santacruz, Meira Jr., Parker Los Juniors, Sebastián Meira y Tito Plaza, tuvieron un entrenamiento muy fuerte en los meses Septiembre y Octubre, al final se les unió Juan Carlos Vidal y así nuestro distrito estuvo representado por tres botes en el Mundial Juvenil de Salinas, al final luego de un gran Campeonato, con mucho viento y sol, el ganador fué Sean Carroll de EEUU, los nuestros se ubicaron: Meira 6, Plaza 10, Vidal 16.

Esperamos en el 99 retomar la Copa American Airlines, la misma que fue suspendida este año por el niño. Nos vemos en Salinas en el Mundial 99.

#### FINLAND DISTRICT

District Coomodore	9	,							Martti Lähteinen
District Secretary									Maija Pyy
District Measurer									Jari Aromaa
District Champion									Kari Huusko
District Runner-up									

Fleets: Helsinki 166; Oulu 307; Kemi 310; Jyväskylä 328; Tuusulanjärvi 456; Valkeakoski 468

Last season was a very special one for the Finnish District, as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The season was filled with all sorts of activities; some more or less traditional, some especially created for this special season. The more "traditional activities" included participating in the annual Helsinki Boat Show, which is the main event for promoting sailing and boating in Finland. It really is the most effective (and unfortunately the most expensive) forum to promote Lightning sailing in Finland, so plans are already being made for the 1999 show held in February.

The main event of the season was the 50th Anniversary Regatta hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat and fleet 456. The regatta was also European Championship Regatta as well as the first ever Lightning European Masters' Regatta. A more detailed report on the regatta can be found at the Fleet 456 Annual Report - check it out! All in all, it was a week of great sailing and fun after-sailing!

A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was written and edited by district members Jari Aromaa, Pentti Laitinen, Antero Uitto and Lauri Heikkilä. They made a great job collecting data and publishing a really unique, entertaining as well as educating book about half a century of Finnish Lightning sailing! It was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts (won by Kari Huusko of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen from Valkeakoski coming second, and our fleet's Olli Lähteinen coming in third). For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members :-)

The 1998 Finnish Circuit started in May and ended in September. It included six regattas: On The Rocks on Lake Tuusula, Helsinki Regatta, Europeans' in Tuusula, Näsijärven Juhlaregatta in Tampere, Kemi Ranking and Valkeakoski Ranking. 24 skippers participated, which is (second year in a row:-) improvement from the 21 participating last season. The Circuit title went to Kari Huusko, Mika Viide and Tommi Ahonen of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen, Lassi Järvinen and Mikko Hellman of Valkeakoski challenging them



Hämäläinen x 3 from Savo at the Europeans. Photo courtesy Waltteri Karhusaari.

throughout the season. Third place went to Olli Lähteinen, Martti

Lähteinen and Erkki Punttila of Tuusula.

These were just some of the many activities we had last season. As you can see, it was a season to remember. On the behalf the Finnish District Board, I want to express my warm thanks to all of you who made it happen!

Maija Karhusaari

#### FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore
District Secretary/Treasurer Alix Shaw
District Junior Commodore Sam Septembre
District Measurer Steve Hayden
District Champion Steve Hayden
District Runner-Up Jeff Linton
District Masters Champion Fisk Hayden

Fleets: Biscayne Bay (Miami) 226; Cedar (Ft Myers) 478; North Florida (Orlando) 461; Suncoast (Tampa) 502

1998 was a great year for Florida sailors in Lightning regattas. Six Florida boats sailed the entire Southern Circuit including Linton, Hayden, Mauk, Atkinson, Gochberg, and Birkholz. Jeff Linton, Steve Hayden and John Gochberg placed in the top 15 and qualified for the Pan Am Trials. In addition, Steve Hayden, Jeff Linton, and Bill Mauk qualified for the Blue Fleet at the North Americans and placed 9th, 12th, and 23rd respectively. Jeff Linton won the Thermis Award for the best finish by a first time skipper at the N.A.'s. Bill Mauk won the McDermott Trophy for the most improved from last year's qualifiers.

Fleet 502, headquartered at the Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida, hosted the Districts in April of 98. The top five boats were Hayden, Linton, Atkinson, Clee, and DeLisser. Steve Hayden and wife/crew Angie introduced their new son to the fleet and the world by placing him in the empty punch bowl perpetual trophy, and the picture was featured in the Lightning Flashes. The District and the ILCA may be losing Steve for a while, at least until he learns how to change a diaper. After the District Dinner on Saturday night, we elected Bill Mauk our new commodore, who immediately appointed our District "Mother", Florida Fay Regan, as District Secretary. 1999 District site will be fleet 226 at CGSC (Coconut Grove Sailing Club).

The Florida District Triple Crown was decided at Davis Island

Yacht Club's Thanksgiving weekend regatta. The combined team of Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor, with crew, Amy Linton, won the Triple Crown for the third time in as many years. They were followed by Bill Mauk in second place, Bill Meyer in third place, and "Ragin"

Johnny Ward in fourth place.

Also, Florida Juniors, Sam Septembre with sister Danielle and Eric Goldman, placed 2nd in the Jr NA's on their first attempt. We had two FL Masters as well, with Stu Anderson and Fisk Hayden who each won a race. Fisk took home the 3rd place masters trophy,

and Stu placed 5th.

Four FL boats sailed in the Pan Am trials: Linton, Hayden, Mauk, and Gochberg. The race was not kindly to our sailors as Kim Logan crewing for John Gochberg suffered a severe laceration of two fingers in a capsize. We are advised that Kim is sailing again,

and on the mend.

Our long time Southern Circuit Chairman, Fisk Hayden, has been elevated to Vice President. Relatively new mother, Carol (Stout) Ewing is taking on the Rear Commodore position at the Coral Reef Yacht Club next year, and it may be up to husband John to campaign the Lightning.

#### GREECE DISTRICT

Greek Vice President	George Andreadis
District Commodore	Costas Liberakis
District Secretary	Andrew Sinopoulos

Fleets: Salamis 251; Parthenon 286; Dolphin 287

Following the recommendation of the Vice President of ILCA and Commodore of the Yacht Club of Greece, Mr. George Andreadis, the Board approved the proposal to offer to host the ILCA Youth World Championship for the Year 2000. We are also hoping to host the World Championship in 2001.

We also look forward to hosting the European Championship

will be held in Greece in 2000.

Members of our fleets include skipper Costas Merentitis, crews Elias Manolakis and Michael Coulianos, and coach Stelios Sotiriou, who traveled to Salinas, Ecuador in November this year and won the second place in the Youth World Championship.

Andrew Sinopoulos

#### INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore	 .Walter Tinsley
District Secretary	 Ken Woods
District Champion	 Craig Cobbum
District Runner-up	

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club 154; Indianapolis Sailing Club 270

The Indiana District still enjoys Fleet 154 located on Lake Wawasee and Fleet 270 located on Geist Reservoir. Both fleets enjoy sailing from mid-spring until mid fall. Although the fleet membership has not grown, bith fleets race regularly on the weekends.

This year, the Indiana District was held at Geist Reservoir on the 13th and 14th of June. The winds were favorable. The standings

were as follows:

Craig Cobbum 14475 1st Place: Bill Allen 13910 2nd Place: 3rd Place: Joe Lassaux 14359 4th Place: Peter McGinity 12316

Both fleets held their open regattas and as usual the Michigan "out-of-towners" won top honors.

Ken Woods, District Secretary

#### ITALY DISTRICT

Vice President Franco De Regis	Vic
District Commodore Antonio Marino	
District SecretarySergio Rustichelli	Dis
District Champion	
Stefano Reina - Piero Tripoli - Gabriele Tripoli	
District Runner-Up	Dis
Vito Tripoli - Pasquale Prinzivalli - Giuseppe Rallo	

Fleets: Garda 249, Lega Navale Anzio 312, Marsala 449, Trasimeno 453, Cornero 466, Savio 476, Roma 479

The 1998 Italian Championship was held in Porto S. Giorgio, the first week of July, at the "Lega Navale Porto S. Giorgio", which hosted the race and gave a tribute to its success. The weather was good and we had medium air conditions. Reina won the Italian Championship due to his consistency, Tripoli was 2nd and Marino was 3rd. A special regards to Swiss Crew (and our friends) Perret-Lambelet-Monier whose presence contributed more interest and competitiveness to our championship. The "Lega Navale Porto S. Giorgio" is the club of the previous District Secretary Carlo Jommi who, due to his personal problems, resigned at the class meeting from his charge. Thank you Carlo for your work. Unfortunately, the Italian participation to the European Championship failed because no crew had the possibility to go for the Championship in Finland. We hope to recover this situation next year going with a lot of crews to the next European Championship in Switzerland. At the class meeting, held in November 1998, the reasons for the reduced activity of the District during this year were widely discussed. Renzo Bozzi, as Public Relations Chairman for the District, is responsible for helping the new secretary Sergio Rustichelli to contact all current and old members of the Lightning Class and to try to increase competitors joining the 1999 major events.

The next Italian Championship will be held in Bracciano, near Rome, from the 18th to the 21st of June 1999.

This is the calendar of 1999 major events:

18-21 June

ITALIAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, Bracciano

27 June-2August

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Switzerland Antonio Marino

#### LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	.Skip Wilday
District Recording Secretary	Judith Walker
District Secretary/Treasurer	.Brian Starck
District Measurer	
District Champion	avid Sprague
District Runner-Up	.Skip Wilday

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club 12; Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club 19; Silver Lake Yacht Club 47; Niagara Sailing Club 59; Cuba Lake Yacht Club 115; Flying Beaver Club 118; Toronto Bay 146; Conneaut Bay 180

Our first LED regatta of the summer was Chautauqua's 34th Annual Cornball, organized by Jim McDonnell. A nice breeze enabled the committee to run 5 races for the 10 boat fleet. Everyone seemed to get in a couple of good races, and there was a bit of controversy concerning the scores after Sunday's races; but when the dust settled, Mike Kane in his new red boat won by a clear margin.

The next regatta, held two weeks later, was the BCC One-Design Open. This regatta was experimental for our district in several respects. First, it took the place of the old "NFIR" and attempted to draw a number of one-design classes (eg., Lightnings, Sharks, Lasers, Hobies, etc.) for a major regatta. It was also the first time our district ran its championship in conjunction with another multiclass regatta. And, because the regatta was scheduled for the third week of June, our district championship was probably earlier than its ever been. The regatta worked out well for the Lightnings. A competitive 28 boat fleet, which included 3 non-LED boats, sailed three races on a breezy Saturday. Larry MacDonald won, and Dave Starck finished second. Cuba Lake plans to hold next summer's Districts in conjunction with its "Bolde Mothers" regatta in July.

This year's Bolde Mothers' was another great party. About a dozen boats participated in the light-air affair. The Coleman brothers, right after picking up a new boat at the Allen Boat Company, drove directly to Cuba Lake, rigged it, and won the regatta. The North Americans kept us busy through the remainder of August. We did manage to fill our quota. MacDonald was the top LED skipper.

Silver Lake led off September's schedule with the Harvest Regatta. Tom Allen, Jr. ran away with this one; Bob Starck finished

The BCC's Fall regatta concluded the season for us the following week. Again, about a dozen boats competed.

#### LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	 Bruce Hendry
District Secretary	 Thomas Hering

Fleets: Little Neck Bay 55; Hewlett Bay 58; Great South Bay 178; Southampton Yacht Club 431; Orient Yacht Club 506

No Report.

#### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Mary Huntsman	n
District Secretary/Treasurer George McDonne	
District Measurer Kathryn Conne	
District ChampionJack Huntsmar	
District Runner-Up	

## 1999 REGATTA SCHEDULE FOR METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

April 24-25	Long John, Red Bank, NJ
	Huntsman 732/842-5292
June 5-6 Mag	
Joan and G	ary Hurban 914/359-6054
June 26-27 .DISTRICT CHA	AMPIONSHIP, Nyack, NY
Joan and G	
September 18-19 Peni	nsylvania Governor's Cup,
	Lake Wallenpaupack, PA
	orge Madel 610/265-2554
October 9	
Joan and G	

Fleets: North Shrewsbury 11, Paupack 16; Lake Mohawk 25, Red Bank 70; Nyack 75; Awosting 95

We began our 1998 year with a CAD-MET District meeting at the lovely home of Kep and Sandy Heacock. Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter provided many good suggestions on training young people to enjoy and participate in our Lightning sailing world.

Our "Lightning" had a perfect location at the entrance of the annual Sail Expo in Atlantic City from February 4th-8th. The boat was a popular exhibit and we talked to hundreds of spectators.

The always popular Long John at Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank, NJ, was held on April 25-26. There were 34 boats registered for 5 races. Jon Schwartz won the very competitive regatta followed by Phil Grotheer in 2nd, Gianni Cuccio in 3rd while Ted Duffy and Dick Hallagan had 4th and 5th.

June 6-7 found us at the Magnus Pederson in Nyack, NY for 5 races. There were 23 boats on the line and Jack Elfman took the honors with 11 points. Gianni Cuccio had 13 for second followed by Gary Hurban, Bob Bush and Caroline Hoedemaker.

For our Metropolitan Districts on June 27-28 we returned to Red Bank. After 5 races Jack Huntsman was our District Champion with an impressive 8 points. Ted Duffy had second place followed by Jon Schwartz. Bob Sengstacken and Chris Sprole.

The Pennsylvania Governor's CUp, September 19-20 at Lake Wallenpaupack, featuring five races, was won by Dick Hallagan with Bob Bush second and Sandy Huntsman 3rd.

Winds were heavy for the 29 boats that met on the Hudson at Nyack for the ever-popular Last Blast Regatta. Jack Elfman, who obviously likes the Hudson, took home the winners trophy, Bill Fastiggi took second and third went to Paul LoGerfo followed by Gianni Cuccio and Dick Hallagan.

Many of our Metropolitan District sailors attended the 60th Anniversary as well as the Southern Circuit and the North American Championships.

Pleased to see the participation at our regattas is increasing and we look forward to another year of good sailing in 1999

George McDonnell

#### MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Larry Koster
District Secretary
District Treasurer Kevin Nickels
District Champion Colin Park
District Runner-UpJim Allen
Traveling Champion
Fall Series ChampionSean Fidler
Doc Gilbert Spirit Award Jack Tibbs

Fleets: Devils Lake 31; Western Lake Erie 42;
Crescent Sail Yacht Club 51; Lake Fenton Sailing Club 53;
Pontiac Yacht Club 54; Higgins Lake 110;
Gull Lake Yacht Club 137; Macatawa Bay 204;
Saginaw Bay 216; Burt Lake 254;
Grand Traverse Yacht Club 326; Douglas Lake 374;
Lansing Sailing Club 387

The 1998 Lightning season for the Michigan District started with the Great Lakes Championship at North Cape Yacht Club in Southern Michigan. Twenty-six competitors turned out for a windy weekend on the open water of Lake Erie. Paul Wurtzebach from Chicago stayed upright in a puff that wiped out seven boats including, Dan Norton, Colin Park, Sean Fidler and Jeff Hagman, and took home first place honors.

The second regatta of the season was held at the Lansing Sailing Club. Twelve competitors turned out for moderately windy weekend. Tom Klaban from Pontiac took home top honors for the second

year in a row.

Fenton Sailing Club held their annual Team Races. As a change of pace each year we travel to the birthplace of the Nickels Lightning, divide boats into teams of three and enjoy a different style of racing. Each boat attending the regatta is ranked and then teams are seeded to provide as much parity as possible. Unfortunately, numbers for teams of three don't always work out. This year we had 14 boats so Kevin Nickels and John Garrison had a rotating teammate and still won the regatta.

The Michigan Districts were held at Pontiac Yacht Club. Winds were light and fluky, typical for a June weekend at Cass Lake which fit perfectly with John McCree's sailing style. John sailed a very consistent regatta early and then staved off a late charge by the Norton team to win the regatta. Dan Norton was second, Mark Whatley

third, Jim Allen fourth and Sean Fidler fifth.

In mid July, we traveled to western Michigan to sail at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. Seven boats turned out to sail at one of the most scenic venues in Michigan. Macatawa is one of the few places where Michigan sailors tune up on open water prior to the North Americans. Diana Fernando won by sailing a consistent regatta with no finishes worse than a third. Macatawa will be the host site of the Michigan Districts in 1999.

Bay City Yacht Club hosted their 44th annual regatta sailing on beautiful Saginaw Bay. Fourteen boats turned out to get some final open water practice before heading to Buffalo. Colin Park forged through a couple of 60 degree wind shifts and changing weather

conditions to win.

The first weekend of August took us to Higgins Lake Boat Club. Higgins Lake, in Northern Michigan, is one of the most unique venues in Lightning sailing. The Yacht Club is located on a island about three quarters of a mile from shore. Boats are wet sailed overnight during the regatta and the locals run float boat water taxis to the mainland. Jim Allen and crew enjoyed the scenery and the

sailing and took home first prize.

The rigorous sailing schedule Michigan slows a bit in August but then hits full stride in September. Some of the best Lightning sailing in the US is the Midwest Fall Regatta schedule which includes four regattas in Michigan. The first regatta was the Pontiac Yacht Club's Whitecap Regatta. Sean Fidler sailed a consistent regatta in light winds to bring home top honors. Special thanks to Dick Hallagan for traveling from Central New York to sail with us.

The next regatta on the schedule was Devil's Lake Yacht Club's "This One's For Fun" Regatta. The fun starts by meeting Bruin at the bar Friday night for a couple Martins and ends only because most of us are forced back to work or school on Monday. Craig Gabel did the Gabel Wobble around the buoys and won first place

honors.

Then we were off to Detroit for the 1st annual Crescent Fall Regatta. Crescent has hosted the summer Father's Day Regatta for years but jumped at the chance to host a fall regatta when Gull Lake was dropped from our schedule. Tom Allen Jr. traveled from Buffalo to tie Sean Fidler with a pair of bullets and a pair of twos. Tom won the tie breaker based on winning the last race won.

The final event on the Michigan schedule is the North Cape Blowout. This year seven boats attended the one day event on Lake Erie. Jim Davis held off George Sipel and Jeff Hagman for the vic-

tory.

Michigan was well represented on 4th of July weekend at the Lightning 60th Anniversary regatta. Four boats - Jim Allen, Sean Fidler, Jeff Hagman and George Sipel - competed in the "hot shot" fleet. Sean came in ninth and Jim came in tenth in the 70+ boat fleet. Pete Morley sailed in the "woodies" and finished third. But the best showing came from the five Michigan boats in the "club racer" fleet. Forever young Joe Dissette (is he 100 yet??), with Super Crew John McCree and Jim Schofield, overcame very trying conditions, a rapid

heart beat, and some blue fleet boats to take top honors in a 80+ fleet. Bob Shaw pulled a horizon job on the fleet in the last race and finished second overall. Tom Vickers and crew sailed a strong regatta and finished 7th. Congratulations to all who attended the A+ event.

At the North Americans, Michigan was well represented with eleven boats attending. Sean Fidler, Colin Park, and Jim Allen qualified for the blue fleet and Jim finished 9th overall. Mike Thomas had a difficult qualifier but bounced back with a good yellow fleet finish taking 2nd. Bruce Goldsmith found his old groove and finish

second in the Masters.

Proving Michigan strength in regatta travel, Michigan had two sailors qualify for the 1st annual Intersectional (Intergalactic?? Faude was asking for names) Series. The series was setup by President Faude to push summer participation in regional regattas. This year, the Long John, Pymatuning's Spring Classic, the Lightning 60th Anniversary, Chicago's Red Flannels, and Nashville's Bluenose were the selected regattas and participation in four of five is required to qualify. Sean Fidler and Jeff Hagman logged the miles and were two of only four boats to qualify. Congratulations to both Sean and Jeff.

In late October, the Lightning Class held the Pan Am Games Trials at Lake Carlyle near St. Louis. The regatta was invitation only using the Southern Circuit, North Americans and the California Circuit to qualify. Twenty boats were invited to St. Louis to win the chance to represent the USA in the '99 Pan Am Games. The district was represented by Sean Fidler and Joel Humphrey. Sean sailed con-

sistently in the top pack and finished fifth overall.

At the end of each season the Michigan District Traveling Champion Trophy was awarded to Colin Park, the Fall Series Champion was Sean Fidler and the Doc Gilbert Spirit Award was presented to Tom Vickers for his tireless effort organizing and running the 1997 North Americans Championships and the 1998 Collegiate Sloop Championships. Both regattas were hosted by Crescent Sail Club in Detroit.

We would like to thank everyone who traveled to Michigan to sail with us and those who did not, please mark your calendars for a road trip to Michigan in 1999 for some great competition, friendly Midwestern hospitality and some good old fashioned fun.

#### MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore: .	Bob Frani	ке
District Secretary	Amy Simonse	en
	Doug Schelw	
District Runner-Up	Paul Wurtzeba	ch

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club 5; Milwaukee Yacht Club 69; Green Bay Sailing Club 112; Lake Davenport 167; Sheboygan 187; Fond du Lac 442

This year's District events again started out with the annual Winter meeting held at Milwaukee Yacht Club. After review of last years Districts in Milwaukee, it was decided to return to a 3 day District event. Tim Healy concluded the meeting with a presentation on Lightning sail trim and his 1997 North American Championship.

Due to scheduling problems in Fond du Lac, the Evans Regatta hosted by Green Bay Fleet 112 was on deck first including the annual Coaching. This rescheduling turned out to be a major plus for the regatta and the participants since Ched Proctor attended this year's event as our Coach. Twenty-two boats sailed. The Saturday night social along with revisiting the day's events on video was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bill Dean for the hosting the Saturday social event. Sunday's races were sailed in the left-over 20-25 mile an hour Northwester from the cold front passage which left a path of destruction from the Dakotas to the East Coast. David Stix was 1st, Paul Wurtzebach 2nd, & Terrance Phelan was 3rd. Bill Faude and Brian Phelan finished 4th & 5th respectively.

The Lighthouse Regatta in Fond du Lac hosted by Fleet 442 was sailed in light and shifty winds. Once again Elmo & crew provided a great regatta and exceptional race management. First place when to Paul Wurtzebach, followed by Doug Schelwat, and Dan Reichelsdorfer in third. Ric Larson was fourth followed by Dave

#### 1999 MIDWEST DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Lighthouse Fond Du Lac May 29 & 30
Evans June 5 & 6
Districts June 10 - 12
P & T
Brotz July 24 & 25
Hobelman
Adams Cup Milwaukee August 24 - 28
Red Flannels Chicago September 25 & 26
Polar Bear October 2 & 3

All dates tentative - check Flashes for more information

Stix. One cannot forget Paul Wurtzebach gracing us with his relaxing story of driving though the peaceful rolling corn fields of Wisconsin.

The Midwest Districts were hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club Fleet 187 with 18 boats attending. The winds were light and shifty; however, Rich Reichelsdorfer provided outstanding Race Committee work including getting the final race on Sunday started seconds before the time limit. The Saturday night social was hosted by Tryg Jacobson and a big thank you to Hans Graf for preparing dinner. Ric Larson was crowned the champion on the Sunday, followed by Paul Wurtzebach, Bill Faude, Dan Reichelsdorfer and Bob Franke. Fleet 187 presented warm fuzzy sailing vests embroidered with the Lightning logo for the trophies.

Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet 69 experienced superb growth this year with purchase of four new boats by Doug Schelwat, Walt Kramel, Mac Slater and Dennis Bersch. Fleet 69 managed to sailed 34 more races that in 1998. This success is mainly due shifting the season series from the long weekend races to short competitive

Wednesday night sailing.





Top: Winners at the 1998 Brotz Regatta in Sheboygan Below: Bonnie Hawkins' "humpty pumpkin birthday cake" celebration

The P & T regatta in Milwaukee followed with 12 boats in attendance. The Saturday night informal party was hosted by the Franke's. Unlike last year's social, Paul Wurtzebach was able to refrain himself from riding Rose & Luke's rocking horse. Ric Larson finished first, Bill Faude second, followed by Bob Franke.

The Brotz regatta was again hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club. The first race started out as a drifter and then was abandoned after a thunder cell packing winds of 40 mph blew in out of nowhere. Racing resumed on Sunday with four great races sailed in the ever familiar Southeaster. Jim Cameron of Thunder Bay, Canada won the regatta. David Stix, Pauly Wurtzebach, Ric Larson and Chris Graf rounded out the top five.

This year's Hobelman Regatta hosted by Chicago Fleet 5 featured our very own Lightning Coach Kelly Williams. The weather

cooperated to provide two fine days of sailing.

The Polar Bear regatta normally hosted by Davenport Fleet #167

was not sailed this year.

The Red Flannels Regatta hosted by Chicago's Fleet 5, saw 36 boats from all over North America. Saturday winds were traditional for the this weekend except temperatures were in the 80's. Unfortunately by the time of this year's first start the winds had increased to 25-30 mph. The Race Committee, having flashbacks to 1997, exercised good judgment and sent the fleet back to the harbor for the day. Fleet 5 continued the hospitality Saturday night with live band called the Four Man Acoustical Band. These guys were great. Sunday forecast called for a cold front passage which became a nonevent except for a slow shift in the winds. Two great races were sailed to complete the regatta. Pauly Wurtzebach on Chicago won the regatta, followed by Sean Fidler of Pontiac, Michigan. Terry Burke from Lake Carlyle, Illinois, was third followed by Dick Hallagan from Rochester, New York. Jim Allen from Michigan rounded out the top five. The Red Flannels is once again a must do regatta in 1999.

At press time, several Midwest Districts sailors are preparing for

the Pan Ams trails which will be sailed in Lake Carlyle.

Bob Franke, District Commodore





Top: Red Flannels regatta chairman David Stix returning to the harbor after a no-go on Saturday Below: Winners at the 1998 Red Flannels Regatta in Chicago Photos courtesy Amy Simonsen

#### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore	 Herbe	ert Cochrane
District Secretary .		
District Measurer	 William	N. Baxter III
District Champion	 	latt Burridge
District Runner-Up .		

Fleets: Decatur 74; Harbor Island Yacht Club 262; Carlyle Sailing Association 266; Delta Sailing Association (Memphis) 274; Valley Sailing Association (Alton) 486

Every sailing season is a great one and 1998 was no exception. I must begin by expressing that it is all of the wonderful people in the Lightning Class both locally and nationally that have kept me

enthused about the class for nearly nine-years.

The Mississippi Valley District (MVD) cranked up the season with the Tennessean in Nashville and winded down with the infamous Bluenose, also in Nashville. Of course, there were several other regattas in between such as: Cotton Pickin', Hernando Desoto, Inter-City, McDougal, Mid-Continent, Trials, and the Muddy Rudder just to name a few. I suggest that one read each and every fleet report to get an accurate account of the individual regattas.

The Mississippi Valley District has the honor of being the host district for the 1999 NA's. I must say if anyone has half the fun that I did in Carlyle for Districts in 1998, hold on to your hat. If you attended and were not aware of who won the party, you were either asleep or too busy sailing. If you speak pig-latin here is one for you; inkpay amingoflay (Pink Flamingo). Look for the girl wearing the lifesaver candies when you arrive next summer. Bruce Goldsmith is the Vice President responsible for NA site selection. Therefore, I'll calculate the fuel saved by not driving say, to the West coast in 1999 and treat him to a refreshment with the savings.

Congratulations to Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein for their top finish as crew in the 98 NA's. What a way to pass time while your promoting the 99 NA's. Congratulations to Mandy Hofmeister as well for being on the winning boat in the Womens Championship 99 NA's. It seems to be a regular occurrence for Mandy these days, keep it up! Kat and Jim Ward along with Ronn Frerker had a very

respectable finish in the Juniors.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis for the 1999 MVD DISRICT CHAMPIONSHIP the second full weekend in June. Great job and a great season to all MVD members.

Herbert Cochrane

#### **NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**

District Commodore Chris Dwinal	
District Secretary Lisa Brauer	
District Measure	
District Champion Andy Horton	
District Runner-Up	
District Master's Champion John Hughes	
District Junior Champion Nick Mercier Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club 14; Merrimac River 121 Spofford Lake 145; Annisquam Yacht Club 151; Marblehead 189; Bomoseen Yacht Club 227; Massabesic Yacht Club 273; Chequesset 280; Champlain 301; Squam Lake 332; Bow Lake 493	;

The 1998 District Championship was held on Lake Massabesic in Manchester, New Hampshire in conjunction with Massabesic's 60th Anniversary celebration. Strong puffs, good competition and great on-shore team work characterized the event. The Women's Juniors' and Masters' competition was held July 10th. Congratulations to Women's Champions Heather Rowe, Ann Brush and Stacey Johnson; Junior Champions Nick Mercier, Pike Severance and Dave Adams; and Masters Champions Dave Gorman, Andy Horton and Lisa Brauer. The District Championship was contested July 11th and 12th. Congratulations to New England District Champions Andy Horton and the 2 Andrews. A special mention

goes to Massabesic Fleet 273, their super effort made the weekend special. Memorable moments include Cindy's fleet of crock pits and Marcel grilling muffins at the hot dog stand Sunday morning.

The season was crowded with the traditional weekend regattas. District members also participated in national and international competitions. We are particularly proud of the performance of our younger members. Not only did Andy Horton win the District Championship, but he also bested the country's top contenders at the Pan Am Trials held in St. Louis in October. Nick Mercier was the number one North American Junior and went on to compete in the Youth Worlds in Salinas, Ecuador in November. Fellow junior Scan Carroll qualified for the blue fleet in the North Americans and then won the Youth Worlds in Ecuador. Congratulations to these three great sailors and their crew. We look forward to many years of competing with you.

The New England District has a strong core group of racers, a few large fleets and a number of smaller fleets. The emphasis in 1999 will be on attracting new members and finding ways to increase the

interest and participation of the casual racers and sailors.

Lisa Brauer, 1999 District Commodore

#### NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT

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#### OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bridget Frymier
	ewsletter Bobbie Stone
District Champion	
District Runner-Up	

Fleets: Indian Lake 23; Leatherlips 27; Turkeyfoot 33; Pymatuning 36; Buckeye Lake 43; Cleveland (Rocky River) 71; Mansfield 150; Atwood Lake 212; Cowan Lake 303

The Ohio District had a great year with wind and good weather at all seven of the District regatta with the exception of a few races. The District had several boats that traveled to all the District regattas making it good competition and good times throughout the sail-

ing season.

PYC's Spring Classic started the year off right with some good winds and pretty nice weather for early in the season. The competition, with 29 boats, was hot as four races were completed by the end of Saturday afternoon with 20 knot winds. As usual the cocktail party and great dinner, followed by some good partying made us forget how beat we were. Sunday morning brought decent air and we sailed two more races. When it was all over, the "out of staters" showed us how it's done by taking all the top positions with Jack Elfman first, Jim Allen second, and Sean Fidler third.

LYC's Windshift Regatta fell right in with our year with beautiful weather and wind. With 14 boats and some close competition Saturday proved to be a great day of racing. After a great dinner, we participated in a party held to celebrate the marriage of long-time Ohio District member Zach Austin. On Sunday morning we sailed two more races in, believe it or not, good air. George Fisher finished first overall, Tom Varley was a close second and Dave Gall was

third.

The Ohio Districts came next held at PYC this year on our 50th Anniversary. 40 boats participated in the regatta, with all having a great time largely due to the efforts of Commodore Bridget Frymier and her co-chairperson Anne Borland, along with all their PYC assistants. The wind did not follow suit as the air was light on Saturday, but three races were sailed leaving Matt Fisher on top at the end of the day. A cocktail party and the great !!! giveaway followed, as all kinds of gifts were given to lucky winners, A buffet din-

#### **FUN AT OHIO DISTRICT REGATTAS**

photos courtesy Kay Varley



Party after dinner at the Windshift Regatta, Leatherlips YC



Jon Varley taking a break between races at the ILCA 60th



Winner Dick Pugh thrown in by fellow skippers at Indian Lake



Dick's crew Luke Shingledecker joined him



Indian Lake's Mr. Lightning Jim Young



Indian Lake Winners Dick Pugh crew Clark & Luke Shingledecker



Tom Varley 2nd, crew Jon and Kay Varley



Dan Hertzer 3rd with crew Don Schregardus & Karla Varley



Heated tactics discussion between races at the Bare Bones Regatta, Mansfield



All the trophy winners at the Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta



Brett Balliett going in as first-time first-place crew

ner and DJ music finished off the evening. On Sunday morning the air was better and two races were sailed. Winning the District Championship was Matt Fisher, with Dan Dressel second, Sjoerd Vanderhorst third, George Fisher fourth and Rob Ruhlman fifth.

The 60th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles, NY found eight boats from Ohio in attendance. Two boats each from Cowan Lake, Leatherlips, Mansfield, and one each from Atwood and St. Mary's made the trip, in addition to at least three people from the District crewing on boats from other Districts. We all had a great time and

are looking forward to the next anniversary.

Indian Lake's Stumpbuster Regatta proved to have nice weather, but started out with light air on Saturday which steadily increased for the second race. A delicious roasted chicken dinner followed the races. Afterward, the Youngs provided water skiing, a little cruising and swimming, while others enjoyed a band at a nearby club. On a bright Sunday morning we got in a third race to finish off the regatta. Taking first was Dick Pugh; Tom Varley was second; Dan Hertzer was third. After trophies were presented, the district skippers decided that even though the tradition is to throw a first-time regatta winner into the drink, it had been a while for Dick, so in he went. In recent years, with unavailable first-time winners, first time crews have been thrown in, so Dick's crew Luke Shingledecker joined him.

Atwood's Harvest Moon Regatta proved to be very interesting this year, since the Flying Scots were having their Districts at this regatta. The Lightnings had the honor of starting between their "A" fleet and their "B" fleet; but the Lightnings managed to sail through most of their "A" fleet before the finish. After the racing on Saturday, we were treated to the ever-famous Atwood cocktail party. The Lightning Fleet ended the evening with golfing and pontooning. After a third race on Sunday morning, Tom Varley took first place,

Steve Weeber second, and Kurt Andrews third.

The Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta could not have had any better weather. Saturday brought us warm and windy conditions with two boats going swimming and others getting close. The race committee was able to get four races completed in good time with the steady winds. After hauling out the boats, all gathered for snacks under the pavilion, then on to a cook-your-own steak or chicken dinner. At dinner's end most participants returned to Varley Valley to camp and party by the bonfire. Sunday morning turned out to be another great day for sailing. We had two more races. Finishing first was Steve Weeber, second Dan Hertzer, third Kurt Andrews. After trophy presentation the skippers and crews followed their new tradition of throwing in first-time winning first place crew, so Brett Balliett, crewing for Steve Weeber, went into the drink after giving them a good chase.

Buckeye Lake's Snowball Regatta the following weekend proved to have wind, but rainy and cool conditions. After the first race, the club house and a bowl of hot chili were very inviting. Two more races were sailed Saturday afternoon with the competition all sailing close together almost every race. Cocktails and dinner in the clubhouse after racing warmed everyone up Saturday evening. Sunday morning conditions were more of the same with less rain. The winners after five races were George Fisher, Kurt Andrews in second,

and John Werley in third.

Cowan Lake's Fall-In Regatta brought the year to a good end with more warm and windy conditions all weekend. Saturday afternoon we sailed four back-to-back races in good air. We returned to the clubhouse late for a great cocktail party and some much-needed rest, followed by a steak and chicken dinner, then partying at the club with all our friends for the last time of the season. Sunday morning was even windier and they were able to get in two more races easily. Taking first overall was Bill Young, second James Taylor, and third Dick Pugh.

The Ohio District Governor's Cup was won by Tom Varley, sailing with son Jon and wife Kay. Following closely were Steve Weeber

and Kurt Andrews.

Congratulations to Matt Fisher, District Champion and North American Champion, and to George Fisher, North American

Masters Champion.

We all owe Bobbie Stone a special THANK YOU! for all the work she puts in on the Ohio District newsletter and to Bridget Frymier for the great job as Commodore for two years - THANKS!

Already looking forward to next year's sailing season and to seeing all our sailing family again.

Kay Varley

#### PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodo	re John DeBenedetti	
District Secretary	Sandra Neuburger	
District Champion	Roger Hicks	

Fleets: Maple Bay 64; Vancouver 90; Seattle 132; Chinook Eugene Yacht Club 229; Portland 283; Okanagan 368; Prairie Fleet 507

Pacific Northwest activity started with three boats represented at the California Circuit in San Diego in early April. Roger Hicks and John DeBenedetti took their boats and Roger Artigues chartered a boat with his brothers for the Circuit. They all had a great time in the spring California sun!

District activity continued with circuit regattas at Kelowna, Eugene, VLSC, Klamath Falls, and Kitsilano in Vancouver, BC. Overall circuit winner for the year was Jerry Neuburger of

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club.

In August we were treated to a visit from the Lightning Coach, Kelly Williams, at VLSC. We had scheduled a District Championship in Seattle, but since no one from Seattle was going to make the regatta, we moved it to VLSC, giving Coach Kelly a better place to do his instructional program. Matt Henley from Vancouver came down to take advantage. Roger Hicks wound up winning the event, sailing a consistent series.

In September, the District held the Pacific Coast Championship at Eugene Yacht Club. Fourteen boats entered, with three from California. Great winds were the scene all weekend, and Jerry

Neuburger won the event.

We're looking forward to an even more active new year. John DeBenedetti

#### PERU DISTRICT

Peru Vice President	Francisco Ayulo
District Commodore	Augusto Navarro
District Champion	Augusto Navarro
Runner-Up	Sergio Levaggi

Yacht Club LaPunta 265; Lima 424

During 1998 we have had elections and the new team started to work on increasing the fleet numbers. We have had about 10 boats sailing all year, and we expect to import new boats for 1999, since

our newest boat is 13367.

Our District Championship was sailed last weekend (December 19 and 20), and we managed to sail 5 races. Our winner was Augusto Navarro with his crew Bruno Levaggi and Hector "El Cholo" Sabogal. Second place was Sergio Levaggi with his crew Antonio Remy and Wilfredo Fano, and in third was Luis Portugal with his crew Javier Flores and Jose Luis Canessa. This regatta was very competitive among the first three finisheres, with the possibility of any one of them winning the event. The Championship was also the classifying event for the South American Championship in Tomine scheduled for February 1999 and also for the Pan American Games in Gimli in 1999.

We also had a Junior team attend the World Youth Championship. Skipper Derek Marston, with crew Juan Andres Marchini and Gianfranco Martinelli, finished 8th in that event. They also won race number five by the biggest margin of the series.

We think the Lightning Class in Peru has been asleep, but now with young people gaining interest in the Class, we should have about 20 boats sailing in 1999. We have many boats interested in going to the World Championship in Sailinas next year.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year!

Augusto Navarro, District Commodore

#### ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Peter Hall

Fleets: The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club 215; Pointe Claire Yacht Club 499

No Report.

#### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Jim Harris
District Secretary/Treasurer	Cindy Booke
District Measurer	John Pelosi
District Champion	
District Runner-Up	

Fleets: Savannah 127; Clark Hill (Augusta) 257; Lake Lanier (Atlanta) 348; Catawba (Charlotte) 365; Greater Charleston 429; Waccamaw 463; Wake 481; Tennessee Valley (Knoxville) 500

It was another fun and exciting season of racing here in the Southeast District. Our district includes North and South Carolina and Georgia. We have a good mix of coastal sailing (such as Charleston, SC, Wilmington, NC and Beaufort, SC) and inland lake sailing (such as Augusta and Atlanta, GA; High Rock and Waccamaw, NC).

Our season started in mid April at Catawba Yacht Club, just outside Charlotte, and then to Augusta the following week. Jim and Connie Harris drifted the fastest to secure the wins in both.

The High Rock regatta (near Lexington, NC) in early May highlighted great sailing by Lenny Krawcheck and great partying at Sam and Cindy Booke's lake house. High water levels made the lake an obstacle course with floating trees, islands of weeds and even bloated livestock!

This year our district championship regatta was held in beautiful Charleston and local favorite Lenny Krawcheck was champion once again. Team Augusta rounded out the top 3 with Harris second and Bob Harkrider third. Towney Krawcheck did a fantastic job with the Saturday night food and festivities, which was held at their beach house.

June brought the gold medal to John Pelosi at the steamy Kerr Lake Regatta.

The last weekend in June brought the Low Country regatta in Beaufort, which features challenging sailing with brisk current and shifty winds, and a great low country boil on Saturday night. Harkrider went on a crazy flier the last downwind leg and smoked the fleet for the win. Harris was left bewildered on the other side of the river.

Lenny Krawcheck wiggled between the Laser and Sunfish fleets at the Wrightsville Beach regatta in early August to take the gold.

At Waccamaw in September, strong performances were seen by the district's junior boats including the Augusta team of Putnam/Paschal/Appel and the Raleigh team of Rees juniors. Harkrider caught the last shift for the victory with John Sawyer of Wrightsville Beach close behind.

The Altanta Cup closed out the district season with Floridian

Steve Hayden sailing to victory.

The Augustans dominated the overall district series results having competed in at least five regattas. Jim and Connie Harris took top honors while Bob and Sharon Harkrider were runners-up.

The North Americans were attended by Lenny, Bob and Pierce Barden, who proudly represented our district in each of the blue,

green and yellow fleets!

We appreciate the loyal participation of all those members mentioned above as well as other skippers in the district such as Carter Utzig, Sam and Cindy Booke, John Sawyer, Richard Waldkirch, Dick Mayne, Bill Sloger, Richard Johnson, Michael Rees, Tom Wynn, Terry Tyner, and Josh Putnam to mention only a few.

We have big plans for the 1999 season and invite everyone to come join us in the sunny Southeast! There will be 9 district qualifiers with the District Championship in Augusta in May. See you there!

Jim Harris, District Commodore

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore J	ohn Marion
District Secretary	ey March III
District Champion Rober	t Bernhardt
District Runner-Up Barne	ey March III

Fleets: Southern Yacht Club 62; Mobile Bay 135; Shreveport Yacht Club 175; New Orleans Yacht Club 209

The 1998 Southern District sailing season was awash in storms. The year started out with the Holiday In Dixie regatta. This event is hosted by the Shreveport Yacht Club and draws boats from Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and Shreveport. The early Spring dates usually blow in tremendous weather fronts that come across the Texas Plains. This year was no exception. The winds were 25mph with much carnage.

As usual the next stop was the spring regatta at Buccaneer YC in Mobile, AL. Six boats sailed in this unusually light and fluky regatta. Local sailor Robert Bernhardt won convincingly with all firsts and one second. The Wacker family returned to Lightning sailing after years of being idle. The Wacker brothers, Jimmy, Johnny and Sammy, along with their niece sailed an excellent event.

The Schools Out and Juby Wynne regattas require four boats for a class to compete. Both events saw three boats interested so we did

not sail.

The Districts were held in June at Buccaneer YC. The club and race officials did a great job. This YC is a total corinthian effort and it's always enjoyable to sail on Mobile Bay. Eight boats registered and the competition was fierce. Robert B. won this but Barney March sailing with his father Dr. March was close behind at every mark. It's been a few years since Dr. March has sailed and it was great to see him back in the boat.

Down here in the South the Hurricane Season starts in August. There were numerous storms that canceled regattas all over the coast. The annual Lightning GYA Championship and Wadewitz regattas were no exception. Two boats traveled to Nashville for the Bluenose Regatta, Robert B. and John Marion with their crew had a great time. This event is known for the hospitality and excellent Saturday steak dinner. If you haven't been to Hickory Lake you need to go.

Our last event of the year is the Nokia Sugar Bowl regatta. This year the New Orleans YC is host. We are expecting boats from Florida, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, and Illinois. Let's just hope the fog stays away.

Happy Sailing John Marion, District Commodore

#### SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

Switzerland Vice President Gilbert Despland
District Commodore Jacques Perret
District Secretary Kathy Cairns-Herzog
District Treasurer
District Measurer
District Champion
District Runner-Up Jacques Perret

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel 169; Sempacher/Hallwiler/Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee 250; Murtensee 358 One time more we couldn't organize two springs regattas this year because of availability of the two sailing clubs Murten and Sempach on the same week-end. We decided to go to Sempach for our first competition this year. Five boats are present to race on the 9 May, but we aren't lucky: no wind during all the week-end!!!

Three crews are deciding to meet in Neuchâtel for the "Semaine du Joran"-Regatta to train crews for the international regattas.

We have had very good conditions to sail in front of Neuchâtel every evening this week.

International activity:

-1 crew at the Italian Championship in Porto San-Giogio.

Our veteran crew Desplands-Lambelet-Monnier decided once again to travel to the South and have had a very pleasant trip.

-2 Swiss boats at the European Championship in Finland. The 46th European Championship was organized in Järvenpää on the lake Tuusula for the 50th anniversary of the Lightning-Class in Finland.

In spite of the absence of any Italian crew, very good participation of 21 boots for this championship, with the presence of the US

crew of Dick Hallagan.

After 12 races, sailed in middle and heavy airs conditions, the Swiss crew of *Meltemi* Wyler-Dürr-Dürr finished first and won the tittle of European Champion for the third time. Congratulations !!!

-1 Swiss boat at the first European Master Championship.

After the decision of the crew Desplands-Lambelet-Monnier not to travel to Finland at the last moment, your commodore with his wife and the Finnish crew Ollila have been the only foreigner European crew to participate at this master.

Encouraging participation of 13 boats for this first European

master.

At the end of the 6 races the US crew Hallagan-Foster-Craig won the championship and the Swiss crew Perret-Ollila-Perret, as first European, carried back the tittle of European Master 1998.

Thanks at all our Finnish friends who wonderfully organized these two great events and "rendez-vous" in Switzerland next year on the Murten lake.

Activity in Switzerland: Sempach 9/10 May

Participation of five boats at our spring regatta. No air all the weekend !!!

Neuchâtel 17/18 October

Five boats at our District Championship in Neuchâtel hold by our traditional "Fondue" regatta.

Very heavy airs and waves on Saturday with three boats capsiz-

ing, light airs on Sunday but just enough to sail trhee races.

We are preparing the next season with highest event in summer with the European and European Master Championships in Murten and are expecting an increase of activity for this occasion.

Very good season 99, welcome in Switzerland!

Jacques Perret

#### TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore Steve Harris
District Secretary John Waskom
District Champion Steve Harris
District Runner-Up Scott Anderson

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club 35; Rush Creek Yacht Club 435; Lake Conroe Association 505

1998 was a year of challenge for the Texas District. We spent more than the usual effort attempting to keep our current members actively participating in the sailing program. Spring brought the season openers and the beginning of the travel season. The annual Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta at the Shreveport (LA) yacht Club attracted 6 boats with Steve Harris and Scott Anderson from our District

taking the honors.

In our efforts to stimulate District-wide participation, we broke a long-standing tradition and moved the 1998 District Championship to the Houston area. The Seabrook Sailing Club on Galveston Bay was kind enough to conduct the races and proved an abundance of wind and wave on the very shallow bay. The windy conditions were met with mixed results including the usual problems of: rudder detached from the transom, foredeck crew overboard, capsize with bent spreader, and for some of you old hands, one boats sailing with a reefed main. When the spray cleared it was: Steve Harris (Fleet 505), Scott Anderson (Fleet 435), Bryce Mowbray (Fleet 505), Billy Bennett (Fleet 505), Ralph Bilnoski (Fleet 35), Chris Shipman (Fleet 505), John Waskom (Fleet 35).

Scott Anderson went on to represent the Texas District at the

North Americans and sailed in the Governor's Fleet.

We concluded the '98 season December 5th at the Conroe Yacht Club's annual Toys for Tots Regatta. The sailing was great and the competition close with Steve Harris again providing the sailing lessons. At the close of the day it was: Steve Harris (Fleet 505), Scott Anderson (Fleet 435), Chris Shipman (Fleet 505), John Waskom (Fleet 35).

As the '98 season comes to a close, we reflect upon the good times and comradeship of this season and look forward with anticipation to the upcoming season in 1999.

John Waskom

#### **US @ LARGE DISTRICT**

Rocky Mountain Fleet 488 (See Fleet Report)

#### **URUGUAY DISTRICT**

District Secretary ..... Guillermo Rondini Meneses

No Report.

# FIRST INTERSECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES BEST FOUR OF FIVE REGATTAS, SCORED ON RANK FINISH

Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, TN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY November 7-9

Red Flannels Chicago Corinthian YC Chicago, IL MIDWEST September 26-27

60th Skaneateles Country Club Skaneateles, NY CENTRAL NEW YORK July 4-5

Spring Classic Pymatuning Yacht Club

Jamestown, PA OHIO May 9-10

Long John Monmouth Boat Club Red Bank, NJ METROPOLITAN April 25-26 THE FIRST INTERSECTIONAL CIRCUIT

Dick Hallagan won the first Intersectional Circuit, and was the only one to travel to all five of the regattas on the schedule.

This is a new circuit, originated by Bill Faude, designed to promote more traveling between Districts. For 1998 we selected five regattas. The best four of the five were scored, using the finishing rank for each contestant, and trophies were presented at the final regatta, the Bluenose. The five regattas were:

Long John in Red Bank, NJ, April 25-26 Pymatuning Spring Classic, May 9-10 60th Anniversary, Skaneateles, NY, July 4-5 Red Flannels, Chicago, September 26-27 Bluenose, Nashville, TN, November 7-8.

Results are posted at left.

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#### THE 1999 INTERSECTIONAL REGATTA CIRCUIT

For 1999, we are looking for a better name for our Intersectional Regatta Circuit. Bill Faude is calling it "The Road Show" for now.

For 1999, The Road Show will count the best 4 out of six regattas:

- ◆ Long John Monmouth Boat Club Red Bank, NJ METROPOLITAN April 24-25
- ◆ Mid-Continent Carlyle Sailing Association Hazlet, IL MISSISSIPPI VALLEY May 1-2
- Canadian Open Championship Buffalo Canoe Club Ridgeway, Ontario LAKE ERIE June 19-20
- ◆ Devils Lake Devils Lake Yacht Club Manitou Beach, MI MICHIGAN September 18-19
- ◆ Borderline Kerr Lake, NC SOUTHEASTERN October 23-24
- Bluenose
   Harbor Island Yacht Club
   Nashville, TN
   MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
   November 6-7

Have some fun! Boldly go where you may not have been before! See strange new worlds and experience the thrills they can offer! Get into The Road Show!

For 2000 we plan to include 7 regattas and count the best 5, starting with Miami or Savannah.



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#### SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB FLEET 1

#### Central New York District Sailing on Skaneateles Lake Skaneateles, NY

Fleet Captain	 					٠	John A. Barnes
Fleet Secretary .			,				David C. Penfield

* David Penfield	Λ	39
* Mike Yates Alan Bartlett & Bill Bartlett	Acme	378 2743
* Daniel W. Ferguson	The Fighting Lady	8899
* David Penfield	The Fighting Lady	9178
Doug Tucker		10242
* Kirk Revnolds	Wild Goose	10355
* Bent L. Thomsen	Jolle	10679
* John A. "Mick" Barnes		10705
* Frank J. Haas William Collins	Blitzen II	11154
& Sara Hueber Collins William C. Bourke		12031 12174
* David M. Hayes Skaneateles Country Club	Ensayo	12210 13330
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* Christopher Kuhns & Gary Kuhns	Mismarcr	13900
David Loftus	Mismarci	14303
* Kirk Reynolds		14465

1998 was an extremely active year for Fleet #1 with the 60th Anniversary Regatta over the July 4th weekend as the highlight of the season. The Regatta consumed endless, but rewarding, hours of planning, organizing, and execution. Our neighboring fleets from Ithaca, Cazenovia, and Liverpool rendered generous advice and support, as did the ILCA and the Central New York District. Many thanks to all.

All of our boats that could float participated in the 60th Anniversary Regatta. Most of the crews supported in planning and conducting the event. Clearly, hosting the 60th Anniversary Regatta was a spark which has re-energized our fleet. We count two new boats this year, and have seen far more participation from Fleet #1 in district regattas this year than in many years past.

The season began, as it has for many of the recent years, with Mike Yates taking #378 on his annual March trip to St. Petersburg to win the Woodies' Division. Back in the district, Mick Barnes and Kirk Reynolds showed for us at the annual Flash Bash in Cazenovia, with Kirk taking first place in that event. Mike Yates then hit the road again for the Champagne Regatta at Keuka Lake.

Then, all our sailors participated in the 60th Anniversary Regatta at home at Skaneateles Country Club. Some of these sailors had a few things to say in our reflections on the event elsewhere in the yearbook.

Throughout the season, fleet members participated in our annual interclub handicap racing series on Skaneateles Lake. An unprecedented number of these races were cancelled for lack of wind, but the Lightnings showed up every time. Mike, Mick, and Kirk sailed in the Onondaga Invitational in August, where Kirk took a convincing first place in the 6-race series. Finally, Kirk wound up the season placing second, behind Dick Hallagan at the Ithaca Frostbite Regatta in October.

Fleet #1 hopes to build on the momentum generated by the 60th Anniversary Regatta. We plan to resume Fleet racing and we will be hosting a one-day Invitational Lightning Regatta on September 11, 1999. *Joan Thomsen* 

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB FLEET 3
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Barnegat Bay
Bay Head, New Jersey

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Bay Head Yacht Club Robert R. Adams (Life) Robert R. Adams (Life)	Vagabond	11569 11980 14008

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# LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB FLEET 4 Central New York District Sailing on Lake Delta Rome, New York

Albert A. Adolfi, Jr.	Snowbird	10725
Aaron Dewey	CBU	12720
David A. Winberg	Run-a-way	13143

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# CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB FLEET 5 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Chicago, Illinois

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Fleet Treasurer	Steve Jen	kins	
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* Tom Hennessy	Wind On	10443	
* Skip Dieball	Wimpy 12	10638	
Dave Hernandey		10930	
* John F. Tschanz	Wind Rose	11316	
* David Field	Allegro	12283	
Bruce Thompson	Mjollnir	12395	
* Patrick McGuinnis	270767777777	12650	
* Tom Rogers			
* & Jon Schmid	Sky Blue	13259	
John L. Walter	Showtime	13686	
* John Beery		13909	
* Doug Steffenson	Hot Flash	14015	
* Jim Fairman	Plan B	14065	
* William Gibson	Pigs On Ice	14137	
Peter Sherman		14337	
* Robert K. Smither	Photon	14466	
* Paul Wurtzebach	Stunguns w/o Batteries	14478	
* Steve Cushman	Bonski	14508	
* & Martha Pharr C	ushman		
* Jeanne Ehrenberg	Racer X	14527	
* Doug Nickel	Feeding Frenzy	14613	
* Robert Almgren	,	14621	
* Dennis A. Burke	Rayo	14844	

Three boats in the blue fleet at NAs Two new skippers 34 boats at Red Flannels Strictly Sail boat show 35 Local Races Run Best Regatta Band 2 new hulls Crew development program - Steffenson

Adrian K. Irving

Ben Wallace

\* Robert C. Baron

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Individually and as a Fleet, 1998 stands out as a season of building on the excellence fostered in past years. Our successes included



Gentlemen sailors of Fleet 5

finishing three of six teams participating in the NAs in the Blue fleet, growing our Red Flannels Regatta participation to 34 boats, staffing another enthusiasm generating display at the Chicago Strictly Sail boat show, the arrival of two new skippers in town and the addition of two brand new hulls in the fleet! Locally, our club racing exceeded '97 with 35 races run during the course of the season.

As always we hate to be faced with the reality that sailing often depends on paychecks and paychecks sometimes take our fleet member away from this great racing venue. Although he claimed dual fleet allegiance, we're sorry to lose Bill Faude's enthusiasm and participation in Fleet 5 to "that strange California scene". We lose a good skipper and crew in Ben & Karen Wallace who will be moving back to New England this winter.

We look to find more talent and keep our beloved "square bot-

tom boat" fleet growing in '99!

# HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB FLEET 6 Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Stratford, Connecticut

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	& Richard N. Hayes	Woody	10801
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	Edward "Bud" Olsen	Life Member	0
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W. Craig Thayer

#### ONONDAGA FLEET 10 Central New York District Sailing at Onondaga Lake Syracuse, New York

Fleet Captain		Craig Thayer
Fleet Secretary		Len Phillips
Mike Yates	Acme	3
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Lightning sailing is slowly being reborn on Onondaga Lake here in Central NY. Whereas last year we had 10 boats for our one day Lightning Invitational at the end of August, this year we managed to muster 15 (a 50% increase ain't bad). While the day started out with plenty of clouds and rain, an hour later it became a perfect sailing day with moderate winds and plenty of sunshine. Visiting skipper Kirk Reynolds nailed down the win.

During the season, Len Phillips joined the club, followed by Joel Ambrose. A little arm-twisting convinced Mike Yates (#378) to join our group next year, with newcomer Ron Nagy with a 10K Allen also ready to join the fun. Counting yours truly, this brings our number to FIVE – enough to reinstate Fleet #10 as an active fleet for next year. If we add four boats to the number at the regatta, that brings us to 19, and since a lot of the usual people were unable to attend this past year, a goal of 25 boats doesn't seem out of the question for '99. Our regatta is August 20th, so come join us if you can.

There are also a number of individuals at the club that have expressed an interest in the boat, who we hope to have join us as crew or skippers. In addition, we've also picked up a couple restorable boats that hopefully will be refitted before the end of the season. We plan to have a weeknight series as well as the usual weekend races. All in all, it's been a good year here, with prospects for 1999 looking even brighter. Craig Thayer



Above: Kirk Reynolds, winner of the Onondaga One-Day. Below: ALL the winners of the Onondaga One-Day Photos courtesy Craig Thayer.



### NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET 11 Metropolitan District At the End of the Navesink River, New Jersey

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* Jon Schwartz * Mary Huntsman * & Sandy Huntsman	Magnum Force	14852	

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#### BUFFALO CANOE CLUB FLEET 12 Lake Erie District Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	.Brian Starck
Fleet Treasurer	.Tom Allen Jr.
Fleet Champion	.Tom Allen Jr.
Runner-Up	Ed Roseberry

* William E. Neal * Charlie Nowak * Charlie Nowak * Ian Drullard Paul Niederlander William Weikert, Jr. * Gregory Flynn Ronald Allan Hughes * Clarence O. Jones, Jr. John L. Cosmann * Jody Swanson John A. Frank, III & John Frank, IV Alison Emblidge * & Warren Emblidge John J. Beimler * David E. Fretz * Edwin Roseberry, Jr. * Allen Boat Company * Warren Emblidge, III * Judith Walker Brian Starck * & Robert Starck * Richard J. Buckley, Jr. Pascal Buckley Christopher Buckley David F. Stephens * Joe Donovan * Jody Swanson * Mary Dobmeier * Thomas M. Ward * Larry Bone David Starck * Thomas Starck * Thomas Starck * Thomas Starck * Michael Vollmer * Daze of Thunder * Daze of Thunder  * Daze of Thunder * Daze of Thunder * 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 9111 10356 Sea-O 12770 13244 13366 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 1366 1366 13779 13244 13366 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 1366 1366 13799 13445 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 13652 13653 1366 13799 13445 13652 13653 13652 13653 1366 1366 13799 13445 13652 13653 13652 13653 1366 1366 13799 13445 13662 13653 13653 1366 1366 1366 1366 13799 13445 13662 13653 1366 1366 1366 1366 1367 1369 1369 1369 1369 1369 1369 1369 1369	* Anne S. Allen Laird Robertson		2051
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* Allen Boat Company		14709
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El Nino provided Lightning Fleet 12 an ice-free Abino Bay for '98, which allowed some of our more intrepid sailors an early launch. Weekend sailing was very popular in May and early June. Thankfully, David and Joe Starck, Sr. stepped in to run these races when the Burgee committee boat was unavailable. The BCC One-Design Open, organized by Kevin and Bob Robinson, was held the third weekend of June. This regatta marked the first time the Lake Erie District Championship was held in conjunction with another multi-class regatta. The committee managed to run three excellent races in breezy conditions on Saturday without any delays or conflicts with the other classes. There was absolutely no wind on Sunday. Larry MacDonald topped a competitive 28 boat fleet, which included three crews from outside our district. Dave Starck was runner-up.

About twenty boats competed in the Tuesday Night Series, and we could rely on an average fleet of a dozen or so Lightnings every week. We owe our annual debt of gratitude to the Tuesday Night RC of Jean Swanson, Anne Allen, & Suzy Fretz and to Joe & Carol Starck. Ed Roseberry won most of the races. Kevin Robinson & Tim Jehle went in partners on a new boat. Dave Fretz bought an early 14000 Allen and sold his 10000 boat to young Ian Drullard. Mary Dobmeier acquired John Beimler's bright orange 14112. And Greg Flynn joined our fleet with 11739. The Club Championship,

sailed in mid-July, was won by Jody Swanson.

The North American Championship was, of course, the highlight of our season. General Chairperson Anne Allen deserves special recognition for her achievements. Anne organized a large and efficient committee, came up with a budget that worked, and planned a very enjoyable week. Her regatta sets a high standard for future championships, both for the ILCA and the BCC. MacDonald, Jim Allen, Jody Swanson, David Starck, and Tom Allen, Jr. all finished between 8th and 15th in the Blue Fleet. Ned Roseberry, sailing for Ched Proctor, was the highest placing BCC member, finishing 4th. Larry and Peter Bone, crewing for Jim Crane, "bullied" their way to a Prez Cup victory after a disappointing qualifying series. Sam Septembre, who spent the summer with the Allens, was Junior runner-up, while the Ward/ Bone/ Ernst team placed 6th.

### CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB FLEET 14 New England District Sailing on Casco Bay South Portland, Maine

Fleet Captain		Merrill
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# PAUPACK FLEET 16 Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion Runner-Up	ge Madel	
Jeane Bice George Barr		8581 9417
* Brian H. Williams &	Mimsy	10301
John Rowley	ť.	
* K.E. Jones Gene Baerenrodt Joseph Shatt Sandi Scull	Dabo 4	10518 11082 11363
& John V. Rowley Jeffrey Strand Charles Goehringer Stanley Moldawsky	Halcyone	11907 12716 13163 13520

The 1998 season opened with our traditional Cold Duck Regatta. We had nice light steady winds, full crew, and three great races. Heinz Kornmann, and crew Cathy Schneider and Ash Scache took the trophy. George Madel and crew Tim and Matt Mitch placed second. With such agreat opening day, we could only hope that the rest of the season would go as well.

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Heinz Kornmann

\* George W. Madel

Unfortunately Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate. The first of our three series (the Folwell Series) was plagued with no wind, too much wind, and downpours. Over thefour weeks five out of eight races were either DNS or DNF. George Madel took the series. Heinz Kornmann placed second.

The Miller Series opened on a similar note; no wind, just another day to sit on the beach. The next three weeks we actually got to sail. At the end of the series Heinz Kornmann was declared the winner. George Madel took second.

The Baron Series started out with two good weekends of sailing. The third weekend was cancelled due to no wind. With one weekend (two races) to go George Madel was only 1.25 points ahead of Heinz Kornmann for the club championship. Unfortunately for Heinz, George took first in the first race and third in the second race to take the series and the Club Championship.

We close tour regular season with the Lorimer Brown Cup. This is a one-day regatta where the skippers crew and one of the regular crew skippers. As regular skippers, we pray for light wind. This year we had a little more than light wind, which led to some frightening moments. However, we all managed to stay upright, had lots of laughs, and a great time. Cathy Schneider, skippering Heinz's boat, took the trophy.

Once again we held the PA Governor's in late September. We had light winds, but managed to get all five races in the two-day regatta. There were 21 very competitive boats. Dick Hallagan managed to squeak by last year's winner, Bob Bush, by one point to win the regatta. Sandy Huntsman was one point behind Bob to take third. Joe Buczkowski placed fourth and Mark Schneider fifth. Hope to see everyone back again next year. This regatta was reported in Flashes.

So ends another year of Lightning racing on Lake Wallenpaupack.

### CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 19 Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Chautauqua Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary/Treasure		
* James J. McDonnell * Douglas Reid	Blue Mac's	9332
& Ken Reid Colleen Hawks	Moxie	9402
& Charles A. Hodges Ernest R. Walker		10156 12234
Lyle T. Barkhymer  * Marnie Tolerton  * Doug Reid	Fledermaus	12601 12614 13162
* Heinrich Kutschke Kathleen Kane	H.E.K.	13605 14311
* Gordon S. Black, Jr. Marjorie Lord Westphal Don Todd	Daisy	14341 14524 14593
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### INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 23 Ohio District Sailing on Indian Lake Russells Point, Ohio

Jay & Helen Limbaugh (	Life)	10585
Robinson Joslin		11055
John Green		
James T. Young		11531
James T. Young		11777
Robert Curry		12049
Franklin L. Terry	Mellow	12287
Robert Clover	Wind Thief	12551
John Collier	.,	13189
John W. Timmermeister		13741
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Judy Creamer	No Fear	13747

### LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB FLEET 25 Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Mohawk Sparta, New Jersey

Don Okner

ricet Captain		KIIGI
Fleet Champion		liner
* Hank Hitpas		8671
* Donald T. Okner	Tomato Sloop	11448
* John Marx	Ariba-Ariba-Andele	11565
Jim Di Paoma		11772
Stephen T. Nichols		13211
William M. Beveridge		13373
* Perry L. Anderson	Dreamer	13381
* Josef M. Holbien	Meister Eder	13820
John L. Miller		
* Robert H. Graham		14061
William Warren		14198
* Richard T. Miner	Hawkeye	14607

Fleet Captain



1998 Fleet Champion Rich Miner and crew Gail Miner

The year 1998 marked not only the 60th anniversary of the Lightning but also the 60th anniversary of the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club. As can be seen from our Fleet Number 25, we are one of the oldest fleets in the ILCA and we are committed to being around as

long as there is an ILCA and Lightnings to sail.

Our kick off for the Spring Series was the Gabor Cup Regatta, held on May 24, 1998 and was run by our Lightning fleet. This is a handicapped event open to the entire Lake Mohawk community held annually on Labor Day weekend. The regatta consisted of two races in which nine boats participated. The winds were out of the west between four and seven knots. Lightnings were skippered by Bob Graham, Joe Holbein, Rich Miner, and Don Okner with Perry Anderson performing his usual excellent job as our Race Committee. Despite formidable competition by a Thistle and a swarm of Lasers, the Lightnings prevailed with Bob Graham is first place followed by Joe Holbein in second place, and Rich Miner in third place.

On May 31, 1998 we hosted Brian Hayes of North Sails who ran a sailing clinic for us. Brian videotaped us on the water and then did a critique of our performance. Seeing your own mistakes is always a humbling experience but Brian was careful to also point out our strengths so that none of our fragile egos were bruised. We all picked up some helpful pointers which we were able to incorporate

into our racing during the rest of the season.

For our Spring Series the winds on Lake Mohawk were typically shifty and sometimes light, but the "September in July" weather was great and many of our days were picture perfect. The Lightnings sailed a total of fourteen races with seven races needed to qualify. Nine of our skippers participated throughout the series but only three ultimately qualified. The final positions were as follows:

Lightning Fleet and crew at 1998 Awards Dinner Dance



First Place: Rich Miner - Crew: Gail Miner and others

Second Place: Joe Holbein

Crew: Monika Holbein & Dee Dee Holbein
Third Place: Don Okner - Crew: Jim McMahon & Vinny Kunz
On Independence Day the LMYC held a family picnic which was
organized by Dee Dee Holbein and Joan Hitpas. Commodore Hank
Hitpas and Snipe skipper Jeff Urbanski manned the grills and the
event ended with a first rate view of the fireworks. On the following day, the holiday festivities continued with our Marine Base
Regatta which was run by the Snipe Fleet. Once again, our
Lightnings prevailed with Bob Graham and Rich Miner in first and
second place respectively and Jeff Urbanski in his Snipe with a very
competitive third place.

The Fall Series was heralded in by calm days which resulted in cancellations on August 2nd, 16th, and 23rd and only one race on August 9th. However, the winds began to pick up on August 30th, allowing two races in which Perry Anderson and Rich Miner went head to head and Bill Warren served as Race Committee. Perry and Rich swapped places for first and second thus causing the event to end in a draw. On the following weekend, the long awaited wind

began to blow.

September 6th was the day for our annual Commodore's Cup Regatta, another handicapped event in which thirteen boats participated. Lightnings were skippered by Rich Miner, Hank Jelinek and Don Okner. Bob and Pat Graham served as Race Committee and set a course which consisted of two triangles and a windward leg for the finish. We had a strong breeze out of the south with some hefty puffs and managed to sail two races with a lunch break in between. Rich Miner took honors for first place followed by Hank Jelinek in second place, Jeff Urbanski (Snipe) in third place, Hank Hitpas (Laser) fourth and Don Okner in fifth place. The day ended with a cocktail party at the Lake Mohawk Country Club which was hosted by Commodore Hank Hitpas and his wife, Joan.

October 11th 1998 marked the official end to LMYC's 60th year of racing on Lake Mohawk with the wind having been much better for the second half of the Fall Series which had eight boats participating but only three qualifying and finishing as follows:

First Place: Rich Miner - Crew: Gail Miner and others

Second Place: Perry Anderson

Crew: Margaret Anderson and Gary Oeters
Third Place: Don Okner - Crew: Jim McMahon and others

The LMYC's final event of the year was our annual awards dinner dance which was held on November 21, 1998 at the Lake Mohawk Country Club. Connie and Bill Warren did an outstanding job organizing this affair at which trophies were presented. Top honors in our fleet once again went to Rich Miner who capably succeeded in defending his championship with wife, Gail as his key crew member. Crew of the year went to Don Okner's crew, Jim McMahon and Vinny Kunz. Congratulations to all whom participated and helped to make this a good year. Don Okner

### Central Atlantic District Based on Little Egg Harbor Bay Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary	Franz K. Sch	neider
Fleet Champion		
* Robert Kenny * Jody D. Robinson Little Egg Harbor Yacht		6929
* Jody D. Robinson	Procrastination	10768
Little Egg Harbor Yacht	Club	
	Swampy Skunkbuc	ket 11124
* John Teigland, Jr.	Cirrus	11666
* Franz K. Schneider, Jr.	Hornet	14348
* John Teigland, Jr. * Franz K. Schneider, Jr. * Caroline Hoedemaker	Phantom	14634
* Mark Schneider	Redemption	14840

Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . John Teigland



Awards Day at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club

There was a full program of club, inter-club, and regatta sailing for the Lightnings based at the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club this

past summer.

In addition to this, a special effort was made to interest the teenaged sailors graduating from our Optimist Pram program in the Lightning. On several Saturdays, these young people raced Lightnings on our senior course. They had their own start with the E Scows and Cat Boats. One strong adult went in each boat to help in case of an emergency. The kids really managed quite well, even in winds well over 15mph.

In late July Dwight Hutchinson donated his Lightning 11124 to the club for use in the Junior Training Program. It was a very welcome addition to the fleet and should see even more use next season.

There were thirteen boats from eight different clubs at our Invitational Regatta on the weekend of August 15th. The weather was clear and sunny with winds between 10 and 15 mph. Mark Schneider, representing the host club, won the series with 1, 1, 4 finishes. One point behind in second place was last year's winner, Steve Warren from Surf City Yacht Club. John Haiges, representing the Riverton Yacht Club fleet, finished third, one point ahead of Little Harbor's Caroline Hoedemaker.

In addition to the racing program Lightnings were also used for the youth cruise to Tuckers Island and the ladies Thursday evening

sailing program.

Fleet Captain

A family oriented club, the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club has a strong dedication to sportsmanship as well as 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 sometime.

### Chio District Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir at Columbus (Powell), Ohio

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Fleet Treasurer/Secretary Ralph Zimme		
Donald R. Schregardus	0	
Ralph D. Powless	8234	
Peter Burge	8559	
Charles Matthews	9498	

	David Racine				11899
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	George K. Hodge	Gone	With The	e Wind	11982
	Kirk Smith & Madeline	Smith			12046

Christina Hedrick Andrew J. Sehulster & Ralph Zimmer

B.O.B. (Babes on Board) 12580

Lady Be Gooder 12787

Don Friswold		12797
* Ralph D. Powless		12895
* Jamie Diamond		13063
* Eric Brandt		13855
* Kurt Andrews	White Heat	13935
* Thomas H. Varley, Jr.	Afterburner	13979
* Carl R. Clipp		14104
* Paul Howald	My Obsession	14395
Edmund G. Redman		14575
* Daniel R Hertzer		14848
* Kurt Andrews		14897

1998 was a great year for Leatherlips Lightning Fleet 27. Lightning members were very active in keeping Leatherlips a great place. We traveled extensively competing in away regattas, nationals and anniversary events. But, the number one important thing, we all had fun with our boats, crews and families.

Fleet member Dan Hertzer served as Vice-Commodore of Leatherlips for 1998 and will be Commodore for 1999. Dan worked very hard around our club with the help of fleet members doing club improvements. Some of the improvements the Lightning fleet participated in were breaking up old concrete steps and laying new cement walkways and steps, contributing to efforts for docks in and out, trimming trees, repairing outside lighting, and volunteering time to teach sailing. We certainly work hard and play hard.

Our sailing season opened with the famous Spring Classic hosted by Pymatunimg Yacht Club, Mothers Day weekend. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Kurt Andrews, Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer, and Tom Varley. The Windshift Regatta hosted by Leatherlips Yacht Club was the second weekend of June. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Tom Varley taking 2nd place, Kurt Andrews taking 6th place, Eric Brandt, Carl Clipp, Dan Hertzer, Paul Howald, and Christina Hedrick. The next event was the Ohio Districts hosted by Pymatunimg YC the last weekend of June. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Kurt Andrews, Dan Hertzer, Eric Brandt, and Christina Hedrick. The Pymatunimg group really know how to throw a party. We had a great time with excellent weather.

The next event was the 60th Lightning Anniversary hosted by Skaneatelas Yacht Club in Skaneatelas NY on the 4th of July weekend. Leatherlips members who attended were: Kurt Andrews, with crew: Zach Austin, and Mike Mirarchi, Christina Hedrick crewed for Don Johnson from Iowa, Dan Hertzer with crew Don Schregardus, and wife and crew Marti Hertzer, and the Varley's-Tom, Kay, Jon and Karla all raced at this event. Associate Leatherlips member and Lightning Class Secretary Karen Johnson skippered with crew: mom, Edna Johnson, dad, Kirk Johnson and youngest sailor at the event Karen's son, 3 and \_ year old Evan Johnson. Karen placed 4th in the classic boat class. Karen's parents traveled from their home in San Diego CA to Columbus, OH and onto Skaneatelas, NY for the race. This once in a lifetime event was well represented by Leatherlips sailors. Family members also came along for the fun. Zach Austin's wife, Susan, Sue Shregardus-Don's wife and not yet one year old Aaron Hertzer also attended this event. It was a great time and we are looking forward to the 70th!

To continue on with the sailing season, the next event was the Nationals at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Point Abino, Canada about an hour from Buffalo, NY in the middle of August. Leatherlips skipper Kurt Andrew with crew: Zach Austin and Mike Mirarch competed. Christina Hedrick crewed for Judith Walker for the Women's the first week and crewed for the Buchkowsky's from Michigan the second week of racing. It was very interesting racing with one day of the wild weather Buffalo is famous for. We had a lot of fun and Buffalo hosted a fantastic event.

The next event for the Leatherlips sailors in the Ohio districts was the Stumpbuster Regatta at Indian Lake Yacht Club during the middle of August. Leatherlips skippers were: Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer placing 3rd,and Tom Varley placed 2nd. The Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Yacht Club was the middle of September. Leatherlips skippers who attended were: Kurt Andrews placing 3rd, Eric Brandt, and Tom Varley taking 1st. The weekend after was the 3rd annual Bare Bones Regatta hosted by the Mansfield Sailing Club. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Kurt Andrews placing 3rd, Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer placing 2nd, Paul Howald, and

Tom Varley took 4th. The Snowball Regatta was the first weekend in October and was hosted by the Buckeye Yacht Club. Leatherlips skippers who attended were: Kurt Andrews placing 2nd, Dan Hertzer, and Tom Varley. Finally, the last Ohio regatta was the Fall In Regatta hosted by the Cowen Lake Yacht Club in the middle of October. Leatherlips skippers who attended were: Kurt Andrews taking 4th, Eric Brandt, Paul Howald, and Tom Varley placing 5th. As you can surmise the Leatherlips fleet are very much road warriors when it comes to competing in Ohio Regattas.

Karen Johnson, and Christina Hedrick represented fleet 27 crewing at the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville, TN the first weekend in November. Attendance was a little lower than usual but it was still

a fun regatta.

Almost the whole fleet sailed locally. This group of skippers includes: Kurt Andrews, Leatherlips Fleet Captain, Eric Brandt, Carl Clipp, Christina Hedrick, Dan Hertzer, George Hodge, Paul Howald, Harry Minick, Don Schregardus, Tom Varley, and new members Ralph Zimmer, Jamie Diamond and Rick Ward.

Kirk and Madeline Smith moved to Massachusetts with their Lightning and Leatherlips additionally welcomed new members Kay and Dennis Pope to the fleet. We are hoping to welcome lifelong Lightning sailor, David Racine and wife Shirley Gallops to our fleet in 1999. Kurt Andrews purchased a brand new boat and Don Schregardus sold his boat. The Varley's won the Ohio Governor's Cup for the best scoring in Ohio District Regatta competition. Also, as usual with sailboat people many repairs and updates were performed on our beloved Lightning's in 1998.

The crews, who are almost never mentioned but are the most important persons on the boat and certainly should be mentioned were: Zach Austin, Mike Mirarchi, Jim Thompson and daughter Stephanie Thompson, Charitta Clipp, Kevin Jehl, Lightning Class Secretary Karen Johnson, Ken Hartlaub, Sandy Gill, Debbie Cook, JP Clowes, David Racine, Marti Hertzer, Karla Varley, Don Schregardus, Sue Mantey, Lisa Meadows, George Hodge, Christina Hedrick, Kay Varley, Jon Varley, Kristen Ossa, Hillary Kissel, Ralph Zimmer, Judy Diamond and 2 year old son Joey Diamond. I know I probably left some persons out - sorry.

Thanks to all for a great 1998 sailing season!

Christina Hedrick

#### DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 31 Michigan District Sailing on Devil's Lake Manitou Beach, Michigan

1998 Fleet Captain Merrill Bales
1999 Fleet Captain Richard Foster
1999 Fleet Captain Elect Gary Marzolf
Fleet SecretaryJoan Baumgart
Fleet Treasurer
Fleet Champion
Fleet Runner-Up

* Jack Beal		0
* Larry Niswander	X Spurt	197
Gerald J. Forthun		1661
* Richard E. Stanbridge		8381
Philip Reynolds		
& James Reynolds		9650
* Dave Chambers		10291
Robert Douglas Carlisle		10871
Jim Walz		11664
* Peter C. Paullin	Go Blu	11951
Richard B. Young		12051
* Hank Hodgson		12121
Clyde J. Brasher	I Delight	12345
* Gary Marzolf		
* & Richard Foster		12506
* Hank Hodgson		12607
Dennis Marsh		12777
Dana Compton		13021

Robert E. Doyle Charles L. Smith	Sorry Charlie	13767 13891
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* Jeffrey W. Clemes * S. Maxwell Smith	Hay Bales	14090
* John D. Folwell Jr.	riay baics	14260
* John D. Folwell, Jr. * Merrill Bales	Hay Bales	14301
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Jay Dunwell & Amy Dunwell	Mighte	14449
* Hank Hodgson	TCB	14510
* Richard F. Elwell	Hot Flash	14540
Harry Teets		14618
* Bruce Goldsmith	Over Easy Model Citizens	14649
* Dan Norton		14774
	Adrenalin	14810
<ul><li>* Jeff Maludy</li><li>* David Laidlaw</li></ul>		14830
* Dan Norton		14884

Sure hard to think the sailing season is over already. Seems like it just began. We started with our Jack Tibbs Memorial Day Series. Dan Norton showed everyone which way to go, with 5 wins in 5 races. Our next series was the Stay At Home Series. This is when most of the "Good Guys" are out of town to regattas or at the Michigan Districts. Unfortunately Hank Hodgson stayed home and won this series with 4 - 1st and 1 - 2nd & a 3rd. I was second & Harry Teets was third. Next came the Fourth of July Series. Again Hank sailed a good series with 4 – 1st & 1 – 4th. Dave Laidlaw & I tied for second.

On Friday July 10th we had a fine turnout for our annual night race. After a cook out, six boats with at least four people per boat sailed two races. It was a perfect night with good wind. We saw the sun set and then the full moon rise, (Good planning by the Fleet Captain.) John Folwell & I each won a race, so we had to sail another race to determine the winner, John won this sailoff.

I would like to especially thank Curt Baldwin & Katie Chambers

for running the races for us every time we race.

Our next outing was the Round the Lake race. This is for fun with several ideas for keeping the fleet together. Some of which do a 180 turn, drop your sails & wait for a boat to pass, drop your sails & do a 360. I think you get the idea. Dick Elwell received first. His first race after hip replacement. (Committee felt sorry for him, I did-

n't get a vote.)

For the Fleet Championship, which is sailed all season, Hank Hodgson is first with 27 points, Merrill Bales is second with 33. Dave Laidlaw is third with 44 points. John Folwell is fourth with 60 points. Harry Teets if fifth with 89. Foster/Marzolf/Magee are sixth with 103 (thirty some each). Hank showed us all which way to go and how fast. It was great to see ten boats out for the last week of this series. Sorry to see Dave Chambers do a deep six, but we've all been there. Congratulations to Dick Elwell for a great last week. (Good winds for the fat boys.)

Next series was the Captain Commodore race. In this race we split the fleet by our finishes in championship. Top boats sail the Commodore & rest in the Captain. This series was won by Dave Laidlaw with Hank Hodgson second. Harry Teets won the Captain series. Our last series was Labor Day. We sailed five races with Hank (again) being first. The Fleet voted on the balance of our trophies. First Mate was Judy Bales. Board of Governors to Ron Griffith. Sportsmanship awarded to Merrill Bales. Best Crew went to Elisa Wyatt. Novice to Foster, Marzoff & McGee. Most improved to John Folwell.

Our 55th annual regatta was held on September 19th & 20th. We had 25 Lightnings turn out. Saturday we had to postpone 'til 1:30 to wait for the wind. This race was sailed in 0 to 5 MPH. Colin Park was first with Bruce Goldsmith 2nd, Craig Gabel 3rd, and Dan Norton 4th. After the race beer and soft drinks were

enjoyed by all. Followed by a great buffet at the club.

Sunday started much better with a decent wind. We sailed 3 races back to back. Colin Park won the second race with Sean Fidler winning races three & four. Craig Gabel sailed aconsistent series with three threes and a two to win the regatta. Dan was second and won the club trophy for the fleet boat placing the highest. Everyone had a great time as "THIS ONE'S FOR FUN"

1998 was a great year for the fleet. Thanks to all who made it happen. Best of luck to Dick Foster our '99 Fleet Captain.

Merrill Bales, 1998 Fleet Captain

### TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET 33 Ohio District Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake Akron, Ohio

Fleet Secretary									Greg Gray
Fleet Secretary									.Jerome Seppelt
									Dale Jackson

Dave Mendenhall	Wood Work	8586
Chuck Suter	Lime Light	10425
* Clem B. Shriver	Red III	11123
Carol Mendenhall	Me Ma's Folly	11904
* Gregory Gray	Windebeast	13594
* Ierome Seppelt	Nittany Lightning	13989
* Jerome Seppelt * Dale Jackson	White Lightning	14075

The International Lightning Class Association's 60th Anniversary Regatta celebrated at the Skaneateles Country Club was well represented by Fleet 33. Fleet 33's number one draft choice, Joe Dissette, from the Saginaw Bay Fleet matched his Lightning named Carousel #33 with his new honorary Fleet #33 and sailed to first place at the 60th Anniversary Championships. Joe Dissette's honorary induction into Fleet #33 took place on a beautiful autumn afternoon at Joe's home in Midland, Michigan. The Dissette home is a showplace of Lightning Class history and gracious hosts they are. However, this honorary induction is not final until Joe visits Fleet #33 at their island on the Great Turkeyfoot Lake.

In the meantime, at the Turkeyfoot Lake Regatta our 1998 Lightning Champion is once again Dale Jackson. Following as usual but this time in second place was Jerry Seppelt, Dave and Mother Carol Mendenhall. Chuck Suter and Clem Shriver enabled Jerry to take 2nd by not racing. And, finally, Greg Gray qualified and, thus became our 1999 Fleet Captain by coming in last. Thank you Greg,

we knew you were holding back for a reason.

### METEDECONK RIVER FLEET 34 Central Atlantic District Based on the Metedeconk River Brick, New Jersey

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champions Ryan Dunn & Mike Buczkowski
Fleet Runner-Up Joe Buczkowski

* George B. Francis	7: 7	0
Carol H. Kern	Zig Zag	6557
* Robert E. Cowan	Certiorari	7082
* Metedeconk River YC	Club Tub	9852
* Robert G. Savarese		10952
* David Magliaro		11122
* A. Richard Thomas, Jr.	Miss Fitt III	11411
* William C. Bogardus Jr.	Yankee Doodle	11800
* David S. Ruiter		
* & Stephanie Ruiter	Love It	11894
* Michael Hnatt		12209
* Mitchell Hnatt		13084
David K. Holland		13359
Craig Dooren		14029
* Greg Kinzel		14008
* Robert Lynn		11000
* & Jarrett Lynn	Sunshine Daydream	14450
* Bernie Beegle	Sunstime Dayaream	14514
* Ryan Dunn	Root Down	14525
* Michael Buczkowski	Root Down	17323
	Hakuna Matata	14550
ce joe Duezkowski, ji.		
	Jesus Built My Hot R	
* James G. Carson (Life)	Fuzzy Logic	14595

* Keith Taboada	Roadmaster	14597
* Frank Conway	Crusader	14642
* Paul F. Gelenitis (Life)		14684
* Donald Brennan	Serai	14692
* Djoerd Hoekstra (Life)		0

With the mixture of seasoned veterans and an influx of former juniors the future of Fleet 34 is bright! And, Fleet 34 sailors still dominate the Central Atlantic District. Although our attendanceat the Districts was down slightly, Brian Taboda, Paul Gelenitis, and Keith Taboda swept the top three positions. Brian also won the Atlantic Coast Championship. Keith Taboda led a 3 boat contingent with a ninth in the Long John at Monmouth. Co-skippers Jim Carson and Kevin Dunn were first and newcomer Mitch Hnatt second in the Bay Head/Metedeconk Tuneup. Mitch took sixth at the Little Egg Harbor Invitational. The team of Mike Buczkowski, Ryan Dunn, and Paul Gelenitis took top honors in the ten race Barnegat Bay YRA series with Jarrett Lynn second and Joe Buczkowski third.

Our Fleet members were also active on the fall circuit with Joe Buczkowski the most active and Annapolis the most popular. Joe capped off the year with a win in the Pumpkin Bowl atBarnegat Light beating out Mitch Hnatt in the final and deciding race. Jim Carson excelled at the States in Surf City with a third. Joe was 4th in the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Lake Wallenpaupack, 10th in the Riverton Fall Regatta and the States before leading the five boat Metedeconk contingent at the Frigid Digit with a fifth. Jim Carson and Ryan Dunn also sailed the Borderline Regatta.

On the river, co-skippers Kevin Dunn and Rich Eytel won the Spring Series, Greg Kinzel the Fall, and the team of Mike Buczkowski and Ryan Dunn placed first in the Fleet Championship.

Although five skippers went to Buffalo, only Brian Taboda (13th) made the blue fleet. The others, led by Paul Gelenitis' eighth

sailed in the green fleet. No yellow fleeters!

Not to be forgotten are our Juniors who traditionally do well and often end up getting their own boats. Dave Ruiter and Jim Carson, now assisted by George Francis and Dick (the younger) Thomas continue teaching/coaching an advanced group of juniors on Thursday evenings. From this group come 90% of our new members. This year was an "off" year as a Metedeconk boat did not win the Junior States although Ryan Bradley and Rich Eytel took third and fourth respectively. Ryan went on to place seventh in the Junior NA's.

Looking forward to 1999, we'll miss Ensign Joe Buczkowski who expects to sail in Florida where he will be based. However, we'll welcome Michael Hnatt with a refurbished Lippincott and Greg Kinzel's new (to him) Nickels purchased from Bob Adams this fall. We should see more of Billy Bogardus now that he's finished law school and Dave Magliaro threatens to finish rebuilding his Lippincott. Maybe George Francis will let Don Brennan steer his own boat for a change. Perhaps Dick Thomas will be more visible and Dave Ruiter will come out of retirement more often. JGC

### DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET 35 Texas District Sailing on White Rock Lake Dallas, Texas

Ralph Rilnoski

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Fleet SecretaryArd	dis Good
Fleet Champion John Wa	skom IV
Runner-Up	Herman
Spencer McGowan	10014
Randy Jancyk	10069
Ron Keimer	10211

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 R. John Davis
 10275

 Carl E. N. Takle
 10285

 Ardis Good
 10811

 John B. Waskom IV
 Hard Tack
 10959

 Henry Hermann
 11046

 Ralph Bilnoski
 11118

Rodney L. Wallace	11311
Southern Methodist University Sailing Club	12545
Wayne B. Catoe	12975
Hank Hermann	13223
Bob Wenning	13248
Mark Alholm	13341
Ignatius Urbanek	13644
* John B. Waskom IV	13722
Peter McDonnell	13781

The '98 sailing season for Fleet 35 was a challenge of skippering skills. We were used to skippering around small obstacles in past seasons - stumps stuck in the mud. This season we learned to sail around large obstacles - the ever-present obstacles associated with the dredging of our lake - namely a large pipeline used for moving mud from the bottom of the lake to a pit several miles south of Big D, a large dredge and other small equipment. All well worth the inconvenience. We are amazed at the fact that all the governmental hurdles were jumped and that the job was completed in early fall months ahead of schedule. Our lake is cleaner, deeper and we are now rediscovering areas of the lake we had lost over the decades to silt. And, contrary to all wild speculations, there were no bodies at the bottom of the lake - a lot of other stuff but no bodies.

Our racing season seemed to be one of weather extremes. We experienced a "rain delay" at the beginning of our racing series and then sailed through the 2nd hottest summer on record. All and all, the heat wasn't unbearable as we did seem to have good breezes and got our races in Saturday mornings before the mercury topped the century mark. The drought here did take its toll in late August as we watched the irony of the dredge at work out in the lake and dry land under our davits. A good heavy rain soon got us back in the water. Skippers participating this year were Ralph Bilnoski, Hank Herman, Jim Kennedy, Spencer McGowan and John Waskom, IV. At the end of the season in November, John Waskom IV sailed away with the Fleet Championship followed by Hank Herman who faithfully sailed almost every race as runner-up. So closes another season for Fleet 35. If you're visiting Dallas,

give us a call and come sail on our beautiful lake - no need to worry

now about dragging the centerboard.

#### **PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET 36 Ohio District** Sailing on Pymatuning Lake Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	Scot Werley	
Race Chairman	Victor Maras	
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	Janis Gamer	

* R. Scotland Werley		
* & Karen Werley	Caledonia	6133
* W. Terry Patrick	Swift Justice	8635
* Edward Werley	Kyushu Gypsy	9375
* Victor Maras	Ryushu Gypsy	23/3
* & Marilyn Maras	Changes of Attitudes	10527
* Lud Lekson	la Biche IV	11278
* Ralph Meacham	Wingtips	11618
* Tom Dressler	Natural Born Killers	11768
Greg Ferree	Natural Bolli Rillers	11868
* Thomas S. Petroski	Purple Moose	12884
* David Palmer	Chaos	12972
* W. Timothy Borland	Agent Orange	12973
* Martin Powell	rigent Orange	12775
* & Deborah Powell	Grey Ghost	13181
* Janis Gamer	Recess	13240
June Maltbie	Hot Canary IX	13465
* Bridget Frymier	Tiot Cuntily In	15 105
* & Matt Frymier	Relax	13608
* Donald P. Courtsal	rear	15000
& Frances Courtsal	Grace	13771
* Jonathan Dean	Sysygy	13905
Jonathan Louis	10/8/	20200

* Herbert Jestel	Smile	14020
* Leonard Ciccione	Rigmarole	14143
* Garry Condon	Sight Unseen	14222
* Frank Thompson	Enticer	14285
* Denis S. McLaughlin		14340
* William H. Weihe, Jr.	SOB	14343
* W. Terry Patrick	Second Childhood	14412
* Dean N. Caley	Greased Lightning	14420
* John Werley	0	14422
* John Werley * John P. Borland	Change of Luff	14513
* Thomas S. Petroski	Purple Moose II	14523
* Victor Maras		
* & Marilyn Maras	Hakuna Matata	14546
* John Woodall		
*		14573
* Scotland Werley		
<ul> <li>* &amp; Nedra Lewis</li> </ul>	Arete	14579
* David E. Werley	Barometer Soup	14657
* Robert G. Ruhlman		
* & Abby Ruhlman	Touch of Grey	14751
* Don Courtsal		14914

Fleet 36 had a very busy 1998 sailing season starting with our annual Spring Classic held May 9th & 10th. A total of 29 boats registered for the event from as far away as Canada, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Michigan. John and Bertie Werley did a great job organizing the event with the help of rescue team Keith Custard, Gordon McCarty, Steve Hidell, Ed Casey, and Keith Patrick; race committee Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton, Joel Ridge, and John Barkett; and all the Lightning Fleet 36 members.

The winners of the regatta were Jack Elfman, Jim Allen, Sean Fidler, Jody Lutz, and Dick Hallagan. The top PYC finishers were Rob Ruhlman, Dave Werley, and John Werley.

This year, Fleet 36 and Pymatuning Yacht Club had the honor of hosting the Ohio District Championship 50th Anniversary Regatta on June 26, 27, and 28. District Commodore Bridget Frymier and Anne Borland were co-chairpersons and after months of planning, numerous phone calls and daily e-mails, the end result was truly memorable.

A total of 41 boats registered for the event and from the greetings at the Welcoming Tent on Friday and Saturday to the trophy presentation on Sunday afternoon, a great time was had by all the

participants.

The winners of this year's Ohio Districts were Matt Fisher, Skip Dieball, Dan Dressel, Sjoerd VanderHorst, and George Fisher. The top PYC finishers were Rob Ruhlman, Jim Sears, Tom Dressler, and

As we put our boats away for the winter, Lightning Fleet 36 is already anticipating the 1999 sailing season. Our fleet is looking forward to four new boats on the lake belonging to Dave Palmer, Martin Powell, Bob Harrison, and Don Courtsal.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our regattas and social functions. Have a safe winter and we're looking forward to seeing

everyone at our Spring Classic on May 8 & 9, 1999.

Janis Gamer

All photos next page by Janis Gamer

#### CHELSEA YACHT CLUB FLEET 39 Metropolitan District Sailing on the Hudson River Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jay Anderson

* Michael B. Pike	Irish Mist	10796
David Petelinz		11431
Edward Garber		11578
Jim Zambito		12873
William Muth		12912
* Jay H. Anderson	Skidaway	14182

No Report.



Race Committee Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton Jack Elfman and Skip Dieball at the 50th and Joel Ridge



Ohio Districts



Bridget Frymier and Anne Borland at the 50th Ohio Districts trophy presentation



Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein accept their 1st place trophies at the 50th Ohio Districts



Fleet members Pam Petroski, Gordon McCarty, Amy Borland and Scot Werley



Lud and Helen Lekson prepare for another Bob Harrison with son Rob and their newly Fleet Captain Scot Werley with crew Sunday race



purchased Lightning



Karen Werley and Nedra Lewis



Irena Patrick, Helen Lekson and Marian Weihe serve a snack on Old Lightning Lane during the Traveling Tavern and Trailer Tour



Vic Maras, Bob Frymier, Greg Maras, and Keith Patrick enjoy some liquid refreshment at the Traveling Tavern



Rob Ruhlman with Jerry Balestrino, Garry Condon and John Dunne provide the enter-tainment at the end of our Traveling Tavern and Trailer Tour



Fleet members Gloria Thompson and Eleanor Hawn

### WESTERN LAKE ERIE FLEET 42 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Erie LaSalle, Michigan

Fleet Contact	
Fleet Runner-UpJeff Hagman	
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* Becky Ganues 100 * Ernest Dieball 102	24
* Ernest Dieball 102	
* Dennis Dieball	
* & Skip Dieball Wimpy-12 106	38
* Rick Rothenbuhler	
* & Craig Koschalk 107	798
Jeff Kasper 109	56
Brent Amburn 118	306
* Robert Rishel 136	40
John J. McNulty	
Chris Snyder 139	28
* Stephen H. Thomas,  * & Mike Thomas,	
* & Bill Thomas The Happy Boat 141	
* George Sipel 142	
* Josh Kerst Instant Karma 145	19
* Bruce Goldsmith	2000
* & Derek Gauger Model Citizens 146	
* Jeff Maludy Adenaline 147	
* Jim Davis Flash Over II 147	
Britt Wadsworth 148	
* Jeff Hagman Bud Lightning II 148	324

No Report.

### BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 43 Ohio District Sailing on Buckeye Lake Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Secretary		ty Fisher					
* George Fisher (Li	fe)	10860					
Dr. Karl Kumler		13250					
* Matt Fisher	Ladies Choice	14045					
* George Fisher (Li	fe)	14345					

Fleet 43 is very proud of Matt Fisher winning the North American Championships for the third time. He also won the Ohio Districts at Pymatuning – which were the two times he sailed all summer! Tain't fair. His dad, George, won the Masters this year and brother Greg was second at the NA's last year!

### SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 47 Lake Erie District Sailing on Silver Lake Perry, New York

Fleet Commodore	Dave Nasca
Vice Commodore	.Dave Cpoestick
Fleet Secretary	
Fleet Treasurer	
Fleet Champion	Mark Grinder
Runner-Up	Dave Nasca

* Bill Neal		6983
Jay Hackemer		7398
Jay Hackemer  * Scott DeGolyer III	Just Say No	7949
Roger Slade	-	8004
Joyce Nash		9620
* Michael T. Humphrey		9739
* Michael T. Humphrey * David Nasca	Chase	9845
Ira Johnson		10318
* David A. Copestick		12688
Kathryn Lyons		12984
John Adrian		13628
* Paul J. Malone, Jr.	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd	The Judge	13948
* Mark W. Grinder	Speedy Devil	14672
* Mark O. Humphrey		
* & John B. Humphrey	Illusion	14719

This was a great year for Silver Lake Yacht Club – new members, new Race Committee boat, new (and visible) buoys, and a real sense of renewed enthusiasm for racing.

Once again we began the year with a "Party at Grinders" in May and tried to get ourselves organized – with some success! We had competitive series on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and club championship races many of the other Sundays. Results are as follows:

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Memorial Day	<ol> <li>John Humphrey</li> </ol>
	2. Dave Nasca
	<ol><li>Mark Grinder</li></ol>
Labor Day	<ol> <li>Mark Grinder</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>John Humphrey</li></ol>
	3. John Adrian
Club Champion	<ol> <li>Mark Grinder</li> </ol>
	2. Dave Nasca
	<ol><li>John Humphrey</li></ol>

In addition to our regular home racing schedule, our boats traveled to Keuka, Cuba, Newport, Chautauqua, and BCC. Of course, the highlight of the racing season was the 60th at Skaneateles – 6 of our boats (and many non-sailors as well) made the trip. We all had a great time and appreciate all the efforts of the 60th committees. Our own awesome dude, Scott DeGolyer finished 2nd in the wooden boat fleet!

It was good to see the young ones in our races on Silver Lake this year. Almost every boat had children crewing at some point during the summer, many on a regular basis. Some are third generation Silver Lake sailors!

Our annual Harvest Regatta drew people from all over Western and Central New York, Toronto, and even new friends from Vermont and Montreal. Tom Allen, Jr. won the regatta. Carrying on the family tradition. Hope to see even more of you there next year—the winds are always "interesting" and the World-famous cocktail party is not to be missed. Lora Grinder

Photos next page by David Sprague

### WASHINGTON DC FLEET 50 Dixie District Sailing on the Potomac River Washington, DC

Fleet Captain							0.9						!	Da	ve	Py	e
Fleet Secretary .																	
Fleet Treasurer .									÷			1	lar	псу	Fe	hr	e
Fleet Champion												Fran	nk	Ga	illa	ghe	er
Fleet Runner-Up																	
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Tim Rinaman	Windhawk	7294
Ioe Warren	Flamboyant	9383
* James Connerton	Hawkeye	10215
* Tim Elam	Speculation	10643
David Menotti	Bon Joy	11088
* Justin Morris	Many Excuses	11369
* Harry Keith, III	Thunder	11767

#### SILVER LAKE FLEET 47 REGATTA



* Ted Hunting Guy Mossman	Swill Dog	12081 12126
* John Guth		
* & Peter Lauria		13740
* Ron Kiss		13897
* Bobby Astrove		14019
* Red Fehrle		
* & Amy Devine	Moon Shadow	14100
* Roger Theis	Fast Forward	14470
* Frank Gallagher	Hold the Mayo	14037
* Nabeel Alsalam	riord the han, o	
& Charles Maston		14096
* Joe Anderson	Puff White	14207
Terry Lamb	Tun white	14521
* Dave Pyle	Greenwing	14266
* Stuart White	Greenwing	14479
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* John Butler	D 1 L	1.1502
* & Roger Wright	Breedabeat	14592
* Jim Dillard	No More Excuses	14627
Mike Arnold (Life)		
Frank Gentile (Life)		

Doc Gilbert (Life)





Top: Fleet 50 Champion, Frank Gallagher, at the Leukemia Cup Lower: Fleet 50 Runner-Up, Jim Dillard, at the Leukemia Cup

The 1998 Fleet 50 Championship was captured by Frank Gallagher with Jim Dillard a close runner up. Bobby Astrove proved a fierce competitor. Two of our newest members Roger Theis and Nabeel Alsalam participated regularly and are showing great promise. This year we were blessed with some very good crews who are potential skippers, Ernie Heinricks, an avid Windsufer, Kay Vakery and Martin Jeffrey Howell, transplanted Interlake sailors, and Patrick McGee, a seasoned 505 racer. Other enthusiastic participants were Connie McCulley and Karyll Thomas. Dick Hallagan and Jack Jones from Central New York District provide much competition racing against us in our invitational regattas.

The season began in February with our annual meeting and a

PRSA party fundraiser to replace the committee boats.

In March, Harry Keith, Dave Pyle and Joe Anderson traveled about 3000 miles to participate in the southern circuit. We were shocked to see the sun disappear shortly after crossing the Florida State line. Heavy winds and storms blew throughout the races at Miami and St. Pete over the next two weeks. The first race in Miami saw 19 capsizes and two broken masts. Phil Grotheer, of the Severn River fleet, broke his mast the first day and Dave Pyle's main halyard parted on the way out to the second day of racing. After making repairs we finished the series.

Lightning caused cancellation of the first day of racing at St. Pete. Hospitality of the St Pete Yacht Club, one of the best in the nation, was superb. Lesson learned: install "twings" and carry at least one "orangutan" in your crew if you expect to fly your spin-

naker on Biscayne or Tampa Bay without capsizing.

POTOMAC CUP (First Weekend in May) The Potomac Cup Regatta, attracted stiff competition from our East Coast fleets. Twenty-one boats participated. Dick Hallagan, of New York, won again this year with Dixon Duffet of Severn River, second. Justin Morris finished highest among Fleet 50 skippers at 5th, Bobby Astrove finished 9th, and Frank Gallagher finished 10th.

SPRING SERIES: Potomac River Sailing Association (PRSA) sponsored sixteen races over a six-week period. Participation was sporadic with Gallagher, Astrove, Dillard, Alsalam, Lamb, and Kiss appearing on one or more Sundays. Poor weather was definitely a

actor.

In June, we invited Coach Kelly to the Washington Sailing Marina. Our Fleet now has tape recordings with his commentary on the racing tactics of two of our newest members, Nabeel Alsalam and Roger Theis. The action took place off the docks in the Lagoon.

On Memorial Day weekend, several members went to Solomon's Island at the mouth of the Patuxent River. Our newest fleet hosted the Dixie Districts championships. Frank Gallagher, Joe Anderson, Jim Dillard, Stuart White, and Red Fehrle enjoyed some spectacular racing. We have added a copy to our fleet library of Coach Kelly's video recording with interesting comments on sail trim and tactics.

Over the 4th of July weekend, Nabeel Alsalam, Bobby Astrove, Jim Dillard, Dave Pyle, and Harry Keith traveled to Lake Skaneateles, one of the New York Finger Lakes. We were among the 180+ Lightnings that helped celebrate the sixtieth Lightning Anniversary. North Sails conducted some highly effective seminars on Friday. Bobby Astrove posted the best Fleet 50 finish with an overall 8th place finish. Jim Dillard with Justin Morris as his crew finished 2nd in one of the races and was right behind Bobby in the final results.

PRSA SUMMER: A few members showed up for some informal Wednesday evening Lagoon racing off the docks. The weather was beautiful and the winds light for racing in the Lagoon: Nabeel

Alsalam, Roger Theis, and Dave Pyle participated.

We started September with the Leukemia/President's Cup. Our Lightnings, thanks to our friends from the north and south, won the President's trophy for the largest fleet turn out with 19 boats. Frank Gallagher turned in the best performance for the Leukemia Cup and Phil Grotheer from Severn winning the President's Cup. Roger Theis and crew Connie raised over \$200 for Leukemia.

PRSA FALL SERIES: Sixteen more races were held off Haines Point. Great weather and favorable northwest winds surprised us all. Participation increased during the six-week fall series ending with 7 boats in the final race. Dave Pyle and Stuart White attended the Solomon's invitational and the Boarder Line Regatta in North Carolina.

Dave Pyle and Jim Dillard helped the Georgetown Sailing Team prepare for the Collegiate Nationals held in November. Twelve col-





Action at Fleet 50's Leukemia Cup. Top: A start.
Middle: Windward mark - Nabeel Alsalam
temporarily ahead of Phil Grotheer
Lower: Windward mark - Stuart White rounds on the outside
while Tim Elam approaches on port
Photos courtesy Nabeel Alsalam

lege teams competed in Lightnings at the Gross Point Yacht Club. The Georgetown sailors won second place, loosing by one point to Charleston College.

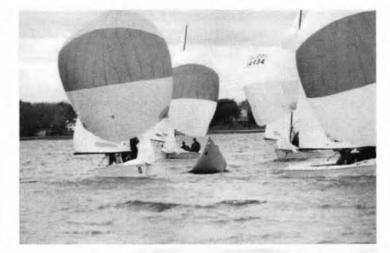
The season ended on November 7th with five Lightnings sailing five short, informal races in the lagoon off the Washington Sailing Marina. Frank Gallagher won four of the five races that were punctuated with shifty, puffy northwest winds. On the first leg of the first race all skippers incorrectly followed Frank around the reaching mark. (The winds were so shifty is was hard to tell which was the windward mark.) All followed Frank while he corrected his mistake. A hot "chilly" party followed.

### CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB FLEET 51 Michigan District Sailing on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

David Magal

	Fleet Captain	+		+				+			Paul Nagel
	Fleet Champion										Tom Vickers
	Runner-Up										Robert Brower
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* Paul J. Nagel	227 928	27.2
* & Mark E. Nagel	Estralita	835
* Robert E. Lee	Bolt Walker	12178
Richard R. Kretschmar	Cold Pizza	13488
* Paul J. Nagel	Lithium	13571
* David L. Piech		14042
* Ioe Romer	Traf	14436
* Richard Rothenbuhler		14419
* Michael Delano		14543
* Peter Wenzler		14590
* Robert G. Brower	Hole-In-One	14652
* R.C. Thomas Vickers		14474
* Michael D. Williams	Assisted Suicide	14856
* H.J. Cawthra (Life)	XI	
Richard Drew, Sr.	Nokomis	





Fleet 51 hosted the Collegiate Sloop Nationals on Lake St. Claire

For Fleet 51, the 1997 season was a tough act to follow. Thanks again to all those who attended the North American Championships here last year . . . it was our pleasure to be host to you. However, it was nice to return to "normalcy" in 1998.

1998 proved to be another strong year for our fleet. We continue to grow in participation numbers and enthusiasm. We are proud to have had the largest turnout of any Michigan District fleet at the 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles. Our fleet traveled to Pennsylvania, Florida, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Ontario, Indiana, and other Michigan locations for Lightning racing this season.

With the Michigan District's blessing, our annual "light air" Father's Day regatta was moved to early October. Our sincere thanks to all of the participants who made it possible, especially to the "wind gods" that make planing a square boat a most enjoyable experience. Detroit Brew Factory congratulations to Tom Allen for narrowly pulling off a close one here, just barely squeaking past evenly scored Sean Fidler in a tiebreaker.

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Rear Commodore Tom "Don't Talk To Me When I'm Driving Unless I ask You To" Vickers has retained his position as Fleet 51 Champion, with Bob "Lisa, had me another Labatt Blue" Brower nipping at his raw heels. Tom also won two of the three fleet series,

with Bob winning the other.

Fleet 51 closed our Lightning season when the ICYRA held the 1998 National Collegiate Sloop Championship series at CSYC. The event was held during the first weekend of November, and all of the participating teams competed in Lightnings. Past winning skippers have been Gary Jobson and Tim Healy. Our sincere thanks to the boat owners who donated their beloved square boats for use during this regatta.

Looking toward 1999 . . . . Paul Nagel

### LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB FLEET 53 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Fenton Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.Kevin Nickels
Fleet Secretary	James Reach
Fleet Champion	George Nickels
Runner-Up	.Kevin Nickels

* Ronald J. Soyka	My Sally	6499
* Shawn M. Farney		8590
* George F. Siegle	A1A	11205
* John R. Lefevre		11520
* Bob Rufli	Waverunner	11854
* Bob Rufli		13808
* Carl Pohly		14242
* George H. Nickels		14448
* David Nickels		14741
* George H. Nickels		14743
* Kevin Nickels		14899
* James Reach		

Lake Fenton Sailing Club enjoyed the addition of new members for the 1998 sailing season. Shawn Farney and Bob Rufli joined the I.L.C.A. and brought their boats to Lake Fenton. While Dave Nickels did not participate in the 1998 sailing season, his boat was sailed by his daughter ChristyNickels and her fiance', Tim Coles. Some of the Nickels expertise for sailing on Lake Fenton has apparently rubbed off on Tim.

The Michigan District Team Races again utilized a format where teams were handicapped and assembled during registration. A team consisting of Kevin Nickels, John Garrison, and the middle boat from every bye team ended up winning the regatta. Due to the increased competitiveness of this format, it is anticipated that future team racing regattas will continue this handicapping system.

Lake Fenton is planning the installation of a hoist which would further assist the launching and recapturing of boats during crowded regattas. Modifications to the dock arrangement have also improved docking and launching. The dock frames and boardsections are in the process of being modernized and rebuilt on a section by section basis. It is anticipated that changes and improvements will continue during the 1999 sailing season.

James Reach

### PONTIAC YACHT CLUB FLEET 54 Michigan District Sailing on Cass Lake Keego Harbor, Michigan

Commodore	Dan House
Vice Commodore	
Rear Commodore	
Treasurer	
Secretary	Joyce von Drehle
Fleet Captain	

* Joel Thurtell	Plug Nickel	0
* Joel Thurtell		837
* Paul T. Von Oeyen		842
* Joel Thurtell * Hank Callahan	Elia	5885 7959
Bruce T. Lessien	Flip	8479
* Edward A. Diakow		9393
Gregory J. Harris		9584
Eugene U. Bego		11065
* Robert Kramer		11107
* Ioel Humphrey		11138
Joel I nurtell	Service and a	11520
* David Novak	Girls Rule	11537
Ronald R. Newman	M. T	11844
* Joel Thurtell	Mean Time	12548
* Gordon N. Gotberg & James H. Peterson		12612
* Ronald G. Palmer	Apres Ski	12708
Melvin G. Bleitz	ripies ou	12756
* Eric S. Heller		
* & Beth Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
* Max Clixby	Wee Heather	12959
* Beth Groesbeck		12961
* James W. Furlong	Pier Pressure	12977
Gerard A. Dunn		13107
* Ralph G. Hashoian	EIB 1	13121 13283
* William Roberts Michael Mitchell	EID 1	13378
* Ronna Ross	Flash Dance	13451
* Stephen R. Braski	This is the control	13468
* John Crowther		13606
* James Prokup		13859
Dennis McCarthy		
& Gary Stephens	Lane Lady	13937
* Norman Burns		13985
* Jack F. Ensroth * & Paul T. Von Oeyen	Dlames	12005
Dennis Hefley	Phantasy	13995 14031
* Diana Fernando	Chaos	14049
* Trish Szydzik	Chaos	14054
* Edward G. Woods	No Clue	14097
* Gregory Tarrant	Cutting Edge	14105
" Gerald Engelman	Blitzen	14117
* lames M. Mick	2 11 27	14126
* Bruce J. Finsilver Gerard P. Gray	Quick Silver	14144
* Iim Zwolensky		14177
* Jim Zwolensky * Mark Whatley	Loan	14215
* Andre R. Dubel	Jean Ditto Head	14220 14280
* Bruce Henderson, M.D.	Summer Wind	14282
* Dennis McCarthy	Lane Lady	14333
* Kevin Lewand	In he Groove	14390
* Stuart M. Feldman	Ultimate Answer	14408
* Michael Roualet	202 2 2 2 22	14439
* Ioe Lapalme	Lightning Bug	14457
* Thomas Klaban	Allegro	14464
* Buzz Brown * William B. Noll	Shenandoah	14477
* William B. Noll * Bob Padilla	Thunder	14515 14563
DOD Fadilia	Thunder	14303

* Ted Flack	Major Obsession	14567
* Wallace P. Smith	Gator	14601
* Salo J. Korn	Rosinante	14604
* John Garrison	Stupendous	14637
* William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	14641
* Dr. James McCov	Dr. "J"	14690
* Dr. James McCoy * John Greenstreet		14724
* Paul Sobotka		14746
* Bonnie K. Nickels		W
<ul> <li>&amp; Louie Nickels</li> </ul>	Double Nickel	14755
* Robert W. Shaw	<b>Emissions Control</b>	14760
* Richard F. Beaubien	Renaissance!	14767
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha!	14778
* James R. Bowers	Excelsior!	14789
* Jon Bennett	Fly Honey	14800
* Jim Allen	//	14807
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14841
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14851
* Richard Bukowsky		A11.00
* & Traci Bukowsky	Sizzlin'	14854
* Robert H. Mathers	Evergreen	14870

No Report.

### NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FLEET 59 Lake Erie District Sailing on the Niagara River Grand Island, New York

Fleet SecretaryLarissa		Higgins
Calvin H. Schmiege (Life) Judith Walker Bob Starck Calvin H. Schmiege (Life)	Sea Porsche Vampira II	13944 14291 14371 14580



Fleet 59 at the 60th.

No Report.

### SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET 62 Southern District Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain	 hris Wynne
Fleet Secretary	 ohn Marion

Zeus	10475
Capt. Punch	10812
	12235
FF	12335
Lav Lady Lav	12340
Seasaw	13621
Slick Willy	14344
	Capt. Punch FF Lay Lady Lay Seasaw

No Report.

### MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 69 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Secretary/Treasure	erDana Bl	umberg
Fleet Champion		
Runner-Up		chelwat
Robert G. Quinsey		3621
Clyde Taylor		10310
George Miller		11415
* Dean S. Cady	Rampage	11442
Wayne E. Babler, Jr.	Rampage Firebird Suite	11888
Ronald J. Darling		13225
* Sue Herzfeld	Second Wind	13430
* Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.		
& Clare L. Fiorenza	Vita Brevis	13794
* Thomas M. Slater	Quarencia	14162
* Walt Kramel		14388
* John H. Esser	Sans Souci IV	14400
* Amy Simonsen		
* & Robert A. Franke	Reality Check	14555
* Stephen W. Bailey		
* & Margaret Waltz		14621
* Doug Schelwat		14737
* William G. Faude		14740

After dropping down to only three boats at the end of 1997, Fleet 69 has seen a renewed interest in fleet racing. Now with nine active boats in the fleet we expect to revive the participation that we have enjoyed for over fifty years. In fact we expect an additional 2-3 boats for next spring.

How did we do it? We changed a few things.

Our ongoing season series was moved from Saturdays to Wednesday evenings. This allowed skippers and crew with other weekend family obligations to still get out racing a few hours each week. It also allowed the die-hard district racers to attend weekend regattas without losing valuable points in the season series championship.

We also changed the racing format. Gone are the huge triangles that turn into drag races after the first beat. This year we sailed windward-leeward (twice around) with short legs. Starting sequences were 5-3-GO, and no race took more that about twenty minutes. This allowed us to get 3-5 races in each Wednesday evening. (Even with weather blow-out days, we sailed 33 races) This put an emphasis on starts, boat handling, and tactics, and deemphasized total boat speed, thereby allowing newcomers to be relatively competitive while they learned to tune their boats over the summer. In fact, the top three places went to skippers who bought boats last spring.

Results

1st Dennis W. Bersch, Jr. 2nd Doug Schelwat 3rd Walt Kramel

Dennis Bersch

### MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB FLEET 70 Metropolitan District Sailing on the Navesink River Red Bank, New Jersey

1997 Fleet Captain:	Michael Plosica
1998 Fleet Captain:	Ted Duffy
Fleet Secretary / Treasurer:	
Fleet Champion (Best 24 races)	.Sandy Huntsman
Fleet Runner-Up	

* Frank Mergenthaler John F. Holian		2674
Mary Sue Rogers		3686
Michael Plosica		9539
*"Cary Scott Zackman, Sr.	C. Nimbus	9984
* Wolfgang Haugh		10249
* William Jaeger	Blesk	10626
Kevin J. Kelly		10769
* Monmouth Boat Club	Club Boat	10787
Pat Payton		11753
Eric Coznoski		12714
* Patrick F. Corr		
<ul> <li>* &amp; Patrick E. Corr</li> </ul>	Leprechaun	13386
Frank Kingdon		13673
* Dale Barney		13743
Edward Landis		14043
* Edward Duffy		14175
* Jack Huntsman		14342
* Henry O'Hern, III	Joker	14482
* David Watts		14492
Dennis Nitka, Jr.		14492
* Alfred C. Morton	Blue Haven	14539
Paul Jeka		14624
* Wolfgang H. Haugk		14727
* Jack Huntsman	Premiere Cru	14814
* Ralph F. Wilson	Thunder P	14882

No Report.

### ROCKY RIVER FLEET 71 Ohio District Sailing on Lake Erie Cleveland Yacht Club, Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Secretary	James Cunning	gham
* Mrs. Janis Stevens Mueller (Life * Walter Sellars, M.D. New * Bill L. Buckles (Life)	e) G.A.M.E. fie	9653 14191 0

No Report.

### CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUÑA FLOTA 73 Colombia District Sailing on Lake Tomine Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Secretary																		.Philippe Jacob
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*	Rudi Salmang	The Flying Mustard	12829
	Richi Salmang	, 0	12829
*	Dominique Rodriguez		13432
10	Rafael Esguerra		13990
10	Mauricio Valenzuela		14085
10-	Philippe Iacob	Jubilee	14536
*	Jochen Raute		14704
龄	Iuan Carlos Uzcategui		14704
16	Luis Felipe Castillo		14805

No Report.

### DECATUR FLEET 74 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Lake Decatur Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain		Floyd
* Richard Chamblin * William Stringer * Gary Peck * Robert W. Ohlsen	Tanstaafl	11218 12974 13726
* Doug Floyd  No Report.	Bobs Last Boat III	14012 14205

### NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET 75 Metropolitan District Sailing on the Hudson River Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain Joan Hurban
Fleet Treasurer Bob Sengstacken
Fleet Recording Secretary Howie Rinehart
Fleet Corresponding Secretary Jim Morris
Fleet Champion Bob Sengstacken/Paul LoGerfo

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岭	Ceaser Lipert		7248
华	Daniel Parietti		8252
龄	James P. Wolfe	My Three Esses	10224
龄	Lawrence Decker		10620
計	David Surman	Flashpoint	10784
	Daniel Parietti	Shamrock	11143
跡	Jed Kwartler		11416
龄	William Donelan	Grease	11583
於	Richards Jarden	No Frills	12045
龄	J.P. Mann		12166
15-	Ceaser Lipert		13810
粹	Christopher Kelly	Suntag	13832
10.	Gary S. Hurban	His	14073
粉	William G. Cook	Fat Chance	14140
	Mark Keane	Thumbs Up!	14363
	Michael Shasho	Little Crunch	14384
4	Joan A. Hurban	Hers	14482
4	& Dawn Sager		
10-	Stephanie Mayo	Special Effects	14484
*	& Willard Mayo	225,014 25,017 25	
*	George McDonnell	White Lightning	14565
*	& Arthur Spielvogel		
华	Chris Sprole	WA	14631
10-	Kathryn Connell	Ruffian	14714
*	& Paul Connell	53275	
10	Judy Hanlon	Thistle	14781
*	R. Robert Sengstacken	2012012	2 / 22/20
华	& Paul Logerfo	DOG	14888

The fleet continues to grow. Looking at the yearbook, we seem to be one of the largest in the world. Our regular season runs from the first of May to the end of October, and we had an average of ten boats on the line, for the year. One regular race saw 17 participants. The Magnus Pedersen Regatta in late May drew 24 boats, and 31 attended the Last Blast, in October. A total of twelve of us sailed at

sixteen different away regattas.

Kathy Connell had a very good year, winning the Women's North American Championship, in addition to our Fall Series, and finished third for the year, just a half point out of second. She and husband/crew Paul were also intimidating before the start, known for their prowess with the water-launcher! Bill Cook worked hard on the Race Committee and managed to capsize in no wind, apparently out of boredom. The Sultan of Swim kindly loaned his boat to our Fleet's representatives at the Junior North American's. Larry Decker and wife-crew Jan renamed their boat from "Just Married" to "Still Married," and are talking about replacing her - the boat, that is. They attended their first away regatta, with 180 other Lightnings; that will be a tough act to follow. Judy Hanlon's is the Lightning named "Thistle." Unfortunately, she seemed to be on Race Committee more often than she was on her Lightning. She did show up enough to get third in the Fall Series, and to win the "B" Fleet for the year. Nicely done!

Gary Hurban managed to hold onto second for the year, even though he also put 3874 more miles on his trailer. His crew reports that, on one of those trips, he did finally see over the edge of the earth, hitting a really extreme corner at Southampton, NY. Joan Hurban (Fleet Sparkplug) arranged seminars by Dave Dellenbaugh, Dave Curtis, Steve Benjamin and Brian Hayes. Plus, she actually still has insurance coverage! Wouldn't you think it would be easy to find a red-bottom boat, when it was floating with the mast straight down, even on Lake Erie? All's well, by now. Chris Kelly kept his sense of humor, even after a last-leg automatic tack capsized him. Mark (Pain Killer) Keane kept his battery operated blender in gear, and proved that good newspaper coverage needn't be related to finishing position. He did confess to decorating a visitor's boat with toilet paper, also implicating Denise Hurban and Jamie Perkins. Irwin Kwartler tackled the task of upgrading the Safety Patrol.

In his first year with a Lightning, Thistle sailor Paul LoGerfo sprinted up the learning curve, crashed into a visitor's boat, took third in the big Last Blast Regatta, and co-skippered to a close second in the Fall Series. During J.P. Mann's first year with a Lightning, the spinnaker got stuck at the top, and he sailed in to the hoist hugging it to the mast. He fixed that: it later refused to stay up at all. He came in a respectable third in the "B" Fleet. Stephanie Mayo and hubby-crew Bill had another good year, taking second in the "B" Fleet. Ron McCormack celebrated his tenth anniversary sailing with

Bill Cook, and with soggy lunches. (How?!)

George McDonnell organized another excellent Opening Day, and sailed well, again. His co-skipper Art Spielvogel also had a good year on the water, but is moving to Vermont. They won the "B" Fleet Summer Series, and we'll miss them both. Jim Morris retired from skippering, and found that the front of the boat has plenty of room for a large cooler of Bud. He made great trophies, again. Dan Parietti co-chaired the successful Last Blast, and trained the most crew this year. Howie Rinehart always kept enough refreshments onboard for his crew Jim, and together they had a spectacular first in a Magnus Pedersen Regatta race. Craig & Rita Roundtree joined

the fleet and practiced crewing.

Bob Sengstacken was the luckiest guy most of us know. First, he got to use Paul Logerfo's brand-new Allen nearly all year. Then, he won two of the three series, and co-skippered with Paul to second in the other, clinching the Fleet Championship. He also took 4th in the Atlantic Coast Championships. Nice luck! Mike Shasho earned a third in the Summer Series and coordinated having our scores posted on the Internet. He sailed in all club races, for at least the second year in a row; you know, attendance does count! Chris Sprole, perennial top contender and Fleet Champion multiple times, won the prestigious Guy Moulton Cup for the best performance in any class in the Club, in the fourth of July regatta. He also took second place in both the Spring and Summer Series. Unfortunately, he is moving to Southern New Jersey; we will miss him. Art and Rita Stahl organized another good Awards Banquet, in a new location.

Peter Steckler kept the Patrol in practice!

Come sail with us on the widest part of the Hudson River, the Tappan Zee, off of Nyack, New York. Bob Shapiro

### NEWPORT YACHT CLUB FLEET 77 Central New York District Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain .									John Atkins
Fleet Secretary					7	,			Howard Stickney
									.McReynolds Family
Fleet Runner-Up	1	4							Richard Hallagan

Fleet Hunner-Up		igan
* Lori Foster		0
* Lisa Stephens		0
* Marc H. Schieber	Willow	470
Dale Hamilton	Quest	11050
Ray Chapman		11051
* Howard P. Stickney	Cookie Boat	11074
* Wilmer R. Wright		12215
* David N. Eckler	Droopy Sloop V	12313
* Andy Smith	Windswept	12400
* James I. McIntosh	Misty	13080
* Richard Doherty	Irish	13081
* R. Neal Smith	Stealth	13082
* Richard Leonardo	Blue Crew	13651
* Daniel J. Koretz	Honky	13697
* Alan R. McReynolds	Obsession	13815
* & Logan McReynolds		
* Leland G. Atkinson III	Comfortably Numb	14185
* Todd Schumacher		14210
George Sereno	Spar Trek III	14277
* Mark C. Sertl	Lucky Too	14298
* Philip Lange	Mamo Wa	14367
* John H. Atkins	Plan B	14397
* & Chad H. Atkins		
* Daniel Pope	Madame X	14520
Robert Crum	Holy Cow	14522
* Dr. Robert L. Jamison	White Cap II	14605
* Richard W. Hallagan	Carolina Islanda Ha	14655
* Richard W. Hallagan		14855

It's that time of the year, the boat's been washed, cleaned, covered and placed in the garage for the Winter. We can only wait for Spring, the Southern Circuit, some early out-of-district regattas and the 1999 sailing season. As I look back I find the past year to have been interesting, frustrating and rewarding. With a Fleet of 24 Lightnings, we were only able to get 15 boats racing during the year. The Year started with early May sailing with an average of 6

The Year started with early May sailing with an average of 6 boats on the line for each of the 14 races that made up the Spring Series. This was very encouraging since the spring is a tough time to get boats out. Landy Atkinson led the fleet in getting the cobwebs



1998 Fleet 77 Champions McReynolds Family: Logan, Alan, Erin







Top: Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney (right) accepting Award for Years of Service to the Fleet from John Atkins. Middle: Landy and Ryan Atkinson and Charlie Courtsal accepting the Tip-Over Trophy.

Sandra and Bob Weatherup receiving the Rookie Trophy. Photos by Sally Atkins.

washed out of his boat and as a result took home the Tip-Over Trophy. Logan McReynolds (age 12), with father, Alan, and sister, Erin, as crew, continued from where he had left off last Fall and won the Spring Series in a closely contested battle between John Atkins, with sons Chad and Matt, and Dick Hallagan with his never ending list of crew. The number of boats on the line for the Summer Series fell to 4 boats per race. After the spinnakers had dropped, Dick Hallagan had won the Series; Bob Jamison, with regular crew Marcia Mepham and Ray Schmidt, finished second and John Atkins third. The Bay Series (morning races only - when the power boat traffic is at low) was won by John Atkins with Logan McReynolds in second and Dick Hallagan in third. The Fall series saw Al McReynolds (tiller time for dad) in 1st, with Dan Pope finishing second and Dick Hallagan third. 38 races were held through the year with the Fleet Championship being won by the McReynolds Family, Alan, Logan and Erin. Second place was Dick Hallagan and third was John Atkins. It was great to see Bob and Sandra Weatherup and Marc Schieber join in the racing. Bob won the Rookie Trophy this year and Marc raced #470 with wood mast and cotton sails. Maybe next year we can give Marc a handicap to make him more competitive. Landy Atkinson sailed most of the morning races with wife Deb and son Ryan (age 5) as crew and Neal Smith was a regular with his boys Neal and Kevin Gray. It was encouraging to see the

young family members sailing.

Alan McReynolds chaired the 24th Annual Newport Invitational Regatta on the first weekend in June, with 27 boats and four out-of-district skippers (thanks Mark, Tom, Dave and Dave). Three races were held on Saturday followed by the now annual Pig Roast and a live Band in the evening. Races were cancelled on Sunday as there were Tornado warnings for the county. This proved to be a wise decision, as about the time of what would have been the start of 1st race, high winds arrived from the west, not a Tornado but bad enough to do damage if we had tried to race. Dick Hallagan won the 1998 Newport Invitational, with the sister/brother team of Jean Palm/Peter Hallagan placing second and Dan Pope taking third.

Fleet 77 supported the 60th Anniversary Regatta with over 50% of the fleet attending, Atkins, Atkinson, Doherty, Hallagan, Koretz, Lange, Leonardo, McIntosh, McReynolds, Pope, Schieber, Sertl, N. Smith and A. Smith. Most had at least one if not two family members as crew. Mark Sertl finished 2nd with Dick Hallagan 4th in the Blue fleet. The McReynolds Family, with Logan at the helm, finished 3rd in the green fleet. Marc Schieber in #470 sailed in the

Yellow fleet.

Newport also made use of the ILCA Coach Program, hosting both a Junior clinic and an Adult clinic. The Junior clinic was attended by 21 youth, most of whom had not sailed a Lightning before. Thanks go to John Atkins, Alan McReynolds, Andy Smith, Howard Stickney and Mike Healy (of Sodus Bay) for loaning their

boats for the day.

The Fleet also did its usual amount of travelling in addition to our district regattas. Dick Hallagan traveled the furthest, with trips to the Southern Circuit, Finland for the European Masters (1st) and European Championship (4th) and the Masters and NA's in Buffalo along with a host of other regattas. Lori Foster traveled with Dick to Finland. Logan McReynolds with sister Erin and Billy Stuart sailed their 1st Junior NA's finishing 12th and with Alan and Erin sailed the NA's. Chad Atkins sailed the NA's and Pan Am Trials.

I wish also to thank Howard Stickney, Fleet 77's perennial secretary/treasurer, for his tireless work in keeping the track of the finances of the fleet and especially the weekly updates of the racing

John Atkins

### NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 85 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Secretary ......Franz Edson

Fleet Treasurer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Lori Davis

Fleet Champion	Franz E	dson
Runner-Up		variii
* Gary Davis * Tim Healy		0
* Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.	Baby "Makes" III	7170
* Lester J. O'Brien	Luff Song	11474
* Barry Buehler	Ugly Fuzzy	11784
* William A. Sebestyen	0,	12069
* Paul O'Neill		12786
* Christopher J. Vann		14055
* Gary Woodruff		14189
* Tom Emch	Chao	14289
* Donald R. Barrett	Imp Baby	14417
* Franz R. Edson	Hazardous Duty	14419
* Theresa Colantuono		14619
* Bill Shore		14765

1998 was another great year for sailing on beautiful Niantic Bay. The emphasis has been gradually shifting to regatta and Holiday weekend sailing over Summer weekend fleet sailing, but with a growing group of youth sailors at our club, that trend should begin to reverse.

The season started for several Niantic Bay sailors at the Southern Circuit. Tim Healy sailed all three regattas, finishing third overall and winning St. Pete. Dave Peck sailed with Ched Proctor in Miami, and got a chance to hone his swimming skills, and Tom Emch sailed with George Fisher.

The next stop was Red Bank, with Tim Healy again representing

Niantic Bay.

Fleet racing began with the windy Memorial Day series, which was won by Fleet Captain Franz Edson. Chris Vann was close behind, followed by Don Barrett sailing with seven year old daughter Adrienne.

Following a few weeks later, the Governor's Cup Regatta, held at NBYC, typically provides solid 10-20 Knot south westerlies. Unfortunately, this year was the exception, as the 18 teams only completed one race. Dave Peck won and Tim Healy came in second.

The Independence Day Series was won by Tim Healy. Franz

Edson came in second, and Chris Vann third.

The CT/RI District Championship was held at Cedar Point this year, five teams from Niantic Bay competed. In a very tight group, Franz Edson, Chris Vann and Don Barrett all qualified.

Niantic Bay junior sailors Evan Barrett, Jim Condon and Kip Wyllie competed in the Sears Cup, winning the ECSA eliminations

and coming in third in the Area B series.

As a warm up for the North Americans, Tim Healy sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championship held in South Hampton, Long Island,

where he finished second.

Don, and Tim Healy (who didn't have to qualify) continued on to Buffalo for the NAs, both qualified for the Championship Fleet. Sailing with fellow Niantic Bay sailor Mike Breault, and Matt Reynolds, Tim finished third in the Championship Fleet. Don, sailing with George Weiderman and Gary Meyer, also qualified for the Championship Fleet. Tom Emch also sailed at the North Americans with long time friend George Fisher.

The last event at Niantic Bay this year was the Labor Day Series. Taking advantage of arch rival Franz Edson's absence, Chris Vann walked away with the series, followed by Don Barrett, sailing with son Evan and wife Donna. Franz R. Edson, Fleet Captain

### Pacific Northwest Sailing on English Bay Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada

Fleet Captain .	٠	×		+			+	٠	٠	.Matthew Henley
Fleet Secretary			÷		4					Dick Pearce
Fleet Treasurer										Cliff Harris
Fleet Champion										.Matthew Henley

* Clifford K. Harris	Panique	7606
* Matthew Henley	Rocket	11645
* R.H. Pearce	Liisa	13289
* George McLaughlin		13685

After a bit of a wet start, the weather cleared off, giving us one of the warmest and dryest sailing seasons in many years. I think I didn't wear shoes for almost two months - thank you El Nino!

didn't wear shoes for almost two months - thank you El Nino!

The main fleet activity continued to be the Thursday evening series, which runs from April to September. We had anywhere from two to four boats on the line in each race.

Matthew Henley won both the fleet and KYC overall handicap championships, which he credits to perfect attendance, fabulous crew (Lorna and Peter), and excellent on-board catering.

Other fleet highlights included travelling down to Portland for a clinic with coach Kelly, and Bill Rimmer lapping the fleet at the small boat regatta held in conjunction with the Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival.

### AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON 95 Metropolitan District Sailing on Greenwood Lake Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

* David Surman * James C. Cosmas * Dan Murphy	Flashpoint Duct Tape Dr. Pepper	10784 11983 12923
No Report.		

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### SANTA MONICA BAY FLEET 102 California District Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor Redondo Beach, California

	Mike Boswell & Fred Chandler Bert Winther	Seafever Well Greased	11373 13117
势	Mike Boswell		
	& Fred Chandler		13467
*	Bruce Yaeger		14206
15	Wendell W. Harter	Paddlin' Madelyn 4	14263

The racing began with the California Lightning Circuit which was hosted by the Mission Bay Lightning Fleet in San Diego. The only Fleet 102 participant was Wendell Harter sailing with Paddlin' Madelyn III.

Just prior to the California District Championships Wendell acquired Lightning 14263 from John Lyon, named it *Paddlin' Madelyn IV*, and has been racing it since then in King Harbor events. Soon thereafter Mike Boswell and Fred Chandler purchased Warren Gross's Lightning 13467. Fred and Mike are trading off in racing this boat in events at King Harbor YC, Redondo Beach, and Richmond YC, which is on northern shore San Francisco Bay.

The result of the new acquisitions is that Lightning participation in King Harbor YC races has been improving. Dick and Mike Brewer sail with us when they are not sailing with the Mission Bay Fleet. We expect to see Bruce Yaeger sailing more this coming year now that he has joined the King Harbor Yacht Club. Bert Winther has been working on his boat and doing things to improve its performance. So we are looking forward to a more active racing season in 1999.

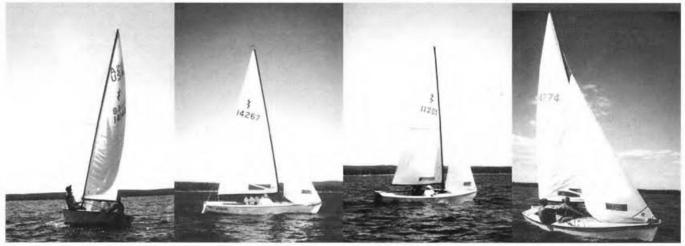
The Lightning Christmas party was held at the Manhattan Beach home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter. Our fleet will be hosting the California District Championships at KHYC June 12 & 13, 1999

Wendell Harter

#### Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	.Chris Larsen
Fleet Secretary	.Bill Dacosta
Fleet Champion	.Curt Morton
Runner-Up	Peter Scott

#### HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110 REGATTA



Mike Thomas in The Happy Boat

Larry Koster in Fubar

George Siegle in A1A

Tom Vickers' new Ticket



Action at the offset mark

Downwind

Close racing downwind



Close quarters at the pin-end start

The Race Committee keeps an eye on things

A clean start



George Nickels and crew sail downwind

Jim Allen eyes the weather mark

Team Decker sails downwind

* Harold Koehler	Puck	9539
John Comer		10771
* G. Wm. (Bill) Gerold	At Last	10988
Pete Williamson		11119
Charles Heuschkel	Lightning Rod	12055
* William E. Dacosta	Elusive	12957
* Robert F. Hoffman	Fuzzy Blues	13710
* Dr. Robert T. Morrow	Men-At-Work	13782
* Ronald K. Kiss	No Excuses	13897
Anthony Ventimiglia		
& Eugene Ventimiglia	Spirit	13955
Christian Larsen	Peggy	13965
* John C. Morton	Gunsmoke Too!	14539
* William A. Scott	4-Carat Diamond	14635

The enthusiasm of our sailors continues to run high as reflected in the good fellowship, cooperation, and high spirits seen on the water as well as in the yard before and after racing. A bit disappointing this year was the number of qualifiers for the summer championship series, our premier series. A potpourri of circumstances, among them family obligations and the like, kept a number of our sailors from competing in a sufficient number of races to qualify. Although boasting a 17 boat fleet only 7boats were able to make the cutoff and 5 others were among the non-qualifiers.

Curt Morton was the clear winner of this year's championship series. Curt sailed brilliantly during the summer and deservedly captured the fleet championship.....Way to go Curt!! The lead was hotly contested throughout the 10 weeks of the series which led to some very interesting and enthusiastic racing. The wind gods smiled on us this season as well with all races sailed...and none cancelled or abandoned. The competition for the second spot was even keener with Peter Scott and dad, Bill going toe to toe with Ron Kiss. Peter ultimately prevailed in securing the runner-up spot. Ron finished third overall on the series. Joining in each week were Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, a past fleet champ many times over who finished in the fourth spot, Bill "Mr. Lightning" Dacosta finished the season in the number five berth. Sixth and seventh place finishes were secured by Chris Larsen and Bill Gerrold, respectively.
Non-qualifiers were Dr. Bob Morrow, a three time fleet champ

and Pete Williamson our newest fleet member who sailed with wonderful enthusiasm. Also completing the season as non-qualifiers were Harold Koehler, Bob Hoffman, and Matt Reiser.

The sailors were on the water and the wind gods smiled favorably but, of course, without the enthusiasm of our race committee each week we sailors would be "...all dressed up with no place to go!" Our terrific race committee headed by Vice Commodore Chris Malzone set some great courses and ran a smooth and exciting series. Of course Chris could not have done it alone and as always we Lightning sailors at LYC owe a significant debt of gratitude to those who worked with Chris including Barbara Jost, Trudy DiFrancesco, Eve Allison, Peg Larsen, JoyceJohnson, and Joyce Rodgers. Good radio communication between the race committee and the club house as well as the patrol boats is of critical importance for the safety and smooth running of the whole show and again our hats off to the folks who run the radios from the clubhouse including Mary Ann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertakos,

Our racing program would not function as well as it does were it not for the folks who also give of their time and effort to patrol the courses so we racing sailors can do our thing in safety. The Lightning sailors of this fleet say a special "THANKS" to Andy Johnson, Jack Henderson, and Ray DiFrancesco.

If memory serves, the only race that had to be rescheduled was the annual Commodore's Race sailed on Labor Day (not part of the championship series). This race is a special "fun" race sailed each year on a "course" designed by the commodore (George Schreyer this year). It's a blast each year as the sailors wind their way around the marsh islands immediately adjacent to the LYC clubhouse! It typically makes for some interesting happenings both on and off, or I should say in and out of the water!! This year however a squall line came through the area like a freight train and forced cancellation of the race. But, not to be deterred, it was rescheduled and sailed on September 27th at the Fleet's annual picnic which itself was a rousing success. Bill Dacosta was the lucky Lightning skipper to win this year's race. The picnic was a great success owing to the organizing effort of Bobbi Schreyer. The 55 sailors and family who attended went away well fed and warmed by the fellowship of this wonderful group of folks who comprise Fleet 104.

As 1998 goes into the history books we look back on another great year of Lightning racing and look forward to another perhaps even better year in 1999. If you are ever down this way come sail with us on Barnegat Bay. Please join us!

Robert T. Morrow

#### **GREAT SODUS BAY FLEET 108** Central New York District Sailing on Sodus Bay Sodus Point, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary	Mike Healy
* Michael Healy * Jed Dodge	12764 14520
No Report.	

#### HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110 Michigan District Sailing on Higgins Lake Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/Secretary ......John N. Dent

* Scott D. Carman		2138
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, J	r. Bohica	9102
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, J		10025
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, J	r. Go Dog Go	11185
* John N. Dent		12784
* Scott D. Carman		13999
* John N. Dent	Deck-A-Dent	14021

A small but dedicated group of sailors continue to keep Lightnings sailing on Higgins Lake. While our numbers have dwindled, we are still promoting sailing and specifically, sailing Lightnings. We think we are making progress. Also, we are traveling a little more that in the past; searching for larger fleets and the camaraderie and competition that is Lightning sailing.

Higgins Lake was in fact, represented at the 60th Anniversary Regatta by Peter Morley, Jr. He and his wife, Susan, and Stan Dent made the trip to Skaneateles.

They sailed BOHICA (9102) in the Classic fleet and did quite well, finishing in third place overall. I understand it was a real spec-

tacle and I'm sorry I missed it. Maybe next time.
As always, the highlight of our season at Higgins Lake is our annual invitational regatta. This event was held on August 1st and 2nd this year. It was fairly well attended as 15 boats traveled to our Treasure Island location. It's always good to see our old friends again, but even better to see new races. The competition was closely contested as some of the best sailors in the district were in attendance. It was also cleanly contested as there were no protests; thank you. When the dust finally cleared on Sunday, Jim Allen and crew had outdueled Colin Park's team to win the regatta. Dave Decker finished in third place followed by Mike Thomas in fourth. Fifth place was won by George Nickels over Tom Vickers in a tiebreaker. Thanks again, to all of you who made the trip to Higgins Lake. To those who didn't, we hope to see you next year. You don't know what you missed.

Iim Dent

Photos previous page courtesy John Dent

and Penny Hahn.

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### GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB FLEET 112 Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay Green Bay, Wisconsin

President
Vice-President/Secretary Brian Grahovac
TreasurerJohn Evans
Race Committee ChairmanSteve Adamski
Fleet Champions
Mike Fauguet Bill Doon David Janech

Runners-up . . . Terry Phelan, Rick Evans, Mari Martin

<ul><li>Jim Hopkins Doug Olson</li><li>Phillip J. Sanders</li></ul>	Puzzle	9634 10439 10680
* Kevin Hart * & Brian Keller Pat Masse		11307 13565
* Frank A. Wood Peggy Himmel	Confusion 3	13568 13695
* Terrence Phelan & Mari Martin * Brian Phelan	Surprise	13817
* & Steve Adamski	Just Friends	13818
* Brian Grahovac & Caly Havill * Michael B. Kulkoski	Flounder	13901
* & Bruce Heida	Birken Bot	14106
* Michael J. Merkatoris Jim Mercatoris	Kg Skipper	14130
* & Iim Hertel		14193
* Bill Dean * Jim Gagnon, Jr. * Ed Coleman	Rock N' Roll	14568 14705 14911

The Green Bay Sailing Club enjoyed a long, wonderful season in 1998. It started on February 28th, when unusually warm weather allowed Brian Grahovac, Rick Evans, Steve Adamski, Kendall Kissel-Sloat, and Nick Wood to launch at the mouth of the Fox River. Sailing in February, in Green Bay, is a real treat. It even made news in the local newspaper. Spring clean-up in May, was well organized by Doug Olson. The launching pier received some reinforcing cement and the dock hut got a face lift on the inside and out. The Sailing season started on Monday, May 18th. Little did we know then, that out of the 31 races scheduled, we would sail all but six of them. The weather could not have been better for a great sailing season.



Bailing out Doug. Photo Brian Grahovac

Fleet #112 hosted the annual Evans Regatta, with Ched Proctor from North Sails providing early season tuning help, and on the water guidance. We forced in four races on Saturday and two heavy weather races on Sunday. Several boats lost control on Sunday and ended up losing gear. Doug Olson endured the most. With half of his spinnaker wrapped around the mast, he managed to get to shore. But once at shore it required a 2 ton wrecker, with a winch, to get the boat out of the water. David Stix took the 26 boat, Evans Regatta, by 4 points, over the ever charging Paul Wurtzbach. Terry Phelan took 3rd, Bill Faude took 4th, and Brian Phelan took 5th.

The Fleet championship went to a different skipper this year. Mike Faugust won President Cup honors over 2nd place - Terry Phelan, 3rd Place - Brian Grahovac, 4th place - Steve Adamski/Brian Phelan, and 5th place - Doug Olson. Good boat speed and good,

consistent crew work made the difference for 14582.

Fleet #112 continues to grow. Although we have lost some boat owners and skippers this year, these members remain very active in the Fleet. We have also picked up a few new boats and members this year. Ed Coleman is new boat owner and member, as well as Tim Monday. Jim Hopkins decided to trade in "Puzzle" - #9624 for a newer boat. Kip Hart sold his boat to one of his crew members and plans to buy a new boat in 1999. The continued growth of fleet #112 will make for some very exciting and competitive racing. We plan to raise our 10 boat per race average, up to 12 or 13 next year. As always, we just keep having more and more fun.

Brian Grahovac- Fleet Secretary

### CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 115 Lake Erie District Sailing on Cuba Lake Cuba, New York

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Mark Mueller	Black Magic	10008
Lance Chaffee	Austerity	11175
Lawrence Older	Red Baron	11766
Iim Griffin		12228
Jim Griffin James A. Maguire Greg Buckley		13609
Greg Buckley	Ole Blue	13890
Michael D. Kane		13911
Mike Lafrate	Cure For Pain	14108
Skip Wilday		14725

The 1998 season was a wonderful one for the Lightning sailors on Cuba Lake. Many of our sailors raced on a consistent basis and we have welcomed some new faces to the fleet. We are excited about

getting these new sailors into Lightnings of their own.

The annual Bolde Mothers Snipe/Lightning Regatta was held on August 1-2. We had a very impressive showing of 11 Lightnings and 23 Snipes. Saturday saw two races under low wind conditions, but the frustration of the course was tempered by a lovely cocktail hour followed by a pig roast. Sunday started out looking like Saturday but a spanking breeze came up late in the morning. We were fortunate to get in three races total. The Lightning finishes were as follows:

Third Place - Cuba's own Skip Wilday Second Place - Mark Grinder from Silver Lake

First Place - Paul Coleman with his brother, Peter, as crew On the regatta circuit, Mike Kane won the Cornball Regatta in the beginning of June. Skip Wilday traveled to the Lake Erie Districts and the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake.

The summer of 1999 will see us hosting the Lake Erie Districts sometime in July. Details will be forthcoming. We hope to see many

people there. Valerie Kane

Nick Abraham

### FLYING BEAVER Lake Erie District Sailing on Hamilton Bay Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain				8	3					.Keith	MacDonald
Fleet Secretary	y				٠					.Paul	Eichenberg

\* Larry MacDonald, Sr. (Life)

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* J. Paul Eichenberg	Cha Geill	12443
* Scott Warrener	Fun II	14134
* I. Paul Eichenberg	Cha Geill	14476
* David Wood	Bunch Of Weenies	14599
* Larry MacDonald Ir		14834

No Report.

### MERRIMAC RIVER FLEET 121 New England District Sailing at The American Yacht Club Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain	Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Secretary	
Fleet Champion	David Sestini
Runner-Up	Lon Sherman

* Russell Crawford	Phoenix	10479
* Alfred Martin	Kaboom	10857
* Patrick Gallagher	Shark Byte	11150
Joseph Puleo	CONTRACTOR OF THE	11215
* Mark Windt	Healing Over	11640
David Clark		13206
Anton Becker		13249
* Winthrop Snow		13517
Joseph Peterson	Eclipse	13642
David Sestini	O'Mon	14154
* John Hughes * Patrick McCormack		14275
* Patrick McCormack		14547
* Leonard Pratt (Life)		

Fleet 121 had an exciting season that featured many races that were very close. The beginning of the season featured plenty of rain, but come July the sun finally showed through. The races were extremely competitive with the Fleet Championship being decided by tie-breaker! Congratulations go to David Sestini our Fleet Champion, and Lon Sherman, our runner up. They both demonstrated how exciting and challenging racing can be. Winford Snow had a consistent showing all season, and came in third overall.



Fleet 121's David Sestini chasing Lon Sherman towards the jybe mark. Photo by David Gallagher.

Some of the highlights during the season featured Lon Sherman taking first place in the Chet Young Memorial Regatta and Patrick McCormack/Alan Lavender taking home the Brian Hughes Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to everyone who sailed in Newburyport, and who represented Fleet 121 at away regattas. We are already planning for next season and will be looking for all of you on the water!

Patrick Gallagher

### CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB FLEET 126 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain
Fleet SecretaryTerry Frimmet
Fleet Treasurer Richard Thackaberry
Fleet Champion
Fleet Runner-Up Steve Wexler



Cedar Point Yacht Club A great place for Lightnings! Photo courtesy Kathy Thackaberry

* Iody Lutz		0
* Jody Lutz * Maria White		7552
* Gavin Watson	Cygnus	11097
Dick Price		11381
* Richard Thackaberry	Ol' Blue	11385
* Bud Titsworth	TNT	11486
* Rod Ratcliffe	Loligo	11570
* Rod Ratcliffe		11752
* Robert H. Martin, Jr.	Flexible Flyer	13056
* James DeCesare * Terence D. Frimmet	Fester	13708
* Terence D. Frimmet	String Theory	13821
* John Cuccio	G.T.Ö.	13871
* Christopher Miller	Helter Skelter	14030
* Steven Wexler	Lloyd On Acid	14238
Tom Glynn	240 240207 144	14630
* Charles Proctor	The White Boat	14821
* Jim Crane		14900

Cedar Point Yacht Club continues to provide outstanding racing for the outstanding Lightning Fleet on Long Island Sound.

Fleet 126 had a busy racing schedule this year. We began our season with the Early Bird Regatta held in May on the still frigid waters of Long Island Sound. It was a beautiful weekend, and "local boys" Ched Proctor and Gianni Cuccio led the way around the course.

The Lightning Coach spent the weekend with the fleet, and although the weather did not cooperate, we learned how to tune and test our speed against each other and, therefore, how to sail faster.

The regular season got under way, and we were READY. Our fleet sails two races every Saturday afternoon from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition, we sail three-day regattas on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Gianni Cuccio and Dick Thackberry placed first and second in all three regattas. The team of Titsworth and Titsworth took third on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our intrepid Fleet Captain, Bob Martin, finished third on the Fourth of July.

In July we hosted the CT/RI Districts and 23 boats sailed for the privilege of going to Buffalo. Always a competitive group, our District is the home of Jim Crane, Jody Lutz, Tim Healey, Gianni Cuccio, and Ched Proctor. In a very competitivefleet, Ched sailed to first place, followed by Jim Crane, Peter Hall, Jody Lutz, and

Theresa Colantuono.

Participation was up this year. We qualified one more boat this season. Next year looks even better. We expect to shake things up a bit, as our fleet continues to sail faster and smarter. Dr. Wexler edged out Dr. Thackberry for fleet runner-up this year, and has set his sights on Gianni. Chris Miller continues to improve and has gotten outside experience on the Southern Circuit, the Frigid Digit, and at Nyack. Bob Martin traveled to the famous Southampton Pig Roast (and regatta) and now has his boat sailing FAST. The fatherson team of Bud and Greg Titsworth proves that two heads are better than one, as they sail up through the fleet. Terry Frimmet has returned to the fleet after missing most of the season and will need to be reckoned with nest summer. Rod Ratcliff continues to

We all had a serious lesson in seamanship, namely, "how to sail a Lightning in 65 knot winds" as our season came to a stormy conclusion on Labor Day. Thankfully, all fleet members passed the test.

We are all now older and wiser.

In addition to our "old timers", we have at least three new Lightnings joining Fleet 126 for the '99 season. In addition, we hope that Tom Glynn will return from maternity leave to sail his new boat. We look forward to a great year!!! Come join us!!! Our Early Bird Regatta is sailed the weekend before Memorial Day, May 22-23, 2999. See you then!!!! Kathy Thackberry

#### **SAVANNAH FLEET 127** Southeastern District Sailing on the Wilmington River Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

John M. McIntosh, Sr. (Life)

. Wallace Aggett (Life)

John Porter Full Monty 14634

No Report.

#### MADISON BEACH CLUB FLEET 129 Connecticut/Rhode Island Sailing on Long Island Sound Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	 James Deephouse
Fleet Secretary	 Tim Millhiser
Fleet Champion .	
Fleet Runner-Up .	 Terry Zanes

* James R. Deephouse * J. Michael Sulzbach * W. Harmon Leete * Timothy Millhiser * Katherine Lee	Early Times Rosie Moonshine S.S. Oshpoodle	11207 11933 13230 14342 14441
* Terry Zanes		14765



Fleet 129 Champions: John Sulzbach, Sarah Davidson, Michael Sulzbach, and Tom Davidson

1998 was a good season for Fleet 129 with 10 boats in the fleet and 8 boats regularly on the starting line. Windward-leeward courses produced tight racing, and any race could have been won by any of 5 boats. John Sulzbach had a particularly good season, winning the season championship, the Baylis Trophy, and the Fisher Trophy. The Fisher is a pricey win because the victor is obliged to fill the very large trophy with champagne. The season runners-upwere Terry Zanes, Steve Adkins, and Tim Millhiser. Erin Reilly led the Pape Race (skippers change boats) until the end of the sixth leg when Tim Millhiser finally got by her. One of the best things about Madison racing is the number of talented young racers; they include skippers John Sulzbach, Erin Reilly, and Scott Howard, and crew Rorry Coster, Liz Davidson, Lilly Millhiser, Ashley Sakmar, Ryan Sakmar, Taylor Sakmar, and Robert Simmons.

Madison looks forward to hosting the Districts in 1999.

#### LAKE WASHINGTON FLEET 132 **Pacific Northwest District** Sailing on Shilshole Bay Seattle, Washington

\* Eric Lindahl 13242 No Report.

#### MOBILE BAY FLEET 135 Southern District Sailing on Mobile Bay Mobile, Alabama

Fleet Secretary	L.M. Bohne	nkamp
Denis Hermecz	Robt. Jeffcott	8365 8704
John Kern Thomas Perrine	Sunday's Child	10980
Tony Chavers Dr. E. Russell March, Jr.		11085
& Barney March, III	Bigeminy III	13060
Joe Wacker William Culberson	Dulatasa	13158
John M. Rohnenkamp	Dulcinea Bohdacious	13200 14136
John M. Bohnenkamp & L.M.(Mitch) Bohner	nkamp	
Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.	Enigma	14736

Hurricane Georges was the big event of the year in Mobile. It not only caused the cancellation of the Wadewitz Regatta at Fairhope but also caused the destruction of Bob Borneman's Lightning 12956. We had eight feet of water over normal high tide at the Buccaneer Yacht Club, which caused extensive damage to our docks as well as the boats in them. We hope for a better '99. Robert Bernhardt was repeat District Champion, Barney March was runner-up, and Johnny Wacker was third – all from Fleet 135. Congratulations guys! L.M. Bohnenkamp



Fleet 135's Bob Borneman's Lightning #12956. Bye Bye! Result of Hurricane Georges

#### **GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 137** Michigan District Sailing on Gull Lake Richland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thomas Peter Hudson

15-	David J. Decker	Bingo	14474
	Thomas Hudson	Be Čalm	14712

The Lightning activity was not active on Gull Lake for the 1998 season. Tom Hudson and his wife did represent the Lightning fleet as part of the race committee for the 1998 Snipe Nationals on Gull Lake. Dave Decker and Tom Hudson were periodically seen on the regatta circuit from Higgins Lake, Skaneateles, to Indianapolis. You could see them on their own boats and/or racing on other individual's Lightnings.

#### SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET 145 **New England District** Sailing on Lake Spofford Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain .	. ,		٠	·					Alex Gemmell
Fleet Treasurer						٠			.Patrick McQueen

* Raymond Fitzpatrick		0
* Alex Gemmell		10254
* Frederick Turner, Jr.	Smurfin Along	11210
* Fred H. Hamblet	Gail	11346
* Randall Locke		12362
* David H. Fitch	Three Cheers	13835
* Paul Henkel	Sunshine	14072
* Fred H. Hamblet		14446

No Report.

#### **TORONTO BAY FLEET 146** Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Ontario Toronto, Ontario, Canada

.David Sprague

Fleet Secretary		brian Curtiler		
P.E. Sulman	Pampero	11177		
David Sprague (Life)	In Lieu	14174		

\* J.R.G. Bleasby (Life)

Toronto Bay had an interesting and long year. We started with racing at the Southern Circuit by David Sprague and his crew of Megan Sprague assisted by various others at Miami and St. Pete. Megan got a bye at Savannah as David took pictures, but got to experience a swim at Miami when they dumped and then great ride in St. Petes.

In the spring, the Spragues with Daniel Sprague and Stephanie Kelly started their campaign towards the Pan Am trials by sailing in Pymatuning in May. The spring series in the LED followed and sailing at the Boulevard Club on Tuesday evenings started. A good number of new Lightning sailors were introduced to the boat as Brian Curtner's boat was pressed into service. As well, Mike Legressley's boat was out and we all had fun sailing around learning how to make the boats go.

Toronto was represented at the Canadians in Gimli Manitoba and at the North Americans at the BCC. Dave Sprague and crew were the only ones to travel in the early summer but a junior crew joined the ranks after the NA's. They were Matt Simpson, his older sister Jessica and Daniel Sprague. They traveled in the fall to regattas in Buffalo, Nyack and Annapolis before going off to Salinas, Ecuador where they placed 7th overall with a pair of 3rd 's on the last day at the Junior Worlds.

The junior crew was assisted in its preparation by a number of new sailors to the fleet and we hope they will be sailing with us next year. They were wonderful in that they were out sailing with and against the kids even with water and air temperature near freezing. Thanks again to them all!

As I write this there is snow on the ground and I have just got my shots from Ecuador back. I can not believe that a week or so ago we were at the Junior Worlds in great weather and wonderful conditions. Well only a few more months to the Circuit - see you there.

David Sprague

Fleet Captain .

#### SÃO PAULO FLEET 147 **Brazil District** Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil

* Christian Susemihl	6591
* Peter Zacher Irema	11710
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Abuelo	12513
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Abuelo * Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente * Claudio Biekarck Phreskura	14170
* Claudio Biekarck Phreskura	14203
* Mario Buckup Meia Noite 8	14378
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Phoenix	14498
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Phoenix * Fernando Ricardo Hackerott	14596

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the

Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.

'99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto

Alegre - RS.

Manfred Kaufmann, Jr. Secretary / District Brazil

#### MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB FLEET 150 Ohio District Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain	Tom Varley
Fleet Secretary	
Fleet Champion	Tom Varley
Runner-Up	Sean Dillon

* Mrs. Thomas J. McDern	nott (Life)		
* Mark Staton	Stardust	1232	
* Chandler Stevens		6944	
* Mark Shaw		8235	
Hank Geary	Windart	9581	
* Charles Shaw	Merrimax	10047	
* Daniel Cropper	Wiciilliax	10047	
* & Alexander Vucelic	Wiki-Wiki III	10444	
	WIRI-WIRI III	10680	
* Tom Varley	р : т		
Lark Bales	Patience Too	11161	
* William Woodrow	Wiki-Wiki IV	11912	
Christopher Clarke	Close To The Edge	13485	
* Mark Shaw	9	13907	
Bruce Cummins		13928	
Quazi Ahmed		13929	
* Tom Varley	Afterburner	13979	
Sean Dillon	T-Bird	14421	
		The state of the s	
* James L. Stone	Shifty Characters	14424	
* Rick Fox		14643	
* William E. Schamadan	Write Aweigh	14808	
* Augustus Bales	A Smooth Emergence	14875	

1998 saw Fleet 150 continue to grow and prosper. New skippers Alexander Vucelic, Dan Cropper and Christopher Clarke came into the fleet, and veteran skipper Jim Stone also joined us.

Several of our skippers competed in various Ohio District Regattas, plus the District Regatta at Pymatuning. Two of our skippers, Tom Varley and Alexander Vucelic made the trek to

Skaneateles for the 60th Anniversary Regatta. Our Fleet Captain, Tom Varley, successfully defended his Ohio

Governor's Cup Championship, and won it once more, clinching it at the 1998 Cowan Lake "Fall-In Regatta" in October. Tom has been a great help to our fleet by sharing his expertise in race tactics and sailing in general.

We were fortunate to have had a clinic presented by the ILCA traveling coach, Kelly Williams. Our fleet benefited greatly from the drills Kelly put us through, and also the videotape (of us) he sent following the clinic. The clinic, and the continuing assistance from Tom Varley and Jim Stone, has greatly sharpened the competition within our fleet, and the resulting confidence obtained by ournewer skippers has helped increase our club race participation.

Our various club Lightning Fleet race champions are as follows: Memorial Day Weekend Series: William Schamadan, M.D.

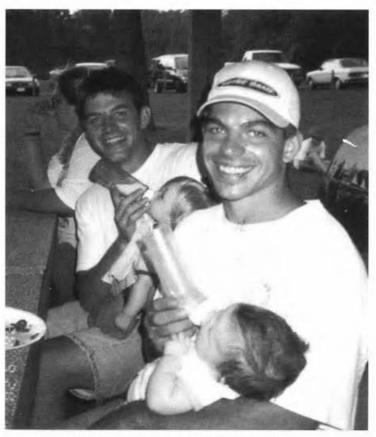
Fourth of July Weekend Series: Sean Dillon Labor Day Weekend Series: Thomas Varley

Sunday Morning Series: Jon Varley Wednesday Evening Series: William Schamadan, M.D.

Fall Series: Thomas Varley

Lightning Principal Series: Thomas Varley

Mansfield Sailing Club Overall Champion: Thomas Varley



The Next Generation of Fleet 150 sailors! Photos courtesy Bill Woodrow

The Mansfield Sailing Club 1998 Championship Regatta sailed on September 19-20, between the top three skippers in each of our Lightning and Flying Scot Fleets, saw Tom Varley, Sean Dillon, and Augie Bales finish first, second, and third respectively in the six race series. This is the third consecutive year that the Lightnings have been the dominant boats in this championship competition. (Sean Dillon edged out Augie Bales for second by 1/6 of a point!). It was a beautiful weekend including a great Saturday lunch served to all by our indomitable social committee.

Other Lightning Fleet awards for 1998 presented at our Mansfield Sailing Club Trophy Dinner were:

"Best Lightning Crew" awarded to Jon Bell

"Butts-On-The-Line" Award (for sailing the most club races) went to Bill Schamadan with 42 club races sailed.

"Tom McDermott Most Improved Skipper" awarded to Augie

Our aforementioned club Social Committee sponsored excellent "feeds" for the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends, and a great Fourth of July Champagne breakfast.

In August, we enjoyed our Annual Sunset Sail, followed up by some adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship on shore.

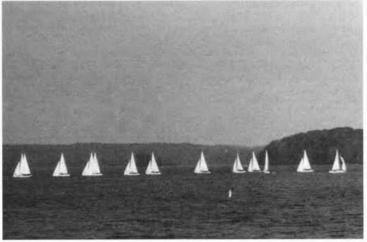
The Third Annual "Bare Bones" Regatta was held on September 26-27. We had a good turnout and very good winds on both days.Fifteen boats participated from four different Ohio District Fleets; (Leatherlips Fleet #27, Mansfield Fleet #150, Atwood Lake Fleet #212, and Cowan Lake Fleet #303). Tom and Kay Varley hosted their annual "Bonfire Party" at their home in "Varley Valley" on Friday night, complete with hot dogs, marshmallows, a d a keg of suds. A number of skippers & crew camped at "Varley Valley" during the regatta. The Bonfire Party was a fitting prelude to the great weekend of racing to come.

With winds ranging from 12 to 25 MPH on Saturday and 11 to 31 MPH on Sunday, Steve Weeber from Cowan Lake #303 won the regatta by sailing to 2 firsts, a second, a fourth, and a seventh place.

Dan Hertzer, (Leatherlips #27) took second place by finishing in

one of the top three places four out of five races.

Kurt Andrews (Leatherlips #27) started great by winning the first race, and sailed very well in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th races, but an





Fleet 150's Bare Bones Regatta: sailing/packing up Photos courtesy William Woodrow

unfortunate capsize in the 2nd race spoiled his bid and netted him 3rd place. Tom Varley (Mansfield #150) placed 4th.

There was an additional capsize on Sunday, and there was a "whole lot of bailing going on" in the rest of the regatta fleet, testimony as to the winds for this regatta weekend. It seems as though all the participants had enough "breeze" to suit them.

Fine lunches at the lake on Saturday and Sunday were provided by our staff of chefs during the regatta. On Saturday evening following "Happy Hour", all hands enjoyed a "grill you own steak and chicken" dinner with all the trimmings. It was a real sociable

After the Sunday races, and following the awarding of the "Bare Bones Regatta" plaque to Steve Weeber and his crew, Donna Weeber and Brett Balliet, and plaques to Dan Hertzer, (crew Karla Varley – Don Schregardus), Kurt Andrews, (crew Zack Austin – Mike Mirachi), Tom Varley, (crew Kay & Jon Varley), and a few door prizes to others, the happy combatants loaded up their "beloved square yachts" and drove off into the sunset. Everyone had a smile on their face, so we felt that the 3rd Annual "Bare Bones" was a big success.

Fleet #150 enters its 46th year in 1999. The good publicity we've enjoyed in recent years is creating renewed interest in sailing in our area. In 1999 our club will embark on a Junior Sailing Program, aswell as an Adult Sailing Instructional Program. If successful, we hope to expand the membership even more so in the future.

In the meantime, we enter into another Ohio winter, contemplate the makeup of our fleet in 1999, and look forward to another season of association with this unique fraternity.....the Lightning <u>Class</u> sailors.

William W. Woodrow

### ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB FLEET 151 New England District Sailing on Ipswich Bay Annisquam, Massachusetts

\* Georges Peter, M.D. Mouette 14688

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### WAWASEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 154 Indiana District Sailing on Lake Wawasee Syracuse, Indiana

Runner-UpDo	ouglas Schmahl/Jeff Schm	ahl
* Stephen C. Miller		10134
* Dale E. Fulkerson		11181
* John R. Nixon		13001
* Virgil L. Snyder	On The Verge	13851
* David Tranter	Late Edition	13860
* Douglas A. Schmahl		
* & Jeffrey A. Schmahl	Brandywine II	13895
* Bill J. Allen	Golden Harvest	13910
* Virgil L. Snyder	Divine Wind	13975
* & Alan Fox		
* Stephen C. Miller	Millers Merry Manor	14125
* John R. Nixon		
* & Craig Cobbum	Why Not?	14475
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Edward Bradley Wagnon Wolf Cookies

\* Alan Fox

The summer of 1998 will be remembered for light wind and extremely competitive racing. A number of weekend races were canceled this year due to a brutal midwestern weather pattern. On the water, this year's season series was one of the tightest in the history of the Wawasee Yacht Club. Our Memorial Day series stated with co-skippers John Nixon and Craig Cobbum finishing first, Bill Allen second, and Brad Wagnon third. The annual Independence Day series found Doug Schmahl in first, Alan Fox, second, and Nixon/Cobbum in third. The exciting Labor Day series was captured by Nixon/Cobbum, Doug Schmahl finished second, and Bill Allen third. Craig Cobbum along with crew Jim Wellington and Peggy Lehman took first in the Indiana District races in Indianapolis.

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The Lightning Season Championship was not decided until the final race of the Labor Day series. John Nixon and Craig Cobbum along with crew Jim Wellington repeated as champions by less than three boats. The Schmahl boat finished a close second for the coveted prize. Doug Schmahl helmed the boat for a good part of the season. The duo of Jeff and David Schmahl combined to capably fill in the blanks. Bill Allen finished a strong third. Virgil Snyder won the Commodore Cup.

The Hoosier Regatta was one week later this year due to the addition of the Crescent Regatta. The weather was picture perfect again this year (for golf!). One race was sailed on Saturday afternoon. Sean Fidler drifted to first place in race one. The wind finally arrived on Sunday morning. Two races were sailed in light to moderate wind with Sean Fidlerfiring two more bullets. Sean Fidler finished first for the regatta,, Colin Park a solid second, Bob Franke third, Tom Hudson fourth, and George Nickels fifth. A great time was had by all, with sailors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin enjoying the hot cider and fireplace atmosphere of the Wawasee Yacht Club. We are looking forward to great sailing with good friends again next season. Craig Cobbum

### WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB FLEET 164 Central New York District Sailing on Cazenovia Lake Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain 1998	Federico Meira
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer 1998	Dave Bull
Fleet Champion	
Runner-Up	
2nd Runner-Up	

Our fleet was pretty involved this past summer. All eight of our racing Lightnings participated in at least a couple races.

At our club, we had 19 fleet races (77 finishers in total) and 9 handicapped multi-class races. We hosted our regular June regatta, the Caz Flash Bash and in September, the Caz-One-Day. We participated in eight other regattas around the Central New York District including the mother of all regattas – the 60th. The most participation we had in any single fleet race was six but seven of us were on and, in one case, in the waters at Skaneateles. We also welcomed an eighth Caz boat at Skaneateles. It was a 15th year reunion of former junior members/sailing school directors – David Grogono, Leslie DiTrani, and Pam Murphy. They medaled in the green fleet.

For our fleet championship, we score the best ten races. That way extra participation can only help results – not hurt. Dick Tuttle handled District Commodore duties but he also participated in the most local fleet races. He got ten bullets to win the championship series. Clay Murphy was our most consistent high finisher in all the





Fleet 164's Caz Flash Bash: Fun on and off the water

district regattas. He was fleet runner-up. Federico Meira, in recent years, was our multi-time fleet champion. This year he moved forward in his boat, giving the tiller to his son, Mark Lesinski. Mark came in third.

On Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend, we hold our Charter Members Cup race. This year Dick Tuttle with daughter,

Leslie, on board edged out Dave Bull, last year's winner.

The Jack Tuttle trophy is named for one of our fleet's charter members (Dick's Dad). It is awarded to a sailor who doesn't win one of the other trophies. This trophy, awarded on the basis of performance and participation, went to the whole Woods family.

For 1999, the Central New York District is making a special effort to encourage junior racing. Our fleet will be an important part of that effort with the leadership and participation of Anya, Campbell, and Marisa Woods, Susan and Alex King, Robin Ryczek, and ringer, Mark Lesinski. We hope to recruit juniors from other classes at our club, as well.

All in all, this year was an active one but we have very high

hopes for 1999.

Floot Secretary

### HELSINKI FLEET 166 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Finland Helsinki, Finland

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* Raimo Aromaa * Tuomas Ollila * Taimo Huusko	Kesaheila	Life
* Kaarlo Jaskari * Lauri Hemming * Panu Jalas * Kimmo Aromaa	Kvarkki Masi V	13136 14430 14534
* & Terho Aromaa * Kari Koskinen * Olli Muroke	Gamma	14559 14638

Jari Aromaa

Kulunut vuosi 1998 oli historiallinen Lightning-luokalle Suomessa. Ensimmäiset veneet rakennettiin maassamme 50 vuotta sitten. Keväällä 1947 Ralph Vogt näki amerikkalaisen artikkelin Lightning-purjeveneestä, ja pian hän sai veneen valmistusohjeita ja piirustuksia. Ensimmäinen vene valmistui Helsingissä loppukesällä 1947. Sen numeroksi tuli 3226 ja nimeksi *Lorita*. Aktiivinen toiminta alkoi 1948 ja Suomen Lightningliiton perustava kokous pidettiin Helsingissä 31. tammikuuta 1949. Liiton syntymän myötä perustettiin Helsingin laivue numero 166. Laivueen alkuperäinen nimi oli vuoden 1949 vuosikirjan mukaan Nylands Lightning Fleet, ja se on ensimmäinen Eurooppaan rekisteröity laivue.

Kaudella 1998 Helsingin laivueella ei juurikaan ollut toimintaa. Aktiivisten purjehtijoiden määrä on pieni, eikä Helsinki.ole nykyään erityisen sovelias paikkakunta pienvenepurjehdukseen. Aromaan veljesten *Masi V* osallistui kauden pääkilpailuihin Tuusulanjärvellä. Euroopan mestaruuskilpailuissa sijoitus Kimmon kipparoimana oli

kuudes.

Masters-kisassa sijoitus Terhon kipparoimana, Mikan ja Kimmon gastatessa oli seitsemäs. Viimeisen lähdön kaatuminen jiipissä pudotti sijoitusta hieman. Lauri Hemming ja Olli Muroke innostuivat taas ja sijoittuivat lainaveneillä Euroopan mestrauuskil-

pailuissa kahdeksanneksi ja yhdenneksitoista.

The year 1948 was a special year for Finnish Lightning sailors. The first boats in Finland were built 50 years ago. In Spring 1947 Mr. Ralph Vogt saw an article on Lightning and soon he had also drawings and detailed instructions for building the boat. The first boat was finished late Summer 1947 in Helsinki. The boat had number 3226 and was named *Lorita*. Activities began in 1948 and Finnish Lightning Association was founded in Helsinki 31. January 1949. The first fleet, Helsinki Fleet 166, was organized in 1949. The original name was Nylands Lightning Fleet. Nyland or Uusimaa are names for the province that covers a third of Gulf of Finlands coast. The Fleet 166 is also the first registered Fleet in Europe.

During the sailing season 1998 the Fleet 166 had little activity. The number of active sailors is small, and Helsinki is no more a particularly good place for small boat sailing. The most active boat was Masi V. The boat participated in the main events in Tuusulanjärvi. In Europeans the boat was skippered by Kimmo and finished sixth.

In Masters the boat was skippered by Terho, Mika and Kimmo were crew. The result was seventh, and capsize in last race probably cost one position. Lauri Hemming and Olli Muroke sailed in Europeans with borrowed boats. Lauri was eighth and Olli eleventh.

Iari Aromaa

#### LAKE DAVENPORT FLEET 167 **Midwest District** Sailing on the Mississippi River Davenport, Iowa

	Fleet Secretary	Jean Steffens	son
华	Wesley L. Johnson	Kasara	6033
*	Brandon Holton Jim Flick	Off Like A Prom Dress	12732
	Steve Elliott Perry Hansen & Mike Blaser		12817 12843
玲	Henry L. Strieder Mike Higgins	Moxie Southern Cross	13202 13611
14	Ron Taber	Bodacious	13991
10-	Donald L. Johnson	Stinger	14720
10	Charles E. White	Irrational Exuberance	14831
*	Michael Steffenson	Mermaid	14857
	William Lovewell		14859
13-	Rick Kuebler		14885

The 1998 sailing season for Fleet 167 was a non-event with more sailors going to regattas or busywith business or family commitments that sailing at home on our stretch of the Mississippi River. Rick Kuebler took his new boat to Sheboygan to check out the competition on Lake Michigan, and Don Johnson made a trip to Devil's Lake in Michigan to try his hand at small lake sailing. The most memorable sailing experience of the season was had by Brandon Holton and Don Johnson as they traveled to upstate New York and took part in the Lightning Class 60th birthday party regatta. Fleet 167 was the recipient of our sailing club's Club Activities award that recognizes the contribution that the fleet members have made to the clubhouse painting and spruce-up project and for the valuable onshore assistance that Fleet 167 members provided to the club's C-Scow and MC-Scow Polar Bear Regatta in October. We certainly hope to be more active on the water in 1999.

Jean Steffenson

#### LAKE OF NEUCHÅTEL FLEET 169 Switzerland District Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain .	 Jean-Pierre Monnier
	 Claude Lambelet

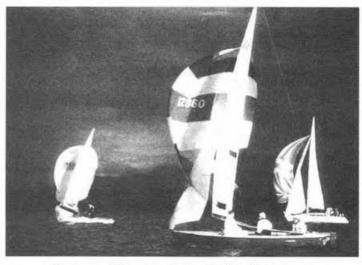
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* Claude Lambelet	Garoupa	12860
* Gilbert Despland	Chiloe	13840

Jean-Claude DuPasquier Pierre Grandguillaume Jean-Pierre Monnier

Thierry Monnier

Anne-Lise Paul Alexandre Perret

Annika Vuithier-Lambelet



Gaston and Garoupa during the handicap race on Lac de Neuchâtel

This year was unfortunately not an especially good year concerning the regatta participation of our Fleet 169.

Chiloe SUI 13840 made the trip to Sempach Lake but the wind

didn't make the trip.

Chiloe again with old-timers Gilbert Despland, Claude Lambelet, and Jean-Pierre Monnier traveled to Porto San Giorgio on the Adriatic Coast of Italy to participate at the Italian Championship. It was a beautiful week, with good wind and beautiful weather and lots of fun. The old-timers didn't race at their best and finished behind.

3 Lightnings SUI 12860 Garoupa, SUI 14530 Gaston, and SUI 13790 Meltemi, raced the Semaine de Joran Lourd, a handicap race sailed June 7-12. Meltemi finished first, beating all the others, Lightnings and keelboats. Gaston was 4th and Garoupa 6th of 14 entries. The wind each day was puffy and very strong.

In October, as each year, Garoupa and Chiloe did race in the Regate Fondue. The wind was quite puffy and the 2 Lightnings cap-

sized and broke their mast in the shallow water.

Here are the results:

1. 13790 Meltemi Wyler, Bechler, Durr Perret, Perret, Pellaton 2. 14530 Gaston 3. 14664 Kahru Graf, Heusser, Brandle 4. 13161 Tartaruga Merz, Brugger, Briker 5. 13840 Chiloe Despland, Pantet, Pantet 5. 12860 Garoupa Lambelet, Monnier, Balzli

Saturday we had the annual meeting followed by the traditional Cheese Fondue with good Neuchâtel wine at the Yacht Club of the

Cercle de la Voile de Neuchatel.

Our Commodore, Jacques Perret told us that the European Championship will be sailed in 1999 in Switzerland on Lac de Morat. Claude Lambelet



Gilbert Despland and Chiloe at the Regata Fondue

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### BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB FLEET 173 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ...Peter Pierce
Fleet Secretary ...Jeffrey Carson
Fleet Champions ...The Reitingers
Fleet Runner-Up ...Ed Serrill

\* Jeffrey L. Carson Old Age And Treachery 13809

\* David W. Long Skal 14059

\* Jeff Herrick Num E Nuf 14120

\* Carl Reitinger Verbal Abuse 14325

\* & Glenn Reitinger

\* J. Edward Serrill Quakers 14660

Sailing at the Brant Beach Yacht Club (BBYC) was terrific this past summer. The weather could not have been better. It did not rain once during the weekend racing schedule and with few exceptions the conditions were excellent. The lightening fleet was very busy hosting BBYC annual regatta, Central Atlantic District Championships, Junior Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Championships and visits by Greg Fisher from North Sails and the ILCA Coach Kelly Williams.

The summer opened with the BBYC annual regatta in June. Greg Fisher gave a Friday night lecture on sail trim. He was on the water Saturday for racing and videoed the racing. After the races,

he provided commentary on what he observed.

The Central Atlantic District Championship took place on July 10-12, 1998. There were 30 Boats competing in four very competitive races. The championship was won by Brian Taboada, Dave Vought, John Feist (10 points). They were closely followed by Paul Geleni (11 points) and Keith Taboada (11 points) The top BBYC boat sailed by Ed Serrill, Barbara Serrill, Bob Seybold finished 5th with 31 points. The regatta was chaired by Jack and Sue Jurechko and race committee was led by Jack Politt.

The Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Junior Championships were held the following Monday after the adult races. Four boats competed. David Essig, Justin Guerrera, Clay Shaner from Barnegate Light Yacht Club were first followed by BBYC's juniors Bobby Reitinger, Eric Reitinger, and Josh Carson.

BBYC junior team of Reitinger, Reitinger, and Carson also competed and won the quarterfinals Sears Cup. Unfortunately they were

eliminated at the semifinals with a third place finish.

Coach Kelly Williams came to BBYC to observe club racing in July. He provided expert commentary of the races during a workshop at the end of the day and sent copies of video tape to the club as well.

The clubs local racing was once again dominated by the BBYC's commodore Glen Reitinger and crew Carl Reitinger and Beth Reitinger. 70% of the races counted and Reitinger3 won with 7 points. Ed Serrill led the campaign of the second place boat (19 points). He had expert crew from Barbara Serrill and a number of others including Bob Seybold. Jeff Herrick led the 3rd place boat (24 points)and continues to demonstrate improving skill. His crew included Joanne Herick and John Cogan. Franz Schneider joined the racing each Sunday sailing down from LEHYC and finished 4th. His crew included wife Sheila Schneider and junior Eric Reitinger. Jeff Carson, Josh Carson and Pete Pierce completed the racing fleet (36 points). Pierce continues to train newcomers Carson2. Josh (age 14) continues to gain valuable experience skippering half of the races. Jeff Carson, Fleet Secretary

SHREVEPORT FLEET 175
Southern District
Sailing on Cross Lake
Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain/Secretary	
Fleet Champion	.David and Christine Wasner
Runner Up	

* Gay Griffith Means * Jim Wasner	White Lightnin'	6116 9281
* Gay Griffith Means	8	10987
* Will Bittick * David Wasner	Just'n Time	12699 13220
* Will Bittick	Water that the state of	14629

Fleet 175 sails on Cross Lake within the city limits of Shreveport, Louisiana. We have four normally rather active sailors – Jim Wasner, Gay Griffith Means, David Wasner, and Will Bittick. The two major events of each year are Holiday In Dixie Spring Regatta traditionally sailed in late April and a part of the overall Holiday In Dixie festival and the Super Derby Regatta otherwise known as the Karen Askew Memorial Regatta, a benefit to the American Association of Kidney Patients. Holiday In Dixie Spring Regatta participants numbered a total of five out of town sailors. Normally this has been a major attraction but the weather prevented our usual participation.

Our weatherhas been extreme this year with very heavy rains in the early part of the year, then very high winds, and then a very hot, hot summer and a drought. Only now at the date of this writing in early December has the weather become absolutely beautiful for sail-

ing. Gay Means

Alan Pearlman

Malcolm B. Hendry, III

### GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET 178 Long Island District Sailing on Great South Bay Amityville, New York

Fleet Secretary		Weiss
	Elizabeth E	
Fleet Champion		arlman
Elizabeth Brewer		
& William P. Weiss	BullsHit	10260
Joseph J. Turecamo Teresa Bouchard	Partners Choice	10690 11219

Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Alan Pearlman

With a rise in activity, we held a Fleet championship this year; it was won by Al Pearlman. We want to extend a warm welcome to Joe Turecamo. Elizabeth Brewer

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Partners Choice

### CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 180 Lake Erie District Sailing on Conneaut Lake Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Commodore	Skipper Ragghianti
Fleet Captain	Mike Mercatoris
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	Linda and Blake Ragghianti
Fleet Champion	Skipper Ragghianti

* Jonathan S. Dearment		11063
* Chad Waldschmidt		11563
* Charles S. Good	Hied Aweigh II	11747
* Lawrence Levine		13506
* Michael Mercatoris	In Between	14041
* Ronald Ragghianti	Cool Breeze	14146
* Kenneth Pote	Bud Lightning	14444
* Charles S. Good	8	14711
* Edward I. Benevent		14750
* Chad Waldschmidt		14763



Fleet 180 Commodores: (left to right) Bob Hollister 1950, Charles Good 1979-80, Skipper Ragghianti 1981-82 and 1997-98, Chad Waldschmidt 1995-96, Mark Prather 1977-78, Dr. Duane Good 1958, Ed Benevent 1989-90.

Conneaut Lake Yacht Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary this past year. The season started with the Spring Banquette at the Oakland Beach Golf Club. The racing schedule had two series; the Holiday Series, consisting of 12 races and the Championship Series with 24. With the conditions being favorable all Spring and Summer, almost all races were scored. In mid-July, Sailing Coach, Kelly Williams, Jr., visited the club and taught sail trim and tactics to the racing members helping everyone go faster.

The Labor Day Banquet and Awards meeting was held at the Iroquois Fishing and Boating Club. It was attended by fifty-four members. Recognition was given to all past Commodores and

Secretaries from the past fifty years.

The racing trophies for the Holiday Series went to: First Place, Skipper Ragghianti; Second Place, John Andrews; and Third Place, Jeff Taylor.

The Championship Awards were given to: First Place, Skipper Ragghianti; Second Place, Ed Benevent; and Third Place, Jeff Taylor. The Trezona Award for special effort and dedication to the club

was given to Skipper Ragghianti.

The Sportsman Award went to John Andrews for his willingness

to teach beginners how to race and enjoy sailing.

Mike Mercatoris was awarded the Upside-down trophy and unanimously voted Commodore of the 1999 season. We all know he can lead Fleet #180 into the next fifty years.

Ronald Ragghianti

### SHEBOYGAN FLEET 187 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Dan Reichelsdorfer
Fleet Treasurer: Dr. Bruce Vandommelen
Fleet Secretary: Michou Braun
Fleet Champion: Rich Reichelsdorfer
Runner-UpErik Simonson

White Caps	10363
The second second	11622
Second Chance	13224
Virtual Reality	13862
Think Twice	
melen	13872
Zorch	13930
Silent Movie	13994
	14005
I Saw Elvis	14007
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	14234
	Silent Movie

Fleet 187 enjoyed another big year of club racing, and a changing of the guard. Averaging 11 boats on the line on Tuesday nights, we enjoyed a competitive series. At the end of it all, Rich Reichelsdorfer took Fleet Champion honors, with Erik Simonsen close on his heels for Runner-up. Perennial champions Ric Larson and Dan Reichelsdorfer were also in the running.

This year, we had 5 boats that traveled consistently to the District Regattas. Fleet 187 also hosted the District Championship this year in June. Sheboygan's own Ric Larson was crowned District Champion, with Dan Reichelsdorfer coming in fourth. The annual Brotz Regatta was well attended, and exciting, with the San Juan North Americans being held the same weekend, plus a great storm on Saturday!

Two Sheboygan boats trekked to Buffalo Canoe Club for the 1998 North Americans. Ric Larson and crew Eric Larson and Amy Lundeen qualified in the Blue Fleet, and Dan Reichelsdorfer, with crew Michou Braun and Tony Orlebeke sailed in the Green.

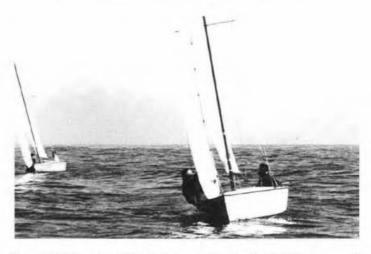
1999 is going to be another busy year for our fleet. The US Sail Adam's Cup Women's Sailing Trophy is being sailed in Lightning's this year, with Milwaukee Yacht Club hosting the Championship. Sheboygan has been selected to host the Area K Sail-Off, which will be held June 28 and 29, 1999.

Michou Braun

### MARBLEHEAD FLEET 189 New England District Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean Marblehead, Massachusetts

## MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 194 California District Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean San Diego, California

Fleet Captain	Steve Ross
Fleet Secretary	
Fleet Champion	
Fleet Runner-Up	



Fleet 194 Champion Kirk Johnson sailing in the Pacific Ocean off Mission Beach

* Warren Gross		0
* Christopher Barclay	La Salle	6613
* Michael Brewer	Excalibur	8966
* & Richard F. Brewer		
* Jerry Kane	Chloe Girl	10794
* Scott Finkboner		11138
* Jim Milstead		
& Anne Land	Code Bleu	11404
* Al Poindexter		11514
Joel Vann	Direct Access	11603
* Mike Poltorak	Daddy's Mistress	13475
* Eric Swayze	Flipper	13819
* Mark Zimmer	11	13842
* Steve Ross	Taxi	13938
* Kirk Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
* Edna Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
* Carl M. Eichenlaub	Algonquin J Calhoun	
* Michael Brewer	ragonquin j cumoun	14846
* & Richard F. Brewer		1.010
* Scott Finkboner		14904

As I review the 1998 yearbook articles, I am reminded of how lucky we are here in San Diego, California. We have several lakes in the area, two distinctive bays and the Pacific Ocean, plus we get to sail 365 days a year. When we join forces with our friends up north (Los Angeles and San Francisco) we are treated to even more variety and great sailing waters.

Although we don't have a very large fleet, we manage to keep it going with six to fifteen boats participating. Warren Gross (NM-45) and John Lyon (E22) and Carl Eichenlaub (NM46) have moved on to other sailing fleets and have sold their Lightnings. We will miss these long time Lightning sailors, but with the help of Mike and Dick Brewer and Scott Finkboner we have added some new boats

and will continue to rejuvenate the fleet.

Our premier event is the California Circuit, which is sailed on Easter Week. The Circuit is composed of four events, which utilize all of the local waters and includes the Marathon Sail from South San Diego Bay, around Point Loma to Mission Bay. This year's Circuit was won by Steve Ross, with our District Champion (Scott Finkboner) coming in second.

Since we sail all year, our Fleet Championship consists of a variety of races scattered over twelve months, but does not include the TNTs which is sailed every Thursday evening during the summer. We also break down the cumulative scores of the major regattas and local events. This years winners are:

Fleet Champion Kirk Johnson TNT Champion Steve Ross Regatta Champion Steve Ross Club Race Champion Kirk Johnson

Al Poindexter, Fleet Secretary, and Edna Johnson

#### SURF CITY FLEET 196 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Manahawkin Bay Surf City, New Jersey

Donald A. Green		10420
* Charles N. Howe	Streak In	12454
George Schmidt		
& Steve Warren	Punch Too	14068
Timothy G. Robinson	Triple Threat	14131
& Andrew Temme		
& Frank Temme	Triple Threat	14131

Kids' Stuff Too

Rip City Express III

Fleet Captain/Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . Rich Warren

Richard M. Warren John Williams Jack Elfman

No Report.

#### **CHAUTAUQUA FLEET 198** Lake Erie District Sailing on LakeChautaugua Chautaugua, New York

Fleet Secretary	Jam	es Neville
* James D. Neville * Candy Neville * James D. Neville No Report.	Joss Bacarat	10922 13222 13922

#### **MACATAWA BAY FLEET 204** Michigan District Sailing on Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa Holland, Michigan

	rieet Secretary						
* I	Bob Garlinghouse		11078				
	Scott Visser	Right Design	12604				
	Brian Huckabee	Walt	12939				
4 1	Marvin Hoekstra	It's Not Easy Bein' Green	14531				

Dring Hugheben

Floor Consultant

The 1998 sailing season was exciting for us in Holland, Michigan. We welcomed two new boats and doubled our fleet size. The weather this year allowed a variety of sailing conditions for Thursday night club racing. Kelly Williams, the touring sailing instructor for the Lightning Class, visited us in July and hosted a racing clinic that was well attended by our fleet and others in the area. In July, the Macatawa Bay Invitaional was held with eight boats participating. Sailing conditions on Lake Michigan were optimal and everyone had a fun time. Congratulations to Diana Fernando and her crew on the 1st place finish. Next year, we are working hard to expand the size of our fleet and look foward to hosting the Michigan Districts in 1999.

Brian Huckabee, Fleet Secretary Fleet #204

#### **CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS FLEET 206 Argentina District** Sailing on Lake Olivos **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Fleet Captain	Osvaldo	Bordino
* Luis Miguel Bordino * & Osvaldo Bordino Pablo Bordino Pablo Bordino	Flamingo V	11043 11649 12622
No Report.		

#### **NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB FLEET 209** Southern District Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain			.Buck Ballatin
* John A. (Buck)	Ballatin	SB	9696

No Report.

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### ATWOOD YACHT CLUB FLEET 212 Ohio District Sailing on Atwood Lake Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Secretary								٠			+				¥				.Stephen Jolly
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* Carl W. Hummer, Jr.		6886
* Stephen Jolly	Yellow Jacket	11508
* Carl W. Hummer, Jr.	The Gray Fox	12845
* David M. Gall		14445

No Report.

#### ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET 215

#### St. Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lake St. Louis Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Secretary	
er in international or in the	SERVICE.

* Russel C. Scrim (Life	)	0
* Jean-Francois Simard		13927
* Anthony Staples		14176
* Iacques Trottier		14354
* Alain Boucher		14591
* Peter Hall	Krista Too	14768

No Report.

### SAGINAW BAY FLEET 216 Michigan District Sailing on Saginaw Bay Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion Joe Disette
Runner-Up
Michigan District ChampionJohn McCree

Hanns Heil	Wind Swept	4090
* Terry Hart		5437
George F. Ascherl, Jr.	Megs	7153
* Matthew D. Princing	DOF	9705
* Matthew D. Princing	Dinosore	12512
* James Peters	Halcyon	13385
* Rick Allen	Flicky Wick	13758
* Terry Hart	Hart Beat, RIP	14009
John E. Johnson	Teko	14022
Disir Mandelson	Teko	
Blair Moulthrop		14048
Larry Peters, Jr.		14077
* John Waechter	Score One!	14087
* Clark Howell, Jr.	Zipper	14103
* John McCree	Sleeper	14323
* George M. Peet	Hot Dog Man	14503
* Chris Jacobson	Fastidiots	14577
* Matthew D. Princing	Scars & Scrapes TNG	14603
* C.A. Pinkerton		14616
* Ioseph C. Dissette	Carousel XXXIII	14703
* James Schofield	Shuss Boomer	14775
* Colin Park	Comedy Central	14780
* Tom Niles	MAL	14819
Robert Hafford		



Fleet 216 Champions Joe Dissette sailing out to Saginaw Bay. Photo Ann Dissette

The 1998 season for Fleet 216 is now in the history books. It was one of ecstasy and tragedy.

Fleet racing was again very competitive this year. Only one point separated first place from second place. Weather this year was for the most part mild. We didn't cancel any racing this year due to weather conditions and ended the year with 49+ races completed. With the championship on the line the last week, Joe Dissette surpassed Chris Jacobson's one point lead to become 1998's fleet champion. Following Chris in third was perennial champion and Michigan District Champion, John McCree. Fourth and Fifth were Jim Schofield and John Johnson, respectively.

Perhaps the only blemish on Fleet 216's season was a storm that blew through the area at the end of May. This storm, with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour, did considerable damage to the State of Michigan and to numerous fleet boats. The most damage was suffered by Terry Hart's Hart Beat (RIP) 14009, which was so extensively damaged that it was considered a complete loss. Four other boats were damaged but repairable. Terry and Matt Princing either borrowed an older boat or put an older boat together to finish the season.

The Clamso Capsize Award was won for the first time by the Fleet's longest belonging member, Joe Dissette. In all his years of Lightning sailing, Joe has capsized only three times, this one obviously being his most proud because it earned him an award. Other awards this year include the Crew Award, given to the crew of George Peet's boat, the covetedDuct Tape Award, given to Jim Schofield, the Cry Baby Award, given to Chris Jacobson and Fleet 216's Most Improved Award went to John Johnson and his crew.

The annual Fleet 216 regatta held on beautiful Saginaw Bay went off without a hitch. We had 15 boats on the line for what was close racing. Colin Park was this year's winner followed by John McCree, George Nickels (Fenton), Mike Thomas (North Cape), and Chris Iacobson.

The Hooter's Cup was won by Chris Jacobson and the Annual Family Fun Day was won by Joe Dissette.











Left column: Start of race #1 at Bay City Yacht Club's Annual Regatta.

Downwind on Saginaw Bay.

Tornado wrecks part of the fleet.
Fleet 216 Championship crew: Grant Hilger, skipper Joe Dissette, Steve Martin.

Above: crew Jim Schofield, skipper Joe Dissette, and crew John McCree receiving 1st Place Trophy in the "Green" Fleet at the 60th Anniversary Regatta.

Photos courtesy Chris Jacobson and Ann Dissette

This year was another successful year on the road for Fleet 216. John McCree won the Michigan District Championship, and Joe Dissette won in Skaneateles at the 60th Regatta.

Fleet 216 is already looking to the 1999 season. 1998 brought one new member and one new boat, 1999 will start with at least one new member and four new boats. Justin Dey, Joe Disette, Terry Hart, and Matt Princing will turn up at the hoist next year with new boats. Smooth sailing.

Matt Princing

#### HENDERSON HARBOR FLEET 225 Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario, Henderson Bay Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain						٠		1		Jack Jones
Fleet Secretary										.John Treadwell
Fleet Champion									,	Jack Jones
Fleet Runner-Up										

*	Leonard Phillips		13011
÷	Richard A. Matarese	Fata Bella	13232
静	John Boxberger	The Pit	13834
10	Bradford A. White	White Lightnin	13894
時	John H. Treadwell, II	Runaway	14192
4	Richard C. Grissinger	Footloose II	14254
*	Jack Jones	You Bet I'm Chicken	14321

This year we officially moved our Fleet to a new location – Harbor View Marina, and we had 9 Lightnings making use of our newly installed launching facilities. Special thanks to Dick Grissinger for not only funding the hoist motor, but also overseeing the installation of the pad and the crane, and getting it wired up. We also had many donations from many thoughtful people, helping to make the season a successful one. We welcomed several new additions to the Fleet this year - Jean Palm, Blaise Gallahue, and Len Phillips.

Our racing sea	ason was busy a	nd well attended.	The results are:
Appleblossom	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Spring Series	1 Leonard	2 Jones	3 Boxberger
Thursday Series	1 Skinner	2 Grissinger	
Barnes Memorial	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Captains Cup	1 Jones	2 Treadwell	3 Gallahue
Trophy Race	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Bezner
		4 Grissinger	5 Leonard
Stoney Race	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Fall Series	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Frostbite	1 Jones	2 Treadwell	3 Leonard
May's Trophy	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	2 Leonard
		4 Jones	5 Grissinger
Junior Racers	1 Boxberger	2 G. Leonard	3 Skinner
I. Iones Memoria			

We also hosted the District's Jr.-Women's-Masters and had good local results as John Boxberger won the Juniors, Jean Palm won the Women's, and Jones & Treadwell placed 1-2 in the Masters. Jack Jones and John Boxberger also competed in the Master NA's and Junior NA's respectively, and as this is being written, John Boxberger is in South America racing in the Jr. Worlds.

Hope to have even more boats next year.

#### **BISCAYNE BAY FLEET 226** Florida District Sailing on Biscayne Bay Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain	Randy Clee
Fleet Secretary	.Mike Broderick
Fleet Treasurer	
Fleet Champion	
Runner-Up	

Monk Terry * Frank Atkinson Jr	Ant Farm	2342 8330
Eric V. Stibitz	Ant Farm	9975
* Sam Septembre		2213
* & George McCullough	Sam I Am	10700
* Cameron Carlin	Sam Trum	10944
Dean R. Gosslein	Folies A Trois	11171
* Larry J. Ames	rones ir irois	
* & Stuart Anderson (Life)	Glockenspiel	11702
* Michelle Duplaga	Gioenenspier	11.02
* & Kelly Bayer		12050
Steven Getzoff	L190 Octane	12064
* Stuart deLisser	Dead Sexy	13010
Ben Sadler	Jalapeno	13466
* David Holland	Lizzie	13592
Ted Kapustka		13748
* David S. Brayer		
& Jonathan Katzen	Eclair Bleu	13779
Eric Sheeder		13858
* Randy Clee		13861
* Onofre Torres	Rumrunner	13983
* Steve Witherspoon		14001
* Michael Broderick	Fighting Irish	14062
* Dominic Marsden	Bloody Hell	14066
* John Rouse	Turbo Dog	14084
* Wanda Cooper		
& Walter Cooper	South	14178
* Jeff Shaw		
* & Alix Shaw	Steam Driven	14212
* Ion W. Ewing	Free Beer Yesterday	
* Fay Regan	Booby Trap	14708
* Lamonn deLisser	Main Squeeze	14809
* Bill Mauk	Mach II	14866
* Walter H. Beckwith, Jr.		
* Inha Cashbana		

Wow! Lots of good stuff happened in Fleet 226 since our last yearbook publication! New boats, new skippers, new "road trippers", and we are proud to be the home of the ILCA's Junior North

American Runners-Up, Sam and Danielle Septembre!

While you were snow skiing last February, our John Gochberg invited Greg Fisher down for a Lightning/Snipe clinic. The weather intefered somewhat, but those who attended learned a lot. Later that month we had a freak storm which blew many of the moored boats up on the seawall and knocked over several Lightnings. 11425, 12050, 14084 and 14708 all suffered damage, although Fay's was the only boat that went completely airborne. (Is it light??)

We loved seeing you all at the Circuit! Bill Mauk, Frank Atkinson, and John Gochberg left homes, jobs and families to join this Lightning travelling show for the entire week! Others of us sailed Miami and St. Pete only. And special thanks to those of you who used Miami crews. Three have since purchased Lightnings, after experiencing the fun of a "big" fleet, as well as getting some

amazing rides mixed in with a capsize or two!

Our Districts were sailed in April this year. While several of us trekked over to Tampa Fleet 502, we "visitors" were bested by Steve Hayden, Fleet 461, and Jeff Linton of the host fleet. Frank Atkinson, Randy Clee, and Eamonn deLisser were in the trophies, but Bill Mauk missed out this time. Heid have his moments of glory later

Our first "Sail Away To A Sandbar" party was hosted by the fleet captain in June. After a perfect low tide arrival, Randy barbecued for the party-goers who blew in on 9 Lightnings, 6 Sunfish, 3 Scots and miscellaneous other water craft. With the rising of the tide, the charcoals were extinguished gradually, but not until all had eaten. At the time, we called it the best ever, but wait . . . we had another sandbar party later in the summer which was the all time best ever!

In August we drew 48 (yep, we counted 'em) boats and over one hundred people. Randy, aware of the impending tides, arrived prepared with stilts added to his barbecue grill! This time we had Optis, Lightnings, Scots, PHRF boats, and almost anything else you could think of. Eamonn and Heidi deLisser supplied an amazing Jamaican rum punch concoction and lots of other beverages were on hand for adults and kids alike. Pool toys, beach umbrellas, you name it, we

Carol Ewing, ILCA VP, has been elected Rear Commodore at Coral Reef Yacht Club. We are so proud of her, and we look forward

to her eventual progression to Commodore.

So, back to Bill Mauk. With his crew of Cameron Carlin and Jason Timmons, he returned from the NA's with 15th in the Qualifying Series which earned him a place in the Championship fleet as well as the McDermott Trophy for the most improved from last year. And how about those Septembre kids? Nice job, y'all! Danielle is already skippering in fleet races, now that her brother has aged out of Juniors. Look for her next summer!

Fleet 226 sent two teams to the Pan Am Trials: John Gochberg with Kim Logan and Danielle Septembre, and Bill Mauk with Cameron Carlin and April Richards. Kim's fingers are healing nicely after she caught them in the centerboard trunk trying to rescue

their capsized boat.

Bill won our 1998 Chris Young Memorial Regatta with Randy Clee second. The Coral Reef Yacht Club Annual Regatta was also won by Bill, with John Rouse 3rd and Jon Ewing 4th. Both regattas are part of our District Triple Crown. Then it was on to Tampa for the final regatta in the series over Thanksgiving weekend. After all the numbers were lined up Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor won the Crown with Bill Mauk 2nd.

Some of our boats got shuffled around this year as you can see by our fleet roster. Bill Mauk has a brand new boat (14866) and, moving up from crew to owner, Dominic Marsden is doing well on 14066. Steve Witherspoon is back with us after 20 years, with son Kevin and 14001. Stuart deLisser's Dead Sexy (13010) is getting out of the garage and on the race course as we speak. Eamonn deLisser "moved up" to 14809, leaving John Gochberg temporarily boatless. 12050 was recently purchased by Kelly Bayer and Michelle Duplaga, and 12064's new owner is Steven Getzoff. Welcome to our new fleet members, and we all look forward to seeing you in Miami.

Florida Fay Regan

John Gochberg

### New England District Sailing on Lake Bomoseen Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Commodo	re							*:			.Fred	Bagley
Fleet Secretary		•			,			,		Je	nnife	Bagley

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*	Bruce M. Atkinson		13859
*	Raymond Harrington	. I.	14056
	Raymond P. Harringto	n, jr	14056

No Report.

### RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 228 Central Atlantic District Sailing on the Delaware River Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	 .John Haiges
Fleet Secretary	 Hoedemaker
Fleet Treasurer	 h Hutchinson

* Hugh J. Hutchison	Enterprise	8616
* Mark L. Keene		8690
* Paul L. Alberti	Discovery	9628
* John G. Haiges	Syncopation	10494
* Gary Swangler	Zone 1	10956
* Maury Benbow	Smidge	11519
* Josh McCaully	Daisy	12140
* Gary Birnhak	Rumble Seat	13624
* Richard Moyer		13792
* Seth Hunter	Kestrel	14139
* Hugh J. Hutchison		14214
* Paul J. Hecht	Mighty Aphrodite	14360
* Caroline Schneider-Hoe	demaker	14634
* Robert C. Bush		
<ul> <li>&amp; A. Sterling Bush</li> </ul>	Ambush	14654
* Allan M. Crew	Toodle-Oo	14699
* John G. Haiges		14771
* Mark C. Schneider		14840
* Peter R. Denton		14890

It was another successful year of sailing at Riverton. In January we met and slightly changed the format of our racing slightly to emphasize our Wednesday series more. Since Riverton is located in an urban area right outside Philadelphia, sailing during the week has been very popular. Come join us if you are in the area. The club is located on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware River, and is housed in an old passenger steamer station sitting out in the river just north of the Tacony Palmyra Bridge.

The next time the group met was down at the Southern Circuit: Bob Bush and Caroline headed South with their boats. Allan and Hugh showed up in St. Pete's. Its key to note: nothing came home broken! And, the group must have had a good time because two "new" boats were purchased. Caroline brought hers back double decked, and Bob's boat was held for ransom, until he attended Pymatuming's spring regatta.

The fleet traveled to 16 different regattas over the season: from Cedar Point Connecticut, to Rochester New York, to Kerr Lake North Carolina. In addition Bob and Sterling represented us at the WNAs and NAs, Bob, Caroline and Gary Swangler went to the 60th Anniversary Regatta, and as noted above, Bob and Caroline sailed Southern Circuit. Frequently there were at least three of us at the same regatta, which has led to some friendly interclub competition between Nyack and RYC. Nyack seems to have won a most "beautiful" clock this past year, maybe when we win it back next year it should become a "loser's" trophy?!?

We had four weekend events planned: a Spring Regatta, a coach weekend, the club's Governor's Cup, and our annual Fall Windup regatta. The Spring Regatta had a great turnout, but I think we got our entire summer's wind allotment in one day. It had to be cancelled, but we'll try again next year. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the learning when the coach visited. The video taping was fantastic. Bob our light air specialist, won the Governor's Cup followed by John and Caroline. And the Fall Windup was a much better success than the Spring Regatta. Not only did we have manageable conditions, but also the weather was much warmer, warmer than ususal. Caroline won this, followed by Allan. There were 12 boats, but we missed some of our usuals.

With all the travel and weekend activities the focus on the four Wednesday night series worked well. The results demonstrate the strong competition within the fleet. Seven different boats won the top three places in the various series: Maury, Dick, Caroline, Bob, Allan, John, and Mark. Nine boats out of fourteen on average participated, and we hope newcomer Seth Hunter will be back again to join us.

Caroline Hoedemaker

### CHINOOK FLEET 229 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir Eugene, Oregon

Fleet Captain									John Mahoney
Fleet Secretary .									Wally Jones
Fleet Champion			+	٠			٠		.John Mahoney

* Wally Jones	Caledonia	6061
* Carol Mullens Slegers	Wandering About	9495
* Verson E. Pandian		13811
* A. Morrie Craig	Green Eggs And Ham	13942
* John J. Mahoney	Thump	13956

What a season! While it is fun to read about large successful fleets like Pontiac and Buffalo, the Chinook Fleet seems to be at the other end of the spectrum. From a fleet of over twenty active racers in bygone years we are down to three day-sailors who might sail one day a year, four good skippers with good boats who could sail but almost never do, and two guys who race most every Thursday night, often singlehanding. Maybe Mahoney and Jones need breath mints or a semester or two at some charm school.

If it were not for the presence of the active and supportive Vancouver Lake Fleet to the north, our fleet would probably have

lost the faint pulse it had years ago.

The high point of this season was the Pacific Coast Championship held here in September. Sun, good wind, and good racingshowed us how it should be. Thanks to the boats from Portland and California for making this event memorable. Special thanks to the California boats for making such a long journey. We'll have to come down your way soon. Where in San Francisco will we park the blue school bus the keg sits by?

In spite of our meager numbers, WE WON'T QUIT! Now, if fif-

In spite of our meager numbers, WE WON'T QUIT! Now, if fitteen or twenty of you from Buffalo or Pontiac wanted to move west over the next year or so......

er the next year or so....

Wally Jones

### SEMPACHER / HALLWILER / VIERWALDSTÄTTER / GREIFENSEE FLEET

#### Switzerland District Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwil, Luzern and Greifen Zürich, Switzerland

	Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion	Silvio	Silvio Merz 		
於	William Lingg		0		
	Hubert K. Stocker	You Never Know	10463		
*	Heinrich Leimgrubler	Csardas	10467		
	Jacob Blickensdorfer Rudolf Herzog	White Star	12306		
妆	Rudolf Herzog	Joy III	12571		
验	Christof Luthy	Joy III Domi-Nike	13099		
妆	Silvio Merz		13161		
华	Ernst Beyer	Cezanne	13705		

No Report.

#### **SALAMIS FLEET 251 Greece District** Sailing on the Bay of Phaleron Athens, Greece

Fleet Captain						
A. Lagathas * Christos Bonas	Mesis	4636				
& Stelios Bonas	Clockwork Orange	10966				
* Nickolas Dimou * & Alexandros Dimou * Theodore Tsoulfas	Renata	13968				

The members of our fleet participated in the Pastrikakia race. We look forward to 1999 so the new caders will have the opportunity to compete in more Lightning races.

#### **KEUKA LAKE FLEET 252** Central New York District Sailing on Keuka Lake Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary/ Treasurer Eileen Loh-Fontier
Fleet Champion Peter Cunningham
Runner-UpBrent Gillette

* I . I F .	D 1 TT	0240
* Leon A. Fontier	Purple Haze	9249
* Barry Brogan	Acrew Aweigh	10490
* Don Tylor	Tippecanoe	12702
* Rowland Stebbins, III	7-11	12711
Ron Anderson		13514
David Brace	Cherry Bomb	13541
* Paul Schnipelsky	The Other Woman	13816
* Brent S. Gillette		14119
* Blaise Gallahue		14202
* Peter M. Cunningham	Ballyhoo	14221
* James E. Staunton	Mangy Moose	14256
* Michael N. Kalinich	67	14368
* Robert Cole	Thumper	14416
* Clyde L. Rathmann	Grumpy Old Men	14426
* Leon Fontier	F-6	14431



Fleet 252 Crews David Cunningham and Robin Crist Photos courtesy Eileen Loh-Fontier

This season was a mixed bag for our fleet. Spring had started early in our area this year, and we were all stirred up by the sunshine and warmth. We began the season as usual with a good turnout of boats for two days of club races on Memorial Day weekend, followed by weekly club races every Sunday. The month ended with our annual Champagne Regatta, that was also the Central New York District Championship. Twenty-four boats participated. The wind gods favored us, and we all hadlots of fun. The following weekend Pete Cunningham, Jim Staunton, and Leon Fontier took their boats to Skaneateles for the 60th. Debbie Koop, crewing for Jim Staunton, accurately described the event as "the Woodstock of Lightnings". Pete, with daughter Elise and father Dave, placed 5th in the Green Fleet.

After a good season start in June, club racing declined in July & August. Part of this was due to the weather. For those who like to lie on the beach it was perfect: hot & sunny. However, it was mostly also windless, at least on Sundays when we were scheduled to race. We also lost a few skippers for a variety of reasons. Barry Brogan & crew (wife Roseanne) had a baby in the oven (baby Joe arrived in August) Vasco Raposo sold his Cherry Bomb (new owner David Brace crewed some, but didn't feel ready to skipper yet this year), and Jim Staunton was obliged to follow doctor's advice to take a break from his favorite sport for the remainder of the season. We thought that Bob Cole had gotten his priorities back into proper order when he showed up for the Champagne Regatta, but he was more often absent than present for the remainder of the season. Don Tylor & Clyde Rathmann, who co-skippered Grumpy Old Men regularly last year only made occasional appearances this season. The 3 or 4 remaining skippers who show up regularly each week, hoping for wind were sometimes rewarded for their persistence, and the other times they decided that anyhow, Keuka Lake is a beautiful place to sunbathe & swim & there's always good company at the club.

The season did have a great ending for Brent Gillette and Leon Fontier, who decided to finish the season participating in the Frostbite Regatta hosted by Fleet 484 on Cayuga Lake. There was no lack of wind for that weekend! We thank our friends in Ithaca

for the good time we had there.

#### SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB FLEET 253 **Dixie District** Sailing on the Susquehanna River Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Secretary	٠,													,							.Fred	Bush	1
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	Keith Dietel		9474
	Stephen D. Tiley		9897
	Bud Moyer	Jack Tar	10391
	Courtland Dunn	900000	11329
	Holly Miller		
	& Walt Poyck		11582
	Richard Willey		
	& Roy Wells Starling H. Mikell, III		12137
静	Starling H. Mikell, III	Deb Star	12941
静	Kenneth C. Kuzdro	Sneak Attack	13218
4	Frederick S. Bush	Double Whammy	13813
*	Charles F. Noble	Starthrower	14156

The big news for Fleet 253 in '98 was the arrival of the Sea Scouts. The assistant leader of a Lancaster County Sea Scout Ship joined Susquehanna Yacht Club in April and asked at a club meeting if there was any way the club could help his scouts get some sailing experience. So Fleet 253 generously came to the rescue, signed up all the scouts as racing crew and had a ball with enough bodies in every boat for lots of spinnaker flying in our revitalized Wednesday night races.

Not sure who had the most fun, the scouts or the skippers. Also, not sure who won the most races (we're kinda relaxed about record keeping), but it was probably Star Mikell. We think it was because

he grabbed the Scout Ship leader as crew.

We welcomed Craig and Becky Cassel to the fleet, sailing golden oldie Fort Knox. Hope to see more of them in '99 if Becky doesn't take time out again to have a baby in the middle of the sailing sea-

Star, Ken Kuzdro, and Charlie Noble represented the fleet at the Lightning 60th. It was the biggest group of travelers from SYC since the 60' and 70's, when we sent big delegations to the famous Quantico regattas of blessed memory.

Looking forward to '99, hoping for more wind, more scouts, and

more fun on the scenic Susquehanna.

Fred Bush

#### **BURT LAKE FLEET 254** Michigan District Sailing on Burt Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Commodore
Fleet Vice-Commodore Craig Bickley
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer
Fleet Champion
Runner-UpJim and Sally Fraser

Jim and Sally Fraser		12890
* Gary Street		13969
Tom Hanson		14023
* Stuart F. Cheney	Spirit	14505
* Clark E. Swayze		14770

The 1998 winds on Burt Lake left our fleet alternately floating listlessly and running off-course in raging squalls, barely in control. August 7 will surely go down in club history as one of the wildest races of all. On that day we were all drifting slowly towards the jibing mark when a squall hit from behind with virtually no warning. The carnage was significant, but fortunately in the end the masts pointing skyward out-numbered those pointing towards the bottom. We do all hope that Tom Hanson's pending sale of his lightning is not related to his upending in early August!

In spite of his August DNF Tom finished in 3rd place for the season, displaying some of his best sailing since joining the fleet. The 1998 fleet runner-ups were our newcomers Jim and Sally Fraser who proved to be very competitive in Lightning #12890. Welcome to the fleet, Jim and Sally! The fleet champion was Clark Swayze—Swayze captured the blue ribbon in 2/3 of the fleet races this season, and especially show-cased his sailing skills by both staying upright and taking first places in the two August races that were hit by powerful

In contrast to the wild winds experienced in several of our fleet races, the BLYC Annual 4th of July Daggerboard Regatta took place in very light breezes. Our Commodore Jim Anderson won the regatta championship in his brand new race- ready Sunfish. Jim was followed closely by Eric Swayze, visiting Burt Lake from the Mission Bay Lightning fleet in SanDiego; and by Eirc's dad, Clark Swayze. Other visiting sailors this season included John Beery in Lightning #13909. John returned to Fleet 254 from his new home in Chicago to walk away with 1st place honors in the first Burt Lake race of the

As the 1998 season ends Fleet 254 sadly waves good-bye to Bob and Diana Garlinghouse in Lightning #11078 as they move their sailing activity from Burt Lake to the Holland, Michigan, area. On a happy note we welcome Jim and Sally Fraser in Lightning #12890, and Jeff and Lisa Leland who purchased Lightning #14023 at season's end. Good luck to you all in 1999!

Ann Swayze

#### CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET 257 Southeastern District Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain				•	.Robert E. Harkrider Jr.
Fleet Secretary					Richard F. Mayne

Gilbert Klemann		2381
* Howard David Estroff	Pandora's Box	9398
* Nancy Klemann Sproul	Hot Flash	9468
* Thomas L. Schroeder		10810
* "Robert E. Harkrider, Jr."		12489
Gilbert Klemann	Intrepid	13190
* Richard Mayne	No Excuses	14127
* Sharon Harkrider	Boonoonoos	14532
* & Robert E. Harkrider,	Ir.	
* James A. Harris Driving	Blind, Deaf & Dumb	14701
* Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.	Boo Too	14889

The Clark's Hill Fleet had little change in the number of fleet boats, and no fleet sailing. We did do half a dozen Wednesday night sessions where we did sprint races to sharpen up our skills and give non Lightning club members a chance to sail a Lightning. Had participation on the circuit, with the Bob Harkrider, and Jim and Connie Harris making most of the circuit races and finishing second and third respectively.

Augusta also held the second scheduled Regatta on the circuit

April 25-26, 1998.

Saturday's first race opened up with a 3-5 mph wind. Bob Harkrider and crew took the early lead with Bill Sloger in "Slim Green" a close second. A major wind shift (the first of several that day) caused the race committee to change the course in the middle of the race and the old sly fox that he is (that's Bill Sloger I'm referring to) caught the change and Bob to finish first. Jim Harris finished

right behind Bob, rounding out the top three.

With a new course set and the wind picking up (5-8 mph) Jim jumped off the line and never looked back. Bob, Bill and Terry Tyner rounded out the top four. With the wind starting to die the RC decided on a third race. Just after the start the wind died completely and we all sat. When the new wind came in (from a different direction of course) the fleet was scrambled. It made no difference how you started. It all depended on where you were. Yes, Connie Harris called it right and the "General" lead the way to his second first place finish for the day. I was too far back to see how everyone did, but the race results show Tom "I don't abuse my

#### 1998 Bluenose Regatta at Harbor Island Yacht Club Fleet 262

Team Hempel

Carter Utzig, Barbara and Cully Ward enjoy the ice cream Saturday night

Team Smokler enjoys the party



crew" Wynn coming in second followed by a fast closing Terry Tyner third and Johnnie Pelosi fourth.

Sunday morning we started in a light northerly breeze.

Josh Putnam had a great start at the pin, took a header and crossed the fleet. He ultimately finished fourth which is a great showing for one of our up and coming juniors. You guessed it, General Jim started where he left off Saturday with a first, with "the Bill and Bob show" coming in second and third.

After the completion of the fourth race a new and stronger wind appeared (15-20 mph from the west). Get ready to hike up wind and plane down. Bob, Terry and heavy air artist Johnnie P found it to their liking to round out the top three. Big Boy" General Jim and his crew of giants (total crew weight 398 lb) paid the price and staggered in fourth. Final results had Jim with 10 points, Bob with 14, Terry with 19 and slipping ahead of Bill with 21 (for some reason the "grey fox" has a problem with math and can't count to five and didn't sail the last race).

			Race			
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
Jim Harris	3	1	1	1	4	10
Bob Harkrider	2	2	6	3	1	14
Terry Tyner	4	4	3	6	2	19
Bill Sloger	1	3	5	2	10	21
Tom Wynn	6	6	2	5	5	24
John Pelosi	7	8	4	7	3	29
Josh Putnam	8	9	7	4	10	38
Carter Utzig	5	5	9	10	10	39
Gil Klemann	9	7	8	8	10	42

Bob Harkrider was our only delegate at the NA's sailing in the middle of the President's Cup fleet

Richard Mayne

#### HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB FLEET 262 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Old Hickory Lake Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Capta	in		Brian Smokler
Fleet Co-Ca	aptain		ary Ann Smokler
Fleet Secre	tary	Jose	ph Cunningham

* Chandler Owen	C: 1	9055
* Joseph Cunningham	Siocain	9211
* Harry K. Whitver		10191
* Harry K. Whitver		10691
* Bill Killebrew		11480
* Chandler Owen		11609
* Chandler Owen	Doc Gilbert Express	11737
David Ausbrooks	The 7th Habit	12511
Joseph F. Hunt	Whoppersnapper	13212
* Brian Smokler	Feather	13666
* Mike Osborne	reaction	13769
* Chandler Owen		13917
* Bruce Richards	Airborne	13957
* Bradford Currie	Chance	14000
* Cully Ward	77 3 77 11	
& Kat Ward	Kat's Kradle	14116
* Fred W. Beesley, Jr.	Reprise	14533
* Robert G. Hempel	Wildebeest IV	14571
* Jerry Fertig		14588
* Dr. Robert Cotton	Airborne	14645
* Bill Killebrew	Z Z Top	14680
* William Hofmeister	THE STATE OF THE S	14706
* Frank L. Kelly, Jr.	Spirit	14748

Another year sailing Lightnings. Life's tough isn't it? Actually, sailing our beloved square boats in the Mid-South was a little more difficult than usual. Always fickle, the winds this year were much lighter than usual and the Fleet on Old Hickory got a lot of experience in light air racing.

Due to the light air, it seems much of the fleet action took place away from Harbor Island Yacht Club, beginning the year with the Southern Circuit. Bill Killebrew and crew participated in the entire circuit, while William Hofmeister joined them for the St. Petersburg

The Lightning season at Harbor Island officially began with the 35th annual Tennessean Regatta in April. Seventeen dinghies competed in weather that most of us would love to forget -very rainy, very cold, lots of current, and no wind. We must have used up our wind allocation for the month on the tornado that passed through downtown Nashville and only a few miles from Harbor Island. Rumor has it that at this race it was decided that Harbor Island has the "best fireplace" of any Lightning fleet. Paul Wurtzebach from the Chicago area took home first place in the Tennessean. Those of you considering coming to Nashville for this one, be assured we have already placed an order for better weather in 1999.

The summer Sunday series provided clear weather but very light winds. While the faithful prepared to race each week, the final count of races turned out pretty low. HIYC fleet members have learned that if the wind doesn't come to you, you to go the wind; therefore, a group of representatives traveled to the 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skanteateles over July 4th weekend, and several boats traveled to the North American Championships in Buffalo in August. And the end of summer just wouldn't be the same without a September trip to the Cotton Pickin' Regatta in Hernando,

Mississippi.
Fall brought with it some nice windy weekends (along with warmer than usual temperatures) - just in time for the McDougall Regatta at Harbor Island. Bill Killebrew and Mike Osborne shared skipper responsibilities to take first place. Finally, the 33rd annual Bluenose Regatta drew thirty-five boats this year, who enjoyed a decent first day (weather-wise) and a second day that proved too light to race. Dennis Dieball took top honors. Of course, everyone had a great time at the keg parties and steak dinner!

The Lightning Fleet camaraderie at Harbor Island makes sailing fun no matter what the conditions, and because picture speak loud-

er than words, we've included a few from the year. Come visit our web site at www.hiyc.org.

Brian Smokler

#### YACHT CLUB LA PUNTA FLEET 265 Peru District Sailing on Callao Callao, Peru

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary	August	o Navarro o Levaggi
* Augusto Navarro * Emilio Levaggi Tocci	Camotito Curumbo	13367 13471
No report.		

#### CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 266 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Carlyle Lake Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain	 							Terry Burke
Fleet Vice-Captain .								
Fleet Treasurer								
Fleet Champion								Dan Moriarty
Fleet Runner Up								

* John R. Barrett		5345
* John R. Barrett * Jerry Valli William Perozzi	Chaos	8144
William Perozzi		1711







Sailing at Fleet 266's Mid-Continent Regatta Photos courtesy Terry Burke

* Mark Paoli		11044
* Steven G. Bailey	Frances	12029
* Rob Zerban	Gumby	13273
* Greg Florian	D.F.	13308
Bill Kesler		13598
* Barring Coughlin	Swallow	13836
Marc Schillebeekx	STILLION	13870
* Linus J. Portman	Misty Lee	13892
* Arthur Merdinian	Warlock	14089
* John Huhn	Wallock	14114
* Daniel Moriarty		14118
John Abramson		14165
* Glenn Grummon		14204
	Limid Dist	
* Matt G.S. Burridge	Liquid Diet	14229
* Tobi D. Heisler	Snakewake	14636
* Terry Burke	Top Flash	14766
* Eric Bernstein		14798
* Dr. Tom Aquino	Absolutly	14828
* Gerry Paoli		14901
* Robert G. Burridge		1.701

This year started with great enthusiasm with the advent of three long time crew members / boat borrowers John Huhn, Tobi Heisler and Dan Moriarty getting their own Lightnings. Along with Rick Bernstein and Gerry Paoli both buying new boats and the Marc Schillebeeckx family buying their first Lightning, the fleet was off to a good start! We feel with that kind of growth the future of fleet 266 is great! As a fleet we are very excited and are looking forward to hosting the 1999 North American Championships! Many plans are under way to make that a great event.

Now lets get to the sailing! In April four fleet 266 boats went to Nashville for the Tennessean Regatta which is hosted by HIYC. We all know they put on great events and this one did not disappoint. Saturday was a bit cold and rainy but nothing the great fireplace at the yacht club couldn't remedy. Sunday proved to be a good morning of racing with Rick Bernstein getting in touch with his new boat by winning both races. With that we all drove home feeling tuned-up for the Mid-Continent. This group is planning on attending this

event again in '99.

The Mid-Continent once again had great weather and a growing turnout with 19 boats. With our friends from Philly, Bob & Sterling Bush getting the award for coming the furthest not to mention taking home the 2nd place trophy after sailing a great regatta but not quite as good as our own Matt Burridge who took home the first! We hope to see even more boats next year with our fleet holding the 1999 North Americans. What a great way for folks to see what our club is all about! The first weekend in May (perfect weather in the Mid-West) hey you people in the northeast break those boats out

early and come see us!

Next Carlyle Sailing hosted the Mississippi Valley Lightning Districts. Once again about 20 boats attended. The regatta had great breezes on Saturday with our crack Race Committee cranking out 4 perfect races. After Saturday's racing, Matt Burridge lead, Dan Moriarty was in 2nd, Bill Hoffmeister in 3rd with Terry Burke and Arthur Merdinain 4th and 5th. Sunday looked like it would be a true test of brawn with the wind blowing 20 - 25+ and storms in the area. But when it came time to race time the powers to be decided to call it a day and the positions stayed right where they were after 4 races. No one seemed to mind not racing cause most of us could still feel the party from Saturday night. Next year's Districts are in Memphis. Be sure to attend; with the N.A.s in our district in 1999, the district can send extra boats, but you must attend the Districts. See you there!

I must take a paragraph and talk about Rick Bernstein and our goal attaining the North American Championship. We teamed up with Matt Fisher from Ohio starting with the Ohio Districts at Lake Pymatuning in Western Pennsylvania. It was lake sailing and I must say a fun place to sail, the people were great. Winning that, we set our sights on the North Americans at the BCC. I have been sailing in this class along time and being on a Winning North American Championship team has been a life goal of mine since the beginning. It was an intense experience, one that I will never forget. I would like to take this time to thank everyone I have ever sailed with before, and you all know who you are! You all gave me the experiences that

it took to reach one of my goals. THANKS!

Fleet 266 hosted the US Pan Am Trial Regatta in October. The Class sent the best to Carlyle and our lake and club showed its best side. Six races in great breezes and plenty of local fun. Andy Horton & team won the event and we wish them luck next summer at the Games.

In the Fall Series Gerry Paoli ran away with it by kicking his new boat into high gear and stringing together 3 early bullets which made him virtually unbeatable. It was down to the wire though in our Fleet Championship series with the last 3 or 4 weeks telling the tale between Terry Burke and Dan Moriarty. Dan was able to edge out Terry in the end for the Championship. Gerry Paoli edged out Aurthur Merdinian for third. For the results of our whole season and lots of regatta reports along with information about the 1999 Lightning North American Championships check out our web site at http://home.earthlink.net/~topflash/

We will see you all at the 1999 North Americans if not before!!! Dan Moriarty

### INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB FLEET 270 Indiana District Sailing on Geist Reservoir Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain .	Elizabeth Foster
Fleet Secretary	Michael Franceschini
Fleet Treasurer	Kenneth McGinity

* Andy Harmon	Weirdly Manor	8679
* John B. Leath	No Excuse	9050
* John B. Leath * Kenneth D. Woods		11203
Norm Cubellis		12896
Lamar Michael		12963
* Steve Hayes	Sundance	13489
* Michael R. Franceschini		13657
* John B. Leath	L'eclair Rouge	13954
* Edwin Fineberg	Make It So	14349
* Ioseph A. Lassaux	Sundance II	14359
* Walter B. Tinsley, Ir.		
* & Paul Vos	Win-Some	14537
* Kenneth D. Woods		14610

Sailing and competitive racing begin early on Geist Reservoir in Indianapolis each year. 1998 was no exception with Indianapolis Sailing club beginning in mid-April.

On May 1st & 2nd, we again hosted the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta for the 37th consecutive year. The number of boats was down to 14 this year as more Midwest boats opted for a



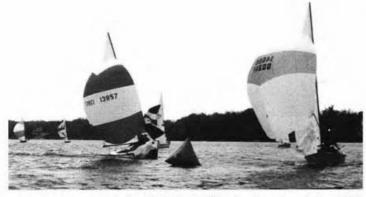
Sean Fidler, winner of the 1998 Indy Open











competing venue at Lake Carlisle In Illinois, the site of the 1999

North American Championships.

For the Open weekend, we were blessed with steady winds which enabled the Race Chairman, Frank Hiatt, to complete 3 races on Saturday and 2 more on Sunday morning. Sean Fidler from Michigan moved up from 2nd in '97 to win this year.

The rest of the sailing season was very pleasant with fir winds for most of the Sunday Fleet races. The Club experimented with 2 shorter races sailed back to back with a shorter starting sequence

and shorter courses. This change was favorably received.

Our Fleet #270 shares some of the same growing problems as the Class nationally. Current Fleet members are getting older and few young sailors are replacing them. Two young sailors who bucked the trend were Pete & Moira McGinity sailing Sundance I. As we plan for the '99 season, it is clear that the Fleet's top priority will be to get more Fleet members to travel to away regattas where they can feel the fever. With the North Americans less than 200 miles from home, A wonderful opportunity is open for everyone in the Fleet.

Our Fleet in '98 also hosted the Indiana Districts in June and the ILCA Coach's Seminar by Mr. Kelly Williams on July 26th. John Leath, our Fleet Treasurer traveled to Skaneateles, NY for the 60th anniversary regatta on July 4th where he placed 4th in the "wood-

ie division.

Finally, congratulations once again to our Fleet Champion Joe Lassaux! He has earned this honor for a number of consecutive years.

Ken McGinity

### New England District Sailing on Massabesic Lake Manchester, New Hampshire

* Gordon Geick	Mongoose II	9390
* Kenneth Deyett		9829
* Walter Buchwald		11327
* George Deyett		11400
* Michael Adams		
* & Ronald G. Adams	Sunday Punch	11401
* Walter Colantuono	River Blues	11740
* Nick Mercier	Annie Oakley	11885
* John K. Webb	Banana Split	12455
* John Dika	Glory	12723
* Joe Ray	Bloody	13602
* Maurice L'Heureux, Jr.	Quick Silver	13828
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick	Shenanigans	14060
* Ioseph P. Celia	9	14180
* Norman G. Deyett		14273
* William Berry	Amarcord	14442
* Kenneth A. Carlson		14553
* Thomas H. Chase	Sally	14584

No Report.

### DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 274 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir Hernando, Mississippi

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Fleet Secretary	
Fleet Champion	
Runner-UpBatton Kennon	

Fleet Captain Bebecca P Winsett

* Ken Davis	Garfield	9791
* William N. Baxter, III	Disco Lemonade	11999
* Richard R. Ranta	Metrognome	12082
* Carl Batton Kennon, Jr.	Between Silence &	Light12505
* Herbert Cochrane	Wet Paint	13258
* Michael D. Porter	Coyote	13700
* Clay Jones	Wild Cherry	13703
* Max Shelton	Company and Property of St.	14149
* Roy W. Robbins	Sho Boat	14270
* Lynn A. Jones	Leap Frog	14338
* W.N. Baxter		14357
* Crit Currie	Rebel Devel	14666

Every sailing season is a great one and 1998 was no exception. William Baxter, Rich Hall, and myself (Herbert Cochrane) kicked off the season with a road trip to Nashville for The Tennessean. Every year we seem to spot celebrities such as Karen Johnson and Paul Wurtzebach on the race course. This year we arrived to a city of destruction. Several twisters had torn the Hermitage area apart the day before but Harbor Island appeared to weather unscathed. Boy did we get a deal on candle-powered hotel rooms!

Our spring regatta the Hernando Desoto was well attended by our neighbors from Nashville. Their attendance was quite evident in a photo taken of the top five boats. In no particular order the photo included Bruce Richards, William Hofmeister, Cully Ward, Bob

Cotton, and Roy Robbins.

The 1998 District Championship was held in Carlyle this year. Once again I took a road trip with my faithful crew Rich Hall and Kevin Marbury. We set off for corn-country, Carlyle that is. It was virgin country for the whole lot of us. One half-hour out of Carlyle we were welcomed to the site of funnel clouds and twister reports abundant in metro St. Louis. The greeting party at Carlyle welcomed us with a few words of advice and high tailed it to the clubhouse. I believe their advice was something to the effect of "Welcome pilgrims, keep a weather eye to the sky." We were persuaded to secure our boats to the aircraft hooks and head for the clubhouse. Sound advice it was. A great time was had by all. I think we won the party!

Meanwhile back on the ranch, we continued to rattle off fleet races all summer long. We had plenty of water and a few fresh faces on the race course this year. Crit Currie Jr. became active with Fleet 274 this year. Dr. Clay Jones was out with his new boat and David Cretcher joined us as well. Our overall Fleet standings for the year are as follows: 1st - William N. Baxter III, 2nd - Batton Kennon, 3rd-Frank Bermel, 4th- Mickey Porter, 5th- Bill Baxter.

In September we held the annual COTTON PICKIN' REGAT-TA. Once again we had grand attendance by our friends from Nashville. I must first congratulate Jim Ward for almost beating the pants off his dad Cully overall. It seemed that during every finishing leg Cully would yell upwind to Jim something about his allowance. Good job Jim Ward!

The top five places for the COTTON PICKIN' were as follows:

1st Place...Cully Ward 2nd Place...Bob Cotton 3rd Place...Jim Ward 4th Place...Bill Killebrew 5th Place...Bill Baxter Sr.

Winding down the season we went to Nashville for the Bluenose. Our annual pilgrimage to the Hermitage. Posey Saunders and I (Herbert Cochrane) crewed for Little Bill (William N. Baxter III). Upon late arrival we found captain Bill three sheets to the breeze after early arrival with his trusty co-pilot Batton Kennon. It was at this time that Crit Curries' crew and I went to a lake house that

appeared to belong to Bob and Ann Cotton. It was there that we had the good fortune of a fireside chat with Bob's houseguest Bruce Goldsmith.

Crit Currie Jr. also took a boat to the Bluenose this year. His faithful crew Tim Ryan (R.T.) joined him as well as Henry Grosvenor from Memphis. Batton Kennon crewed on a boat from Ohio and Rebecca Winsett sailed with Bradford Currie and Dan Busher both from Nashville. Also, great job on the long-sleeve T-Shirts Jan!

I look forward to seeing all MVD members at the 1999 DIS-TRICT CHAMPIONSHIP in Memphis during the second full weekend of June, in order to qualify for the 99 NORTH AMERICANS at

Carlyle.

Herbert Cochrane

### CLEARWATER BAY FLEET 277 Central Canada District Sailing on Lake of the Woods Clearwater Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Catpain ......Gus Campbell

rieet Secretary		SIOOKS
Jim Richardson Brent Bottomley		
Brent Bottomley	Rootin' Tootin'	10917
Gus Campbell	U-Bet	11711
Malcolm Crooks	Bluenose IV	14451
Steve Wells	Flying Toaster	14516

Malcolm Crooks

14612

\* Charlie Burns

& Mike Couture

Fleet 277 re-born!!

Fleet Secretary

After a lengthy hiatus, fleet 277 is back on the waters of Clearwater Bay and growing. The fleet's legacy goes back to the era of two Lightning fleets on Lake of the Woods and a strong sailing contingent in Manitoba. The stage is set for more boats and more sailing in the mid-west.

The inaugural year saw a number of exciting events, building local awareness in and sharpening every ones sailing skills. The season kicked off at Falcon Lake with two days of racing. Many thanks to Peter Hall who traveled from Montreal to show us all how to

really move a Lightning around in shifty winds.

Evening races were held each Wednesday at Gimli (site of the 1999 Pan Am Games) with the Lightnings showing the keel boaters how to start and what true class racing is. Many an envious big boat skipper looking forlorn as the Lightnings showed there stuff in all conditions. Mike Couture and Charlie Burns did a great job of promoting the Lightning to the local Icelanders.

Fleet 277 was well represented at the Canadian Midwestern Districts held in Dryden. Congratulations to a third earned by the team of Joe Hilldies, Mike Couture and Charlie Burns. Steve and Tracy Wells went well, shaking the kinks out of their new boat. Temple reef sailors be warned, irons gonna start moving west.

The Zig Zag open (home of the 277's or more affectionately the Zig Zag Zeroes) was held in July. One day of moderate wind and another of big wind. Hats of to Gus Campbell, Collin and Brent who won the event in close fashion. They showed big wind tight

reach, white sails faster than colored.

The Canadians were held in August at Gimli, a pre Pan-Ams event. Great racing had by all with a fantastic showing by fleet 277. Every boat finished in the top 20, an enviable feat considering the tough competition. Welcome back to Jim Richardson and crew, a great inaugural performance with Rootin Tootin. Also at the event, Colette Pelerin wins kudos as the nicest crew, Malcolm Crooks as the grumpiest. Brent Bottomley was again making friends with the Wind.

This winter will see social events to try and build up the fleet's momentum and get more boats on the water. Using the Pan Ams as a spring board we are going to do our best to get more boats in play and re build the Lightning fleet to its former glory. A great boat for

the prairies!

Malcolm Crooks

### TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB 279 Central Canada District Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain				·				Mark Sandberg
Fleet Secretary								.Donna Sutherland
Fleet Treasurer								Brian Cox

* James W. Colquhoun		7270
* Jim Mikulinskî	Speculator	9871
* I.V. Bailey	Zamboanga Too	11009
* Mark Sandberg	0	11387
* Vic Miller		12597
* Richard Walsh		12755
* Russell Gordon	Moonshine	12826
* Bob Maki	Natural Gas	13115
* Kurt Broll	Frenzy Free	13180
* William Evans	Blue Max	13267
* Brian Cox		13587
* Innes Martin	Zugzwang	13589
* Bob Walsh	The Bonbo	13591
* Julia Charles		14013
* Jim Cameron	TBA	14507
* Ross Bailey	Nellie	14612

No Report.

### New England District Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain/Secretary ......Christine J. Sorensen Fleet Champion ................Christine Sorensen Runner-Up .........Eric H. Cutting

* Robert Cutting		
* & Eric H. Cutting	Winds Will	9714
* Anne Tredick	Yasu	10765
* Robert Dickens Smith	C Cleff	10795
* Stafford Frazier	Nike II	11096
* Christine Jones Sorensen	Muma Works	11249
* W. Stuart Nickerson		11379
Albert Preston Moore	Scruples	11751
William Currier		13947
* Robert Cutting		
* & Eric H. Cutting	Cutting Wind	14310

The Wellfleet group started our season over the 4th of July weekend with the coveted Commodore's Cup. Three boats competed in a rainy, light northwesterly breeze. Christy and Peter Sorensen nosed ahead in the shifty breeze to take home the Cup. Only one other day of fleet racing occurred in July, largely due to our fleet member's participation in other regional Lightning events. Cheers to Bobby Smith who traveled to the Districts this year.

August also started out with a gusto. August 8-9 we hosted our annual Wellfleet Regatta for which we had 9 participants. Five fleet members sailed along with four visiting boats, one from as far away as St. Louis, MO. Stu Nickerson, co-skippering with Nick Mercier won the 5 race series with 5 bullets. Christy Sorensen edged out Eric Cutting in a tie for second place. Wellfeet is known for a great party, featuring steamed clams and steak tips, with a breath taking view (this year a full moon rose over the harbor).

The pace kept up through August, with Lightnings racing one day of each weekend. With greater participation in August, the Cup races are lined up through the month. The Fox Cup was won by Robert Cutting in a light southerly wind, with his son Will as crew (one of Will's first days of racing). The Frazier Cup was won by

Christy Sorensen in light south/southwest breezes with another

young sailing enthusiast, Gregory Rheault, as crew.

Labor Day weekend's Cutting Cup was sailed in the only heavy air conditions of the summer. A strong northwesterly wind caused a cancellation for the first day of racing. This year, Eric Cutting made extra strides to rig up 9714 which hadn't been raced all summer. He also brought in a ringer crew member Maria White. And, for the first time in the nearly thirty years of sailing for the Cup, 9714 wrapped up the one-day series with 3 bullets. Quite a memorable occasion. Overall, the July series was won by Christy Sorensen, the August series by Eric Cutting, and the Seasonal Trophy by Christy Sorensen.

We all look forward to a super 1999 season. Lightning 10415, donated to the Chequessett Club last year, is being refurbished by David Jones (former fleet member) and will be available for use by juniors and other members next summer. We hope its use will help to foster interest in Lightning sailing. We encourage one and all to

stop by to sail with us. Christine Sorensen

### COLUMBIA FLEET 283 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and on the Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Sandra Neuburger
Fleet Secretary	John DeBenedetti
Fleet Champion	
Runner-Up	John DeBenedetti

25-	Gerald M. Champne John A. Sanford	ey Lillia May An' Son	7111 8497
妆	James McAllister	Thunder	9690
	William Croyey		10541
	Michael hemel		10693
25	Gary Kokstis		10731
	Douglas Sheehan		11133
	Arthur La France		11433
10	Kevin Stravers		11879
	Robert Wallin		12056
	Cathy Miles		
	& Matt Miles		12219
朴	Colin Walker		12426
	Dan Martin		12990
华	James McAllister	Jalapeno	13046
验	Dave Mountford	**************************************	
	& Chris Mountfo		13476
	Dave Webber	Brain Donkey	13680
华	Gerald Neuburger	Whelp A	13788
	Don Bewley	10.57 MAG 47	13837
麥	John DeBenedetti	Foam Heads	13896
	Randy Anderson		100000000000000000000000000000000000000
1	& Brad Klein		13949
華	Terry Busby	Sly	13961
*	Roger Hicks	Roaring 40's	14040
*	Douglas S. Hickman		14079
*	Philip F. Parshley	Humahumanukunukuapua'a	14288

1998 was a great year for Lightning sailing here in Portland. The level of competition was keener this year due to the growth of our fleet. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated core group, we saw an increased number of boats at the start of races both on the road and here at Vancouver Lake. Not only were members traveling far and wide in search of boats for interested skippers but others were recruiting and training the crew needed to sail the new boats.

The first regatta for a lucky few of us was the California Circuit. This year Fleet 283 was represented by three boats in San Diego. John DeBenedetti, along with crew Dave Webber and daughter Allison Webber sailed Foamheads to the best results with a First in the Mission Bay series, third place in both the Coronado series and the Ocean series, and a Third place overall. Their great sailing allowed Allison to win the Susan Arnold Perpetual trophy for the

highest placing woman crew in the circuit. Also making the trip down were: the crew of Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, & Bruce Harrington sailing Roaring 40s; and a crew of myself along with my brothers Chuck and Ron Artigues sailing a charter Ship of Fools. David Mountford, taking advantage of spring break, tagged along with John hoping to find a ride once he got to San Diego. His wish was granted and sailing with Michigan sailors Joel Humphrey and Mark Allen in a charter boat got a respectable fifth place overall.

Back home in the Northwest the great competition continued throughout the season with old timers being challenged by the new skippers in the fleet. Top Honors in '98 go to the ever dominant Jerry Neuburger. Despite pressure from a number of other skippers Jerry managed to collect wins at the Pacific Coast Championship, and by consistently good finishes all year becoming both the 1998 Fleet Champion and the winner of the Northwest District Regatta Circuit.

Other fleet notable were:

Roger Hicks was often seen out on the lake tuning the boat and training his crew and parleyed great teamwork and an aggressive style into wins at the Northwest Districts and the second annual around the island race. One particular incident really demonstrates his gung ho attitude. It seems John D. had him pinned to leeward and was taking Roger beyond the port layline when Roger came up with a brilliant new strategy for this frustrating position: tack and sail right on through the right of way boat. With the speed he was going at impact it might have worked too except John was driving one of his "brokerage" boats, and older Clark I believe that has one of those bulletproof metal rub rails which makes such a symmetrical crescent shaped hole in the front of the offending boat. Roger must have forgotten who held the 1997 award; for this and other bungles he was awarded the 1998 Broken Rudder award.

Long time fleet members The Parshleys fielded a team at the PCC's and brought home the Wendell Harter trophy for highest finish by an all family crew. Sailing with Philip at skipper were his

father Phil Sr. and daughter Lois.

Our youngest skipper Kevin Stravers, was constantly harassing the old farts all season. He seemed to take a perverse joy in slam dunking any of the old timers and even was observed tacking into a header in order to do it! Kevin had a strong showing at Klamath Falls and as top first time finisher at the districts won the Sandbagger award.

Jim McAllister, kept crew turn over to a minimum and sailed his green boat well enough to receive the Most Improve Sailor award.

John DeBenedetti, apparently having used up all his good fortune kicking butt down in San Diego wasn't able to repeat as champ and was awarded the Fleet Runner Up trophy.

Non sailor Jan Stravers won the Mary Kay DeBenedetti award for all the hard work she put in during fleet activities all year long.

Perhaps the best news for us this year was the great increase in the number of Lightning sailors at VLSC. Over the last couple of years we had seen new faces in the crew ranks and this year some of them finally decided that they wanted to be the yeller instead of the yellee. John DeBenedetti, our very own 'Father Lightning', did some excellent work matching skippers with boats. Not only did he travel hundreds of miles around Oregon in order to find the best available boat for Juniors Kevin and Matt Stravers, but he actually went all the way to Michigan to procure a boat for Don Bewley. Not satisfied with going all that way for only one boat and perhaps dreaming of starting a west coast Lightning brokerage to rival Joe Dissette, John purchased a second boat and shipped it back to Portland, later to sell it to longtime crew Brad Klein and Randy Anderson. Other former crew turned skippers were Colin Walker who did a great job upgrading the rigging on #12426 and Gary Kokstis who we saw out skippering more often this year after purchasing and repairing #10731 last season.

Luckily for all the skippers we had sufficient crew for all the boats through out the season. Our Junior Skippers enticed friends to come out and try crewing and "the kids" not only sailed with their friends but also filled in with the veterans as needed. Early in the season Ruth Abney came out to the club to crew on a FJ and was quickly grabbed up by an astute Lightning Skipper. Ruth, a novice sailor, persevered through an early season capsize in her first Regatta (only her fourth time in a lightning) to be voted 1998 crew of the year! Terry Busby, notorious around here for causing numerous crew to make the leap to boat owner, was lucky enough to be short one per-

son on the night that Molly Hopkins dropped in to find a ride. Molly, a long time Lightning crew from the Green Bay fleet, recently relocated to Portland and Sailed through out the season with Terry. Various other new and veteran crew allowed us to fill all the boats during what has to be one of the more successful seasons we've seen in years.

Roger Artigues

# PARTHENON FLEET 286 Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay The Yacht Club of Greece, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet Secretary	Andrew Sin	opoulos
Fleet Champion		
* Akis Tsarouhis		
* & Martha Paraskevak	ou Carolou	9963
* Andrew Sinopoulos		7569
* Stratis Andreadis	Crinis V	11334
* Alexander Andreadis	Alexander	11459
Nicholas Brantounas	Drosopoulos	11634
Nicholas Cralis	Crantonelis	13801
George Vardaxoglou	2123220121	21.25
* & Nicholas Vazakas		
& Marious Paraskevas	S	
& Markos Raptis	Goumas	13981
* Andrew Sinopoulos		
* & Costas Limberakis	Potamianos	14211
* George Andreadis	Crinis VI	14264
* Costas Merentitis		
& Michael Coulianos		
& Elias Manolakis		
& Stelios Sotiriou	Vlagalis	14377
* George Andreadis		
* & Stratis Andreadis	Crinis VIII	14544

Members of our fleet, including skipper Costas Merentitis with crew Elias Manolakis and Michael Coulianos, and their coach Stelios Sotiriou, traveled in November to Salinas, Ecuador to win second place at the Youth World Championship.

Thanks to our coach Stelios Sotiriou, the number of our Lightning Sailing School has increased to forty-five members.

Andy Sinopoulos

# DOLPHIN FLEET 287 Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay Hellenic Naval Academy, Pireaus, Greece

Evros	14685
Zefiros	14687
Apiliotis	14688
Skiron	14689

Members of the Dolphin Fleet participated in the yacht race Pastrikakia, organized by the Yacht Club of Greece and the Yacht Club of Athens.

Andy Sinopoulos

### LAKE CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET 301 New England District Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain .									Patrick	Zachary
Fleet Secretary										
Fleet Champion									K	urt Kling
Runner-Up									 Bill	Fastiggi

* Peter Tourin * David Lansky	Wind Harp Thesis Interruptus	7829 8033
* Edward Guild	Two Boys	10846
Tom Moody * Sean Carroll	Ant Farm	11158 11754
Todd Cox Stanford White	Rainbow Rider Nightmare II	12366 13156
* Patrick Zachary	WhatNow	13888
* Mark Gardner Edward J. Ziemer	The Big Scream Zoom	14050 14297
* Robert Smith * & Lea Ann Smith	Robert Y Lea	14438
* Kurt Kling	Apple	14446
* Richard Fastiggi * Don Brush	Ciao Wild Goose	14480 14640
* Michael Huffman	Creature of Habit	14644
* David Gorman * Janice Lange	Blind Faith Southern Cross	14758 14876
* Bill Fastiggi * Andrew Horton	Mach 5	14878 14926

Our fleet started off the season with three new boats: A brand new boat for Janice Lange after her boat was badly damaged in a highway accident last fall, a newer competitive boat for Patrick Zachary, and (finally) a boat for Mark, Lynn and Bretton Gardner.

Three of our boats - Dave Gorman, Sean Carroll, and Bill Fastiggi traveled to the Southern Circuit last winter to hone up on their heavy air skills! Bill with crew Tim Ambrose and Heather Rowe finished a respectable sixth overall, qualifying for the Pan Am trials, and Sean and Doc each having a few bright moments.

The traditional season opener for the New England District is our own Lake Champlain Spring regatta, which was won by Bill, Heather and Tim. Peter Hall, Alain Boucher, Stu Nickerson, and

Ray Harrington rounded out the top five.

Our fleet racing this season saw 11 of our 13 active boats participating with some very competitive, tight racing. Kurt Kling won the series, with Bill Fastiggi, Mark Gardner, Pat Zachary, and "Doc" Gorman all close behind. Ed Ziemer, Janice Lange, Bretton Gardner, Heather Rowe and Pat Zachary also participated in the Thursday evening series. Kurt Kling won the Bob Sidle trophy for the overall fleet championship.

Many members of our fleet spent some time on the road this summer, with fleet 301 members attending the Maple Leaf classic at Bomoseen which was won by Bill, Tim and Heather with Robert and Lea Ann Smith and Don Brush finishing fifth. Pat Zachary and Kika Bronger finished 4th at the Wellfleet regatta and made it to the 60th

Anniversary regatta in Skaneateles.

The highlight for fleet 301 this year was our combined performance at the District Championships on Lake Massabesic in NH. Andy Horton and his Soling crew Andy Herlihy and Drew Buttner dominated this predominately windy and shifty Districts. Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose and Heather Rowe ended up second. Our fleet really dominated the 35 boat event, with other fleet members having great performances. Kurt Kling, Peter Kling (11 years) and Kate Brush (13 years) who would have easily been in the top 5 except for a capsize in one race. They were leading the windiest race at the first windward mark, and had all other finishes in the top ten. Mike and Meg Huffman sailing with Kip Hamblett, missed the offset mark in race one which they were leading, and withdrew from the race, costing them a certain top three overall finish. Don Brush,

Dave Halsted, and Paul Gutwin also capsized dropping them down to 7th out of the top five. Sean Carroll finished 8th and won the most improved award. Each race was won by a member of our fleet, and except for one race someone from our fleet was leading at every first weather mark. Lynn Gardner and Kika Bronger even lead the part Saturday night start to finish!

The day before the Districts, Massabesic YC also hosted the Women's, Juniors, and Masters championships which were all won by fleet 301 members. Congratulations to Heather Rowe, Sean

Carroll, and Doc Gorman for their respective wins.

Our fleet participated in the North American Championships in Buffalo with Sean Carroll finishing third in the Junior NAs, and qualifying to represent the US at the Youth Worlds in Ecuador this November. Janice Lange crewed in the Women's NAs, and Doc Gorman competed in the Masters. In the NAs, Andy Horton, Sean Carroll, and Mike Huffman, all qualified for the Blue fleet, with Andy finishing well enough to qualify for the Pan Am trials and the Worlds in Ecuador next year. Bill Fastiggi ended up third in the Presidents cup, and Doc Gorman was seventh in the Governors cup.

In October, Andy, Bill and Heather teamed up to win the US Pan Am trials in Lake Carlyle, near St. Louis. They will represent the US in the Lightning in the Pan Am games next summer in Winnipeg.

Finally, over Thanksgiving, Sean Carroll won the Youth Worlds in Salinas Ecuador. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we're all very proud of him.

All in all, our fleet had a tremendous season. We look forward

to more enthusiastic sailing again next year.

Bill Fastiggi

### COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 303

#### Ohio District Sailing on Cowan Lake Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Champion	Steve	Weeber
Ron Ferguson	Red Alert	9489
Robert Staab, Jr.	Gypsy	10013
Ron Millard	Gypsy We're Here	10687
Richard Niemeyer	Blue Thunder	11368
Paul S. Back		11144
Jim Young David Boehm	Entropy	11507
David Boehm		12321
Don Bruck		12412

13236

13275 13502

13719

Chris Mercer
Bill Landis

\* Clark Shingledecker

\* Bill Young

\* Dick Pugh

\* & Jeff Pugh

Cand Starlight Express
Coot

Figment

\* & Jeff Pugh Figment 14110

\* Kenneth J. Irwin Adrenalin 14216

\* Stephen A. Weeber Phoenix 14287

\* Michael Kemp Joker's Wild 14867

\* Michael Kemp \* Michael Brock \* James Taylor

The 1998 season was a great one forthe Cowan Lake Lightning Fleet. We have gained three new members. They are Jim Taylor, Mike Brock, and Don Bruck. Mike Kemp bought a new boat and has been campaigning it on the regatta circuit with Jim Taylor. Mike Brock has been active racing his boat at Cowan and has decided that he too needs a new boat. He has already sold his old boat and will be ordering a new one as soon as he decides what go-fasts to put on it.

The Cowan Lightning Fleet has a history of racing at a lot of regattas. And this year was no different. The "Road Warriors" of Fleet 303 went to off-lake regattas 18 times this season. The two highlights of the season were the 50th annual District Championships, which had forty boats attend, and the 60th

Anniversary Regatta. The fleethad a great deal of success collecting silver this year. Dick Pugh and the Kemp-Taylor team both finished in the top ten at Districts and qualified to the North American Championships. Four different skippers from the Cowan fleet won regattas this year. Dick Pugh won the Indian Lake Regatta with Luke and Clark Shingledecker crewing for him. This is the fourth time that a Cowan boat has won the regatta in the last seven years. (Other past winners are Bill Young in '95 and Steve Weeber in'92 and '97.) Steve Weeber won the Mansfield Regatta and for the second year was runner-up in the Governor's Cup, which is the District season championship trophy. Bill Young won the season ending regatta at Cowan with both of his sons crewing for him. Jim Taylor and Dick Pugh made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the fleet at the regatta. Earlier in the year Jim Taylor introduced himself to the club by easily winning the Hornich Cup and becoming the C.L.S.A.'s men's champion. Jim had never sailed an MC-Scow, which was the boat used for the series, until the morning of the championship.

The fleet is looking forward to next year where we hope to continue our success with fleet growth and on the race course. We will host the District Championship at the end of June. The fleet will be led by past C.L.S.A. Commodore Ken Irwin who was elected Fleet Captain at the end of the season. Steve Weeber regretfully stepped

down from the position.

Steve Weeber

### OULU FLEET 307 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Bithnia Oulu, Finland

Fleet Secretary	Simo Koski		
* Lasse G. Hammar * Lasse G. Hammar	9436 13505		
* Markku Paloma No Report.	14269		

### SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET 314 Dixie District Sailing on the Sassafras River Maryland

Fleet Captain	Edson
Fleet Secretary	
Fleet Champion	
Fleet Runner-Up Jim Ho	

* Robert B. Horne	Doc's Boat	9391
* Robert B. Horne	Great Pumpkin	12381
* Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	12710
* John D. Farquhar		12964
* F. Thomas Hopkins		13926
* Howard S. Edson	Etc.	14218
* F. Thomas Hopkins	Sassy Canary	14648
* Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	14651

Although we only averaged five boats each weekend of racing, we had a total of eleven different skippers racing at one point or another throughout the summer. Of the eleven skippers, seven of them won at least one race. Not bad competition! Next year's goal is to get all eleven into boats at the same time. What stood out however, were the results of some of the "back-up" brothers (skippers). Jim Ganley, Jr. wrestled the tiller away from brother Ted for the first two races of the summer and came away with two first places. Doug Hopkins filled in for brother Jim for four races and finished 2-1-2-1. Even more disturbing however; Doug was sailing the boat single-handed for the first two of those four races. What was I saying earlier about the competition?

Jim Ganley, Jr. won the Doc Walbert Cup for his win in the first race of the season and Al Mast won the Buss Neff Cup for his win in the fifth race. The Summer Bay Race was won by Al Mast with

Tom Hopkins in second and Howard Edson in third.

The second half of the season included similar names. Al won the Skipper's Cup in the ninth race and Jim Hopkins won the Commodore's Cup for his first place finish in the thirteenth race. The Fall Bay Race was exciting in that just about every boat was in or near the lead at one point. Howard held on to win, with Jim Hopkins and Al Mast finishing second and third, respectively.

Al Mast won the sixteen race series, with Jim Hopkins second, and Ted Ganley third. Al also won the James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Award for his overall performance throughout the entire

summer.

After not coming up with a winner last year, three people vied for the coveted Butt Award. What was ironic however, was that two of the individuals are in the same family and both got wet in their effort to win. Although Jim fell overboard during a race (while skippering), we just couldn't resist giving the award to Ann Ganley for 'jumping' overboard after the race into what she thought would be only a few feet of water. Rumor has it that it was so deep, it took her quite a while to re-surface.

Let's hope the racing is as fun as ever in 1999 and that more boats make it out to the course each and every week. David Horne

### ALGORRABO FLEET 318 Chile District

Fleet Secretary	Ju	an Arcos
Jorge Salgado Jorge Ruben Salgado * Juan A. Arcos Eric Velasquez Beltran Jose Manuel Horwitz F. Ignacio Bazaure	Red Witch Linda Chica Pampero Tifosi	11040 12654 13039 14295 14307 14791

No Report.

### REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 325

#### Dixie District Sailing on Rehoboth Bay Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

\* Rehoboth Bay Sailing Bobo 9527
\* James W. Greenwell 10226
\* Carl Robinson Liberty Call 11028
W. David Racine, III Pisces 11899

No Report.

### GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET 326 Michigan District Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Secretary	Pa	aul Davis
* Michael Fisher * Mike Dow * Paul C. Davis	Holon Com	7007 13493 13932
* R. Garret Demarest, III	Holey Cow Spirit	14460

No Report.



Fleet 328 Champion Samppa J Salminen with crew Ilkka Virtanen in front and Tero Kotimäki in the middle training for the European Championships. Photo courtesy Samppa Salminen

#### JYVÄSKYLÄ FLEET 328 Finland District Sailing on Lake Paiijanne Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary Samppa J. Salminer
Fleet Champion Samppa J. Salminer
Runner-Up
Runner-UpVesa Purokuru

Timo Lehtinen	Old Lady	6838
Antero Westerlund	Melanie	12479
Timo Järvinen	Lola	12908
Vesa Purokuru	Mafalda	12918
Samppa J. Salminen	Nikea	14364

For our fleet, this season was like the others in previous years: Samppa with his crew Tero Kotimäki and Ilkka Virtanen took part in both ranking-regattas and Championships. Other fleet boats concentrated on cruising regattas.

Our sailing season started traditionally in the middle of May by trailering the boat south to Lake Tuusulanjärvi. Despite the early spring the weather was very warm and sunny. After very equal competition Samppa and his crew finished 5th with two boats behind. This was very good practice for the coming European and District Championships which were held together on the same lake.

At the end of June four boats from our fleet took part to the Keitele-regatta: Vesa Purokuru, Virve Lilja and Ilkka Virtanen with Mafalda, Timo Järvinen, Pekka Lehtinen and Esko Lehtinen with Lola, Jukka Lehtinen, Timo Lehtinen and Anssi Lehtinen with Old Lady and Samppa J Salminen, Tero Kotimäki and Keijo Tulomäki with Nikea. The regatta is 35 miles long and is divided in three legs. The first two legs are sailed in the first day. The last leg is sailed next day after overnight on an island! The winds were rather mild and once again it showed that never give up before you have passed the finishing line! After very severe sailing the final results where: Nikea 1st, Mafalda 2nd, Lola 3rd and Old Lady 4th.

It was time for the Europeans. When we arrived to the club we were very happy to see Mr. Dick Hallagan from USA and his crew Lori Foster and Craig Thayer on shore preparing there boat for the competitions. After two days we had problems with our tiller and I would like to thank Mr. Craig Thayer of his useful tips and help to get rid of that problem! Everybody was a little bit worried that would we have enough wind at the end of June on the lake. The wind was excellent all the time and we had very much fun sailing the Europeans. The Tuusulanjärvi fleet #456 made excellent work to organize marvellous championships. Nikea with Samppa, Tero Kotimäki and Ilkka Virtanen finished 9th in the Europeans and 6th in the District Championships.

Our Fleet Captain Ilkka Lilja with Kari Elivuo and Anssi Lilja borrowed Nikea for the first European Masters Championships. They finished 10th among 13 boats and showed their talent during

the race making it better and better after every race!

During the Championships Lola and Old Lady took part in the Lake Päijänne Race. That is a long distance non-stop race of 65 miles. There were also two other Lightnings: Adler skippered by Mika Hyrylä and Uikku skipped by Kimmo Heikkinen. The regatta was perhaps one of the most equal races ever sailed on Lake Päijänne: time for the winner Lola 15 hours 22 minutes and 25 seconds and the last boat Uikku 15 hours 39 minutes and 42 seconds!

Samppa J Salminen, Secretary Jyväskylä Lightning Fleet 328

#### SEVERN RIVER FLEET 329 **Dixie District** Sailing on Chesapeake Bay Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain			 	 	.Phil	Grotheer
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* William H. Buckley (	Life)	0
* Gregory C. Swartz	Lone Pine	8516
Jim Bielefeld		9665
* C. Eric Olsen	Fission Chips	11628
* Harry H. Keith, III	Thunder	11767
* Marty Huppert	Jaberwock	11871
* Dustin Romey		12743
* Doug Heussler	Ant Farm	13312
* Peter Luria		
* & Jon Guth	Pain Killer	13740
* Jonathan I. Lange		13856
* James (Jamie) B. Bric	kell, Jr.	14028
* Steve Palmer	Spike	14217
* Dixon Duffett	Sakajo	14278
* Eric C. Coffin	Yankee Clipper	14433
* Mike Beaver		14566
* E. Joseph Friebele		14581
* Philip Grotheer	Bitchin Camaro	14881

We're on a roll! Thats the best way to describe whats been happening over the past two years for our Annapolis Fleet. We have been on a mission since the spring of 97 to host a major event (2000 North American's) and triple the size of our fleet in the preceeding years up to the event. We have progressed since then with 9 members and 4 or 5 that actively sail to 14 and 9 respectively. We have 5 or 6 definites for joining over the winter/spring which are all active sailors, giving us 19 members minimum for the 99 season. There are also 5 to 10 others who have expressed serious interest in joining in anticipation of the 2000 NA's. Not only did we succeed in winning

the NA's bid but we also got the Atlantic Coast Champs for next season (99), a 50 boat regatta near the end of July with attendees from Canada to Florida. Our 2nd successful season of Tuesday evening races has spawned a "Trial" Sunday series. The Sunday thing will be more serious in 99 as more boats get on the line, and allowing for more total sailing days for prospective members to participate in.

New Fleet Officers have just been voted in for the next year to help manage the activities of all these upcoming regattas. Its been a while since we've had several "official" offices but we felt it was necessary to have a Fleet Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chairperson and PR/Fundraising Chairperson. All of these positions will be crucial to running a tight ship and we thank everyone ahead of time for the work about to be done.

Work has already begun on the NA's planning. In particular, we are talking to local merchants about housing, parking, catering, dining and sponsorship. It is clear that money will need to be raised so we're working on a Logo graphic for merchandise to sell. We also plan to get a booth at the boatshow next year so some cash will need to be raised to pay the bill. The boatshow will probably pay for itself by selling fleet merchandise and scaring up more fleet members - a great event for marketing ourselves.

The following is a collection of articles over the season covering

individual regattas and general activity:

TESOD (Tuesday-Evening-Sailing-One-Design) (June 9th)

If you are the kind of sailor that waits for only sunny days when it's blowing 10-12 out of the south, you're missing out on some good stuff. Last night we had one of the best TESOD's ever. Yes it started out a little drizzly but it mostly held off while three boats sailed 4 or 5 short windward leewards. Myself (Phil Grotheer) sailed with Susan Berry and Jared Ackers, Sean Carrol sailed with two J-world buddy's and Eric Olsen got the Lippi out with Marcus Frank. Phil, Sean and Eric all took some bullets while we had several tacking and jibing duels.

Oh yeah, and the good part was the Clipper Cantina afterwards where we cashed in on the wooden nickels given out by John Potter (Alden Bugly). They can be cashed in for any rail drink (beer, vodka tonics etc..). John gives the nickels out as you finish your first race

for the evening.

Steve and Barb Palmer were getting the new boat ready and didn't quite make the races but were able to run through some boat rigging/tuning. We'll see you out this weekend and following Tuesdays. Jonathan, Doug & Barb Heussler, the Brickells, Dixon and Joe are all regulars who just couldn't make it last night. Wait til the next few Tuesdays when we will all be sailing together in one of the biggest weekday Lightning fleets in North America.

TESOD (June 23rd)

We had the season's best turnout last night with 6 Lightnings. And there were still several others that usually show up, which would have made 9 or 10 boats. Keep on coming down people. The breeze had a bit to be desired but the spirit sure was there. About 4 races were held. We missed the first two so I'm not sure who won but I think Sean Carroll and Eric Carlson were up there. Eric was sailing Dixon Duffetts boat (thanks Dixon for lending your boat). Sean won the 3rd and we were leading the last when the breeze ended.

I am very proud that this many people have been coming out on Tuesdays to sail these great boats of ours. I would like to have some more very strong showings over the next few weeks until our next

regatta on August 1 & 2.

The Fleet list server is now days from being in service according to Alex Pline who is setting it up for us. It will allow anyone in the fleet to send or reply emails to the entire fleet. Here are some benefits 1) All Skippers can post a quick note whether they will attend each TESOD or weekend regatta. Everyone will know who is coming. 2) Post a note if you need crew, or 3) Crews can send a note if they need a ride. Then they won't get a million calls after they have a confirmed ride. 4) Bounce around certain issues involving the fleet (North American's topics, weekday sailing, meeting dates etc..)

Keep it up people and see you next week, TESOD (July 21st)

Predictions for this evening in plain English are from the south around 10 knots. Sounds like a beautiful end to a really hot day. I'd like to see all of you duking it out on the starting line tonight. Someone else will probably be sailing my boat tonight while I will be on Jamie and Susie Brickell's boat. There will also be some available crew (Jen Beam has sailed with Bob Wardwell and Brian Hung is just starting out in the fleet - Both will be down to jump on a boat).

If you are planning on being there, please send a quick note on

"LightningSSA" so we know who will be there.

I am still looking desperately for a good used boat for Marty Huppert, who will re-join SSA and the fleet as soon as he finds a boat. Be prepared to talk about this later.

See you tonight,

MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S CUP, June 13,14

What a great weekend it was for sailing. The Gov Cup at SSA was one of the best in years with 12 boats and plenty of new faces. Saturday the wind was a little trying. We got one race off Saturday in a dying breeze. This was some of the tightest Lightning sailing I've seen in Annapolis in years as several clumps of three boats at a time would battle near the finish line. Sunday started out with a breezy 12 to 16 knots out of the west-northwest. The breeze slowly diminished as the day progressed but plenty of downwind action. Your's truly (Phil Grotheer) took first overall, local hero Joe Friebele took 2nd, beating out Tucker Thompson who sailed a borrowed boat from NJ. See the rest of the results on the SSA webpage. Others attending were Brickell, Carlson, Carrol, Guth/Lauria, Keith, Lange, Olsen, Anderson & Beaver. If you don't recognize some of these last names its time for you to come down to sail more and meet these great people.

SSA SPRING FLING (August 1,2)

What an incredible weekend we had for our 2 day Spring Fling at SSA. Two days of the most perfect summer sailing conditions I've ever seen on the Chesapeake Bay. The feeling people usually have when a cool north easterly comes thru for a weekend is "better enjoy it while it lasts". Not only did the 8 to 12 knots last for two straight days but the heading of 50 also held steady for days. This allowed John Potter and Race Committee to bang off five races on Saturday and three Sunday. The race format which allowed for five races Saturday was a windward leeward with start/finish line in middle of the course and they used a three minute sequence with horn blasts. Each fleet (Solings, Tempests and Lightnings) had their own sequence which was given warning by short horn blasts a minute beforehand which gave four minutes total to set up a start. This also allowed them to immediately restart each fleet as soon as they finished. Boy did this work to keep us busy sailing all day. I think everyone who sailed was in favor of this new format, especially when multiple fleets are sailing. Several new sailors came out this weekend to try out their new boats. The three newcomers to SSA were Dustin Romey from Crofton, MD, Nabeel Alsalam from Northern VA and Carl Robinson from Newark, DE. Congrats on all three for coming out for your first SSA regatta. We hope to see you alot in the future. We'll see you all out tonight for Tuesday sailing. We plan to have about five boats on the line. Also next weekend is the Annual Fishing Bay Regatta in Deltaville, VA. They plan to have a bunch of fleets and over 100 boats total. I know I won't miss it.

SSA FALL REGATTA (Sept 19,20) Two days of beautiful conditions on the Chesapeake were had at the SSA Fall Regatta. This was actually our lowest attendance regatta all year with 10 boats, not bad huh? The teams showed up from as far away as Newark, DE. Four races were sailed on Saturday and three on Sunday. Joe Friebele was smoking this weekend with smart sailing and took three bullets. A near tie going into the last race on Sunday was had until we won the final race. Joe is fast becoming the most feared boat on the bay again with his smooth style. Jamie Brickell took third place and won the third race on Saturday. These Annapolis guys are really stepping it up as we move toward the end of the season. Please come on out for our Frigid Digit on October 17-18. Attendance seems to be up this year again for this season

finale.

FRIGID DIGIT (Oct 17,18)

Please look for the Frigid Digit Article in the Flashes. Basically 29 boats, winner was Matt Reiser from NJ, second was Rob Wardwell, third Gianni Cuccio and 4th Bob Wardwell.

Phil Grotheer

#### **SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332** New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain				,		٠		Wally Ackley
Fleet Treasurer								Bob Sengstaken
Fleet Secretary								.Teresa Sengstaken
Fleet Champion								Allan Whatley

Iunge	7944
38	8268
r. Mountain Thyme	10320
Iumbo	10555
Go-Mo-Shun II	10732
	12509
	12859
	13101
	13382
Banana Boat	13620
DC	14033
	Go-Mo-Shun II Banana Boat

Fleet 332 crossed the 1998 start line in traditional fashion with the Memorial Day Weekend organizational meeting at the Sengstaken Sandwich summer camp with junior crew Katy and Bobby serving delicious goodies while Bob performed secretary/treasurer duties. With dues collected including Regatta fees, and weekend responsibilities assigned, we were ready to sail.

This year we welcomed two new skippers, Bill Elmore and Gerry Grossman. Both purchased boats within the fleet as we continued our efforts to keep boatsfor sale on the lake. Prospects for additional boats, both short and long term, are improving as several crew persons consider buying boats and the Squam Lakes Association's new sailing programs train juniors, facilitate private lessons and sponsor weekly Sunfish races (with thanks to the efforts of fleet member, Jack Russell.)

The winds of July blew steadily and favorably for Allan Whatley (or could it have been his sailing skills?) who took first place and the Blair Cup for the July Series. With Bob Sengstaken finishing second

followed by Dave Closson.

The August series brought out the full compliment of fleet boats and was highlighted by our regatta on August 22 & 23 and lowlighted by a windless and therefore winless Around The Lakes Race.

The regatta, an international event with the entry of Tony Staples from Montreal, provided the locals with some additional excitement and a few pointers in expert seamanship. Three races were held on



Above: 1999 Regatta Winners - Dave Closson 5th, Allan Whatley 3rd, Dwight Gertz 4th, Tony Staples 1st, and ken Deyette 2nd Photos courtesy Teresa Sengstaken and Wally Ackley







Sailing on Squam FLake, home of Fleet 332. Photos courtesy Teresa Sengstaken and Wally Ackley

Saturday in medium wind punctuated by the famous Squam Lakes wind shifts. Sunday started with clear sky and zero zephyrs and ended with thundering skies and torrential rain. The good news is that in between the weather extremes two races were held, a lively social hour enjoyed with the prizes awarded. The cars started to leave the parking lot just as the first drops of rain fell. Tony Staples took first place honors followed by Ken Deyette, Allan Whatley, Dwight Gertz, and Dave Closson. Each paid homage to their stellar crews.

The August series was won by Allan Whatley with Dwight Gertz

second and Dave Closson third.

The season closed with the annual pot luck dinner, a lively affair with fleet and family members, ages 1 to 80, sharing the season's stories, congratulating the winning sailors and making plans for next year. The Colossian Cup based on the last three races was awarded to Dwight Hertz. The Wood Cup was awarded to Allan Whitely and steady crew Chris Whitely as fleet champion for the year, Bob Sentstaken and Dave Closson took second and third place honors. The final award, the Fleet Spirit Skipper Award was presented to Chick Ackley for her devoted efforts in "skippering" the various social gatherings.

We look forward to seeing you at our 1999 Regatta on August

21 & 22. Wally Ackley

#### BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB FLEET 335 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Barnegat Light Yacht Club Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary/Treasurer					
* Justin Monnig * Paul B. Wood	Talisman	0 10526 11189			
* Alex Cano * David P. Kunz * David P. Kunz		11221 11550			
* David P. Kunz * John Demming * Hal Pote	Sig3 Rastamohican	12556 13772 13876			
* John Faus * William S. Clarke	Knotty Dread Hot Pepper	14350 14489			
* Paul B. Wood * David P. Kunz		14650 14850			

Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Justin Monnig

The most notable thing that happened at Lightning Fleet 335 in 1998 was that Paul Wood replaced Talisman (10526) with a later Lightning (14650). He was all set for a really great year of sailing

with his boat, sails, and crew all set to go.

Well, Paul had a good Summer of sailing but I think the rest of us let him down a bit. Participation was really poor at Fleet 335 this summer. While we did get off a series of around 20 Saturday afternoon races, each week more boats sat in the lot than were in the water. I contributed to the problem when my daughter Marci (and a former crewperson with me) was married in the middle of July in New Hampshire to Mark Crowley. A lot of the people from the Fleet attended and shot that weekend for sailing. It's hard to say what happened the rest of the weekends, but participation was disappointing.

Never to be discouraged, we are looking forward to an active sailing season next summer. John Demming was elected Fleet Captain in September and is making vast plans for an active Summer of sailing. Our thanks go to Justin Monnig for his three years as Fleet Captain, however, his term of office was up. Justin is now in the market for a new boat and is going to concentrate on sailing next Summer rather than administrative duties as Fleet Captain. We appreciate his efforts and contribution.

Rumors are all around about new boats and crew buying boats and new members with boats. We will just wait and see

William S. Clarke

#### **GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338 Central New York District** Sailing on Galway Lake Galway, New York

Fleet Captain	James Dickson
Fleet Secretary	.R. James Millard
Fleet Champion	Jim Millard
Fleet Runner-Up	Willard Kohler

* Harold B. Hansen	Rocky	7123
Maury Gardner		9844
* James Dickson		12115
* John S. Orton		12130
Ken Buhrmaster		12573
* Dale H. Brown		12636
Willard Kohler	Eng_neer	13251
* R. James Millard	Huggie	13655
* John Korkosz		14328

The 1998 season was marked by light air, for the most part, accompanied by constant and major wind shifts. John Korkosz rejoined the fleet and was neck and neck with Jim Millard throughout July, each passing the other several times within each race. John, being a veteran Snipe sailor, was very fast upwind but had more than a few unkind words for his chute off the wind. Despite losing a rudder and almost a mast during the season, Jim's crew of Andy and

Becky Gaudreau pulled him through.

A spirited contest for third place saw Willard Kohler edge Dale Brown with a strong August series. Hopes are high for next year with the purchase of boats by John Orton and former Lightning sailor Fred Lyngard. Additionally, some of our "Cat" sailors are also giving serious consideration to joining the Lightning fleet. We may have ten boats on the line in 1999, the best in twenty years.

# Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Lanier Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet Secretary					
* Tapp Rinne * Edward Heller * David S. Smith * Terry E. Tyner * Robert S Skorupski No Report.	Dolly The White Live Luff Laugh Nemesis	ghtning9570 12849 14067 14622 14902			

HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET 353 Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Ehma	ann Miller
	asurer	
Gary Babin	Endeavor	9338

\* Greg Fisher
\* Ehmann Miller
\* Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst

Still Crazy 10860 The Goldie Marie 12015

No Report.

#### FLOTTE MURTENSEE 358 Switzerland District Sailing on Lake of Murten Switzerland

Fleet Secretary	Walter Dürr							
* Daniel Fischlin	Damafimo	10899						
* Hans-Peter Schmid	Milan	13692						
* Urs Wyler	Meltemi	13790						
* Jacques Perret	Gaston	14530						
* Jacques Perret * Peter Graf	Karhu	14664						

Nachdem die Fruhlingsregatta in Sempach aus Windmangel und die Regatta von Murten aus Termingruden ausfielen, bereiteten sich die 2 Boote Meltemi und Gaston an der Semaine du Joran auf dir Europameisterschaft in Finnland vor. Diese endete trotz der knappen Vorbereitung mit einem grossen Sieg von Meltemi, der 6 der 10 gesegelten Laufe in einem anspruchsvollen und tuckischen, aber sehr schonen Segelrevier gewinnen konnte. Gaston wurde sehr guter 7. 3 Boote unserer Flotte beteiligten sich im Herbst an der Distrik, eister-

schaft in Neuenbuurg. Diese endete mit einem dreifachen Sieg unserer Flotte durch Meltemi, Gaston, und Karhu. Bravo!!! Unserer ubertragen. Diese wird vom 29. Juli bis am 4. August 1999 in Murten stattfinden. Wir setzen alles daran, dass diese Meisterschaft für alle Teilnehmer zu einem unvergesslichen Anlass wird und hoffen auf eine grosse Beteiligung.

Walter Durr

### CATAWBA YACHT CLUB FLEET 365 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Wylie Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary	Richard Lake Joh	nson
* Richard Lake Johnson	Sarah	9085
Tom Smiley		10086
Tom Smiley * Ronald K. Wright	Sleuth	11241
* Richard Lake Johnson * William C. Campbell, III	Kushy Butterfield	11553
* William C. Campbell, III	Sassy	11897
Wayne Ingersoll	- Mariana • /	13941
Carr Boyd	Buckwheat	14620

No Report.

# OKANAGAN FLEET 368 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Okanagan Lake Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

	Fleet Captain/Secretary	Bob	Bazett
炒	Bill McIlroy Robert Bazett	It's About Time White Shadow	12376 13477
	No Report.		

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET 372 California District Sailing on San Francisco Bay Point Richmond, California

Fleet Captain	Elissa Hall
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	
Fleet ChampionSo	cott McBurney
Fleet Runner-Up	

*	Michael A. Molina		9169
	Elissa Hall	Elusive	12337
rļ.	Dave Larz Anderson	Crusader Rabbit	13526
4	Bruce B. Arnold	Peppermint Patty Too	13783
於	Elissa Hall	Too Elusive	13869
r.	Mark D. Patty	Raggedy Ann 4	13943
*	Michael A. Molina	Double Happiness	14305
於	R. Scott McBurney	Jamaican Bobsled	14481

No Report.

### DOUGLAS LAKE FLEET 374 Michigan District Sailing on Douglas Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain/Secretary ..........David O. Peters

John G. Young Mer\_Sea 10198 David O. Peters Shrub 12754

No Report.

### LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET 387 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Lansing Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.Matt Dahline
Fleet Secretary	.Larry Koster
Fleet Champion	.Matt Dahline

Dave Vietti	Baka	10366
* George Siegel	A1A	11205
* John LeFevre		11520
Ron Seely	Orange Crate	12561
Dennis Dudley	Do-Rite	12888
* Mike Moody	Omits	13254
* Neil Harrison	Sukevay	13279
* Blaine Severin	Pi-Rat	13344
John Fishbeck	Evergreen	13730
Bob Chronister	Bananas	13903
* Terrell L. Kleiman		13736
* Matt Dahline	Fastidiots	14133
* Fred Hull	Hull Speed	14147
* Larry Koster	FUBAR	14267
* William S. Davidson	Shibumi	14294
* Ron Marshall	Ohm	14447
* Terrell L. Kleiman	Bliiksemstraal	14468
* Patrick Dolan	Imagine	14511

The 1998 sailing season began with Matt Dahline and his Fastidiots winning the first two races of the Spring-Fall Series. George and Ann Siegle, with Gil Chesbro, aboard A1A, won the next-to-last race on Sunday, October 11th. After the lunch break,



Rounding the leeward mark, Lansing Sailing Club Fleet 387, October 1998. Photo Bob Crawford.



Fleet 387 Lightning crews, October 1998 Photo Bob Crawford

the Pi-Rat crew of skipper Blaine Severin, Julie Pierce and the fuzzy faced old guy won Lansing Sailing Club's last race of the year.

The Spring-Fall Series amounted to 10 races in each session for a total of 20 races. Matt Dahline, sailing 15 of these races, took 9 first place finishes and 4 second place finishes. Ron and Jane Marshall, with Bob Hill, won 2nd place for the series. The Siegles, with A1A, placed 3rd. FUBAR with its various crews placed 4th. A newcomer to the Lightning fleet, Pat Dolan with his Imagine

(14511) took 5th place for the series.

The Summer Series, with a possible 28 races, was won by Matt Dahline, many of which were crewed by Andrea Schmidt and Frank Northrup. Of 16 races sailed, the *Fastidiots* won 12 of the races and one 2nd place finish. The Marshalls with Bob Hill, aboard *OHM*, also sailed 16 races with 5 firsts and 8 second places. And by sailing 24 of the 28 races, counting only the 11 best races after throwouts, this year's newcomer Pat Dolan moved into 3rd place for the Summer Series. The 1997 newcomer, Mike Moody, sailing 18 races, claimed 4th place. The fuzzy faced old guy, gone most of the summer, vacationing for 3 weeks, attending 3 regattas and the Masters at Buffalo Canoe Club, sailed only 10 of the 28 races, but hung onto 5th place.

Fleet 387 is pleased to report that 5 of our skippers traveled to Michigan regattas and two participated at the District Championships in 1998. Dahline's Fastidiots sailed in 4 regattas and the Districts. Koster's FUBAR sailed in 4 regattas and the Masters at the Buffalo Canoe Club. LSC was represented by two boats and crews at Fenton, the Michigan Districts, Saginaw Bay, Higgins Lake, Pontiac's Whitecap and Devils Lake. North Cape Yacht Club and Crescent Sail Yacht Club regattas were visited by Matt Dahline. Pat Dolan sailed at Pontiac's Whitecap and closed out the season with his Imaginr, with Mike Moody and Jolene Johnson,

at Nashville's Bluenose regatta.

Lansing Sailing Club, celebrating their 35th Anniversary, held its annual Lightning regatta June 6th and 7th. Tom Klaban of Pontiac Yacht Club, with son Eric and LSC's Tom Rasmussen, won 4 of the 6 races to win the regatta. Diana Fernando, also of Pontiac Yacht Club, with brother Eric Fernando and Jennifer Day, placed 2nd. Matt Dahline with Rachel Mills and Frank Northrup took 3rd place honors and won the "Ye Olde Silver Platter" award which goes to the highest placing LSC skipper.

Do join us June 5 & 6, 1999 for Fleet 387's 33rd Annual Lightning Regatta. On Saturday noon we start with first of two short races. We come in for a delicious chicken barbecue lunch break following the second race. Then we sail two more races. At 10:00 AM on Sunday we start the first of the final two races. If 6 races are sailed, we throw out your lowest score. Awards are presented to the top 5 skippers and crews.

Larry Koster

### SALINAS YACHT CLUB FLEET 405 Ecuador District Sailing on the Pacific Ocean Guayaquil, Ecuador

* Roberto Campoverde	El Abuelo	8513
* Miguel E.Plaza, Jr.	La Ratonera	11928
* Miguel Plaza Merino	Desencuentro	14099
* Juan Carlos Plaza P.	Culilla	14145
<ul> <li>Francisco Solá Medina</li> </ul>	Samuel	14150
* Carlos Andres Plaza	Gato	14150
* Sebastian Meira T.	Saudades	14379
* Paco Solá Tanca	Zorro Loco	14541
* Santiago Romero Barst	Pepto Bismol	14673
* Jaime Santa Cruz Vial	Marraqueta	14674
* Carlos Lecaro	Garufa*	14676

Como todo niño malcriado, EL NIÑO dañó los planes que teníamos preparados para los primeros meses de 1998, desde Diciembre, todo fué llover y llover, así que parte de la flota se refugió bajo los paraguas, destapó sus cervezas y se puso a navegar Santa Barbara.

Pese al niño, programamos todo un calendario de eventos bajo el auspicio de Diners, con Campeonatos de Sábados y Domingos cada 15 días, lastimosamente solo se pudieron realizar dos.

Finalmente el sol salió, las aguas descendieron y para el 6 y 7 de Junio corrimos el primer Campeonato del Verano 98. Los resultados fueron en el siguiente orden: Lecaro, Parker, Meira Jr, Santos, Solá, Meira Sr.

Mantuvimos la actividad en Salinas con torneos mensuales, siendo uno de los mas importantes, el organizado por la Armada del Ecuador, en Julio, en las ya famosas regatas "Glorias Navales". Las posiciones fueron: Lecaro, Parker, Santos, Santacruz, Meira Jr., Tito Plaza Jr.

En el mes de Agosto, nuestro Distrito estuvo representado en el Campeonato Norteamericano en Búfalo por Carlos Luis Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmiño y Sebastián Meira quienes terminaron 8 en President's Cup.

A nuestro Distrito le correspondió la organización en conjunto con la Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting de los Juegos ODESUR, los mismos se realizaron en Salinas con la participación de tripulaciones de Chile, Colombia, Perú y Ecuador, el ganador fue Tito Gonzalez, los nuestros Santos y Lecaro, terminaron 4 y 6 respectivamente. En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY,

En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY, los resultados fueron: Santos, Lecaro, Tito Plaza Jr., Santacruz, Meira Jr., Parker Los Juniors, Sebastián Meira y Tito Plaza, tuvieron un entrenamiento muy fuerte en los meses Septiembre y Octubre, al final se les unió Juan Carlos Vidal y así nuestro distrito estuvo representado por tres botes en el Mundial Juvenil de Salinas, al final luego de un gran Campeonato, con mucho viento y sol, el ganador fué Sean Carroll de EEUU, los nuestros se ubicaron: Meira 6, Plaza 10, Vidal 16.

Esperamos en el 99 retomar la Copa American Airlines, la misma que fue suspendida este año por el niño.

Nos vemos en Salinas en el Mundial 99. Paco Solá

Floot Cooreton

#### HIGH ROCK FLEET 415 Southeastern District Sailing on High Rock Lake Lexington, North Carolina

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Fleet Secretary		вооке
* Buddy Hedrick * Aldred K. Warren, III	Carpe Diem	10152 10386
* Nathan Varner		10728
* William W. Pleasants * Jonathan Smith		12336
* & Thomas R. Smith	White Lightning	12730

* Nicholas Reid	S'nick'r	13154
* Pell Kennedy		13931
* Frank Mills	Patricia Ann	14248
* Richard Simpson	Blitzen	14432
* Sam L. Booke III		14702
* Carter Utzig	Maybe	14746

No Report.

### LA PINTA FLEET 424 Peru District Sailing on Bay of Callao, Lima, Peru

Fleet Secretary Sergio Leva		ggi Tocci
* Sergio Levaggi Tocci * Francisco Ayulo	Narkosis No Speaking	12514 12825
No Report.		

### GREATER CHARLESTON FLEET 429 Southeastern District Sailing on Charleston Harbor Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Contact	Leonard	Krawcheck
* Milt Rhodes * William R. Sloger, Sr. * Leonard Krawcheck * Kenneth C. Krawcheck	Wasabi Got It	10039 11771 14519
No Report.		

### OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB FLEET 430 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary		Parker
* John J. Parker * Howard M. Solomon	Flower Child	13380 13649
* Erik T. Hostvedt	Blue Streak	14014

No Report.

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# SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 431 Long Island District Sailing on Shinnecock Bay Southampton, Long Island, New York

ricci occidiary	Peter Robinson	
John V.H. Halsey James G. Hull Tim Rumph Tim Rumph John Lewandowski Richard E. Warren Bruce Hendry	Windy Too Bonny Blue Fulmen Seahorse Outrageous	11071 14032 14157 14339 14551 14560 14679

No Report.

### RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB FLEET 435 Texas District Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard Dallas, Texas

Scott Anderson

Fleet Captain		iderson
Fleet Secretary	Jennifer E	ldredge
* N: 1 10 0 : 1	(T. C.)	
* Richard C. Guinan, Jr.		
* George R. Hatfield (Lif	e)	
* John S. Schneider (Life)		
Sylvan Newman		10397
Vernon R. Goldberg	Andros 3	13228
Vernon R. Goldberg		13266
Robert Thomas	Pandora	13311
Sylvan Newman		13622
Patrick Moseley & Jeff	Herron	13806
* Jennifer Gandy Eldredg	e Some Girls	13870
* Scott Anderson		13953
* James Alman	Vertical Smile	14428
* Scott Anderson		14817

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### FOND DU LAC FLEET 442 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Winnebago Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain/Secretary .	Mike El	mergreen
Tom Drews	Fan-T-Sea	13280
* Sue Dorscheid * & Michael Elmergreen	Escape	13617
No Report.		

# CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES 446 Argentina District Sailing on the Waters of Rio De La Plata Buenos Aires, Argentina

	Fleet Secretary	Roberto R	licoveri
19-	Roberto Ricoveri Hector Longarela Diego Perroto	Gaucho Negro	11037 11649

No Report.

# SAN PABLO FLEET 447 Ecuador District Sailing on Lago San Pablo Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain	Jaime I	Martinez
* Olaf Dyck & * Lars D * Jose M. Perez	byck Samuel	11365 12221
* Jose M. Perez  * Jose M. Perez Jaime Martinez Ernesto Martinez F.	Speedy Nirvana Buscapleitos	12338 14389 14558

No Report.

### MARSALA FLEET 449 Italy District Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary	Giovanni Pe	ellegrino e Valenti
Fleet Champion		Stefano
Fleet Runner-Up		Antonio
* Giovanni Pellegrino	Wanted I	12027
Vito Bonanno	-	12061
* Giuseppe Valenti	Trepepe Ho Hell	13345
Vito Pernice		13349
* Antonio Marino	Raimbow	13402
Giuseppe Giacalone	Dove Vai?	13478
* Giuseppe Alagna	Wanted III	13481
* Vito Tripoli	Lily Bay Tan	13706
Giuseppe Rallo		14045
Roberto Crucitti		14102
Stefano Reina	Maranna	14197
* Gaspare Buffa	Maraima	14361
* Maria Nata		14301
* Mario Noto	CONTRACTOR OF COLUMN	1.4721
* & Marsala Societá Ca	nottieri	14731

During the season our fleet carried out an intense schedule. The most important success was the Italian Championnship in Fermo on the Adriatico Sea, organized by the Club "lega Navale Italiana." Our Fleet Captain Reina Stefano and crew Tripoli Giuseppe and Tripoli Pietro, of Club "Circolo Velico Marsala", and 2 other teams were right at the top. Unfortunately we were unable to participate in the European Championships in Finland.

The Clubs that help us carry out our activities are the Circolo Velino Marsala and the Societá Canottieri Marsala. It is important to remember the help of our builders Pellegrino Giovanni e Antonio De Vita, who allow our fleet to win with their wonderful, beautiful wood boat.

Giuseppe Valenti

Floot Socratary

#### FLOTTE DEL TRASIMENO 453 Italy District Sailing on Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy

Sergio Rustichelli

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13348 13455 13462 13462 14316 14228 14239

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#### TUUSULVANJÄRVI FLEET 456 Finland District Sailing on Lake Tuusulvanjärvi Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Captain				,				Waltteri Karhusaari
								Maija Pyy
Fleet Champion								Martti Lähteinen
Fleet Runner-up								.Niko Lappalainen

<ul> <li>* Lauri Hamalainen</li> </ul>		0
* Pentti Laitinen		0
* Juha Siilin		12482
* Juha Savela		13130
Matti Leppänen		13348
* Pertti Pyy		13413
* Matti Leppanen		13438
* Niko Lappalainen	Poiju	14018
* Rainer Korhonen	Porkkana	14179
* Leo Korhonen		14274
* Olli Lahteinen	Shark	14331
* Juha Siilin	Sini	14352
* Pertti Pyy	Amarillo	14406
* Heikki Hamalainen		14491
* Juha Hamalainen		14494
* Antero Punttila	Snow White	14535

Greetings from Lake Tuusula Fleet to all Lightning sailors! Year 1998 was a very busy season for Fleet 456. The European Districts, the first-ever European Masters and the Finnish Districts were all hosted by our home club, Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland. Needless to say we had our hands full right from January.

With the 50th Anniversary Regatta being the top event for us, and for Finnish Lightning sailors, I shall concentrate on the week's

events in this report.

The 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland was celebrated on July 17-26, with the 1998 European Championships, the Finland District Championships and the first-ever European Masters Championships. The regatta was sailed on Lake Tuusula and hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat sailing club. A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts (won by Kari Huusko of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen from Valkeakoski coming second, and our fleet's Olli Lähteinen coming in third). For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members:-)

The racing format for the Europeans and the Districts was something new for most Lightning sailors: new courses and a lot of them! 10 races were held (out of the planned 12) mostly on windward-leeward courses with gates at both ends. More "traditional" Hellerupcourses were used in only a couple of races. The new course-type and the race format - many starts, close to the shore - received a lot of positive feedback from the sailors. The race committee also did an excellent job by setting-up good, square courses and by following

the set schedule closely.

Lake Tuusula showed its best sides during the regatta: enough wind (at times even a little too much wind), plenty of sun (ie. not too much rain) and the ability to follow the races from the club. The racing itself was quite tight, with several crews competing for the sought-after yellow race-winner T-shirts. Switzerland's Urs Wyler, with crew Gilbert and Walther Dürr, took home the race-winner shirts by winning the last race, bringing their total to 6 wins out of the 10 races. Needless to say that Urs also took home the Europeans title, but despite what the results may show, the title came after a tough battle with Finland's Kari Huusko, Pentti Järvinen and USA's Richard Hallagan.

The Open European Masters was started after a picnic trip to Suomenlinna Fortress in Helsinki on the lay-day, with 13 boats on the starting line. Richard Hallagan had gathered more and more speed as the Europeans progressed and continued his good form in the Masters. Switzerland's Jacques Perret and Finland's Leo Korhonen and Kaarlo Jaskari challenged hard for the title, but in the end Richard, with crew Craig Thayer and Lori Foster, took home the Open European Masters title and the yellow race-winner T-shirts by

winning the last race.

The European Championships will be sailed next year in Switzerland with several Finnish crews already making plans to take part in the regatta. The Masters will also be continued next year in Switzerland, so it would seem that a new tradition has been started in European Lightning sailing. A tradition which will hopefully attact Lightning sailors not only from Europe, but also from the Americas, to meet old Lightning friends, share memories, and - not to forget - enjoy competitive racing on the water in the future.

At the time of writing this report (needless to say on December 1st:-) there is a couple of inches of snow on the ground and Lake Tuusula has started to freeze over. Our boats are safely locked away for the winter and waiting for the coming 1999 season. Now we can concentrate on Christmass, but come February and the 1999 Boat Show, the fever will start rising again...

Wishing you all a great 1999 sailing season, Waltteri Karhusaari, Fleet 456 Captain

### NORTH FLORIDA FLEET 461 Florida District Sailing on Lake Eustis North of Orlando, Florida

Fleet 461's home club sailing on Lake Eustis has finally taken over residence of its new sailing facility. The larger property, with new docks and boatramps, will be fully operational in time for the

February Washington's Birthday Regatta.

The Hayden family's newest addition made his arrival just in time for the Southern Circuit. Jeffrey Fisk was born on March 11. Steve's team of Barr Batzer and David Hood managed to finish 5th at St.Pete. The same team also three-peated the Districts held in Tampa in April. Fisk won the District Masters Regatta and finished 3rd at the Masters NAs in Buffalo. Steve's team finished 7th in the top fleet at Buffalo.

Kip Hamblet continues to threaten to bring his boat out racing on a regular basis and Fisk has added another boat to the fleet -Number 2 is being restored, hopefully before anyone needs fireword.

Hope to see everyone on the Southern Circuit. Sail fast.

Steve Hayden

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### GUARAPIRANGA LAKE FLEET 462 Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil

Par Olay Harnall

* John Julio Jansen		11693
* Heloisa Barro Uelze	Goiabada	11721
" Nelson Freire De Carval	ho	12524
* Thomas Buckup	Viking Ii	13008
* Claus Bromberg	Waikiki	13405
* Eduardo Magalhaes	Meia Noite Vi	13406
* Thomas Buckup * Claus Bromberg * Eduardo Magalhaes * Renato Michado De Aln	neida	
13657		
* Nelson Small Schmitt		14071
* Manfred Kaufmann Jr	Just'n Time	14101
* Iens Cristiano Ruschmar	nn Flying Cloud	14168
* James Sumner	Viso	14330
* Nelson Small Schmitt		14353
* Nelson Small Schmitt		14504
* Michael Anthony Norris	Flash Rider	14602
* Nelson Small Schmitt	Xamego V	14633
	Clone Rider	14845
* Michael Anthony Norris		14845
* Caio Seabra		14894

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a

participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the

Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.

99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto

Alegre - RS.

Manfred Kaufmann, Jr., Secretary / District Brazil

### LAKE WACCAMAW FLEET 463 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Waccamaw Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet Captain	Vivian Hollinshed
	Paul R. Jueschke
Fleet Champion	J.M. "Dick" Coburn
Runner-Up	Paul Jueschke

Neal Turner		11898
* Paul R. Jueschke	Celebrate!	12125
* Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.		14247
* I.M. "Dick" Coburn	Strings Attached	14252
James Taylor		

Allen Smith

\* H.B. Toby Wells, Jr.

The 1998 season was a year of contrasts, with either bright sunny days or hurricane weather with Bonnie paying us a visit the end of August. Fortunately with very hard work by all the club members we were only off the water for one weekend and no lightnings were damaged other than due to leaves and light debris working under covers. Several cruisers on kegs didn't fair as well after breaking lines.

Our September district regatta was attended by 14 entrants and won by Bob Harkrider in his BooNooNoos, or was that Son of Boo, defending the title for the Clark's Hill Fleet 257, Augusta, Ga. The Sunday morning race was started in a lifting pea soup fog after an extended delay. Almost had to use the Braille method to find the

line.

Dick Coburn finished strong 1st for the season fleet championship with Paul Jueschke keeping the pressure on by winning several of the season ending races. We should have two additional boats next year as Steve Dawson is rebuilding an older Lippencott and Jay and Joan Cotton are looking for a competitive boat to skipper, changing from a Flyer. We are all looking towards next year with an early April start of racing activities and the great camaraderie of Lightning sailors and more boats on the water.

Y'all come on down for some good 'ol Southern Hospitality!!

See Ya next year!! Paul R Jueschke

### FLOTTA DEL CONERO 466 Italy District Sailing on the Adriatic Sea Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Fleet Secretary		Renao Bozzi
Ivano Brolli  * Bruno Roccheggiani  * Giovanni Sorci Giorgio Curzi  * Paolo Poletti	Bibir	13037 13346 13445 14239 14243
Fabio Giuliani * & Carlo Jommi		14245

No Report.

### VALKEAKOSKI FLEET 468 Finland District Sailing on Lake Mallevesi and Vanajavesi Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet Secretary	Perti Jalonen
* Aimo Jokiniemi * Aimo Jokiniemi * Pentti Jarvinen * Pentti Jarvinen	12992 14403 14352 14761
No Report.	

### CEDAR FLEET 478 Florida District Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River Fort Myers, Florida

* Elizabeth Lombardo		0
* Iames T. Bush		1949
* James T. Bush * Ralph Suhm	Mysti Blue	8822

Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Liz Lombardo

No Report.

#### WAKE FLEET 481 Southeastern District Sailing on Kerr Lake Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary		nes Nutt
Douglas King	Plummer	11900
* Worth A. Lutz, III		12773
* Michael S. Rees	Adrenalin	13877
* Pierce P. Barden		14190
* David L. Francis	Too Fast	14332
* James E. Nutt	Hallucination	14376
* James E. Nutt * John W. Pelosi	Anubis Leisure So	

No Report.

# ITHACA FLEET 484 Central New York District Sailing on Cayuga Lake Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain	Steve Little
Assistant Fleet Captain	
Fleet Treasurer	
Fleet Champion	Jesse Miller
Runner-UpThe	Anderson Family

* Byrne O'Brien	Whisper	10113
* John B. Rudd	Allegro	10705
Terrill Moore	Anna T.	11347
* Glenn S. Wilcox	Das Boot	11960
* Aage Larsen	Skudder	13124
* Stephen Little		13372
Carlo Montemagno	Photon	13787
* Jesse W. Miller	Hot Flash	13934
* John B. Rudd		14240
* Bill Anderson		14628
* Edward Seyerlein		14713

The masts have come down. Windexes hang in a safe spot. We've already had a few flurries and the days are growing shorter. Fall colors have quickly passed to the grays and browns of early winter and





Fleet 484's Frostbite Regatta Photos courtesy Glenn Wilcox



Fleet 484 at rest

our beloved flat bottom boats have found their way to garages, barns and other dry places of winter rest. Time to warm up the sail simulator, crack open Stauart Walker, study those new rules, reflect on the past season and dream about the spring.

Lightning Fleet 484 is alive and well. The past two years could not have been a better time for the Ithaca fleet. We have grown from three boats to nine and hope to carry this momentum throughout the coming year. Are there any converts? I think we've shown the keel boaters how competitive, fun and challenging lightning sailing can be. And with the competition only getting better I would say that it's a matter of time before we see a few more of us on the blue waters of Cayuga. The only problem is, where will they fit!?

We capped off a splendid season with our one-day regatta – the Frostbite. With a late season regatta you can sometimes count on rain, sometimes sun, sometimes even snow. And sometimes we get all three in a matter of minutes. One thing you can always count on is wind. This year's Frostbite was no exception. Under mostly overcast skies with a backdrop of dazzling fall colors 12 boats raced in a steady 15-20 knot breeze. By the end of it all Dick Hallagan had taken first from Kirk Reynolds with a stellar tacking dual in the final leg of the final race. So the myth goes that it was 18 tacks before Kirk and his exhausted crew could tack no more and eventually broke off to give Dick the win. I might add that we were graced by the presence of 6 away boats. This is the most we have had since the Cruising fleet asked us to join them in their frostbite tradition 3 years ago. See you next year!

I'm sure if you ask an Ithaca lightning sailor what they look forward to all week it would have to be our Thursday night race series. The series runs from early June to early September and is the series that determines our fleet champion. This season we were able to run 14 races with low-point scoring determined by a boats best finish in 9 out of those 14. For the top two spots the competition was very

close. So close that it was a tie between last year's champion the Anderson Family (Bill, Maggie and CJ) and Jesse Miller (Ginny Miller, Frost Travis, Nicole Epp, the beautiful Anca Trandafirescu and others). After the final race they were tied at 10.5 points each. According to fleet rules the best finish in the last race determined the champion. Congratulations Jesse and crew for a great series. Look out you guys – there are some new boats in town! Series Final: 1)Miller 10.5, 2)Anderson 10.5, 3)Seyerlein 21.75, 4)Rudd 22.0, 5)Wilcox 33.75, 6)Larson 42, 7)Little 46. I'm sure we would all agree that the best thing about Thursday night racing, besides the racing of course, is the beer and the food afterwards. With challenging competition on the lake and the genuine camaraderie off it's not difficult to see why our fleet is growing.

It is not just an old block of wood and it is not just a beer can that someone found in the dusty corner of a garage. It's not what you think. Or maybe it is? Was it divine intervention? Was it an act of genius? Or was it a couple of beers and a mild case of mid-winter boredom. For whatever reasons an individual among us, who shall remain nameless, (for protection) was inspired. And in an impassioned gesture, well he did have to plug the glue gun in and wait for it to heat up, bonded the two detritus into what is now

know as the coveted BUSCH trophy. The BUSCH trophy is awarded to that sailor who in their own moment of glory makes us all look good. Makes us say, for once, I'm from Ithaca Lightning Fleet 484 and damit I'm proud of it. The BUSCH trophy is awarded to the fleet sailor with the best finish in an away race. And this year is a fine example of the genius of that award and the recognition that one deserves through its acceptance. I'm getting vaclempt here. Wooo. Envelop please. And the winner is Ed Seyerlein for his 7th place finish in the first race of the blue fleet at the 60th anniversary regatta. This was a 72 boat fleet mind you. Ed beat the likes of Dick Hallagan and Mark Sertl and a whole hell of a lot of other boats. Well done Ed and we all know it had nothing to do with that shift.

It's been a fine time sailing with y'all. And darn it I wish spring would hurry up and get here or it could at least snow a little so we can break out the skis. Now lets see... there is that rigging I have to do – got to move that back stay control – put that wire on deck... then theirs the cover...would somebody get me some decent crew!

Hmmm... maybe another trophy...

Glenn Wilcox

### VALLEY FLEET 486 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Alton Lake Machens, Missouri

http://www.geocities.com/SouthBeach/Marina/9604/
Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Runner-Up Jerry Wnorowski

C. Graeme Wilso	n Chaos	8664
Sea Scouts		10291
* Mark Nash	Woodstock	11125
John Voelker	Ziggy II	11598
Jerry Chapman & Brian Rober	te	11637
Sea Scouts	LS.	12033
Rich Nieman		12891
Jack Selbert	Mud Runner	12892
Don McNabb		13232
* Stephen Wyers	Top Secret	13379
Boeing Employee	s' Sailing Club	
0 1 .	Summer Lightning	13627
Rick Conaway	Fascination	14088
* Gerald L. Wnoro	wski Can't Believe It!	14233

Fleet 486 started off slowly again this year with a flood, but finished with a bang! Our two regattas had the best combined wind since 1984, and offered excitement aplenty.

Governor's Cup, Oct 3-4, 1998, 41 Boats, All Classes:

by Steve Wyers

The weather for the Governor's Cup was much better than forecasted. We had a few showers and 5 to 12 mph E winds on Saturday, and nothing on Sunday but wind, and lots of it at 12 to 20 mph NE! The classes entered were Mutineers, Misc. Monohulls, Comets, Lightnings, Misc. Catamarans, Hobie 16's, Cruising Class Big Boats, and Racing Class Big Boats, sailing on the same course, with seven starts. It really was a great sight to see so many sails at once. There were no major collisions, no capsizes, and only one protest, in the Cabin Boats, of course! The courses set were a triangle for everyone on Saturday and a W-L for the cabin boats and triangle for the rest on Sunday. The wind direction allowed a windward leg down and across, with upstream reaches.

Jerry Wnorowski (14233) pretty well dominated the action in races 1&2. In the first race, Jerry ran away from the fleet to finish 1st by almost a full leg, not doing as well the second race and finishing 2nd. Rick Conaway (14088) had a time getting his speed sorted out but held on for 2nd in the first race, then swapping with Jerry for a 1st.. We (13379) got 3rd and 4th, trading places with Graeme Wilson (8664) and Brian Uhlmanseik (12891) taking 5th.



Fast sailing at the 1998 Muddy Rudder, from left: Steve Wyers, Diana Kinder, Becky Williams, Jerry Wnorowski, Norma Wnorowski, Jeff Portman, Jerry Chapman, Eric Waldschmidt, Brian Roberts.

Brian wasn't up to his usual form, not having sailed a square boat for 3 years. Graeme was sailing with crew Wayne Watson, a Lightning skipper whom we've haven't seen in the last four years.

Race 3 was my most memorable race of the year. We had good speed and pointing off the line, managing to gain enough lead on port to tack and cross Jerry, who was higher but astern, then tack again to cover placing us between him and the pin. Tacking at the layline, we rounded to see that all the boats from the two previous starts had sailed into a hole at the jibe mark, and were sitting there, perhaps 12 boats in all! We headed left out into the wind and found a shaft of air just above the mark, reaching back and rounding in what had now become a mass of boats, only to find John Mullen (Comet) square in our sights as a puff accelerated us! How we missed spearing him I don't know, but apparently the roll tack drills for the crew paid off because our bow was about 5 ft. from him when we crash-tacked! Tacking back to starboard we set the chute with Jerry in hot pursuit. The wind appeared to be off the quarter, so I elected to jibe the chute at the leeward mark, not realizing that a course change had moved the line! Imagine my surprise when I saw the finish line 75 yds. to port! Fortunately a fast leeward drop by daughter Becky and quick trimming of the jib by Diana allowed us to tack soon enough to barely hold Jerry off giving us a 1st. Jerry, of course was 2nd, Brian 3rd, Rick 4th, and Graeme 5th.

Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta Oct. 17-18, 1998:

by Steve Wyers

The only losers at the Muddy Rudder Oct. 17-18 were the ones who stayed home! The weather report wasn't good, but a check on the Internet showed that the Jet Stream was between us and a storm front in central Missouri and was likely to take all the storm activity North. We arrived at the harbor with high hopes and higher wind, 15 to 20 mph SE.

After swilling coffee and scarfing doughnuts for a jump-start, boatloads of hardy souls headed for the starting line across the Mississippi. Alton Lake Sailing Association (ALSA) was doing race duty for us, and had set a big course from the Illinois side across and downstream, then back and up for a big two-lap triangle. We knew this was going to be special when we jumped onto a plane several

times on the way out.

We got buried when the flag dropped and tacked to port to clear our air. Off again, we rounded in 3rd with nobody setting a chute. Jerry Chapman, in 5th, got the nerve up and rolled us to move into 2nd, but couldn't catch Jerry Wnorowski who had it all the way.

Jerry C. was 2nd, Rick 3rd.

In race two, Graeme Wilson took a DNS while he fixed his backstay. We were over early, along with Wnorowski and wound up trailing. Jerry W. was fast upwind, and had regained the lead when at the second drop disaster struck. As they dropped the chute a sudden big shift filled it and took him over. Jeff Portman was on the board like a shot and popped it up, but a puff knocked it down the other way, trapping Norma W. under the sail. Needless to say, she panicked, particularly since she doesn't swim. We, watching as we approached, were concerned because we didn't see any heads! We bore off to check them out and by then they came out and the safety boat was on the way. I was pleased because I wasn't relishing the thought of anchoring for a swim in those winds! We headed up to take a 3rd with Jerry C. 1st and Rick Conaway 2nd. Jerry W. finally got the boat up and finished.

At lunch the winds were 24 to 31, but on the weather radio there was talk of 10 to 40 somewhere. Rick was fixing a block on his bridle system. After a conference it was decided to give it a try and display a red flag if we thought it was too much. Jerry W. wisely decid-

ed to pass altogether in the interests of family harmony.

In the higher winds we had trouble holding the boat down, as Jerry C. dominated with Rick 2nd and Graeme 3rd for the two afternoon races. Jerry had two skippers for crew, Eric Waldschmidt, and Brian Roberts, and their experience showed! Linda Coleman, with crew Jim Zehr and Jeff Susanj hung on gamely, finishing every race. We spent half the afternoon planing offwind and upwind, bearing off in the hopes of regaining some distance on the leaders. On one big puff, we jumped up so fast it almost knocked us flat! We planed almost the entire reach on one leg. We were thankful to have only two afternoon races because I was beat! Daughter Becky, trimming the jib was sprayed, and middle crew Diana Kinder was beat but in good spirits.

After the races many beverages were consumed and many tall tales told. We had to head home for a function, but the rest of the fleet headed to the Longshot Saloon in portage for dinner. Hated to

miss that!

Sunday dawned gray but dry and fairly calm. The wind built while we were in Church, and was about 15 mph WNW when we arrived at the harbor. The first race Jerry W. was back in form with Jerry C. 2nd and Rick 3rd. We held onto 4th with Graeme 5th and Linda 6th. In race 2 the Wind had backed, and we tacked to port at the boat end, to lee of the fleet, and were able to get our bow out early, increasing our lead to the mark. Rounding first, we held on to the jibe, setting the chute for the second reach, and keeping it full during the gibe as the wind veered. A clean drop and we led all the way to the finish, with Jerry W. 2nd and Jerry C. 3rd. Rick, Graeme, and Linda followed.

It wasn't until we were on the way that Becky asked what that gave us, and I realized we might have a 3rd! The scores confirmed this; we had edged Jerry W. for 3rd by a half-point! Rick Conaway, with crew Greg Polanik and Randy Maier were 2nd, and Jerry Chapman, having sailed a strong, consistent series, got a well-deserved First Place. A few technical notes:

I modified my bridle this season to the new approved system with height adjustment. In heavy air it's great, allowing me to dial

in the sheeting and keep my head out of the boat.

Jerry Wnorowski's crew, Jeff Portman, used a trick I discovered some years ago. (I'm the VSA capsize king.) After removing the bow line you attach it to the center hiking strap. This allows you to throw it over the side for a hiking line while you're out on the board to right the boat. Using this system, enough moment is generated that a person of average weight can right a Lightning unassisted, and even roll the crew up inside as they do it. It sure beats trying to stand three people on that tiny board!

	Govern	nor's Cup	M	uddy Rudder
Place	Sail No	Skipper	Sail No	Skipper
1	14233	Jerry Wnorowski	11637	Jerry Chapman
2	14088	Rick Conaway	14088	Rick Conaway
3	13379	Steve Wyers	13379	Steve Wyers
4	8664	Graeme Wilson	14233	Jerry Wnorowski
5	12891	Brian Uhlmanseik	8664	Graeme Wilson
6			13627	Linda Coleman
St	ephen Wy	ers		

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLEET 488 US @ Large District Sailing the American West in the Waters of Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming



Fleet 488 at the Dillon Open in August 1998: Larissa Stoller, Bob Stoller, Monique Van Rhyn, Georgia Simpson, Bill Cabrall, and Joelynn Barclay. Photo courtesy Bill Cabrall.

功	Barry P. Olson		
	Tim McKenzie		-0.1-
	Dean Lausten		5945
*	Bob Stoller	For Sale!	9957
特	William F. Cabrall	Blue Moon	11457
16	Nancy Simmons	Prosit	11815
睁	Fred Denny	Heron	13478
静	Martin R. Mulhern		13857
	Bob Stoller	North Star	14769

The Rocky Mountain Lightning Fleet continues to experience slow and (hopefully) steady growth. This year our ranks grew by 2 when Nancy Simmons bought Prosit (#11815) from the Muellers, and Tim McKenzie began repairing his boat, which is still upside down in the back yard at this writing. Bill Cabrall and Nancy Simmons also have boats in the garage in pieces for the winter (an annual ritual with Lightnings this old) and things are looking stronger for 1999.

In June Bob Stoller spied a familiar shape languishing in a storage yard off the Boulder Turnpike. \$250 later he was the owner of 2 Lightnings! This boat is a fiberglass, thin plywood sandwich (ie, no foam core) that is currently working its way through everyones spare parts box. It will be rigged, ready, and for sale/sail next season. We hope to repeat the cycle as a means of providing more boats so the fleet will grow.

On the water this year we participated in 9 regattas in addition to Thursday evening racing at Cherry Creek Lake in Southwest Denver. High points of the season were the Carter Lake Open, where we put 4 boats on the water, and specular weekends in the rockies at Ruedi Revivor and Lake Dillon.

The Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (SAIL) hosts a Dinghy Championship Tour each year, for the best combined scores at 8 regional regattas. This year Bill Cabrall finished 4th and Bob Stoller 5th out of 18 when the scores were totaled in November.

On the organizational side, Bob Stoller is putting in a 2 year stint as the Commodore of the Denver Sailing Association, and we will be supporting the regional Adams Cup qualifier next year (Lightnings

have been selected by US Sailing).

We continue to grow slowly, with our greatest challenge being the wide open spaces and spectacular mountain scenery of the american west. Fleet members are widely spread out, and our traveling regattas often involve 3-5 hour drives and camping equipment. If you live here, it's not a big deal (In fact, thats probably why you came in the first place). We are working to establish a solid presence on several bodies of water, and are proud of the fact that we sail on the highest navigable water and claim the most square miles of territory in the United States and perhaps the world.

**Bob Stoller** 

#### **ACULEO LAKE FLEET 490 Chile District** Sailing on Aculeo Lake Champa, Paine, Chile

Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Manuel Gonzalez Mas

Ojo De Lince	11011
	11023
Kings Brooks	11450
Pocas Lucas	13650
	14255
	14294
Cabello Del Algual	14307
and the state of t	14454
Coballo Del Alguacil	14709
•	14791
	14794
	14838
	14843
	Ojo De Lince Kings Brooks Pocas Lucas Cabello Del Algual Coballo Del Alguacil

No Report.

#### **LAKE NOCKAMIXON FLEET 491** Central Atlantic District Sailing on Lake Nockamixon Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain			٠	٠							.Gary	/ Bonner
Fleet Secretary .									.1	Ва	arbara	Benson
Fleet Champion					٠				٠		.Brent	Benson

* James C. Lenahan, III	Black Flash	5083
* James Perkins	The Bolt	6378
* Charles S. Shoemaker	Esprit	9928
* Merritt Willits		10841
* Brent W. Benson		11444
* Alan Schragger		
& Louis Schragger	Gybe Ho!	12277
* James C. Lenahan, III	White Flash	12727
* Clifford H. Matson, Jr.		13399
* Gary Bonner		13720

Sailing conditions were particularly good this year at Lake Nockamixon. Our visitors regularly comment on how nice it is to sail in fresh water with no current or motor boat chop, and this year we had more wind than usual in the hot months. There were Lightnings on the line at all race days, though it was usually hard to get many at any one time.

The Cap-it-Off regatta in October had fierce light wind competition (previous years we had gales), with local Brent Benson edging out visitors Bob Bush and Gary Swangler.

Brent Benson

#### **BOW LAKE FLEET 493 New England District** Sailing on Bow Lake **New Hampshire**

Edward E. Hinds, III !	11440
Michael S. Aversa	11579

Robert D. Shapiro Edward E. Hinds, III Naut! 14296

This was a lean year for Bow Lake lightnings but the competition was keener than ever. Ned, Bob and Mike mixed it up in close racing over our eight week season. Bob got a new boat and newer sails for the season and was really going good all season. It wasn't until the Bluenose in Nashville that he decided to actually try to tune his rig so we all have to look out for Bob next year. Mike Aversa and daughter Jillian were most improved for the 98 season. Mikes competative spirit and determination combined with Jillians no fear, lets get 'em approach found them doing very well during the season. A great showing guys! Keep it up.

The winners were 1. Ned Hinds 2, "Rocket" Bob Shapiro and

3. "Mighty" Mike Aversa

The three of us traveled a bit this year too. We traveled to Lake Bomoseen and got drenched by the rains for 2 days. We showed up at the Districts and got our socks blown off in 30 knot winds. Bob said "the spinnaker runs were the most fun I've ever had with my pants on." Even more fun when he found out that he beat Ned by one point. Great sailing Bob. We went to Spofford for the annual fall regatta and drifted one day and had good breezes the next. The Massabesic Fall Regatta was lots of fun as usual. Lots of good people and shifty breezes. All in all it was a great season on the road for the fleet. We all wanted to go see Pat McCormick at Newburyport but it seems he must have looked at the wrong tide chart at the win-

Then there was the Bow Lake "Lightning Flash" one day regatta. It was postponed from last year because our launching ramp was dead. This year we had a brand new ramp, good breezes, a nice day and a fabulous dinner put on by Debbie Shapiro, Karen Hilton, Stacy and Pam Daigneault. Great job ladies. Thanks for making the

regatta a success. Ten boats showed up, a great showing.

The winners were; 1. Bill Berry 2. Ned Hinds and 3. Norm

"Pappy" Deyette.

If you are intereste in see in pictures, stories and race results for Bow Lake go to:

http://www.clubnedusa.com/bowlake98.htm#Bow Lake on the web. The New England district web page is hosted by the Bow Lake fleet and can be reached by going to

http://www.clubnedusa.com/neld/neld.html on the Web.

See you on the water after ski season. Regards, Ned Hinds

#### **SWIFT CREEK FLEET 496 Dixie District** Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir Chesterfield County, Virginia

Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . James Richards

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#### TENNESSEE VALLEY FLEET 500 Southeastern District Sailing on Loudon Lake Knoxville, Tennessee

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* Thomas S. Baer * A. Jackson Woodall * Thomas S. Baer	Libra II	2854 10442 13105
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#### CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO FLEET 501 Colombia District Sailing on Tomine Lake Bogota, Columbia

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	Juan Carlos	
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1998 was another good year for fleet 501: we keep growing year by year four brand new boats were added in 98, 29 boats is quite a fleet for such a small lake as ours, and we had a lot of participation in the regattas early in the year when we were holding trials for the upcoming international events. Then we stopped in order to prepare our sailing team for the Central American Games and the Sunfish North Americans and World Championships. With all the big regattas we never got around to sailing our own fleet championship for 98.

The success of the fleet is based on the participation of our youngsters we have 5 international level crews of very young sailors, Juan Camilo Bustos, Nicolás Deeb and Camilo Salcedo are 18 years old ranked 2nd in the country and they placed 3rd in the Junior Worlds in Ecuador, Solmar Bermúdez is 23 years old and won a

bronze medal in the South American Games in Ecuador, Alvaro Bustos 19 with sister Ana María and Susana Salcedo both 17 are an up and coming hotshot crew, got their new boat in July and are already closing the gap with the top sailors, Paula Douat 18 is one of our two top female skippers with Felipe Ribon and Joe Abisambra also 18 as crew, Felipe Recaman with Tatiana and Carolina Plazas barely over 20 are a regular feature in every regat-ta, we miss Juan Carlos and Marcela Recaman now studying in

They all are top contenders or belong in the upper third of the fleet. Such an array of active young talent makes us look at the future of the fleet and the class with great optimism all of these kids already have international experience and most important of all they are not put together for junior events. They are full time crews who were encouraged to take over the boats of their elders, take responsibility for managing their team and compete on their own, which is definitely the way to go if we want the class to prosper.

We will organize the Lightning South Americans next February which awards 2 places for the Pan Am Games, so we expect anoth-

er great year in 99.

Fleet Secretary: Hernan Salcedo

#### SUNCOAST FLEET 502 Florida District Based at Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, Florida

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* Kenneth See	Dream On	2924
* Andrew Hayward	Enchalada Picante	10338
* Diana Demby		11222
* Dave J. Marsicano		12606
* Clark T. Higgs		13285
* Rod Koch		13970
* William H. Meyer, III	Fired-Up	14006
* John V. Ward, Jr. * Mark T. Taylor	Bazooka	14098
* Mark T. Taylor		14428
* Donald W. Sherburne	Encore	14588
* Jeff Linton		14730

Suncoast Fleet 502 continues to grow. This year we added John Ward, Sandy Scheda, and Tim Rumin to our ranks. Welcome aboard. We have a solid base of seven competitive lightnings, and during the Thursday Night Day Light Savings 27 race 3 series Races, we have fielded as many as five, and expect our recent new skippers to fill in the ranks.

Recent regatta results indicate that we have added quality as well as quantity to our fleet. Sandy Scheda, former Adams Cup finalist in Lightnings, won her first race in her recently purchased Lightning. In the tough ten boat Thanksgiving Regatta Fleet, Sandy showed Blue Fleeters Jeff Linton and Bill Mauk around the course. John Ward placed 3rd in Sarasota, and 5th in Coral Reef, and was in strong contention to place in Florida's Triple Crown three regatta series. Rod Koch, one of the nations premier sunfish sailors sailed his lightning through the whole 27 race program, placing 2nd in the Spring and Summer, and 1st in the Fall. Rod and Jeff raised their competition to a new level in Lightnings. Both are former North American Sunfish Champions.

The Thanksgiving Regatta had Jeff Linton in first, Rod Koch in Second, Dave Marsicano in Third, Bill Meyer in Fourth and Don Sherburn in Fifth. Dave Marsicano placed third in the Spring Series, but Bill Meyer held him and John Ward off to place 3rd in the Summer and Fall Series. The Fleet enjoys several outstanding crews: Mark Taylor and Amy Linton, Chris Gittens, Gail Meyer, Tim Rumin, and Christine Furgeson; Sara Brown, Tom Marsicano, and Arthur (The Russian); Andy Hayward, Mike Quinn, and Genoa Gilbert; Nate Vilardebo, and Slick (Dan). Many thanks to the outstanding contributions of the crews who make it all possible.

The Triple Crown was won by Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor for the third year in a row. He was followed by Bill Mauk from Coconut Grove, and Bill Meyer and "Ragin" Johnny Ward from the home fleet.

Tampa has a severe tropical storm from time to time, and last March one lightning was destroyed, and another busted and bent. The wind toppled over larger dry sailed yachts onto them. The storm put a damper on Mike Maher's campaign as his mast is bowed with about 10 inches of prebend induced by the storm. Mike built

the boat out of wood from scratch. Ouch!

Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, and Amy Linton placed 12th in the N.A.'s winning the ThermisTrophy for best first time finish. He also competed in the Pan Am Trials. The news keeps getting better as we hear that Jim Alman of Texas, and Colin Park are moving permanently to the area. No wonder we are so optimistic for our future. Hope to see you all at the Midwinters in St. Pete.

Bill Meyer

### LAKE CONROE ASSOCIATION FLEET 505 Texas District Sailing on Lake Conroe Conroe, Texas

Fleet Secretary	Patty	Harris
* Bryce Mowbray		12239
* Chris Shipman * Billy S. Bennett	Portugee Jr.	12861 13384
* Billy S. Bennett * Steven Harris	Kwitchersniveln	13717

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### ORIENT YACHT CLUB FLEET 506 Long Island District Sailing on Orient Harbor Orient, New York

Fleet Captain	George Koch
Fleet Secretary	
Saturday Fleet Champion	George Koch
Thursday Night Fleet Champion	Rachael Sorenson

Keith Cummings	Thunderstruck	8666
Derrick Cephas		10545
Orient Yacht Club	Janice Mount	10601
Rob Buchanan	# 2000 SERVING TO A SERVI	11775
Fausto Monacelli		13050
John Holzapfel George W. Koch	Tursiops	14025
George W. Koch	Missy	14122
Rachel Sorenson	Spirit	14455

Along with the traditional Saturday races, the Lightnings participated in the club's Thursday evening races of Lasers and Optimist. Rachel Sorenson and her crew dueled with George Koch and his crew for first place and the championship on both Saturdays and Thursdays. The championship in each category was not decided until the very last day of competition with Rachael Sorenson winning the Thursday series and George Koch winning the Saturday series both by the very smallest of margins.

This past summer was filled with lots of opportunities for our

Lightning sailors.

The Atlantic Coast championship was sailed at neighboring Southampton Yacht Club and three of our boats went over to compete and enjoyed a great two days of sailing with over twenty Lightnings in good winds.

Fleet 506 of Orient Yacht Club hosted the Long Island District which were held on the waters of beautiful Orient Harbor in heavy winds and was the districts were won by Bruce Hendrey.

We added two more boats to our fleet and our emphasis for this winter is to find a few more lightning sailors to add to our fleet. *John Holzapfel* 

# THE PRAIRIE FLEET 507 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell in Alberta Canada and on Canyon Lake and Flathead Lake in Montana

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# SOLOMONS FLEET 508 Dixie District Sailing on the Patuxent River & Chesapeake Bay

Solomons, Maryland

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Fleet Secretary	. ,							,			.Don I	Behrens

* Vanessa Bloodswo	rth	
* & Lindsay Bach	Spartina	9991
* Don Behrens	Team Sparkle	10096
* David H. Meiser	Girlfriend	10406
* Michael Bayne	Wicked Wanda	11217
* Jeff Kumke		11983

The newly formed Fleet 508 was conceived in the spring of 1997 when two "not-so-new" Lightnings made their way to Solomons, Maryland. These boats were purchased by Don Behrens and Dave Meiser with the intention of participating in a new small boat program was being formed by the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA), a group whose emphasis in the past had been primarily big boat racing and cruising. The plan was to start small with a weekly Thursday night race series and two one day and a single two day weekend regattas. Since no one design fleet to speak of existed, the Portsmouth Handicap system was used and all centerboard boats under 20 feet were invited to participate.



Fleet 508 at home at Solomons Island

By the end of the year we were averaging 15 different boats on the line for Thursday nights and as many as 50 Portsmouth boats for our weekend regattas. There was obviously an interest in small boats in Solomons

By the following fall we had 4 Lightnings in the fleet, as we discovered long time Lightning owners Lindsay Bach and Vanessa Bloodsworth in nearby St. George's Is., and another Lightning was

purchased by L.G. Raley.

By the spring the number of Lightnings had grown to seven, as we added new/old boats by Mike Bayne, Tony Dole and Steve Cox, soon we had a actual ILCA Charter, plans to host the 1998 Dixie District Championships, and plans to include a Lightning class start

in our fall Small Boat Invitational regatta.

The Districts, which were held in late May were a marvelous success with 21 boats participating. The winds were near perfect, the beer was both cold and plentiful and Solomons was finally on the map for the Lightning class. Bob Wardwell (Fishing Bay) won the Districts with Phil Grotheer (SSA) close behind. Many of the Lightning sailors left the Districts promising to return for the fall invitational regatta.

The Invitational regatta proved to be another outstanding success with 46 total boats attending, including 12 Lightnings. Phil Grotheer won this regatta with the help of ILCA coach Kelly

Williams and Solomons local Kathy Sharkey.

We also held a single "Sunday Fun-Day" outing in late August where 6 of the 7 local Lightnings (including the most recent new owner Craig Bumgarner) all traveled to the lower Potomoc River and sailed and kinda raced in a "let's have some fun" regatta. t never really was clear who won or lost - but great fun was had by all. The real fun began afterwards as Lindsay and Vanessa had everyone over to their house for some good food, chilly beverages and lots of Lightning speak - an event we hope to see become an annual tradition.

Plans for the future of Fleet 508 include continuing to grow the fleet and encouraging fleet members to participate in some away regattas. In closing we would like to extend a special thanks for all the help and encouragement we received from Karen Johnson and numerous Dixie District fleet members who aided and supported us along the way. Without all your help the startup of Fleet 508 would not have been so successful or even possible.

Don Behrens

#### FISHING BAY FLEET 509 **Dixie District** Sailing on Fishing Bay Deltaville, Virginia

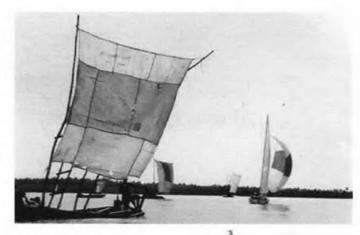
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#### LAGOS FLEET 510 Africa District Sailing Lagos Offshore and Inshore Lagos, Nigeria

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* Kevin O'Farrell	White Star	13759									
* Bob Hendry	Nuance	14392									
* Brian Mounsor	Spellbinder	14549									



Above: Lightnings sailing amongst the load sand-digger boats (which use discarded cement bags as sails) on Lagos Bay in Nigeria. Right: "T-56" is really a Lightning in disguise. Below: Trophy presentation at the firstever Lightning Nationals in Nigeria. Photos courtesy Helmut Braun.

Our class started its first year as Fleet #510 in style when we held our first ever Lightning Nationals in Nigeria where we managed to field 30 boats on the water for this two-day event on 9th and 10th May.

Our day's outing was a bit too windy offshore and everyone was rocketing along over very wavy conditions and I am glad to say survived for the booze up and

pasta party at the end of racing, a good time was had by all except for a few torn sails and busted masts and booms.

Overall results for our 1998 Nationals were as follows: 1st Ed Lane, Stew Jones, Bob Hendry; 2nd - Helmut Braun, Jeff Daugherty, Andy McCloud; 3rd - Chris Logan, Mark Fisher, John

Our club, located at Magazine Point on the tip of Lagos Island by Five Cowrie Creek, offers one of the most attractive settings in the Lagos area. The club was founded in 1932 and provides sporting and social sailing every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. That provides us with a wide variety of courses which could be either in the large harbour, up the extensive creeks or offshore which provides some of the best sailing to be had in all of Africa. We are a very mixed bunch here mainly from Europe and Stateside and all over. We would welcome any visitors from other Districts for competitions or whatever. We will provide the boats, prizes, accommodations, etc. Our next Nationals are due to be held on 22nd May 2000 and we can arrange competitions anytime of the year since it is nearly always windy. So, we look forward to receiving some response to our invitation/challenge! to the far distance world of Lightning. Kevin O'Farrell



#### **Associate Members**

Associate Members may be Crew who want all the Class publications or sailors who take the helm only in non-sanctioned events; they may be soon-to-be owners who want the publications while they are looking for a boat; they may be boat owners who do not race at all who want to support the Class and receive all the Class publications.

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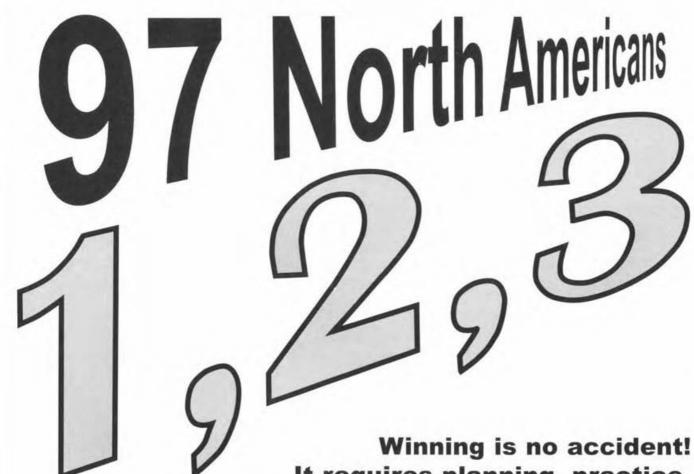
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