



Fleet 490, Aculeo Lake Sailing on Aculeo Lake, Champa, Paine, Chile Chile District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
11011	Ojo de Lince	Tito Gonzalez
11040	Renacimiento	Ruben Salgado
12650		Roberto Lehner
12654	Tormenta del Desierto	Manuel Margas
12680		Johan Wegmann
12703		Cristian Barahona
12767		Manuel Romero
13039	RED WITCH	Club de Yates Arica
13226	Quebec	Leonardo Witting
14293	Second Chance	Juan Arcos
14307	Damela en dos vasos	Jorge Salgado
14312		Cristobal Lira
14387	Alto Voltaje	Enrique Hintze
14459	Segundo Aire	Manuel Gonzalez
14576	Lukas II	Felipe Gonzalez
14609	Capuccino	Franco Giangrandi
14632	Raco	Felipe Guerrero
14734	Speedy	Jorge Gonzalez
14742		Cristian Michaeli
14791	Tifosi	Pablo Barahona
14838	35° Sur	Tito Gonzalez
10196	Finesse	Guillermo Gondeck

Fleet 493, Bow Lake Sailing on Bow Lake, Strafford, New Hampshire New England District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
8301	Jessie S.	Linda Karpeichic
9662	Holy Boat	Bob Murphy, Norb Church & Dave Sandmann
12079	Three Men in a Tub	Bob Murphy, Norb Church & Dave Sandmann
11579	Old Paint	Michael S Aversa
13556	Water Log	Bob and Jamie Boynton
13888	What Now?	Bob and Jamie Boynton
14111	Knot Hours	Robert D Shapiro
14296	Naut!	Edward & Ned Hinds

Fleet Captain.....Ned Hinds
(ned@clubnedusa.com)
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Shapiro
(bshapiro@lightbridge.com)
Fleet Champion.....Bob Shapiro
Fleet Runner-Up.....Mike Aversa

Fleet 491, Lake Nockamixon Lake Nockamixon, Quakertown, Pennsylvania

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
6378	The Bolt	James Perkins
13211	So What	
10318	Red "E" or Not	Ken Urbanski
11444		Brent Benson
13720		Gary Bonnet

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



Ned, Karen and Jeff at the One Day Lightning Flash.

Lightning sailors participated in the Nockamixon Sail Club's "Club Fleet", Invitational Regattas, and The Leukemia Cup.

We hope to revive the fall Cap-it-Off regatta after missing the past couple of years.

We welcome visitors at any of our regular racing days (many Saturdays and some Sundays April through October) and especially at our single-day invitational regattas. Contact Brent Benson or Jamie Perkins for dates.

The season started with Bob Shapiro heading down to the Southern Circuit with super crew Margo Krukonis and Brad Winslow.

Southern Circuit Highlights: Boat didn't leak like a sieve as it did last year, learning conversational Spanish from Hector and his crew as we sailed alongside them, seeing zillions of alligators as we drove through Alligator Alley, no capsize, lunch with Bob's Mom in Maryland on the way down, dinner with Brad's parents in St. Pete, lots of sun and fun and laughter and camaraderie and good food and great sailing.

Southern Circuit Lowlights: Ice storm in Connecticut on the way down that closed every highway we tried to drive (slide) on, didn't get to see any manatees.

Southern Circuit Summary: As always, 3600 miles of driving and 80 miles of sailing – the most fun you can have and still be G-rated (except for those word games...).

Fleet 493 races on Bow Lake in Strafford, NH. On Golden Pond may have been filmed on Squam Lake, but the sounds of the loons for the movie were recorded at Bow Lake. Our summer series, the Bob Evans





*Joel and Kendall
Getting Trophies
for their help on
race Committee.*

regatta, is named after Chief Bob Evans who for many years organized and ran the races on Bow Lake. This summer we raced 15 races. When it was all over, Bob Shapiro came out on top, thanks to great crew work, lots of luck and a boat that no longer leaked. Margo Krukonis and Greg Shapiro both sailed lots of races with Bob. Greg Shapiro and Amy Byron guest skippered, Amy, with Greg Shapiro and Laurel Mitchell on board, even managed to come about with the spinnaker up – and without capsizing or falling overboard! Other team members included Stacey Baker, Kevin Sullivan, John Boynton and Laura Boynton-Hauerwas.

Mike Aversa used Jake and Guillaume as crew in the beginning of the summer, and then was able to convince daughter Kristen to join him on the boat. He also had Jamie Boynton and Jeff Baker on board for a few races. Mike won 2 out of the last 5 races, coming from behind with his own private jet stream on the last leg. How do you find that wind Mike?

The Boyntons have been steadily improving the last couple of years and it showed in their third place finish. This was truly a team effort, as Bob Boynton, John Boynton and Greg Shapiro took turns skippering What Now? during the summer. Crewing at various times were John Boynton, Jamie Boynton, Sandy Boynton, Adam Hauerwas, Laurel Mitchell, Ben Rogers, Bob Shapiro and Laurel Mitchell. Note that this means that Adam Hauerwas got a third place while wife Laura got first. That's not so easy to live down when you work together!

Three Men in a Tub grabbed fourth place in the summer series. Bob Murphy, Norb Church and Dave Sandmann, with help from Chris Murphy and Jamie Boynton, showed some strong performances in their new boat. Ned Hinds finished in fifth place, using crew of wife Karen, Jeff Baker, Carolyn Chase, Mike Aversa and Amy Byron. Ned has won the Bob Evans Regatta 22 of the 27 years it has been held! A series of weddings, and the night in the police station in New York kept Ned from making enough races to compete this year.

The Jessies even came out and raced with us this year. This is the prettiest boat on the lake, having been completely refurbished over a period of years. Scott Harrill had Tyler and Ryan Karpeichic on board. We hope to see more of them next year!

The Master's Championships were held in Niantic, CT in early August and two members of the fleet were down that way during the regatta. Bob Shapiro was there in the traditional way; he sailed with Dan Parietti of the Nyack fleet. Ned Hinds was less traditional. He took the train to New York City on the Thursday of the regatta, and got stuck in the city during the great blackout. All those years of sleeping on the yacht club floor at regattas paid off, as Ned spent the night comfortably on the floor of the interrogation room at the police station!

Bob Shapiro traveled off the lake to four regattas during the summer. Note that last year he capsized at two of them, and Jim Lerner was on board for both capsize. This year schedules didn't work out and Jim couldn't crew – there were no capsize. Coincidence? Or Cause and Effect?

Bob, Greg and Margo sailed in the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta at Lake

Spoftord, Bob skippered Saturday, and not only finished poorly but was also generally a pain-in-the-stern. Greg skippered on Sunday and finished better and acted better. Congratulations Greg!

At the Squam Lake Regatta, Bob Shapiro, Greg Shapiro and Margo again teamed up. The plan was for Greg to skipper unless it was too windy. Well, it was too windy. Bob skippered, and racing without a jib, managed to finish above the top-half of the fleet. Of course, most of the fleet didn't finish at all! After the first race, Bob and frozen crew headed in, only to find the rest of the races for the day cancelled. On Sunday, the wind lightened up to about 25 knots for a few minutes, so we put the boats in the water. Right after that, the wind picked back up and the races were cancelled.

At the Massachusetts Regatta, Ned Hinds joined Bob and Greg on the boat. The team had finishes of 2, 3, 5, 2, 1 and 5, which was good enough for third place overall. Bob perfected the art of losing on the last leg – in both races where he finished 5th, he was leading on the last leg of the race.

The Bow Lake One Day Lightning Flash Regatta was held on September 13. The regatta was close to the end as Ned Hinds, Ken Deyette, Ben Wallace and Bob Shapiro traded the lead back and forth. A strong finish in the last two races by Bob (with Greg Shapiro and Stacey Baker on board) gave him the title for the third year in a row, with Ned just behind. Ned had Karen Hinds and Jeff Baker on board. In third place was the all-family team of Ben Wallace, with wife Karen and mother Kathy. To round out the family, son Ian was on shore keeping Laurel Mitchell (chief baby sitter) occupied. Ken Deyette, with his son KJ and Geoff Gibby on board, was just behind Ben in fourth. Mike Aversa lost the tiebreaker for fourth place. Mike was another all-family boat. Daughters Kristen and Jill were on board, just like they used to be in the days when Mike raced a Flying Tern.

Paul Henkel sailed into 6th place with Steve Shiner and Ben Someone-Whose-Last-Name-We-Don't-Know. Joe Rosen brought Alex Gemmel and picked up local sailor Amy Byron. No matter what Amy suggested, Joe wouldn't come about with the chute up – nobody knows why! John Boynton had a flash of glory rounding the weather mark second and sneaking into first for a few minutes in one race. Brother Jamie and friend Ben rounded out the crew on What Now? And Scott Harrill came out with brother Chuck and Norb Church in the Jessies. Thanks to all for coming, and we hope to see you next year, on Saturday, September 25.

After the races, the Fleet-493 Auxiliary served refreshments and dinner. A big thanks to Karen Hinds for all of her hard work – especially since Ned forgot until the last minute to let her know the date of the regatta! Pam and Werner Daigneault were race committee, with help from Wayne Donic and his new bride Simone, the entire extended Boynton clan, and Michael and Madison. The Martha Comstock award is presented each year to the person who best exemplifies the spirit of Bow Lake sailing. This year it went to Bob Boynton. Bob gave up the helm this year to let the next generation of Lightning sailors come into their own. Thank You Bob!



*Bob Boynton after receiving the
Martha Comstock Award
BobGregStacey.*



*Bob, Greg and Stacey at the
One Day Lightning Flash.*





Fleet 499, Pointe Claire Yacht Club
Sailing on Lac St. Louis, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
St. Lawrence Valley District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
?	White Lady	Tony McBride Peter Flanagan
11626		Junior Program Fleet 499
14326		Jamie & Andrew Allan
14443	Flip	Rod Hayes

Fleet 500, Tennessee Valley
Sailing on Loudon Lake, Knoxville, Tennessee
Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
2854		Thomas S. Baer
10061		Max Dawson
10442	LIBRA II	A. Jackson Woodall
10931		Anne Lyon
12466		Stan Milora
13105		Thomas S. Baer

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

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14057	Cochis	Andre Eduardo Herkrath
14132		Sebastian Figuera
14183		Marcela Recaman
14552		Richard Deeb
14803		Hernando Ramirez
14813		Richard Deeb
		Felipe Recaman

Fleet 502, The Suncoast Fleet
Sailing out of Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Sarasota
Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, St. Petersburg Sailing Center,
St. Petersburg, and Lake Tarpon, Florida
Florida District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
		Laura Jeffers
		Donald W. Sherbourne
		Dave White
		Jim Alman
2		Fisk Hayden
2924	Dream On	Kenneth See
6350	Uncle Mills	Cort Steck
9098	Zapper	Mark Rodgers
10565	Rosebud	Mark Taylor & Amy Smith Linton
10944	Black Watch	Cameron Carlin
11981		Nate Villardebo
12396	Short Circuit	Dan Kupiec
12612	First Strike	Vaught McIntire
14006	Fired Up	William H. Meyer, III
14414	Emmeline	Michael S. Maher
14428	Yellow Kitten	Sandy Scheda Klaus
14730		Dave White
14752		Steve Hayden
14780	Comedy Central	Colin & Karen Park
14781		Judith Hanlon
15083		Jeff Linton

Fleet Captain.....Bill Meyer
 Fleet Secretary.....Amy Smith Linton
 Fleet Champion.....Jeff Linton
 Fleet Runner-Up.....Cort Steck

Fleet 502 website:
www.mastheadsailinggear.com/fleet502/

A Very Busy Year

Fleet 502 was very proud to co-host the 2003 Lightning Masters and World Championships in Miami. The only downside of being part of the organization of the event was that it ate up most of the time we might ordinarily dedicate to fleet activities. We hope to be back into the full swing of regattas and social events for 2004.

Year's races

We sent a small contingent of 502 boats for the Southern Circuit: Judy Hanlon, Steve Hayden and Jeff Linton did the whole circuit, while Colin Park and former 502-er Andy Hayward both sailed in St. Pete. It was a good circuit for the blue Linton boat, which has middle crew Mark Taylor and Amy Smith Linton on bow, as they won the Miami Midwinters by ten points, and nipped ahead of Tom Allen to win the overall circuit honors.

At the Worlds, Steve Hayden, with crew Barr Batzer and Jamey Rabbitt, came home with the second place trophy. We hope this means that next time, knock wood, they'll be the bride rather than the bridesmaid. Nevertheless, between measurement duties, registration, organization, and overall hosting duties, Barr and Steve and Jamey had the opportunity to interact with every team at the regatta.

At the International Masters in Miami, Colin Park took fourth place at the Masters, while Fisk Hayden and family finished 12th. Team Taylor, including Mark Taylor and his brother crewing for dad Tom Taylor racked up an impressive set of letters at the regatta.

Team Linton, after an 18th at the Worlds, won the Florida Districts — held this year at the Edison Sailing Center in Ft. Myers — and the Chris Young Memorial regatta in Miami. The Chris Young marks the beginning of the Lightning season in Florida, and at press time the Florida Triple Crown was but half run.

The Thursday night casual races continue to draw a new crop of crew, as the general public is invited to attend. These after-work races are held all summer during Daylight Savings time. This season — although it had a number of scratch-and-dent interactions between the lightning fleet and other, bigger boats — has brought a number of guest skippers to 502, including, notably, young Josh Willus.

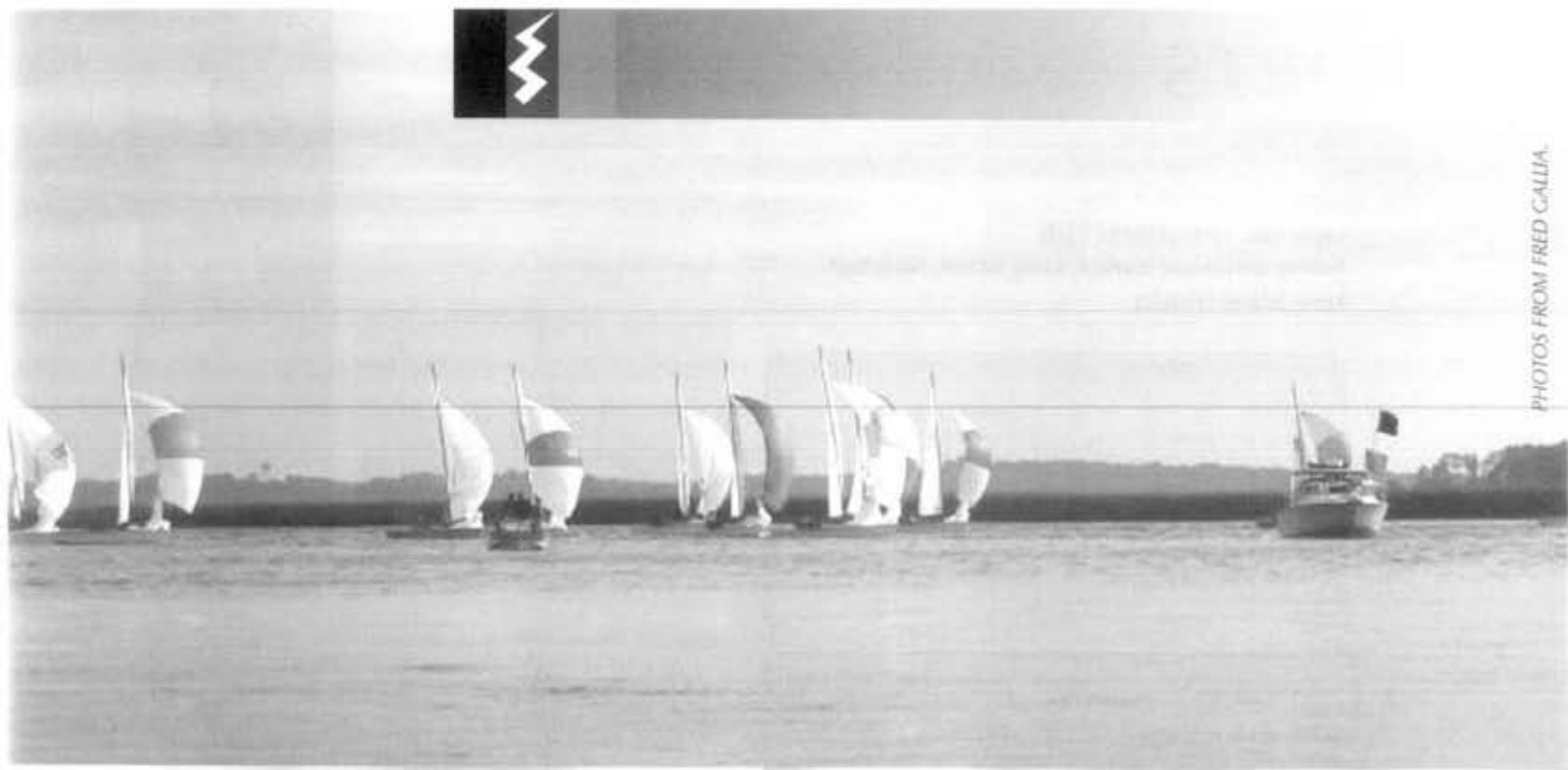
Fleet development

We continue to see the Flying Scot class grow around Tampa Bay. We hope to build on the synergy of past years by inviting the Scots to race with Lightnings on practice events and regattas. Now all we need is to schedule some of those things!

Rumor has it that we'll probably lose another skipper or two to family responsibilities this year, but we hope to keep them attached by signing them up as crew for upcoming regattas. Meanwhile too, we look forward to seeing Dave White back in his own boat.

Our other option on fleet development has to do with picking up newly minted masters — so if anyone is considering a retirement home...Come on down! See you on the water!







Fleet 506, Orient Yacht Club Sailing on Orient Harbor, Long Island, New York Long Island District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10545		Derrick Cephas
10601	Janice Mount	Orient Yacht Club
11775		Rob Buchanan
13050		Fausto Monacelli
14050		Rich Gluckman
14122	Missy	George W Koch
14455	Spirit	Rachel Sorenson
15170	Tursiops	John Holzapfel

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

George Koch ably assisted regularly by his daughter Georgeann and James Morton dominated the Thursday night racing while this same team came through to win the Saturday series of racing.

George, the Commodore of the yacht club also took a trip to Florida to represent the club during the Southern Circuit.

John Holzapfel celebrated his retirement by buying a brand new Lightning and his old one was added to the fleet when purchased by Rich Gluckman.

Additionally, Fleet 506 of Orient Yacht Club will host the 2004 Long Island Districts on the waters of beautiful Orient Harbor in July of 2004.

As always our emphasis for this winter is to find a few more Lightning sailors to add to our fleet. Anyone interested please let us know.

Fleet 507, The Prairie Fleet Sailing on Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell in Alberta Canada and on Canyon Lake and Flathead Lake in Montana Pacific Northwest District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
10891		Karsten Dalberg
13680	Jaws	L. Craig Narraway
13713	Greased Lightning	Karsten Dalberg

Fleet Captain.....Karsten Dalberg
 Fleet Secretary.....Tim Hornett
 Fleet Acquisition/Growth.....Craig Narraway
 Fleet Champion.....Ralf & Elinor Southwell



The First Lightning at Fleet 507.

Fleet 507 did not travel to other regattas this year but certainly plan to next year. This year our racing mostly consisted of regular events at our home club including, our Commodore's Cup, Club Championship, and Thursday night races.

As usual, Ralf and Elinor Southwell took most of the honors, including the Fleet Championship, however the ranks are closing, as we all gain more time on this wonderful boat.

For 2004 we plan on traveling to regattas in Kelowna BC, and Brooks Alta. We are hoping to attract one possibly two more members to the fleet next season and have already found our next boat. It's so exciting getting others hooked on our class, and building our fleet. "Build it and they will come", seems to be working for us.





Fleet 508, Solomons Sailing on the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay, Solomons, Maryland Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
9991	Spartina	Shawn Stanley
10096	Patriot	Vanessa Bloodworth & Lindsay Bach
11951	banana boat	Dan Liston
11983	Lolly	Matt Oster
13640	Bolt'A	Jeff Kumko & Geoff Becker
14028	Permanent Accessory	Dan Schneider
14800	Girlfriend	Don Behrens
15101		David Meiser
		Dan Liston

Fleet Co-Captain.....Don Behrens
 Fleet Co-Captain.....Dave Meiser
 Fleet Champion.....Dave Meiser

The 2003 Thursday Night series was cursed with excessive amounts of rain and very evasive winds. However, even with those elements working against us, we saw an average of 4 Lightnings on the start line each evening during our 19 week series. We had an average of 3 starts each evening and when all the tacks, gybes and mark roundings were complete – Dave Meiser and ‘Team Girlfriend’ came out the new fleet champions for 2003.

We were also fortunate to have Ron Wright (South East District/365) make Solomons a stop on his “Dixie District Weeknight Lightning Race Series Tour”. Unfortunately, this evening fell into the ‘little to no wind’ group of races.

The 2003 Dixie Districts were held in Solomons during June. We hoped for great weather and steady winds all weekend. Instead what we got on Saturday was nice weather, no wind and a broken lift (sigh). But, through the outstanding efforts and great understanding of our district members and traveling guests,

we were able to innovatively-engineer a manual lift system and troubleshoot our electric hoist simultaneously. With the races scrapped for Saturday, we moved the start time on Sunday to an

hour earlier and the RC was able to run 4 quality races. The entire weekend was a reminder of one of the reasons that we love this class so much, intense high-levels of competition and yet competitors that are willing to help us new guys go faster and fix our lifts! Thanks from Fleet 508 to all our Dixie District mates.

Fleet 508 members made several trips to district regattas (Sweet Corn/253, Havre de Grace/195 and Leukemia Cup/50) and to one inter-district regatta (Borderline/481). Of greatest note and satisfaction to us is that we are seeing definite improvement in each of our traveling members and their finish positions at away regattas. Dave Meiser and his regular crew of Jacki Meiser and Barry Friedman (Team Girlfriend) managed to make the most trips this year – our “Travelers Award”.

The 7th annual Small Boat Fall Regatta, which always has a great showing of Lightning’s arrived with an uninvited guest Hurricane “Isabel”. This left our lift area underwater for nearly a week and our launch dock completely destroyed. The repairs to the launch areas are well underway, and we look forward to the return of the Lightning’s in 2004.

Finally, we ended the season on an elevated note, with Dan Liston purchasing a new boat (15010) and “raising the bar” for the rest of us in the upcoming year. We anticipate it will be more fun and competitive than the past.

Don Behrens/Dave Meiser – Fleet co-captains





Fleet 509, Fishing Bay
Sailing on Southern Chesapeake Bay, Hampton,
Virginia
Dixie District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
15205		Robert C Wardwell
?		Blaise Cunningham
?		Justin Morris
14485	Deux poissons et un chat	Ronald R Buchanan
15084	irie	Joe Buczkowski Jr

Fleet Captain.....Ron Buchanan
 Fleet Secretary.....Joe Buczkowski

It's been a great year. By popular vote, we've moved the fleet to Hampton Yacht Club out of Hampton, Virginia.

Many thanks to Leigh Morgan, the One-Design Fleet Commander at Hampton Yacht Club for her tremendous help with the inaugural event for Fleet 509 at Hampton. We've started a regatta the 2nd week in November to wrap things up. This year we had 6 boats and hope to double that next year. Talk about great fun... Leigh volunteered her residence for the Lightning's First Annual Lightning Fling at HYC. The Oyster Roast was a blast. We managed to get off 6 short races on Saturday with winds out of the Northeast at 14-18 mph. Lightning's had some very entertaining tight racing. Leigh provided some very cool trophies (towels embroidered with the clubs logo, regatta name and place). Jamie Brickell won the regatta followed by Joe Buczkowski, Jason Werner, Starling Mikell, Ron Buchanan and Jim Dillard. Look for the event on next year's calendar. We look forward to the clubs introduction of concrete floating docks (similar to Savannah's) next year.

For 2004, we hope to add 2-3 new boats to the fleet plus offer some series racing during the late spring and early fall.



Hampton Yacht Club after Hurricane Isabel.

Fleet 510, Lagos
Sailing Lagos Offshore and Inshore, Lagos Nigeria
Africa District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
13520		Mike Barnes
13521		Wilbert Dresser
13522		Winfred Hirmer
13523	Kiwi Magic	Albert Torie
13525		Sandy Martin
13527	Bavaria	Julian Calvin
13752		Douwe Gros
13753	Twister	John Tuffrey
13754		Syd Warburton
13756		Mike Jones
13757		Ernie Drago
13759	White Scar	S. Della Rocca
14166		Betty Jane Luzietti
14392	Nuance	Al Bollinger & Chris Evans
14448		Helmut Braun
14549	Spellbinder	Kevin O'Farrell
14928	Never Say Never	Alan Parke
14929	Just In Time	Richard J Willmott
		Richard Sandison
		Larry Perras

Family Report

On behalf of our Lagos Yacht Club family, we are proud to report on Fleet 510 and the 71st year of our existence as the best sailing club in West Africa. Not to mention the largest Lightning fleet on the Continent! We have had many significant events this year from both a sailing and social standpoint

Year in Brief - Lightning Sailing

Although this year our Lightning fleet has not grown with the addition of "new" boats, we are in process of restoring some older "Woodies" to a like new condition.

Our fleet is placing special significance on T-1, the first registered boat at Lagos Yacht Club, which has sailed since 1946. Presently materials are ordered and a full restoration is expected in 2004.

Other significant Lightning events included the Lighting Nationals held on 10 / 11 May 2003 and the annual Hermitage Cup race.

This year the Hermitage, the Lagos Yacht Club's longest race at 127 km, was supported by fair winds and moderate tides.

The winner, T-57, was a Lightning helmed by Kevin O'Farrell, crewed by Ken McCloud. This is the second time for this helm's name to be engraved on the 58-year-old cup! Congratulations to both helm and crew.

Year in Brief - Sailing Hardware

Fleet 510 and the Lagos Yacht Club have consistently strived to maintain and improve our hardware.

Our offshore rescue boat has been fully refurbished in 2003. We have also obtained several new marks and have been in process of refurbishing old marks.





Baptism of New "Rosemary" Mark, LYC

The Berthing Master also made a fiberglass mould to produce permanent marks, such as "Rosemary" on our club premises.

Over the years our sailing family has learned that self-sufficiency has some distinct advantages when in West Africa.

We are still extruding our own masts and will continue to support our fleet and the club through innovative and home brewed means, as necessary.

Year in Brief - Facilities

Renovations at our clubhouse continued with the completion of the remodel works started in late 2002.

The club now boasts a big screen TV to conduct training sessions and to watch a sporting event during rainy days.

We have raised over US\$ 12,000.00 through charitable events to support the reconstruction of the Children's Playground area at LYC. By Q1 of 2004 we expect to have a modern facility for the young sailors of our club, which will further promote the sport.

Our library has just had new cabinetry installed and the trophy cabinets are almost complete. We anticipate use of computers and the big screen TV for training sessions in 2004.

The LYC Family

The request this year was to describe our "Fleet Families". Our family is a very extended family in which all past and present LYC members belong.

The Lagos Yacht Club was founded in 1932 and carries a rich history of sailing adventure in West Africa.

The majority of our departing membership remains a part of the club through an "out of country" status.

To maintain continuity, our club's weekly newsletter provides information on club activities and there are one or two "family" reunions held in Europe every year. This has allowed our fleet family to keep in touch and

have a true common bond throughout the years.

As the bulk of our membership is in a transitory employment position of 1 to 5 years, we have had a rich account of "characters" in our club's family history.

Although our Lightning Fleet is the largest and most active in the club, like all families, there is always some wayward offspring. Some of our "family" has migrated to other classes such as Hobie, GP-14 and Osprey. Nevertheless, like "crazy uncle Ralph" they are still part of our family, though black sheep in the minds of the Lightning Fleet.

New family members to Lagos Yacht Club are welcomed and it does not take a great deal of time to realize that we are part of something unique and special.

The long history of LYC combined with the continuity of our departed membership provides a strong "family" base that is supplemented by our ongoing and new membership "in country". These elements provide a true sense of ancestry to the Lagos Yacht Club.

Webster's defines family as "a group of people sharing common ancestry." At LYC we are family.



"Crazy Ralph" and his Family

Once a member of Lagos Yacht Club, always a member!

All in all, the club continues to thrive within a challenging environment. We look forward to your next visit!

For a virtual visit, you may contact us at www.lagosyachtclub.uk.org



Historical Brief

Founded 1932

Membership 1932 - 17 Members

Boat Inventory 1932 - 9 "Yachts"

Membership 2004 - 255 Active

Total Membership 2004 - 1455

Boat Inventory 2004 - 116 Boats

Lightning Inventory 2004 - 39





Fleet 511, Cape Fear Sailing at the Carolina Yacht Club on the Atlantic Ocean off Wilmington, North Carolina Southeastern District

BOAT#	BOAT NAME	OWNER
14266	Greenwing	David A Pyle
14318	Soul Sister	John Sawyer
14356	Lightin' Up	William F King
14550	K cubed	Theresa Kramer
14622		Steve Johnston

Fleet Captain.....Pierce Barden
 Fleet Treasurer.....Carol Waldkirch
 Summer Series Fleet Champion.....Pierce Barden
 Fall Series Fleet Champion.....Jim Harris

Cape Fear Fleet 511 participated in a variety of races throughout the season held by the Carolina Yacht Club. The fleet began sailing in April when Richard Waldkirch won the Dorman Cup regatta. The summer series consisted of fifteen races held over the course of five Tuesday nights and was won by Pierce Barden. Waldkirch finished first in the July 4th Cup and Jim Harris won the Labor Day Cup regatta, both of which were a three-race series. The fall series was won by Harris and consisted of nine races held on three Sunday afternoons.

The fleet welcomed 1105 sailors Joe & Ben Baggett to our class after they purchased hull #14698 in late May, raising Fleet 511's total number of Lightnings to nine.

calmed making us all wish we had waited a little longer before abandoning for the day. Fleet 511 members placed well with Barden in third, Sawyer in fourth, Waldkirch in fifth, and Steve Johnston in sixth.

The Carolina Yacht Club's annual SAYRA multi-class regatta was held in early August. Founded in 1853, the club celebrated its 150th Anniversary this past season. In the twelve-boat Lightning class, Johnston finished second and Sawyer fourth.



Fleet members that sailed a minimum of five regattas fared well in the overall 2003 Southeastern District traveling series, with Barden finishing first, Waldkirch fifth, and Sawyer seventh, respectively.

Our fleet was also well represented at some of the larger Lightning events. Waldkirch attended the first leg of the Southern Circuit in Savannah, GA in March. Dave Pyle and Barden raced in the Potomac Cup held just south of Washington, DC in early May. Pyle, Waldkirch, Sawyer, and Barden traveled to the Southeastern Districts in Raleigh, NC in June. Barden sailed in the Blue fleet of the North Americans in Westport, CT in August. To conclude the season, Fleet 511 members Theresa Kramer, Pyle, Johnston, Sawyer, Waldkirch, and Barden competed in the Borderline Regatta held on the NCVA border in late October.

Next season, Cape Fear Fleet 511 will host the Southeastern Lightning Districts on June 4-6, 2004 complete with a Friday afternoon sailing clinic given by Greg Fisher.

In early June, the fleet hosted a two-day regatta that counted as part of the Southeastern District traveling circuit. The Harris's hosted the Friday night party while other fleet members handled regatta logistics and responsibilities. Fleet 511 boasted 100% participation with all nine boats competing! Seventeen boats registered for the regatta, but some decided not to risk the strong winds and wave conditions in the ocean and remained onshore. Those who chose to sail completed two races in 15-25 knots on Saturday. That night the club hosted a social followed by dinner. On Sunday, the Race Committee sent everyone out to the ocean, only to send us back in and abandon for the day, as winds were steady at 28-30 knots. As fate would have it, the wind began to subside as the day went on and by the time the awards were presented, the ocean had