

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

FLEETS

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District Commodore Crit Currie, Jr.
 Vice-Commodore..... David Young
 Measurer..... Terry Burke
 Champion..... Matt Burrige
 Runner-Up..... Dan Moriarty

MVD Sailors Sailing on an International Stage

All the sailors of the Mississippi Valley District couldn't be more proud of Matt Burrige and his crew Tobi and Dan Moriarty, all from the Carlyle Sailing Association, for their impressive 2005 North American Championship win in Sheboygan, WI. Matt, Tobi, and Dan have been sailing lightnings most, if not all, of their lives with their families and this win is equally special to them, even those who don't sail. Matt and his team have consistently sailed near the top in past North American regattas and this year put together a series that was won after the fifth race. Before Matt, Tobi, and Dan won the North Americans together, they sailed against one another in the MVD Championships in Memphis. The series was sailed in both light and breezy conditions with a 16 boat fleet. Saturday's results ended with only 1 point separating Matt and Dan. After six races, the series was won by Matt's team edging out Dan and Tobi by 1 point. We hope Matt's team will be sailing in the 2007 Lightning World Championship in Athens, Greece, and for their continued success.

Another Carlyle sailor, Ian Schillebeeckx, and crew Lucas Hofmiester and Beth Ward, both from Harbor Island, will be sailing in the 2006 Lightning Junior World Championships in Jyvaskyla, Finland. Schillebeeckx's team placed fifth in the 2005 Junior North Americans. Ian, Lucas, and Beth have been sailing together for a few years and their time on the water is definitely showing up in their results. We wish them the best of luck in Jyvaskyla, Finland. The regatta will be held from July 17-20 2006, and if anyone would like to help this junior team, please contact Marc or Ian Schillebeeckx.

William and Mandy Hofmeister and Marc Schillebeeckx sailed in the 2005 Master's Worlds in Chile, and in a regatta sailed mainly in big breeze, Bill's team sailed to a top five finish. This makes the second International Master's Championship in a row for Hofmeister to have sailed.

Regattas within the District were won by Cully Ward (The Tennessean Regatta), Todd Wake (The Mid-Continent Regatta), Bob Cotton (The Hernando Desoto Regatta), Matt Burrige, (MVD Championships), Jerry Chapman (The Muddy Rudder Regatta), Crit Currie Jr. (The Cotton Pickin' Regatta), William Hofmeister (The McDougal Regatta), and Todd Wake winning the District's last regatta, The Bluenose.

*Batton Kennon—USA 15169
 North Mississippi All-Flash Sailing*

2006 Regatta Schedule:

April 22, 23:

The Tennessean / Harbor Island Yacht Club

April 29, 30:

The Mid-Continent / Carlyle Sailing Association

May 20, 21:

The Hernando Desoto Regatta / Delta Sailing Association

June 10, 11:

MVD Championships / Harbor Island Yacht Club

September 9, 10:

The Muddy Rudder / Valley Sailing Association

September 16, 17:

The Cotton Pickin' / Delta Sailing Association

October 14, 15:

The McDougal / Harbor Island Yacht Club

November 4, 5:

The Bluenose / Harbor Island Yacht Club

Fleet 74—Decatur

*Sailing on Lake Decatur
 Decatur, Illinois
 Mississippi Valley District*

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14004		Douglas D Walker
14012	Bob's Last Boat III	Robert W Ohlsen

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Fleet 262—Harbor Island Yacht Club

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake

Nashville, Tennessee

Mississippi Valley District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9211		Chandler Owen
9948		Chandler Owen
10621		Chandler Owen
11333	Circle of Life	Gary Markham
11600		Chandler Owen
11737	Doc Gilbert Express	Chandler Owen
12511	The 7th Habit	Todd Anderson
13370		Leif Asgeirson
13875		Bill Killebrew
14116	Kat's Kradle	Cully Ward
14226	Moon Children	
14533	Reprise	Robert & Janetta Mattix
14571	Wildebeest IV	Robert G & Chris Hempel
14645	Airborne	Dr Robert Cotton
14680	Taylor	Bill Killebrew
14748	Spirit	Frank L Kelly, Jr
15010		David Young
15011		John W Hess
15078	Pandamonium	Bruce & Sherrie Richards
15100	Chance	Bradford Currie
15206	Moon Children II	Lucas, Mandy & William Hofmeister
15216		Cully Ward

Fleet Captain.....David Young
 Fleet Treasurer.....Rob Hempel

Lightning Fleet 262 had another wonderful season on Old Hickory Lake outside Nashville. Great participation and results in local, district and national events continues to bring enthusiasm to the fleet.

The local racing scene has two club regattas to bookend the sailing season. Cully Ward scored a convincing win in the spring Tennessean regatta with relative newcomer Robert Mattix scoring an impressive second and Chan Owen taking third. The McDougall Open regatta in October suffered from a lack a record keeping and some foggy memories. Suffice to say that a good time was had by all and nobody remembers the exact final results.

The Mississippi Valley District Championships proved to be quite the launching pad in 2005. Regatta winner Matt Burridge and the second place Moriarty team (both from Carlyle SA in IL) combined forces to win the 2005 North American Championships in Sheboygan. William Hofmeister also rode a third place finish at the Districts to a strong Blue Fleet showing in the NAs. HIYC boats ultimately filled in every spot from 3 to 8 in the Districts. Congrats to Matt, Dan and Tobi on an outstanding season and we look forward to the competition in 2006!

Harbor Island hosts the fall tradition known as the Bluenose Regatta the first full weekend of November. A very deep fleet of 35 boats showed up for the event and were treated to a spectacular weekend of warm weather, lots of sun and good breeze and were able to complete six great races! Todd Wake prevailed in the event with Fidler, Faude, Cobbum and Allen, Sr rounding out the top five. Cully Ward and his family crew finished in eighth as the top local finisher. Come out November 4-5, 2006 for top-notch competition and a great time!

David Young

Fleet 262

<http://hiyc.org/lightning.html>

Fleet 266—Carlyle Sailing Association

Sailing on Carlyle Lake

Carlyle, Illinois

Mississippi Valley District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
10537		Brad Hamby
13273	Gumby	Rob Zerban
13308	DF	Greg Florian
14009		Paul M Allen
14260		John D Folwell
14636		Daniel Moriarty
14766	Top Flash	Terry Burke
14834	Yeti	Matt G S Burridge
14901	Pamperito	Marc Schillebeeckx
14920		James Chapin

IT WAS ANOTHER BIG YEAR FOR FLEET 266

The members of fleet 266 had a great 2005 sailing season at and away from our wonderful home venue at Carlyle Sailing Association. It was a great spring and a great fall on Carlyle Lake. The summer, however, consisted of less lightning sailing and more radio-controlled boat races on Sundays at Carlyle. The summer was packed with plenty of out-of-town regattas to keep the members of Fleet 266 sailing.

Some Fleet 266-ers enjoyed some pre-season regattas. Ian Schillebeeckx kicked off his pre-season at the Orange Bowl regatta in Miami just before New Years with his brother Titou Schillebeeckx and Lucas Hofmeister from Nashville. In March we had three boats from Carlyle race in the final event of the Southern Circuit. Ian Schillebeeckx made his second pre-season showing there in St Petersburg sailing with Nicholas Beckmann and Lucas Hofmeister. To make the drive worthwhile, Marc and Roselyne Schillebeeckx were able to sail with

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William Hofmeister helping him earn his 3rd place finish at the Winter Masters Championship. James Chapin, fleet 266's newest member (at the time), also enjoyed racing his new boat in the Winter Championship sailing with the rock-star-crew Rick Bernstein and a local guy. Dan Moriarty made the trip to Saint Petersburg with his son Ian Moriarty and Tobi Moriarty sailing the first part of the regatta until an unfortunate experience on the starting-line left them laying by the pool with the boat on the trailer the last day. Anxious for the season to start, Ian Schillebeeckx sailed the Tennessee Regatta in mid-April at his crews home-club HIYC in Nashville.

As usual, the season at Carlyle was opened with our Mid-Continent regatta the first weekend of May (planned for the last weekend of April in 2006). The winds were on strong and most teams ended up testing the waters. We had several "cheese-heads" make it down from Sheboygan and Green Bay. Todd Wake from Sheboygan with teammates Hugh Sugar and Brett Liebmann won the regatta hands-down placing his as the second name on the Augie Paoli memorial trophy. Despite breaking his mast, James Chapin came through like a champ on the regatta chairman end of his weekend. The cold beer and warm lasagna hit the spot on Saturday night.

The Sunday series races were fun with the usual suspects on the line every weekend. Mark Paoli placed second and the Moriarty team won the Spring-Series. Despite the minimal winds mid-summer, there were four qualifiers for the Summer-Series with the Schillebeeckx team in fourth, John Folwell in third, and the Moriarty team second to Terry Burke. The Fall-Series again had John Folwell in third with the Moriarty team second to Terry Burke. Terry Burke ended up third in the season-long series with John Folwell second to the Moriarty team. Outside of sailing, Sunday afternoons on CSA's Lightning-Hill were entertaining with the 2nd and 3rd generation 266'ers inventing new forms of transportation (The Grounder-mobile), learning to walk, doing homework?!, babysitting, napping, eating, drinking, playing soccer, football, "extreme" four-square, basketball, and swimming off the docks while their fathers enjoy their after-race beer and story telling. Good Times!!!

The Mississippi Valley District Championships were held early June at Arkabutla Reservoir just south of Memphis. Matt Burrridge won the event for the 10th time skippering, this time with his long-time teammates Jennifer Aljets and Mike Murphy. Dan Moriarty came in a close second with Ian Moriarty and Tobi Moriarty. Ian Schillebeeckx was there sailing with Dave Young finishing in 3rd place, and Mark Paoli

drove down with Phil Hinson to sail with Chandler Owen from Nashville. It was a great performance by the Carlylians at the 2005 MVLD Districts.

Roselyne Schillebeeckx sailed with her oldest son Titou in Fleet 266's original home at Valley Sailing Association (now Fleet 486) in their Women's Champaign Regatta. She came in 2nd place racing against both Lightnings and Comets.

In mid-July the Schillebeeckx family escaped the heat and sailed the Brotz regatta at Sheboygan before heading to Milwaukee for the Junior North Americans. Ian Schillebeeckx finished 5th at the Junior NAs and was able to qualify for the 2006 Junior Lightning Worlds next year. Nicholas Beckmann, Ian Moriarty, and Edd Burke also raced in the Junior North Americans. They finished 9th place in Nicholas's final Junior North Americans.

Several fleet 266ers were in Sheboygan for the 2005 North Americans. Ian Schillebeeckx took his team from the Junior NAs and qualified as an all-junior team in the President's Cup and finished 7th. Ian was awarded the "Fleet 36 Trophy" for being the highest placing junior skipper at the regatta. Rick Bernstein sailed with Brian Hayes from Connecticut in the Championship Fleet finishing in 6th place with 4 top ten finishes out of the 5 races counted. Dan and Tobi Moriarty crewed for Matt Burrridge who won the event to become the 2006 North American Champion (see Matt's North American article for details). It was wonderful that Matt's parents and long time Fleet 266 members, Lal and Pat Burrridge were able to be there to watch their son win. What a great showing of Fleet 266! It is an honor to have the champ in our fleet. Hopefully as his family grows older he will spend more Sundays on Carlyle letting the rest of us improve by racing against him again.

John Folwell raced the 2004 Governors Cup at Lake Wallenpaupack in Pennsylvania with his rotating crew of son Nate, daughter Mary Grace, and son-in-law Jeff Riedle. It blew hard and they finished mid-fleet. They showed how the lightning can be sailed as an adult-family boat with more than 3 on a team. Sounds like they had a great time; it wasn't 2005 but is well worth mentioning.

There is a team-racing trophy at Carlyle Sailing Association called the Dornan Trophy. The lightning fleet has held the trophy for many years and various fleets from the club "challenge" for the trophy. In the fall of 2005, lightning fleet 266 defended the trophy against the Hobie-17s (a single handed trapeze catamaran). The three boats were outfitted with crew to provide a strong overall team, allow the juniors to sail, and enable some fleet-266ers

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to sail together who normally only race against each other. The groupings for the lightning races were: Ian Moriarty, Marc Schillebeeckx, and Matt Burrige on one boat, Dan Moriarty, John Folwell, and Tobi Moriarty on a second boat, and Rick Bernstein, Mark Paoli, and Nicholas Beckmann on a third boat. In the morning three team-race races were sailed in lightnings which were all three won 1-2-3 by the lightning fleet. That afternoon, the lightnings sent out Dan Moriarty, Matt Burrige, and Rick Bernstein in those crazy Hobie-17s to seal the deal. Matt, as a result of his training for the NAs, did not have the pounds to hold down the boat in the 20+ winds and despite his trapeze abilities tipped over three times! Rick and Dan hung in there okay but had a hard time tacking the catamaran in the breeze but thankfully the other team did as well. Dan managed to finish in 1st place beating the entire Hobie-team. This one race is all it took for the Lightning fleet 266 to hang onto the Dornan Trophy. There was, of course, a fun party afterwards. The whole day was a great "bonding" experience for Fleet 266.

Into the fall of 2005, Dan Moriarty was able to wear the Red Flannels home from Chicago after winning the event with teammates Ralph Godkin and Tobi Moriarty. The Bluenose Regatta in Nashville was the final regatta before most of the boats got put in storage for the winter. Matt Burrige joined Todd and Christine Wake in winning yet another regatta. Ian Moriarty finished in 9th place sailing the Bluenose for the 6th time in his 14 year life and skippering for the 2nd time with teammates Dan Moriarty and Tobi Moriarty. Ian Schillebeeckx raced with his all-junior Junior Worlds team of Lucas Hoffmeister and Beth Ward. Mark and Roselyne Schillebeeckx were helping the Race Committee and Mark Paoli, Glenn Roberts, and Phil Hinson were at the venue enjoying the social side of the Bluenose Regatta.

The 2005 Lightning sailing season was wrapped up by Marc and Roselyn Schillebeeckx down in Chile. Marc crewed for William Hofmeister finishing 5th in the big wind and waves of the International Masters Championship.

Fleet 266 was sad to hear that Paul Allen decided to sell his lightning because of lack of time to sail it. He has generously donated it to the Carlyle Youth Sailing School who in-turn sold it to a new Fleet 266 member and former 470-sailor, Paul Hanson. We are looking forward to having Paul and Kelle Hanson on the starting line next summer and hope that Paul Allen will stop by any Sunday he finds time and wants to join us again.

Fleet 274—Delta Sailing Association

Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Lake

Hernando, Mississippi

Mississippi Valley District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11386	Dos Mas	Ralph Leon
11496		Tim Ryan
11999	Voodoo Child	William N Baxter, III
12397		H C Dunathan
13258		Herbert Cochrane
14149		Max Shelton
14230		Michael Arndt
14338	Leap Frog	Lynn A Jones
14357		W N Baxter
14488		Herbert Cochrane
14666		Crit Currie, Jr
15128		Max Shelton
15169	Dirty Blond	Carl Kennon, Jr

Fleet Captain.....Tim Ryan
 Fleet Champion William Baxter, Jr
 Fleet Runner-Up.....Tim Ryan

Well, another sailing year has passed in the Land of Elvis, and it was a pretty good year. We started out with two boats, Bill Baxter Jr and Crit Currie Jr going down south to the Sugar Bowl regatta in New Orleans, Bill with crew of Mike Arndt (a new Lightning owner) and Batton Kennon; they sailed to a respectable 3rd place. Fun was had by all, and looking forward to the regatta next year.

Batton spent a lot time on the road, he crewed with Dave Young of Nashville in St Pete and Miami and traded classes to the Thistle for their Mid-Winters. He also sailed the Juby Winn from the Southern District in Pass Christian, MS, where he sailed to a respectable 6th place.

The Hernando DeSoto Regatta was held in May. It had a lite turn out, but the competition was tight. We were glad to see Dr. Bob Cotton, Robert Mattix and Bill Killebrew from Nashville show up. Dr. Bob won the regatta with 17 points, Bill Baxter Jr. 2nd with 18 points, Robert Mattix 3rd with 19 points, and Crit Currie Jr finished 4th with 20 points.

This year the fleet was the host to the Mississippi Valley District Championship. Crit Currie Jr did an excellent job of organizing and running the regatta. We had 16 boats show up for the regatta; it was nice to see familiar faces from the District. Matt Burrige of Carlyle took the top spot. Dan Moriarty

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of Carlyle, Bill Hofmiester of Nashville, and Dave Young of Nashville rounded out the top four.

In September, the fleet played host to the Cotton Pickin' Regatta. Again, it was nice to the sailor from Nashville, Dr. Bob Cotton, Robert Mattix, and Bradford Currie. Eleven boats sailed in some very trying conditions. Crit Currie Jr won the regatta followed by Herbert Cochrane and Robert Mattix.

The fleet racing this year was down. The spring series was taken by Bill Baxter Jr, followed closely by Crit Currie Jr and Batton Kennon. The Fall series was a tighter battle with Tim Ryan and crew Elaine Leo and Revonda Ryan winning the series by one point over Bill Baxter Jr. Lynn Jones took the third place honors.

Late in the season we saw a nice spark of participation by taking five boats—Harmon Dunathan, Max Shelton, Crit Currie Jr, Batton Kennon, and Bill Baxter Jr—up to the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville. A lot of fun was had by all. It looks like this next sailing season should be a good one. So if you are in the area of the "Land of Elvis" please come and sail with us. Our upcoming regattas are the Hernando DeSoto, May 20 & 21 and the Cotton Pickin' Regatta, September 16 & 17.

William Baxter Jr
 Member, North Mississippi All-Star Sailing Team
 New England District Resources
www.lightningclass.org/ne/

Fleet 486—Valley Sailing

Sailing on Alton Lake
 Machens, Missouri
 Mississippi Valley District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
7041		Nelson Laffey
13379	Top Secret	Stephen Wyers
14088	Fascination	Richard Conaway
14089	Warlock	Joe Petitjean
14233	Taxes Due	Gerald L Wnorowski

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FLEETS

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District Commodore Bill Fastiggi
 District Secretary/Treasurer Bob Shapiro

District Awards

Champion..... John Mollicone
 Runner-Up..... Bill Fastiggi
 Master's Champion John Hughes
 Women's Champion Shelley Hughes
 Pratt Trophy for
 Outstanding Service.....Walter Colantuono
 Sportsmanship Award Bob Bush
 Sterling Bush



*New England
 District Champion
 John Mollicone*



New England District Runner-Up—Bill Fastiggi

2006 New England District Racing Schedule

Date	Event	Location
June 3-4	Malletts Bay Boat Club Spring Regatta	Colchester, VT
June 24-Saturday	Lake Spofford District Tune-Up Regatta	Spofford, NH
July 7-Friday	Women's, Junior's & Master's District Championships	Spofford, NH
July 8-9	District Championships	Spofford, NH
July 29-30	Atlantic Coasts, Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club	Long Beach Island, NJ
August 5-6	Brian Hughes Memorial/Leukemia Cup Regatta	Newburyport, MA
August 7-11	Women's, Junior's & Master's NAs, Southwestern YC	San Diego, CA
August 12-19	North American Championships, Mission Bay YC	San Diego, CA
August 26-27	Squam Lake Annual Regatta	Holderness, NH
September 9-10	Lake Messabesic Annual Regatta	Auburn, NH
September 23-Saturday	Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial Lightning Flash Regatta	Strafford, NH
October 14-15	Malletts Bay Boat Club Leaf Peeper Regatta	Colchester, VT

District Regattas

Fifty-seven different New England District boats competed in District regattas this year. Bill Fastiggi, Brian Gibbs, Bob Bush and Pat Zachary each skippered five out of the eight 2005 District Regattas (and Bill Fastiggi crewed in a sixth regatta). Congratulations to those sailors and their teams for such great participation! And "let's get going" to the rest of us who didn't make it out as often.

Malletts Bay Boat Club Spring Regatta Lake Champlain, Colchester, VT

The New England District regattas start and end each year at Malletts Bay Boat Club with an opportunity for great sailing, excellent competition and some of Kika's punch. This year bad weather limited the Spring regatta to only two races. When it was over, Peter Hall won the tiebreaker for first place over Jamie Allan, while Brian Gibbs foreshadowed his great season with a third place finish only one point behind Jamie.

Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta Lake Spofford, Spofford, NH

Bill Fastiggi dominated the Dave Fitch regatta this year, although he did have to dig deep and discard a third place finish! Bill's team of Suzy Coburn and Lauren Harris kept him honest on the race course, and in the game of killer hearts on Sunday while waiting for wind. Bob Bush, Sterling Bush and Richard Randall took second place as Bob really knows how to find those whispers of wind. Patrick Zachary, with Kika Bronger and Peter Hazelett, rounded out the top three. Saturday night was a great supper put on by the food committee at the

yacht club, followed by sleep for the old folks and bowling for the youngsters. Sunday had no wind but lots of hearts, including another poem remembering Dave Fitch, written and performed by our friend Dottie.

District Junior's, Women's, Master's Championships, Lake Massabesic Auburn, NH

The weather forecast for the District Women's, Junior's and Master's regatta was terrible - heavy rain and cold, raw temperatures with heavy winds. That kept the Junior's and most of the Women's boats away, but didn't stop the old salts from showing up. Everyone was fooled as a gentle drizzle gave way to cloudy skies and moderate winds for a fantastic day of sailing and three races. John Hughes won the Master's for the fourth time in the last six years, this time with a crew of Larry Christian and Bob Shapiro. Second place went to Ron Adams with teammates Moe L'Heureux and Mike Adams. Walter Colantuono had daughter Laura Wakeford as well as John Mosowitz for his close third place finish. A team of Shelley Hughes, Elise Deyett and Ali Deyett was put together at the last minute to sail the Women's championship. If only Shelley was a few years younger, she could have also won the Juniors! Next year at Spofford we expect to see a lot more boats for this regatta. Come join us!

District Championships Lake Massabesic, Auburn, NH

Lake Massabesic had strong gusty winds, clear blue skies and warm temperatures for the District Championship. Twenty-three boats were on the

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line to race five races over the two days of the championship. John Mollicone borrowed a boat and racing for the first time in a Lightning, with Dan Rabin and Rob MacMillen on board, streaked to the win. Proving that consistency wins, John's worst race was a fourth place finish. Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Brad Harris won two races but a 13th place in the middle race dropped them to second place overall. No-longer-Junior Bretton Gardner, with twins Erik Johnson and Karl Johnson also won two races but slipped into third place overall. Stu Nickerson and then Ray Harrington, perennial top finishers, were close behind to round out the top five. James Unsworth was the top Junior finisher; he competed against the adults and had a terrific sixth place finish.

Brian Hughes Leukemia Cup Regatta Ipswich River, Newburyport, MA

There has been a memorial regatta in Newburyport, MA in memory of Brian Hughes for several years. This year the regatta took a huge step forward and became aligned with the Leukemia Cup regattas. Fifteen Lightnings participated and Bill Fastiggi and Erik Johnson had a tough battle for first. They each won three of the eight races, but in the end consistency paid off for Bill, Suzy Coburn and Tanya Miller. Erik, sailing with an all-family team that included brother Karl and mother Marilynne, took second place—one point behind. Joel Humphrey made the trip back to his home state and, sailing with Nick Iwaskow and Missie McCormick, took third place. Patrick Zachary and Brian Gibbs rounded out the top five. The sailing was great, and so was dinner and the party, but this regatta is about something more important. Congratulations to John Hughes and his team for raising \$25,000 to help fight Leukemia. Brian is definitely smiling and raising a glass! Please come sail this regatta next year. If you can't make it, send a check!

Squam Lake Annual Regatta Squam Lake, Holderness, NH

Sixteen Lightnings, ten from the home fleet and six visitors, showed up for the Squam Lakes Regatta. Sailors were greeted Saturday by bright sunshine and a five to ten knot southeasterly breeze that shifted back and forth all day through 30 degrees. Race committee chair Art Cunningham set a course that included the longest possible unobstructed SE beat given the shape of the lake. The big shifts tended to jumble the standings but Bob Bush, Georges Peter, and Dan Egan played the shifts beautifully to monopolize the top places. As usual,

the scenery was gorgeous, several crews took time out to swim between races, and Squam Lake lived up to its picturesque reputation. As the sun set over the mountains, a big crowd of Lightning people enjoyed drinks and munchies at the Squam Lakes Association. Georges Peter, sailing with daughter Allison and Brian Hayes ended the day in first place, followed by Bob Bush, sailing with Sterling Bush and Tom Fitch. Dan Egan, Sue Radcliffe and Gar Corcoran were in third. Dwight Gertz, Nori Welles-Gertz and Jeanine Carlson were tied for fourth place with Bob Shapiro, Jim Lerner and Phil Sullivan. But Sunday was a completely different story. Gloomy low clouds, strengthening rain, and flat calm dominated the day. The regatta organizers took a long look at the weather radar at 10:30 in the morning and decided that there was little or no chance of good racing under the conditions. Since the regatta was over, the throwout came into play—and changed the standings. Bob Bush had a worse throwout and snuck past Georges Peter into first. Dan Egan stayed in third, and Dwight Gertz took over sole possession of fourth. Bob Shapiro dropped into a tie for fifth with Ned Hinds, which Ned, sailing with Karen Hinds and Mike Aversa, won. Bob was out of luck. The awards were given, the bar was opened, and all the boats were packed up before the skies opened up and dumped even harder. Great scenery and fun sailing, even with a little rain!

Massabesic Annual Regatta Lake Massabesic, Auburn, NH

Twelve boats returned to the scene of our District championships for the Massabesic Annual Regatta. Joe Ray, with the team of brothers Nick and Matt Mercier, dominated and won—just like he did the year before. Dan Egan, with Sue Radcliffe and Gar Corcoran ended up in second place and Brian Gibbs, Beth Holland and Mike Boardman finished third. Bob Shapiro, sailing with Amy Byron and Nick Iwaskow, won two races but proved that consistency counts when there is not a throwout and only managed fourth place. The all-family three-generation team of Norm, Ken and Ali Deyett rounded out the top five.

Ed Hinds Memorial Regatta Bow Lake, Strafford, NH

Fourteen Lightnings attended the Ed Hinds Memorial and everyone had a fabulous time, with 70-degree temperatures and bright sunshine. Winds were 0-5 knots and changed direction for (and during) every race, keeping the mark boats and Race Committee busy. Pam and Werner Daigneault

and Marion Hinds ran four windward-leeward races during the afternoon of sailing. The winner was Bill Fastiggi, with crew Suzy Coburn and Chip Kaupp. Second place went to perennial contender Ken Deyett with Larry Christian and Ken's daughter Ali. Bob Bush, with Sterling Bush and Dan Egan, rounded out the top three places. Bow Lake's Mike Aversa, with Amy Byron and daughter Jillian crewing, was the top local boat with a strong fifth place finish. Mike finished fifth in all four races in this tough field.

After the races came food. Appetizers included more shrimp than Forrest Gump ever caught, chips and salsa, guacamole and vegetables with dip. Dinner was a taco bar with tacos, tortillas, beef and chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese, guacamole, olives, sour cream and salsa, along with salad, vegetables and garlic bread. For desert, carved pineapples, fresh fruit, cupcakes and more were available. But Amy's Kahlua Trifle, otherwise known as "tub of booze, cream and chocolate" took the cake.

Malletts Bay Boat Club Leaf Peeper Regatta, Lake Champlain, Colchester, VT

Thirteen boats hit the starting line for the Leaf Peeper this year; a bad weather forecast held down attendance. After all eight races were completed, Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn had continued their dominance of district regattas, but this time with Bill not holding the tiller. They were sailing with Bill Mauk in a tuneup for the Worlds. Don Brush with LeeAnn Smith and Erica Beck was second, while Brian Gibbs with his usual team of Beth Holland and Mike Boardman, was third. Jamie Allan and then Bob Bush rounded out the top five.

District Circuit Championship

The District Circuit Championship Trophy is awarded each year to the New England District skipper with the best finishes in all of the District regattas combined. Bill Fastiggi won with District finishes in the five regattas he skippered of 6, 1, 2, 1 and 1—not bad Bill! Brian Gibbs pushed hard with finishes of 1, 9, 4, 3 and 2 to grab second place. And Bob Bush took third with finishes of 2, 13, 1, 3 and 3.

Regatta Participation Outside the District

A number of boats and sailors from the New England District traveled to regattas outside the District. The season started early - Bill and Suzy crewed and won the Orange Bowl Regatta in late December 2004, and five New England boats did

all or part of the Southern Circuit in March - and lasted late; two boats went to the World Championships in November.

Southern Circuit

Savannah was a great regatta this year as always. But it was made even better when New England District sailors Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Nick Farina won the regatta with consistent 4, 2, 2 finishes. Bob Shapiro, Dan Hertzler and Jim Lerner led the New England B-Fleet, finishing 22nd overall. Patrick Gallagher, Bruce Brown and Walter Colantuono finished 29th and Sean Fagan, Ann Snow and Win Snow ended up 32nd. It should be noted that although Bill won the regatta, he didn't fare quite so well in the basketball competition in downtown Savannah; Dan Hertzler was the best New England participant. And Bob Shapiro couldn't hit the basket to save his life, but performed well in winning a string of beads from a lovely young woman.

There were 41 boats on the line in Miami and Bill's team managed to beat all but one of them in one race, ending up 8th overall. The other three New England boats all managed at least one race in the 20s—hey, we take our victories any way we can get them! Bob's team in Miss Behavin' was 32nd, Patrick's Shark Byte was just behind in 33rd and Sean's Mustang Sally squeezed its way into 40th.

St. Petersburg again saw Bill with a race where he beat all but one of the 58 boats. Bill just missed a top 10 finish in the regatta, placing 11th. Jim Lerner, having sailed two regattas without falling overboard (a new record for him!), headed back to Boston and was replaced by Tris Wallace on Miss Behavin'. Tris promptly fell overboard on the beat to the finish, and Bob went in after him while trying to haul him back inside. Dan Hertzler calmly stayed aboard while the goat rodeo played itself out. The team ended up 41st overall. John Hughes woke up from his winter nap to sail the regatta with kids Michael and Shelley, along with Jim Reiman, and placed 49th. Patrick was close behind in 52nd and Sean, with E Parker subbing for Win Snow, was 58th.

Team Fastiggi was 7th overall for the circuit. Shapiro, Gallagher and Fagan were 20th, 22nd and 26th and all had a blast! What a great way to start the season.

Although a terrible weather report caused some wimps to cancel plans to attend, twenty-two boats showed up for the Long John Regatta in Red Bank, NJ, and two New England boats were among them.

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Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Brad Harris finished 4th and Pat Zachary, Kika Bronger and Tim Ambrose placed 14th. Next time ignore the weather forecast and go!

New England sailors were fairly active in the CT/RI District this year. Pat MacQueen made the trip to the Early Bird regatta and finished in the top eleven. Georges Peter and Brian Gibbs finished 6th and 7th in the CT/RI Districts, while Brian Gibbs and Pat MacQueen were 5th and 16th in the CT Governor's Cup at Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Later in the year, Bob Bush, Sterling Bush and Dan Egan tuned up their team for the World Championships with a 2nd place finish at the Cedar Point Yacht Club Fall Classic. Pat MacQueen brought Ralph and Amy Dileone along to round out the New England contingent. We're hoping to see some more CT/RI sailors at New England District regattas next year!

Bob Bush tuned up his team for the NAs with an 8th place finish at the Canadian Open in Buffalo. Sterling Bush and Ash Schache rounded out the team.

New England had three stellar performances from teams at the Junior NAs in Milwaukee. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Daniel Kagan placed 3rd, James Unsworth, Peter Hazelett and Derrick Deming were 4th and Nick Aswad, Connor Aswad and Max Far were 7th, in the 14-boat field.

Four New England boats competed in the North American's in Sheboygan. Bill Fastiggi continued his NAs climb to the top. Bill climbed from 22nd to 14th to 4th the last 3 years. This year Bill, sailing with Suzy Coburn and Jeff Linton, was North American Champion Runner-Up! Congratulations Bill - bring home the top prize from San Diego next year! Brown University sailing team coach and District Champion John Mollicone, sailing with assistant coaches Dan Rabin and Rob MacMillen, had some tough luck in the qualifiers, but sailed to a 6th place finish in the President's Cup. On the way out to the race course, they could be heard singing the old Brown fight song:

*We are ever true to Brown
For we love our college dear
And the people always say -
WHAT DO THEY SAY!
That you can't outdrink Brown men,
With their Scotch and Rye
And their whiskey dry,
And their B - O - U - R - B - O - N!*

Stu Nickerson with daughter Hannah and old friend Kip Hamblet weren't nearly so musical, but they won the last race and finished just two places behind John. Bob Bush, Sterling Bush and Ash Schache topped out with a couple of 3rd place finishes and ended up 9th overall. We don't see a lot of wind and waves in our mostly lake sailing New England regattas, so these great finishes are a testament to some quick learning and adaptability on the part of our sailors.

Brian Gibbs got back out on the road for the Frigid Digit and placed 10th in a tough field. Bill Fastiggi got his tuneup for the Worlds at the Borderline Regatta where he finished 3rd out of twenty-four boats. And then it was on to Chile!

Bill Fastiggi joined Suzy Coburn in the front of the boat for a change, and sailing with Bill Mauk they placed 3rd in the International Masters and 9th in the South American Championship. Meanwhile, Bob and Sterling Bush are both too young for the Master's, so they sailed just the South American's, placing 18th. The Bushs were somewhat handicapped by an inability to communicate with Carlos Ortiz, their non-English speaking teammate. It didn't seem wise to raise a spinnaker in 20-30 knots of wind and 6-foot waves when "LET IT OUT!" might be responded to with "Que?"

In the 45-boat Worlds, Bill and Suzy handled the boat well in the tough conditions. With top finishes of 2nd and 3rd, they placed 8th overall. Bob and Sterling added English-speaking Dan Egan for the World's and had a blast surfing, planning and shouting. The team had a couple of races in the teens, stayed upright the entire regatta, and finished 30th overall.

New England District Web Site

Check out the New England District web site to see District regatta details for this year. And look for the District regatta history information—top finishers in all District regattas for the last 40 or 50 years.

<http://www.lightningclass.org/ne/Results/2001/index.htm>

Fleet 121—Merrimack River

*Sailing at the American Yacht Club
Newburyport, Massachusetts
New England District*

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11150		Patrick Gallagher
13517	Swan	Wiinthrop Snow
13642	Chalooby	William Gynan
14189		Mark Dieselman
14275		John R Hughes
14345	Cabo Wabo	Brian Gibbs
14384	Shark Byte	Patrick Gallagher
14481	Jamaican Bobsled	R Scott McBurney
14547		Patrick Mc Cormack
15182	Mustang Sally	Ann Snow & Sean Fagan

Fleet CaptainPatrick Gallagher
 Fleet SecretaryAnn Snow
 Fleet ChampionPatrick Gallagher
 Fleet Runner-Up John Hughes

Fleet 121 had a pretty good season in 2005. Fleet racing was spirited and competitive, although early in the season, participation was sparse. Sean and Ann started off the season in stellar fashion, taking first place in the Spring Series. Apparently, that new boat is starting to pay dividends. It may help that they have been dragging to and from everywhere including the entire Southern Circuit. I would be amiss if I did not mention that they won it by tie-break. Grrrr..

The Summer Series, well, I have no idea what happened in the first weekend, as I was half way around the world. My understanding at viewing the results however shows that John Hughes once again waited for the warm weather and good breeze, and then splashed the lightning and proceeded to school all those on the water. Glad I missed it. With that, John walked away with the Summer Series first place trophy.

And then there was the regatta...wow is all I can say. This was the first full year with all of the fixings as a Leukemia Cup regatta. The sailing and weather were picture perfect. In the end, Bill Fastiggi squeaked out Erik Johnson and Joel Humphrey to win the prized rudder over 15 participants. Bill, Erik, and Joel won trophies, but the real winners were everyone fighting cancer. Tons of people helped collect donations, opened wallets and checkbooks, and donated items for the auction. There are way too many to list, so let me highlight the people that were really good at hitting folks up for donations. Bill Gynan and David Gallagher were the number two and three fund raisers. Watch out for them, as they will very likely be looking for more victims next year.

Believe it or not, John Hughes collected the most donations. This is really his brain child, and without him—well, let's not go there. Initially last year, when he told me he approached the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, I was pretty uneasy. Big unknown, and "unknown" is not my favorite thing for a regatta. But he drove on and we initially set a whacko goal of \$20,000. It was a pipe dream, but hey, shoot for the stars, right? The day before the regatta we were doing terrific, we had like \$13K in donations and figured another \$2-3K more from the auction and that was pretty darn close to the goal. A little short, but hey, it was our first attempt really. Well, I am pretty bad with quoting stuff, but suffice to say "something wonderful happened on the way" and as I write this, the final total turned out to be \$24,984. Since I am at a loss for words still, I can only think to thank everyone that helped make this a resounding success. I believe Brian would also chime in at this point, and although I am not exactly sure what he would say, I know it would end with "Thanks Dude!". If you are not busy August 5th and 6th, 2006 please come to Newburyport for the Leukemia Cup regatta in memory of Brian Hughes.



John Hughes



Brian Gibbs



Patrick Gallagher

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Fleet 145—Spofford Lake

Sailing on Lake Spofford
 Spofford, New Hampshire
 New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11210	Smurfin Along	Frederick Turner, Jr
11346	FOB	Christopher Hamblet
13792		Joe Rosen
14621		Ben Wallace
14654	Ambush	A Sterling & Robert C Bush

Fleet Captain Bob Bush
 Fleet Champion Bob Bush

Another year has passed by with lots to discuss and tell of the adventures at Spofford.

Spofford Yacht Club has a strong fifty family member club with a waiting list. Spofford Lake in southwestern New Hampshire is close to Route #91 and located at the intersection of Route #9 and #63. The club is easily accessible for those traveling to regattas here via North Shore Road. The club lends itself to a summer camp atmosphere with group picnic lunches and potluck suppers with cocktail socialization.

Our Lightning sailing days were few this year. The Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta was on June 25 & 26. We had seven quick races on Saturday with the air getting better and better as the day went along. Sunday had no air in the morning, but plenty of swimming off the beach, out to the swim platform and back. Bill Fastiggi was the top boat, with local Bob Bush in second and Pat Zachary in third. No results from the swimming were reported.

September 18 was our last sailing day, with plenty of breeze. Ben Wallace with ace crew Ian Wallace (not Tris or Karen this time) won the first race but had to retire as the upper shroud came loose. Bob and Sterling had 3 Amherst kids (new to sailing) with them and were able to stay in front of Pat MacQueen and Paul Henkel who flip-flopped each of the four remaining races.

Spofford is holding the District championships next year, and for all those New England sailors heading to Greece, the road starts here. We also are having a tune-up regatta June 24 (one day). Come on out all you small-lake sailors (Bomoseen, Bow, Massabesic, Squam). This is your year.

The fleet members helped in the Townie Nationals (24 boats) this year in late July. Fred Turner was race committee chair and did his standard perfect job. Our Lightning sailors filled some crew positions. An interesting tidbit: The first, second and fifth place boats tipped over between races on Saturday. Yes, this was Spofford and in the middle of July, and no, there was no thunderstorm.

Ben and Karen Wallace have their son Ian crewing for them regularly. Ian shows interest in sailing Sunfish too. He will undoubtedly be at the helm soon. Their daughter, Mary, will be next in line for crewing. Sterling and Bob Bush did a little more traveling this year than the past few, going to both the NAs in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and the Worlds in Con Con, Chile. The waves were a little larger (10X) at the Worlds than on Spofford. The Fitch boat came out of mothballs to sail at the Spofford regatta. Tom also crewed with Bob and Sterling at two fall regattas. Richard French and Christy Bonneau have been developing additional crew too. Son, Zazo, was born just after the June regatta this year. They have been very busy with this happy and health new family member. Free time has become non-existent. Joe Rosen made it to a few fall regattas. Next year we need Alex and Paul back out on the water more often.

We are looking forward to more sailing days in 2006.



Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta

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Fleet 151—Annisquam Yacht Club

Sailing on Ipswich Bay
Annisquam, Massachusetts
New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14688		Georges Peter

Fleet 189—Marblehead

Sailing on Atlantic Ocean
Marblehead, Massachusetts
New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
12709	Fog Horn Leg Horn	Rick Humphrey

Fleet 227—Bomoseen Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Bomeseen
Bomeseen, Vermont
New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
15056		Raymond Harrington

Fleet 273—Massabesic Yacht Club

Sailing on Massabesic Lake
Manchester, New Hampshire
New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
11401	Sunday Punch	Michael Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter Colantuono
13828	Quick Silver	Maurice L'Heureux, Jr
14180		William Tobin Frank
14621		Tristram Wallace
14895	Bloody	Joe Ray
15239		John Mollicone

Fleet Champion..... Ken Deyett
Fleet Runner-Up..... Walter Colantuono
Fleet Curmudgeon Norm Deyett

It was a super year for wind on beautiful Lake Massabesic. Particularly for the New England Districts in July when it blew hard all weekend, and for the Club fall regatta in September.

The weekly Sunday races brought out the usual three to six boats for some good competition with Ken winning, Walt in second and Mike Adams in third in the spring, summer and fall series. Joe Ray won the fall regatta for the second year in a row. A new member of the fleet this year is Garrett Hamilton who raced nearly every week. Mo spent his weekends on his 38-foot trawler in the ocean and marina. We missed his competition, but he still has his Lightning. John Mollicone using Randy Shore's borrowed boat, joined fleet 273, and won the Districts.

We are now waiting for the ice to be safe enough to enjoy the winter on the lake.



Fall regatta winner Joe Ray with super crew Nick Mercier



Norm "Pappy" Deyett



Fleet Champion Ken Deyett

Fleet 280—Chequesset

Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor
Wellfleet, Massachusetts
New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
14310	Cutting Wind	Robert Cutting
11751		Albert Preston Moore

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Fleet 301—Lake Champlain

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain

Colchester, Vermont

New England District

www.lightningclass.net/fleet301/

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
695		Joe Barry
4614	Eclipse	Tim Hodson
8269		Jim Duclos
10846	Two Boys	Edward Guild
11623	Kindred Spirit	Thomas J Papp
11745		Mark Gardner
11885		Aaron Frank
13156	Blue Storm	David N Little
13902	Rebel	Arnold Tran
14050	Huh!	Bretton Gardner
14056		Erik Johnson
14119		Chad Miller
14120	Hubris	Alex Brecher
14131		James Unsworth
14146	Get Fat	Nicholas Aswad
14297	Zoom	Edward J Ziemer
14446	Apple	Peter Kling
14480	Ciao	Richard N Fastiggi
14520	Hare Brained Idea	Todd Cox
14584	Abba Zabba	Peter Hazelett
14640	Wild Goose	Donald C Brush
14658		Bill Fastiggi
14876	Southern Cross	Janice Lange
14972	Whatnow	Patrick Zachary
15237		Mark Gardner
15238		Bill Fastiggi

Fleet Captain.....Mark Gardner
 Fleet Secretary.....Patrick Zachary
 Fleet Champion..... Bill Fastiggi
 Fleet Runner-Up & Jr Champion..... Nick Aswad

Not a great year for wind. For as long as I can remember, we have never been skunked with light air for our beginning and ending series of the year. Memorial Day is our traditional first fleet race, and the wind was very light. Our spring regatta on the first weekend of June is usually sailed on one day the other usually being too windy. This year we had light air for Saturday and no air for Sunday. Finally, our last regatta for the year was also fluky. Long my favorite as there is usually one day of heavy air fun rides where if it breaks you have the whole winter to repair it. Again denied—fluky air made for tough sailing and no big blow.

But of course steady 10–15 knot winds are not everything and other than the light air we had a great year. Bill Fastiggi with crew Suzy Coburn & Nick Farina were the only boat to travel to the southern circuit this year. They started the season with a win in Savannah, an 8th in Miami and an 11th in St. Pete. They finished up the circuit with

7th for the three regattas. Well done, folks. Our traditional start of the traveling season for most is the convoy down to Red Bank for the Long John. Only two boats made it this year with Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Brad Harris coming in 4th and Patrick Zachary, Kika Bronger and Tim Ambrose coming in 14th.

Our traditional start on Memorial Day only fielded one race where we would normally get in six. For some, this was the only fleet race that they were able to make for the summer. On the line were 13 of our competing 17 boats with Bill Fastiggi taking the win. Bill would not let up from here and convincingly won our fleet championship with 32 points over 25 races.

Our spring regatta resulted in some close competition in the 5–10 knots out of the West. We were able to get two races in before the wind shut down. 21 boats made the start line with multiple boats sharing the same point results. (2@4, 4@13 & 3 @ 28) Peter Hall took the win with Jamie Allen, Brian Gibbs following up. In 4th were Todd Cox and crew



Patrick steering, middle crew hiking and Kika on display

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(our 2004 Champion) and in 5th were Nick Aswad and crew. A great showing for Nick who also ended up coming in 2nd in the fleet championship with a very consistent summer. Nick was our top junior sailor in 2005.

We fleet raced on the 19th of June with nine boats on the line. This was a great day with six races sailed. Sunny, 10-15, flat water, quick races, on the line by 10:30 and off the water by 3:00 then sucking down a few beers—what we all enjoy. We were able to get in three more fleet race days like this.



Patrick Zachary, Chip Kaupp & Kika Bronger between Races

Our next regatta was to travel to Spofford Lake and the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta. Four boats made the trip for sailing on Saturday and swimming on Sunday. Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Lauren Harris won convincingly with 7 points followed up by Bob Bush in 2nd, Patrick Zachary, Kika Bronger and Peter Hazelett (another of our hot junior sailors) in 3rd, Nick Aswad, Connor Aswad and Brad Harris in 4th and Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Derrick Deming (This boat will be serious competition to Nick in 2006) in 5th. A great weekend!

Districts in July saw 10 of the 23 boats from our fleet on Lake Massabesic. Bill Fastiggi worked hard for 2nd and Breton Gardner pulled off a great regatta in trying conditions to end up in 3rd. Ray Harrington was 5th, followed by James Unsworth (another of our fast juniors) in 6th and Kate Brush in 7th, steering the Wild Goose. Todd Cox rounded out the top ten. Three boats made the trip to Newburyport for the Brian Hughes Memorial that was also a Leukemia Cup regatta this year. This regatta is a must do for our fleet in particular for the memory of Brian and Eve but also for the challenging sailing. All our boats were able to raise the \$1000/boat to help with the \$24,000 total raised in the help to end Leukemia. Bill Fastiggi came in first winning a tough battle with our graduated super fast juniors Erik & Karl Johnson. It was down to the last race and the win was not due to speed but tactics. Patrick Zachary took 4th.

North Americans were well represented in the juniors with Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan coming in 3rd. James Unsworth, Peter Ha-

zelett and Derrick Deming were 3 points behind in 4th and Nick Aswad, Conner Aswad and Max Far ended up in 7th. These were just practice races for Chad's team as the next week they came in 4th at the Sears US Junior Triple Handed Championship. Well done guys! Following the WJM was another awesome showing in the championship fleet for Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Jeff Linton coming in 2nd. Way to go Bill—2nd time in 2nd at the NAs!

Our final regatta for the year was the Leaf Peeper. eight races were sailed under fluky conditions. Bill Mauk took first with Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn crewing. This was one of the training regattas for their Worlds bid (they finished in 8th). Don Brush, LeaAnn Smith & Erica Beck finished 2nd even though Don had only driven 2 days this year! Heather Ambrose made her debut for the year in 6th after a one-year hiatus due to a compound fracture from one of the pesky trees in the woods. Al Baker ended up in 8th with boat number 10440, which makes him first based on boat age. Al can make that boat go! Mark Gardner was 11th with boat number 15237, which is actually a boat made from many new and old parts. Mark started with a rotten hull and made a fast boat. He is fairing it this winter so we'll see a boat speed machine in 2006. In 12th was Tanya Miller who did a great job steering in her first Lightning Regatta under trying conditions.

We welcome Arnie Tran and Aaron Frank into the fleet this year and Victor Rossi in 2006. We are psyched that we have 4 active junior Lightning boats racing with us and have graduated two active junior Lightning boats this year. Looking forward to a windy 2006.



Kika testing the punch!



Nick checking out his boat



Patrick Zachary & Nick Aswad head downwind in the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta

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Fleet 332—Squam Lake

Sailing on Big Squam Lake
Holderness, New Hampshire
New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
9829	Big Dog Spike	Arthur J Cunningham
10212	Snowy Owl	Dan Egan
10320	Mountain Thyme	Robert W Sengstaken, Jr
10555	Jumbo	William G Abbott, IV
10732	Go-Mo-Shun II	David D Closson
12859	Spirit of Jack R	Squam Lakes Association
13101		Phil Sullivan
13382		Skip Johnstone & Barry Van Deoere
14247	Steppin' Out	Douglas R Decluitt
14814	Aeolus	Wallace E Ackley
14926		Dwight Gertz
14953	Fleeting Moment	Tony Wagner & PJ Blankenhorn
14955		Jeff Dropkin
15047	DC	Alan & Christian Whatley
15089		Al MacQuarrie

Fleet Captain.....P J Blankenhorn
Fleet Secretary.....Janet Rosequist
Fleet Treasurer.....Dwight Gertz
Fleet Champion..... Allan Whatley

2005 was a year of close racing at Squam Lake. Nine different skippers won at least one trophy over the course of our two month season. Racing turnouts for fleet races ranged from six to twelve boats.

In July, Allan Whatley was first, Dan Egan second, John Cunningham third, Dave Closson fourth, and Bob Sengstaken fifth. The August series saw a change in the leader board with Dan Egan first, Dwight Gertz second, John Cunningham third, Allan Whatley fourth, and the Al McQuarrie/Skip Johnstone team in fifth. When all the races were combined, the season series went to Allan Whatley with Dan Egan second, John Cunningham third, Wally Ackley fourth, and Dave Closson fifth.



Fleet racing on Squam Lake was close this summer. In this typical scene, a seven-boat pack rounds the weather mark.

Photo by Skip Johnstone



Gar—deep in thought!

We also recognized some winners of special events. Art Cunningham bested a fleet of 30 assorted boats to win the long distance handicap "Around the Lake Race" in spite of being pulled over by the New Hampshire Marine Patrol during the race for a registration check. Dwight Gertz took home the Closson Bowl, which goes to the best finish in the last three races of the season. Our annual regatta attracted a fleet of 16 Lightnings. Bob Bush, from the Spofford fleet, won the event while Dan Egan, in third place, was awarded the perpetual trophy for the best local finisher.

A long and raucous annual dinner meeting on Labor Day Weekend also saw the awarding of special trophies too numerous to count. The most notable of these awards was probably the attractive prize given to Wally Ackley for capsizing twice in the same race.

PJ Blankenhorn did too good a job of organizing our year's events at Squam Lake and was punished for this by being re-elected to another term as Fleet Captain. She compounded her reputation at this point by announcing that she had already recruited Allan Whatley, who is retiring from racing, to be the race committee chair for the 2006 regatta and that Wally Ackley and Art Cunningham had agreed to organize the event.

After Squam's season was over, Dan Egan, Gar Corcoran, and Art Cunningham all traveled to regattas elsewhere in New England. Dan went a big step beyond that when he flew to Chile to crew for Bob Bush at the World Championships in November. Snowbound New Englanders read every word of Dan's e-mails from the sunny Southern Hemisphere and dreamed of days in 2006 when the lake will thaw and we will sail again.

Fleet 471—Casco Bay

Sailing on Casco Bay
Valkeakoski, Finland
New England District

Fleet 493—Bow Lake

Sailing on Bow Lake
 Strafford, New Hampshire
 New England District

Boat#	Boat Name	Owner
13888		James Boynton
14296		Edward E Hinds
14667	Mis Behavin'	Robert D Shapiro

Fleet Captain.....Ned Hinds
 Fleet Secretary.....Bob Shapiro
 Fleet Webmaster.....Greg King
 Fleet Champion.....Ned Hinds
 Fleet Runner-UpBob Shapiro



Fleet Champions—Ned & Karen Hinds

Traveling Regattas

Several fleet members traveled throughout New England during the 2005 season.

Bob Shapiro brought Miss Behavin' to the Southern Circuit for a fun-filled adventure. Since Bob didn't decide to go until late February, everything was in panic mode. Calls and emails produced a team of Dan Hertzler for all three regattas, with Jim Lerner racing in Savannah and Miami and Tris Wallace flying down for St. Pete. Last minute hotel reservations, and a trip to the snowbound house in New Hampshire to pick up the boom, sails and accessories, and the storage unit to get the boat, completed the preparations. Bob used his checklist from the last few years of doing the circuit to be sure that everything was ready. Well, there was one item not checked off—the trailer bearings. But they were still cold in Connecticut. Unfortunately, in New Jersey—they were GONE! Bob limped to a truck shop for the repair and was told that they could get to it "no sooner than next Monday." So off Bob went the ten miles to East Coast Trailer, with the

right wheel sliding almost off the axle every time he hit a bump or turned a corner. East Coast spent the next five hours fixing the damage and installing new parts. Back on the road and raced down to Annapolis for a late dinner with Mom at a great Spanish restaurant in a shopping center.

Bob finished the drive to Savannah and picked up Dan and Jim at the airport. Saturday found us hanging out at the great St. Patrick's Day party downtown when racing was cancelled for the day. Always fun! Turns out we aren't very good at shooting baskets, but we were good enough to win a string of beads from a nice young lady!

In Savannah and Miami, Jim was reminded that he is required to stay on board the yacht. (Jim's record in this area is not strong.) So why did Tris go overboard just as we were getting to the finish line during a race in St Pete? And why did Bob fall in while trying to haul Tris back into the boat? Not sure—but Jim must have had a big smile on his face back in Boston!

So other than the trailer bearings, two people overboard, the accident on the way to the Miami airport (Did I forget to mention that?), needing to capsize the boat to recover the main halyard (Did I forget to mention that also?) it was a great circuit. And as always, lots of fun.

Back in New England in late June, Bob tried for a repeat of his 2004 win at the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta on Lake Spofford but it was not to be. Greg Shapiro co-skipped and did slightly better than Dad, and Margo Krukonis was a great crew for both of them. But when Bob receives a penalty for finishing more than 15 minutes after the winning boat in a short race—you know things aren't going well.

In late August, Bob Shapiro and Ned Hinds traveled to Squam Lake for their annual regatta. Bob sailed with Jim Lerner and Phil Sorry-I-Don't-Remember-



Bob Shapiro, Margo "Boo-Boo" Krukonis & Greg Krukons in Miss Behavin'

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Your-Last-Name-Guy. Ned brought Mike Aversa and Karen Hinds. Ned had one great race, and Bob had some average races. When it was over, Bob and Ned were tied for 5th place. Ned picked up the trophy on the discard—way to go Ned!

After Labor Day, Bob Shapiro and Ned Hinds traveled just down the road to race at Lake Massabesic. Bob, with Nick Iwaskow and Amy Byron on his team, sailed great on Saturday, unless you count the DSQ. On Sunday with a chance for redemption, Bob couldn't get it back in gear and took home 4th place overall. Ned Hinds with Karen Hinds and Jeff Baker, sailed well on Saturday, but went home Sunday before the breeze came up and ended up in 10th place overall.



Race Committee—Werber D—Pam D—Marion H—Sandy B

Bob Evans Regatta

Forty sailors, ten sailboats, ten Race Committee members and many spectators participated in the Bob Evans Regatta this summer on Bow Lake. Sixteen races were held on Bow Lake from July 3 through September 3. For the first time in many years, no races had to be postponed or cancelled due to no wind or bad weather.

Bob Shapiro had won this event for the last six years, while Ned Hinds had won the 22 years before that. Ned with typical crew Karen Hinds and Jeff Baker in Naut! built up a big lead and cruised to a one point victory for the season. Bob, with Margo Krukonis and a host of other crew in Miss Behavin' finished in second. John Boynton along with brother Jamie and several other crew in What Now!? continues his rapid improvement and finished in his personal best third place. Mike Aversa, together with Amy Byron and his daughters Jillian and Kristen in The Blind Squirrel, finished in fourth place. Mike didn't get his new boat until part way through the season; next year Mike will be the boat to beat as he finished strong! Norb Church, Dave Sandmann and Bob Murphy finished fifth in Three Men in a Tub. They were sinking fast, but bailing faster, and managed on most days to stay afloat long enough to finish both races. Greg Shap-

iro guest skippered on two different boats and Mike Aversa skippered and crewed on other boats before his new one arrived.

Winning skippers were awarded fleece picnic blankets and crew received Bow Lake sailing fleece headbands.

Many people helped out during the summer on Race Committee. Special thanks to Pam Daigneault, Werner Daigneault, Marion Hinds and Sandy Boynton for all of their help. Bow Lake Race Committee windbreakers were presented to these Race Committee stalwarts to thank them for their service.

Ed Hinds Regatta

Saturday, September 24, 2005 was the 2005 Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta. Fourteen Lightnings attended and everyone had a fabulous time. Five boats from Bow Lake joined nine visiting boats from Lake Massabesic, Squam Lake, Newburyport, Lake Spofford, Lake Champlain, Newfound Lake and Lake Michigan.

The weather was great with 70-degree temperatures and bright sunshine. The wind was lighter than desired, ranging from 0-5 knots during the day. The wind changed its direction for every race, keeping the crash boats busy moving the racing marks.

Pam and Werner Daigneault and Marion Hinds were on Race Committee. Roger Williams, Rich Mechaer, Colin King and Pete Bradley manned Crash Boats, and several spectator boats were watching closely. Four windward-leeward races were run during the afternoon of sailing.

The caliber of racing was very high. The winner was current Lightning North American Championship runner-up Bill Fastiggi, with crew Suzy Coburn and Chip Kaupp, from Burlington, VT. Second place went to perennial contender Ken Deyett with Larry Christian and Ken's daughter Ali, from nearby Lake Massabesic. Bob Bush, with Sterling Bush and Dan



Mike Aversa relaxing after saving the shipyard

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Egan, rounded out the top three places. After this tuneup at Bow Lake, Bill and Suzy, Bob, Sterling and Dan all headed to the Lightning World Championships in Chile at the end of November.

Bow Lake's Mike Aversa, with Amy Byron and daughter Jillian crewing, was the top local boat with a strong fifth place finish. Mike finished fifth in all four races in this tough field. Bob Shapiro, with Margo Krukonis and Jim Lerner on board, finished

After the races the Bow Lake Grange Hall was the center of activity. Appetizers included more shrimp than Forrest Gump ever caught, chips and salsa, guacamole and vegetables with dip. Dinner was a taco bar with tacos, tortillas, beef and chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese, guacamole, olives, sour cream and salsa, along with salad, vegetables and garlic bread. For desert, carved pineapples, fresh fruit, cupcakes and more were available. But Amy's Kahlua Trifle, otherwise known as "tub of booze, cream and chocolate" took the cake. Thank you



Sandy Boynton partying hard!



Webmaster—Greg King



"Joe Kool"—also known as Greg Shapiro



Mike Baker with new foredeck crew—Jack



Laura & Garold Thorne—Ned Hinds



Super crew—Amy

7th and Ned Hinds, with Karen Hinds and Jeff Baker on his team, was one point behind in 8th place. John Boynton teamed up with his brother Jamie and Bryan Lewis to take 12th place overall, representing another step in his march forward through the fleet. Norb Church, Bill Murray and Greg King did a fine job of bailing their leaky boat, appropriately named Three Men In A Tub!

Detailed results are on the web at:

http://www.lightningclass.org/ne/Results/2005/bowlake_results.htm

Photos from the regatta are posted on the web at:

http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/finallybk/my_photos

to everyone for making the dinner so successful. Special thanks to Charna for preparing food and getting the Grange ready while the rest of us were all out sailing.

The Martha Comstock award is given each year to a person who exemplifies the spirit of sailing on Bow Lake. This year Ned Hinds presented it to Garold Thorne. Garold has been an avid supporter of Bow Lake sailing for many years and it was a pleasure to see him recognized for his spirit!

See you on the water next year!