

1976 Report:

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340) Michigan District Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain Andy Loree
Fleet Secretary Bob Schoonbeck
Fleet Champion Andy Loree
Runner-Up Bob Schoonbeck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6889	.....	Dave Anderson
9259	Took	Mary Ann Bates
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter Northrup
10606	.....	Don Lambrix
11134	.....	Tim Miller
12104	Awful Risky	Walt Hallenbeck
12177	.....	Mac Cowles
12371	Dandy Lion	George Roth
12372	.....	John Scott
.....	.....	Alan Graettinger
.....	.....	Linda & Bob Schoonbeck

Something new was added to the Pentwater racing season this year with the first Lightning Regatta - FIRECRACKER 30 - an event that was enjoyed by all but somewhat disappointing from the standpoint of attendance by outsiders. It did give the Pentwater fleet an opportunity for Lake Michigan sailing and even though the weather wasn't the best, it was an enjoyable experience. First two places were taken by visitors - Garry Demarest taking 1st and Dave Furry taking 2nd with Pentwater's Al Graettinger taking 3rd. It showed that Pentwater needs to take advantage of the big lake more often if they are to compete!

The Hewitt series this year was taken by Alan Graettinger with Jeff Lambrix 2nd and Tim Northrup 3rd. One of the pleasures of this year was the fact that there were many good sailors out each week and it was hard to predict who would be first.

The Commodore's series was won by Jeff Lambrix followed by Tim Northrup and Chris Cowles third.

The Season Series - Sunday only series for the whole summer, was won by Andy Loree with Bob Schoonbeck 2nd and Jeff Lambrix 3rd.

The post season Herb Behr trophy was won again this year by Alan Graettinger whose name has become well known to this fleet.

It is interesting to note that with hardly an exception, the placers this year have all come up through the ranks of the Pentwater Yacht Club junior fleet. In addition to getting an early start, early competition has paid off with results. Skippering their own boats has given them a feel for sailing far superior to that learned as a crew member and they have added much to the pleasure of all.

In addition to the regular series this year, another Race Week was held and the winner of this series was a new member to the Lightning race scene, George Roth. Closely behind was Tim Miller followed by perhaps the most mentioned skipper of the season, Jeff Lambrix. The races during this week brought many new crew in to active racing and will help provide a continuing source of pleasure to these new sailors as well as the oldtimers who depend upon a continuing source of crew.

In all, it was a great season and all are looking forward to another one next year.