

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain Doug Basler
Regatta Chairman Gail & Bill Bluhm,
Arnie Samuel & Helen Whitney
Fleet Champions Tim Miller, Alan Graetinger,
Arnie Samuel, Joan Cuchna
First Runner-Up Doug Basler
Second Runner-Up Andy Loree

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6889	Dave Anderson
9259	Took	Mary Ann Bates
9412	Alethia	Douglas S. Basler
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter, Timothy & Martha B. Northrup
10606	Willi Waw II	Don Lambrix
11134	Frantic	Milford M. Miller & Alan Graetinger
12104	James March
12371	Greased	Cliff Dibelka
12372	John Scott

During 1978 we saw an upturn in Fleet 340 activities at the Pentwater Yacht Club. Sunday races usually saw six or more boats at the starting line and a battle up and down the lake for position.

For the second year in a row youth provided a real threat during the season and the results of the trophy presentations reflected this. The racing team of skipper Alan Graetinger, with crew Arnie Samuel and Joan Cuchna taking the season trophy. Second place went to skipper Doug Basler and crew Debbie Roth and George Graetinger. Pressing for the third spot was skipper Andy Loree and crew Jim Northrup and Cathy Beahm. The second and third place boats average ages were under 20 so youth is definitely on the move at the club. During late July and August wind and weather conditions on Pentwater Lake were ideal, with few days of calm or rain.