SHEEPSHEAD YACHT CLUB (38)
Greater Long Island District
Based on Atlantic Ocean, N. Y.

| Fleet Captain | Marvin Rubel |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Sam Levene |
| Fleet Champion | Os Resen in "BobKen" |
| Runner-Up | Sam Levene in "Dinah" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 733 | Aurora | Marvin Rubel |
| 1941 | Libido II | Leonard Goldman |
| 2134 | Black Magic | Arthur \& Gilbert |
|  |  | Greenspan |
| 2525 | Playmate | Eddie Lakritz |
| 2671 | Stardust | Dave Leinoff |
| 2731 | Dori | Wallace Rosengart |
| 3259 | Alchemy | Al Salkind |
| 3423 | Hy-N-I | Herman H. Friedman |
| 4097 | BobKen | Os Resen |
| 4112 | Dinah | Sam Levene |
| 4643 | Flobil | William Essner |
| 4919 | Walrita III | Walden Monte |

Lightning Fieet No. 38 conducted one of the most successful racing programs in its history during the 1951 season. Six races were held from the middle of June to the middle of September. An average of ten Lightnings competed in each event, the races were conducted by the Miramar Yacht Club. The six races were divided into two series, A and B. Os Resen sailing BobKen emerged victorious in both. A group of Lightnings from Fleet No. 38 sailed to Perth Amboy and raced in their summer regatta. After tangling with a squall and other unusual weather conditions they were fortunate in placing one boat "BobKen" in third position.

Plans are now being made for the coming year for a bigger and better racing schedule.


Os. Resen sailing "Bobken" No, too7, Chanf of Shecpshead Bay, Flect 38.

# CHELSEA YACHT CLUB FLEET (39) <br> Metropolitan District <br> Based on Hudson River, N. Y. 



Our small fleet pur in a fair season, running nine races besides being host to the Mid Hudson River Squadron Regatta, at which time 37 boats entered from the four clubs.
The first race was started in a light breeze and had to be called off. The second and third races were also saited in light brecze.

The final results of the regatta were Magnus Pedersen in "Valhalla" first, Palmer Y. Epler, Jr. in "Spray" second, Henry Abreu in "Fiesta 11," third.


Champion of Flect 30, Heury Alirch in "Fiesta 11" No. 1900
"Dutichess", No. 3102 satild by Carzer Dumke was Ranucr-up.

SOUTHMOST FLEET (40)

## Texas District

Based on Lagune Madre, Port Isabel, Texas
(Report for 1949 not received at printing time.)

| Fleet Captain | None |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Ewing Clark |
| Fleet Champion | Ewing Clark in "LeJa" |
| Runner-Up | Randolph Fleuriet in "Corsair" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 620 | Nancy II | Waldo Greene |
| 672 | Corsair | Randolph Fleuriet |
| 765 | C. H. Jr. | C. H. Britron Jr. |
| 771 | Beatty Jean II Richard Pitts |  |
| 1486 | Leja | Ewing Clark |
| 1868 | Down Easter Ruth Spalding |  |
| 3078 | Jerry | Dan Clark |

# HIGHTOR FLEET (41) <br> Metropolitan District <br> Based on Hudson River, N. Y. 

Fleet Captain

| Fleet Secretary |
| :--- |$\quad$ Lawrence Ryan

Fleet Champion
Runner-Up $\quad$ Dalton (Doc) Myles

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1222 | Mary E. | Thomas Reilly |
| 1309 | Fiesta | Patricia Vawter |
| 1898 | Happy Days | Charies Strachen |
| 1899 | Sparetime | Lawrence Ryan |
| 1901 | Rock Happy | Gilbert Parker |
| 1930 | Heidi.Ho | Hank Holterhoff |
| 2490 |  | Louis Castalano |
| 3021 |  | John H. Wells |
| 3156 | Chinook | Mr. James Campbell |
| 4691 |  | Euclid Ganson |
| 0,0 |  | Dawton Myles |

The 1951 season opened with the Memorial Day Race. A large group of Lightnings from along the Hudson participated in this race which has grown to be one of the most interesting annual races of our club, A beautiful plaque is put up each year by the club and the winner also has his name engraved on the perpetual trophy which is dedicated to the memory of the boys of the cluts who lost their lives in World War II. The race was won by Magnus Pedersen by Nyack; runner-up was Charles Strachen; third place, Captain Larry Ryan.

Following this race, we started on our regular schedule of twelve home races, the Metropolitan District and Atlantic Coast Races at Nyack, Ossiring Invitation Race at Ossining, the MidHudson Squadron Race at Chelsea, and wound up with our Annual Long-Distance Mirisceongo Club Race, sailed from Grassy Point to Nyack on the Sunday before Labor Day. The boats then lay over at Nyack for the Labor Day Races there.

This made a very active schedule for 1951 and all the skippers enjoyed it most enthusiastically. We look forward to an even better season next yean.

## TOLEDO LIGHTNING FLEET (42) <br> Ohio-Indiana District

## Based on Maumee Bay, Ohio

Fleet Secretary
Richard Daso
Fleet Champion,
Walt Swindeman in "Yankee Doodle II" Fleet Runner-Up Dick Krauss in "Jinks"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 313 | Jiminy Cricket R. H. Herron \& R. L. Herron |  |
| 460 | Scamp | Richard Daso |
| 825 | Pepper | Cy Greenhill |
| 1022 |  | Ed, Tom \& Dave |
|  |  | Adkins |
| 1273 | Gin Ric | Donald Dierks |
| 1335 | Barnbi | Don Booth |
| 1336 | Lucky | Joe J. Wensinger |
| 1658 |  | Charles Fox |
| 2250 |  | Clarence Crites |
| 2440 | Hunky Dory | Richard Legowski |
| 4212 | Min-to | Thomas \& Minnie Cook |
| 4447 | Jinks | Richard Krauss |
| 4810 | Sooky | Jerry Garinger |
| 4881 | Zig Zag. II | Cal Yaudas |
| 5180 | Yankee Doodle. Walt Swindeman |  |

The fleet races got started off with Walt Swindeman getting his new boat tuned up to win the Great Lakes and Frostbite Regarta at Toledo Yacht Club, Johnny Robinson came in second, and Cal Yaudas took third.

Dick Krauss realized he was going to have some real competition this season with three new boats in our fleet.

Swindeman, Yaudas and Garinger qualified for the OhioIndiana Races. Swindeman did the impossible by coming in first in all five races. Yankee Doodle II showed it could keep up the famous. Doodle repuration.

"Jinks" skippered by Dick Krmuss, defonding International Chamfion during 1051 Regatta in Toledo.


Fliet 43 nacing at Buckeye Lake.

The fleet members, crew and wives started to work on the plans and arrangements for the International Lightning Regarta to be held at T.Y.C. of which Fleet 42 was host.

Dick Krauss was chairman of the International Regatta Committee, and Mrs. Cal Yaudas was chairman of the Women's Commitree. They both deserve a lot of credit for the Regatta's success. This was the biggest event Fleet 42 ever sponsored. John Tiegland won the trophy in one of the most thrilling of Lightning Championship Regattas ever sailed. We were happy to have so many enthusiastic skippers, crew members, and guests present to belp make this event a big success.

In our Hleet Races, Walt Swindeman took first with Yankee Doodle, Dick Krauss was second and Cal Yaudas third. Eight other boats also sailed.

Our fleet participated in many out of town regattas, such as Hamilton Y.C, Detroit Y.C., Devils Lake Y.C., Port Clinton Y.C., Higgins Lake Y.C.. Milwaukee, and Atwood Y.C. Jerry Garinger's crew. Nelson Penske and Jim Schudel, took his boat to Atwood Lake Regatta and came home with trophies and enough kitchen ware to supply the whole fleet. Jerry plans on taking lessons from his crew next season.

We ended our season with a big roast on the club grounds. It was plenty cold outside, but we were warmed with a log fire and good stiff drinks. Plans are in progress for a bipger and better 1952 season.

## BUCKEYE LAKE FLEET (43) <br> Ohio-Indiana District

## Based on Buckeye Lake, near Columbus. Ohio

| Fleet Captain | George V. Fisher |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Lowell E. Frost |
| Fleet Champion | Russ Luchtenberg in "Fireball" |
| Runner-Up | Robert Mann in "Tar Baby" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 248 | Fireball | Russ Luchtenberg |
| 638 | My Gal | Fred Carlson |
| 721 | Mymmy Dressel |  |
| 820 | Lazy Lady | Lowell E. Frost |
| 830 | Alibi | Earl Fisher |
| 843 | Snoals | Fred Wright |
| 869 | "Did It" | Robert Yoerger |
| 997 | Sea Jay | Cliford Dum |
| 1225 | Black Beauty | Robert Baldwin |
| 1231 | Janean | C. E Kimball |
| 1287 | Bluebird | Ralph Donkes |
| 1357 | Who-Zat | Wm. Coffman |
| 1801 | Sylvia |  |
| 1803 |  | Art Schworer |
| 1804 | Wildfish | Fred Schaeffer |
|  | Ernest Wilson |  |


| 1806 | Escapade | Rov H. Lovell |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 2247 | Sivad | Newton Davis |
| 2823 | Thumper | Harold Heberding |
| 4283 | Tar Baby | Robert C Mann |
| 4677 | Sailbad the Simner J. E. Finneran, Jr. |  |
| 4865 | My Gal II | George Fisher |

The Spring Series opened April 29th with plenty of wind and much activity. This was a hotly contested series consisting of five races, George Fisher in "My Gal" with $321 / 2$ points was first, Russ Luchtenberg placed second in "Fireball" with $311 / 2$ points, and third place was taken by Robert Mann in "Tar Baby" with 301 , points. This was a very close series and no one complained about the lack of wind.

Our Summer Series started off on May 30th, and the familiat names are still coming up, this series was taken by Russ Luchtenberg in "Fireball," with 74 points. Robert Mann placed second in "Tar Baby" with $66 \%$, Harold Heberding took third place with "Thumper," receiving 63 points. This was a 9 -race series with an option to drop 2 races.

During the summer we sailed a free-for-all on Wednesday nights, this is strictly unlimited and it is gratifying to note that George Fisher in "My Gal" took first over "Thistles," "K's" and the Lightnings.

Labor Day afforded us an opportunity for a fast threerace seties. George Fisher again placed for first, Robert Mann took second, and Russ Luchtenberg came in third. This was most interesting and you will notice that the experts are in the lead positions again.

Our Fall Series again was taken by George Fisher, but second position brings in a new name and one of our favorite sailors, C. E. Kimball in "Janean," third place was taken by that perpetual winner, Robert Mann.

As an interesting note, the crew of "Janean" covers three generations, skipper Kim, his daughter, Jean Palmer, and his granddaughter, Sandra Palmer.

On the 4th of July, we tan our traditional long distance race. This race is for all classes and Ed Finneran in "Sailbad the Sinner" took first place and in so doing won two trophiesthe Luchtenberg Handicap Trophy and the Woodward Trophy, Second place was taken by Harold Heberding in "Thumper" and third place was won by George Cooper in a Thistle.

Saturday afternoons the Lightnings were turned over to some of our junior sailors, Sandra Palmer skippered "Janean," Dick Luchtenberg in "Fireball," Jimmy Dressel in "My Gal," Jeff Dum in "Sea Jay." and Jerry Cooper in "Thumper." It was most interesting to see how well these younger sailors could handle a Lightning. It looks like we have the makings of more good skippers.

We have a few traveling salesmen that do well at invitational regattas. Robert Mann in "Tar Baby" took first place at the Ohio Inter-Club at Chippawa and second place at Attwood.

George Fisher did nicely at the Districts, placing sixth, although he was unable to sail in the Internationals, he did sail in the President's race at Toledo and took 5th place.

Buckeye Lake's Heet was well represented at St. Petersburg, Russ Luchtenberg, Robert Mann and Ed Finneran all attended, also Charlie and Grace Saugherty went along as the rooting section.

We feel we are the fastest growing and most active flect in this or any other district, we would like to at this time welcome to our fleet our new members, Kyle Armstrong, Fred Carlson, Ernest Wilson, Newton Davis, Earl Fisher, Robert Baldwin, Ralph Donges, Jimmy Dressel and Dick Luchtenberg.

Ralph Donges and Robert Baldwin drive over 75 miles to make the 11 A.M. statting gun and they have seldom missed. these are two swell fellows and Fleet 43 is proud to have them in their organization.

Jimmy Dressel is sailing 721, the boat that carried George Fisher to the top Jimmy is not only the youngest member of our fleet, but the most conscientious and we promise you will hear a lot of Jimmy in the future. Another young skipper is Dick Luchtenberg. Dick is now sailing "Fireball" and it looks like he is following in his farher's footsteps; he has the knowhow and is another young skipper to have great possibilities.

We all look forward to our invitational Snowball regatta. It is the big event of the year for the Lightning sailors of Buckeye Lake. We enjoy the good competition given us by visiting skippers and we are particularly pleased when fellows such as Jim Carson makes the long haul from Philadelphia, and Dave Shay from New Jersey. We had 13 visiting boats with a total of 27 entries, this made for fine racing and plenty of competition. The regatta was set up for a three-race series, two on Sat urday and one on Sunday. The Saturday races went off on schedule, the wind starting at 10 miles per and by late afternoon had increased to 20. By Sunday morning, the storm had increased considerably. Winds were blowing 34 to 40 hitting 50 or more in the puffs. With an eye for safety, a vote was taken by the visiting skippers as to the advisability of running the third race. Nine voted no race and four voted to race. The race was called off and awards and trophies were awarded on the standings of the two races.

First place went to Dick Krauss of Toledo. Second place went to George Fisher of Buckeye Lake and third place to John Runt of Attwood. A lively party was held on Saturday night and Cal Yaudas entertained by leading the community sing.

Consider this a personal invitation to attend the 7th Annual Snowball Regatta at Buckeye Lake in 1952.

CANANDAIGUA YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (44) Central New York District Based on Canandaigua Lake, New York

| Fleet Captain | Wayne G. Norton <br> Barbara Zeitler |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Fleet Champion, H. Minor, Jr, in "Winsome Sal" |
| Henry | H. Win. Place, Jr, in "The Nude" |

Boat No. Boat Name
234 Ka Bob
366 Joshua
575 Cinderella
758 Hic Cup
910 Sea Horse II
1267 Inc.
1361 Nude
1641 Sequa
1795 Jill
1828 Thor
1829 Dunk I
3474 Dunk 11
3771 Marge
4872 Winsome Sal

1497 Spree II Charles F. Payne and Marcia L. Payne
Skipper
David M. Nealy
Harold Hutchins,
Russell G. Scheer
W, E, Churchill
II Clarence A. Carpenter
Robert Reicharr and
Wayne G. Norton
William Place Roger C. Johnson,

Jack C. Palmer<br>Raymond Olsen<br>Edward Brewer<br>Ralph 1. Hoyt<br>Robert W. Simmons<br>Henry Minor

The 1951 season for Fleet 44 got off to a slow start with several of the tune-up races cancelled either because of too much or too little wind. However, as the season wore on, Bud Minor and his new Nichols (Winsome Sal), Bill Place in "The Nude," and Eddie Brewer in "Dunk 1," and Ralph Hoyt in "Dunk II," were soon fighting it out for the fleet honors.

At the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta (Red Jacket Yacht Club, Cayuga Lake, July 26th to 28ch), Minor took first with Place second while at the District Championships (Crescent Yacht Club, Chaumont Bay, August 11th and 12th), Minor placed first with Place fourth, one poim out of third place.

The Internationals at Toledo found Minor in the Championship Series and Place in the President's Series, but the "no wind" boys from Canandaigua couldn't quite keep up with the 35.mile-an-hour gales on Maumee Bay! They promise a berter showing in 1952 at Barnegat Bay!

At the Sailors' Banguet in October. Fleat 44 again gave champronship honors to Bud Minor in "Winsome Sal," second place to Bill Place in "The Nude," and third place to Unk Hoyt in "Dunk II." Eddre Brewer in "Dunk I" who fought hard all season, failed by three-hundredths of a point to tie for third place.

Fleet 44 looks forward to an exciting year ahead with several of the younger Comet sailors graduating to Lightnings, and also some other new boats coming into the fieet. The 1952 racing season promises to be a busy one with both the District Charmpionshups and the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regattas being held in Canandaigua Lake.

"Xecd" sailed by Flect 15 Champion, Oliver 1. Deer.

## EDGEWATER YACHT CLUB (45)

## Ohio-Indiana District

## Based on Lake Erie. Cleveland, Ohio.

| Fleet Captain | Oliver J. Deex |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | James E. Buchanan |
| Fleet Champion | Oliver J. Deex in "Xeed" |
| Runner-UP | Pat Young in "White Cloud" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| ---: | :--- |
| 868 | Ja.Bo |
| 889 | Mella II |
| 1269 | Hoo-me |
| 1291 | White Cloud |
| 1674 | Restless |
| 2852 | Buccaneer |
| 3399 | Rushan |
| 3459 | Redhead |
| 3461 | Opeechee |
| 3612 | Xeed |
| 4880 | Dark Cloud |

## Skipper

Dr, Chester Schultz
Dr. Rudolph O. Cooks
John Mueller
Pat Young
Harold L. Hall
James E. Buchanan
Russell Hanson
William H. Redhead
Al Sprock
Oliver J. Deex
Pat Young

Fifteen races scheduled; fifteen races sailed. Nice going, Mr. Weatherman! When the spray had settled, the two top boats were separated by one point! So Ollie Deex went home with the trophy and Pat Young went out and bought Yankee Doodle II Jim Buchanan with a close third threatened both.

Every boat in the fleet had its "high moments," even Al Sprock, who on one occasion filled his boat with water with a gybe at the windward mark.

In inter-fleet competition, Tdgewater sailors did well: Hall won the Greater Cleveland Lakefront Regatta for the fifth straight time. He also took first place in the Edgewater Y.C. Regatta. Deex was second at Cleveland Y.C, Regatta and again second at Pur-In-Bay, where five Edgewater boats competed in the 58th Inter-Lake Yachring Association Regatta.

Schultz and Deex split two firsts in the two Sourh Shore Regatra races. Young finsshed second at Buckeye Lake, At Lakeside Y.C. Regatta, it was Deex first, Young second.

Flags and prizes were awarded for every home race. With weather and race committee performing at top efficiency, the 1951 season just wasn't long enough to satisfy the demand. Fortunately another season is just around the equinox,


Flewt to Champ Ernic Hamilton and Crew, Daser and Audresws in "Owest" sailing on Iroudequoit Bay,

## IRONDEQUOIT BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (46)

## Central New York District

Based on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York
Fleet Captain Arnold Sahs Fleet Secretary on Ernest Hamilton in "Owest" Runner-Up Arthur Ries in "Skoot"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 203 | Ifinpoft |
| 458 | Quest |
| 877 | Skoot |
| 935 | Gin Rig |
| 936 | Ungawa |
| 981 | HiDeHo |
| 1034 | Ric Don |
| 4724 | George |

## Skipper

Edward Bishop
Ernest Hamilton
Arthur Ries
Reg. Adams \& Eugene Scheid L. J. Bach E. A. Geier Richard Kerber
Arnold Sahs

The following was presented "Walter Winchell" style at the Annual Awards Banquet of the Algonquin Yacht Club, Lightning Fleet No, 46 it does a tine job in summarizing the activities of the 1951 sailing season:
"Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. Algonquin and all Light. nings under sail. Let's go to press."

Spring series completed-won by "Quest," "Ricdon" second.
Three officials have been sailed in the summer weries-Dick Kerber is ahead in his "Ricdon."

LYRA Regatta is now in progress at Chaumont Bay. After taking two thirds, Hamilton got disgusted with the race committee. He has picked up his marbles and is on the way home.

LSLS has just finished their Annual Regatta at Newport Yacht Club on Irondequoit Bay. Arnie Sahs of AYC finished second. Congratulations, Arnie!

Surmmer Series now over. "Ricdon" took honors, "Quest" second.
"Hi De Ho" and "Quest" represented Fleet 46 at the Central New York District Regatta on Cayuga Lake-No Dice.

Algonquin has given up the Lewis Point Crown to Dr. Eugene Carpenter of Lewis Point. Congratulations, Doc!

Mainsheet man Earl Doser may be pretry hot on that main. sheet-but he's got a lot to learn about spinnakers. Remember Lewis Point and Jane Clark, Eatl? Boy, was that water cold!
"Riedon" and "Quest" have just returned from Chaumont Bay where they represented Fleet 46 in the eliminations. "Quest" took third place. Skipper Ernie Hamilton will take his boat and crew to Toledo, Ohio, later this month to sail against the experts.

Commodore Art Ries has also won recent fame. He sailed his "Skoot"" in the Commodore's series at Chaumont and took second place honors-Nice Going Commodore!

Fall series now half over-"Ricdon" and "Quest" neck-inneck for honors.

Newport Yacht Club on Irondequoit Bay has once more shown Algonquin tars who is boss. The Newporters, with the help of former AYC Skipper, Dr. John McIntosh, trampled over Algonquin in their Annual Meeting on the bay.

Hamilton, Doser and Andres left last night for ToledoGood luck boys.

Fall Series Results-Winner-"Quest," "Skoot" second. 'FLASH'-Reports from Toledo say that John Tiegland, Jr. of Surf City, New Jersey is the New Lightning Champ. The next four finishers in order were:

Runner-Up -Johnny Robertson of Hamilton, Ontario
Third -Charlie Dore of Surf City, N. J.
Fourth -Last year's Champ, Dick Krauss of Toledo
Fifth -Twotime winner Walt Swindeman of Toledo
Talk is going around that Tiny Ed Bishop is going to sell his "Iffinpoof," and buy an unfinished Skaneateles hull. Dick Kerber is thinking of doing the same. Good idea, boys!
L. J. Bach, Skipper of the "Ungawa" is now serving with the U.S. Occupation Forces in Germany.

Fred Wess, Jr, known to us as "Bud," is now stationed at Pearl Harbor with the United States Navy.

At the risk of intruding on "Comet Capers" your reporter wishes to extend a hearry welcome to Dick Frye-home on leave from "Uncle Sam's Navy."

These "Lightning Flashes" would not be complete without a word of gratitude to Fred Wess and his indispensable "Stink pot." I feel that I can speak for every member of AYC in giving Fred our most sincere thanks.

Our hearty thanks to Reg Adams and Gene Scheid, Coskippers of the "Ginrig" for their efforts on the "Alky" this season.

The ladies of Algonquin, especially the cooks, wish to extend their utmost thanks and congratulations to Ed Geier, Skipper of the "Hi De Ho" for his masterful job of repairing the "John," and as a token of our appreciation, we are giving Ed a book entitled-"How To Learn Plumbing at Home."

Best wishes to our friends Reg and Ollie, who have recently set sail upon the sea of matrimony.

This is your Algonquin Yacht Club Reporter, Dick Andrews, who feels that in spite of the weeds and slimy water, Irondequoir Bay will always be our home.

# SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47) Lake Erie District Based on Silver Lake, New York 

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Runners-Up

| Boat | No. |
| ---: | :--- |
| 80 | Boat Name <br> Doraleo |
| 154 | Ripple |
| 392 | Firebird |
| 410 | Budget |
| 909 | Buster |
| 1616 | Frisky |
| 3561 | If |
| 15 | Jane |

Howard Melntyre
Mrs. W. J. Humphrey, Jr.
Harry L. Brown in "Firebird"
| Edward D. Neal in "Frisky"

## Skipper

William G. and Charles VanArsdale Joseph J. Eliasz
Harry 1. Brown
H. W. Benedict \& Dr. W. M. Hamphrey
Mr. \& Mrs. Edward D. Neal
David Hudes \& W. J. Humphrey, Jt,
Bill \& Charles VanArsdale
In retrospect, the '51 season of Lightning Fleet No, 47 was satisfying in mast every way. All of the regular tleet were in commission with veteran crews and boundless enthusiasm. As the resule of much winter toil and early swason runing, the racing series found competition rising to new heights with photo finishes more the rule than the exception. Harry Brown and his "Firebird" were not acclaimed as victors until the week before Labor Day finale with Ed Neal and his "Frisky" a close second. The Benedict Trophy, symbolic of Labor Day supremacy, was won handily by the Van Arsdales whose skill paid off under the exacting extremes of calm and squalls.

At the invitation of Fleer 140, four of the SI Y.C. trailered to nearby Conesus for a delightful morning-afternoon series, We arrived holding great anticipation and eagerness for the cest of men and boats. A fresh breeze gradually dissipated until the afternoon contest was cut short midst a dead calm. Final standings showed that Dr. Humphrey in "Budget Buster" finished first in the visiting S.L.Y.C entry with a third and fourth in the overall feet of fourteen. The thoughtfulness and cooperative spirit of our hosts will be remembered long after the events of the day are forgotten. Fleet 140 set a standard for all to shoot at-fine competitors and genial hosts even to the point of helping us drag our boats back at the close of the day's festivities.

## LAKE GENEVA FLEET (48)

## Based on Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port, Corsier-Port-Geneve, Switzerland

(No report received in 1952)

# COLUMBIA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET 

## Connecticut District

 Based on Columbia Lake, Connecticut| Fleet Captain | Roy Ferguson Jr |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Richard C. Miller |
| Fleet Champion | Dick \& Paul Miller in "Suspense" |
| Runner-Up | Oswald P. Schaller in No, 2688 |


| Beat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 518 | Pirate | Richard \& Jane Molt |
| 562 | Whirlaway | Dr. M. C. Wilson |
| 690 | Suspense | Dick and Poul Miller |
| 815 | Win.Dee | John Young |
| 1000 | Thunderbolt | Janet Ferguson |
| 1671 | Poky | Laverne H. Williams |
| 2688 |  | Oswald P. Scheller |
| 2873 |  | S. M. Silverstein |

The sailors of Fleet No. 49 are happy to report another successful season of racing. As in past years, races were held each Sunday throughour the summer, points being totaled after Labor Day. The Schellers, showing fine sailing ability, captured the runner-up position. With his wife, Jan, as his steady crew, Os began the process of training the two younger Schellers in the ways of a Lightning. One or the other of the girls could be seen each Sunday in her green life jacket.

Dick and Paul Miller, breaking in their younger sister, Alice, placed first Alice well lived up to the reputation set by her mother who had crewed in previous years.

WASHINGTON FLEET (50)
Dixie District
Based on Potomac River

| Based on Potomac River |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Captain | Col. F. B, Shearer |  |  |
| Fleet Secretary | Nobert E. Heinl, Jr. S. Schaller in "Schnitzel" |  |  |
| Fleet Champion | N. . Soat Name |  |  |



[^0] of Fleet so,
Fleet 50 had again this year an active and busy season. During the Winter, meetings were held each month on subjects
of interest to Lightning Skippers. In the Potomac River Sailing Association spring season, eight or nine Lightnings were racing regularly. The Spring Season Series was won by Norman C. Shaller, sailing his Dixie District Champion, "Schnitzel," Second place was awarded to the Washington Sea Scouts, sailing "La Spouse," and third was won by "Ruthless," sailed by Stanley Folkman. In June and July several of the Washington boats par ticipated in the various regattas on Chesapeake Bay, with more than satisfactory results to Washington skippers.

Twelve boats turned out for the Dixie District Champion ships held in our local waters on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12. The weather was anything but ideal, but races were completed and Norman C. Schaller, the defending champion of Fleet 50, the host fleet, went on to win the three first out of four races and easily retained his championship. Second place was won by Bob Purnell from the Indian River Yacht Club in Delaware, and third place was again won this year by Arthur Carnduff of the local fleet, sailing the "Halcyon."

Also, during the summer, eight or ten of the local boats sailed in the Summer Series run by the National Yacht Club from the Sailing Marina, Alexandria, Virginia,

In the Potomac River Sailing Association Fall Series, first place as won by "Fin III," skippered by Robert Heinl, sailing his first season in the Lightning Class, here in Washington. Second place was captured by "Schnizzel," sailed by Joe Kraffr, who skippered this boat in the absence of Norman Schaller. The third place trophy was won by "Scat Back," sailed by Mra. Philip Robinson and the local girl matiners.

## CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

## Michigan District

## Based on Lake St. Claire, Grosse Point Farms, Mich.

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& \text { Fleet Captain } \\
& \text { Fleet Secretary }
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Skipper

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 122 | Marybob | Dan H. Butler |
| 232 |  | Bertram D. Campbell |
| 321 |  | Thomas Rochford |
| 778 | Sylvia | Wm. G. Phillips |
| 798 |  | H. Rex Waddell |
| 807 | Lean To | Richard R. Crandall \& James E. |
| 886 | Alvirno | Al R. Decker |
| 1060 | Daisy Mae | III John S. Squire |
| 1214 | Mid III | Earl J. Peters |
| 1565 | Imp | Victor J. Schneider |
| 1617 | We Do | Richard C. Hill |
| 1656 | Pinocchio | Edw. F. Walter |
| 1957 |  | Richard A. Wing, Jr. \& Douglas |
| 1976 2541 | Lark | Wm. McKee Dunn of Guy L. Ireland |
| 2545 | Sugar | James C. Millies |
| 2884 | Joy Sueie | Fred C. Kagel |
| 3115 | One-Up | Water E. Thill |
| 3227 |  | Carl Cargill, Jr. |
| 3433 | My Hatem | Ralph J. \& Helen B. O'Hara |
| 3578 | Pixie | Allen Sipes |
| 3613 |  | Elijah G. Poxson |
| 3615 | Faux.Pas | Henry L. Wilson II and Robert R. Hydon |
| 4008 | Cork II | Gerald \& Ronald Jenkins |
| 4398 | Snegel | Richard J. Graham and Robert W. Hornbeck |
| 4647 |  | William C. Flaherty |
| 4923 |  | Jack Leverenz |
| 4924 | - | Henry J. Cawthra |
| 4971 | c-7.....- $=$ | Walter A. Roncy |
|  |  | George Cossaboom |

## ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB FLEET (52)

## Central New York District

Based on Lake Ontario, Rochester, New York
(Inactive)

## LAKE FENTON YACHT CLUB Michigan District Based on Lake Fenton, Mich.

| Fleet Captain | Robert H. Furey |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Robert H. Furey |
| Fleet Champion | Herm Nickels in "Pick Nick" |
| Runner-Up | Arthur Brandt in "Arbana" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 367 | Finesse | C. J. \& Gertrude Lauer |
| 387 | Kildeer | Dr. W. H. Winchester |
| 591 | Heather | Onalce Laird |
| 597 | Jo-Jo | Joanne Greenley |
| 804 | Hell Razors | Sea Scouts Explorer Unit 112 |
| 965 | Jeanie Mac | Jack and Margaret B. MacArthur |
| 1251 | Fair Wind | Wm. \& Auke DeHaan |
| 1566 | Worry Wart | W. H. \& Robert H. Fure |
| 1654 | Cream Puff | Robert se Carrie Jean Bellairs |
| 4090 | Arbana | Lauren Elliott |
| 4533 | Pick Nick | Arthur Nickles |
| 4545 | Double B | Dr. G. J. Murphy |
| 4704 | Dyna-Flow II | C. Clark Smith and Mac Smith |
| 5050 | Fifty-Fifty | Clarence L, Holman, Jr. |

We regretfully hauled the last Lightnings out of the Lake after a blanket of snow covered the shores, Let's face it, sailors; where could you find a sweller sport than this sailing? Fleet No. 53 had a very successful season with only one race that could be called a drifter. We sailed 18 races this year, and in no race could the leader relax until the finish line was safely behind.

Never has the competition been so keen. Herm Nickels won the fleet championship with Art Brandt breathing down his neck, and Jerry Murphy only percentage points behind. Each month when the moon was full, a moonlight race was run. Crews were unlimited and the races were strictly for fun. A beach party finished off the evenings, and for Fleet No, $\$ 3$ moonlight races are here to stay,


Jerry and Millie Murphy with Sid at the Devils Lake Inzitational.

We held the First Annual White Cap Regatta this year at the Lake Fenton Boat and Yacht Club. Twenty boats completed a.d everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. W/e owe many thanks to our club manager, Al Vick, for the finest kind of cooperation. We are beginning to think that the sailing bug has bitten him, too. He takes a great deal of pride in our suilors of they do something ral clever like winning a Regata. Our own Jerry Murphy showed the visitors the way and won the White Cap Regatta, with Dick Krauss (some newcomer from Toiedo) second and Herm Nickels third,

Our Club traveled a good deal through the past year. Two boats made the Mid-Winter Championships, also the fleet was represented at Hamilton, Grear Laker Championships at Toledo, Higgins Lake (Oh Boy), Devils Lake and of course the District. We were plagued with tough luck ar the District. Herm Nickels had his rigging torn apart by a port tact boat, Bob Furey was involved in a collision and dropped out. Jerry Murphy was recovering from an appendicitis operation and couldn't compete. Thus for the first time since 1945 we had no representative in the Internationals. However, Jerry Murphy, Bob Furey, Clarence Holman and Herm Nickels trailed theor boats to the President's Cup Series. Alt in all we trailed a lot of miles and a gay good tume was had by all. But with the good, you must take the bad, and it was our bad luck that our beloved Commodore, Bill Furey, was moved to Buffalo, New York, in his defense work. Bill and his wife are sorely missed.

Clarence Holman as elected Commodore for the coming year. Many are the plans afoot for the long trek down to Florida for the winter championships. Also, there is a great deal of talk of taking boats down to the wood and refinishing and removing excess weight, ete. Next season will see our Sea Scouts out with a Lightning and it is expected that they will give us a rough time. lt's the kind of planning that convinces everyone that next season is going to be the best one of all.

## PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54) Michigan District Based on Cass Lake, Mich.

| Fleet Captain | L. E. O'Dell |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Alex Clark |
| Fleet Champion | Leslie Huntwork in "Judy Kay" |
| Runner-Up | Alton Gray in "Kay, II1" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 426 | Lively Lady | Edward T. Markham |
| 611 | Princess | F. Prince |
| 703 | Storm King | Clarence K. Patterson |
| 835 | Old Par | James H. Van Doren |
| 836 | Mi Alibi | Kenneth Raymond |
| 837 | Flicka | C. J. Strang |
| 838 | Aqqua Leta | Neal a George Wasserberger |
| 839 | Buccaneer | Charles W. Buck |
| 841 | Nautigal | Charles Callahan |
| 842 | Dottie | Frank E. Bonner |
| 857 | Judy Kay | Leslie F. Huntwork |
| 904 |  | Eugene T. MacCracken |
| 941 | Grephyl | H. Van Phipps |
| 1082 | Fu-Fu-II | Arthur \& Roland A. Redner |
| 1216 | Connie | W. Dean Thompson |
| 1315 | Kay III | Alton Gray |
| 1787 | The Dud | Harold W, Dudley |
| 1789 | C-Lark | Alex Clark, Jr. |
| 1790 | Rascal III | Harold A. Cousins |
| 1793 | Rosalie | Frank J. Moreau |
| 1818 | Miss P.B.R. | Charles sc Virginia Hutchins |
| 1819 | Sea-Jay | C. J. Cleveland |
| 1820 | Whim | Donald Harrison |
| 1821 | Barracuda | Andre as William C. Roualet |
| 1977 | Bambi | L. E. O'Dell |
| 1978 | Marge-Ann | Alten R. Oberson |
| 2611 | Ma's Worry | Joseph Baldez |
| 3385 |  | George Tackels |
| 3528 | Tip-Top | Sarnuel L. Dibble |
| 4947 | Gizmo | Allen R. Oberson |

Our season started in May with tuneup races and the start of our Official Sunday Morning Series preceding Memorial Day. The interest in Sunday Series was accelerated by the awarding of the "Popeye Banner" to the winner who then was permitted to fly it until the next official race when it became the temporary property of the next winner. The "Popeye" changed hands about every race, which added to the interest and com-
petition. When the spray cleared away, we found Reland Redner and his "Fu-Fu, II" sitting on top after the summer-long struggie.

The Nite-Owl Series went into effect in June and continued every Wednesday evening until August. As the season progressed and the days grew shorter, the races really became Nite Owl events with skippers and crews playing hide and seek with the buoys marking the three-mile course. Charley Callahan copped the trophy by domg the best sating job, and having the best eyes and brightest flashlight,

The Championship Series was scheduled earlier this season to enable the participation of those scheduled to go to college. In the Championship Series, which is ssiled by the ten boats showing the best in the summer-long standings, Les Huntwork tuned the "Judy-Kay" perfectly for the light to moderate air experienced during the Series and topped that with some flawless sailing to really drub the fleet with three first-places to become our Club Champion, In the Commodore Series, sailed by the balance of the fleet while the Championship Series is in prog. ress, the competition was so close that first place ended in a three-way tie for points among the Skippers Bonner, Dibble and Moreau. In a final calculation the trophy was awarded to Frank Moreau for having brought his "Rosalie" in ahead of the "Tip Top" and "Dottie" more times during the five-race series.

Since some sating time was still available following the Championship and Commodore Series runoffs the hardier ones of the fleet sailed a Snow Ball Series which ran on into October. Jerry Callahan of the Sailing Callahans took the trophy in this newly inaugurated endurance contest.

During the month of August the Annual Exchange Regata with the Orchard Lake Country Club was run off with favorable broezes on Cass Lake, in the "Lightnings" and more than strong breezes on Orchard Lake, in the "Comets." Two of the Pontiac Yacht Club boys, (Al Oberson and Alex Clark), who missed the stability of the Lightnings, tried to sail the Comets upside down. Despite this, we won on an overall point basis.

The group gatherings at the Club were highlighted by the Club Portuck Dimners held on July 4th and Labor Day, also the Annual Hallowe'en Party.

A record attendance occurred at the Annual Meeting on November 13, 1951, when the club members and their ladies met for dinner at Devon Gables in Bloomfield Hills. Entertainment for the occasion was a "Gay Nineties Revue" including everything from the singing waiters quartet to the high stopping Flora Dora Girls-all put on by the club members. In the business meeting which followed, Frank Bonner was elected Commodore for the coming season.

## LITTLE NECK BAY FLEET (55) Western Long Island Sound District Based on Little Neck Bay. N. Y.

Fleet Captain James W. Smith Fleet Secretary Andrew Kostanecki Fleet Champion Andrew Kostanecki in "Thunder" Runner-Up Jack Kunz in "Tranquil"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 494 | Bimbo | J. Washbourne |  |
| 604 | Circe | O. Kline Fulmer |  |
| 1355 | Saucy-Lady | Willam Fort |  |
| 2195 | Tranquil | Jack Kunz |  |
| 2391 | Ramal Bel | Theodore L. Beck |  |
| 2392 | The Wolf | I. Brandt Bek, Jr. |  |
| 3017 | Trio | Jas. W. Smith |  |
| 3125 |  | H. A. Lincoff |  |
| 3660 |  | R. M. Wilson |  |
| 3826 | Sport | M. Pember |  |
| 4105 | We Four | G. H. Faulk |  |
| 4547 | T. Larsen |  |  |
| 4606 | Thunder | Andrew Kostanecki |  |

After getting off to a late start, our fleet managed to pull together its regular and faithful members, and enjoy the close competition we have in our fleet. Our Sunday races are always hotly contested, but it makes excellent training for our boys when they go out to other fleets or districts, and prove their ability as experienced skippers.

The Western Long Island Sound District Championship was held in our fleet in early August and was sponsored by the Douglaston Yacht Squadron. We had twenty-five boats representing eight fleets, which made for very good racing. The only bad feature of the entire series was the lack of wind. John Bollinger in Blue Cloud took first place over his fleet companion, Ed Dunlaevy in Marie-Anne.

Andy Kostanecki in Thunder was fleet champion again this year, and managed to give the other skippers plenty of competition in races outside of our fleet,

We are looking forward to and trying to build up our fleet again for the 1952 season.

## BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56) Midwest District Based on Lake Michigan, Chicagv, Ill.



## No boats at present

Our 1951 season officially opened on Memorial Day with our first series race and for which the "Pest Trophy" is also awarded.

Twelve regular series races were scheduled and sailed although due to a rather rainy season we had to hold double races on some Sundays in order to get them all in,

The fleet participated in our 5 squadron races for the Squadron Trophies these are our own "Small Boat Regatta," the "Gim Hobleman" of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, the "Commodore's Cup Race" of Columbia Yacht Club, the "George Orr Regatta" and the Lake Michigan Yachting Ass'n regatta.

This year in conjunction with Chicago Corinthian, Milwauke and South Shore Yacht Clubs we helped inaugurate a series of team races between our four fleets which we hope will continue for years to come. This is one of the things that make Lightning sailing the wonderful thing it is.

The season finale was the 3 rd Annual Red Flannel Regatta which the Chicago Lightning Squadron runs and which this year was held at Burnham Park Yacht Club on September 29 and 30. The weather for a change was perfect which made up for some of the poor weather we had earlier in the season. The Saturday night Dinner was well attended and broke up early in order that everyone would be full of pep for the two taces on the following day.

## CINCINNATI FLEET (57) <br> Ohio-Indiana District <br> Based on Ohio River, Ohio

|  | Captain Secretary Champion D ner-up | Alvin Kuder Frank Pfefferle <br> W. P. Barnes in "Ragwagon" <br> Fred Walter in "Cygnet" |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 352 | Julip | Sam Wilson and Eugene Wulsin |
| 368 | Cygnet | F. C. Walter |
| 380 | Zefr | Frank H. Pfefferle |
| 760 | Heljack | lack Siekmann |
| 858 | Breathless | Robert Barrows |
| 1076 | Breeze Borne | J. W/m. Benson |
| 1238 | Chinook | Ralph Knost |
| 1925 | Mutiny | Truman P, Young |
| 2108 | The Bounty | Alvin Kuder \& Edward G. Beck |



Chuck Berce in "Limune II", Fict (Thatupion

| 2752 | Panacea $\quad$ Wm. Jackson |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4076 | Weather Vain Charles Westheimer |
| 4239 | Ragwagon Dr. W, D. Barnes |
| 4575 | Windamner John Hoge |
|  | Blue Peter Kitridge \& Field |

## HEWLETT BAY FLEET (58)

## Greater Long Island District

Based on Hempstead Bay. L. I., N. Y.
Fleet Captain $\quad$ Arthur L. Nelson Fleet Secretary John J. Mahoney, Jr. Fleet Champion James Browne in "White Label" Runner-Up Arthur Nelson in "Tumbleweed"

Boat No. Boat Name

| 365 | White Label |
| :--- | :--- |
| 432 | Pegasus |
| 1007 |  |
| 1144 | Nala |
| 1728 | Sea Spray II |
| 1896 | Bucky |
| 2013 | Bird's Bedlam |
| 2622 | Paranon |
| 3039 | Tumbleweed |
| 3414 | Donsan |
| 3456 | Don |
| 4695 | Adios |
| 3225 | Ski-Daddle |
| 4711 |  |

## Skipper

James A. Browne
Alexander F. Robb
Ralph Prosser
Alexander S. \&c Alan S. Murphy Robert \& Eugene Grimmig John J. Mahoney, Jr: Mrs. Isabel Bird Dr. Peter L. Neyland Arthur L. Nelson Henry Dailledouze Gotrfred A. Nelson M. Whiting Thayer Ray Harrington John C. Byrnes

During 1951, Fleet 58 enjoyed a season of lively local competition. Fleet No. 145 from Lake Spotford were our guesta for a week-end of racing and soctal events. If is with some shame that we admit that Fleet 145 won this event but we expect to avenge this defeat by winning the 1952 series at Lake Spofford.

Fleet 58 particpated in home, and home interfleet races with Fleet 2 and Fleet 208 and sent one entry to the District Regatta at Mattiruck.

The big event in this area for 1952 will be the District Regatta on Juty 26.27 being jointly sponsored by the Hewlett Point Yachr Club (Fleet 58), Cedarhurst Yacht Club (Fleet 2) and Keystone Yacht Club (Fleet 208).

We have added several new fleet members and are looking forward to a season of enthusiastic local competition in 1952.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)
Lake Erie District
Based on Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

| Fleet Captain | Joe Holler |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Jack Cryer |
| Fleet Champion | Herman Holler in "Judy Ann" |
| Runner-Up | Robert Siemer in "Salt Shaker" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 276 | Jay Bee | Richard W. Bowen \& Jean Metzloff |
| 456 | Olive M | Earl \& Olive Johnson |
| 714 | Slow Poke | Ralph Bloom |
| 1009 |  | Percy Bowen |
| 1224 | Lu lim | James Milliron |
| 1583 | $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{Nim}$ | R. L. Axchenbach |
| 1676 | Salt Shaker | Robert H. Siemer |
| 1903 | Glockenspeil | Stuart Anderson |
| 2220 | Thunder'n | John W, Cryer, Jr. |
| 2346 | Tillicum | Joseph of Irving Holler |
| 2929 | Blixten | Audrey Rothwell |
| 3132 | Jig Time | Page and Watt Webb |
| 4032 | Judy Ann | Herman Holler |


#### Abstract

The boom of the starting gun echoed across the river as the entire Lightning fleet crossed the starting line of another exciting season of racing We had real racing this year, relaxing little spins around the bases in 45 -mile per hour gales, and a few grim struggles against the three-knot Niagara River current with only gentle zephers to push us. Those light weather days were real fun, except for the crews who handled the anchors It is a queer sensation to realize that the boat which is passing you so gasily has its anchor down while you are drifting backwards.

First thing that happened this season, was the arrival of two new boats. Stu Anderson's "Glockenspeil," and Page and Watt Webb's "Jig Time," Stu moved down the river from thr Buffalo Yachr Club and Page and Watt are new members of the class. We found that they each had a specialty-Stu couldn't be touched in heavy weather and the Webbs skidded along nicely in those drifting matches. These characters thought up a couple of tricks which were new even to the Niagara Sailing Gans. For instance, did you ever see a spinnaker carried successfully on a beat? It worked. Ot, did you ever try rounding a buoy stern first? That works too.

As usual, Bob Siemer with a large number of hard warking crews, brought home the most honors. He claims, however, that he was off his stride this season. He pulled down one second and


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Litke Vacht Racing .Association Regatta at Chaumont. Stu Anderson in "Glockenspeil" finished ahead of Bob Sicmer in "Salt Shaker", Jahn Robertson and Bob Gral hase alrcaity finushed.
twe thirds out of the five inter-fleet regattas he entered this year; of course, his competition wasn't much, (just a few exnational champs and district champs).

On the first of July, half the fieet trailered down to Ham. ilton, Ontario for the annual Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Invitational Regatta. The boys had a lot of fun, bur . . . Oh well, Siemer finished sixth and Anderson ninth anyway.

A few weeks later, Siemer and Anderson again took off to uphoid the honor of the tleet. At the Lake Yacht Racing As. sociation Regatta at Chaumont, Bob Siemer piloted his "Salt Shaker" through five grueling contests in forty-mile gales to finish third. Hamilton's John Robertson was first with five straight wins and Buffalo Canoe Club's Bob Graf was second with five straight seconds. That's tough competition! And, Stu Anderson did a nice job of nailing fifth place in the series.

Then came the battle for the club championship-a series of five races. The first four were sailed in steady brisk winds. Hard luck handicapped Joe Holler who dropped out of one race with a broken halyard and Bob Siemer who skinned the paint off "Salt Shaker's" bottom with a course marker. As a result of all this, the last race was the deciding factor. Andthis was a dilly! First it blew, then it rained, then we drifted down the river. The entire fieet finally gathered at anchor at the down-river mark without wind to make their way up the river. Suddenly an upriver breeze shook the sails-immediately every boat as steaming up the river with spinnakers full. The entire fleet stayed abreast until only a few hundred feet from the finish line. As a result of this race. Herm Holler was Fleet Champion, Bob Siemer was runner-up and Joe Hollet was third.

The District Championships at the Erie Yacht Club was our next skirmish with the top-notch competition of the district. In beautiful weather, with ideal winds, we pulled out some very erratic results, but ended up with Joe Holler in "Tillicum" and Page and Watt Webb in "Jig Time" in the top third of the fleet.

The weekend of August 25 and 26, Niagara Sailing Club was host to the Niagara River Championship Regatta Light to moderate winds with clear skies graced the scene for the entire weekend. Thirty two boats, starting in the first race Saturdny morning, were led to the finish line by Joe Holler in his "Tilli-
cum" followed by Stu Anderson in "Glockenspeil" and Bob Aschenbach in "Cu-Nim" to give Niagara Sailing a clean sweep. Saturday afternoon, however, the results were another story. Bob Brunton of Sandy Beach was first, followed by Jack Kermer of Sandy Beach, and Bob Aschenbach, Niagara Sailing.

With two races completed, skippers, crews and spectators relaxed over a sumptuous repast at Mesmer's Restaurant and warmed up that evening for the final race on Sunday by singing a few rousing good songs to the accompaniment of Bob Siemer's and Bill Rote's accordians. Sunday morning dawned bright, clear and calm but around $2: 30$ in the afternoon, enough breceze came up to start the fleet. With the wind inexorably unpredictable, a frantic two hours of see-sawing left even the winners nervous wrecks. Dick Bowen, who was racing for the first time this season, won, followed by Bob Aschenbach and then Howie Compson of Sandy Beach. With the scores added up. Niagara Sailing's Bob Aschenbach was first, followed by Joe Holler and Bob Siemer, Ross Moyer of Sandy Beach was fourth and Warren Hunt of Buffalo Canoe Club was fifth. The regatta was wonderful fun and we are looking forward to seeing even more entries next year.

Stu Anderson took his "Glockenspeil" off to Toledo for the President's Cup where he took a first, sixth and a twenty-fifth to place well up in the standings. It was here that Stu demonstrated his ability to move in heavy weather. He proceeded to demonstrate this ability on his return by his speed in the BartonWardell Lightning series which finished up the season of Lightning races.

The results of this series are: Joe Holler-first. Herm Holler-second, and Stu Anderson-third.

Finally, Siemer and Anderson really put a cap on the season by taking off for the Port Clinton Yacht Club's Snow Flurries Regatta at Sandusky, Ohio. With a couple of ex-champions in the competition, our boys did a splendid job. Siemer was second and Anderson placed eighth.

So now we are all polishing up the hulls while we think about our mistakes of the summer and looking forward to more fun and thrills racing our Lightnings more than ever next summer.

# JAYHAWK FLEET (60) <br> Kansas-Oklahoma District Based on Lake Shawnee, Topeka, Kansas <br> <div class="inline-tabular"><table id="tabular" data-type="subtable">
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| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 906 | Sea Deuce | R. M. Parker |
| 1063 | Lively Lady II | I C. F. Elbey |
| 1268 | Ann S, | W. E Schwartz |
| 1270 | Mr. Ham | Dr. B. J. Ashley |
| 1699 | Courageous It | IL. R. Rake |
| 2661 | Ricaboo | R. 1. Rice and A. B |
| 3236 | Mary Jo | T. J. McGinnis |

2 Mik Mo Mi. McGinnis
Dick Parker's boat won the Fleet Championship for which Dick gives credit to the skippering ability of his son. Tom.

Runner-Up Byron Ashley's daughter Ruth and son John also performed creditably in helping their dad attain second place.

Fourteen races were held in spite of a very rainy season which produced the great Kaw Valley flood in July. This did not affect our lake directly as it is several miles away from the river, but it diverted many sailors' activities away from boating for several weeks in connection with clean up and rehabilitation work in the large flood area here.

## PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB (61) Central New York District Based on Lake Ontario. Pultneyville. New York (Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (62) Louisiana-Alabama District Based on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La,

Fleet Captain .........Ethan Allen Fleet Secretary $\quad$ Stanhope F. Hopkins Fieet Champion Eugene H. Walet, III in "Spirit" Runner-Up Bobby Killeen in "Stardust, III"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 315 | Flirt | Dave Monroe |
| 1033 | Stardust III | T. E. Killeen and T. E. Ir. Robert J. and Daniel B. |
| 1056 | Mystery | W. C. Keenan, Jr. |
| 1837 | Pep | W. T. Hardie |
| 1838 | Minus One | Macy O. Teetor |
| 1839 | Jima Kit | J. K. Ware |
| 2522 | Lucky | Ethan and Thomas S. Alen |
| 3196 | Restless | Stanhope \& Ann Hopkins |
| 3485 | Nikki Poo | I. W. Ricciuti |
| 3532 | Frigate | Warren Stratton |
| 3647 | Spirit | Eugene H. Walet, III <br> Eugene H. Walet, Jr. |
| 3978 | Kialua | Victer J. Kutzweg and Arthur Kurzweg, Jr. |
| 3992 | Coquette | Thomas Nelson |
| 4675 | Imp | D. S. Wuescher a Nan Wuescher |
| 4950 | Chance | Charles L. Gamble |

The regular racing season started. Aprit 8th and ended on October 7th. Scheduled races are sailed each weekend during the regular season.

For the first time, a Gulf Yachting Association Regatta was held this year on June 9th and 10th; a large fleet of fourteen boats competed, and the Regatta was won by Nan Wuescher. sailing the "Imp," No. 4675. W. C. Keenan, sailing the "Mystery" No. 1056 was second.

A highlight of each racing season is "Race Week" held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. During this period, several regattas are held, and representatives from the Lightning Fleets of the Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans Yacht Club, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Shreveport Yacht Club, and the Gulfport and Biloxi Yacht Clubs compete. The regattas were held at Gulfpors, Biloxi, Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian.

The Louisiana-Alabama Districe held the District Championship at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club on July 10, 11, and 12 , Twenty boats competed in this championship series, It was won by Cliff Prados, representing the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, sailing "Dixie Doodle," No. 4058, for the second straight year: Rob Roy, sailing "Acolus," No. 3498 was second; both competed in the Internationals held at the Taledo Yacht Club on Maumee Bay during the week of August 29th. Lightning Fleet No 62 was represented in the District Championship Series by Bobby Killeen's "Stardust, III", No, 1033; Charles Gambel's "Chance," No. 4094; Warren Stratton's "Frigate," No. 3532, and Eugene Wallet, 111, sailing "Spirit," No. 3647.

Each fieet championship consisted of a five-race series, which was won by Eugene Wallet, III, runnes-up was Bobby Killeen, sailing "Stardust, III."

Fleet No, 62 had one representative in the President's Cup Series held at Toledo, Ohio, on August 30 and 31 and September 1. This series is held at the time that the Internationals ate held. Eugene Walet, III, in "Spirit," finished third in this series.

We had a Labor Day Series on September 1 and 2, which was won by Tommy Nelson, sailing "Coquette," No. 3992.

The final regatta of the season was held on September 30 , and was won by Eugene Walet, III in "Spirit" for the second straight year.

The Sugar Bowl Regatta, which was held during the last week of December in conjunction with the various athletic and sports activities of the Sugar Bowl Football Game, was won by W. C. Keenan's "Mystery," No, 1056; Dave Wuescher, sailing the "Imp" No. 4675, was second. Seventeen boats competed in this regatta. This is always an open series and everyone is invited to be here at Sugar Bowl Time this year.

Fleet No. 62 has organized a Winter Series which starts after the close of the regular season and continues until Christmas.

## BRANFORD YACHT CLUB FLEET (63)

## Connecticut District

 Based on Long Island Sound, Branford, Conn.| Fleet Captain | Bernard F, Karl |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Jake Bligard |
| Fleet Champion | Al Kuehl, Jr., in "His Nibs" |
| Runner-Up | Wayne Brockett in "Torch" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| ---: | :--- |
| 242 | Holiday |
| 1010 | Hoy |
| 1587 | Torch |
| 2214 | His Nibs |
| 2550 | N700 |
| 2927 | Whiskers |
| 3275 | Three Sisters |
| 3504 | Allegro |
| 3639 | Surprise |
| 4609 | Three Sisters |
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Skipper<br>Donald McCluskey<br>Larry Feldman \& C. T. Hill<br>Wayne Brockett<br>Russell Sarles<br>Alfred Kuehl, Ir. Wilson Powell Phillip English<br>Ted Gough<br>Bernard Kar!<br>Kenneth Hertz<br>George Birbarie

Although plagued by light air throughout the entire racing season, Branford Fleet enjoyed a very enthusiastic summer. This year, two series of races were helds the first, or summer series, consisted of seven races and were run off prior to the Connecticut District Championships.

While the Fleet lost several boats through members moving away, the addition of Don MeCluskey brought the starters up to weven for each race. Al Kuchl and Wayne Brockett led the fieet in every race, privately battling it out for the winning spot, and never seriously threatened by the also sailed. This series was taken by Al Kuehl, with Wayne second and Wilson Powell in "Cis" the third man.

With Al defending his Connecticut District Championship, the Fleet sent Wayne and Powell to the Districts representing us, Although Branford did not succeed in retaining the District bowl, fine racing was enjoyed, even though it rained the proverbial "cats and dogs" down off the Housatonic, and the skippers and crews who represented us down there were high in their praise of the hospitality afforded them.

With Wayne Brockett away to the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta, some of the Fleet took a breather by doing a little visiting at other clubs. Bud Searies and Don MeClusky had a fine week-end at Milford Yacht Club Invitation Regatta and Don followed that by sailing in the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association Regatta held at Pine Orchard, Conn.

After that, the second series was held, with six races sailed in disappointingly light winds. Again At Kuehl showed us his transom, with Wayne Brockett pressing him all the way. B. F. Karl took third place in "Allegro,"

Biggest thrill of the summer was the election of the hardest working sailor in the Fleet to be International Lightning Class President: Wayne Brockett. Fleet 63 is proud of our skipper!

## MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)

## Pacific Northwest District

## Based on Gulf of Georgia at Maple Bay, Vancouver Island, Canadx

(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## VALLEYFIELD LIGHTNING FLEET (65)

## Central New York District

## Based on St. Lawrence River, Quebec

Fleet Captain
J. A. E. McDonal!

Fleet Secretary

## Boat No.

Boat Name

## Skipper

799 Isem II
J. A. E. McDonald
J. J. Haffey

1020
3564 $\begin{gathered}\text { Fea II } \\ \text { Wilmont II }\end{gathered}$

## D. N. Montgomery

No races were scheduled in home waters, but the fleet was well represented in out of town regattas.

At the Royal St, Lawrence Regatta, "Fea" was third. In the St, Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association Regatra, "Fea" was second, and at the Brockville Regatta, "Isem II" was first.

## ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB (66)

## Pacific Northwest District

Based on Cadbora Bay, Victoria, B. C.
Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion $\quad$ Spencer Davies
Runner-Up

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1197 | Ariel | Eric Dowell |
| 1202 | Iona | Dr. Rose |
| 1234 | Ripples | Walt Thomson |
| 1264 | Hardtack | Rod Fraser |
| 1580 | Bacchanal | Terry Gower |
| 2334 | Clipper | M. Bridgman |
| 2388 | Tarka | Douglas Smith |
| 2607 | Mac Too | Harry Gladwell |
| 3242 | Hyak | Dick Moore |
| 3244 | Tabu | Dennis Roberts |
| 3253 | Hawk | Charles Watts |
| 3328 | Venture | Lt. Walt Blandy |
| 3714 |  | Fred Packford |
| ${ }^{04} 3787$ |  | David Pite |
| 3793 | Allegro | 1. R. W. and Colin Baker |
| 4256 | Pukeko | Roy Murdock |
| 4474 | Rania | Spencer Davies |
| ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | merly owned | N. Sorensen |

The Fleet, consisting of 18 boats, races under the burgee of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, with clubhouse and anchorage on beautiful Cadboro Bay; only four miles from city center.

Sailing conditions are ever-changing, consistently testing skipper and crew with tricky tidal back eddies, strong running currents and mutiny aboard ship.

Victoria has an enviable position in the Puget Sound area, being only appraximately 85 miles from either Seartle, Washington or Vancouver, B.C. . . . both keen sailing centers.

Each year various yacht clubs, in the Pacific Northwest. take turns being host for the annual Pacific International Yacht: ing Association Regattas, Last year, 1951, Victoria once again was privileged to have this honor, with approximately 200 craft of all classes attending.

The Lightning turnout was disappointing compared to previous regattas, however, four days of spirited racing more than made up for the lack of numbers.


A collision between rwo Lightnings, five minures after the start of the first race, resulted in a broken mast for one of the craft: providing an expensive tinge of excitement for spectators. The over-all winner was Victoria's Eric Dowell in his "Ariel."

Each year the Royal Canadian Navy sponsors a rwgata in appreciation for the hospitality and privileges received during the year at the R.V.Y.C. All classes race from the slub anchorage to the naval dockyard, a distance of 15 miles across the front of Victoria. Last year (1951) the race was exceptionally rough with a high wind, resulting in a few boats being forced to run for shelter due to broken rigging. Note one Lightning was forced to return, all finshing within a few minutes of each other intermingled with a class having a 5 minute start on the Lightning group! A two-day regatta of racing was enjoyed by all classes ending with a mass sail-back to the club moorings.

Generally, the clab racing is divided ino Wednesday evening. Saturday ofternoon and Sunday series, each having a cup or plaque as prizes.

Summer evenings in Victoria, being particularly long, provide ample time for evening races commencing at 7 to0 p.m. Usually, two or three other classes join in and hold their series of races.

Saturday races are very similar to evening races, and provide those unable to attend Wednesday series a chance to race for a cup.

Sunday series is divided into tegular triangular course racing and long distance racing. The latter has been very popular, usually presenting a tricky 13 -mile course,

On one occasion, eight Lightnings worked into a narrow, deep, passage of water between two points of land. The tide usually runs through this neck at about 7 knots, and had just turned againse the fieet by the time they reached this point. A moderate wind was blowing astern and each boat promptly Hew a spinnaker with great hopes of pushing through the tide. For five hours the fleet sailed through the water, against the tide, and did not make one foot of distance forward on the land. On a slackening wind, the fleet eventually dispersed itself amongst the kelp beds and tied up, waiting a more favorable wind or tide change. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by various crew members discussing Hull Forms. Not.all crew members were male.

The fleet raced well providing keen competition for visiting fleets, but only a few members were keeping it active. Some boats changed hands this fall and we all hope for more competitive racing in the future.


[^0]:    "Schuitsel" sailed to victory by Norman C. Seftuller. Champion

