



George Byers in "Sea Star", Champion of Fleet 98.

GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Great Egg Bay, Ocean City, N. J.

Fleet Captain	Lester Asplundh
Fleet Secretary	Kitsy Bell
Fleet Champion	John Walton in "Starlight"
Runner-Up	James Drass in "Temptress"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
386	Hardtack II	Forrest & Mary Louise Jobes
1494	Temptress	James, James, Jr. and Gail Drass
1722	Blue Flash	Robert Asplundh
1723	Black Flash	Lester, Kurt and Boyd Asplundh
1726	Starlight	John Walton
1732	Mischief	John P. Kelley, Jr.
*1834	C.B.K.	Joe Thurston
1923	Jubilee	Joe Thomas
2454	Nip 'n Tuck	Consuelo & Scott Verrei
2711	Flopover II	Fisher White
2771	Linx	Roy Volmer
3670	Hopalong	Fred Starling
4583	Snafu	Gloria Swope
2630	"Cindy"	Denny Dutton

*Formerly owned by Kitsy Bell.

Late in June the skippers and crews of Fleet 99 met to outline the summer's activity. Newcomers, the Duttons and Volmers were warmly welcomed to the fleet and introduced around. A regular championship series of eight races was then decided upon and scheduled for the weekends of July, the starting gun to sound both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It was voted at this meeting to continue the traditional girls' series for August in which every boat participating is skippered by one of the fairer sex. One of the reasons for the girls' series, which we would recommend to any young fleet, is to spread the sailing interest to the girl crew members, and as fleet captain, Asplundh jokingly says, "If the girls get interested they can talk the old man into getting them a boat of their own much faster than the boys." The remainder of August was left in anticipation of regattas.

Close competition and thrilling finishes marked the July series. At least a half dozen boats were nip and tuck right down to the final races before the season's standings were clinched. John Walton came out the eventual winner in a friendly, sportive series, which, we are proud to add, was unmarred by sea-lawyering and the like. Johnny heard that first place cannon in three races, and held his "Starlight" in the front ranks for the other

races to edge out runner-up James Drass' "Temptress." Kurt Asplundh in the "Black Flash" sailed to a third place closely followed in point score by Gloria Swope and crew in "Snafu."

The girls' series was somewhat blemished with foul weather, but a broken mast and hail storm couldn't keep the girls from having their fun. Leslie Asplundh piloted the "Black Flash" to victory followed Rosemarie Kurtz in "Temptress," Gloria Swope in her own boat, and Susie Johnston sailing "Starlight."

The weekend of August 11th and 12th, Fleet 99 moved en Masse up to the Ocean City Yacht Club for their 1951 Regatta. Cape May also sent representatives to the regatta, and one of their number, John Kenney, with his "Blue Angel" ran away with three straight victories. Also the first place hardware, John Walton's frisky "Starlight" staved off the rest of the Cape May Fleet and the Ocean City Fleet to finish up second.

More than a half dozen of the top Fleet 99 skippers responded to the invitation of the newly formed Brigantine Yacht Club Fleet for the first annual South Jersey Lightning Championships. Beside the Brigantine home fleet, 99's crews faced Cape May competition. Only after three nerve-ringing tests of seamanship under the hospitable auspices of the Brigantine Yacht Club were finished were the places decided. Cape May's "Jolly Roger" had come from behind in points to shave by Kurt Asplundh's "Black Flash" and take the huge perpetual trophy home on a half point margin. Fleet 99 looks forward to the pleasure of this championship rivalry and revelry in coming seasons.

A crowd of 75 skippers, crews, and friends assembled around tables for the 1951 banquet, the season's climax, for Fleet 99. Lester Asplundh, Fleet Captain, acted as Toastmaster, and the Great Egg Harbor Fleet closed its 1951 activities with speeches and the presentation of trophies.

BOSTON HARBOR LIGHTNING FLEET (100)

New England District

Based on Boston Harbor, South Boston, Mass.

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TAYLOR POND FLEET (101)

New England District

Based on Taylor Pond, Auburn, Maine

Fleet Captain Gardner L. Brown
Fleet Secretary LaForest R. V. Jackson
Fleet Champion Gardner L. Brown in "Egabeva"
RunnerUp Richard Winkel in "Papoose"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1195	Papoose	Richard Winkel
1611	Hijack	Laforest R. V. Jackson
2296	Regardless	Carl M. Payne, J. Grover Eichorn, Emery E. Tilson
2297	Jasda	Jewett B. Newton
3306	Egabeva	Gardner L. Brown
3795		Dr. Ralph A. Goodwin, Jr.
4389	Pippy	Paul D. Emery

Two new boats were added to our fleet during July. Both came from Fleet No. 14 of South Portland, Maine. Dr. Ralph A. Goodwin, Jr., purchased No. 3795—"Lorric III" from Carl Jensen. He is thinking up a new name for her. Paul D. Emery purchased No. 4389—"Pippy" from Albert E. Moore.

Our Racing schedule was rearranged slightly this year, so that our regular races took place on Saturdays instead of on Sundays as in former years.

We started on June 9th with a four-race tune-up series and in July our 4th of July Regatta and our July Series were run off. Then came our August Series and Labor Day Regatta for a total of 18 races, with nearly all of our fleet competing in each race.

Gardner Brown in No. 3306 sailed in the New England Lightning Class Elimination Races at Centerville, Mass., on July 28th and 29th, winning a fifth place for the series.

He was also elected Commodore for the New England District at this time.

On July 30th, Skipper Richard Winkel, with Grover Eichorn and Laforest Jackson as crew, sailed four races for the Senior Skipper's Championship of the Maine Yacht Racing Association, at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

The Yachts used were Boothbay Harbor one-design class sloops. Two of our boats entered the State of Maine Lightning Regatta held on Casco Bay on August 4th and 5th. Gardner Brown skippered No. 3306 and Richard Winkel skippered No. 1195. Both gave a good account of himself.

On Friday, August 10th at about 4:30 p.m., a sudden squall hit our fleet while quietly at anchor off the Yacht Club. All but two of our yachts were capsized, but it was only a short time before all were towed ashore, and the bucket brigade made short work of bailing them out. No damage resulted.

Labor Day was the final day of racing and a most successful season ended with our annual clambake.



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California District

Based on Santa Monica Bay, Calif.

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COMMODORE PERRY FLEET (103)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Maumee River, Perrysburg, Ohio

(Fleet is inactive at present)

LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Barnegat Bay, N. J.

Fleet Captain..... J. Leslie White
Fleet Secretary..... L. A. Tripp
Fleet Champion..... Craig White in No. 4864
Runner-Up..... Edward O'Malley, Jr. in "Barnegat Belle II"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12	Skippy	Carol Pilloni
18	Vagrant	Stanton H. Davis & Stanton H. Davis, Jr.
358	White Flash	J. Leslie White
461	White Cloud	Russo Bros.
657	One Shot	J. Clifford Heller
864	Bayrader	Harry R. Sindle & H. Lyman Sindle
1387	Three "J's"	John W. Nile & John Nile & James Nile
1523	Stardust	Fred Slovak
2621	Black Jack	Chauncey Rogers
3243	Beguine	L. A. Tripp
3509	Volkrye	E. N. Sieder
3761		Kenneth C. Frazier
4877	Barnegat Belle II	Edward J. O'Malley & Edward J. O'Malley, Jr.
4864		L. Craig White

Our racing season in 1951 won by Fleet Champion Craig White forcibly divided our fleet into two groups, namely those that "dry sailed" by keeping their boats out of water except during races and those that kept their boats in the water at all times. We are convinced that the dry sailed boats will, with all other factors being comparable, always beat the heavy wet sailed boats.

To bring all competing boats into a closer grouping, we ruled that all boats be in the water for at least 24 hours before our Sunday races. This worked no particular hardship as the "dry" boats were generally sailed on Saturday in the Barnegat Bay Regatta Races, after which the boats were simply left in the water until the following day's races. It has, however, prompted most of the "wet" sailors to devise ways and means whereby they too can dry sail next year.

This will be no small undertaking as a majority of these boats are single planked. There is considerable talk of caulking these single planked boats with a new rubber compound marketed by the Minnesota Mining Company. Next year's sailing will validate this procedure, and give us a good index as to its practicability.

The winds on Barnegat Bay are by the standards of other localities very strong and we sometimes wonder if other fleets must always admonish sailmakers to make their sails for Lightnings extremely flat. The techniques developed in high winds always give our boys the edge in regattas in other locations when the winds are strong as they were in Toledo this year, and put them to a considerable disadvantage in drifting matches.

Again this year, as in the past, we have been well represented at Lightning events away from home. The Sindles, Dutch and Harry, with Harry as skipper in "Bayrader," No. 864 placed 11th at St. Petersburg in the midwinter race. At the New Jersey State Championship races at Red Bank, they tied for first place and by computation came away with a second place.

At the District Championships at Bay Head, they finished first, second and third in three races and placed second for the series, which qualified them to race at the Nationals at Toledo where they placed tenth out of the 39 boats competing. They also won four out of nine races in the Barnegat Bay Championship series.

We held two cruise picnics this year, one as usual to Cedar Creek a matter of approximately 35 miles round trip. The other cruise picnic was to the peninsula of land south of Seaside Park, after which we shoal water sailed in an average of two-feet of water for at least ten miles on our return trip to get a close view of the wild bird life in that area.

GROTON LONG POINT FLEET (105)

Connecticut District

Based on Fisher's Island Sound,

Groton Long Point, Conn.

Fleet Captain..... Steve Jones
Fleet Secretary..... None
Fleet Champion..... George Slater in "Jolly Roger"
Runner-Up..... Steve Jones in "Penguin"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
856	Falcon	Bill Jones
1319	Flame	Albie Van Wagonen
1320	Hya Des	Paul Eddy
1325	Viking	Harold Higgins
	Adventure	Jonathan Shattuck
1483	Penguin	Ed and Steve Jones
1657	Corvus	Jean Cameron
1883	Miss	
2462	Puffin	Bob Murphy
2780	Sea Fever	Barbara & Dr. Henry A. Archambault
2781	Pair A Dice	Janice Saunders
3323	Ando	Al Peacock
3579	Frolic	Robert C. Woodruff
3580	Igo Too	Mark Turner
3931	Briny	Tim Brewer
4180	Jolly Roger	Geo. E. Ralph E. & Edwin Slater

The Groton Long Point Yacht Club Lightning Fleet had its biggest and probably most competitive year in 1951. The famed FROLIC II formerly owned by Jim Amy, and the equally renowned SALTSHAKER of Paul Lena's were added to the fleet under the ownership of Woody Woodruff and Doc Peacock respectively. The PADI came out of retirement and was renamed the HAYADES under the management of the Eddys. At the close of the season, Mark Turner purchased Sam Greene's IGO TOO.

Willard Jones fixed his boat the preceding winter, broke in his new Ulmer sails and his crew during July and came on to take third place for August, being the only other Groton Point boat beside the PENGUIN to beat George Slater's fabulous JOLLY ROGER. Willard's story is indeed one of encouragement. Last year a telescope was necessary to find his FALCON on the horizon any race day before five o'clock. But this year, he was right up in the money in every race and is considered to be the best light weather boat in the fleet. To prove he could handle himself, away from home, Will took fifth place in the Governor's Trophy Regatta at Niantic.

George Slater with a crew of father, Ed and brother, Ralph, in July and Ralph Turner and Jane Clifton in August was again Fleet Champ. George won the Commodore's Cup, the Vice Commodore's Cup, the Tune-up Race, in July, and Season Honors, thus retiring the Wasburn and Rademacher Trophies. He also placed second in August, the Long Distance Race, won the July and August Saturday Series and placed fourth in the Fishers' Island Sound Championship Regatta.

The PENGUIN proved to be the fleet's best heavy weather boat, winning the rugged Long Distance Race sailed in a blustery 25-mile an hour wind and taking three firsts and a second and also a third in the last five races which were characterized by heavy winds, particularly so on the days the PENGUIN took first. This plus fine spinnaker work by crewmen Dave Anderson and John Dick enabled the PENGUIN to take the runner-up spot for the season, the Dick & Bea Williams Trophy for August first, August Saturday Series, second, first place in the Past Commodore's Cup Race, second in the Vice Commodore's Cup Race, third in the first race of the Governor's Cup Race, and fifth in the F. I. S. C.

Harold Higgins' VIKING took season's third, July second, July Saturday Series, third (tied with the PENGUIN) and third place in the Long Distance Race. Higgins' VIKING had as crew members, Bill Oat and Clark Swanson.

Bob Murphy with son Dan and wife Jane sailed their PUFFIN to a second place in the Commodore's Cup, a July Saturday Series second and a July third.

Jon Shattuck brought his MISS ADVENTURE in third in the Commodore's Cup Race (incidentally his father is Commodore).

Barbara Archambault maneuvered the SEA FEVER into a third place in the Vice Commodore's Cup Race.

Twenty starters lined up for the Fifth Annual Fishers' Island Sound Lightning Championship Regatta, Sunday, August 26th, under the auspices of the Groton Long Point Yacht Club.

Among these were such boats as the HOLY SMOKE, winner of the ECYRA in past years, runner-up in the districts this year, and twice winner of the Governor's Trophy, among many other honors, the SCHUSS past winner of the ECYRA third place winner of this same regatta, and owner of many other prizes, the JOLLY ROGER, twice winner of the Governor's Cup, and twice winner of this Regatta, among other notable achievements; HOT CANARY, fourth place at the eliminations this year and fourth again at the ECYRA and whose crew placed second in this year's Governor's Cup Regatta in the HOUQUA; PUFFIN, former winner of this race, FROLIC II, twice winner of the Douglaston Regatta, BRINY, second place winner in past Governor's Trophy Race, and three boats which Paul Lena has sailed to fame, the Pitmans' STREAK, the Peacocks' ANDO, and Lena's present boat SALT SHAKER. However, it remained for darkhorse Sam Greene in his IGO TOO to pick up the marbles. The race was sailed in ideal conditions with a moderate southwest wind and a flood tide. The course of Dumping Bell, Vixen Ledge and home, offered a port take windward start as the gun went off at 2:30. PUFFIN was over early but managed to get back across the line in time for a good start. SCHUSS, SALT SHAKER, HOLY SMOKE and HOT CANARY led in the fleet at the start. The majority of the boats took short hitches off Westons Point and then off across the sound on a long starboard tack. A few short tacked up the middle, while three port tacked straight out from the starting line. They were the MISS ADVENTURE, which went too far, the FROLIC, which went too short, but still was in second place for a while, and the IGO TOO, which hit it right and held a tremendous lead at the windward mark. SCHUSS, HOLY SMOKE and JOLLY ROGER, all short tackers followed in that order with the FROLIC fifth.

Pete Morse in the SCHUSS cut down Greene's lead all through the race but Sam hung on to it with the aid of able crewmen Steve Young and Jack McGarry and came home the winner by a boat length. The Healy family, Bill, James, and Maureen took third with HOLY SMOKE, George Slater finished fourth in JOLLY ROGER. Fifth place went to the PENGUIN, sailed by Steve Jones, who had been passing boats on the spinaker leg to Vixen and the run home, thanks to some fine spinaker work by crewmen Dave Anderson and John Dick. Sam Knox placed sixth in HOT CANARY.

Sterling silver bowls were presented to the IGO TOO, SCHUSS and HOLY SMOKE, by Race Committee Chairman, Al Anders.

EXECUTION ROCKS LIGHTNING FLEET (106) **Western Long Island Sound District** **Based on Western Long Island, New Rochelle, N. Y.**

Fleet Captain W. R. Bronk
 Fleet Secretary W. Earle Chase
 Fleet Champion W. R. Bronk in "Nana"
 Runner-Up J. Burr Jenkins in "Lolo II"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
251	Csopi	Irene Gathy
*861	PM II	Roy Moore
1476	Nana	W. R. Bronk
1700	Feather	Philip L. Caldwell
1937	Carla	H. P. Truesdell
2115	Calamity Jane	Jean Lutz
2190	Lolo II	J. B. Jenkins
2192	Charge	Richard B. Wilson, Jr.
3035	Marfin	Benj. Heynen
3064	Lady Lou	Hugh Byfield
3573	Lark	John L. Seymour
4104	Vee Bob	Earl Chase
4456	Pop Pop	Walter Frank, Jr.

*Resigned from fleet October 29, 1951.



W. R. Bronk in No. 1476, "Nana", Fleet Champion 106.

Fleet 106, with most of its craft in the water by June first, distinguished itself with the largest representation in the early-season Y.R.A. races on the sound. In these early starts there were more "106" boats than from any other fleet and heavy support was maintained throughout the blance of the season. Two of the fleet's boats, Lolo II and Lark, were fourth and fifth, respectively, in the final Y.R.A. standings.

Being a little more realistic this year, we did not, as in the past, attempt to schedule fleet races every hour on the hour of our waking moments. We scheduled six; we held five, which is about par for the course.

In addition to these regular fleet races, the Annual Ladies Race is always a high point. After the start "Bobbie" (that's missus) Caldwell went 'way off on her own, maintaining a single port tack until Feather was virtually hull down over the horizon. Others concluded she had dropped out of the race or lost her road map. But no! Presently she came about on starboard. More and more of Feather's hull began to show. Members of Huguenot Yacht Club, swimming and sun bathing on their nearby island, dropped everything to cheer her on, and, amid their thunderous applause she crossed the finish line in one of the most decisive victories of fleet history.

No sooner had excitement over this race abated, than plans were made for our Annual Long Distance Race, charted this year at 22 miles and scheduled for August 25th. Like Pearl Harbor, it turned out to be a day that will "live in infamy." If anyone noted the peculiar yellow light of the morning, no remarks were passed as 6 of the fleet headed eastward up the sound to the first mark, off Rye, on the New York side of the sound. Then it hit. A first class squall that had been making up in the east let loose with cold rain interlaced with hail and, of course, the high winds that so often use Western Long Island Sound as a playground. The six boats rode it out in good fashion and, figuring that they'd "had it" for the day, went on to round the first mark, thence across the sound to the second mark off the Long Island shore.

An hour later a new black beauty made up, charging down the sound to catch us astern as we sailed westward. Again more hail. Teeth that hadn't stopped chattering since the first blow now chattered even faster and louder. By then, two skippers decided they'd already had enough of a bad thing and put into a Long Island Harbor. Four boats finished the race, one coming in on its jib after the second blow parted a jumper. Bill Bronk in "Nana" was first across the line in as rugged a race as the fleet has yet seen.

Along with active participation in the Y.R.A. races, the fleet was well represented in local regattas such as the Douglaston District Championship, Larchmont Race Week and Manhasset Bay Race Week. The fleet closed the season with a unanimous feeling that 1951 had been pleasant and successful and that if 1952 is even half as good, there will be a lot of fun ahead.

NEWPORT-BALBOA LIGHTNING FLEET (107)

California District

Based on Newport Harbor, Calif.

Fleet Captain	Eric Weisberg
Fleet Secretary	Bob Harbison
Fleet Champion	Bill Poirier & Family in "Anita"
Runner-Up	John Potts in "Fetchit"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
302	Tradewind	Robert Bliss
624	SSS Resolute	Kiwanis Club
1052	Gizmo	Ed Schnackenburg
2279	Open Season	Robert Harbison
2321	Galaxy	Eric Weisberg
2422	Windlass	Wallace Weirick
2427	Flash	Robert D. Graber
2424		Grace Greene
2426	Young-Un	Earl Young
3138	Flying Finn	Charles P. Finnerty
3158		Warren Gibbons
3248		Mr. Boyles
3251	Anita	Elmer S. Poirier
3266		E. W. Field & F. A. Monro
3317	Wendigo	John Kariotis
3318	Fetchit	John W. Potts
4566	Atlanta	Edward F. Cotter

FLASHES FROM THE LAND OF ETERNAL SUNSHINE

—For those of you who live in far away places (more than 27 miles from Balboa), here are a few of the facts and fantasies that hang around those hardy men of the Lightning Fleet 107.

The Lightnings had the most boats in the Lido Isle Series. With plenty of wind, both from Mother Nature and John Potts, the Lightnings were considered to be the most active fleet in the bay, racing about forty-five week-ends this past year.

Here at Balboa, there are more different classes of boats than you can realize. Every time a boat-builder attends one of the club cocktail parties, a new class is born. A rough estimate would be twenty-five classes at Balboa. Because of this, it is hard to build up any one class.

The Fleet Championship this year was won by the Poirier family. Starting after the season was half over, this family affair really turned into a going outfit. Their boat is no light-weight either. The high-point trophy put up by Earl Young was won by Bob Harbison. Of course he was the one that added up the total points and we hear that he never passed the basic course in arithmetic.

The Poirier Family—Elmer, Grace and son Bill, Fleet Champions.



John Kariotis has found a good way to wash his sails, clean out the interior of his boat, and give his crew and himself a bath at the same time—he cleated his main sheet down in a stiff breeze. The only ill effect he suffered was a rusted upper plate.

Eric Weisberg, the new Fleet Captain, has the only gaff rigged yawl in the Lightning Fleet. He dropped his boat off of the Crane and it lit on the dock with a crash heard round the world.

John Potts is the District Commodore and is affectionately referred to around Balboa as Mister Lightning.

Those of you who by way of vacation, or business, find yourself becalmed in our noble bay, paddle in to see us. Fleet 107 is world renowned for its hospitality and courtesy. Why, out here the Skippers shake hands before they pass each other to windward.

GREAT SODUS BAY FLEET (108)

Central New York District

Based on Sodus Bay, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Charles Halligan
Fleet Secretary-Treasurer	Wm. G. Croucher
Fleet Champion	Bob Marsh in "Rival II"
Runner-Up	John Swartz in "Mistral"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
124		Geo. B. Duboise
501	Katie	Claude Collier
1906	Jolly Tar	John R. & Richard C. Hayden
1932	Rascal II	J. Walter Caves
		James Caves
2153	Rival II	Chester Ashbery
		E. Robinson Marsh
2729	Hornet	Wm. G. Croucher
2756	North Wind	Lawrence Morley
2772	Brat	Robt. T. Headley
2794		Walter and Charles Halligan
2805	Mistral	John Swartz
2943	Me Too	Watson Skutt
3274	Vanette	Warren Duerr

The Great Sodus Bay Lightning Fleet enjoyed one of its best seasons to date. Certainly the competition seemed to be the keenest we have yet experienced.

The season opened with a June Series which saw Bob Headley lead the fleet and win his first fleet trophy. Then came the Fleet Eliminations Series for the District Championship Regatta. Bill Croucher won this series. In the special "Home Series," scheduled on the weekends during away-from-home regattas, Lawrence Morley sailed to victory.

Then came the important 13 race Championship Series. The battle was so close that going into the last race there were FIVE boats which had percentage scores between .67 and .72, any one a potential winner. In the last race, Bob Marsh, a new-comer to the fleet, maintained his slight lead in score by winning the race and with it the series trophy.

Charlie Halligan trimmed the fleet in the Labor Day Series for the second year in a row. And Charlie won the September Series by one point over Lawrence Morley.

Here now is the complete tabulation for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each series:

Fleet	June Elimination	Home	Champion	Labor Day	Sept.
1st	Headley	Croucher	Morley	Marsh	Halligan
2nd	Swartz	Marsh	Croucher	Swartz	Morley
3rd	Marsh	Halligan	Halligan	Croucher	Marsh
				Swartz	

On the regatta scene:

Bob Marsh, John Swartz and companies represented Sodus in the Squadron Regatta on Irondequoit Bay. Sodus placed third behind Newport and Canadaigua. Bob and John trailed to Lewis Point also. The Mistral seemed to like the heavy winds and captured second place in this regatta.

Bill Croucher joined Marsh and Swartz at Chaumont for the District Regatta. The three placed 7th, 8th and 5th respectively in the fleet of 20.

On the social scene:

Near the end of July the fleet held an informal cocktail party and get together at Wilson Parker's camp on the South Shore.

On Sunday afternoon during the Labor Day weekend the Lightning fleet organized a picnic for themselves and the sailors in the other Sodus fleets. Despite the overcast (and at times damp) afternoon, the picnic was a great success. About 40 sailors of all ages roasted corn and hamburgs and feasted on potato salad, spice cake and apple pie. We hope to repeat this event next year.

ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB (109)

Southeastern District

Based on Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Fleet Captain Morgan Powell
Fleet Secretary Beechie Wohlwend
Fleet Champion Morgan Powell in "Red Witch"
Runner-Up Ogden Helt in "Pelican"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
318	Tom Boy	Glenn F. Watkins
450	Windigo	Al and Beechie Wohlwend
1581	Stormy-C	Chas. G. Brazier & Gail Brazier
1663	Rea	Dr. R. E. & Richard Angell
1664	Mere Maid	Jane Wray
1665	Pelican	Ogden & Howard Helt
2144		T. E. Tolson, Jr. & Barbara Tolson
2145	Gator Bait II	Louis Showe
2383	Vixen	Dick Misener & Mary Jane
2836	Scarlett	George and Ruth Rifley
2838	Tahiti	Ann Smith
4382	May N Lea	May and Bob Campbell
4383	Dixie	Dr. Don F. Cameron
4670	Red Witch	Morgan Powell

St. Petersburg Lightning Skippers participated in all Regattas held on Florida's West Coast during 1951 and helped to make the Southeastern Lightning District one of the strongest in the country. A swell time was had by all at the Sunshine Regatta, held in Miami, in January. The Gasparilla Regatta in Tampa was another of the fine regattas held in this section.

We skippers of Fleet 109 feel that the members of the Savannah Yacht and Country Club deserve much praise for the District Regatta held there in June. Swell racing and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all. The only casualty that we know of was Paul Palmer, our District Commodore losing his mustache on a bet with one of our District's leading skippers from Tampa.

Our Fifth Annual Winter Open to be held February 22nd and 23rd and 24th promises to be a bigger and better event than ever. From all indications the 54 entries of last year will go by the boards, as over 60 entries are expected.

Several of our Fleet Members journeyed to Toledo Ohio for the International Championships and enjoyed the sailing lessons received at the hands of many Northern Skippers. Charlie Kehoe from Miami deserves much credit for his remarkable showing after losing a mast after the finish of the third race. Borrowing a mast from one of the local boats, he went on to finish seventh for the series.

Our District Commodore was missed at many of the Summer Regattas, but was having fun as a crew member of the Yacht Malabar in the race from Havana, Cuba to Spain. Paul has done much to make this district one of the strongest in the Association and is due a THANK YOU for all of his hard work.

HIGGINS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Based on Higgins Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain Alden Dow
Fleet Secretary Charlotte Morley
Fleet Champion Dr. Floyd R. Arnold in "Caprice"
Runner-Up Buzz Morley in "Whistler"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
54	Uncle Ralph	Dr. Edwin Vary
632	North Star II	Chester Dow
679	Hi Hi	Dr. H. I. Clark
1348	Long Delay	Jean and Margaret Arnold
1847		Alex Carlin
1915		Tom Brennan
1918		Joe Basso
2119	The Duchess	Peters Opperman
2460	Caprice	Dr. Arnold
2844	Hard-A-Lee	Glenn Osgood
2846	Dawdler	C. A. Ballard
2847	Sylvia K	William Seelye
2933	White Cap	A. B. Brand
2938	Spindrift	Mrs. M. A. Schultz
2940	Shad-blow	Mrs. Thomas Harvey
2944	Wahine	Mrs. Reed Draper
3436		Irvin McKnight

3618	Sugarbeet	Arthur Buhl
4214	Windsong	Prudy Wickes
4358		Ritchie Grant
4674	Nite Cap	Josephine Symons
4686	Whistler	Burrows Morley
4808	Four Belles	Char, Puss, Helen & Nat Morley
4809	Flame IV	Dr. Don Brasie
4983		Alden Dow

High-light of our 1951 season was the second week in August, Lightning Fleet 110 held their first Summer Open Invitational Regatta on the bright blue waters of Higgins Lake at the Higgins Lake Boat Club. Thirty-one boats participated, 15 guest boats and 16 from the local fleet. Walt Swindeman of Toledo in "Yankee Doodle II" was first, Dick Krauss of Toledo in "Jinx" was second, Herm Nickels in "Pick-Nick" third, Jerry Murphy of Mt. Morris in "Double B" fourth and Al Gray of Pontiac was fifth. Breezes varied from a mild zephyr to fresh and the boys and girls of 110 learned a lot sailing against the many hot visiting skippers. We believe all our guests had a good time and it is hoped that the Higgins Lake Boat Club and Fleet 110 will hold an annual Summer Open Lightning Championship Regatta to rival St. Petersburg's famed Winter Open.

The annual Labor Day race saw the Lightning Cup won by Doc Arnold of Kennedy Beach in No. 2360, Buzz Morley of Lakeside was second in No. 4686, Alex Carlin of Higgins Lake Shores in No. 1847 was third, Josephine Symons of Lakeside in No. 4674 was fourth, and Prudy Wickes of Cottage Grove in No. 4214, fifth. Alden Dow of Cottage Grove won the first race, but was fouled in the second heat and could not finish. Doc Arnold won the second race and the third was won by Alex Carlin. All races were close as a mustard plaster, and with the addition of four new boats last season and with two more coming up, competition in 1952 will be keener than ever.

MIAMI LIGHTNING FLEET (111 & 130)

Fleets 111 and 130 sailed together

Based on Biscayne Bay, Fla.

(Now sailing with Fleet 226)

GREEN BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (112)

Midwest District

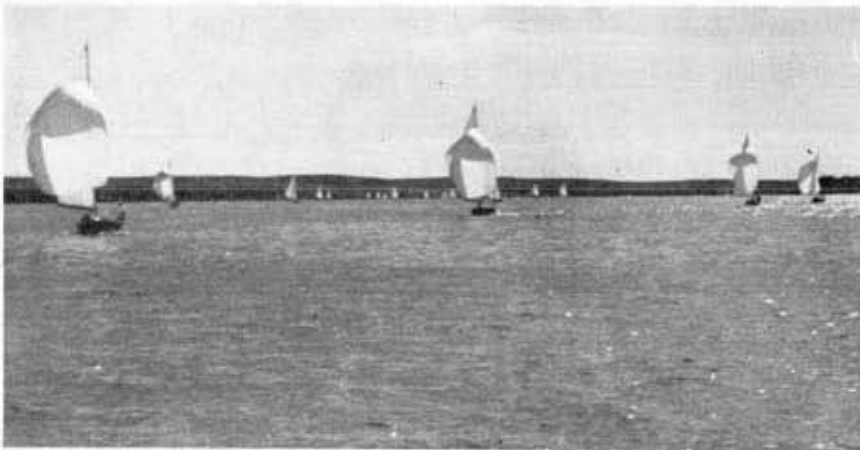
Based on Green Bay, Wisc.

Fleet Captain James B. Gagnon
Fleet Secretary Frank J. Vandersteen
Fleet Champion None
Runner-Up None

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
972	Squabble	The Everson Girls
2326	Snafu	R. G. Evans
2501	Slow Poke	Allan Houston
2502	San Sea	Francis LeClerc
2503	Auger	Ann Burrige
2504	Cygnat	Henie Hagemester, Jr.
2505	Baby	Carl Witteborg, Jr.
2531	Ygoby	Arnold Bur
2533	Ginny Lee	Arnold Biebel
2534	Skylark	William Riley
3616	Bloodshot	Jim Gagnon
3777	Pat-Sue	Ken Mathys
4658	Tiz	Clayton Ewing

Many of the above Skippers were not active in this year's sailing activities due to business reasons which resulted in a rather scant season. The local fleet took time out from their work to run off a few club races and then in July, proceeded to get ready for the Midwest District Championships that were held at the Green Bay Yacht Club. Jim Gagnon repeated his winning ways by copping the Title he had won at the Milwaukee Club last year to bring the event to our club and fleet.

After three fine races in the Midwest Regatta the final standings were Jim Gagnon—60 points, Ronnie Blair—52, Chuck Berk & Harold Walker tied for third with 51 each. The first race that was to be held on Saturday was postponed because of winds of 50 mile variety and had to be run off in the afternoon instead of the morning. The last two races were sailed with an ideal wind of 10 to 15 miles an hour. Gagnon gained his trophy by having two fourths and a first in the three races. A Saturday night party



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took care of the social end of this regatta and a fine time was had by all who participated. Members of the local fleet and club helped make it a success by working in the refreshments, hoist and committees that are necessary in such an event.

Early in September Fleet 112 saw Jim Gagnon with his crew of his brother Claude and Frank Vandersteen off to the Internationals at Toledo Yacht Club. His efforts for the five races resulted in an 18th place which was four places better than last year at Buffalo. Just before the Internationals, Gagnon trailed his boat to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin winning this one race event over some of the local sailors and members of his fleet. Dick Evans took Second in Ann Burridge's Lightning.

The final race of the season was for the Walter Masse Memorial Trophy held at the Green Bay Yacht Club on the Bay Beach Triangular Course. This race is open to sailboats to 20 feet in length, excluding inland scows. It was held September 8th and was won by Dick Evans in his Lightning "Snafu." Gagnon with "Bloodshot" had Second, followed by Jim Everson in his Thistle. The race is a handicap affair and above places resulted.

Local interest is expected to increase during the winter months as a number of meetings are being planned with movies to help stir up some of the old and newcomers. Fleet 112 wishes the best of sailing for other members and fleets of Lightning Class Association. Also hope to see you sailors next year. HAPPY SAILING!

ST. JOSEPH HARBOR LIGHTNING FLEET (113)

Michigan District

Based on Lake Michigan. St. Joseph, Mich.

Fleet Captain ————— Dr. C. V. Lawton
Fleet Secretary ————— Joseph Stueland
Fleet Champion — George Croasdale in "Patriot"
Runner-Up — Joseph Stueland in "Eega Beeva"

Joe and Shirley Stueland in "Eega Beeva" at the Devil's Lake Regatta.



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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
336	Red-Head	Elmer Walsh
959	Babe	Dr. R. E. Regan, Robert H. Regan
2032	Patriot	Ray Croasdale, George Croasdale and Ray Croasdale, Jr.
2494	Alagar	Jack Gardner, Warren Lake, Cally Brown, Kenneth Arney
2495	Viking	William Smith
2500	Nicki	Gordon Dill
2511	Gwet	Dr. F. H. Rahn & William K. Rahn
2512	Bob Ann	Dr. C. V. Lawton & Keith Lawton
2513	Bug Eye	Edward Hoffman
2514	Coaster	Dr. D. W. Thorup, Donald Thorup
2515	Nan Su Ji	Dr. G. F. Atwell
2746	Eega Beeva	Joseph & Shirley Stueland
5040	Scottie	Joseph & Shirley Stueland

Racing activity for Fleet No. 113 reached a new high this season.

Twenty-One races were sailed at the home port and one inter-club race with South Haven, LaPort, Indiana and Gull Lake. This latter event being sailed at Gull Lake, who were fine hosts and showed the sailors and guests a fine time.

An average of from six to nine boats turned out for every one of the weekly competitions, the result being that the fleet was bunched more closely at the marks and at the finish than ever before. It is felt that this is the direct result of the Handicap Series, which consists of nine races, three each on Decoration Day, July 4th and Labor Day, which gives every one of the less experienced skippers a chance to get the thrill of a win; to say nothing of the trophy at the winners' dinner.

This event, held shortly after the close of the season, brought out eighty-five people, which shows the interest of this fleet. Of the nine boats actively competing, eight skippers received trophies. We are proud of this record and hope the year 1952 will make it possible to show an even better one.

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SAN DIEGO BAY FLEET (114)

California District

Based on San Diego Bay, Calif.

Fleet	Captain	Dave Wright
Fleet	Secretary	Bob Niemeyer
Fleet	Champion	Jack Campbell in "G-Wiz"
Fleet	Runner-Up	Ray Chenhall in "Zoom"
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
673	Tutu	Earl Biggen
1909	Stormy	Col. H. Kobbe
2024	Premium	Henry Weston & Jack Healy
2421	Kaki-Kay	Ted Fleming
2633	Gayl	Albert Austin
2665	Gypsy	C. C. Woodworth, Jr. and Tom Walker
3293	Tehani	George Nicholas
3472	Magic Carpet	E. Harrison Amos
3586	Glori B	Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Ackerman
3673	Chiquita	Robert Niemeyer
3823	Penelon	M. R. McColley
4060	G. Whiz	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell
4534	Sauci Sue	Capt. M. E. Hatch & David P. Wright
4573	Fiesta	Richard O. Driskell
4938	Zoom	Ray Chenhall

After several brush races and round robins, Fleet 114 started a full racing season in April. Jack Campbell led the fleet around the course so often we rarely saw anything except the G Whiz transom. Highlights of the season were the Small Boat Regatta, Ken Reynard Series, Fall Championship Series, and the Thanksgiving Regatta. In between these stellar events the week-ends were filled with a 15-race Championship Series and several out-of-town regattas. Harrison Amos was victorious in the Newport Harbor Gold Cup Series while Ray Chenhall piloted his "Zoom" to the runner-up position in the local waters.

Labor Day week-end marked the most ambitious cruise of the year with five boats making the open water sail from San Pedro to Catalina Island. Picnics at Crown Cove in San Diego Bay and numerous other parties filled out the social calendar.

The Fleet Skippers have improved their sailing proficiency during the past year and are looking forward to keener competition and more of the same fine racing spirit that has been steadily increasing since the formation of Fleet 114.



Ray Chenhall (standing) of Fleet 114 at time of Ray's launching of the "Zoom". Ed Turner, old Lightning skipper, adjusting rudder.



Cuba Lake Fleet No. 115.

CUBA LAKE FLEET (115)

Lake Erie District

Based on Cuba Lake, New York

Fleet Captain Dr. Lawrence Older
Fleet Secretary Howard Vincent
Fleet Champion Dr. L. F. Dietter in "Sam'Ussez"
Runner-Up K. Van der Horst in "Rosemaryn"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
452	Sam'Ussez	Dr. L. F. Dietter
692	Rosemaryn	K. Van der Horst
829	MooVin	H. A. Vincent
876		F. J. Jerge
1167		Foss Murray
1453	Chlo-e	D. W. Miller
1955		Albert Collins
2987	Frolic	C. P. Clark
3415		George Holbrook, Jr.
3478		Dr. Lawrence Older

Cuba Lake is a small lake with only a seven mile shore line. In 1943, when we received our charter, there were five Lightnings in the fleet out of thirty sails on the lake, of many types. For several years we struggled trying to arrange races and local regattas but did not meet with satisfactory success. As we grew to six or seven to get a course laid out, starting committee and crews it just did not seem to work out.

In the early part of August of the year 1950 a meeting was called of the sailors on the lake and a yacht club was formed from this group. Officers were elected and races were scheduled for specific times for the balance of the season.

The racing committee scheduled a handicap race in so far as classes were concerned using the standardized formula. In this manner we had many different races all in one. As the boats in various classes started together, trophies were obtained for the handicap as well as the various classes. Interest in racing zoomed to a high pitch immediately and we had as many as twenty entries nearly every race.

With this many entries of inexperienced racers, many fouls were committed. We were fortunate in having one member, in our fleet, with fifteen years experience in racing in Holland. We utilized his experience in blackboard demonstration on rules and tactics which helped greatly.

In the year 1951 we started the season on Decoration Day following the same routine but with better racing and starting committees and slight adjustment in handicap which proved inequitable in the year previous. We went through the season with interest at fever pitch. Winning pennants were awarded each race for each class and season winners were awarded trophies at the Labor Day banquet.

This year we have added a social committee, who will arrange for three major banquets during the season and other snack outings following races, in the hopes of spreading more enthusiasm.

GARDINERS & PECONIC BAYS LIGHTNING FLEET (116)

Greater Long Island District

Based on Peconic Bay, Greenport, L. I.

Fleet Captain William James Mills, II
Fleet Secretary Walter H. Burden, Jr.
Fleet Champion Walter H. Burden, Jr. in "Mike"
Runner-Up Frederick W. Koeppen in "Rip Tide"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
463	Intermezzo	Jane Marston
486		Ross McHugh
1149	Pelican	Robert Wagner
1311	Intrepid	G. Carpenter
1360		F. A. Macauley, M.D.
1623		B. Dickerson
1991	Phara	Richard G. Moser
2109	Born Tired	Susan Rose
2256	Mab, Jr.	William J. Mills, II
2355	Miko	Walter H. Burden, Jr.
2399	Sniggy	John Q. Adams
2624	Blue Streak	A. L. R. Francisco, Jr.
2813		R. H. McAdoo
2955	Witch Craft	Helen Hicks
2971	Citrus	Edward J. Wren
3034		G. H. Richards
3378	Lively Lady	A. W. Ivers, Jr.
3379	Fox Trot	Deane K. Fox, Jr.
3380	Mermaid	Clem Wells
3384	Tabasco	Leslie Van Nostrand
3407	Sea Wisp	Robert T. Wolfe
3466	Arana del Mar	Raymond Mount
3594	Rip-Tide	Frederick J. Koeppen
3938	Blue Bird	Warren V. Vail
4460		B. Crane
4603		K. C. Lauter
4608	Blitzen	A. Haarstick
4767	Lee Ward	Linda Lee
4851		R. Mackin

The fleet was very active throughout the summer. There were several events in which we participated as a fleet, and, in addition, each of the various Yacht Clubs held their own races.

Twenty-three Lightnings entered the Eastern Long Island Yachting Association Regatta, of which sixteen belonged to Fleet 116. Walter H. Burden, Jr., in "Miko" placed second in the best three out of four series.

The Chinese Yacht Club of Greenport held an invitation race on Labor Day. Although it was a flat calm and the end of the season for these parts, thirteen boats entered. In an abbreviated race, William Mills was the winner in "Mab, Jr." Fred Koeppen was runner-up, and Walter Burden placed third.

Each of the Yacht Clubs held weekly races throughout the summer. The winners in the weekend series were: Orient—D. K. Fox, Jr., Shelter Island—R. Wagner, Southold—Frederick Koepfen. The Chinese Yacht Club held invitation races every Wednesday afternoon with a picnic on the dock after the race. The winner of the series was Walter Burden with a percentage of .990!!! Runner-up was Fred Koepfen, and William Mills was third.

We are looking forward to a successful 1952 season. Each year the fleet has grown and we understand there will be several more in the area during the coming season. A large number of events is being lined up.

ISLAND BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (117)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Springfield, Springfield, Ill.

Fleet Captain..... Robert Eyster, Jr.
Fleet Secretary..... Godfrey C. Blackburn
Fleet Champion Robert Eyster, Jr., in "Betsey III"
Runner-Up..... Richard T. Peterson in "Vixen"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
212	Parader	Godfrey C. Blackburn
1188	Vixen	Richard T. Peterson
2103	Ranger	Charles E. Phillips & Ralph Turnbull
2210	Yoo-Hoo	W. F. Haycock
*2475		Steve Bartholf
2499	Ipsa Facto	David Wilson
2553	Nautigal II	Harry S. Dixon
2589	Hi-Ho	Theodore A. & Viola Haller
2590	Wa-na-na-wah	Ralph Hanauer
2591	Betsy III	Robert M. Eyster, Sr. & Robert M. Eyster, Jr.
3632	Merry Ann	Francis G. White
4374	Roamer	John Gard

* 2475 formerly owned by H. W. Meyer

The 1951 season started rather slowly due to a very late Spring plus a lot of major repairs that took longer than the Skippers contemplated. However, even with the late start, the Fleet raced a total of five series of three races each and finished a strong unit. The Mid-States Regatta held each Labor Day was a fine climax to a successful season.

Ted Haller, Fleet Champion of two years running, had a lot of hard luck which lost him his title for the year. Ted, besides being out of town for the early part of the season, lost his mast on the tune-up race for the Regatta. He borrowed a mast for the Regatta, however lost his tune and had trouble making her go. Better luck to Ted for next year.

The fourth annual match between Springfield Fleet No. 117 and Decatur Lightning Fleet No. 74 was held with two races at Decatur and a final race at Lake Springfield. A lot of hard sailing was shown between both Fleets, with Ted Haller taking three firsts for the coveted trophy. Bob Eyster and B. O. Buckles tied for second place, with the rest of the Fleet hot contenders to the last race.

The thirteenth annual MIDDLE STATES REGATTA at Island Bay Yacht Club on Labor Day week-end saw 27 Lightnings representing six Yacht Clubs from the Midwest area compete in some hot sailing for the winner's award. Bill Wingard with his new Dubuious from Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club won for his fourth consecutive year. A total of 78 boats answered the gun for three of the most hotly contested races of the season. Island Bay Yacht Club with its color, facilities and hospitality has gained a fine reputation for food, fun and good sailing. Just ask anyone who has been there and then plan for this year's attendance.

The Fleet has been active all winter—holding meetings to discuss rules, tactics, novelty races and generally building enthusiasm for a fine 1952 Season.

ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (118)

Lake Erie District

Based on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

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WESTERN NARRAGANSETT BAY, FLEET (119)

Based on Narragansett Bay, Est Greenwich, R. I.

Connecticut District

Based on Narragansett Bay, R. I.

Fleet Captain..... W. Edwin Stevens

Fleet Secretary..... James H. Otis

Fleet Champion,
James K. Wilkie, Jr., in "Long John"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
349	Flying Fish	Nathan Hale
2338	Cutshausha	Ralph G. Kenney
3189	Me Too	John Heffler
3273		Harry Burns
3289	Gismo	Jack Haughton
3296	Little Terror	James H. Otis
3434	His Nibs	H. J. Barney
3452	Ja Boo	Robert McGarry
3527	Long John	James K. Wilkie, Jr. & Jean Wilkie
3970	Skidoo	W. Edwin & Virginia C. Stevens
4228	Blitz	Ken & Stewart Mason

LAURENTIAN INTERNATIONAL FLEET (120)

Central New York District

Based on St. Lawrence River, N. Y.

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MERRIMAC RIVER FLEET (121)

New England District

Based on Merrimac River, Mass.

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MAMARONECK LIGHTNING FLEET (122)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Long Island Sound, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Fleet Captain..... Franz Pick

Fleet Secretary..... Bob Marcus

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1288	As De Pick IV	Franz Pick
2045	Safari	Norman D. Waters
3072	Rashel II	Leonard Levine
4210	La-Bebob II	Betty & Bob Marcus

We regret that due to the illness of some members and other circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to complete sufficient races to declare a Fleet Champion. We invite any new Lightning owners in our harbor to get in touch with any one of us so that we may expand the fleet next year.

EAGLE LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (123)

Michigan District

Based on Eagle Lake, Mich.

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LOWER LAKE HURON FLEET (124)

Michigan District

Based on Lake Huron, Port Huron, Michigan

(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

RED JACKET LIGHTNING FLEET (125)

Central New York District

Based on Cayuga Lake, Seneca Falls, New York

Fleet Captain..... None

Fleet Secretary..... Frank M. Knight

Fleet Champion,
E. R. Smith, Jr., in "Virgin Sturgeon"

Runner-Up..... F. M. Knight in No. 2986

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
572	Hangover II	Reginald & Andrew Barry
891		Robert Croasdale
2721		John Caldwell
2986		Frank M. Knight
4903		Richard Morehouse
4904		William Ottemiller
4906	Virgin Sturgeon	E. R. Smith, Jr.

CEDAR POINT LIGHTNING FLEET (126)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Westport, Conn.

(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Based on Wilmington River, Savannah, Ga.

Fleet Captain..... John H. Baker

Fleet Secretary..... R. Bayard Baldridge, II

Fleet Champion..... John Baker in "Geechee Gal"

Runner-Up..... John M. McIntosh in "Scalawag, III"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8	Snark II	H. L. Backus
68	Hurricane	O. T. McIntosh
266	Horsetly	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
801	Skidaway	Charlton Theus
2089	Seabird	Storm Trosdale
2202	Bubber	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
2285	Misty III	Paul Hellstrom
*2298	Alibi	Albert Moreno
2411	Vixen	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
2412	Mity Mo	Robert Miller & Royce Hoyle
2473	Sunday Punch	Billy Bergen
2619	Jazabel	Mrs. E. W. Bell
2995	Saucy	Robert Saussy
3047		Thomas Oxnard
3152	Helena	J. A. Diamond
3260	Winbag	Billy Winburn
3515	Skimmer	R. O. Sprague
3553	Zig Zag	John Williams and Harry P. Palmer
3681	Sea Pup	A. H. Berry
3882	Debet	R. B. Baldridge, II
3998	Geechee Gal	I. H. Baker
4816	Billy Wink	Billy Kittridge
4671	Wild Goose	Ross Allen
5098	Scalawag, IV	John McIntosh

* Formerly owned by J. McIntosh

Lightning Fleet No. 127 closed its longest and most successful season, since its organization, at the Isle of Hope on September 9, 1951, with John Baker, in the Geechee Gal, retiring the Wymberley Trophy, given by members of that community.

All other local races were sailed on the Wilmington River where the Savannah Yacht and Country Club was located.

The season started in February when five boats, Geechee Gal—John Baker, Scalawag III—John McIntosh, Sunday Punch II—Ross Allen, Debet—By Baldridge, and Sea Pup—Bert Berry, made a long, and not very successful trek to St. Petersburg for the Midwinter Championship. John Baker in "Geechee Gal," led the Savannah boats finishing in the first 25 boats of the 54 boat fleet. The rest of the boats were in the second division, but the hospitality, entertainment and experience made the occasion like Ivory Soap, 99-44/100 per cent perfect.

The local skippers returned from Florida determined to prepare for the invasion by Florida Skippers for the Southeastern, who always rank among the top nationally. A "Spring Tune-up Series" was held during April and to early May, and the first race of the official series on May 27th—just 6 days before the Southeastern. The Southeastern District Championship held at the Savannah Yacht and Country Club was the most successful yachting event ever held in this section.

The expansion of facilities at the Yacht Club for moving and hauling of small boats made it possible to handle the fleet without difficulty. Ten Floridians came up and the cordial relations between visitors and hosts will always be memorable. Wind conditions were made to order with stiff Southeasters prevailing for all three races. The top Savannahian as again John Baker's "Geechee Gal" which finished eighth in the fleet of 26 boats. Charlie KeHoe's "Miami Sue," of which some have heard before, was first, and Morgan Powell's "Red Witch" from St. Petersburg second. As these two boats finished 7th and 8th in the Internationals, we were somewhat justified in feeling that the competition was rather keen.

The next big event of the local calendar was the annual three-day regatta of the Savannah Yacht and Country Club which was host this year to the South Atlantic Y.R.A. Championship. Lightning competition was heightened by the presentation of the Demere Perpetual Trophy, a beautiful 14-inch sterling silver Revere Bowl, named for its donor, Savannah's most prominent yachtsman and well-known ocean racing skipper.

John Baker, our Fleet Captain, in his "Geechee Gal" repeated as south Atlantic Champ, followed by John McIntosh's "Scalawag III," and Bobby Sprague's "Skimmer II."

The season ended on Labor Day with the "Geechee Gal" winning and taking the beautiful Diamond Trophy as Fleet Champion. John Baker, with the "Gal," dominated the fleet, leading the local in all events which they entered, and taking the fleet championship. John McIntosh, in "Scalawag III," was a consistent performer as runner-up, and Bobby Saussy, in the "Saucy" did some fine sailing to place third in the fleet. Ross Allen, in the beautiful "Wild Goose," was plagued by hard luck through the season, but won the Beaufort Y.C. regatta and pushed the "Geechee Gal" all season.

The "Wild Goose" and John McIntosh's new boat which will be delivered in February are already slated to go to St. Petersburg. The "Geechee Gal" will not make the trip as John Baker has been recalled to active duty. If the "Gal" could go at the top of her remarkable late season trim to which her skipper brought her, we believe things would be different in 1952, but we will have to count on the two new boats as Mr. Standard Bearers, as St. Petersburg opens a new season which already promises to be bigger and better than ever.



Herman C. Henschen's "Kibitzer", Champion of Fleet 128.

PATAPSKUT LIGHTNING FLEET (128)

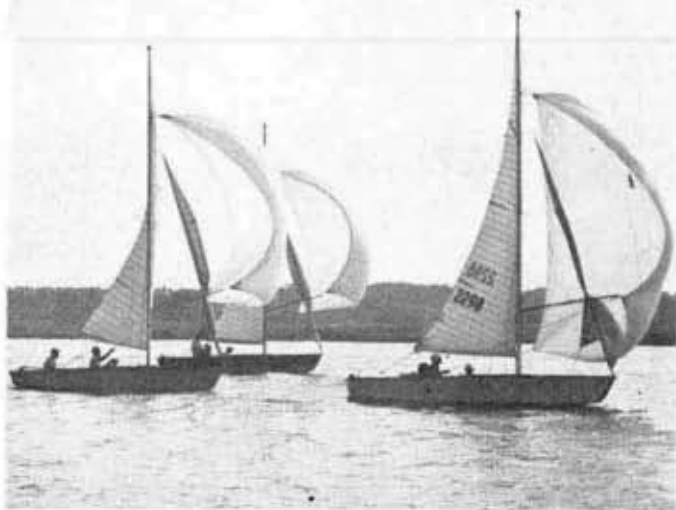
Dixie District

Based on Magothy River, Md.

Fleet Captain Herman C. Henschen
Fleet Secretary Herman C. Henschen
Fleet Champion Herman Henschen in
"Kibitzer"
Runner-Up Erle Preston Carter in No. 1356

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
663 & 4917	Jobi	Wm. H. Klarner
967	Mox	Nolan E. White
1356	E. Preston Carter
1846	Party Time	Norman Martin, Jr.
2708	Scherzo	John B. Hildebrandt
3140	Kibitzer	Herman Henschen
3636	Thunder	Charles Perry
3708	Blitz	Daniel S. Lynch

This spring some of Lightning Fleet 128's "old Salts" sold their boats to other fellows not so experienced in the way of the waves. The new members have been somewhat timid about their ability and fleet activities have been meager. The appearance of a new spinnaker here and there and a couple of new trailers indicate that our season will be more successful next year. Everybody has their eye on Preston Carter who did well in the fall series. Bill Klarner, who was promised delivery of a new "Olsen Hot Rod" in April (the manufacturer must not have said what year), may get his boat in time for the 1952 season. He will really bear watching. Herm. Henschen, who took the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association high point trophy away from Norm Schaller (Schnitzel) by a few lucky hits, hopes to earn the honor more justly next year.



Jimmy McIntosh and Bobby Sprague catching Johnny McIntosh.



Sandy Poindexter in "Restless".

MADISON BEACH LIGHTNING FLEET (129)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Madison, Conn.

Fleet Captain	None
Fleet Secretary	C. E. Poindexter
Fleet Champion	Theodore Fuller
Runner-Up	C. E. Poindexter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
117	Wanderer	Stanley Dow
257	Eager Beaver	Edward F. Wilcox
360	Flossie's	
	Folly II	Philip Judd & George Way Linder
937	Restless	C. E. Poindexter
1835	Malahini	C. L. Maxwell
2407	Impulse	Donald Hessler
2408	Saybrook	Theodore Fuller
3523	Skeegee	Ernest Latham

The Madison Lightning Fleet had a most successful racing season. Sailing weather on our part of the Sound was the best seen in a good many years, and competition was so stiff that honors and places were questionable until points were totaled after the final race.

Three of the local boats went to Pine Orchard for the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Regatta, and everyone in Madison was pleased when Ernie Latham took second place for the three-day series.

Enthusiasm ran high all summer and as a result, several people have become interested in the Lightnings. I know of one boat being built by Saybrook Yacht Yard and one or two other possibles to enlarge the Fleet.

DETROIT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (131)

Michigan District

Based on Detroit River, Mich.

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LAKE WASHINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

Pacific Northwest District

Based on Lake Washington at Seattle, Wash.

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MANHASSET BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (133)

Western Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Manhasset Bay, Port Washington, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	John Bollinger
Fleet Secretary	Edgar P. Dunlaevy
Fleet Champion	John Bollinger in "Blue Cloud"
Runner-Up	Dick Dirkes in "Damp Tramp"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1223	"C" Witch	Constance Carstens
1694	Jatoma	Tom Curtin
1746	Joker	Frank J. Kelly
1881	Holly	Paul Hollenbach
1944	Yoha	Wm. I. Stoddard & Chas. M. Reppert
2191	Damp Tramp	Richard S. Dirkes
2394	Venus	George A. Lewis
2466	Bijope	William H. Miller
2498	Vixen	Robert Swiggett
2865	Windward	Herbert Lyall
2966	ABWGITT	Russell Sheidow
3356	Sethanne	Marcus G. Christ
3370	Paw-Kwa	Marilyn Latchford
3492	Marie Anne	Edgar P. Dunlaevy
3525	Balihi	Lawrence Goodman & Alan Epstein
3727	Sea Flower	John Tillman
4107	Linda Myer	Ed Hoffman
4110	Panther	David Grumann
4222	Black Menace	Luther B. Beck
4250	Devilkin	George Quisenberry
4607	Kelpie	John and Charles Benisch
4610	Blue Cloud	John Bollinger
4672	Lady Bee	Lewis M. McClure
4968	Eight Ball	William C. Mills

We are pleased to report that the Manhasset Bay Lightning Fleet has just concluded its most successful racing season, and the prospects for 1952 look even brighter.

As in previous years, we shook out our winter kinks with a brisk tune-up series consisting of 11 races held on weekends between May 26th, and June 24th. We had excellent wind and weather for this series, and the competition was exceptionally keen among the leaders. Edgar Dunlaevy skippered **Marie Ann** and his family into first place, followed by Dick Dirkes in **Damp Tramp**, and Bill Miller, who won first in three races in his **Bijope** slipped into third toward the end of the series.

Our Championship series was scheduled to include 19 races, however, a lack of wind for several weeks straight cut this to 12 events. John Bollinger kept **Blue Cloud** well in front of the fleet to become our 1951 Champion followed by Dick Dirkes in **Damp Tramp** and Bill and Pete Miller in **Bijope**.

Concurrently with the Championship series we also kept separate scores for Saturday and Sunday Awards. Dick Dirkes took the Saturday Series with the Miller boys running a close second, and George Quisenberry sailing his **Widgeon** in third. The Sunday series was won by John Bollinger, with Dick Dirkes second, and Bob Swiggett third in his **Vixen**.

The season was concluded with a 9-race Fall Series ending in late September, in which Edgar Dunlaevy again took a first in **Marie Ann**. Bill Miller and Tom Curtin fought it out for second place with Miller's **Bijoe** ending up 6/10 of a percentage point in front of Curtin's **Jatoma**.

In addition to our regular fleet races, the Manhasset boats stood up admirably against outside competition, finishing first, second and fifth in the District Championships. John Bollinger's **Blue Cloud** became the new District Champion, and Edgar Dunlaevy was Runner-up. John Bollinger got a second for us at Larchmont Race Week, and Edgar Dunlaevy captured first place in the Annual Bayside Regatta.

We held our annual Fourth of July team match with Hempstead Harbor Fleet No. 138, and are once again proud to report a decisive victory for the Manhasset Bay Boats. This is the third straight victory for Fleet No. 133, so they will be gunning for us next year.

Manhasset Bay Race week brought over forty Lightnings into our bay. The boats were divided into odd and even numbered divisions for the series rather than jam 45 boats across the line at one time. Among the even numbered boats, John Bollinger took first with Dunlaevy and Bob Swiggett in second and third respectively. Dick Dirkes finished third among the odd numbered boats in this event.

For the first time, we had a boat represent us in the Nationals, and regret that we were not able to give a better account of ourselves in this event; however, like the Dodgers, we are looking forward to next year.

NOROTON LIGHTNING FLEET (134)

Connecticut District

Based on Central Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain W. Adriance Kipp, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Anne Remmers
Fleet Champion Susan Widmann in "Spitfire"
Runner-Up Kimberley O'Gorman in "Shmoo"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
164	Javlyn	John Haesler
759	We Three	B. Alden Cushman
2187	Sea Sharp	Theodore Rudd
2479	Bon Ami	James W. Tower
2682	Pied Piper	Alexis Kleberg
2683	Aroma	J. H. R. Stephenson
2684	Terek	Howard I. Earl
3052	Aquavia	Grant Tittsworth
3633		Walter Remmers
3806	Spitfire	Sue Widmann
3885	Trim	Walter G. Crump, Jr.
3973	Stymie	W. A. Kipp, Jr.
4108	Shmoo	Kim O'Gorman
4601	Flirt	Eric and Nancy Lexow
4717	Mystery	W. T. Howe
4942	Cinderella Too	Noroton Junior Yacht Club

While racing at Noroton this year was as fine as ever, we had comparatively few races due to bad weather and at days which always seemed to occur on the weekends. However, there were a number of interesting races and highlights which will give us plenty to talk about until next season rolls around.

We are very proud of Kim O'Gorman, who won the Connecticut District Eliminations at Black Rock Yacht Club and represented the district in the International Regatta at Toledo. It is the first time that a member of our Fleet has won the District Championship and, we believe, the first time our District has been represented in the Internationals. Congratulations again to Kim, his good yacht "Shmoo" and, last but not least, his star crewman, severest critic and Dad, Purc O'Gorman.

We are also very proud of the members of the Junior Yacht Club who, in "Cinderella Too," won the Lightning Division at Larchmont Yacht Club Race Week in July. Congratulations, Juniors!

Sue Widman, our most consistent winner, and Kim O'Gorman, repeated their performances of last year and placed first and second respectively in the standings for the official races for the season. Walter Crump was in third position. He also won the Commodore's Race on Labor Day in which Sue Widmann was second and Ade Kipp third.

On July Fourth the Junior Yacht Club's "Cinderella Too" captured the Vice Commodore's Race, followed by "Spitfire" and "Trim."

Our Rear Commodore's Race was an exciting one, with Sue Widmann, Kim O'Gorman and Ted Rudd finishing in that order.

Stymie, piloted by Ade Kipp, was first to cross the finish line in the Mid-Season Long Distance Race to Lloyd Point, Greens Ledge and return. Howard Earl in "Terek" had a good second in this race, with Sue Widmann's "Spitfire" in third position.

Two inter-club races were planned with the new Lightning Fleet of the Norwalk Yacht Club, but only one came to pass and this one was ruled out due to a misunderstanding of the course by a few of the participants. However, in this race the first four or five boats over the finish line were from Noroton, led by "Stymie" and "Shmoo."

We had an excellent tournout for the one-day Stamford Yacht Club Regatta in August, but horrible weather, including a hail storm, cancelled it.

As in the past, the Sunday series of races were unofficial, so that those skippers who wanted to make character did so and spent Sundays with their families. We believe that the standings for the unofficial series were about the same as the Saturday results.

After the close of the season we held the election of officers for the coming year, with the result that the Fleet affairs for 1952 will be in the capable hands of Purcell O'Gorman, as Fleet Captain and Walter Crump as Fleet Secretary.

MOBILE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (135)

Louisiana-Alabama District

Based on Mobile Bay, Fairhope, Ala.

Fleet Captain Edw. B. Overton
Fleet Secretary J. U. Wilkinson
Fleet Champion Edward B. Overton in "Prancer"
Runner-Up Jack W. Bonnell in "Rebel"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
332	Flash II	Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
2492	Nita	Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3019		John R. Shinnars
3642		Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3643		Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3649	Amber	Hoyt S. Greenbury and Hugh Cole
3651	Rebel	Jack W. Bonnell
3680	Espero	H. Inge Johnstone
3683	Wawassimo	Maurice M. Payne
4690	Sweet Lady	H. C. Slaton
4705	Mescalero	J. U. Wilkinson
4736	Prancer	Edward B. Overton

The Mobile May Lightning Fleet has had its best season and is hoping that 1952 will bring about still more activity and interest in the Lightning Class. Lightning races, held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled regattas of Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, Alabama, and the Mobile Yacht Club of Mobile, Alabama, has done much to further the interest in Lightning Racing.

Jack W. Bonnell's Rebel has developed into a real contender for top fleet honors. However, Edward (Ole Beave) Overton, is still Fleet Champion and his policy of "getting out in front and staying there" has paid off again. Hoyt Greenbury and Hugh Cole's "Amber" gives them plenty of competition while "Doc" Wilkinson in his "Mescalero" sees that everybody gets in safe.

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