

Port Clinton Pleet.

## PORT CLINTON SAILING CLUB (136) Ohio-Indiana District Based on Lake Erie, Ohio

| Fleet Captain | Lee Bracken |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Larry Hattwick |
| Fleet Treasurer | Cure Kuhnle |
| Fleet Champion Robert Englebeck in "Meat Wagon" |  |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 963 |  | Charles Leiner |
| 966 | Stormy |  |
| 1059 | Woverther Boy | Robert Acker |
| Ray Lambert |  |  |
| 1485 | Horn Pipe | Larry Imber |
| 2526 | Froken | Lowell and Barbara Peterson |
| 2540 | Gin Gin | Lee Bracken and D. W. Fox |
| 4668 | Meat Wagon | Robert Englebeck |
| 4888 | Lay Too | Jack Lay |
| 4890 | Mama's Mink | Carlon Allan |
| 4750 |  | Gene Thober |

PCYC Fleet 136 enjoyed a very active season, starting with Jack Lay and Carton Allans trailing new Seaman Lightnings home from Roslyn, L. 1 Larry Imber in 1485 joined the feet with one of the best looking boats in the fleet. Englebeck in "Meat Wagon" won the fleet championship by nailing down a first place in seven out of ten races. Dark horse of the season was Lee Bracken and Pete Fox's "Gin Gin" from last place to second and third place in almost all races of the series. Enthusiasm ran high with many of our boats traveling to other regattas, and bringing home some trophies, tool!!

## GULL LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (137) Michigan District Based on Gull Lake, Mich.

| Fleet Captain | Phil Ordway |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Willard Bryant |
| Fleet Champion | Jim Harrison in "Blitzen" |
| Runner-Up | Paul Ponitz in No. 4744 |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 482 | Dipsy Doodle C. F. Avery |  |
| 1070 | Jerjac | Ernal C. Hill |
| 1988 | Nautily | John Fischer |
| 2036 | Star Dust | Walter Tholan |
| 2343 | Brigadoon II | Willis Burdick |
| 2562 | T. J's Lady | Tom Gibbons |
| 2941 | Bordenscow | Al Borden |
| 2945 | Water Lou | Homer Elwell |
| 2946 | Breezalong | Willard G. Bryant |
| 2947 | Sum Fun | Sydney Skellenger |
| 3383 |  | Phil Ordway |
| 4410 | Rover Boy | Lorence Burdick |
| 4666 | Blitzen | Dr. James Harison |
| 4744 |  | Dr. Paul Ponitz |
| 4764 |  | Rev. Ensworth Reisner |
| 4911 |  | Dr. Fred Coggan |
| 4977 |  | Sam Stearns |

The Gull Lake Fleet has been growing at a very fast pace. The number of boats that race has gone from three to seventeen in four years. on a lake that already has large fleets of stars, debs, snipes, 110 's, and many miscellaneous boats.

With the addition of a few more boats next year, the Lightning Fleet promises to be the biggest and most active fleet on the lake. It has already become the largest Lightning Fleet in this area.

Gull Lake was hoss to the second interffeet race between St , Joe, South Haven, La Forte and Gull Lake. We all used our own sails and crews but, put 12 Gull Lake boats in a pool. Gull Lake took the first three places in the race, which was held in winds up to 45 mph . One boat capsized and three pulled out. Bill Bryant, Helen Borden and Jim Harrison skippered their boats across the line in that order.

Phil Ordway was elected Fleet Captain for next year, a man who we're all going to have to watch next year. Bill Bryant was re-elected secretary.

Jim Harrison retained the number one spot, and the Witkinson Trophy. He had to hold himself back to a couple of fourths just to make it interesting. Paul Ponitz came through in second place this year, which, by the way, was his first year and will really be fighting for that first place next year.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR FLEET (138)
Western Long Island Sound District
Based on Hempstead Harbor, N. Y.

| Fleet Captain | Henry Dumper |
| :--- | ---: |
| Flect Secretary | Margaret Tilton |
| Fleet Champion | Jay Kirby in "Susan" |
| Runner-Up | Charles Hurley in "Bolero" |

## Boat No. Boat Name

224
863 Hot Rod

1185 Devil
1592 Tar
1712 Bolero
2130
2267 Bolta
2267 Bolta II
2672 Susan
2690
Precious Pennies
3487 Pretty Penny
3641 Leprechaun
3707 Bonnie-B
3725 Tipsy
3816 Calvalier's Lady
3827 Blue Teele
4106 To-N.Fro
4109 Stella Maris

## Skipper

Bob Schmidt
Tom Manuel
Tony Snyder
Henry Dumper
Charles and Gordon Hurley
F. Kolk

Chester Markowski
Dan Kurshan
Jay \& Maude Kirby
Chas, L. Wittenberg
Robert Patterson

1. C. Tiltan

George Hegeman, Jr.
Joseph Gaylo
Robert \& Joan Howard
Warren Ostrom
Robert W. \& Edna M. Paul
Albin Cibeu \& L. Edgar Cibeu



| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 196 | Carita II | Roy H. Hendrickson |
| 413 | Decoy | R.L. Henderson |
| 457 | Hoodlum | Dr. M. Lawrence Elwell |
| 791 |  | Herbert J. LePage |
| 814 | Jinx | Er. G. Strasenburgh |
| 1313 | Slick Chick | Wm. T. Uhlen, |
| 1512 | 3 Bs | Nolson F. Bruce |
| 1549 | Glenn. A. Poyzer |  |
| 1922 | Second Wind | Jos. L. Hockenos |
| 1953 | Deep Six | Bernard Zoppoth and Donald Wolf |
| 2850 | Nalnac III | Wm. J. Scanlan |
| 2851 | Slippin Thru | Arthur Marshall |
| 3467 | Lamp Chop | Chas. Doerflinger |
| 4475 | Meek | Clarence. Meekin |

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A most successful season of racing was had by the members of Conesus Fleet No. 140 though hampered at tumes by light winds.

In June, a tune-up series was held, followed by the regular series in July and August. Bernie Zoppoth again sailed away with the season's championship, with Clarence Meekin in second place and Chuck Doerflinger taking thind place. Individual winners of the series were: R. L. Henderson, Ist place, and Mrs Chas. Doertlinger, 2nd place-Saturday Series: Bernie Zoppoth. 1st place, and Chuck Doertlinger, 2nd place-Sunday Series.

The fleet was represented in the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta, the Lewis Point Regatta held on Oneida Lake, and the Central New York District Lightning Eliminations.

In post-season sailing, the fleet played host to Lightning Fleet No, 47 from Silver Lake in a one-day fun regatta. Mem. bers of both fleets showed such enthusiasm for the success of this day that plans were formed then for a lonser regatta next year with Conesus journeying to Silver Lake.

Late in October, the Fleet's annual dinner was held with members participating in awarding of trophies and forming plans for the 1952 season.

## MATTITUCK LIGHTNING SOUND FLEET (141)

## Western Long Island District

 Based on Great Peconic Bay, N. Y.Fleet Captain

Fieet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Runner-Up

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 566 | Putchin, III |
| 1644 | Hi-Ball |
| 2070 | The Clam |
| 2116 | Mint Julep |
| 3524 | Spark |
| 4103 | Saliteen |
| 4149 | Back Wash |
| 4251 | Black Jack |
| 4602 | Ballerina |
| 4882 | Gremlin II |
| 4883 | Imp |
| 5005 | Princess |

James Connor Alma Suter
William Uhi in "Spark"
Robert Connor in "Black Jack"

## Skipper

Wilbur July
G. Elliot Goldsmith Edwin Gibson Martin Suter William Uht \& Tommy Uht Clara Hahn Edwin Ehlers James Connor lane, Katherine and Virginia Ehlers Roger Schauff George McKnight Susan Smith

Mattituck Yacht Club Lightning Fleet No. 141 members enjoyed a fine sailing season both at the regattas and at home. Interest was high with several new boats being hosss for the Greater Long Island Districts and keeping skippers and crews hustling.


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Our June 30th tune-up race was won by Paul Suter in "Mint Julep" with H. A. Smith in "Putchin 111" taking second place. The annual July 4th race for the American Legion Trophy presented by Raymond Cleaves Post No. 861, was won by Edwin Ehlers in No. $4149-$ "Back Wash." with H. Alvin Smith, No. 566 , in second place.

The Eastern Long Island Yachting Association Regatta at Southold brought out the largest fleet of Lightnings of the year. Heavy and light going found William Uhl skippering "Spark," No. 3524, with Jerry Case and Mason Wells as crew winning three straight firsts and the 1951 Eastern Long Island Yachting Association Championship. The eight entries of Fleet No. 141 captured all but one of the first nime places. This is proof again of the benefits derived from close fleet competition and cooperation.

August 18.19 found Fleet No. 141 and the Mattituck Yacht Club acting as hosts for their first District Regatta. Fine weather combined with a new clubhouse and a dock rushed to completion the day before the regatta, helped contestants enjoy a good series. District Commodore, Martin Suter of Mattituck had a group of hard working crews and skippers arrange for food and refreshments under Mrs. Marguerite Goldsmith Wilbur July
was in charge of registrations and George Thompson of information. Mr. Walter Uhl, Mr. Frank Gehring, and Mrs. Jules Seeth provided patrol service. The U.S. Coast Guard designated this an official regatta and provided a patrol boat from the Shinnecock Life Saving Station. Members of the race committee were former District Commodore Joseph Grimmig, District Secretary A. D. Kohler, Harry Taylor, E. G. Goldsmith, Raymond Harrington and William Mills. Fair sailing aided the committee in concentrating on providing good courses and a sporting background.

While James Connor was unable to defend his title because of illness, his boat, sailed by brother Bobby, was very much in evidence.

A windward-leeward course was decided upon for the first race Saturday morning. Robert Connor sailing "Black Jack" with George Torpey and Myles Amend as crew, worked into the lead and then with some excellent spinnaker setting and sailing was able to hold her lead to the finish. Billy Uhl skippering "Spark" with Mason Wells and Jerry Case as crew bartled into second place beating out H. A. Smith sailing "Putchin 111," with Susan Smith and Alma Suter as crew.

The second race Saturday afternoon was a triangular course Robert Connor was first around the windward mark and held his lead to the finish with Billy Uhl again a close second; third was Sam Zorovitch in "Mist," No. 4899.

The Annual Dinner Meeting was held Saturday morning. Election of officers and a decision to alternate the Greater Long Island District Regatta between east and west end of the Island in an effort to boost the Lightning Class were the main issues voted upon. Vice Commodore Raymond Harrington was unanimously advanced to District Commodore for 1952. Wilbur July was elected Vice Commodore and Arthur Nelson as Secretary.

With a close race for first and second and a two-way tie for third, much depended on Sunday's final race. A light shifting east by north wind made for a wide open race. No position was safe and when a puff enabled the rear boats to set spinnakers the fleet was bunched at the final mark. With course shortened to once around, it was a new race again. "Spark" with Billy Uhl at the helm carried a slant to the finish for first place and the District title. Close behin dwere Walter Burden in "Miko," No 2355, and Paul Suter in "Mint Julep," No. 2116, Connor final. ly worked out of a soft spot to finish eighth and hold second place in the series and another crack at the Internationals. H. A Smith was awarded third prize for the series with a 3rd, 4th and 5th. Mattiruck Yacht Club presented first, second and third place trophies for each race. William Uhl of Fleet No. 141 received the Dougan-Koehne perpetual trophy as 1951 Greater Long Island District Champion. Robert Connor was awarded a second place plaque by the District and a third place award went to H . Alvin Smith.

Fine weather, efficient committees and 17 sports-minded Lightning skippers made for a grand regatta. The Greater Long Island District 1951 Eliminations' pleasant atmosphere is a tribute to the district officers, contestants, committee chairmen and members. While it may be a chore and trouble for skippers to trail away from home, the opportunity to participate at least once a season in an affair of this kind for the sport involved and the boost it gives the Lightning Class should encourage owners to plan on attending. The spirit shown by M. W. Thayer, No. 4695 , in "Adios," who built his own boat and cruised to the districts, puts to shame many a lame excuse for not supporting Lightning affairs.

Consistent good sailing by Billy Uhl and crew in "Spark" enabled them to be the first repeaters as Fleet 141 champions as they retained the title won the year before. Bobby Connor and crew in "Black Jack" were runners-up for the 1951 Mattituck Lightning. Fleet 141 Championship. The winner has his name engraved on the fleet championship plaque,

The Martituck Fire Department Annual season trophy for Mattituck Yacht Club Lightnings was decided in the final race of the season as Paul Suter, in "Mint Julep," No. 2116, with Virginia Suter and A. D. Kelsey as crew, sailed in ahead of H. Alvin Smith in "Putchin, III," No. 566, with Wendy Smith and Jules Seeth as crew.

A crowded summer schedule, varied weather, improving competition, several new boats and being host for the districts made 1951 a banner year for Fleet No. 141. Having Uhl and Connor attend the Internationals at Toledo Yachr Club was another boost for our fleet and sharpens the appetite of other skippers and crews to get hot for 1952. With the Internationals finally returned to the east coast by the hard working Jersey sailors, Lightning activity in our section should enjoy a well deserved spurt.

# MORICHES BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (142) Greater Long Island District Based on Moriches Bay, Westhampton, L. I., N. Y. 

Fleet Captain<br><br>Fleet Secretary Edmund A. Prentis III<br>Fleet Champion. B, Wheeler Dyer in "Shortic"<br>Fleet Runner-Up<br>E. Alyea in No. 660

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| ---: | :--- |
| 660 |  |
| 1798 | Flicka |
| 1800 | Heyday |
| 2964 | Chica |
| 3107 | Daisy Belle |
| 3573 | Shorty |
| 4183 | Skimmer |

Skipper<br>Ethan D. Alyea B. C. Sprague Frank L. Driver, Andrew De Lisser Edmund A. Prentis III B. Wheeler Dyer Harold Taylor

Moriches Bay Lightning Fleet No. 142 commenced the 1951 season by electing Mr. Andrew DeLisser Captain of the Fleet and Mr. Edmund A. Prentis 1II, Secretary and Treasurer. These gentlemen are now holding their respective offices.

Our active fleet contains seven boats this past season and races were held on Saturdays in connection with the Westhampton Beach Yacht Club. Mr. Ethan Alyea finished in first place, Mr. B. W. Dyer. second, and Mr. Edmund A. Prentis, III, third.

Following the custom of last year, two races were held with the Southampton Yacht Club. The first race took place at the Westhampton Beach Yacht Club and was won by Fleet 142. The second race was held at the Southampton Yacht Club and the result was an exact tie. Each race was followed by a cocktail party given in honor of the visiting fleet. Next year we are going to try to hold a three-day regatta,

This year the Captain of our fleet donated a prize for the crew of the boat that won the August 25 th race, which race was known as the Lightning Crew Race. Next year we hope to establish this custom permanently and award a similar prize to the crew of the boat that wins for the season. Our fleet believes this will give the crew a greater stake in the racing and stimulate additional interest among the crew members.

The only boat changes to record are as follows: Mr. Ethan Alyea purchased Boat No. 4984 from Mr. Thomas, and raced that boat the latter part of the season. The list of our active racers this season were as follows:

| 1. Erhan Alyea | 5. | Frank Driver |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | B. W. Dyer | 6. |
| Harold Taylor |  |  |
| 3. E. A. Prentis, III | 7. B. C. Sprague |  |

3. E. A. Prentis, 111
4. Harold Taylor
5. B. C. Sprague
6. Andrew DeLisser

We are looking forward to a bigger and better Lightring racing season next summer.


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HAWAII LIGHTNING FLEET (143)

## Based on Kaneohe Bay. Hawaii

| Fleet Captain | Cy Gillette |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Fieet Secretary | Randolph Lee |  |
| Fieet Champion | Wm. L. Hole in "Gente" |  |
| Runner-Up | W. R. Hawkins in "Mikahala" |  |


| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1622 | Maggie Jane |
| 2008 | Lanakila |
| 2069 | Victoria |
| 2425 | Kokokahi |
| 3154 | Nubbin |
| 3190 | Pookela |
| 3261 | Kuuipo |
| 3262 | Konchita |
| 3263 | Conchi |
| 3825 | Mikihala |
| 4529 | Genie |

Skipper<br>Philip Crum<br>Mike Zazzaretti<br>Phat Fisk<br>Kurr Moderow<br>Cy Gillette<br>Jess E. Ryno<br>Randolph Lee<br>P. A. Hagens<br>W/m. C. Ballinger<br>W. R. Hawkins<br>Wm. L. Hole

The 1951 Racing Season of the Hawaii Lighming Fleet officially opened, after a "warm-up" Mid-Winter series during February, on April 15th. Competition was extremely keen throughout the year. The Hawats Lightming Fleet is based on Kancohe Bay, offering ideal sailing conditions with a backdrop of ever changing scenery which includes famous Nuuanu Pait and where Trade Winds from 12 to 25 knots are the rule rather than the exception. An occasional race was saited in "Kona" weather with southerly winds of about 6 knots, and was generally referred to as "drifting matches" by the local "Hawaiian" sailors. The Labor Day race was started in 25 knot wind and finished in a $40-\mathrm{knot}$ wind without mishap. No one capsized during the year and Cy Gillette will continue to hold the Capsize Trophy for another year.

Great strides were made during thy year in obtaining Measurement Cerrificates for boats in the Fleet, with Fleet Memburs participating. Through the efforts of "Sully" Cain, Jess Ryao was appointed an Olficial Measurer, and it is hoped that 100 per cent completion of the measurement task can be accomplished before the beginning of the 1952 Season.

A total of 35 races was sailed during the year with our '49 Champion, Cy Gillette, in "Nubbin," winning more races than any other participant.

The high point of the Season was the District Elimination and Lightning Class Championship Series of five races held dur ing the Memorial Day Weekend. Bill Hole, by placing second consistently in all five races, emerged the Vietor and was awarded the KYC Lightning Class Championship Trophy, as well as the honor of representing the Hawailan Islands District ar the International Races. W. R. Hawkins was runner-up.

The most exciting three-race series of the season was the all "Wahine" (Women) series where the wives took sver the tillers and the husbands, for a change, were on the receiving end of the "HAUL IN THAT JB!"' Much unwanted coaching and criticism-though not admitted later-was the order of the day. Alberta Gillette in "Nubbin" was high point "man" and walked off with the coveted First Place Plaque. Jean Hole in "Genie" was selected-out of a threeway tie-as Second Place Winner. "KYC" gold pins were awarded for both First and Second placck.

In the absence of inter-fleet competition for the Commodore Cy Gillette Challenge Trophy for team racing, last yeat's division into "Red" and "Blue" teams was repeated. The "Red" seam composed of Phit Fisk, Wally Hawkins and Bill Ballinger, emerged victorious ovet "Blue" team-mates Cy Gillette. Jess Ryno and Kurt Moderow.

Trophies for the Season's Racing were awarded at the annual dinner of the KYC at Oueen's Surf with everyone anticipating keener competition in the coming season,

## FLOTILHA CARIOCA DE LIGHTNINGS FLEET (144)

# Based on North Side of Guenabara Bay at 

 Exseada De Ramos, Rio de Janeiro(Report not received)

## SPOFFORD LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (145) New England District <br> Based on Spofford Lake, N. H.

|  | Captain Secretary Champion ner-Up |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 81 | Nimbau | Walter Rochng |
| 1158 | Pied Piper | Philip A. \& Mary N. Johnson |
| 1312 | Evelyn | Fred H. Harris |
| 1739 | Bon Joy | Leonard C. \& Florence Pratt |
| 1936 | Night Cap | Robers D. Stewart |
| 2237 | Schusser | Ciriton C. Buckman |
| 2362 | Bee-Bee | Robert E. Munson, Jr. |
| 2692 | Winsome II | Dr. Albert Harden, Jr. |
| 2853 | Davicsi III | Abe H., David, Victor \& simon Jacobson |
| 3422 | Chalana | Charies t Lawrence $S$ \& Nancy S. Toms |
| 3440 | Ida | Arthur L Rohde |
| 3454 | Dorcas-Jean | Dr. F. Wilton Dean |
| 4211 | Donana | Grant B. Holt |
| 4874 | Bersy | Samuel se Tula Stowell |

For our 1951 season, we didn't break world records bur we had a lot of fun. After spending weeks of preparation on the boats, the sailing season at Lake Spofford was under way, starting May 19th with brush-up races taking place as soon as boats were launched until June 19th when our official racing season began.

The summer was divided into two series. The first was a summer series consisting, of twelve races, and in August and September a championship series of six races was sailed. The latter was a prolonged series due to foul weather and two boats away for the internationals.

The summer series was won by Bud Holt in the "Donana" and the runner-up was Fred Harris in the "Evelyn." The championship series was a very close battle between the "Bon Joy" skippered by Leonard Pratt and the "Evelyn," the final winner. Even with strong winds no dunker cards were issued this season.

Several weekends, skippers were away from Lake Spofford. The first being June 23rd and 24th when the annual interfleet races between the Hewlett Fleet and ours were sailed on Long Island Sound. Our Skippers returned home with the perpetual trophy.

Eight of our skippers (Bob Munson, Sam Stowell, Dr. Dean, Bud Holt, Len Pratt, Carlton Buckman, Fred Harris and Charlie Toms) trailed theit boats over land to Lake Wequaquet on Cape Cod for the New England District Championship races July 28th and 29th. Eighteen entries were in the three races. With fair winds blowing, our skippers came through with flying colors, sating seven of our boats over the finish lines to be in the first ten. The District champion is our own Sam Stowell, skipper of the "Betsy," and Charlie Toms, skipper of the "Chalana," was the runner-up.

The following weekend Sam Stowell took his "Betsy" to Portland, Maine, for the State of Maine Regatta, sponsored by the Centerboard Yacht Club. Again Sam came home the winner.

Two of our skippers, Charlie Toms and Sam Stowell, rrailed their boats out to Toledo for the International Races. Due to the heavy winds which our skippers were unaccustomed to, they did not do as well as they had hoped, but our fleet spirit is not broken and we hope to have a boat in the first ten another year.

As boats were being taken out in October for winter storage two skippers braved the cold fall winds and sailed at the Massabesic Lake Yacht Club Regarta. Charlic Toms and Carlton Buckman placed first and second.

We've hailed our champions and now our sincere compliments go out to those skippers who seldom win but who are always at the starting line race after race. Our hats are off to Dr. Dean, Carlron Buckman, the Jacobsons, the Johnsons, Watter Roehrie, and Bob Munson for their undying spirit.


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1813 | Caravel | Charles Owen |
| 1886 | West Wind | William G. Acheson |
| 2310 | Flying Saucer Bernard Collison |  |
| 2366 | Baroness | Walter Hubbard |
| 2375 | Video | Jim Taylor |
| 2397 | Chinook | E. S. and S. B. Plummer |
| 2433 | R. Allen |  |
| 2597 | Zeus | W. William Robinson |
| 2600 | Skol | S. Hector Maclean |
| 3182 | Arnella | Arnold and Elvira Gorman |
| 3534 | Luffer Boy | Dennis Kimpson |
| 3548 | Tempest | Alfred Dutron |
| 3813 |  | Charles Owen |
| 3877 |  | Leycester I. Arnoldi |
| 4043 | Romar | Robert Innes |
| 4067 | Velox II | Harold E. Weir |
| 4081 | Stinky II | Robert L. Street |
| 4173 | Howdy | V. R. Smith |
| 4216 | Rence | Marcel and Louis Lalonde |
| 4284 |  | Munro Gibson |
| 4364 | Skylark | Larry Hurst |
| 4451 | Mistress | Bruce Mitchell |
| 4628 |  | Douglas S. Calder |
| 4629 | Brandy | Ian Waldie |
| 4728 |  | Constantine Costas |
| 4745 |  | Ronald W, Webster |
| 4824 | Sinbad | James Mitchell |
| 4831 | Skylark | Art Dickenson |

This year the championship series of the Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet, 15 races in all beginning in June and ending the last Saturday in September with the Queen Ciry Yachr Club regatta), was the most closely contested competition in the history of the fieet. Perennial fleet champion, Arn Gorman, and former Fleet Captain Jim Mitchell with his new boat, "Sinbad" (No. 4824), were only three-quarters of a point apart before the last race of the season. In the last race, however, Gorman managed to work himself up to first spot to win the series with a three point margin.

The Lou Marsh Memorial Trophy S-race series at the Na tional Yacht Club was similarly contested, the "Arnella" retaining the trophy with a slim margin over "Sinbad."

Harold Weir, third place winner in the Championship Series and the Lou Marsh Memorial Trophy Series, was out maghunting early. He won the Lightning class races at the International Trade Fair late in May and then went on to capture the L.S.S.A: Championship as the regatta held at Port Credit, Ontario, over the Dominion Day week-end.

It was during the latter week-end that Arn Gorman, former L.S.S.A. Champion, racing at the Royal Hamilton Invitation Regatra, placed third in the Consolation Race held on Mondav, July 2nd.

For the first time since $t$ he formation of the fleet, the crews were able to race a three-race series. This was won by Elvira Gorman sailing "Arnella," but had the "Sinbad" been launched earlier, its crewman and substitute skipper, Al Davis, would probably have won the series. As it was, he placed second by winning both races he entered.

Don Sutherland sailing his skepper's "Velox" (4067) placed third. With the boats finishing in the crew's series in the same position as the championship series, one begins to wonder if skippers are so important! (Ed. Note: Obviously written by a crewman.)

Another feature of this year was the close rivalry between the two youngest skippers in the fleet, Louis Lalonde in "Renee" (4216) and Jim Taylor in "Video" (2375). In the fleet cham pionship series, Lalonde wrested fourth position from Taylor by a mere $1 / 2$ point. In the first mid-week series at the National Yacht Club, Lalonde won by three-quarters of a point, over Tavlor. Jim Taylor, however, won the second mid-week series easily from Louis Lalonde, who finished third.

Jim Taylor won the stay-at-home classic, the round-the-Island race for the Fleet Captain's Trophy on Labour Day. He also had the satisfaction of winning two fleet races (up to 1951 the exclusive prerogative of Gorman:-this year, of Gorman, Mitchell and Weir); and of realizing his long-held ambition of beating Gor man just once! Clearly, a boy to be watched.

In the various clubs own class races-"Sinbad" won the mid-week series at the Queen City Yacht Club, with "Arnella" and "Velox," second and third respectively. At the Nation.al

Yacht Club, mid-week series, Bob Innes in "Romar" (4043) was always up battling with Lalonde and Taylor, placing third in the first series and second in the last series.

At the presentation banquet and annual meeting of the fleet, one was struck by the number of trophies and prizes now possessed by a fleet starting with nothing except a good idea, and a good class, a few years ago. To add to the lineup of silver, Marcel Lalonde presented the German Trophy to the fleet, a trophy for inter-club team racing, which was won this year by the team from the Queen City Yacht Club, headed by Jim Mitchell, consisting of the skippers and crew of the "Sinbad" and the "Arnella."

The James Hyland Sportsmanship Trophy to Rus Brinkman was the unanimous choice of the fleet.

1952 is going to be a big year for Toronto. The Lake Yacht Racing Association Regatta is being held at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, with the Toronto Bay Fleet playing host to all Lightnings on Lake Ontario and points west. The Canadian Lightning Championship Regatta is also scheduled for Toronto, but of this more will be told later.

## COMING EVENTS FOR 1952

Canadian Lightning Championship Regatta, Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet, at the Canadian National Exhibition. Toronte, Canada-August 28-29.

## SAO PAULO LIGHTNING FLEET (147) Based on Lake Guarapiranga, Brazil

Fleet Captain Renzo Scalini
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion Cyril W". Milbourne in "Ressaca" Runner-Up Renzo Scalini in "Ciao-ne"

"Ressaca" Flect 147 Champion 1950 and 1051.

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2668 | Sheryl | Russell Q. Fellows |
| 3012 | Pirata | Peter J. Reeves |
| 3013 | Mandachuva | Allen R. Beeby \& Anatole Pilnik |
| 3079 | Xavante | H. D. Remington |
| 3080 | Carminha | Eduardo Sabino de Oliveira |
| 3090 | Ciao-ne | Renzo Scalini |
| 3091 | Nautilus | Ziro Ramenzoni |
| 3092 | Vagalume | George B, Holland |
| 3093 | Faisca | Harold B. Holland, Eric Racy and Arthur Sheppard |
| 4159 | M'Boy | L. Lienert, Julio Lienert \& W, R. Richter |
| 4163 | Ressaca | C. W. Milbourne \& F. D. Pirie |
| 4244 | Guga | Benedito Levi \&: Guido Guastalla |
| 4294 | Chupin | Vitorio Frecaz and Jorge Belotti |
| 4453 | Boa Vida | Herbert V, Levy |
| 4788 | Electra II | Alexandre Kemenes |
| 4789 | Cunnanta | Dario Cerchi |
| 4909 | Topino | Duilio Baldassarri |
| 4930 | Esmeralda | John Gabriel Wynne-Williams |
| 4931 | Yara | Jorge da Silva Prado |
| 4934 | Cloud | Horst Peter Hirschel sc Geraldo |
|  | Quinha II | Croner |
| $5091$ | Quinha 11 | Raymond Nobert Kegel |

Sao Paulo Lightning Fleet No, 147 (District of Brazil) is based on Lake Guarapiranga, City of Sao Paulo, and is, we believe, somewhat unique in two respects. The sailing waters consist of an artificial reservoir at 2400 feet above sea level. yet only some thirty miles as the crow flies from the large seaport of Santos. The reservoir proper is some twelve miles long by one mile at its narrowest point. The other interesting feature of this fleet is that owners and skippers are drawn from five clubs which in turn make up a truly international set. During the 1951 season we spotted competing "Lightnings" in the same race skippered by Brazilians, British, Americans, Italians, Germans and Hungarians. Notwithstanding this melee, the 1951 Championship was raced throughout without a single mishap or protest!

Last year (1951) we had our third and most successful racing season and seven races were sailed for the Fleer Championship. Turnout was good and averaged eleven boats. There were never less than ten starters. The winner, for the second successive season, was "Ressaca," sailed by Milbourne and crewed by the Piries (Fred and Dolly). "Ciao-ne." sailed by Scalini, was a close runner-up.

Races were also sailed for the "Mariano Perraz" and "Greenwood" trophies, and "Lightnings" raced in several interclub matches. Unfortunately during 1951, we were unable to arrange a meeting against our friends of Fleet No. 84, based at Rio de Janeiro.

Sao Paulo Lightning Fleet now boasts twenty-two boats, and we hope to see this number increased in 1952. The next season opens in March and extends through to Ocrober, 1952.

GENESSEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (148)

## Central New York District

Based on Lake Ontario, at Rochester, New York

|  |  | Robert Paige |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feet CaptainFleet Secretary |  | Clifford O'Kane |
| Fleet Champion |  | Fred Roos in "Cetchup" |
| Runner-Up |  | Clarence Wilson in "Stardust" |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 617 | Catchup | Frederick Roos |
| 810 | Thunder | Jack Southard |
| 875 | Twildo | Charies Clutz |
| 3541 | Firecracker | Clifford O'Kane ax Dennis O'Kane |
| 3542 | Bauble | Robert W, Paige |
| 3543 | Robbin | Arnold Schultz |
| 3544 | Stardust | Clarence Wilson |
| 3545 | Betray | Raymond H. and Elizabeth Field |
| 3546 | Madcap | Charles Bushnell |
| 3608 | Guppy | Ernest Butler |
| 3667 | Pixey | Sylvester Bereza |


"Cetchup" skippercel by Fred Roos, Heel 1H8 Chtmpion.

Fred Roos and Clarence (Barney) Wilson gathered onough firsts in the Spring Series to cinch the first and second places respectively in that series with the O'Kane's "Firecracker" in third. The Summer Series was a rugiged free-for all with the gun going to different winners almost every race. The Series was won by the O'Kane's "Firecracker" by . 04 percentage point, with Roos second and Wilson third. The season's overall score brought out Roos and Wilson as Fleet Champion and rumner-up, with O'Kane and son third.

The fleet was represented in most of the large regattas in the district, one of which was a five boat team series with Newport and AIgonquin Yacht Clubs on Irondequoit Bay;

Cliff O'Kane went to Toledo as an observer and broguht back over 100 Kodachromes which will be shown on several occasions in the District in 1952.

Since the Lake Shore's Lightning Squadron will be held at Great Sodus Bay in '52, the fleet is looking forward to a thirsyfive mile race down Lake Ontario to participate in the squadron fracas. Any other adventuresome souls in our squadron will be welcome to enter this distance hassel on open water and sail with us.

OWASCO YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (149)

## Central New York District

Based on Owasco Lake. N. Y.
(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)
MOHICAN LIGHTNING FLEET (150)
Ohio-Indiana District
Based on Charles Mill Dam, Mansfield, Ohio
Fleet Captain

The 1951 season started off with a Sunday race and two on Decoration Day. This season our regular races were divided into a spring and summer series. The first series was won by Pat Siegenthaler. The second was won by Augie Grotegut,

A mid-week series for all classes was held and proved to be popular. We also inaugurated a Junior Series of races in which boat owners loaned their boats to the younger sailors. This created keen competition among the young set and will certainly help make more sailors and boat owners in future years

The Huston Trophy was won by Pat Siegenthaler.

| ANNISQUAM LIGHTNING FLEET (151) <br> New England District Based at Annisquam, Mass. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Captain <br> Secretary <br> Champion <br> ner-Up | John D. Cunningham, Jr <br> Janet \& Brook Stevens in "Zephyr" <br> Winsor \& James Gale in "Duet" |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 1755 | Babalu | W. J. Carter |
| 2098 | Lineside | H. S. Wigkin |
| 2106 | Zephyr | Janet Stevens and Brook Stevens, Jr, |
| 2344 | Duet | Winsor Gale and W. E, Brimer |
| 3048 | Pronto | Robert H. S. French |
| 3279 | Cinabar 11 | George P. Lordan |
| 3282 | Bat II | John D. Cunningham, Je. |
| 3321 | Concordia | F. H. Lovejoy |
| 3571 | Let's Go | G. Howard Allen |
| 3572 | Petrel | E. B. D. Neuhauser |
| 3605 | Firefly | Alden French |
| 4231 | Spray | J. W. Teele |
| 4860 | Star Dust | Robert A. James |
|  | Pegasus | Slade Gorton |

1951 was a most successful year for our fleer which sails principally from the Annisquam Yacht Club on the northerly shore of Gloucester, Mass. In addition to the usual Saturday and Sunday afternoon races held at Annisquam, the fleet was represented at several other regattas.

Zephyr, sailed by Janet Stevens, and Stardust, sailed by Robert James, ably represented the fleet at Marblehead Race Week, with "Stardust" winning every race in which she participated. Janet Stevens in "Zephyr" sailed in the Northern New Eingland District championship races and gave a good account of herself. In addition, many in the fleet participated in the Ipswich Bay Yacht Racing Association three-day regatta held off Annisquam. Winson and James Gale's Duet turned in the best average for the three days, winning the right to retain for one year the handsome trophy put up by Howard Allen, an enthusiastic Lightning skipper,

The fleet also sailed in the three Chowder Races at which each of the three yacht clubs on Cape Ann were host for a day. Bat II with Jack Cunningham at she tiller was first across the line at the Annisquam event, while Bob James won the races at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club ar Rockport and the Eastern Point Yacht Club in Gloucester. In each of these events, the classes are handicapped so that the slower and smaller classes start first, the next fastest two or three minutes later, etc.; with the fastest class starting last. A prize is awarded the first boat to finish in the whole fleet as well as the first to finish in each class.

An interesting experiment was tried in the racing this year, following a suggestion that was made at the meeting of the class at the end of last season. It was agreed that spinnakers would
se carried only on the Saturday races. Some skippers had four it difficult to find an experienced crew of three to handle the spinnaker for both the Saturday and Sunday afternoon races all summer long. Not carrying the Spinnaker in one race every weekend took away some of the pressure of finding crews, and made it possible to take out people who would not otherwise have had an opportunity to go because of their inexperience. It was decided at the meeting this year to continue the same practice next season.

The season was rounded our ar a meeting with Winsor Gale as host. Officers for the coming year were elected, and matters of interest to the various skippers were discussed.

## TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET (152) Michigan District Based on Tawas Bay, Tawas, Michigan <br> (Report not received at printing time)

## PEQUOT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (153) Connecticut District Based on Long Island Sound, Southport, Conn.

Fleet Captain Richard H. Taylor Fleet Secretary Grant Barratt Fleet Champion George P. Biggs in "Windward" Runner-Up Grant Barratt in "Pigtail"

Boat No. Boat Name
255 Spinaway
256 Lord Jeff
260 Who Dat
376 Coot
1588 Frisky
2586 Pigrail
3042 Tadpole II
3155 Yankee
3165 Hopeful
3319 Windward
3500 Fidget
4526

## Skipper

Lawrence Moore
E. Bates McKee \& Phillip McKee

Vice-Admiral, George, and Ted Hussey
Fred W. Roberts
Pequot Jr. Yache Club
Grant Barratt \& Thomas Maytham Helen Tracy
Richard D. \& David H. Taylor Justine M. Hope and J. William Hope George P. Bigks
Lucy Cunningham, Briggs S, Cunningham \& Pequot Jr. Yacht Club F. B. Treadwell

The Pequot Fleet highlighted its season this year with an invitational regatta held August 4th and 5th. The races were held in extraordinarily heavy weather, which caused not a few disablings. Fred Olsen from the Housatonic Boat Club won the series in "Liteneze," Larry Moore from Pequot was second, and John Ross, also from Housatonic, was third.

We also sent two boats to the District championships at Stratford, for which Larry Moore was commodore, and four Pequot Lightnings made the trip to Larchmont for Race Week there,

The season was marked by generally good sailing weather, and a fair number of boats turned out for each week-end's races.

\section*{WAWASEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (154) Ohio-Indiand District Based on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana <br> | Fleet Captain | Clifford D. Sadler |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Cliford D. Sadler |
| Fleet Champion | Bruce Baiden in "Kathey" |
| Runner-Up | John Call in "Remedy" |}


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Rufus II | Oren Ragsdale |
| 628 |  | Robert H. Wilson |
| 640 | $\mathrm{Ba}-\mathrm{Ca}-\mathrm{Do}$ | Clifford D. Sadler |
| 2178 | Remedy | John Call |
| 2215 | Teetor-Totter-Too | Marjorie Teetor |
| 2559 | Scud | Eugene Bulson |
| *2732 | Hess-teria | Paul E. Hess |
| 2774 |  | Gordon Graham |
| 2775 |  | Dr, J. S. Wellington |
| 2867 | Ho-Hum | Edward E. MeLaren |
| 4517 | Kathy | Bruce Baiden |

Fleet No. 154 enjoyed a very successful season, with several boats changing hands, one or two boats going to new members and new ones to be added to the fleet in 1952 by those selling their present boars. Bob Wilson of Indianapolis is a new addition to the fleet with Boat No. 628, and Paul Hess sold No. 2732 to Merle Shanklin. Paul will have a now boat next season. We also have several other new Lightning prospects. Eugene Bulson is another new Lightning skipper.

Eleven races were sailed, with the final standings in order as listed:

Bruce Braiden<br>John Call Cliffard D. Sadler E. E. McLaren<br>Dr. J, S Wellington<br>Paul E. Hess<br>Gordon Graham<br>Oren Raggdale<br>Eugene Bulson<br>Robert Wilson<br>Marjorie Tector

Many close races developed this season, with new boats and skippers coming to the front. Our Champion for the past three years, Oren Ragsdale in old No. 21, was finally displaced by Bruce Baiden in No. 4517. Gene Bulson in No. 2559, purchased from Dick Waterfield in late August, did not sail in enough races to count in the final standing, but gave warning of plenty of competition in 1952 by pushing Baiden to the limit in the last three races, finally winning one of them.

Once again a Lightning skipper, Joe Plaskett, won the coveted Cynthia Cup, the perpetual trophy turned over to our club by Eli Lilly to be held by the outstanding skipper of the combined Lightning. Snipe and Scow Fleets each season.

Oren Ragsdale won this cup the past three years and was awarded a special memento trophy in recognition, as the Cynthia Cup can never become the possession of any individual.

John Call placed second in a regatta at Eagle Lake and boats from Fleet 154 will doubtless take part in more interclub racing now that our fieet has more or less come of age. All Lightning skippers are invited to stop in and spend a week-end or even a few hours whenever in our vicinity.

## WATKINS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (155) <br> Michigan District <br> Based on Watkins Lake, Mich. <br> (Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## LOTAWANA LIGHTNING FLEET (156)

## Based on Lake Lotawana, Mo.

(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## SPARROWS POINT YACHT CLUB (157)

 Dixie DistrictBased on Chesapeake Bay, Md.


The Sparrows Point Yacht Club, being located centrally, in respect to other Lightning fleets on the Bay, features a three-race series during the regatta which is always held the third week-end in August, Local skippers are still trying to make a showing against the visitors. ' 52 may be the year!

## BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (158)

## Pacific Northwest District

Based on Bellingham Bay, Bellingham, Wash.
Fleet Captain
Patricia Sutherland
Fleet Secretary
Robert O. Anderson
Fleet Champion Patricia and H. "Duff" Sutherland
Runner-Up Gerald Main in "Shavetail"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 3168 | Ptah | Robert O, Anderson |
| 3773 | Sky Baby | Emmett. Okerlund |
| 3776 | Howdy Doody Basil P. Miaullis |  |
| 3778 | Puff | Dr. Clarence B. Hitz |
| 3785 | Dragonmassey Roy N. Gaasland |  |
| 3789 | Kemah | Parricia and H. "Duff" Sutherland |
| 3791 | Shavetail | Gerald Main \& Chas. Wilder, Jr. |

The fleet got off to a very slow start for the 1951 season, with just two boats ready for Opening Day of the Bellingham Yache Club; namely. KEMAH, coowned by "Duff" and Patricia Sutherland, and SHAVETAIL, owned by Jerry Main.

The racing schedule of the fleet was divided into three series; namely, "A." "B" and "C." In Series "A" the winner was our newest skipper-owner, Jerry Main, sailing his boat SHAVE. TAll, and very ably manned by his crew Lee Vande Wetering and Art Warnell. The second place winner was KEMAH, skip: pered by "Duff" Sutherland and crewed by his sister and dad, Dr. H. G. Sutherland.

In Series "B" the first race was sailed for just before the Pacific International Yachting Association's Regatta, and the other races for this series and "C" Series was sailed as a frostbite series in the latter part of November. The outcome of these races made a tie between the KEMAH and the SHAVETAIL and, as the rules state, on the "flip of a coin," the tie was broken and KEMAH was declared the winner with SHAVETAIL second for this series.
" C " Series was won by HOWDY DOODY, skippered by Paul Fordyce. The runner-up was KEMAH, whose crew tried their best to catch the HOWDY DOODY.

HOWDY DOODY went to the Pacific International Yacheing Association's Regatta held this year at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada Its owner-skipper, Basil Miaullis, sailed her into the second place spot for the District's championship race. After the Regatta, he took her to Seattle for the State Championships, sailed during that city's annual Sea Fair program. He brought her into a third place win at this event.
"Jerry" Main entered his SHAVETAIL in the State Championships also, and came out sixth place winner.

On the whole, this year has been a very busy one for this fleet and club, as we had the introduction of a new class in the club; namely, the Dragon Class. The club now is building up a wonderful group of sailors. The Lightming Fleet is our main class and should prove to be really active during the 1952 season.

## TOCOMA LIGHTNING FLEET (159) Pacific Northwest District <br> Based on Commencement Bay-Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.

(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## IVY LIGHTNING FLEET (160)

Midwest District Based on Illinois River, IIl.

Fleet Captain $\quad$| John |
| ---: |
| Flet | Secretary Mueller

Fleet Champion,
$\quad$ John A. Mueller in "Dipsy

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1176 | Corn Cob | Dr. Hanns G. Maister |
| 1191 |  | Charles Weber |
| 2064 | Dipsy Doodle | John A. Mueller |
| 3144 | P.D.Q. | Jim Erkert |

All four boats participated very actively in the Handicap Races sponsored each Sunday during the sailing season by the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club on Lake Peoria. In these races our Fleet Captain in "Dipsy Doodle" made the first place.
"Dipsy Doodle" and "Corn Cob" ran in the 1951 Middle States Championship Regatta held at Lake Springfield and "Dipsy Doodle" entered also the Red Flannel Regatta at Lake Michigan.

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB FLEET (161)<br>California District<br>Based at San Diego, California<br>(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)<br>FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNINGS DE FLORIANOPOLIS (162)<br>Based on Santa Catarina Strait. Florianopolis, S. A.<br>(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)<br>EASTCHESTER BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (163)<br>\section*{Western Long Island Sound District}<br>Based on Eastchester Bay, at City Island, N. Y. (Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164)

## Central New York District

Based on Cazenovia Lake, Madison Co., New York
Fleet Captain John J. Hill
Fleet Secretary Mary Joyce Glassey
Fleet Champion Dr. D. B. Sanford in "Doregasa"
Runner-Up Mary Joyce Glassey in "Maric Elena II"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 658 | Jule II | Sam Thomas |
| 747 | Miss Me | Margaret Eilen. Hogue |
| 1145 | Hals Bells | Harold Bentlev |
| 1153 | King Tut | John and Forbes Turtle |
| 1294 | Presto | Bernard Shoninger |
| 1350 | Wateree | R. Philip. Hart |
| 1381 | Marie Elena II Mary Joyce Glassey |  |
| 1833 | Sea Witch | John and Trudy Hill |
| 2792 | Doregasa | Dr. D. B. Sanford |
| 4687 |  | Jesse Silverman |

The Cazenovia Lightning Fleet, sailing under the burgee of the Willow Bank Yacht Club, got off to a slow start on the July 4 th week-end, because of inclement weather. By the time the season ended, we had completed 15 races and had believed it was a banner year.
"Doc" Sanford, with his wife Uretta and son Gary crewing, emerged as the fleet champion. He was closely pressed all the way by Mary Joyce Glassey, who was runner-up. This was Mary Joyce's first season in a Lightning, and she served notice that though a former Cape Cod Fleet Champion, she is equally at home in a Lightning. The third place was won by Jack Hill, who ran into bad luck in spite of his excellent seamanship.
"Doc" Sanford brought credit to the Lightning Fleet by winning for us the Eric Trammel Memorial Cup. This race is a free-for-all in which all the fleets on the lake participate, and we are pleased that it was won by a member of the Lightning Fleet, He also represented our club at several regattas, which included the CNYYRA Regatta held by the Red Jacket Yacht Club on Cayuga Lake as well as the Lewis Point and Onondaga Yacht Club Invitationals. Mary Joyce received her share of the silverware this season by winning a Lightning race for the Charter Members' Cup and by winning the Commodore's Cup which is given by the Commodore of the Willow Bank Yacht Club to the winner of the Labor Day free-for-all.

Our fleet is still growing, and we are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shoninger and their son, who came from Utica. They joined us about mid-season and have given a good account of themselves as the summer progressed.

Lightning interest and competition are increasing rapidly on our Lake, and we are looking forward to having one or two more boats racing with us next year to make it the best season ever.


## NYLANDS LIGHTNING FLEET (166)

Based on South Coast of Finland. Helsingtors, Finland (1951 report not received)

## LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167) Midwest District

Based on Mississippi River, Davenport, Iowa

| Fleet Captain | Ken Jensen |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Bill Bullen |
| Fleet Champion | Ken Jensen in "Blessed Event" |
| Runner-Up | Bunk Crandell in "Old Soak" |

Boat No. Boat Name Skipper
$\begin{array}{rll}691 & \text { Suzy } & \text { Arthur Temple } \\ 2087 & \text { Mississippi } & \text { Bill Bullen } \\ & \text { Lady } & \end{array}$
2557
Blessed Event Ken Jensen
2755 Old Soak Dave Richardson
3312 Old Soak Bunk Crandell ac Jerry Claussen
High water in June, a wet July, and a windless August curtailed the racing activities for Lightning Fleet 167 on the rolling. muddy Mississippi River.

However, Blessed Event, No, 2557, and Mississippi Lady, No. 2087, did participate in the Mid-West District Championsh:p Races at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

After the races, we hauled the two Lightnings by trailer from Green Bay to Little Current, Ontario, Canada. An excellent site for launching was found at McGregor Bay Station, a short distance away.

Ken and Dean Jensen teamed on the Blessed Event and Bill Bullen and Bob Hellberg on the Mississippi Lady. We maneuvered in and out of McGregor Bay from the Station to the Pot Holes and to the entrance of Bay Finn. We made excursions throughout Bay Finn and down Frazer Bay to Landsdowne Channel and Snug Harbor.

Cruising on a Lightning was an experience that was enjoyable and unforgettable, We roughed it all the way, ate first class, and had beautiful wearher and suffered no accidents or hardships. The cruise lasted two weeks with one full week afloat.

Later in the summer, we had another cruise. This time the fleet spent a weekend traveling up the mighty Mississippi River in very light winds. Dave Richardson was Cruise Commodore for the weekend. Everyone had such a good time that at a later meeting it was decided to make this type of cruise an annual affair.

## TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (168) <br> Southeastern District <br> Based on Upper Tampa Bay, Fla.

Fleet Captain Bill Houlihan
Fleet Secretary Harold Balcom

Fleet Champion Ernest MacBryde in "Whim"
Runner-Up Bill Houlihan in "Mickey Finn"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 2837 | Jinx | Clay \& Dick Houston |
| 2839 | Playmate | Charles Harra |
| 3231 | Mickey Finn | Bill Houlihan |
| 3802 | Sugarfoots | Lester Coons \& Harold Balcom |
| 3876 | Calypso | Charles Doll |
| 4419 | Whim | Ernest MacBryde |



Ernest MacBryde's "Whim", No, H10, Chumpion of Flect toss,


#### Abstract

The activities of Fleet 168 were varied with boats traveling to regattas all over the district and generally showing up pretty well in the competition.

Harold Balcom aboard "Sugarfoots" tied for third in Miami's Winter Sunshine Regatta sailing in a large vet. The entire fieet, 168, was present for the Winter Nationals at St. Petersburg.

Two boats journeyed to the District Championships at Savannah, Georgia, in June to one of the most enjoyable regattas imaginable. Fresh breezes, calm waters and good old southern hospitality combined to make this one long to be remembered. In a 26-boat fleet, "Sugarfoots" won the first race and totalled third, while "Whim" was in a three-way tie for fourth spot. Skipper MacBryde, by-the-way, forced District Commodore Paul Palmer to shave his mustache on a side bet.

The Fleet Championship Series, scored on the Cox System, turned out to be the closest competition with four boats winning possibilities going into the final race. Ernest MacBryde's "Whim" nosed out Bill Houlihan's "Mickey Finn" for the honors


## FLOTTE DES TROIS LACS (169)

Based on Lacs de Neuchatel. Switzerland
(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)
HONOLULU LIGHTNING FLEET (170)
Based on Ala Moana Harrbor, Waikiki, Honolulu
Fleet Captain
Dr. Alexis Burso
Fleet Secretary
Robert M. Southgate

Boat No. Boat Name
1460 Menchune

1675 Ginger
3305 Mahape
3910 Wiki Wiki

## Skipper

Robert M. Southgate Dr. Alexis A. Burso Ramon D. Buisseret
Arthur H. Myhre

# KINGSTON YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (171) Central New York District Based on Lake Ontario, Kingston, Ontario, Canada 



Boat No. Boat Name

| 2969 | Kay |
| ---: | :--- |
| 3082 | Never Again |
| 3084 | Yellow Peril |
| 3085 |  |
| 3086 | Chic |
| 3678 | The Pickle |
| 3821 | Blitz |
| 3976 | MiMag |
| 3983 | Blixten |
| 4061 | Idle Hour |
| 4062 |  |
| 4203 | Vamp |
|  | Purchased from |

Skipper
A. G. \& F. A. MacLachlan W. B, \& Alevia Dalton
E. S. Dalton

Gord Workman ac Ted Stevenson
V. L. Drake

Harry Melvin
Freddie Siemonsen
Don ac Bob Crothers O. Dahlstrom \& M. N. Hay

Mac De. St. Remy
E. E, Conley

Johin McCullough

Purchased from Mr. Charles Moulton
The Fleet Championship was very close this year with the outcome undecided between W. B. and E. S. Datton until the las: race of the season.

The fleet has lost some boats for the first time since its inception. Hugh Drake bought 3086 from his Dad and was promptly moved to Hamiton by his Company, but is sailing with Royal Hamilton Fleet. James H. Hora has moved to England for two years and has sold his boat, 3083, to a non-fieet member in Quebec. Wally Drake was promoted to Group Captain in the R.C.A.F and has been posted to A.A.A.F; his boat, 4203, was bought by John McCullough and so stays in the fleet.

The St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association held thr finals and semi-finals of the Inter.Club Series, which are raced in Lightnings wherever possible, at our Club.

We won the one semi.final from Pointe Claire Yacht Club by just one single point. Brittania Yacht Club won from Deep River Yachr Club by the same margin. We were successful in winning the Founders' Trophy from Brittania Yacht Club.

# BLACK HAWK LIGHTNING FLEET (172) <br> Metropolitan District <br> Based on Hudscin River, Ossining, N. Y. 

Fleet Captain William Durn
Fleet Secretary Mrs. Thomas De Stasio
Fleet Champion Thamas De Stasio in "Flair"
Fleet Runner-Up Ed Brockhausen, Jr. in "Olde Salt"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 819 | Flair |
| 1464 | Old Salt |
| 2155 | First Effort |
| 2734 | Frost |
| 3117 | Aquashuss |

Skipper
Thomas V, DeStasio
Ed Brockhausen
William R, Dunn
Walter Tripp
J. Brooks Maue

The close of the 1951 Sailing Year for Fleet 172 brought about a new and beneficial change for the members of our organization.

To foster Interclub competition on the East Bank of the Hudson, three of our original members obtained a Charter-No. 224 - for the Shattemuc Yacht Club, and keen racing resulted.

William Dunn, owner of Lightning No. 2155. "First Effort," was appointed Fleet Captain and Mrs, Gaerta De Stasio, wife of and crew member for Fleet Captain Thoman De Stasio, was elected Secretary.

Monthly meetings were held during the season and will be continued during the winter.

Social activities included an annual dance and outings on the Hudson, all of which were very successful.

The 1951 season, the third for Fleet 172, resulted in keen racing, with Tom De Stasio in "Flair," finishing Championwith 909 points, and Ed Brockhausen, a neophyte for the first half of the 1951 season, finishing Runner-up with 892 points in "Olde Salt." Ed also kept the members of Shattemuc Fleet No. 224 on their toes as he finished a close Runner-up in the Interclub competition.

Fleet 172 competed in the Atlantic Coast and Metropolitan Championships and the Mid Hudson Championships at Chelsea.

## BRANT BEACH LIGHTING FLEET (173)

Central Atlantic District
Based on Brant Beach. N. J.
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## OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET (174)

## Michigan District

Based on Traverse Bay, Michigan
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## SHREVEPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (175)

Louisiana-Alabama District
Based on Cross Lake, La.

| Fleet Captain | C. M. Zaenglein |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | L. B. Griffth |
| Fleet Champion | Chuck Hardey in "Solo" |
| Runner-Up | Rob Roy in "Aeolus" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1836 | Scar | W. L. Somner |
| 3477 | Hasty Bell | Luther Griffith |
| 3498 | Aeolus | R. A. Roy |
| 3535 | Bessie Boo | J. R. Nowery |
| 3836 | The Duck | C. E. Richardson |
| 4040 | Melody | Dr. R. B. DeLee |
| 4058 | Dixie Doodle Cliff Prados |  |
| 4158 | Strict Middlin' David P. Comegys, Jr. |  |
| 4161 | Joheda | C. M. Zaenglein |
| 4224 | Cherie | Dr. J. E. Knighton, |
| 4264 | Prelude | Gilbert S. Johnson |
| 4342 | Okie | Joseph L. Seger |
| 4503 | Pink Cloud | Jim Pat Beaird |
| 4627 | Nancy | L. M. Crow |
| 4721 | Alpha | Dr. L. L. Davidge |
| 4747 | Solo | Charles O. Hardey |
| 4838 | Doodles | Clifford E. Ray |
| 4996 | Mary E, II | Walter A. Heiman |



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The Louisiana Alabama District Championship Regatta was held at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis, Miss., with Cliff Prados of the host club emerging as the winner and new District Champ. The Rob Roys and "Acolus" took second place honors, and, for the first time. Fleet 175 sent a representative to the Internationals. Incidentally, our fleet acquired a District Champ, District Commodore and L.C.A. Vice President when Cliff Prados was transferred to Shreveport after returning from the Internationals at Toledo. Needless to say, we're mighry proud to have Cliff aboard!

Since our most favorable sailing conditions prevail in the Fall up until the middle of December, we have quite a few interesting events scheduled, including a series with the local Thistle Fleet to settle, temporarily at least, "who can beat who,"

Fleet 175 is looking forward to another great season in '52 and we cordially invite all Lightning skippers to our Invitational Regatta in May.

## BEAUFORT RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (176)

## Southeastern District

Based on Bearufort River, Beaufort, South Carolina (Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

MENDOTA LIGHTNING FLEET (177)
Midwest District
Based on Lake Mendota, Madison, Wis.
Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Walter Wellman
Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ J. H, Cottrell. Jr.

Fleet Champion,
Tie between R. H. Feirn in "Jasper V" and Walter Wellman in "Flash"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 785 | Flash |
| 1709 | Stormy |
| 2528 | Miss Deal |
| 2535 | Sweet Doe |
| 2558 | Jasper V |
| 2917 | Rubarb |

## Skipper

Walter Wellman
Catherine Mary Botham
Lawrence E. Dewey
X. R. Taylor
R. H. Feirn
J. H. Cotrrell, Jr.

Our 1951 schedule called for a series of thirteen Sunday morning races, but poor wind and weather conditions permitted only six of them to be sailed.

Jasper V, skippered by Bob Feirn and crewed by Walt Wellman and Jim Cottrell, was entered in the Milwaukee Journal Regatta at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where third place was on.

The nucleus of this Fleet is small but the interest is high and we expect to build greater participation in 1952.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

## Greater Long Island District

Based on Great South Bay, New York
Fleet Captain
Frank Creed
Fleet Secretary Fred Davis
Fleet Champion Sam Zorovich in "Mise"
Runner-Up Frank Creed \& Ed Geary in "Rainbow"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 17 | Vigilante |
| 761 | Rainbow |
| 2329 | Minx |
| 3335 | Leeward |

## Skipper

George N. Vollet
Frank R. Creed and Edward G. Geary H. B. Freeman Nancy Lee Bates

| 3408 | Brat | Fred Davis |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3904 | Black Orchid | William E. |
| Whomas |  |  |
| Marthew L. Pandolfi |  |  |

The season of 1951 was a disappointing one for Fleet 178. A spring meeting indicated 12 potential starters, but actual turnouts were very pook, with five boats being the most to go ovez the line in any one race.

Sam Zorovich was first in our own series and represented Fleet No. 178 at the District Eliminations, placing fourth. Frank Creed and Ed Geary in "Rainbow" were second and Fred Davis in "Brat" was third.

Despite our poor showing, we're not giving up and will redouble our efforts to make 1952 our best season yet.

## PASS CHRISTIAN LIGHTING FLEET (179)

 Louisiana-Alabama District Based on Gulf Coast, Pass Christian, Miss. (Report for 1951 not received at printing time)CONNEAUT LAKE LIGHTING FLEET (180)
Lake Erie District
Based on Conneaut Lake, Penna.
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