WEQUAQUET LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (181)
New England District

## Based on Wequaquet Lake, Mass.

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary.
Fleer Champion Runner-Up
Boat No. Boat Name
2 Upset
644 Pierce Arrow
Pierce Arrow
The Blue Haze
2829 Merri Maids
2830 Falcon II
3529 Mach I
The 1951 Season was again a successful year at Wequaquet Lake. The Fleet Championship was won by Bob Anderson with Ted Parent second. Third position went to Roger Bond.

On July 28th and July 29th Wequaquet played host to a most enthusiastic bunch of sailors all out to win the New England District Championship. Although not much wind prevailed, three races were run. Lake Spofford entries walked off with the three top places. This was the first event of this type staged by Wequaquet and we had fun putting it on. We hope the participants had a good time and that they will want to return at a future date.

## CLUB NAUTICO SUDESTE (182)

## Based on Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Report for 1952 not received at printing time.)
WADAWANUCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (183)

## Connecticut District

Based on Fisher's Island Sound, Conn.
Fleet Captain
n $-\quad-\ldots=$ Robern-man- None Fleet Secretary

Robert L. Johnstone, III Fleet Champion,

Robert L. Johnstone, III in "Houqua" Runner-Up Samuel D. Knox in "Hot Canary"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 280 | Streak | H. Minot Pitman |
| 685 | B Flat | Barbara Biddle |
| 1933 | Dapper | Gordon Frierson |
| 1939 | Runaway | R.B. Jones |
| 2400 | Hot Canary | Sarnuel D, Knor |
| 2465 | Joker Widow Albert \& Joanna Graf |  |
| 2779 | Black Wrigh Nixon |  |
| 3310 | Prodigal III | Bobbette Johnstone |
| 3392 | Crazy Woman Edward S. Moore, Jr. |  |
| 3949 | Lillian B. | Billings B. Fairbrother \& Phillip W. |
|  | Womrath | Cottrell |
| 4148 | Wassayek | A. B. Sprague Gallup |
| 4151 | Houqua | Robert L. Johnsrone, III |

Fleet No 183 brought to a close on September 1, 1951, a very successful and eventful season. The season's championship was divided into a July and August series of five and four races respectiveiy, Dam Knox piloted his Hor Canary" in first for the July series with a . 4 lead over R. 1. (Stone) Johnstone III's "Houqua" with Gordon Frierson placing third in "Dapper." The August series was won by Sam Knox again in "Hot Canary" with Frierson placing second. The season's total point winner, however, was Stone Johnstone in "Houqua," who managed to have the highest percentage in the August series, but having sailed in only two of the races was not able to qualify for it.

The Fleet was well represented in local district regattas. Sam Knox trailed the "Hot Canary" to compete in the Connecticut District Championships at Branford, Conn., where he placed fourth out of a fleet of seventeen. Stone Johnstone and Sam Knox represented the Fleet in the Eastern Connecticut Y.R.A. regarta at Pine Orchard, Conn, and came home successfully, having taken a first and fourth respectively. Som also rook "Houqua" into Fleet No. 85 waters, Niantic Bay, to place second in the Governor's Trophy Regatra which was plagued by light, fluky winds. Gordon Frierson followed Sam in this series taking a good third place in "Dapper."

Stone Johnstone and crew of Gordon Frierson and Chauncey Bartholet represented Wadawanuck in Sears Cup Competition. After winning the E.C.Y.R.A. eliminations, held on the Fleet's home waters, then raking Ist place in the Semi-finals at

Stamford, Conn, they went to Marblehead, Mass, for the finals and placed 3rd in a hard fought series.

The results of the Junior Series was as follows; 1st-Stone Johnstone, in "Houqua," 2nd-Gordon Frierson, in "Dapper," and 3rd-Chauncey Bartholet, in "Joker,"

A freak squall caused the largest disaster of the season when it capsized all the boats in the Flect, with the exception of two, while at their moorings at two o'clock of a morning in midAugust. In the shallow water most of the boats had their masts stuck up to the jumper struts in mud, and a small tug was needed to pull many of them out. The "Streak's" mast was snapped off below the jumpers, and many of the boats had equipment missing.

To give an idea of the grim determination and competitive. ness that is a characteristic of all No. 183 sailors, Mr, and Mrs. R. L. Johnstone, Jr., racing "Black Widow" in a northeaster with gusts to $40 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$., finished third after being dismasted 200 yards from the finish line. On the close reach in, the mast which had evidently cracked earlier in the race, broke off at the spread. ers. Lifting the broken end from the after deck, and holding the jib up to eye level on the foredeck, they were able to catch enough wind on the tangled pieces of sail and rigging to send the disabled craft over the finish line.

Fleet 183 looks forward to an even more successful season nest year, and to all those interested we are planning an open regatta, and three interfleet team races.

## LELAND YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (184) Michigan District <br> Based on Lake Leelanau. Mich.

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary. Donald P. Pendergant
Fleet Champion,
Jack \& Dick Stimson \& Harty Heinl in
"Mary Ann"
Runner-Up. Dpan David, Lee and Mary Workum in
"Tangle Toes"


Flest ISt Champions, Dick and Jack Stinusin and Harry Heint in "Wary thut"

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1557 Mary Ann
2748
3228 Daisy Bell
3330 Blithe Spirit
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Tangle Toes Frelvido.

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Flext 184's third season saw sixteen Lighinings racing in August for the Perpetual Trophy, which is a Paul Revere silver bowl, and place awards for the first three boats. The place awards consist of blue, white, and red burgees with the numeral '51 on them. These burgees will be flown throughout the 1952 season to indicate the title holders of the previous year. In addition, first second and third place ribbons were given for classes " $A$ " and "B" in each race. Class "A" consisted of last year's top four boats and the rest made up class "B."

The third annual Lake Lelanaru Marathon was held in the middle of August, A total of forty miles, three times around the lake, was completed by five boats. The winning time was close to nine hours, much more than that of last year: there was almost no wind, and a heavy rainstorm made it a test of real endurance. Surprisingly enough, there were only ten seconds between the first two boats to finish, 1557 and 4298

Lelanau boats carried off first and second places at the Traverse City Cherry Festival Regatta, and they managed to take first, second and third at the Northport Point Annual Regatta,

Ten races were held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings to determine the champianship, in addition to the regular Leland Yacht Club Handicap Series during August.

Fleet 184 is looking forward to an even better season in 1952 , and there will probably be a couple of new boats on the lake to swell the fleer.

Skipper
Wm. S. Millet
I. C. Stimson, Jr

Marty McInally
James H. Pendergast, Donald P. Pendergast.
Horace P. Abbort Patricia Morris E. M. McNally Geo. W. Brady Susan Bennett Lee J. Workum, Jr. Ellen Mitchell Samuel A. Rea Frank Bracken Richard Evans Allen Mend

RARITAN BAY FLEET (185)
Metropolitan District
Based at Perth Amboy, New Jersey and Great Kills, Staten Island

Fleet Captain<br>A. Leitner

Fleer Secretary 1. R. Lewis
Feet Champion
Runner-Up $\qquad$ Roy Knapp in "Mopalong" Richard Barbieri in No. 576

Boat No. Boat Name
Mischief
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Laurie
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Skipper
Irving R, Lewis
A. D. Todd

Richard Batbieri
Roy Knapp
Victor Shaff
Norman Herbert
Erwin Rachlin
L. L. Brenneschoitz

Pat Walsh
Dr. A. Leitner
Gretchen Van Syckle

Fleet No, 185 had a very active year at Perth Amboy. The Championship was won by Roy Knapp in "Mopalong," which he purchased from Charlie Allaire in the spring. Most of the time it looked as if it might rake several years before the rest of the fleet would get tunid well enough to give Mopalong a good test.

The "Red Grant" series which had been limited to Comers heretofore was open to other classes in '51 and resulted in a very successful week-end. Eid Waters from Monmouth won the Lightning Series against very keen competition.

There was a Labor Day open regatta which was highlighted thy a squall in the midst of the first race. Rich Barbieri carried on and finished and after that nobody could get enough points to beat him.

The fleet put on an October Series in which "Mopalong" got competition from June Methot from Monmouth. We had a fine season with lots of activity.


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# NORTH SHORE LIGHTNING FLEET (186) Midwest District <br> Based on Lake Michigan, Ill. 

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## SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

 Midwest District Based on Lake Michigan, Sheboygan, Wisc.(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## LAKE DESCHESNES LIGHTNING FLEET (188) Central New York District Based on Lake Deschene, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain Le. Col. David Ely Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion,

Lt. Col. David Ely in "Victoria Marne"
Runner-Up

| Boat No. | Boat Name <br> 1451 | Skipper <br> Mistral III |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Dr. Victor Jacqueline and |
| 1520 |  | Allan Pinard |
| 4551 | Soo D. MvKenna |  |
| 5066 | Blue Belle | Dr. A. C. Stinson |
| Mr. J. E. Evans |  |  |

Victoria Marne and Mistral II sailed on the lake as a class from the end of August to the end of the season and captivated the attention of many, to the extent that two new units have been added to Fleet No, 188, Dr, Stinson acquired the lovely unlaunched sloop of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan and "All" has named her "Soo." Jack Evans will get delivery of his new sloop from Morrison Builders in Hamilton, under license No. 5066 and is christening her "Blue Belle." She will be the sister ship of Col. Anderson's sloop, who came to visit us for a month from the Royal Hamitron Yacht Club.

Many prospects are in the air, Jack Noonan is planning to build a sloop maybe for 1953. Commander Stowell, R.C.N., who owns the plans for No. 3329 and has all the wood for his future Lightning, is building a home in Rockliffe and has provided a large enough door in his basement to let the baby out without breaking its shell (a miracle) when she is ready to be launched. It seems that Dave Kirby, Sr., our official measurer, will have his hands full next year, as none of us has been measured as yet.

When the charter of Fleet 188 was granted about four years ago, the obligatory three boats were sailing on the lake. As two of the owners were Naval officers, Lt. Com. Jack E. Korning. with "Venture" transferred to Victoria, B. C., and Capt. J. A. Ruthingham with sloop No. 3327 to Halifax and Com. Stowell in the building stage, Poor Vic Pinard with "Mistral 11" was left alone on Lake Deschesnes for a few long summers, giving him time to meditate on the future of the fleet. His long patience seems to bring him a well-deserved reward. The Britannia Yacht Club, host to Fleet No. 188, will put to further use the lovely harbor which was so well tlustrated in the 1951 year book, by a possible future member, Mr. Jack W. Perdu.

Soon Lake Deschesnes fleet will be closer to the so well de. veloped fleets of Montreal, Valleyfield, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, Vancouver and Victoria, B. C

## MARBLEHEAD HARBOR FLEET (189) New England District Based on Marblehead Harbor \& Mass. Bay. Marblehead, Mass.

| Fleet Captain | Leslie Standley |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Charles E. Kelley |
| Fleet Champion | Jack Standley in "Jacalo" |
| Runner-Up | Charles Foss in "White Cap" |


| Boat No. $401$ | Boat Name Fouetre | Skipper <br> Kennerh Murphy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2816 |  | Ronald L. Mulcany |
| "3229 | Vivace | N. F. Prescott |
| 3295 | Jeepers | Edgar Farnum |
| 3526 | Faugh-A-Balla | Edward Sullivan \& Daniel Sullivan |
| 3794 | Whos a Bum | Robert A. Hayward |
| 3953 | Doneln | Donald Peach |
| 3989 | Jacaio | Standley Brothers |
| 4362 | Crusader | Charles E. Kelley |
| 4801 | White Cap | Charles Foss |
| 4914 | Sally | Joseph Farrell |
| 5025 |  | Henry Ashley |

Formerly awned by Joseph Lheureaux
The past season was one of great activity for our Fleet. We raced every Tuesday and Thursday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoon and Sunday mornings.

Several of our boats were trailed to the district championship series held by the Wequaquet Fleet 181 at Centerville, Cape Cod, Mass. We received the usual enthusiastic welcome and courtesies which always prevail at a Lightning Regatta.

Bob Anderson and his Committee did a swell job and we were certainly well treated by the officers and members of the Wequaquet Yacht Club, We all had a grand time.

Starting with one Lightning three years ago, our fleet has built up to nine boats and we are sure to have fifteen for the 1952 season.

Jack Standley in Jacalo took top honors for the season but was pressed all the way by Charie. Evelyn and the Foss boys in White Cap. Joe Farrell was a threat in all the races, especially when he put in his first team as crew. (Ronnie and Tommy Mulcahy.)

Ned Sullivan did well until his Uncle-"Sam," that iscalled him for Officers' training, Lennie McClay carried on for him with good results. Joe and Eva L'Heureux gave a good account of themselves in Vivace, as did Ken Murphy and Archie Gleason in Fouette. Edgar Farnum and Don Peach didn't race much but are preparing to give fast competition next seasod.

Most of the boats registered a first place with the exception of Charlic Kelley who claims to have the most dependable boar in the Fleet. Says Charlie, " $I$ can depend upon being last in every race."

We hope to have the New England District Championships ar Marblehead in '52 and if so, hope to have a large fleet attend. Come on, you sailors, we can guarantee plenty of ocean for everyone, and at times, it gets pretty salty.


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 31 | Cork | Lorna and Merrell Payson |
| 363 | Perrel | W, D, Staoud |
| 495 | Running Wild Edward L. Kurtz |  |
| 563 | Rascal II | Bruce Clement |
| 983 | Meri Elin | Par Brill |
| 1057 | Gremlin | Abigal Randall |
| 1326 | Purlabatz | Donald Buckingham |
| 2565 | Firefly | Leonard Nelson |
| 2766 | Ariel III | Daniel Ward |
| 3204 | Sand Piper | Sandy Fowler |
| 3218 | Muffin | Ernest Randall |
| 3277 | Nipper | Jack Jordan |
| 3373 | Hydour | George Hyde |

This was definitely a "make or break" year for the Portland Yacht Club Lightning Fleet. It was feared that the loss of several veteran sailors this year would greatly weaken the fleet. There is no question now, however, that these fears were unfounded. Not only did we see the return to action (after a year's absence) of Jack Jordan, Flect Champion in 1949, but we also saw an abundance of new young talent develop during the season. On top of this, we had a very excellent and willing race committee headed by Ben Thompson, who doesn't do too badly with a tiller in his hand, either. And in September, when it was alt over, there wasn't one of us who could deny that it was a great season.

The regular season races were marked by a surprisingly high


degree of interest, and some really clow finishes. There were plenty of thrills and excitement for everyone, especially on the day we saited in a peasoup foge Dick Kurtu, who was Fleet Champ in 1950, was away for the summer, and was unable to sail. However, his young brotber, Ted, inherited the tiller of the "Ranning Wild" and procesded to win every race escept one, during the season, thus, he easily became the firs winner of the beautiful "John V. Ward" Lightning Trophy just put up for competition this year. Finishing secand for the year was George Hyde, a first year skipper who showed plenty of stuff for a rookie. He witt be the number one duyk horse for 1952. Third place went te "Sleepy" Don Buckingham, a visitor from. Illinois, and a summer srudent at Bowdoin College, Sotne of the new skippers who really showed a lot of promise for the furure were Sandra Stroud, Pat Britt, Dan Ward, and Len Nelson. Spectat mention might be made of the bitter yer thrilling duels waged every week between "Petrel" and "Firefly,"

Every year there is a series consisting of four races which is known as the Casco Bay Regatta. The five yache clubs in Casco Bay, each with its own Lightning fleet, comprte for the Guy Ganneti Trophy, symbalic of Casco Bay Championship. In each races the first five boats are awarded points on the basis of 5.4-3.2-1. In the first of these races, last year, the best that Fleer 190 could come up with, was a 4th by Ted Kurtz. In the second race, however, Ben Thompson came in first, with Ted onty $t 0$ seconds behind him. That put P.Y.C. in second place. But then in the third race, Ted came from behind to wirr the race, while Ben finished second, only 15 seconds behind, Bur the Championship was still not in the bag as yet. However. Tred Kurtz really turned on the heat in the fourth race and won by five minutes. Ben Thompson was equally brilliant as he took third, thereby assuring us of the Championship. It really was a great victory, as we were very much the undendogs in the sefies. Because of this triumph, we can say that it was the best season in the history of Fleet No. 190.

## NAPOLI LIGHTNING FLEET (191)

## Based on Bay of Naples, Naples, ftaly

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

## Dixie District

Based on North East River. Md.
(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## LAKE PLACID LIGHTNING FLEET (193) Central New York District

 Based at Lake Placid, New York

Even though there was no orsinized racing, the sailon of Fleet 193 found their enthusiasm at an all-time high. Everyone Nas happy to note the marked increase of boats in the Lake Placid region. Several boats of other clasees made their appoarance on the lake but Al Clark, tast year's Fleer Champion, showed them how to make a boat travel. We are all looking forward to next summer which, judging by the spirit shown last year, should prove to be the best ever for the Lake. Placid Fleet.

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MISSION BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (194)
California District
Based on Mission Bay, Calif.
Fleet Captain Albert Tramonti
Flect Secretary E. L. Anderson
Fleet Champion N. W. Diamond in No 1457
Runner.Up
E. L. Anderson in "Black Magic" Boat No. Boat Name

1084 King Pel
1457
1530
1531
2476
2486
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Skipper
Albert Tramonti
N, W. Diamond
Dr. Ralph M. King
Wm. V. Pirie
K. A. Glazebrook

Mrs. Beatrice Merwin
E. 1 Anderson

WATCH HILL LIGHTNING FLEET (195)
Based on Narragansett Bay, Watch Hill, R. I. (Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

## SURF CITY LIGHTNING FLEET (196)

## Central Atlantic District

Based at Barnegat \& Manahawkin Bays, Suri City, N. J.

| Fleet Captain | Gerard Murray |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Otto Hansen |
| Fleet Champion | Otto Hansen in "TN.T." |

Fleet Champion Otto Hansen in "T.N.T."
Runner-Up,
Bob Holland and Gerry Murray in "Sonflower"

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 544 |  | Donald Braun |
| 780 |  | Frank Gray |
| 787 | Jeanie | John H. Elfman |
| 1013 | Dragoness | Ronald E, Kinney, Jr, |
| 1343 | Sonflower | James A., John,, Robert J. Hollan and Gerard Murray |
| 1351 | TN.T. | Otto Hansen |
| 1878 | Valkyrie | Kennerh A. Swanstrom |
| 2056 | Daisey May | Thomas M. Sweency and A. B Serwazi |
| 2741 | Tri-boy | Henry S, Clime |
| 3521 | Madjac | John E. Rattinger |
| 5092 |  | Chauncey E. Stoneback, Jr. |

The 1951 racing season topped all records for growth, fun and enthusiasm under the leadership of Past Fleet Captain, "Bob" Holland and the splendid cooperation and encouragement received from "Middie" Messersmith (Mrs. Enior Messersmith. S.C.Y.C. Race Committee Chairman, and wife of "Ted" Messersmith, able first mate of the T.N.T.).

Starting off the season with two new members, Frank Gray of Morrisville, Penna, and "Ron" Kinney of Drexel Hill, Penna., we kept growing by picking up "Ken" Swanstrom of near Doylestown, Penna., and "Hen" Clime of New Britain, Penna., in August and "Jack" Rattinger of Philadelphia, Penna., in September,

A fine bunch of sailors and sportsmen, we are pleased to have them with us although by the end of the season Swanstrom and Gray were sailing rings around several of the "old timers."

Our series consisted of twelve scheduled races to determine the Fleet and the Club Championship and the winner of the Jules Christion Hansen Memorial Trophy-a perpetual trophy awarded annually to the winning Lightning Skipper sailing under Surf City Yacht Club colors.
(John H. Elfman-1948, Otto Hansen-1949, John J. Holland and Gerard Murray-1950.)

Otto Hansen in "T.N.T" with "Ted" Messersmith and "Chuck" Vennel as crew won all but one of the scheduled races, thus becoming champion without question. The Holland-Murray outfit in the "Sonflower" won one race and didn't allow the "T.N.T." boys a moment's peace in any of the other races and so placed second. The "Valkyrie" with Ken Swanstrom at the tiller began to show her form in the last two races, thus making the "T.N.T." and the "Sonflower" boys work for a change.
"Tom" Sweeney, in the revamped and rechristened "Daisey May" and Commodore Elfman in his "Jeanie" fought their usual scason battle without too much attention to the rest of the fleet. It was Sweeney's year and we are pleased to say that he won the third place trophy.

The "T.N.T" and the "Sonflower" went to Bay Head. The "T.N.T." and the "Sonflower," and the "Valkyrie" went to Little Egr.-Enough said!

We visited here and there and enjoyed having visitors on our home waters.

On September 8, we entertained visiting Lightning Skippers at the Third Annual Surf City Yacht Club Open Regatta. Flees Nos. 26, 91, 173, 196 and 197 were represented.
"Johnny" Tiegland, No. 4571, International Champion, gave us a splendid exhibition of why he's the "champ" by showing all the sailors in the Lightning race the correct way to sail a Lightning. "Charlie" Dore, No. 4774, was second, and "Dick" $O^{\prime}$ Donnell, No, 3704, was third. Thus it was Fleet No. 91 one, two, three and we understand why Johnny doesn't miss a trick.
$1952-$ We can hardly wait!

## COOPER RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (197)

## Central Atlantic District

Based on Cooper River, Collingswood, N. J.

| Fleet Captain | Thompson W, Coe |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleer Secretary | C. S. Gilchrist |
| Fleet Champion | Joseph Flood in "Ellie-Joe" |
| Runner-Up. | Edmond J. Morton in "Skipjack" |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1551 | Skipjack | E. J. Morron |
| 1854 |  | C. S. Gilchrist |
| 2605 | Kings Ransom | D. L. Pierce |
| 4206 | Jade | Thompson W. Coe |
| 4287 | Eli-Joe | Joseph Flood |
| 4669 |  | Joel Judovitch |


| QUA LIGHTNING FLEET (198)Lake Erie District |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Based | Chautauqua | Lake, Chautauqua, New |
|  | Captain | John Byerly |
|  | Secretary | John Byerly |
|  | Champion | Jim Braham in "Telos" |
|  | er-Up | Miriam Sample in "Mimmie" |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 520 | Challenger | Sue Wagner |
| 710 | Windsong | Florence sc Paul Norton |
| 1150 | Club Tub | The Boys: Club |
| 1344 | Mimmie | Miriam Sample |
| 1346 | Idiot's Delight | De Witt De Weese |
| 1910 | Jeanne K | Bob Clark |
| 2759 | Wind Wisp | John and Paul Magnus |
| 2763 | Telos | Jim Braham |
| 2798 | Jese James | Sally Evans |
| 2922 | Kro Flite | Me. Weaver |
| 2923 | Black Magic | John Byerly \& Cliff Skinner |
| 2924 |  | Bob Birmingham |
| 3509 | Valkyrie | Barbara Sieder |
| 3686 | High C's | Herbert Huffman |

Acolus and his belpers graced Chautauqua Lake with marvelous winds this past summer Beginning on the Fourth of July, we held races on every Saturday and Sunday up until Labor Day, and starting with only two or three boats racing in the early summer, we ended up with eight and ten at the starting line as interest picked up and more Lightnings were bought.

Champion Jim Braham was a consistent winner all season, and Miriam Sample was very close behind him. However, with the coming of August and more competition, they were hard pressed for their coveted spots. On August 19th, we were the guests of the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club at Lakewood for a one-day regatta, and of all the days for the wind to take a holsday, this one was ordained to be it. As a result, the race was held the following Sunday at our end of the Lake with over sixty boats competing, ten of which were Lightnings. This race had the makings of a repeat of the previous Sunday, as we pud. dled to the line and drifted to the first marker. However, about 100 yards short of the second buoy, the wind picked up beauti-
fully, and the fleet reached home at a tremendous clip, with Byerly and Skinner in 2923 taking the honors

The growth of our fleet this year was extremely encouraging, and next summer we are looking forward to having close to twenty Lightnings fighting for supremacy.

## JACKSON PARK LIGHTNING FLEET <br> Midwest District <br> Based on Lake Michigan, Ill.

(199)

| Fleet Caprain |  |  | 1. Norton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary |  |  | John Marguardt |
|  | Champion | Nancy Norto | n in "Streak. (? |
|  | er.Up | John Marguard | dr in "Nautigal" |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |  |
| 409 | Harmony | F. J. Emmons | \& Joseph S. Roman |
| 3344 | Streak-O | 1. Norton |  |
| 3376 | Nautigal | J. Marquardr |  |

OYSTER BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (200)
Western Long Island Sound District
Based on Oyster Bay Harbor, Forest Hills, L. L. N. Y. (Inactive)

FLOTILLA DE LIGHTNINGS DE VITORIA (201) Based on Vitoria Bay, Espirito Santo State, Brazil
(No report in 1952)

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## NORTHPORT POINT LIGHTNING FLEET (202) Michigan District

 Besed on Northport Bay, Northport Point, MichiganFleet Captain
Morgan F. Underwood, Jt.
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Runner-Up
Boat No, Boat Name
740
2012
2012
4169 Papoose
4170 Pop 11
4171 Pop 11
$\begin{array}{ll}4237 & \text { Booger } \\ 4391 & \text { Becky }\end{array}$
The Northport Point, Michigan Lightning Fleet No. 202 enjoyed a successfu! seasan of racing and pleasure sailing in 1951. Highlight of the racing schedule was an August regatra which attracted fifteen boats from three Northern Michigan Lightning Fleets. Sailing in moderate to heavy winds, Jack and Dick Stimson of thr Leland Fleet No. 184 emerged victorious in the five-race affar,

In addition, a foutteen race series was held among the sight Northport Point boats. Piling up an early lezd in the series, Sim Jones in "Becky" won out in the racing and thus captured the Kellogg Memorial Trophy for the first time.

As a balance to the heavy racing schedule, organized pieasure sailing was undertaken on a larger scale this year, several successful sailing pienics being held.

Fleet No. 202 anticipates another successful season in 1952, and with the possible addition of one or two new boats hopes to continue the stendy trowth it has enjoyed in the last three vears.

## SAN ISIDRO LIGHTNING FLEET (203)

## Based on Port San Isidro, Buenos Aires

Fleet Secretary
Boat No. Boat Name
3674 Ancon
4019 Gato
4373 He-Ho
4472 Ugly Duck
4473 Margarita

Hugo L. Danela

## MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET (204)

## Michigan District

Based on Lake Macatawa, Holland, Michigan

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion Runner-Up. Dale \&: Don Van Lare in "See You Later"
Boat No. Boat Name

| 307 | Sea Witch |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1985 | Sea Hawk |

1985 Sea Hawk
2405
2516
2937 Van
3784 Tryon
3899 C U Later
4227 At Last
4338 Janie Bee
4340 Dolphin
4539 Blizzen Bill
W. H. Johnston

## Skipper

Hipolito Gil Elizaide and Orlando Polletti
Hugo J. Danela
Gualberto F, Gabrielli
Jean Dhainaut
Alberto Hribernig the 'S1 racing season the 'S1 racing season an excellent one. This year was our first that our entire fleet was equipped with spinnakers and, is you can readily imagine, our first few races using them provided many a skipper with due cause to pull out some more of a ranidly diminishing hair supply.

The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club runs their races on a series system, including a ten-race Saturday and Sunday Series and a Fourth of July and Labor Day Series with three races each. The


season proved very exciting with the lead in the Saturday and Sunday Series changing frequently. The final tabulation showed Dale and Don Van Lare, who started late in the year, coming up and winning the Saturday Series with the previous season's Champion. Caryl Curtis, winning the Sunday Series. The Curris's and Van Lares alternared second position respectively and the Pollocks took thind place in both series. The Pollocks jomed together this year and raced just their one boat, the "Sisa Hawk," instead of the two they had raced the previous season. This combination showed much promise at the first of the season by making a clean sweep for the Fourth of July Series. Bill Vandorberg brought up his "Van" to place second. Dale and Don Van Lare, whose transom was not an unfamiliar sight through the season on the Labor Day Series, second place in this series was a horly debated position with the Pollocks winning over Janie Boyd in the flip of a coin.

Three of our younger members sailed in the Lake Michigan Junior Yachting Championship at South Haven. Our boats also participated in the Western Michigan Yachring Association Re, gatta. Our fleet sponsored a few night races-more fun than anything else.

Fleet 204 is expanding rapidly, largely through the efforts of the very fine sailor and sportsman, Stanley Curtis, and our Captain, Herb Pollock, Sr; we expect an excellent season next year and extend a hearty invitation to all Lightning sailors to visit us for some races. We may not win-but when you've raced in our fleet you'll know you've been in a race!

## TULSA SAILING CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (205) Yahola Lake, Tulsc, Okla. Kansas-Oklahoma District

Fleer Captain George Groom
Fleet Secretary ............. T. Flanagan Fleet Champion George Groom in "Tally-Ho" Runnerve T. H. Flanagan in "Gail"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| ---: | :--- |
| 30 | Kate |
| 120 | Gail |
| 130 | Talley Ho |
| 879 |  |
| 2538 | Margo |
| 3427 | Topalon |
| 3458 |  |
| 4749 | Hag |

## Skipper

F. C. Ziegler
T. H. Flanagan

George Groom
Iohn W, Elder
R. Earle Kirgerber
R. M. Wheeler

Paul Reisher and R, W, Drake
A1 D. Fanning. Jr.


Rander IItaither Trophy.

From a new fleet (1950) of four boats to have eight boats in its second year is something which exceeded everyone's expectations. Our seventh boat No, 4749 was added late is the fall and the eighth boat artived too fate in the season to participate in any activities.

Though our club is sall in its infancy, our interests have not been restricted to our own waters. Some of our members have taken their boats many miles, visiting several regattas in the midwest; Shreveport and Dallas, to name a couple. Everywhere we received a very cordial welcome, and without exception thet the finest bunch of fellows. All were enthusiantically sold on the "Lightning," which we know has a great future in the mid.west.

Mr. Al Fanting started his boat in July, 1950, in his spare time, and with the help of his wife and son had the job completed in October, ending up with the most beautiful Lightning of the fleet.

Twenty races were held during the 1951 Season. The Trophy for the Summer Series Races was won hands down hy Geurge Groom. However, George slipped a little in the fall and lost the best-looking trophy in the southwest, to Tommy Flanagan. This trophy, a new one presented this year by Roger Wheeler of Standard Magnesium, features a sterling silver scale model Lightning It was designed and constructed by our jeweler member. Frank Ziegler. All who have seen it agree that it is a work of art

The Ziegler Trophy Races, a series of three, was won again this year by George Groom duplicating his last year's victory.

We hope to be able to report again next year: WE DOUBLE.

OLIVOS LIGHTNING FLEET (206)

## Argentine District

Port of Olivos and adjoining waters.

NORTHEAST YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (207)<br>Lake Erie, Cleveland, Ohio<br>Ohio-Indiana District<br>(1951 report not received)

## KEYSTONE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (208)

Hempstead Bay, Woodmere, L. I., N. Y.
Greater Long Island District
(No report in 1952)

## THE NEW ORLEANS LIGHTNING FLEET (209)

Lake Pontchartrain. New Orleans, La.
Louisiana-Alabama District
Fleet Secratayy
Boat No. Boat Name
2363 Annie
Francis J. Favaloro 2029 Fern St., New Orleans

563 Anrid Francis J. Favaloro
This fiect is unable to make a report for the 1952 Year Book because we have experienced such a turnover of fleer members this year that our activities have been limited. We do sitl exist as an active fleer, however, and I for one, have participated in many of the regattas in this district.

## MANTOLOKING LIGHTNING FLEET (210)

Barnegat Bay, Mantoloking, N. J.
Central Atlantic District


Mavian J. Wolfe, Jr. fin ried of boat) Champian of 1951 season in "Relbe", Crite, Letwis Stitchle (it front). Clitude Kohter (not sitracw.)

## BAY WAVELAND LIGHTNING FLEET (211)

## St. Louis Bay, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Louisiana-Alabama District

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Fleet Champion Sonny Wolfe in "Rebel"
Runner-Up Horace Thompson in "Disturbance"
Boat No. Boat Name

| 142 | Lee Ann |
| ---: | :--- |
| 622 | Siccatoo |
| 2186 | Volanta |

2186 Volanta
3477 Flash
3901 Diamond Lil
3908 Nip-N-Tuck
3962 Disturbance
4058 Dixie Doodle
4696 Rebel
4757 Me'Tol'Ya
John J. McDonald

Another very successful racing season was enjoyed by skip pers and crews of the Bay-Waveland Fleet

Cliff Prades his lemon-hulled "Dixie Doodle" over to Fair. hope, Alabama, for a three race series during the Gulf Yachting Association Meeting May 5th and 6th, and took first place honors in a "heavy weather" series.

Prados also represented our Fleet at the Southern Yacht Club's G.Y.A. Regatta at New Orleans, Louisiana, June 9th and 10 th, finishing third. This series was won by Nan Weuscher of Fleet No, 62.

Our Fleet had an average of five boats sailing in the regattas at Gulfport, Biloxi, Bay St, Louis and Pass Christian. Cliff Prados in "Dixie Doodle" won three out of four of these regattas. The Bay-Waveland Regatta was won by Gene Walet of Lake Pontchartrain Fleet No, 62.

Highlight of our racing season was the District Champion. ship Races sated on our course for the second straight year and sponsored by the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. A fine fleet of nineteen Lightnings representing six fleets took part in these races. Ed Overton from Mobile Bay Fleet No. 135 took the first race and Cliff Prados and John McDonald won the second and third races, respectively. Cliff and John finished first and fourth in the series with second place going to Rob Roy, Shreveport Fleet No. 175, and third place to Charley Gambel of Lake Pontchartrain Fleet No. 62.

Sonny Wolfe, who began making the boys wake up and take notice in the Gulfport Regatta, won the Fleet Championship with two firsts and a second. Horace Thompson was runner-up with John McDonald third.

Eighteen races were sailed during the season in addition to the Regattas and Fleet and District Championships.

## ATWOOD LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (212) Ohio-Indiana District

## Based on Atwood Lake, Canton, Ohio

Fleet Captain Paul Reeves Flect Secretary Karl Rollus
Fleet Champion John Rundt in "Black Blitz"
Runner-Up Ed MeCain in "Four Winds"
Boat No. Boat Name
558 Batten Buster Albert T, Davis
764 Copper Head
844 Black Blitz
1668 Scot Free
1956 Bali Hoo Bali Hoo
Wind Jammer

## Skipper

 Aaron F. Schontz John RundtEdw. Brown
James Harrington
3435 Wind Jammer Dr. L. K. Firth
3666 Ruth D. B. Dutton
4370 Lightning Bug Paul J. Reeves
4444 North Star Karl Rollius
4700 Four Winds
4766
4884 Happybottom
5071 Zim Baby
Edward and Tom McCain
R. P. and R. A. Christian
H. G. Zimmer

Our Fleet got off to an early and fast start for its second year, We increased in size with five new members all waiting for the racing season to start. Our Fleet Captain, T. J. Newman, did a wonderful job conducting the races every Sunday and introduced a lot of new ideas. Our season started early in May with launching parties and tune-up races. Our opening race of the season on May 27th will long be remembered with winds strong and gusts to 35 mph . Nine boats crossed the starting line with only two old-timers, McCain and Zimmer, finishing. Others were forced to withdraw or become members of the Dunking Club. The season was based on twenty Sunday and Holiday races, with points taken from the best sixteen races. Not until the remairing few races did our Champion, John (Easy Going) Rundt, Ed (Congenial) McCain, and Harry (Smiley) Zimmer deter-

Wwand Liwhtnity Skipaters at the Annual Barnacle banguct with patardity of trophics.

mine sheir final standings. A special race was held on the 4th of July for the Commodore's Trophy, with Paul Reever winning easily, followed by Tom MCCain showing Dad how, and Karl Rollius in third spot Labor Day gave a fine sailing day for our Round Robin series. Sating a shortened course, each member traded boats until all had sailed everyone's boat. With the totals figured, the wirning trophy went to Karl Rollius, with A. T Davis and Harry Zammer second and third respectively.

Atwood was well represented at the various regattas throughout the season. Starting with the OYCLA it Chippewa Lake attended by Davis, Schontz, Rallius, MeCnin, Snyder and Zimmer, McCain and Zimmer brought home Znd and 3rd place trophies and everyone had a wonderful weekend. Lightning Eliminations at Rocky River in July found two familiar boats at the starting line bidding for at chance at the Internationats with McCain in "Four Winds" and Zimmer in "Zim Baby." Put-inBay Regatta in August initiated Snyder's "Happybottom" with skipper Harry Zimmer and erew Lon Sayder and Aaran Sehontz making their pilgrimage to Luntz Winery, a must for this regatta, Internationals in Toledo in September found rough sailing compared to our small water, but also fun and activities that can only be found at the Nationals. Ed McCain with "Four Winds" and Aaron Schontz with "Copperhead" made the trip and sailed in the "President's Race". Our Club had its first regata (Arwood's Harvest Moon Regatta), September 15th and 16 th. We were very happy with the wonderful attendance of all of the gang from the various clubs. The first day's race saw 69 boass cross the starting line, an Invitational for Lightnings, Thistles, Y-Flvers, and Snipes, Lightnings were well represented from Buckeye, Cleveland, Toledo, Port Clinton and Leatherlips. With our Club boats it made a class of 34. Schodel from Toledo, Mann from Buckeye, and our own John Rundt were the respective winners. Dave Dutton liked our Club so well he just left his boat and became a new member of our Fleet. We plan to make this an Annual Regatta in September for one last fling before putting these wonderful Lightrings to storage for the winter. Buckeye Lake's "Snowball Regatta" had wonderful weekend sailing with attendance from Atwood, consisting of Ed McCain, Jim Harrington (new skipper of Zim Baby, now rechristened "Bali Hoo") and John Rundt. Black Blitz, skippered by Rundt with his crew of Davis and Schontz, came home with third place trophies.

Our Satling Season at Atwood came to an end on October 20th with our Annual Barnacle Banquet. All committees were honored for their fine work throughaur the year. Gifts were presented to our Fleer Captain Newman, and to Dick Christian for their services throughout the summer. All wimners were given trophies for winning the various ovents.

A school seision is being conducted every other Sunday during the winter for the benefit of new members, and ald ones too, on rules and tactics. Harry Zrmmer has a new "Ztm Baby" on order with lippincott, and with a couple of other new prospective members, we are fooking forward to a new and stitf berter season.

CAPE MAY HARBOR LIGHTNING FLEET (213)

## Central Atlantic District

Based on Cape May Harbor, Cape May, N. J.

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fieet Champion. Runner-Up
Boat No. Boat Name
1831 Firt

* 1832 Jolly Roger

3206 Nimbus
4226 Blue Angel
4586 Three Sheety
4587 Poco
4588 How-Dee
4589 Banshece
4599 Hell's Belle
4920 Tackless
(John A. Kenney
John A. Kenney Joan A. Pocher
Robert Marris in

## Skipper

James K. Davis, Jr
Robert Morris, Jr:
Wayne C. Astley
John A. Kenney
Charles Henry
Joseph T. Pocher, Donald W Pocher and Joan A. Pocher Howard Deeter
Stephen Stevens, Leslie Morton and Russeft Plunkett Robert F. Ridparh Lawrence A. Kenney and Thomas McCloskey
5006 Invincible U.S.Coast Guard Receiving Center Sold at the end of the season to John A. Whitcraft, Is Keen competition marked every race in the home waters of the Harbor Sailing Club of Cape May, Fleet 213. Only one point separated the "Jolly Roger" and the "B'tue Angel" at the

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beginning of she Labor Day Regatta; the latter boat, skippered by John Kenney and ably assisted by Sonja Kenney and Jim DoMarco, eventaally eiuded the skillful "Jony Rozen" This series of races also saw the third and fourth place boass change postum, beifes separicel by a fraction of a point at the startof the races. Just after the start of the first race, "Tackless" (Larry Kenney. Joe Murphy, Tom McClowkey) sported a broken bow stay, eliminating it from that race and putting the "Poco" (Don, Joan and Tharnton Pocher) in "undisputed" possession of third place.

The Association can rightfully boast of Norm Schaller's "Sctinitzeumg" fut who caln say what John Kenney was doing during the final race of the season when be sailed the "Blue Angef" up the Wildwood Channet against an almost impossible current and diminishing wind. He had almast completed thfirst lap of the two-lap course before the second boat rounded the first mark. He again salied through the seven temaizing boats to round the buoy a szcond time before the third boat was able to do it once. Three boas never did get around the mark, dropping out of the tace entirely. I think this should call for a Congressional Committee or something . . . maybe he had a motor . . .

Fleet 213 had the honot this year of becoming the hame of the Annual South Jersey Lightning Championship Trophy sponsored by the Brigantine Yachy Club and Fleet 217. This feat was accomplished by the skillful skippering of Bob Marris and
the masterful handling of his orders by his crew, Joe DeMaris and Ed Wagner. Although he never placed first, he was consistent in maintaining a money position, in the three taces held at the home watern of the Brigantine Yacht Club. This trophy may be kept by any skipper who wins it three times. This event will tend to closely unite the South Jersey Lightning Fleets and will also provide a stimulus for some fine competition.

Wings, Halo, and all the trimmings were shown to each and every skippor at the Ocean City Regatta (Fleet 99) by the "Blue Angel," skippered by John Kenney and autended by Sonja, his wife, and Jim D.Marco. Th. "Angel" or "Devil" as some chose to call it, at the time, won all three races by skellful handing of the spinnaker and some fine windward work. Seriously threatened several times, he seemed to be master of his craff, and had it begutifully under control at all times.

The Wildweod Regatta proved thar Larry Kenney in the "Tackless" really had something on the ball. By winning the second and third races he successfully pushod the "Poco" into recond place and went on to win first prize for the ragatta. It seems ironic that Larry is from Wildwood and had to return to his home pors to win forst place with his I. T.A. ILighter Than Air to all landlubbars) boat. He presented a tough competitor and next year should see him winning a few races from his brother, John, the fleet champion.

Many shippers wery faced with threats of mutiny throughout the season as crew members rebelled against the tongue lashings that accompanied the hoisting of the syinnakers. These "infernal machines" were only used in places where there was a 15 -mile leg of the course to sail before the wind. It was found that on a shorter run the crews weren't able to rais? the spinnakers bsfore rounding the mark
"Thr Cise of the Reappearing Buoy" caused the only protrst of the semsan. When the race commitsee decided on the course, it was reported that the buoy near the ski jump was missing, whereupon we decided to use the sta jump as the mark. When the lead boat appronchivd the ski jumb, the club marker was plainly vistble. The first three boass rounded this buoy, while the remaining five used the slit jump as their marker. The first three boats were protested, but the protest was withdrawn in view of the fact that no advantagz was gained by the lead boats. The mystery was solved the following day. A club member had found the buoy which had broken loose from its mooring, taken it to his private dock, and conscientiously roplaced it the next day, rmalizing that it would be needed for the race. Meanwhile-confusion!

The annual Labor Day party climaxed the season. Next season should prove quite interesting. The "Jolly Roger" and "Bloe Ange!" have both been sold to club members who will be racing these boats against their former owners who will both be sporting new Lightnings. BON VOYAGE!

PORT JEFFERSON LIGHTNING FLEET (214)

## Groater Long Island Distict

(Fleet inactive at present)

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## ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (215)

## Based on Lake St. Louis, Quobec

Fleet Captain
Dr. S. A MacDonaid
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Boat No. Boat Name
799 Isem, II
$1020 \quad$ Fea II
1133 Lollipop
1509 Baen-Sidhe
1620 Gallan:
3552 Tam
3856 Jane Anne
4089 Sea Shell
4198 Lark
4199 Elaine
4347 Malish
4585 Kuba
4799. Landless

4762 Susie Lee
4830 Curlew
4859 Wren
4958 Minwassin
R. C. Stevenson in "Wren"

Skipper
J. A. E MacL. Jonald

Immblfee
J. A. Chapleau
N. C D. MacTageart
(V. F Drysdale
I. A. Monti
A. E. Wilson

De, M. T Townsend Dr. S A. MarDonald C. B. Neapole George D. Laytons, Jean Quertian S. B. Prats F. 1. Dary Dr. E. S. Mills R. C. Stevenson B. N. H. Thornely

The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club No, 215 mare than lived up to the predictions made in last year's report and ended the summer with a fiect of 17 boats. It is reasonable to predict two or three more next year. The weather was none toio good for the most part but nevertheless an active srason was enjoyed, It was given considerable of a fillip by the fact that tightnings were used in the Club trials to determine the crews to represent the Club in the St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Aswoctation Interclub Sertes and the Royal Regatta Series Furthermore they were used in the finals of the St.L.V.Y.R.A. Junior Championships held at our Club. This all made for a lor of racing and all of the equipment-and crews-stood up remarkably well A new, comer to the fleet, but by no means a newcomer to sailing, Reg. Steverson, in his smirt new Hatley, soon demonstrated that his many previous successes on Lake St, Louis were not in vain and "Wren" showed a clean pair of "wings" to her rivals on numerous occasions. Reg, won our Club's Invitation Regatta as well as that of Pointe Claire Yacht Club, while Jon Baess brought "Lark" home first in the St.L.V.Y.R.A. Annual Regatta. He also repeated
his win at Baie d Urfe last year and Barney Thornely won the anrual "do" at she Hudson Yacht Club with "Minwassin." Incidentally, Barney did considerahle research to find this name. It is Ojbloway Indian, meaning "I Sail with a Fair Wind."

Something new this year which caused considerable inwerest was the Wren Trophy, donated by Reg. Stevenson for annual competition among the lady-skippers and it was won for the firit time by Mrs. Sandy MacDonald.

A beautiful ship's clock for annual computition in the Lighs. ning Class has been presented to the Club by Mr. W. TaylorBailey, one of the best known skipprers in Fastern Canada. The wirner of this traphy on the Club's awn point scoring system is the fleet champion.

## SAGINAW BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (216) Michigan District

## Based on Saginaw Bay, Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain
AI Daeschlein
Fleet Secretary George Villvrmain
Fleet Champion Phil Paterson in "Zig Zag"
Ranner-Up Ed Blass and Al Daeschtein in "Nisty"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| ---: | :--- |
| 163 | Zug Zag |
| $=1963$ | Mr. Trouble |
|  |  |
| 2939 | Whistler |
| 4590 | Wandalust |
| 4591 | Merry Lymn |
| $=4592$ | Misty |
| 4593 | Turkel |
| 4594 | Honey S |
| 4595 | Gise One |
| 5086 |  |

## Skipper

Phil Pamersan
Dr. H. L Woodtrurne se Dr. Marshall Alcorn
George Villermain Harold M Hill William S. Guild
lames H. Krick
Charles Curris
Louis Spencer
Chartes Etlery
Edward J. Blaise and Al Daeschlein
Pailip M. Pattorsun it "Zig Zaty", Champiom of Flect 2/6.


* Formerly owned by Dr. Orlen Johnson
$\because$ Formerly owned by Phil Weber
**0 Formerly owned by E. Blaise \& A. Daeschlein
Fleet No, 216, after the completion of its second season, is still growing. Skippers have left but their boats stay on. Pht Weber, a dynamo in organizing the fleet, returned to his home town of Bristol, Conn,, to go into business. His boat, the "Wandalust," was purchased by Harold Hill. Charles Ellery moved to Detroit and his boat, the "Gae One," is for sale locally and the chances are very bright for the boat remaining here. $D$ r. H. L. Woodburne and Dr. Marshall Alcorn have purchased "Mr. Trouble" from Dr. Orlen Johnson and they are planning on being reckoned with this coming season.

Ed Blaise and Al Daeschlein, tired of being runner-up for two years and wanting to see past the transom of Phil Patterson's "Zig Zag," sold their boat, the "Misty," They have purchased a "gold-plater" and are anxiously looking forward to the day when they will motor east to take delivery. Their old boat was purchased by James H. Krick of Midland.

Fleet No, 216 had a very successful season consisting of fifteen races. Bill Guild, with a new suit of sails, jumped into an early lead, taking the first two races. Then Phil Patterson in his Zig Zag started to win and from then on hz was never threatened.

The Lightnings gave a very good account of themselves in the various regattas held here; frequently sailing through classes which had started sooner.

Saginaw Bay Lightnings took part in four outside Lightning events and the skippers plan to take in many more during the coming season.

## BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (217) Central Atlantic District Based on Bonita Tideway, Brigantine, N. J.

## Fleet Captain

$\qquad$ Josiah White
Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ John G. Walton Fleot Champion Kenneth B. Walton in "Moonlight" Runner-Up

Josiah White in "Bottoms Up"

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 33 | Hurricane |
| 89 | Moonlight |
| 1726 | Starlight |
| 3481 | Bottoms-Up |
| 4716 | Sea Gull |

## Skipper

Howard Hanaman
Kenneth B. Walton
John Walton
Josiah White
Mrs. Dorothy M. Pilling
Lightming sailing activity resumed on Brigantine waters with the first of a summer long series of races for the Speidel Cup on July fourth. This initial race was won by John G. Walton voiling the "Starlight." Second was K. B. Walton in his venerable craft, the "Moonlight." Si White in "Bottoms Up" and Charles Pilling in "Sea Gull" followed in that order.

The most important event, and certainly that of greatest interest to Lightning Class Association members, is the account of the First Annual South Jersey Lightning Championship sponsored by the B.Y.C and Lightning Fleet No. 217 for boats representing the three down Jersey Lightning groups.

The regatta was held on August $18-19$ under clear skies and varied winds. The courses were laid out over Brigantine Bay and averaged 5.6 miles for each of the three races. Saturday, August 18 th , in a single afternoon race sailed in extremely light air, James Drass, skippering the Temperess, coasted home ahead of the remainder of the fifteen boat field. Second was Kurt As plundh skippering the two-time Fleet No. 99 Champion, Black Flash, and third was Robert Morris, ssiling "Jolly Roger." For the Sunday morning race, the breeze was considerably stronger than that of the previous day's drifting match.

On the first leg of the two lap windward-leeward courses, John G. Walton sailing "Starlight" took the lead and rounded the mark in that position, closely pursued by Asplundh and John Kerney in the "Blue Angel,"

At the Ieeward end of the resulting spinnaker run, th: "Starlight" led with Asplundh close behind. The race ended in this order with "Starlight" beating Asplundh's craft by only 53 seconds-over a six-mile, one and three-quarter hour course. Meanwhile, Robert Morris, who had finished third in the first race, managed to nose out both Fisher White of Longport in the "Flopover 11 " and Kenney for another third place.

The final race was a critical one indeed. By virtue of conuistency Asplundh and Morris were one-two in the standings. The former holding only a two point edge. Shortly after the start of the race, Walton took one lead followed by White, Kenney and Fred Starling in "Hopalong." Asplundh and Morris were fourth and fifth respectively. On the second windward beat, the positions of the lead boats shuffled rapidly. Kenney moved into first, Walton slid to second, and Morris, beginning to move now, took third place away from White. Asplundh had meanwhile slid to fifth place. On the ensuing spinnaker run positions remained generally unchanged and the last leeward mark was turned with the series still very much in doubt. Morris, seemingly determined to prove that you don't need to win races to take home the silverware, tacked the "Jolly Roger" beautifully on the final beat, barely managing to nose out Walton for a series winning second place. While Morris had made his comeback, Asplundh failed to recover from his poor start and eventually finished fifth. The beautiful silver bowl, donated by the B.Y.C. for annual competition, was awarded to Morris during post-series activities.

## FINAL STANDINGS

\left.|  | Boat | Skipper | Fleet |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\right]$ Points

The Labor Day weekend was highlighted by intra-fleet competition consisting of the final point races for the Speidel Cup. The seasonal series was won by "Starlight" sailed by co-skippers Susan Johnstone, Jack Swope and John Walton. Ken Walton was second and Si White third. The fleet championship was also decided by these point races. Due to the fact that "Starlight" entered in championship competition with Fleet 99, she was not eligible for the championship of Fleet 217, Kenneth Walton thus took the first fleet championship of newly organized Fleet 217.

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| Beat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 285 | Centella | G. J. Matherbe |
| 443 | Damn Yankee | C. W, Allen |
| 539 | Indra | Lt. R, C. Boyd, I.t H. D. Mayfield. L.r. Dean Webster and Lt. Charles E. Waring |
| 641 | Sybrite | W. M. Allen |
| 1390 | Quien Sabe | R. C. Hagens ac A V. Candler |
| 2147 | Andale | A. B. Patterson |
| 2216 | Skimmer | A. E. Durham |

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Fleet Champion Don Hamilton in "Slo-Poke"
Runner-Up J. S. McKinsey in "Rurhie II"
Boat No. Boat Name
Skipper
161 Ruthie II J. S. McKinsey
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1456 Racy Lady
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Based on Banchina Santa Lucia, Naples, Italy
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| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 3592 | Saetta |
| $4401-4406$ | Cutshausha |
|  | \& Chibli |
| 4522 | Squirrel |
| 4965 | Saraco |
| 4966 | Uragano |

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The Corpus Christi Fleet Charter was granted too late last year to participate in any official races.

Lightnings Nos, 443 and 1390 have been racing in the handicap division here for a number of years; however, two years ago a small group of local sailors decided to build up the local fleet. Indra, No, 539, was brought from Houston, Centella, No. 285 was purchased in Dallas, Sybrite was sailed in from Rockport, Skimmer was shipped from Wisconsin, and this summer "Andale" was delivered from San Antonio. We are scouring the towns along the Gulf searching for additional boats.
G. J. Malherbe won the summer series, followed by A. B. Patterson and W. M. Allen.

The Corpus Christi Yachr Club's annual regatta was hotly contested in the Lightning Division. Patterson's "Andale" won the first six mile race, closely followed by A. E. Pecore of Houston in second position, and Malherbe in third, Malherbe led the fleet at the windward mark and was never challenged in the second event. Pecore and Patterson finished in second and third positions. With three boats ried for first place, Pecore got the start in the third race. Centella and Andale were across the line early and had to restart. A few minutes later Pecore led the fleet, and $1 / 4$ mile behind Andale brought up the rear. Andale in desperation took a wild tack away from the fleet, caught a wind shift of a lifetime and almost rammed the surprised Hous. ton boat near the windward mark. A. B. Patterson in Andale won the regatta. A. E. Pecore of Houston was second, and G. J. Malherbe was third.

## LIGHTNINGFLOTTE ZURICHSEE (219)

## Based on Lake Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

## Fleet Secretary

Oskar Weber

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 3811 |  | O. Weber |
| 4217 |  | W. Biber |
| 4285 |  | H. Keller |
| 4542 |  | E. Ganz |
| 4828 |  | H. Bindschedler |

There are now two boats under construction, both being bult by their owners in their own back yards, so a further development of the fleet is certain.

Last year, the boats of our ficet cruised on the entite lake. They were seen in all weather from calm to storm and they have proved to be very seaworthy. At other times we took part in several races. We didn't have championship races because we thought that with only five boats in the fleet the title of Champion is not much to gain. Naturally, when the ficet grows to greater proportions, such races will be held.

We are sure the new season will see us with great activity and that the development of the Lightning Class in our vicinity will continue.
(This is a new Fleet formed in German Speaking Colony)

## YACHT CLUB URUGUAYO LIGHTNING FLEET (220)

Based on Puerto Del Buceo, Montevideo, R. O. Uruguay
(Report for 1951 not received at printing time)

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