



DISTRICT DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Bob Niemyer
District Secretary: Dave Wright

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay Fleet (102); Newport-Balboa Fleet (107); San Diego Bay Fleet (114); Mission Bay Fleet (194).

District Reports: At some time during the year the Lightning owners of the California District are faced with the problem of what regatta to miss so that the never ending job of maintenance can be done. We have no "fall lay up", "Winter Bar Sailing", or "Spring Outfitting" in our district. Our sailing season starts with the S.C.Y.A. Mid-Winter Regatta in January and goes on through the Easter Regatta at Balboa, the Newport Harbor Spring Gold Cup Series, Coronado Yacht Club Small Boat Regatta, S.C.Y.A. Summer Regatta, the District Championships, the Stanley Andrews Series at Mission Bay, the Newport Harbor Fall Gold Cup Series in October, and the Thanksgiving Regatta at Coronado Yacht Club.

This year the Districts were held at Coronado Yacht Club with "G-Wiz" sometimes known as Jack Campbell, the defending champion. The first race in San Diego Bay saw Ray Chenhall's "Zoom" establishing an early lead and hold it for the entire race. In the meantime Bob Niemyer and Jack Campbell were having a "Dog eat Dog" battle for the runner-up spot. Bob and "Chiquita" wound up in the second spot with Jack closing in hard at the finish. The second race got off a rip roaring start with a tow from the yacht club to the starting line. After postponing the start for thirty minutes it was decided to go anyway in a one tripper, so the fleet drifted across with the smoke from the gun and each skipper played his own slant to the windward mark. "G-Wiz" displayed her light air ability by rounding the mark first and immediately hanging up the laundry in an attempt to catch a whisper of breeze before Harrison Amos and Bob Niemyer could get behind her. After rounding the leeward mark behind Jack, Bob and Harrison were so intent upon catching each other that Marold Eyestone in "Relampo" squeezed into third place behind Bob and Jack. Ray Chenhall had to be content with a fifth place in the second race but it was consistent enough as proven by the final results.

Going into the final race, Bob Niemyer and Jack Campbell were tied in points with Ray Chenhall close on their transoms only two

points down. Bob and Jack were boxed in at the start and Jack got in trouble getting out. He fouled another boat and chose to retire from the race. Ray Chenhall was caught by anti barging rule and had to jibe around and follow the fleet across the line. This didn't seem to slow him up as he proceeded to sail through the fleet until he was in a nice position on top of Bob. Realizing that he still needed another boat between them Ray lured Bob over with the rest of the fleet which let Harrison Amos and Dick Driskell jump into the hole between them. Carl Ackermann won the third race while Ray was finishing fourth and Bob seventh.

The final Standings:

District Champion: Ray Chenhall "Zoom"

District Runner-Up: Bob Niemyer "Chiquita"

Another top regatta was the Mission Bay Fleet's Stanley Andrews Trophy Race. The wind had hauled around to the North which gave a perfect windward-leeward course for the bay. The first race was won by Ed Cotter in "Atlanta" from the Newport-Balboa Fleet, second place was taken by Ray Chenhall and Norvel Diamond of the home club brought up third. The next race found Ed and Ray changing positions with Ed Anderson of Mission Bay third. The final race gave Ray another first followed by Ed Cotter and Bill Pirie. It is interesting to note that after five of these series, no skipper has had a repeat performance.

Coronado's Thanksgiving Regatta was held for the sixth straight year in South San Diego Bay with the usual light airs. The first race sent the fleet toward the Silver Strand and while the rest of the boats played the shifts along the shore, Dave Wright and Ray Chenhall found some steady breeze out in the middle. Dave rounded the windward mark with a comfortable lead followed by Ed Cotter, Ray Chenhall, Bob Niemyer, and Dick Driskell. On the slide back to the committee boat, positions were won and lost as most of the fleet tacked down wind in an effort to keep the laundry filled. Dave Wright in "Sauci Sue" managed to hold the fleet off long enough to take first almost being pushed across the line by Ray Chenhall and Bob Niemyer.

The second race was started in drifting air with a strong tide pushing the fleet away from the windward mark. Once again the fleet went over to play the shifts off-shore and to get away from the tide. "G-Wiz" with Jack Campbell at the helm finally found the slot and slowly pulled away from the fleet. Marold Eyestone had his new cottons on and couldn't take being left behind so he

took off after Jack. These positions held the second time around and Ray Chenhall finished with a comfortable third.

The final race brought with it a little fresher breeze and also the hottest battle for a position that the skippers had seen in many a day. Jack Campbell with his "G-Wiz" and Marvold Eyestone in "Belampo" took off again to leave the fleet to battle it out for the third spot. As these two boats fought to windward, crossed on the reach and flew the spinnaker it seemed that every bit of strategy used had been anticipated by the other. The results found "Belampo" first, "G-Wiz" second and once again Ray Chenhall in "Zoom" in his third spot. Ray's consistency once again bore him the "hardware" with Jack Campbell and Marvold Eyestone close behind.



Belle Niemyer, Fleet 114, Southern District Runner-up racing Chinquid at the Coronado Yacht Club in the Thanksgiving Lightning Regatta.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Eugene H. Kipp

District Secretary: David C. Langworthy

Fleets: Barnegat Bay (3); Delaware River Yacht Club (8); Ten State Yacht Club (18); Little Egg Harbor (26); Metedeconk River (34); Shore Acres Yacht Club (86); Spray Beach Yacht Club (91); Toms River (92); Great Egg Harbor Bay (99); Lavallette (104); Brant Beach (123); Surf City Yacht Club (196); Cooper River (197); Mantoloking (210); Cape May Harbor (213); Brigantine Yacht Club (217); Riverton Yacht Club (228).

District Report: As this is written the New Jersey waters from Bay Head to Cape May and westward on the Delaware and Cooper Rivers are resting under cold winter skies after the longest, busiest summer of Lightning sailing in the history of the Central Atlantic District. This year seven major sanctioned regattas were conducted on or adjacent to Barnegat Bay where the majority of the C. A. D. fleets sail. These were the Metedeconk River Third Annual Spring Tune-up, the New Jersey State Championship, the Atlantic Coast Championship, the C.A.D. Championship, the South Jersey

Championship, the President's Cup and the International Lightning Championship Regatta. No other District, however mighty and proud, can point to a record like this. It was wonderful!

It all began on the pleasant days of June 15th and 16th at the Third Annual Metedeconk Tune-up Regatta. This was a prophetic three race series in which Dutch Sindle of Lavallette Fleet 104, sailing the venerable "Bayrader" (1864), took first with Charlie Dore of Spray Beach Fleet 913 in the "Kipper" (1704) and Jim Carson of the last Fleet 15, in "Flying Mice" (1904) taking second and third spots. On the next week-end the crowd gathered at Lavallette Yacht Club for the Fourth Annual New Jersey State Championship which was held at Red Bank last year when Ed Waters took the honors. This year the three race series was won by Jack Orelup of Barnegat Bay Fleet 5 in his handsome "Javelin" (4960) with a second and two thirds. Sindle took second place and Bob Adams of Metedeconk River Fleet 34 won third place in "Bandit" (4961). The first race was sailed on Saturday, June 22nd; the weather was cold and rainy with rather poor visibility. Sindle got the gun in the opener followed by Charlie Allaire of Red Bank and Orelup. In the second race on Sunday morning, Leighton Waters of the South Shrewsbury River Fleet 80, Metropolitan District, sailed his "So Long" (3108) across the finish in first place. He was followed by Bob Adams and Orelup was again in the third spot. Ed Waters, the previous year's champion from Red Bank of the Metropolitan District, sailed his "Revenge" (4912) across the finish line first in the final race. Orelup finished second in this race to win the series from Sindle who was breathing down his neck in the series standings.

The activity then decentralized for a few weeks while fleet elimination races were held to determine the participants of the District Championship series. This regatta was conducted on July 26th and 27th by the hostinger Yacht Club and Fleet of all, Spray Beach and Fleet 91, where, of course, later were held the President's Cup and International Championship Regattas. An excellent story of the C.A.D. series can be found in the August-September 1952 issue of "Flasher"; so here we will only note that the spectacular Harry Sindle took off his Army uniform long enough to win firsts in all three races. This remarkable operation was accomplished on the "Bayrader" in which Harry's father, Dutch, won the earlier series at Metedeconk. Charlie Dore was second, clearly followed by Jack Orelup. It's probably too late now, but in the December 1952 issue of "Yachting" the Sindle boat was listed for sale.

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On the following weekend, August 2nd and 3rd, everyone drove down Long Beach Island a short way to the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club and Fleet 26 who were hosts for the Annual Atlantic Coast Championship. Magnus Pedersen had won this event the year before at the Nyaak Boat Club in the Metropolitan District. This year Charlie Allaire of Red Bank found the light air to his taste and noted our club mate Ed Waters to take first. Charlie Dore, only one point behind Waters, was third. Again, refer to the August-September issue of "Flashes" for the full report on this series.

The skippers of the three southern fleets in the District participated in the South Jersey Championship series held on August 16th and 17th at Brigantine Yacht Club and Fleet 217. Participating in the series were seventeen yachts from Fleets 99, 213, and 217. John Kenney in "Black Spot" (5072) and Bob Morris in "Jolly Roger" (5075) both of Cape May Harbor Fleet 217 took top honors in that order. This was scheduled to be a three-race series but strong winds on Saturday so decimated the fleet that this race was cancelled and the standings after two races on Sunday were used to determine the outcome.

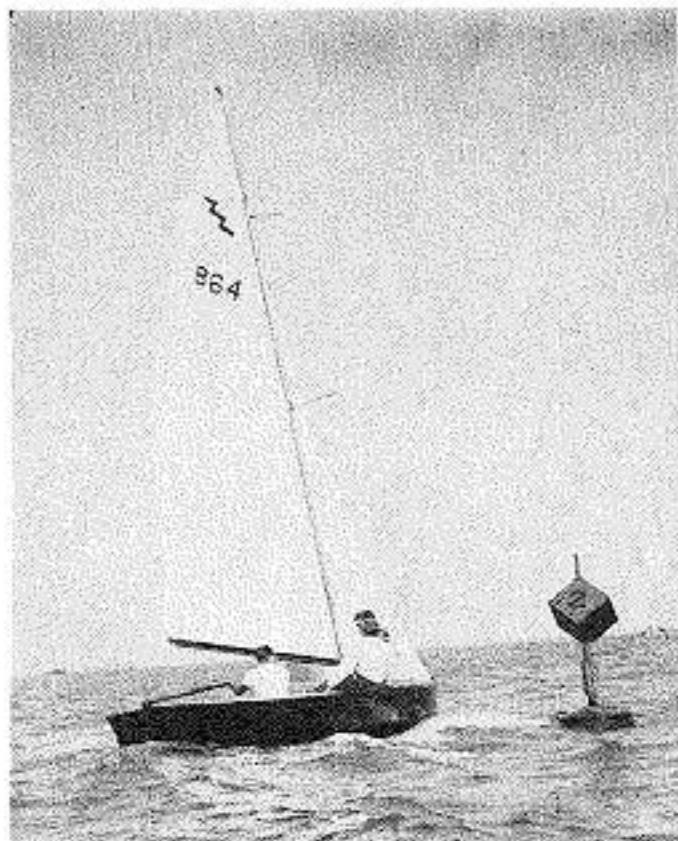
There followed now a fortnight of relative quiet before the climax of September 3rd to 6th with the President's Cup and International Championship Regattas at Spray Beach Yacht Club. This great affair is thoroughly reported elsewhere in the 1953 Year Book and in the October-November 1952 issue of "Flashes". Our thanks and great admiration to this fine fleet and club for a superlative regatta during which fine weather and good sport were in abundance. Our congratulations to Bob Graf, our new Class Champion to Gene Walet, Herm Nickels, Doc Murphy, Walt Swindeman and to Tom Allen, winner of the President's cup, Ed Waters, Jim Carson and all the skippers and crews who helped make this a memorable time for all.

Racing events in other areas attracted C.A.D. Skippers during the course of this busy year. Very early (February 22, 23, and 24, 1952, to be exact) Jack Orelup, Charlie Dore, Harry Sindle and Dave Shay attended the wonderful Lightning Mid-Winter Championship Regatta at St. Petersburg, Florida. Dore ended up with a third in the series; this was rather remarkable, really, because Charlie was also honeymooning at the time and, in addition, did not have his regular crew. These same skippers plan to return to St. Pete this year and will be joined by Johnny Tiegland, former International Champion, the Kenney's of Cape May, Bob Flack of Spray Beach, and, he hopes, the writer if he can find somebody to crew.

Charlie Dore and Dave Shay also went to Toledo where Dore took second place in the Toledo Yacht Club Fleet 42 Froxbire Regatta. Jack Orelup of Bay Head sailing the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Series achieved the unique record of winning six of these Saturday races in succession to win the BBYRA Lightning Championship for 1951. Orelup also won the Jack Wright Perpetual Trophy for Lightnings at Island Heights Yacht Club. John Walton of Brigantine Yacht Club Fleet 217 won the President's (the White House type) Cup in Washington, D. C. in September. Jack was sailing his new boat "Dead Eye" (5074).

The Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic District was held at Spray Beach Yacht Club on July 25, 1952. Charles H. Dore, III, District Commodore, presided, assisted by John W. Orelup, Honorary Commodore and Eugene H. Kipp, Secretary. The following were elected officers for the 1952-53 year: John W. Orelup and Charles H. Dore, III, Honorary Commodores; Eugene H. Kipp, Commodore; David P. Shay and H. Lyman Sindle, Honorary Vice-Commodores; J. Leslie White, Vice-Commodore; Lawrence A. Kenney, Treasurer; and David C. Langworthy, Secretary. A thorough discussion was held to determine the merits of the proposed revised amendments to the L.C.A. By-Laws and Specifications. Mr. John Orelup was requested and authorized to present the views of the District at the Annual L.C.A. meeting in September if the necessity arose. Mr. H. Lyman Sindle, Treasurer, gave a very favorable Treasurer's Report and recommended that the District dues be reduced from \$1.00 for each boat to \$.25. This suggestion was adopted. There was a vote of thanks for the outgoing officers and, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

We are happy to welcome into the District the Riverton Yacht Club Lightning Fleet No. 228 whose charter was approved at the Annual L.C.A. meeting in September. This brings the total C.A.D. fleet membership to seventeen and the total boats to nearly 200.



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CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jay Donovan

District Secretary: Nelson F. Bruce

Fleets: Seneca County Club (31); Cereson Yacht Club (91); Onondaga Lake Fleet (1101); Fair Haven Bay Fleet (15); Canandaigua Yacht Club Fleet (144); Newport Yacht Club Fleet (77); Lewis Point Fleet (91); Great Sodus Bay Fleet (1108); Red Jacket Fleet (1125); Canastota Fleet (1401); Genesee Yacht Club Fleet (148); Oswego Yacht Club Fleet (149); Canastota Fleet (164); Henderson Harbor Fleet (1251).

District Report: The Central New York District held its annual meeting at the Hotel Gardenier, Newark, New York, on March 16, 1952 with ten fleets answering roll call. Commodore Dr. Eugene Carpenter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The first report was the Resolutions Committee headed by Cliff O'Kane. This report was on the subject of weight of boats being built and there was considerable discussion. A resolution was offered by Ernie Hamilton that a page be put in the 1952 Year Book giving the consensus of opinion of this district on the question of light boats. This was carried and on page 15 of the Year Book, this resolution was printed.

Secretary, Jay Donovan, spoke in favor of a more open District Regatta and after some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried that 50% of paid-up boats per fleet would be eligible for the District Regatta.

The district gave approval to the Canadian Fleets to form their own district as they felt that due to distance, international boundaries, etc., that they could not attend our regattas or meetings.

All fleets were urged to get in their National dues and also their skippers and crews dues.

It was voted that the District Regatta be held at the Canandaigua Yacht Club on August 2nd and 3rd. Unanimously elected as District Officers for 1952 were: Commodore, Jay Donovan, 2894 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, New York; Newport Yacht Club; Secretary, Nelson F. Bruce, 216 Pebble Beach Road, Lakeville, New York; Canastota Lightning Fleet.

The new commodore appointed as the Board of Governors, Dr. Eugene Carpenter 95, Bill Place 44, and Lawrence Morely 108.

After the meeting, colored slides and movies were shown of our 1951 District Regatta.

The next meeting was held August 2nd, at the Canandaigua Yacht Club during the District Eliminations and was well attended.

Then fleets answered roll call with 53 boats being represented. The opening of the Regatta to 50% of paid up boats worked out very well and it was decided that it should be tried for another year. The full report of the eliminations are printed in "Flashes", but it must be repeated that it was an excellent Regatta with every committee doing a wonderful job.

The final scores of the eliminations showed Dr. John McFintosh, of Newport, as champion with Bud Minor, Canandaigua, second, Charles Halingan Sodus Bay, third, and Bill Place, Canandaigua, fourth. All but Bud Minor went to the Internationals. The final scores of every boat were sent in to "Flashes" but was not printed.

Inter-Club Regattas flourished this year and they seem to grow. The Lake Shores Lightning Squadron Regatta was held at Great Sodus Bay Yacht Club on July 4, 5, and 6th. The Host Club put in a lot of hard work and money to get docking and parking ready as the high water was still with them.

The Sodus Fleet had a fine program and the wind and weather were just what they ordered. There were 27 boats from 5 fleets and competition was keen. Three boats from the Genesee Yacht Club sailed the 35 miles from Rochester to Sodus Bay and then trailed back after the Regatta. Thirty-five miles is quite a ways to sail in Lake Ontario against the wind. The three boats were skippered by Freddie Ross, Clarence "Barney" Wilson and Jack Southard. Ross had as crew, Sol Beres, and Sol's son, John, aged ten. Barney Wilson had his son Charles, aged 13 and Warren Stephens, and Jack had Mrs. Southard and their two children.

Another inter-club regatta was held in Lake Ontario between Genesee Yacht Club and Newport Yacht Club. This was supposed to be a two-day regatta for the Democrat and Chronicle Trophy but on Saturday Lake Ontario really kicked up and it was too dangerous to go out into the lake. Two races were held on Sunday, and the trophy was retained by Newport's Pete Darling.

Lewis Point Lightning Fleet, on Lake Oneida, has the largest invitation regatta each year and there is always good sailing and food and of course good fellowship. Lake Oneida seems each year, to have one race where it is man and boat against the elements and it is rough going.

The Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta was held at Keuka Lake this year. This regatta is an open one for all classes. Due to the great number of regattas this year in the district, the Lightnings did not turn out as well as usual.

To finish the season, Canastota Lightning Fleet #140, took seven boats to Silver Lake Lightning Fleet (47) on Silver Lake. This fleet is in the Lake Erie District and also entered seven boats and two team races were held on Sunday with Canastota coming out the winner.

Competition in this district is keen and we are sure that we have a grand group of members who are good sailors and real sportsmen.

DIXIE DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Robert E. L. Johnson

District Vice Commodore: Milton Ester

District Secretary: Herman C. Henschen

Fleets: Washington Fleet (50); Indian River Yacht Club Fleet (72); Sue Island Lightning Fleet (87); Potomac Lightning Fleet (128); Sparrows Point Yacht Club Fleet (157); North East River Fleet (192).

District Report: The 1952 season can be considered a success for the Dixie District although some of the goals for the year were not met. The membership for the district was increased, and the publicity and promotion of the Lightning Class was extensive and effective.

Two new centers of Lightning activity developed during the year. The membership of Fleet 192—The North East River Fleet—at the head of Chesapeake Bay was increased to 12 active members, and the Washington Fleet 50 was also enlarged, due to the great activity at the National Yacht Club. Commodore Walter Collier and Vice Commodore Francis Shearer of this Club are active Lightning skippers and have been instrumental in advancing the interests of the Lightning Class. In the Fall Series of races sponsored by the Potomac River Sailing Association, Lightnings outnumbered all but one other class.

The Dixie District championship held on July 19th and 20th at the Indian River Yacht Club, Oak Orchard, Delaware, had 12 entries and was won by Bo-Bo II, sailed by Robert Parnell of the Home Club, after a closely contested series.

The President's Cup Regatta, sailed each September on the Potomac River at Washington is probably the most important large sailing event held in Dixie District waters. Some 35 Light-



A start at the District Eliminations.

nings from East Coast districts were entered. The first prize this year was won by Arthur Caraduff of the Washington Fleet in "Halcyon".

Special thanks must be given to the Dixie District Publicity Committee. This committee worked hard and efficiently to promote the L.C.A., its activities, and especially the Dixie District Championships. The coverage for the latter was most effective.

The officers and members of the Indian River Yacht Club deserve special thanks and commendation for their generosity and efficient handling of the Championships. The Regatta Committee appointed for this event planned carefully and thoroughly, and ran the entire series without a hitch.

The Dixie District officers also wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the various fleets for their cooperation and help throughout this season. This assistance made the 1952 season a most pleasant one, and one that we hope has advanced the interests of Lightnings and the L.C.A.

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Edward Olsen

District Secretary: John S. Barton

Fleets: Housatonic (6); Black Rock (17); Columbia Lake (49); Branford (63); Candlewood Lake (82); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Western Narragansett (119); Cedar Point (126); Madison Beach (129); Noroton (134); Thames River (139); Pequot (153); Wadawamuck (183); Watch Hill (195); Norwalk (210).

District Report: Lightning activities in the Connecticut District continued on the increase during 1952. At the beginning of the season an active Norwalk fleet was added to the District. Several successful interfleet events were held. At the Black Rock—Fayerweather Regatta, with about twenty-five Lightnings participating, Harry Olsen in "Lienese", Vern Randall in "Rascal", and John Barton in "Blue Heaven" tied for first honors.

Kim O'Gorman in "Shmoos" took first and Sue Widman in "Spitfire" placed second at both the Pequot and Noroton Invitation Regattas, with about thirty-five and twenty-five participants respectively.

At the Milford-Housatonic Regatta, Wayne Brockett in "Torch" captured first place.

"Down East", the E.C.Y.R.A. Regatta at New London attracted a fleet of twenty-six Lightnings and found Bill Healy in

"Bottoms Up" the winner, with Sam Knox in "Hot Canary" as runner-up.

The District Championships this year were held at the Noroton Yacht Club, who proved to be very gracious hosts and afforded the contestants and commodore Bud Olsen's Race Committee every facility for a successful series.

The first race was sailed in light air and found Sherm Chantland in "Malolich" profiting by a long shot and coming in first. Moderate breezes prevailed for the second and third races, with a squall producing some excitement on the final leg of the last race. Bill Healy in "Bottoms Up" took both races and with them the championship. Sue Widman in "Spitfire", with two seconds and a fourth, placed second in the series and Sherm Chantland in "Malolich" placed third.

With Sue Widman unable to go, Bill Healy and Sherm Chantland represented the District at the Internationals at Spray Beach. Bill turned in one of the best performances of the District in the Internationals and would have been among the leaders in the final standings had he not given a competitor the benefit of the doubt and withdrawn from the first race.

Sam Knox in "Hot Canary", who placed fourth in the Districts, was subject to a severe disappointment when he was led to believe that the District would be entitled to three representatives at the Internationals, the same as in previous years, and did not learn until the last minute that our paid memberships had decreased until it allowed only two representatives. Sam participated in the President's Cup instead and had his Hot Canary really whirling among the leaders in that fleet of forty-five hot competitors. The District was very well represented at the President's Cup Regatta, with at least five entries, probably more than any other district except the host district.

It is hoped that the fleets in the District will jack up their members next year to get in their dues so that the District can again have three representatives in the Internationals.

The district officers elected for the coming year are Commodore Paul V. Lena of Niantic Bay, Fleet 85, and Secretary Marion W. Shepard, Jr., of Candlewood Lake, Fleet 82.

GREATER LONG ISLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Wilbur July

Fleets: Cedarhurst Yacht Club (2); Sheephead Bay (38); Hewlett Bay (58); Gardiner & Peconic Bays (116); Mattituck (141);

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

FLEET 102

Cabrillo Beach Y. C.
San Pedro

FLEET 114

Coronado Yacht Club
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Moriches Bay (142); Great South Bay (178); Keystone Yacht Club (208); Port Jefferson Lightning Fleet (214).

District Report: Bill Uhl in "Spark", 3524, was acclaimed the winner of the 4th Annual Greater Long Island District regatta held in Hewlett Bay, East Rockaway on July 26 and 27. This was the second consecutive year that Bill has won the District.

Uhl, Connors, 4251, and McKnight, 4883, traveled from the Eastern tip of Long Island and definitely gave the "locals" a sailing lesson. Uhl took two firsts and an eighth and Connors came in second twice and also ran ninth. McKnight ran third twice and ninth once. The only race in which the "locals" fared well was the third which Bob Grimmig, 1728, won, Dallidouze, 1739, came in third, Harrington, 3225, and Browne, 365, took fourth and fifth respectively whereby the Fleet 58 entries won four of the first five positions.

Saturday, July 26, dawned clear, with a southwest wind blowing steadily. After a very hotly contested race, Uhl was the winner, Brown, 365, second and McKnight, third. The second race on Saturday afternoon was once more clear; however, the wind from the southwest had picked up so that the race was a quick one. When the dust cleared, it was found that Uhl had once again come home in front, followed by Connors and McKnight.

Saturday night the Annual District Meeting was held after a dinner at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club. At the Annual Meeting Wilbur July was elected Commodore for 1953 and Art Nelson, Vice Commodore. The short meeting was followed by an evening of dancing and merriment.

Sunday morning was overcast, but with a steady westerly wind blowing. However, during the course of the race all types of sailing were encountered as the boats first were hit with a mid-summer rain squall that cut visibility to zero; then a calm, and once again a steady westerly.

The 18 entries finished in the following order:

| Skipper | Boat No. | 1st Race | 2nd Race | 3rd Race |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Uhl | 3524 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Grimmig | 1728 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Connors | 4251 | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| Browne | 365 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| McKnight | 4883 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| Thayer | 4695 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Dallidouze | 1739 | 6 | 14 | 3 |
| Cred | 761 | 7 | 11 | 10 |
| Kachne | 3220 | 15 | 4 | 11 |
| Harrington | 3225 | 12 | 15 | 4 |
| Nelson | 3039 | 13 | 8 | 12 |
| Thomas | 3904 | 8 | 18 | 8 |
| Murphy | 1144 | 10 | 10 | 16 |
| Robins | 3964 | 17 | 9 | 13 |
| Mahaney | 1896 | 11 | 16 | 14 |
| Ilyenes | 4711 | 14 | 12 | 17 |
| Bergh | 131 | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| Thomas | 1729 | 18 | 13 | 18 |

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Robert Aschenbush

District Secretary: Robert Brunton

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauque Lake Yacht Club (191); Erie Yacht Club (24); Navier Yacht Club Fleet, inactive (28); Silver Lake Yacht Club (47); Niagara Sailing Club (159); Sandy Beach Yacht Club (78); Buffalo Yacht Club (81); Cuba Lake Fleet (115); Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (118); Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet (146); Conneaut Lake Lightning Fleet (180); Towee Yacht Club Lightning Fleet (198).

District Report: The Lake Erie Lightning District started the 1952 sailing season under the able direction of Commodore Tom Fallon, with a record number of boats registered in clubs which make up the district. June and July were spent racing in home waters, tuning in preparation for the first regatta of the season. Landing skippers and crews began to point for the District Regatta which was held at the Buffalo Canoe Club August 1-3.

Forty-three of the top boats in the district, from all active clubs, competed in the five race schedule, sailing in near perfect weather. Contrary to many experiences in Abino Bay for district sailors, the winds were light and variable throughout the meet.

At the end of the first day's racing, the point total was very close, with Carl Smither in first place with 84 points, Tom Fallon second with 83 points, Graf and Allen tied for third with 79 points, and Coleman close up with 75 points. On Saturday, winds were again light and tricky around the outside course. By virtue of two well earned firsts, Graf tied Fallon with 165 points each, followed closely by Carl Smither with 164 points. Allen and Coleman made up those of the fleet who were close enough to do some damage in the last race. On Sunday, after the final race

had been postponed for lack of wind, the starting guns finally roared, and the fleet started with very little breeze. Tom Allen led the fleet over the finish line after a long hard race, followed by Joe Holler and McGinnis. However, Graf managed to salvage fifth place and carried off the District Championship. Smither was sixth, and Fallon with ninth, placed second and third in the regatta and earned the right to represent Lake Erie District in the International Regatta.

Our collective cups are off again to the Buffalo Canoe Club Lightning Group for a fine job well done.

Immediately after the last race of the District Meeting, leading skippers and crews pointed for the Lake Yacht Racing Association meeting held August 8-10 at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto, Ontario, in conjunction with that club's Centennial Celebration. Here again, Graf showed his superiority in carrying off the first place flag, followed by Tom Fallon and Bob Siemer.

The last regatta which the boats from the district attended was held at the Niagara Sailing Club, a regatta which is becoming a well known and competitive meeting for the Niagara River championship. Sailing again in light winds, Graf, who took home the hardware for first place. (It was getting to be a habit) sailed three fine races in unfamiliar waters beset by Niagara River Current. Coleman and Sharps of the Buffalo Canoe Club took second and third place. Thus, for the first time since its origin, the Niagara River championship was dominated by sailors from the Buffalo Canoe Club.

For most of us, this was the close of District Competition for 1952, but we can't help but pause to mention how Bob Graf after tries in years past, went on to win the Lightning Internationals at Spray Beach. For his outstanding superiority in the field of yacht racing, Graf was awarded the "Sportsman of the Year" trophy at the annual Buffalo Athletic Club Sports Dinner.

In 1953, the District Regatta will be held at the Sandy Beach Yacht Club on upper Niagara River. This meeting will be a joint effort, with the Niagara Sailing Club and Sandy Beach Yacht Club collaborating. We hope the district skippers will turn out, as usual for a regatta, which, from the plans thus far, should be a fine one. Until then, fair winds and good sailing in 1953!

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Henry J. Abreu

District Secretary: Idda Jova

Fleets: Paupack Sailing Fleet (16); Lake Mohawk Yacht Club (25); Lake Hopateong Fleet (29); Chelsea Yacht Club Fleet (39); High Tor Fleet (41); Red Bank on the Shrewsbury Fleet (70); Nyack Fleet (75); South Shrewsbury River 80); Awosting Yacht Squadron Fleet (95); Black Hawk Lightning Fleet (172); Raritan Bay Lightning Fleet (185).

District Report: The District Championship Regatta was held at Red Bank, N. J., home of Fleet 70, on July 26 and 27th, nineteen entries from five fleets competing for the beautiful Cox Memorial Bowl.

Charlie Allaire, sailing "Valhalla", the boat in which Pete Pedersen won the District Championship in 1951, won the series with two third places and a first. Joe Hoffee of Nyack was runner-up, trailing Allaire by only one point, coming in fifth, first, and second. Pim Epler, who had led up to the third race was a first and fourth, ran into hard luck in the third race, placing ninth and

getting a third for the series. Barbara Bull was tied in points with Epler and placed fourth.

Light variable breezes prevailed during all three races. Competition was so keen among the leading boats that the outcome was in doubt to the end of the last race. At the end of the second race Barbara Bull in fifth place with 31 points was trailing the leader, (Pim Epler, with 35 points) by four points. Allaire and Hoffee were tied for second place with 34 points, and June Methot, in fourth place, had 32 points. Excitement ran high!

It was voted to hold the District Championships in 1953 at Lake Wallenpaupack, Paupack, Pa. This series will be held on July 18th and 19th and we hope to encourage the less active fleets in the District to participate.

The District was well represented and very successful in the Atlantic Coast Championships held at Beach Haven, N. J. Charlie Allaire, our District Champion, won the series, and Ed. Waters, also of Fleet 70, was runner-up. Joe Hoffee of Nyack placed second in the third race.

Three boats from the District competed in the Internationals at Spray Beach, N. J.: Charlie Allaire, Fleet 70, and Joe Hoffee and Jim Epler, both of Fleet 75. Allaire and Hoffee ended up eighth and ninth in the five race series. Allaire was unfortunate in his choice of tacks in the first two races and came in 25th in each, but in the last three races he was third, fourth, and second. Hoffee's best was a third place in the second race. Epler was sixteenth in the series, putting all representatives of the Metropolitan District in the top half of the Internationals.

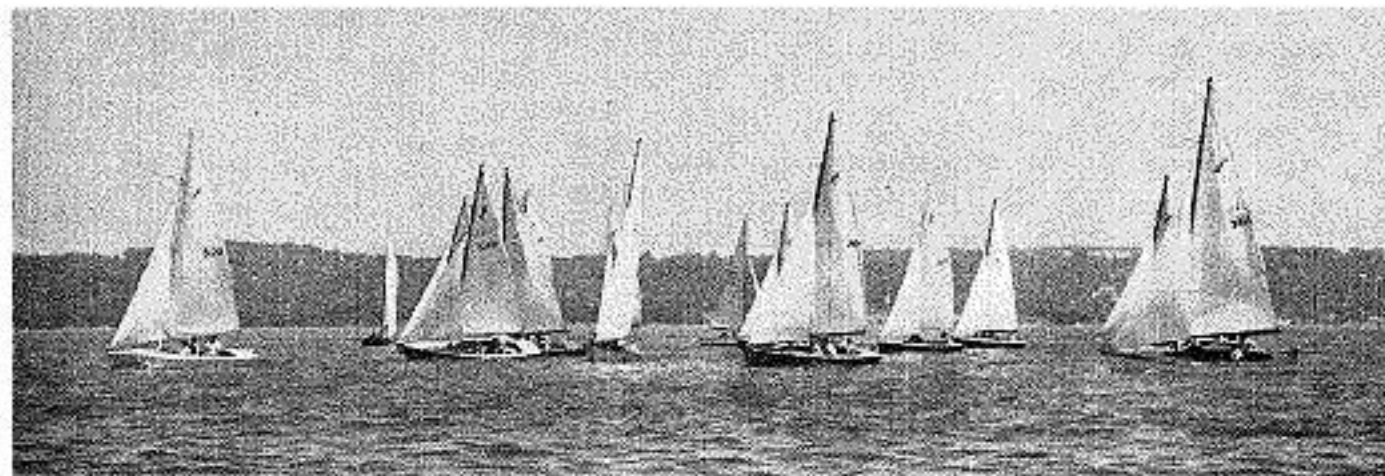
Mid-Hudson Championship: The Mid-Hudson Regatta was held at Nyack on July 12th and 13th with a total of 26 boats representing five clubs along the Hudson River. After a week-end of drifting under a boiling sun or breezeless waters the series was won for the second time by Magnus Pedersen of the Nyack Boat Club in his new "Valhalla III".

The first race on Saturday afternoon found all 26 entries drifting once around the triangular course with not a trace of breeze under a scorching sun, with the strong tides playing havoc with many of the contestants. Pedersen managed to struggle across the finish line first, just eight minutes under the maximum allotted time of three and a half hours. Hoffee was second and Epler third. The second race was to have started at ten o'clock Sunday morning but a perfectly flat sea delayed things until quite a nice breeze came in and 24 boats fairly flew over toward Tarrytown and back in half an hour, with Epler first, Pedersen second, and young Filippi third. In the Sunday afternoon race, Hoffee managed to slide in well ahead of the pack but it was nip and tuck as to whether Pedersen could wiggle over the line ahead of Epler with absolutely no wind to help. Pete just made by a half a boat length and thereby copped the title. This of course won for him and his crew a dunking in the Hudson.

The final results were Pedersen first, Epler second, and Hoffee third.

Red Grant Regatta: The Red Grant Regatta, sponsored by the Raritan Bay Yacht Club at Perth Amboy, N. J. was won by Charlie Allaire in "Valhalla", with Neil Clifton second, Ed Waters third, and June Methot fourth. It was a drifting match all the way through.

National Sweepstakes Sailing Regatta: The National Sweepstakes is an annual fixture at Red Bank, held at Monmouth Boat Club and sponsored by the National Sweepstakes Association,



First race at Nyack in the Mid-Hudson Regatta, July 12, 1952

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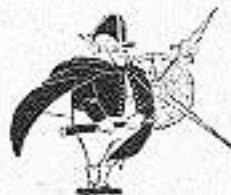


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which puts on all the Gold Cup Regattas for the "Stinkpots". In the Lightning Group first place went to Bill Wyckoff, sailing "Valhalla" in Altaire's absence, with Ed. Waters taking second and Bob Davis third.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Walter A. Roney

District Secretary: Burrows Morley

Fleets: South Haven Yacht Club (30); Devil's Lake Yacht Club (31); Crescent Sail Yacht Club (31); Lake Fenton Yacht Club (33); Pontiac Yacht Club (34); Grosse Ile Yacht Club (68); Bayview Yacht Club (83); Higgins Lake (110); St. Joseph Harbor (113); Eagle Lake (123); Lower Lake Huron (124); Detroit Yacht Club (131); Gull Lake (137); Tawas Bay Yacht Club (152); Warkins Lake Yacht Club (155); Omena-Traverse Yacht Club (174); Leland Yacht Club (194); Northpoint (202); Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (204); Saginaw Bay (216).

District Report: Thirty-five Lightnings sailed in the Michigan District Championships at Pontiac Yacht Club on Cass Lake July 19th and 20th. PYC is easily accessible from the highway, has lots of parking space, fine launching and docking facilities. Friday night arrivals were greeted with cocktails and beer at the tent pitched near the clubhouse. Al Gray did a swell job measuring sails. Co-chairman H. Van Phipps and Harold Cousins, Commodore Frank Bonner, and hard-working committees made this a smoothly run regatta.

Saturday night was dance night at nearby Veterans of Foreign Wars. Weatherman did not co-operate; instead dished out rain, squalls, and more rain. Heavy shower Sunday noon made it impossible to serve lunch at the Tent. Fast-stepping committees soon had us all well fed at nearby Rotunda Inn.

While five races scheduled, only four sailed—rain followed by dead calm wiped out last one. District Champ for second consecutive year was Hank Cawthra with 140 points; in second slot, "Doc" Murphy with 129. Just a whisker behind was Wes Wiedrick with 128; Herm Nickels grabbed 4th spot with 125 points. Hospitable, hardworking, friendly PYC turned in a "Well Done" job under difficult conditions.

Race recaps follow:

1st Race: N-W wind 6-10 mph.

Schneider and Murphy took early lead. First mark: Murphy-

Henry J. Castella, Michigan District Champion in "Broom" # 1924

Schneider-Cawthra. Second leg was a run and position held. Third leg was a beam reach and positions held. Second windward leg: Cawthra passed both Schneider and Murphy and took first. Positions held to finish.

2nd Race: N-W wind 8-12 mph.

Again Schneider and Murphy were up front with an early lead. First race winner, Cawthra, was over line early and had to cross again putting him way back in the fleet, however, he sailed to windward excellently and was in first place at the first mark. Murphy was second. Positions held to finish.

3rd Race: N-W wind 5-8 mph.

A three boat race between Nichols, Wiedrick and Cawthra. Murphy also pressed all the way. Fought boat for boat all during race. Cawthra out-reached others just before finish line.

4th Race: N-E wind 0-5 mph.

Murphy was off to a good start with Wiedrick 2nd and Cawthra 3rd. After 2/3 rds. of windward leg completed, Cawthra passed Murphy and Wiedrick—all three were then passed by Patterson. At first mark it was: Patterson, Murphy, Cawthra and Wiedrick. Wind died and the 2nd leg became a spinnaker-run drift. Nichols and Fury crept along the north shore and pulled abreast of the leaders. At the second mark it was: Patterson, Murphy, Fury, Nichols followed by Cawthra, Wiedrick and then the bulk of the fleet. The race was shortened to once around. The last leg saw Murphy gamble on the south shoreline and lost. Nichols, Fury, and Cawthra approached finish line together, with Cawthra the winner by feet.

5th Race: Cancelled because of lack of wind.

MIDWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Theodore A. Haller.

District Secretary: R. M. Eyster, Jr.

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club (51); Michigan City Yacht Club (29); Burnham Park Yacht Club (56); Neenah-Nodaway Fleet (67); Milwaukee Lightning Fleet (69); Decatur Fleet (74); South Shore Yacht Club (79); Columbus Yacht Club (97); Green Bay Lightning (112); Island Bay Lightning Fleet (117); Ivy Lightning Fleet (160); Lake Davenport Lightning Fleet (167); Mendota Lightning Fleet (177); North Shore Lightning Fleet (186); Sheboygan Lightning Fleet (187); Jackson Park Lightning Fleet (199); Gary Fleet (221); St. Louis Lightning Fleet (231).

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District Report: The first Winter Meeting of the Midwest District was held February 9, 1952, at the Chicago Yacht Club. The meeting was well attended by representatives from six fleets and honored with the presence of Lightning Class Association Officers: Secretary, C. B. Crittenden and Executive Secretary, O. S. Cain. The District Championship Regatta was awarded to the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Fleet 5.

This proved to be a happy choice. Fleet 5 provided two days (August 9 and 10) of perfect sailing weather with winds of 12 and 30 mph.; a race committee that made no mistakes; an entertainment committee that arranged a fine banquet and a hilarious square dance on Saturday night. Maybe the good weather just happened, but the welcome, generous help, and good fellowship that prevailed was not just an accident. The spirit that makes sailing a great sport was there from start to finish.

After three years of being mixed in the District Regatta, Bill Wingard finally came thru without an accident and decisively won the Championship with a 2nd and two 1st places against a field of 22 entries representing 8 fleets. Final standings were:

- 1st Place—Bill Wingard, Chicago Corinthian, Fleet 5
- 2nd Place—Harold Walker, Milwaukee Fleet 69
- 3rd Place—Earl Ross, Chicago Corinthian Fleet 5
- 4th Place—Leo Munster, Chicago Corinthian Fleet 5
- 5th Place—Dick Schultz, Nesham-Nodaway Fleet 67

Dick Schultz and his crewing family represented the Midwest District at the International Championship Regatta. They placed 19th out of the fleet of 36 which is good considering the fact that they were experimenting with some new heavy Orion sails.

At the District Annual Meeting on August 7th, retiring Commodore Harold Walker was given a sincere ovation and vote of thanks for so ably skippering the District affairs for the last two years. The meeting produced much lively discussion of Orion sails, a decision to have a winter meeting in Chicago early in 1953, and the election of Ted Haller, Springfield Fleet 117 as District Commodore. The high point of the evening was the presentation to the District of a beautiful sterling silver bowl as a perpetual trophy for the District Regatta. The presentation was made by Jerry Rosenthal in behalf of Milwaukee Fleet 69.

In addition to the District Regatta, the racing season sparkled with many other fine annual regattas throughout the District including:

- Milwaukee Journal Regatta—Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Chicago Daily News Regatta—Chicago, Illinois
- Ivy Invitational Regatta—Peoria, Illinois
- Middle States Regatta—Springfield, Illinois
- Harbor Point Regatta—Alton, Illinois
- Red Plannel Regatta—Chicago, Illinois

Also there were matches between the Milwaukee and Chicago Fleets, between the Fleets of the Chicago Squadron, and between Decatur and Springfield. These all added to the great store of happy memories, and friendships made or renewed during 1952.

At a fall meeting, the Chicago Fleets elected able Abe Jacobs of Fleet 56 their squadron commander, succeeding Bill Anderson of Fleet 5 who was a spark plug of the many lightning events.

At the start of 1953, we are very pleased to welcome a new Fleet: St. Louis Lightning Fleet No. 231, affiliated with the Harbor Point Yacht Club, located across the Mississippi River from Alton, Illinois. Even while in the formative stage, this Fleet made the trek en masse to the Middle States Regatta at Springfield and the Red Plannel Regatta at Chicago. At the latest report, their Fleet has already grown from three to five Lightnings, and further growth is certain with such enthusiasm.

With both the Midwest District and Lightning Class Association Winter Meetings being held in Chicago on February 7, 1953, to start the season, this should be a great year for the Lightning sailors in the Midwest District. We are looking forward to having every Fleet represented in the 1953 District Championship Regatta.

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: George V. Fisher

District Secretary: Robert McClaren

Fleets: Maple City Fleet (21); Indian Lake Fleet (23); Leather Lips Fleet (27); Turkey Foot Fleet (33); Pymatuning Fleet (36); Mentor Harbor Fleet (37); Toledo Fleet (42); Buckeye Lake Fleet (44); Edgewater Fleet (45); Cincinnati Fleet (57); Rocky River Fleet (73); Commodore Perry Fleet (103); Port Clinton Fleet (136); Mahoning Fleet (150); Lake Waukegan Fleet (154); Northerly Fleet (207); Around Lake Fleet (212).

District Report: The Ohio-Indiana District's Activities were actually begun in February in Cleveland, Ohio, where the annual meeting was held. District Commodore Pat Young presided over the sixty members present, and together they worked out problems and gave suggestions for the coming season. At this meeting a rule was passed which allows only one spinnaker to be carried on a boat in our district regatta.

Toledo opened up the season in June with their annual Great Lakes Championship Regatta. This Regatta is one of the best of the season—a sort of "checking" grounds, since skippers from all over the country bring their boats and check them against real competition to see if they are "going". Dick Krauss got the gun, with Charlie Darr of Spray Beach, N. J. second and Walt Swindeman third. Toledo ran easily least one of the hardest working and most cooperative fleets in the country. Such gentlemen as Cal Yaudas, Walt Swindeman, Dick Krauss, and Gerry Carringer will give a helping hand or suggestion any time.

The next regatta on tap was the Ohio-Inlet-Club Regatta held

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Winners in the Ohio-Indiana District Elimination Regatta at Port Clinton, Ohio. Walt Swindeman, first; Dick Krauss, second; Gerry Gorringer, third and Dr. Barnes, fourth. (Well, aren't they?)

at the ever-popular Atwood Yacht Club, near New Philadelphia, Ohio. George Fisher finished first, with general Ed. McCain right on his heels, and Johnny Rundt a close third.

Pymatuning Yacht Club, located on beautiful Pymatuning Lake, again held their annual 4th of July Regatta. This regatta is one of the highlights of the season as not only is the hospitality grand, but the sailing is wonderful. Many hot boats were present, but the old master himself, Walt Swindeman, came through, with George Fisher second and Dick Krauss third.

Then the big one finally came, the Ohio-Indiana District Elimination Regatta, which was held on Lake Erie at Port Clinton, Ohio. Port Clinton Yacht Club gave a perfect display of coordination. The weather, facilities, the courses, the genuine friendliness, and the competition were all marvelous. Everyone had a great time. Five races were sailed, in every possible type of air, but the majority were on the light side. This was one of the hottest contested regattas in the Ohio-Indiana District history. Although Walt Swindeman showed he was not going to be denied after winning the first two races and Dick Krauss cinched his second place after winning the fourth race, the third and fourth places in the series were not decided until the last boat crossed the line in the fifth race. Six boats were in easy shooting distance of either third or fourth place. An example of the closeness is shown by the fact that the two boats which held the third and fourth places going into the fifth race finally wound up eighth and seventh places, respectively, in the series! The first four boats finished in this order: Walt Swindeman of Toledo, first, Dick Krauss of Toledo, second, Gerry Gorringer of Toledo, third, and Dr. Barnes of Cincinnati, fourth. Walt Swindeman again displayed his well-known ability in every type of wind and sea. But in addition to conquering the natural elements, Walt has won the last three district regattas in three different boats. This should certainly put a stop to the old saying "It's the boat!"

Dr. Barnes did not attend the International Regatta at Spray Beach, New Jersey, but capable Cal (the voice) Yaudax as alternate sailed in his place. Walt Swindeman stayed in the money by finishing fifth. L. L. Smith, Tommy McCain and George Fisher trailed their boats to the President's Cup series. At the annual meeting, Dick Krauss was elected President of the Lightning Class Association. Dick is not only well known as a great and popular sailor, but also for his being a tireless worker as interpreter of the rules and regulations of the class in handling the duties of Chief Measurer for the past two years. Our hats are off to Dick in doing everything possible to keep our class the wonderful class that it is.

Atwood Yacht Club held its annual "Harvest Moon Regatta", where good times reign supreme. Karl Rollins of Atwood came out on top, followed by Bob and Squirrely McClaren, with Johnny Rundt third.

Port Clinton followed through with their annual "Snow Flurries" Regatta, which turned out to be a very windy three race regatta. Wes Wiedrick was the winner, with Walt Swindeman second and Dick Krauss third.

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club's annual "Snowball Regatta" finished

our the season on October 11th and 12th with a thirty-three boat fleet, and perfect weather. Dr. Barnes finished first with three firsts, the tale telling man from the Lake Erie District, Bob Seamer, in "Salt Shaker" second, and George Fisher of Buckeye Lake third.

And so ended one of the most successful seasons in our district's history, leaving everyone with anticipation for another great season for 1955.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Ross G. Allen

District Secretary: James F. McIntosh

Fleets: Tampa Bay (168); Savannah Fleet (127); Biscayne Bay Fleet (126); St. Petersburg Fleet (109); Miami Fleet (111); Beaufort River Fleet (176).

District Report: The Southeastern District racing season got under way almost simultaneously in the new year with the Miami Sunshine Regatta in January. Howard Foht of Miami gave an indication of things to come by winning the first regatta of the winter season. Second place went to Ernest McBryde, of Tampa, who sailed his "Whim" to second place, also foreshadowing a consistently successful season.

In February the scene shifted to the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for the annual Mid-Winter Open Championship which has become one of the really big events of the Lightning Class racing. Howard Foht of Miami followed up with a first place in a fleet of 50 boats from all over the eastern states.

The District Championships were held in Miami at the end of May. Howard Foht continued to show the way to the District sailors with first place, but got a terrific run for his money from Charlie Kehoe, last year's winner, only one point separating them at the end of the five race series. Bob Crane, also of Miami, took third. The annual District Meeting was held, and Ross Allen and Jim McIntosh of Savannah were elected Commodore and Secretary of the District and Tampa was named as the site of the District Championships for 1955.

During the summer months the fleets carried on active series racing to determine fleet champions and attended various regattas held in the District and neighboring districts. John Baker of Savannah retained the South Atlantic Championship trophy in a regatta at Charleston, S. C. in August. Pidge Powell of St. Petersburg won the Gulf Yachting Association Championship held in Pensacola, Fla., August 16-17.

Howard Foht and Bob Crane of Miami were the District's rep-

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