

**HIGHTOR FLEET (41)**  
Metropolitan District  
Based on Hudson River, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Hank Holterhoff
Fleet Secretary	Gilbert Parker
Fleet Champion	Hank Holterhoff
Runner-Up	Larry Ryan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
744	Old 'n Rare	Eugene Vidal & Charles Widmann
1222	Mary E.	Thomas Reilly
1898	Happy Days	Charles Strachen
1899	Sparetime	Lawrence Ryan
1901	Rock Happy	Gilbert Parker
1930	Heidi-Ho	Hank Holterhoff
2490		Louis Castano
3021	Dolphin	John H. Wells
3156	Chinook	Dr. James Campbell
4691	Contessa	Euclid Ganson

The Tappan Zee, which is the broad expanse of the Hudson River not far north of New York City, offers a wide variety of racing courses of which we took advantage. The starts were generally arranged right outside the Minisceongo Y. C. harbor, in full view of the club terrace, and in some of the races the boats could be followed from start to finish.

The 1952 season opened with our annual Memorial Day race, an invitation affair to which four other neighboring Lightning fleets were invited. Eighteen boats competed in a close contest, which was won by "Pim" Eppler of Nyack.

Regular Fleet races were scheduled on alternate Sundays, with additional races sailed as guests of our neighboring Lightning Fleets at Nyack and Ossining.

As highlight of the Minisceongo Y. C. barbecue picnic, the Lightning Fleet offered its boats to the club's present and past commodores, who thereupon entered into a race (with owners as crew) that made use of every known maneuver and invented a few new ones.

Also to stimulate interest in sailing, the Fleet invited the local chapter of Girl Mariners to a cruise, and successfully developed some new racing enthusiasts.

The final invitation race of the season, sponsored by the Fleet was the annual Long Distance Minisceongo Club Race, run from Grassy Point to Nyack on the Sunday before Labor Day, in which twenty-one boats participated.

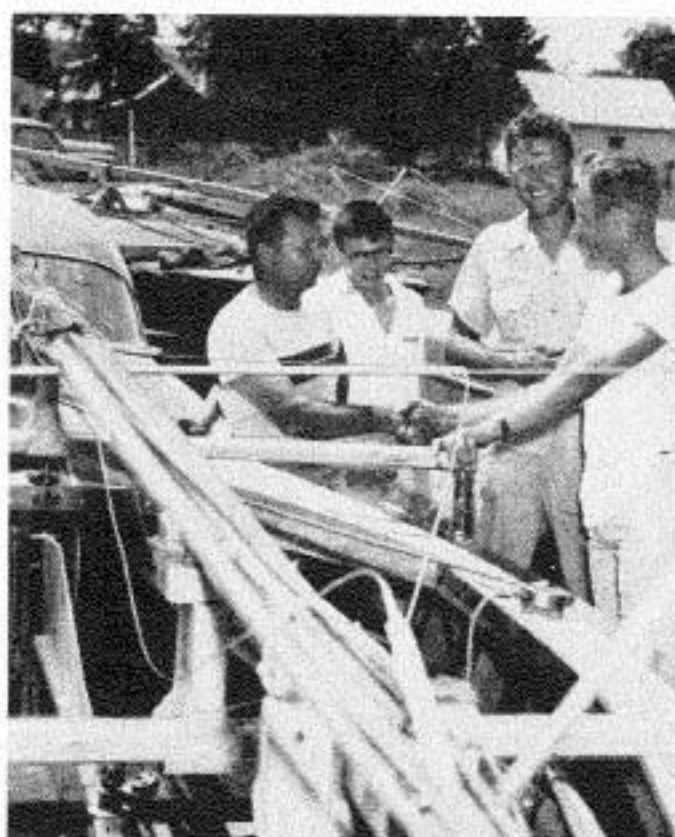
Despite the unusually fine yacht harbor and wonderful docking facilities enjoyed by our Fleet, our skippers turned out to be a rugged bunch, and have shown increased interest from year to year, so as to warrant a more extended racing program for next year. All of our Fleet races were hotly contested, with three boats almost tied for the Fleet Championship. Holterhoff in Heidi-Ho took first honors in points scored, followed closely by Larry Ryan sailing "Sparetime," and Charlie Strachen in "Happy Days". Finishing fourth, after winning the first two races for the Series, was "Old 'n Rare," ably sailed by Charles Widman and Gene Vidal.

Members of the Fleet are already looking forward to a bigger and better season next year, now that all the boats have been hauled and stored for the winter.

**TOLEDO LIGHTNING FLEET (42)**  
Ohio-Indiana District  
Based on Maumee Bay, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Nelson Penske
Fleet Secretary	Robert Rieker
Fleet Champion	Walt Swindeman in "Yankee Doodle III"
Runner-Up	Dick Krauss in "Jinks"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
313	Jiminy Cricket	R. H. & R. L. Herron
420		Bill Fox
460	Scamp	Richard Dano
825	Pepper	Cy Greenhill
1273	Gin Ric	Donald Dierks
1353	Bambi	Dr. D. S. Booth
1336	Lucky	Joe J. Wensinger
1658		Charles Fox



*Old Mr. Lightning, his son Walt, Swindeman, Jr. and Nelson Penske of Fleet 42 being congratulated by Robert Englebeck, at the Ohio-Indiana District Regatta.*

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1661		Joel McCrerry
1777		Bill Stone
2250		Clarence Crites
3896	Mur-Lou	Muriel Lou Pontius
4212	Min-to	Thomas & Minnie Cook
4447	Jinks	Richard Krauss
4750		Jene Thober
4810	Sooky	Jerry Garinger
4881	Zig Zag, II	Cal Yaudas
5160	Rainbow	Dr. D. S. Booth
5180	Yankee Doodle	Walt Swindeman
5300		H. R. Krauss

The racing season was opened with the Great Lakes Lightning Championship Regatta, which was held over Memorial Day weekend. A large number of Lightning skippers turned out for the two tune-up races prior to the three-race series, which was won by Dick Krauss, followed by Walt Swindeman. The skippers and crews who were less fortunate at least took home memories of "Uncle Ed's Resurrection!"

Two weekends later, the Toledo Yacht Club held their annual Frostbites Regatta. Doc Murphy (Lake Fenton Yacht Club), with two Toledo crewmen, showed the Toledo Fleet how to really steer fast, taking three first-places (which we are all trying to forget!).

Two Toledo boats and seven extra crewmen were at the St. Petersburg, Florida Regatta in which there were 54 entries. Walt Swindeman tied in points for first place, but received second place. Dick Krauss turned up fourth.

Walt Swindeman won the Lake Pymaturning event, with Dick Krauss coming in second, Cal Yaudas fourth, and Jerry Garinger fifth.

Fleet 42 had a winner in Dick Krauss' "Jinks" at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club event on Lake Ontario.

Four Toledo boats participated in the Ohio-Indiana District Regatta. Walt Swindeman sailed to first place, Dick Krauss captured second, Jerry Garinger third, and Cal Yaudas was fifth, among the 44 entries.

Walt Swindeman placed second in the Snow Flurries Regatta at Port Clinton, with Dick Krauss following up with third. Dick Krauss slipped to a second in the Higgins Lake Regatta. Walt Swindeman had the honor of participating in the "One-Of-A-Kind" race and did a good job on behalf of the entire Lightning Fleet.

### BUCKEYE LAKE FLEET (43)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Buckeye Lake, near Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Lowell Frost
Fleet Secretary	Hal Heberding
Fleet Champion	George Fisher
Runner-Up	Robert Mann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
248	Fireball	Warren Wetani III
638	Flicka	Fred Carlson
721	My Gal	Jimmy Dressel
820	Lazy Lady	Lowell E. Frost
830	Alibi	Earl Fisher
869	"Did It"	Robert Yeager
997	Sea Jay	Clifford Dum
1225	Black Beauty	Robert Baldwin
1231	Janean	C. E. Kimball
1287	Miss Pent	Ralph Donges
1357	Who Zat	W. E. Coffman
1801	Sylvia	Robert Rice
1804	Wildfire	Ernest Wilson
1806	Escapade	Roy H. Lovell
2247	Siyad	Newton Davis
2825	Thumper	Peter Dunkle
2826	Interlude	Jerry Cooper & Stephen Cooper
4283	Tar Baby	Robert C. Mann
4677	Sailboat the Sinner	J. E. Finneran, Jr.
4865	My Gal II	George Fisher



George V. Fisher, wife Mary and brother Rex, Jr. going in for the gun at Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

After summer comes Fall and the last series in our racing schedule also the last chance of the year for another of our skippers to get into the money spots, however again we have first place taken by Robert Mann and this time second place was taken by Jimmy Dressel.

Lightnings from Buckeye Lake were towed to the following regattas: Pymatuning, Ohio-Indiana Districts at Port Clinton, Interlake at Put-In-Bay, OICYA at Atwood at which George Fisher won the "Carl Barnes" trophy, the Harvest Moon regatta again at Atwood, and the Internationals at Spray Beach.

Our sailing season closes with our Invitational "Snowball Regatta" this year we were very happy so many of our friends paid us a visit. The first race was on Saturday morning and at the starting line were 30 Lightnings, representing 12 fleets, 18 of these boats were visitors. This race was in very light air on a triangular course, it was necessary for the race committee to shorten course. The second race was in the afternoon on windward-leeward course, the wind had picked up making for nice sailing. After this race a cocktail party was held followed by dinner and dancing till 11:00 Sunday morning everyone was ready for the third race and so was the wind, this race was sailed in weather everyone dreams of, however we did have a couple of casualties, Tom McCain at Atwood hit a mark, and Bob Baldwin of BLYC broke his spar.

Doc Barnes of Cincinnati took this regatta with flying colors, taking first place in all three races, Robert Siemer of the Niagara Sailing Club held second place for all three races, third place was held by George Fisher for the first two races but in the third he didn't do so well and it looked like Bob Englebeck might have him beat, however the final count showed George Fisher of BLYC to have third.

Our fleet Championship is figured on a point system, this year the fleet Championship was awarded to George Fisher.

We were also very proud of George Fisher being elected to the office of District Commodore of the Ohio-Indiana District.

The sailors of fleet No. 43 look forward to the Snowball Regatta; we greatly enjoy being host to our many friends and take this time to extend to each of you an invitation to attend the "Snowball at BLYC in '53".

Something new and different was started this year, the race schedule was established with thought to invitational regattas being held by other clubs, dates were checked and our regular season races were eliminated on these dates, then a special "Stay At Home" series was established for those of our fleet who were unable to participate in other club regattas, and at the same time not jeopardize the standings of the skippers who wanted and could attend these other functions.

Much interest was afforded by this series as the hot competition was out of town, thus giving an opportunity to some of the other skippers to win trophies. First place was taken by Jerry Cooper, skippering for his first season—second place went to Jimmy Dressel—third place to C. E. Kimball.

To provide a new twist to Lightning Class racing, a novelty race called "The Octopus Race" was established. Lightnings were manned by the Skipper only—crews were left ashore to cheer and jeer. The only restriction was no spinnaker, and as would be expected the race was started in a fair 20 mile breeze, sails were set with bottoms far to windward. The crews on shore were amused to see their skippers trying to steer the boat on course and see the whisker pole, knowing that what ever happened they couldn't be blamed for this one. This race was thought up by Hal Heberding who donated the trophy, this event promises to be one of the high lights of the future. The race was won by one wet and tired George Fisher, who spent the balance of the day bailing out his boat.

We acknowledge in our club, the fact that many new skippers sail their hearts out against seasoned skippers, with this thought in mind a new trophy was presented to the fleet by Commodore Nation, this is called the "Improvement Trophy," and each year it will be presented to the skipper showing the greatest improvement in his racing record as compared to the previous year. This year the "Improvement Trophy" was awarded to Earl Fisher.

The Spring series was sailed in the usual gusty, heavy air, and in order to get the season off to a good and early start, a beautiful new Spring Series trophy was donated by our race committee chairman, Bob Slatery, first place was won by George Fisher, second place Robert Mann and third place to Ed Finneran.

The summer series was hot weather and hot competition, crews received the usual tongue lashings, but when all was said and done first place went to Robert Mann, second to George Fisher, third to Ed Finneran and fourth to Jimmy Dressel.



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**LIGHTNING FLEET #43**



**CANANDAIGUA YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (44)**

Central New York District

Based on Canandaigua Lake, New York

(No report for 1952)

**EDGEWATER YACHT CLUB (45)**

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Erie, Cleveland, Ohio.

Fleet Captain ..... James E. Buchanan  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Al Sprock  
 Fleet Champion ..... Harold L. Hall  
 Runner-Up ..... Dr. Chester Schultz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
868	In-Bu	Dr. Chester Schultz
889	Mella II	Dr. Rudolph O. Cocks
1291	Fribibi	William Cody, Fred Groff, & William Krill
1674	Restless	Harold L. Hall
2852	Buccaneer	James E. Buchanan
3569	Marquis	Paul Fine
3459	Redhead	William H. Redhead
3461	Opechase	Al Sprock
4880	Dark Cloud	Pat Young

Fleet 45 sailed twelve races during the 1952 season with the result that Hal Hall became champ with Doc Schultz, runner-up, and Jim Buchanan, third. Bill Redhead had his boat "hopped up" and was a constant threat.

Pat Young brought home the greatest number of trophies of any Edgewater Skipper. He had a clean sweep at Put-In-Bay, was first at Edgewater and Mentor Regattas, and split two Firsts with Doc Schultz at South Shore Regatta.

Hall won at Lakeside with Young and Schultz second and third, respectively.

Later in the season Pat took his "Dark Cloud" to Hawaii and copped a third in the Hawaiian Invitational Regatta.

**IRONDEQUOIT BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (46)**

Central New York District

Based on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

(No report for 1952)

**SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47)**

Lake Erie District

Based on Silver Lake, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Charles VanArsdale  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Mrs. Elizabeth Naylor  
 Fleet Champion ..... Dr. W. M. Humphrey in  
 "Budgetbuster"  
 Runner-Up ..... Joseph Eliasz in "Ripple"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
80	Doraleo	William G. and Charles VanArsdale
154	Ripple	Joseph J. Eliasz
392	Firebird	Harry L. Brown
410	Budgetbuster	Dr. W. M. Humphrey
909	Frisky	Mr. & Mrs. Edward D. Neal
968		Dr. Robert Smith
1616	Paget	W. J. Humphrey, Jr.
3261	Jane	Bill & Charles VanArsdale

The 1952 season was our most active to date. After two warm-up races in June, we held our Fleet Championship series. This was won by Dr. W. M. Humphrey, in "Budgetbuster", with Joseph Eliasz, in "Ripple" finishing second.

Our next series, for the Club Cup, was also very closely

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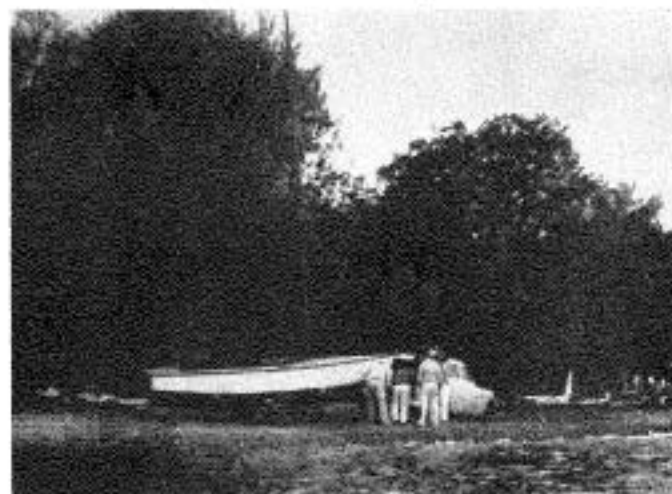
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*Skipper and crew from Fleet #47 getting ready for a fun run to bring some hardware home.*

contested. Harry Brown, in "Firebird" finished in first place, with Joseph Eliasz second.

The annual Labor Day week-end series for the Benedict Memorial Trophy was won by Harry Brown, with Ed. Neal in "Frisky" finishing second.

On the following week-end, seven boats from Conesus Lake Fleet No. 140 trailed over for the second of our Home & Home regattas. Conesus again won fleet honors, with Glen Paiser of Conesus the individual winner.

For the first time in several years we were represented at our District Regatta.

On the social side, we had a winter dinner meeting, a spring dinner meeting, picnics, and a buffet for our guests from Conesus Lake Fleet.

**LAKE GENEVA FLEET (48)**  
Based on Chantier Naval de Corsier-Port, Corsier-  
Port-Geneve, Switzerland  
(No report for 1952)

**COLUMBIA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (49)**  
Connecticut District  
Based on Columbia Lake, Connecticut

Fleet Captain ..... Roy Ferguson Jr.  
Fleet Secretary ..... Richard C. Miller  
Fleet Champion ..... Dick, Paul and Alice  
Miller in "Suspense"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
518	Pirate	Richard & Jane Molt
690	Suspense	Dick and Paul Miller
832		Louis V. Lucia
1000	Thunderbolt	Roy & Janet Ferguson
1671	Poky	Laverne H. Williams
2688		Oswald P. Scheller
2873		S. M. Silverstein
2877		F. C. Savage

Interest in the 1952 sailing season was high long before the boats were in the water. Early spring found several members of the fleet working on their Lightnings. Mr. F. C. Savage, whom we welcomed as a new member to our club, acquired his No. 2877 in the fall after the 1951 season and spent the long winter months doing a complete refinishing job on the hull. This early interest correctly forecasted keen racing for the season ahead.

Our regular series of races began officially on the Fourth of July, and eleven races were scheduled through Labor Day. There was hardly a Sunday when the full roster of boats did not sail. When the totals were finally in, Dick, Paul, and Alice Miller were the fleet champions. Placing second in "Poky" was Verne Williams.



The Miller's in "Suspense" Champs Fleet #49.

who consistently offered sharp competition for the winners. Dick, Jane and Ricky Molt in "Pirate" finished third. The season's racing ended with the annual banquet of the Columbia Lake Association in September, at which time the 1952 trophies were awarded.

Our special thanks goes to the Association for their generous contribution toward our prizes and to the local "Comet" fleet without whose help and cooperation we could not have run our races.

**WASHINGTON FLEET (50)**  
Dixie District  
Based on Potomac River

Fleet Captain ..... Col. F. B. Shearer  
Fleet Secretary ..... Cornelia A. Carswell  
Fleet Champion ..... Col. Shearer in "Ca Va"  
Runner-Up ..... Leo Bielecki in "Damfino"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
91		Thornton Parker III
185	La Spouse	Arthur Godfrey
437	Arc	Edward B. Heyl
522	Razoring Fork	Nelson Oertel
826	Kachina	Maj. W. Paul Dean
1277	Tom & Jerry	Fred Telp
1281	Muller	Col. Wilfred W. Blunt
1282	Damfino	Leo Bielecki
1283	Vagabond	Dr. J. R. Gilbert & Dr. C. A. Hudson
1887	Lively Lady	Cornelia Carswell, Lucia Hamon, Joseph Soraghan
2712		Frederick W. Lang
2762	Ruthless	Alfred Seidham
2764	Haleyon	Arthur R. Crandall
2788	Pina	Mrs. Elizabeth Lundell
2918	Scar Back	Mrs. P. E. Robinson
3145	High Life	Col. Kirk A. Metzgerott
3151	Jocus	Edwin, Roger and Gordon Hamilton
3348	High Life	James R. Hunt
3438	Little 4 Bits	David P. Kuntz
3441	Miss Boo	Wm. Payne
3533	Slow Poke	Arthur J. Downing Downing
3663	Allegro	Willard & Lillian Rothery
3774	Ca Va	Col. F. B. Shearer

The 1952 season saw several changes in Fleet 50, the outstanding one being the desertion to the Thistle Class by Norm Schaller, well known as the "schmittzelling" expert. His "Schnitzel" was literally sold down the river, and departed from our waters. Rumor has it that Norm is not too happy there with the Thistles, and we hope to see him return to the fold.

Walter Collier sold his "Robin" to Drs. Gilbert and Hudson, who are now sailing her under the name of "Vagabond". Walter has been sailing Seidham's "Ruthless", while looking for a boat to buy. Bob Johnson's "Allegro" went to Willard and Lillian Rothery. "Muller" became the property of Col. Blunt, and Major Dean bought "Tohopekaliga", changing her name to "Kachina". Some new boats came into the area, including Thornton Parker's No. 91, Dave Kuntz's "Little Four Bits", and "Lively Lady", belonging to an aggregation usually referred to as "The Girls"—Lt. Cornelia Carswell and ex-Lt. Lucia Hamon of the Waves, and Joseph Soraghan. At present there are 28 Lightnings in our waters, of which 23 are active members of Fleet 50.

The fleet has had a very active season, starting off with the trip of Col. Shearer to St. Petersburg, Florida, to participate in that outstanding event of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, the Mid-Winter Lightning Championships. He must have been only about 30% efficient in that gathering of experts, since he finished 15th of the 50 boats racing; but he reports that the hospitality of the St. Pete YC and the sportsmanship of all present was unexcelled.

The first local event was the annual Gunston Cove handicap race of the Potomac River Sailing Association, a 12 mile race for all classes. This race is from Alexandria down the Potomac to Gunston Cove, and this year had an entry list of 52 boats, 9 being Lightnings. Jim Hunt in "High Life" upheld the honor of the Lightning Class by taking the trophy for first boat to finish, and was ably backed up by Dave Kuntz in "Little Four Bits", who won the event on corrected time. The race was sailed in a 25-30 mile wind; Col. Shearer's Ca Va (sah vah, that is) broke her rudder when a quartering sea and a sudden wind



On the Potomac with Col. Frances B. Shearer and his winning crew.

shift forced her onto a closer reach, with everything flying but the cook's shirt. Only frantic struggles on the part of the crew managed to keep her right side up while taking in spinnakers and such; she finished that one on a tow line. "Lively Lady" was not quite so lucky, and capsized while setting the spinnaker, resulting in a broken stick. All in all, the Lightnings held the spotlight in that race.

The PRSA spring series of 12 races was won by CA VA, with Leo Bielecki's "Damfino" second, and "Ruthless", sailed by the Girl Mariners, third. Only seven boats raced in this series. The first summer series of the National Yacht Club, of 10 races, was also won by CA VA, with "High Life" second and "Lively Lady" third. (The Girls were really coming right along.)

Carnduff and Shearer represented Fleet 50 in the Dixie District Championship, sailed July 19-20 at Indian River, Delaware, home of Fleet 72. Fifth and Sixth respectively was the best they could manage; but they speak very highly of the hospitality of the Indian River Yacht Club.

The second National Yacht Club summer series, also of 10 races, saw a turnout of 12 boats. This series ended with CA VA again first, "High Life" second, and "Damfino" third. Perhaps at this point it should be explained that the "High Life" referred to in these races is Jim Hunt's. We have two boats named "High Life" referred to in these races, but the other does not race. We have suggested to Jim that he rename his "Low Life", but he seems to take a dim view of that.

The President's Cup Regatta, held Sept. 13-14, saw a fleet of 160 boats of ten classes, including 20 Lightnings, competing off Hains Point. Everything was on hand but wind; the first race on Saturday was a drifter to end all drifters. By the end of the series Arthur Carnduff, sailing "Haleyon", had produced royally for the local fleet and carried off the first place trophy. In second place was Bob Parnell of Indian River Fleet No. 72, in "Bo Bo II"; third was taken by John Walron, sailing "Deadeye" a visitor from Brigantine, New Jersey, Fleet 217; and Herman Henschen's "Kibitzer", Patapskut Fleet 128, was fourth. The local lads did not do so well in this one, except for Carnduff, and Jim Hunt, who brought his "High Life" in fifth.

Following the President's Cup the 12-race Fall Series of the Potomac River Sailing Association got under way. This series saw the highest turnout of Lightnings for any of the 1952 local

events, a total of 14 boats participating, although the average per race was about ten. At the finish of the series the ubiquitous CA VA of Col. Shearer was again in first spot, followed by Jim Hunt's "High Life", with the syndicate owned "Lively Lady" in third place. (This gets monotonous). "Damfino" finished fourth, and Leo says "Damfino why she couldn't go a little faster." High point trophy for the season went to CA VA, and "Lively Lady" won the B-class trophy.

Fleet 50 has had a most enjoyable season, and is looking forward to a better and bigger one in 1953, with everyone plotting dire things against CA VA. It is hoped that by next year all boats in the area will be members of the fleet, and that more will participate in the races.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Lightning owners to visit our waters; we have a crane and ramp available, and mooring in sheltered waters. Come and try out our sand bars and vagaries of Washington weather.

## CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

### Michigan District

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

Fleet Captain	Richard R. Crandall
Fleet Secretary	Ralph J. O'Hara
Fleet Champion	Walter A. Roney
Runner-Up	J. E. Northmore & R. R. Crandall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
122	Marybob	Dan H. Butler
163	Zigzag	Charles T. Ellery
760	Heljak	J. Jack Seckmann
778	Sylvia	Wm. G. Phillips
798	May A Lee	H. Rex Waddell
807	Lean To II	Richard R. Crandall & James E. Northmore, Jr.
886	Alvirno	Al R. Decker
938	Flight	Don Fairchild
1060	Daisy Mae III	John S. Squire
1214	Mid III	Earl J. Peters
1617	We Do	Andrew Hill
1656	Pinocchio	Edw. F. Walter
1957		Richard A. Jr. & Douglas Wing
1976	Lark	Wm. McKee Dunn & Guy L. Ireland
2541	Resless	James C. Millies
3433	My Haven	Ralph J. O'Hara
3578	Pixie	Allen Sipes
3613	Pyewacket	Elijah G. Poxson, Jr.
3615	Faux-Pas	Henry L. Wilson II and Robert R. Hydon
4008	Cork II	Gerald Jenkins
4398	Snegol	Richard J. Graham and Robert W. Hornbeck
4647		William C. Flaherty
4923		Jack Leverenz
4924	Broom	H. J. Cawthra
4971		Walter A. Roney
5131	Blue Dust	A. Rautenberg
5260		Victor J. Schneider

Plans for our most successful season were postponed by late winter storms in March. High water, strong winds, and heavy seas resulted in \$25,000. worth of damage to the two harbors of Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Only one of the harbors was ready for use by the last week in July. Some of Fleets 54 and 42 respectively. The hospitality of these fleets during our times of hardship is sincerely appreciated. Another indication of a great organization! Tuning gained in this early season competition resulted in a head start for Roney and Cawthra and, consequently, they became very difficult to beat when our belated racing season started. Henry Cawthra, in "Broom", went on to clean sweep the districts at Cass Lake with four consecutive first places, while district secretary (now district commodore) Walt Roney took the fleet championship in 4971. Jim Northmore and Dick Crandall, sailing No. 807, surprised everyone by their sudden surge into prominence when they captured the runner-up championship. It was their heavy-air sailing that made the difference. In the popular Wednesday night "Nite-Hawk" series in memory because of the keen competition and fine weather, Crandall and Northmore won the trophy—with district champion Cawthra the runner-up. The series was hotly contested, with the winners not determined until the last race. It was one of the best "Nite-Hawk" series in memory because of the keen competition and fine



as Crescent Skippers found out this year when they began traveling to the various invitational regattas. Next season our trailers will get a real workout. One of the greatest advantages of the LCA is the opportunity offered to travel around, meet fellow skippers, sail new waters, and discover a new feeling of fellowship.

## ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB FLEET (52)

Central New York District

Based on Lake Ontario, Rochester, New York

(Inactive)

## LAKE FENTON YACHT CLUB (53)

Michigan District

Based on Lake Fenton, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Robert H. Furey
Fleet Secretary	Robert H. Furey
Fleet Champion	Herm Nickels in "Pick Nick"
Runner-Up	Clarence L. Holman, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
244	Seven C'S	Arthur Meyers
367	Finesse	C. J. & Gertrude Lauer
387	Kildeer	Dr. W. H. Winchester
591	Heather	Onalee Laird
597	Jo-Jo	Joanne Greenley
804		Paul Tanner
965	Jeanie Mac	Jack and Margaret B. MacArthur
1251	Fair Wind	Wm. & Anne DeHaan
1250	Dream Maid	Dr. David Friedman
1347		Robert Greiner
1566	Worry Wart	W. H. & Robert H. Furey
1654		Leonard Lippincott
2123		Beyant Baker
2776	Cream Puff	Laurea Elliott
4090	Arbana	Arthur F. Brandt
4513	Pick Nick	H. Nickles
4545	Double B	Dr. G. J. Murphy
4704	Dyna-Flow II	C. Clark Smith and Mac Smith
5050	Fifty-Fifty	Clarence L. Holman, Jr.
5063		Kenneth Shafe

*A good spinaker run for Fleet Champion Walter A. Roney of Fleet #51, Grosse Point, Michigan.*

weather. In the championship series, Roney's light air sailing was responsible for his easy victory. Others to mention are "Elig" Posson for his rapid improvement in 3613, Ralph O'Hara's rapid rise to contention in his "My Harem", Art Rautenberg's constant threat in spite of crew problems, and look out for Jack Leverenz when he gets a mast to stay in one piece!

Next year the competition will be even keener with the addition of several experienced skippers to the fleet—Chuck Ellery, Jack Siekmann and Don Fairchild. Vic Schneider is buying a new Nichols—a sister ship to Art Rautenberg's new one of this year. Tom Rochford and Carl Queck are boat hunting and both expect to be ready for 1953 competition, which will be our biggest year with a total of 30 boats in the fleet. Sailmaker Meryl Amo, Star boat champ for years, is currently building a new Lightning and will be a new addition to our fleet.

Fleet captain Jim Millies conducted the fall fleet meeting in October. Dick Crandall became the new fleet captain and Ralph O'Hara was elected fleet secretary/treasurer. Off-season activities were planned in addition to next year's sailing activities—which will include three racing series, cruises, moonlights, and a "Power Puff" regatta for women only.

A very successful fleet potluck supper was held at the club in November. Fifty-two skippers, crews, and wives enjoyed an excellent ham dinner with all the trimmings. Crescent's Commodore Cawthra presented trophies to Fleet Champion Roney and Nine-Hawk champions Crandall and Northmore. The evening was completed with color movies of the Internationals, post mortems of the past season, and plans for next year.

Congratulations to Ralph and Helen O'Hara for the way in which they arouse interest in sailing among the younger generation. It's a great sight to see a Lightning loaded with all the neighborhood kids. He'll have no crew problems for a few years!

The record of Henry (wait until next year) Cawthra speaks for itself and we are really proud of him! His outstanding performances at the districts and internationals make him our favorite to bring the 1954 Internationals to Lake St. Clair.

Lake St. Clair's only invitational Lightning Regatta—the Kendall Series, sponsored by the Detroit Yacht Club's Fleet No. 131, was held off Crescent S.Y.C. on September 27, under the direction of Betty Rypsom. Henry Cawthra won the beautiful Harry Kendall Memorial Trophy by winning two of the three races. Defending the trophy was Vic Schneider who was in constant contention with Dick Kraus and Wes Wiedrick. Everyone is sincerely invited to attend the 1953 series—which will be a real big affair with lots of competition. Announcements will be sent out to all fleets in this part of the country—try to attend, it's lots of fun

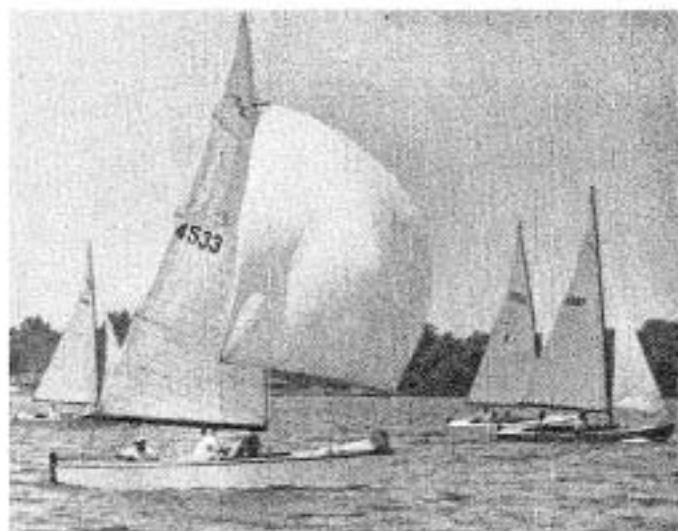
As this writing some of the die-hard sailors have not yet hauled their boats out for the season, and the snow will be flying before the last of the boats are out.

We had another very successful season this year with our constant champion, Herman Nickels, being beaten in three races, but remaining top man in the fleet. Clarence Holman was runner-up, and Robert Furey third. The competition is getting keener every year and next year our fleet may have a new champion. Besides our weekly races, each month when the moon was full, we had a moonlight race which was strictly for fun with an unrestricted number for crew. The more the merrier. Hot coffee, & doughnuts with a roaring bonfire made for a long, feast, and rehashing of races afterwards.

Again this year many of our members trailed their boats to many of the regattas in the Mid-west. Two of our skippers made a fine showing at the Internationals with Herman Nickels taking a 1st place and Dr. Jerry Murphy finishing 4th. We were also represented in the Presidents Cup races by Clarence Holman.

We held the 2nd Annual White Cap Regatta Sept. 13 and 14, with 27 boats entered. There was a good variety of winds for the three races. One race being sailed Sat. afternoon, in light shifty air, which was won by Wes Wiedrick of Bayview Yacht Club, followed by Hank Cawthra of Crescent Sail Yacht Club and Clarence Holman of Lake Fenton 3rd. Saturday night after the banquet, music for dancing was supplied by a strictly Lightning band consisting of Dr. Jerry Murphy and crew members, Sid Mitchell and Charlie Grant, and Buzz Morley of the Higgins Lake Fleet. Sunday morning the wind had picked up a little with occasional gusts, with Pat Patterson Saginaw Bay Yacht Club 1st, Dr. Murphy Lake Fenton 2nd, and Herm Nickels also of Lake Fenton 3rd.

By the time of the 3rd race the wind was a steady blow with everyone riding the high side. Wes Wiedrick was again the first one across the finish line, which gave him 1st place for the regatta. Herm Nickels was 2nd and Pat Patterson 3rd for the regatta. Trophies were presented to everyone who participated. The welcome mat is out to everyone and hoping to see you next year at the White Cap Regatta where fun and good sailing are enjoyed by all.



*Herman O. Nichols, in #4533, 1952 Fleet champion of Lake Fenton Yacht Club and also third place winner in the International Championship Regatta at Spray Beach.*

With hopes of a new club house and some new Lightning sailors next year, we leave the racing season behind and start our plans for a bigger season next year.

#### **PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)**

**Michigan District**

**Based on Cass Lake, Mich.**

Fleet Captain	Kenneth Raymond
Fleet Secretary	Al Oberman
Fleet Champion	Al Gray
Runner-Up	Larry O'Dell

In 1952 Pontiac Yacht Club has enjoyed one of the most successful sailing seasons in the history of the club. We had an average in our Sunday races of approximately twenty-five boats, and an average of twelve to fifteen boats in the Wednesday evening races.

Our sailing season started in May with two tune-up races, with our first official Sunday morning races starting the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Again this year we used the familiar "Popeye Banner" which was awarded to the winner of the Sunday

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## **TAWAS BAY REGATTA**

**Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5**

*Race on Beautiful Tawas Bay*

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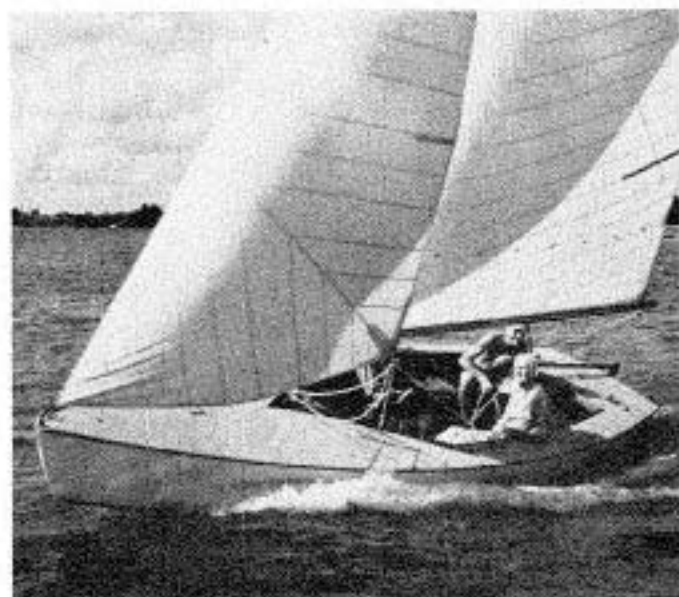
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**FLEET 152**

**Tawas Bay Yacht Club**

**East Tawas, Michigan**





Samuel L. Dibble, Jr. at the tiller, Commodore of Pontiac Yacht Club for 1953

morning races, who then was allowed to fly the banner at the top of his mast the following week. However, this year Al Gray seemed to have the "Popeye Banner" flying at his mast just about every week. At the end of our Sunday series, Al Gray took the first place cup, the second place plaque was awarded to Roland Redner, the third place plaque going to Charlie Callahan.

The Wednesday night series, which is known as the Nite-own series, not only afforded our own skippers ample racing during the summer, but gave some of the visiting skippers in the Michigan District a chance to come down and race with us. It was our privilege to entertain "Doc" Murphy, "Hank" Cawthra, "Hermie" Nichols, and other famous name sailors. When all the points were totaled for the Nite-own series, we again found Al Gray winning the cup, with Charlie Buck taking second-place honors, and our famous skipper Alex Clark winning the third place plaque.

We again scheduled our championship series early so that all of our official racing would be completed by Labor Day. In the Championship Series, which is determined by the ten highest boats in standing, we found that Al Gray won the Championship race, and the well-known Larry O'Dell, in his new boat, nosed out approximately ten of our best skippers, winning the second place plaque, and Alex Clark taking third honors. Ten minutes following the Championship Race we started our famous Commodore Series, which is made up of boats that did not qualify within the first ten boats in points, and in this series we found Andy Roualet winning the Commodore Cup, with Sam Dibble taking second place, and Fred Prince in boat No. 611 coming in third. This was very gratifying to the rest of the sailors, inasmuch as Fred is a comparatively new sailor.

Probably the most unforgettable event in our sailing season this year was our Labor Day Race, when all of the skippers were trying to raise enough points to get recognition in the last race. We had the misfortune of a squall hitting all the boats in the Championship series and a number of boats in the Commodore series which resulted in fifteen boats going over simultaneously. This caused a great commotion for approximately an hour and a half until people who lived around the lake could get out their power boats and pick up the drenched skippers and crew members. For this reason alone, you will find at the various regattas attended by Pontiac skippers when the winds are blowing over eight miles an hour, life preservers are being worn.

During the month of August, we again had the Annual Exchange Regatta with our neighbors, Orchard Lake Country Club. It is the fourth year in succession we have won on an overall point basis.

For the first time in the history of Pontiac Yacht Club, it was our very good fortune to host the Michigan District Championship, July 19 and 20. Thirty-five Lightning sailors sailed in this regatta, which was headed by Co-Chairman H. Van Phipps and Harold Courzens. Commodore Frank Bonner and his various

Committees certainly should be complimented on the way this regatta was run.

We again had three of our famous group potluck dinners, being held on Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day. On the evening of July 4, Van Phipps and Ray Ransom supplied fire works and aerial displays for the enjoyment of the adults and children.

During the month of September and October, we again held our Snow Ball Series every Sunday morning, with Larry O'Dell taking first honors, Les Huntwork taking second place, and Jerry Callahan coming in third.

At the end of the season a number of our well-known skippers had acquired light boats, including the famous Two-Bits which convinces everyone at PYC that the next season is going to be the best of all.

## LITTLE NECK BAY FLEET (55)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Little Neck Bay, N. Y.

(No report for 1952)

## BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain ..... Abe Jacobs  
Fleet Secretary ..... Arthur V. Appel  
Fleet Champion ..... Chuck Berc in "Lianne II"  
Runner-Up ..... Bill Fuchs in "Dubious"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
114	Sea-Ker	Edward Trozyl
115	Okie's Dubious	William P. Fuchs
191	Ha Ha	Matt J. Cool
726	Lucie	H. Harris Howler
1703	Cygnat	Dr. Aaronson
2554	Scalare	Arthur V. Appel
2563	Jabberwocky	Ralph Stewart
2869	Corky	Stanley Potempa
2981	Mickey	Dan & Frank Hubbell
2984	Shelar	Stanley Gimbut
3336	Trio II	Abe Jacobs
3536	Lenny Ann	Paul Russell
3597	U-1st	Jack Friedman
3620	Lianne II	Li & Chuck Berc
4341	Maryna	Rudy Holan
4354	Fury	Ronald Blair
4540	Damfino	Joseph H. Rutteret
5047	My Hobby	Albert J. Blau

Fleet 56 had a very active sailing season during last summer's fine sailing weather. We started with the "Pest Trophy" tune up race on Decoration Day. Our racing season was divided into two series of six races each in addition to the five squadron regattas with Fleet 5 of Chicago Corinthian Y. C. and finished with our Red Flannel Regatta on October 4th and 5th. In between these, the boys managed to squeeze in the Mid-West District Championships, trail three boats to Springfield for the Middle States Championships over Labor Day, and travel to Milwaukee for a team race with Fleets 69 and 79.

In our first home series "Chuck" Berc in Lianne tied with Abe Jacobs of Trio II for first place and won it on a coin toss. Bill Fuchs in "Dubious" was third. In the second series Berc won first place, with Bill Fuchs in "Dubious" second, and Abe Jacobs in "Trio" third. The overall seasons points trophy went to Berc with Fuchs in second place and Abe Jacobs third.

An innovation in this year's racing was a handicap race. The handicap was determined by averaging every boat's time for the first six races sailed and handicapping the faster boats by the difference between the averages. Scratch boat was Lianne which gave the slowest boat 18 minutes and its closest competitors four minutes. Each boat started on its own time—the slowest boats first. Lianne sailed by "Chuck" Berc with his mother and dad as crew sailed through the fleet to win by four minutes over the next boat. This race was very interesting and proved exactly—nothing.

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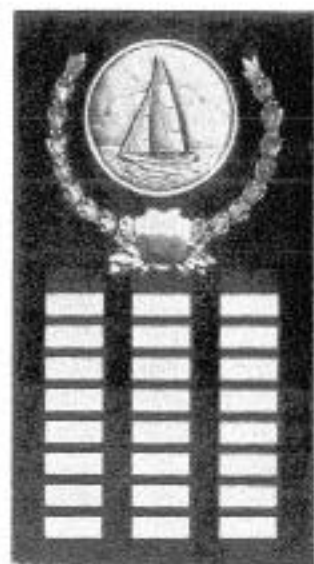
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**CINCINNATI FLEET (57)**  
Ohio-Indiana District  
Based on Ohio River, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... William Jackson  
Fleet Secretary ..... Frank Pfefferle  
Fleet Champion Dr. W. P. Barnes in "Ragwagon"  
Runner-Up ..... Frank Pfefferle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
352	Julip	Sam Wilson and Eugene Wulsin
368	Cygnus	F. C. Walter
380	Zet	Frank H. Pfefferle
858	Breathless	Robert Barrows
1076	Breeze Borne	J. Wm. Benson
1925	Mutiny	Truman P. Young
2108	The Bounty	Alvin Kuder & Edward G. Beck
3390		Kittredge & Field
4076	Weather Vain	Charles Westheimer
4239	Ragwagon	Dr. W. D. Barnes
4575	Windammer	John Hoge
5122		Oliver P. Barnes
5226		Wm. Jackson

The Cincinnati Sailing Club continues to be represented by Hoge, Pfefferle and Barnes at the Lightning regattas in the Mid-west. However, there are a couple of skippers in Fleet 57, names, Fred Walter and Bob Barrows, who like to play "Beat the Champ" and could give a creditable performance if we could drag them away from the shores of the beautiful Ohio. Our new skipper Oliver Barnes promises trouble for the fleet and Commodore Bill Jackson will have his new boat going hot so next year should offer good competition on the Ohio.

Dr. W. P. Barnes continues to be our fleet champion winning the Spring Series and Season trophy. Bill also made a creditable fourth place in the Ohio-Indiana district race at Port Clinton. At the annual "Snowball" by Fleet 43 at Buckeye Lake, Ohio, Doc had the thrill of a clean sweep in a three race series which included light, medium and moderate heavy winds.

Runner up honors for 1952 season belong to Frank Pfefferle with Barrows and Walter providing the close competition.



Dr. W. P. Barnes, center, Cincinnati's traveling Lightning sailor receiving some of his hardware from Newton Davis, Commodore of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

**HEWLETT BAY FLEET (58)**  
Greater Long Island District  
Based on Hempstead Bay, L. I., N. Y.

Fleet Captain ..... James A. Browne  
Fleet Secretary ..... Isabelle Bird  
Fleet Champion ..... Robert Grimmig  
Runner-Up ..... James A. Browne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
365	Thistle Down	Hector McKay
432	Pegasus	Alexander F. Robb
1007		Ralph Prosser
1144	Nala	Alexander S. & Alan S. Murphy
1728	Sea Spray II	Robert & Eugene Grimmig
1896	Bucky	John J. Mahoney, Jr.
2013	Bird's Bedlam	Mrs. Isabel Bird
2622	Paranon	Dr. Peter L. Neyland
3039	Tumbleweed	Arthur L. Nelson
3223	Ski Doodle	Ray Harrington
3414	Foxy	Henry Dailladose
3456	Donsan	Gottfred A. Nelson
4693	Adios	M. Whiting Thayer
4711		John C. Byrnes

There was greater interest in home fleet competition in 1952. Unusually good sailing weather brought an average of eight boats for races on weekends and holidays. Bill Hamaley, chairman of the racing committee of the Hewlett Point Yacht Club, base of Fleet 58, mapped intricate racing courses among the islands of Hewlett Bay that added interest and excitement.

Robert Grimmig, who lost the fleet championship to Jim Browne in 1951 after holding it for three years, regained it in 1952.

The Greater Long Island District Regatta was held July 26th and 27th sponsored by Fleet 58 and Fleet 2 of Cedarhurst, (L.I.) Yacht Club. The first race was held on Hewlett Bay on the morning of July 26th. Eighteen boats were entered. The result: First: Billy Uhl of Masticutt Fleet 141 in "Spark" No. 3524; Second, James A. Browne of Fleet 58 in "White Label" No. 365; Third, George McKnight of Fleet 141 in "Imp" No. 4883.

The second race in the afternoon of July 26th took place in Reynolds Channel. The result: First, Billy Uhl of Fleet 141 in "Spark" No. 3524; Second, James Connor of Fleet 141 in "Black Jack" No. 4231; Third, George McKnight of Fleet 141 in "Imp" No. 4883.

The third race was held in Hewlett Bay on the morning of July 27th. The result: First, Robert Grimmig of Fleet 58 in "Sea Spray II" No. 1728; Second, James Connor of Fleet 141 in "Black Jack" No. 4231; third, Henry Dailladose of Fleet 58 in "Foxy" No. 3414.

The Douglass-Kushne Perpetual Trophy was awarded for the second year in succession to Billy Uhl as 1952 Greater Long Island District Champion. Robert Grimmig won the second place award. Third place went to James Connor.

Ray Harrington of Fleet 58 was the District Commodore and head of the Regatta Committee. Mr. Lewis Dalaheld of the Cedarhurst Yacht Club was chairman of the Race Committee which obtained the assistance of Coast Guard and police boats in keeping the courses free of fishing boats. The members of the committee were: Joseph Grimmig, James Finch, and Dr. Marsden Hamlin, all of the Hewlett Point Yacht Club.

The visitors were entertained by Fleet 58 at a dinner dance held at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club, Saturday evening, July 26th. After the dinner, Wilbur July of Fleet 141, formerly vice-commodore, was elected commodore. Arthur Nelson of Fleet 58, former secretary, was elected vice-commodore. Nancy Mills was elected secretary.

On September 21st and 22nd, five of our skippers and crews took their sails to Spofford Lake, New Hampshire where they were the guests of Fleet 145. This annual event is looked forward to by many of our skippers as one of the highlights of the racing season because of the friendly competition and enjoyable social functions which are enjoyed by all. Fleet 145 won the trophy for the third consecutive but we are looking with optimism toward recapturing the trophy next year when the races will be held in our home waters.