

ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (118)
Lake Erie District
Based on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

Fleet Captain
 Fleet Secretary
 Fleet Champion
 Runner-Up

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1897		D. H. McPhie
2327		J. N. F. & N. M. Robertson
2367		P. E. Powell
3086		H. Drake
3654		Doug & Tim Nelson
4017		F. Hewett
4233		W. E. Jocelyn
4307		G. W. Hampson

This year saw one of the longest series of competitive club races at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. The season started on May 17 and finished on October 4.

Though the number of competitors was smaller this year this was partly owing to the fact that several of our skippers travelled to other competitions.

John Roberson, our "Olympic Sailor", again went to the Olympics to represent Canada. His report is in another article. Skipper Ted Jocelyn competed in several American Regattas.

One of the most interesting regattas was held between Kingston Yacht of Kingston, Ont., and ourselves. The Hamilton sailors went to Kingston on July 12 and 13, and after a tight series of five races were able to come out on top by one point. On top of the fine racing, the Kingston sailors entertained us royally. Hamilton was host to the Kingston sailors on September 13 and 14. Again the Hamilton sailors came out on top after the races were over.

Skipper Perc Powell and crew of Wally White and Timmy Nelson competed in the Buffalo Lightning District regatta. Skipper Perc Powell, with Hugh Drake and Jack Hill as crew also competed at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, Ontario.

A very interesting race held during the summer was the Powell Trophy race which has created a great deal of fun each year. This year, at the start of the race all the boats were moored to the dock without being rigged. A member of the crew had to race to the center of the grounds where he had to find his own bag of sails which had been mixed under a pile of tables and chairs. Before leaving the dock a boat had to be fully rigged. On the third leg of the race the boats had to sail on a jib only, and after crossing the finishing line it was necessary for one of the crew to walk around and make a complete circuit of the deck outside the shrouds and stays, with a battel held between the teeth. Some fell in doing this and were thus disqualified. It made a lot of fun because though a boat may have crossed the line first a slip here meant it lost the race.

The Annual Banquet and presentation of prizes were held on Wednesday, November 26.

The results of the season's races were as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES:

Just-Us	T. Nelson
Adelia	G. W. Hampson
Bob-Ed	W. E. Jocelyn

TUESDAY EVENING SERIES:

Rhoda	R. Townsend
Adelia	G. W. Hampson
Just-Us	T. Nelson

THURSDAY EVENING SERIES:

Rhoda	R. Townsend
Bob-Ed	W. E. Jocelyn
Just-Us	T. Nelson

SPECIAL RACES:

McDonald Memorial Trophy:	
Rhoda	J. Robertson
Morris Trophy:	
Bob-Ed	W. E. Jocelyn
Powell Trophy:	
Rhoda	J. Robertson
"Stay at home" Series:	
1. Rhoda	R. Townsend
2. Adelia	G. W. Hampson
3. JayCeeJay	P. Powell

WESTERN NARRAGANSETT BAY, FLEET (119)
Based on Narragansett Bay, Est Greenwich, R. I.
Connecticut District
Based on Narragansett Bay, R. I.
 (No report for 1952)

LAURENTIAN INTERNATIONAL FLEET (120)
Central New York District
Based on St. Lawrence River, N. Y.
 (No report for 1952)

MERRIMAC RIVER FLEET (121)
New England District
Based on Merrimac River, Mass.
 (No report for 1952)

MAMARONECK LIGHTNING FLEET (122)
Western Long Island Sound District
Based on Long Island Sound, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Franz Pick
 Fleet Secretary Bob Marcus
 Fleet Champion

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1288	As De Pick IV	Franz Pick
2045	Safari	Sandy, Norman Waters
4210	La-Bebob II	Betty & Bob Marcus

No fleet report—Fleet totally inactive as a unit in 1952 although some individuals competed in YRA races.

EAGLE LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (123)
Michigan District
Based on Eagle Lake, Mich.
 (No report for 1952)

LOWER LAKE HURON FLEET (124)
Michigan District
Based on Lake Huron, Port Huron, Michigan
 (No report for 1952)

RED JACKET LIGHTNING FLEET (125)
Central New York District
Based on Cayuga Lake, Seneca Falls, New York
 (No report for 1952)

CEDAR POINT LIGHTNING FLEET (126)
Connecticut District
Based on Long Island Sound, Westport, Conn.
 (No report for 1952)

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SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Based on Wilmington River, Savannah, Ga.

Fleet Captain R. Bayard Baldrige, II
Fleet Secretary John M. McIntosh
Fleet Champion John Baker in "Geechee Gal"
Runner-Up John M. McIntosh in "Scalawag, III"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8	Snack II	H. L. Backus, Jr.
68	Hurricane	O. T. & James F. McIntosh
265		Henry Buckley
266	Hursey	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
267	Four Winds	Sam Varnedore
801	Skidaway	Charlton Theus
2089	Hells' Bells	Spencer Hellekson
2202	Bubber	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
2285	Misty II	Paul Hellstrom
*2298	Alibi	Albert Moreno
2411	Vixen	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
2412	Mito Mo	Royce Hoyle
2473	Sunday Punch	Billy Bergen
2619	Jazabel	Mrs. E. W. Bell
2993	Saucy	Robert Saussy
3047		Thomas Osnard
3067	Winward	
	Lady	W. W. Sprague
3152	Helena	B. F. Diamond
3198	Jag	John Carson
*3260	Winbag	Evelyn Exley
3515	Skimmer	R. O. Sprague
3553	Zig Zag	Harry Palmer
3681	Sea Pup	A. H. Berry
3698	Flash	John Wyllie
3882	Deber	R. B. Baldrige, II
3998	Geechee Gal	J. H. Baker
4671	Wild Goose	R. G. Allen
4816	Billy Wink	Billy Kittridge
5098	Scalawag, IV	John McIntosh

*Formerly owned by Bill Winburn.

The 1952 season turned out to be the longest and most interesting in local Lightning history.

Fleet #127 had a summer series consisting of 12 races, starting in May and extending through October. These races were all sailed on the Wilmington River from the Savannah Yacht Club. John Baker, sailing "Geechee Gal" repeated his championship performance by taking the summer series with the amazing record of 10 firsts in 11 races. As fleet champion, he was again awarded the Diamond Trophy. John McIntosh, in "Scalawag IV" repeated as fleet runner-up with consistent records of 2nd or 3rd place finishes in every race. Ross Allen, in "Wild Goose" completed the top three.

In the Savannah Yacht Club's Annual Regatta, "Geechee Gal", took top honors, and 3rd place was won by Jim McIntosh in "Hurricane" (No. 68); 2nd place went to Ann Poulnot of Charleston, So. Carolina, sailing "Can Can".

The new Wymberly Trophy was also won by "Geechee Gal". Johnny had retired the old one in 1951. This made his 3rd straight win over the Isle of Hope course.

In addition to the local racing, Fleet #127 went to several

out-of-town events. Starting in February with the St. Petersburg Mid-Winter's where John McIntosh, "Scalawag IV" finished 21st to top a local aggregation of three boats. "Scalawag IV" also attended the Sunburn Regatta in Miami early in March.

John Baker, Ross Allen, and John McIntosh made the long haul to Miami for the District Races in May. "Geechee Gal" took a 6th place to top the local representatives.

The 1952 South Atlantic Championships were held in Charleston, South Carolina, and Fleet #127 sent three boats to cap the three top spots. "Geechee Gal", 1st, "Scalawag IV" 2nd, and "Wild Goose" 3rd. The Demere Trophy went to John Baker again for his fine performance of three 1sts in three races.

The last road trip was to Beaufort, South Carolina, for their annual three-day meet. Ross Allen "Wild Goose" repeated by taking top honors and By Baldrige's "Deber" took third.

At the District meeting two local skippers, Ross Allen and Jim McIntosh, were elected District Commodore and Secretary respectively. Later at the Annual LCA Meeting, Ross was elected Vice-President of the Association.

Jim McIntosh was awarded the Diamond Sportsmanship Trophy at the close of the season. Jim, sailing "Hurricane", #68, turned in several fine performances throughout the season and pushed the leaders every time we had heavy winds.

1952 proved to be a fine season for Fleet #127 with keen competition and plenty of interest all season long. Already many of our skippers are refinishing their boats preparing to start the 1953 season at St. Petersburg.

PATAPSKUT LIGHTNING FLEET (128)

Dixie District

Based on Magoth River, Md.

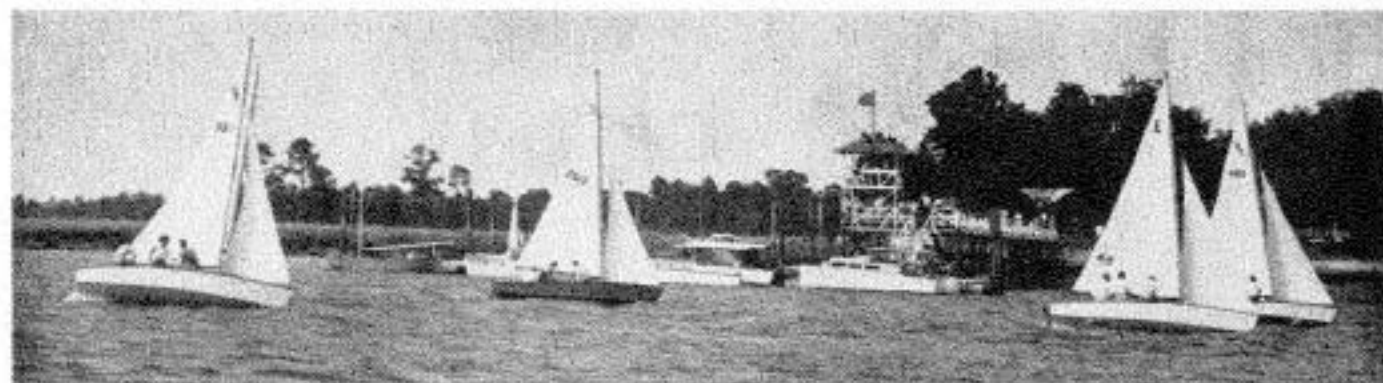
Fleet Captain William E. Klarner
Fleet Secretary William E. Klarner
Fleet Champion Herman Henschen in "Kibitzer"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
663	Black Hole	
	Devil	William E. Klarner
967	Mox	Nolan E. White
1356		E. Preston Carter
1846	Yankee	Oliver LaDew
2708	Scherzo	John B. Hildebrandt
3140	Kibitzer	Herman Henschen
3636	Thunder	Charles Perry
3708	Blitz	Daniel S. Lynch
4917	Sally-K	William H. Klarner

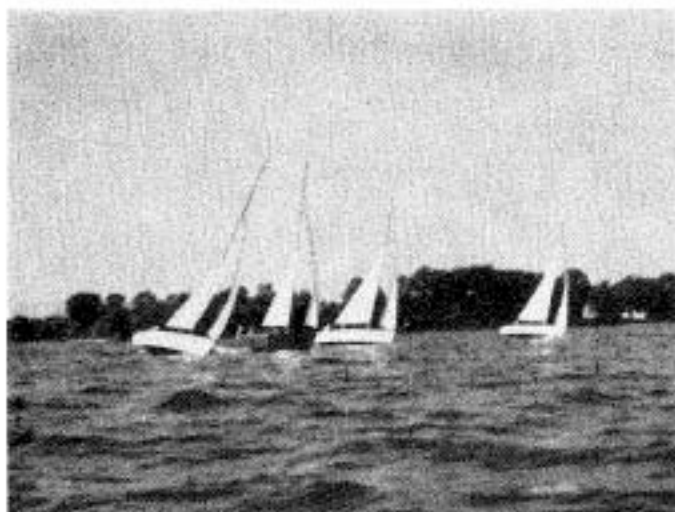
Herm Henschen sailing "Kibitzer" won the Chesapeake Bay High Point Trophy for the second year straight and W. H. Klarner sailing "Sally-K" was third in the point totals earned for this coveted cup.

"Sally-K" and "Kibitzer" also did well in the Dixie District Championship Regatta, "Sally-K" getting second place and "Kibitzer" coming in third. Before the Internationals we write to ask if the Dixie District could send two boats to the big event and the Lightning Class Association informed us that we had only enough boats in the District to send one. Now we have found from the Association Paid-Up list that the District was entitled to send two boats.

Dan Lynch sailing "Blitz" improved steadily during the season. He definitely will be a force with which to reckon next year.



Part of Fleet #127 at the starting line in front of Savannah Yacht Club.



Scene from Potomac Fall Series.

MADISON BEACH LIGHTNING FLEET (129)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Madison, Conn.

(No report for 1952)

DETROIT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (131)

Michigan District

Based on Detroit River, Mich.

(No report for 1952)

LAKE WASHINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

Pacific Northwest District

Based on Lake Washington at Seattle, Wash.

Fleet Captain	George C. Martin
Fleet Secretary	Jack H. Gahan
Fleet Champion	E. E. Miller
Runner-Up	George C. Martin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1262	Halgazan	J. S. Abel
1543	Zeta	E. E. Miller
2379	Ma-de	Geo. C. Martin
2437	Sub-deb	Pete McTavish
3264	Z-Square	Howard Zeck
3550	Donner	Russell E. Winslow
3722	Myra	Tom Gahan
3772		Chas. W. Buchler
4064	Blue Streak	Ed Holland
4332		R. S. Sarnett

Al Miller and his "Zeta" again proved too much for Fleet 132, winning both the Spring Series and Summer Series races, as well as the Fleet Championship. George Martin was runner-up in all series, and Pete McTavish and Howard Zeck were always in the running. Ed Holland was late in getting started and the Gahan boys had crew troubles, but both will probably be out strong next year. Our genial District Commodore, Jack Abel, was unable to get into the races this year on account of Jack Junior, who evidently did all the work, joining up with Uncle Sam.

There are a number of other Lightnings in our territory that have not always taken part in the races or joined the local fleet and we hope to have a larger representation next year.

MANHASSET BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (133)

Western Long Island Sound District

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

Fleet Captain	John Bollinger
Fleet Secretary	Ed Dunlavy
Fleet Champion	John Bollinger
Runner-Up	Ed Dunlavy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3225	Faux Pas	A. W. Kelley, Jr.
3694	Fusel Oil	Thomas Curtin
1746	Joker	Frank J. Kelly
1881	Holly	Paul Hollenbach
1944	Yoha	Wm. I. Stoddard & Chas. M. Reppert
2191	Damp Tramp	Richard S. Dirkes
2391	Lite'n Bug	William Redding
2466	Bijope	William H. Miller
2498	Vixen	Robert Swiggett
2610	Ginger	Joseph Meyer
3159	Scamper	Vicor Series
3370	Pha-Kwa	Marilyn Latchford
3492	Marie Anne	Edgar P. Dunlavy
3729	Nimbus	William Warden
4107	Bully	Ted Toombs
4110	Panther	David Gramann
4222	Black Menace	Luther B. Beck
4230	Chlorophyll	George Quisenberry
4610	Blue Cloud	W. Connell
4672		Lewis McClure
4968	Eight Ball	William Mills and Kenneth D. Beckendorf

We have just concluded another successful racing season, and are proud to report that our fleet has shown a fine improvement both in size as well as racing competition. We held races every Saturday and Sunday from late May until early October with 7 to 19 boats competing in each race.

We had a tune-up series consisting of ten races in which our fleet Captain John Bollinger came out on top with his "Blue Cloud". Bill and Pete Miller were second in "Bijope" with Bob Swiggett finishing third in "Vixen".

Our championship series was won by John Bollinger for the second year in a row. Ed Dunlavy after being in Europe most of the summer returned in time to sail his home built "Marie Anne" into the runner-up spot, followed by the Miller boys.

In the fall series, the Dunlavy family switched around in "Marie Anne". Young Erik Dunlavy took over the helm from his dad, and showed the rest of us his transom in almost every race. He finished first with a percentage of 973 followed by George Quisenberry in his green "Chlorophyll". Andy and Bob Connell brought "Blue Cloud" in to the "show" slot after having purchased her from John Bollinger.

The big event of the year for us was the district championships which were held in our waters by virtue of John Bollinger's victory in '51. Once again our fleet showed up very well with John sailing "Blue Cloud" to the Championship. Bill Miller was runner-up with "Bijope" and George Quisenberry placed fourth with "Chlorophyll".

We are looking forward to a great season in '53 and hope to have bigger and better things to report.

Our Fleet Captaincy is purely honorary and goes to the Fleet Champion each year. The President and Secretary do all the work.

NOROTON LIGHTNING FLEET (134)

Connecticut District

Based on Central Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Percell O'Gorman
Fleet Secretary	Walter Crump III
Fleet Champion	Susan Widmann in "Spitfire"
Runner-Up	Kimberly O'Gorman in "Shmo"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
164	Javlyn	John Hatsler
273		R. B. Van Houten
739	We Three	B. Alden Cushman
2479	Bon Ami	James W. Tower
2682	Pied Piper	Alexis Kleberg
2683	Aroma	J. H. R. Stephenson
2835	Jimlin	Robert E. Crane
3052	Aquaria	Grant Tinsworth and Crimmins
3633		Walter Remmers
3806	Spitfire	Sue Widmann
3885	Trim	Walter G. Crump, Jr.
3893		W. R. Sonke
3973	Symie	W. A. Kipp, Jr.
4108	Shmo	Kim O'Gorman
4601	Flirt	Nancy Lexow
4942	Cinderella Too	Noroton Junior Yacht Club

Noroton Yacht Club's Fleet 134 reached new heights in the 1952 season. With sixteen active boats racing on Saturdays,

Sundays and holidays, the fleet attained new honors all over Long Island Sound.

Sue Widmann, Noroton's perennial champ, led the pack for the third straight year. However, the championship was not clinched until the final gun of the season. Kim O'Gorman and Ade Kipp followed Miss Widmann to the wire, in that order. The July series was won by Miss Widmann with Kim O'Gorman and Ade Kipp second and third respectively. The August series was won by Walter Crump, just ahead of Kim O'Gorman and Sue Widmann.

Due to Kim O'Gorman's 1951 victory in the Conn.-Rhode Island District Championships, Noroton played host late in July to the top sailors of the 1952 season. Three races were held, with the Healey family of Niantic Bay emerging victorious one point ahead of Sue Widmann in "Spitfire".

The inaugural Autumn Invitational Series, attended by thirty Lightnings from the sound, was a fine contest, although wind failure held it to two races. The O'Gorman's won with Sue Widmann runner-up. It is hoped that this event will soon become a major drawing card on the sound. Kim had previously won the Pequot Invitational Regatta as well as the Stamford-Rocky Point two-day Regatta. With this additional victory, "Schmoo" came close to sweeping up all the prizes from nearby series.

The Noroton Yacht Club's flag officers races highlighted the local weekend contests. With a fine breeze blowing, Bob Crane led the way for the Rear-Commodore's Cup. In light airs, Sue Widmann's Fourth of July performance brought her the Vice Commodore's Cup. The Commodore's Cup was won by a very wet Walter Crump in "Trim".

The Noroton Jr. Y. C. with the famous "Cinderella II" continued its winning ways, competing with other junior crews in the sound area. Due to the fine seamanship of the juniors, they had little trouble winning Larchmont Race Week for the second time in many years.

Bob Crane, of Miami fame, returned to Noroton and is continuing his racing on the sound. Bob represented the Florida District at this year's L. C. A. Championships.

With the racing over for 1952, fleet 134 wishes to thank its Officers and Committees for their fine job providing excellent racing and the best in planning. Well done, Mr. O'Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. Kipp!

MOBILE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (135)

Louisiana-Alabama District

Based on Mobile Bay, Fairhope, Ala.

Fleet Captain	Edw. B. Overton
Fleet Secretary	J. U. Wilkinson
Fleet Champion	Edw. B. Overton in "Mauvillian"
Runner-Up	Jack W. Bonnell in "Black Magic"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
332	Flash II	Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
2492	Nita	Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3019		John R. Shimmers
3642		Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3643		Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3649	Amber	Hoyt S. Greenbury and Hugh Cole
3651	Black Magic	Jack W. Bonnell
3680	Espero	H. Inge Johnstone
3683	Wawassimo	Maurice M. Payne
3802	Sugarfoots	Lester A. Coons
4690	Sweet Lady	H. C. Slayton
4703	Mescalero	J. U. Wilkinson
5145	Mauvillian	Edw. B. Overton

The best news that Fleet 135 received this year is the addition of the "Sugarfoots" to its anchorage at the Fairhope Yacht Club. This boat is owned by Lester A. Coons and is being completely overhauled and put in first class racing shape. The "Sugarfoots" won the Southeastern District Championship in 1951 and the skippers of Fleet 135 feel that with this fast boat as a "Trial Horse" the whole fleet will be faster.

Edw. Overton with his new Mauvillian is still fleet champion but Jack Bonnell in his Black Magic is pressing him very closely. Hoyt Greenbury is not far behind with his Amber.

The fleet is looking forward to another fine year in 1953 and has the prospects of counting some new boats among its members.

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Lightning Fleet No. 45

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Making use of Port Clinton's new electric hoist at the Ohio-Indiana District Regatta.

PORT CLINTON SAILING CLUB (136)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Erie, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Lee Bracken
Fleet Secretary..... Larry Hartwick
Fleet Champion Robert Englebeck in "Meat Wagon"
Runner-Up..... Jack Lay in "Lay Too"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
963	Chaz-Lyn	Charles Leiner
966	Quitcher-heliakin	Bob Acker and Rip Perry
1039	Rover Boy	Ray Lambert
1485	Horn Pipe	Larry Imber
2526	Froken	Steus, Lowell and Barbara Peterson
2540	Gin Gin	Lee Bracken and Al Satterfield
4668	Meat Wagon	Robert Englebeck
4888	Lay Too	Jack Lay
4890	Mama's Mink	Pinky Allan

Port Clinton Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 136 has just completed an active 1952 season, which began with the attendance of over 40% of our membership at the District Meeting in Cleveland in February.

More than any other year, our members had the traveling bug, with Pinky Allan in "Mama's Mink" and Bob Englebeck in "Meat Wagon" beginning the racing season at the St. Petersburg Midwinter Championship Regatta in Florida.

Pinky, Bob, Jack Lay, Barb Peterson, and Bob Acker and Rip Perry trailed a total of over 8,100 miles during the season and attended over ten out of town regattas. Most of this activity is due to a desire in Fleet 136 to promote more and better racing. Along the same lines the Fleet is back of a Junior Sailing Program to teach the younger set the art of small boat handling and racing. The program, sparked by Barbara Peterson, co-owner of "Froken", includes instruction in swimming, life saving, and other activities connected with sailing.

Fleet 136 now has a new electric hoist, and nevermore will you visitors have to dunk your trailers in the lagoon to launch your boats. Docking facilities have been improved and haulouts are very easy and speedy with the new system.

We were very happy to be hosts to the Ohio-Indiana District Championship, and we wish to thank everyone for attending and making it the success we believe it should be. We extend a cordial invitation to all L. C. A. members to come back and sail with us again.

Our Fleet Championship was won by Bob Englebeck in "Meat Wagon"; runner up was Jack Lay in "Lay Too". Fleet 136 Championships are sailed every Wednesday evening, and the best ten races out of twelve are used for a final scoring. Races were well run with a Race Committee boat on the course of every race. Tom Pinefrock, who acted as judge and furnished the Race Committee boat, deserves a vote of thanks for his service.

Again may we invite you to sail in our waters and use our

docking facilities and hoist. Park your boat in our trailer area between regattas in this locality and save trailed home between races. We have a paid caretaker at all times. We'll be looking for you at the P.C.Y.C. Regatta and Snow Flurries next August and October. Until then—so long.

GULL LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (137)

Michigan District

Based on Gull Lake, Mich.

(No report for 1952)

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR FLEET (138)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Hempstead Harbor, N. Y.

Fleet Captain..... Charles L. Hurley
Fleet Secretary..... Maude Kirby
Fleet Champion..... Franklin Kolk
Runner-Up..... Robert and Edna Paul

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
224		Bob Schmidt
564		C. Kenneth Wilson
863		Robert McKinley
1592	Tar	Henry Dumper
1712	Bolero	Charles and Gordon Hurley
2130	Southerly	Franklin Kolk
2132	Jeannie	Robert Gehlmeyer
2267	Bulta	Chester Markowski
2291	Lark II	Dan Kurshan
2672	Susan	John A. Kirby
3525	Marapet	Ralph Buermann
3641	Leprechaun	I. C. Tilton
3816	Calvalier's Lady	Robert & Joan Howard
3827	Blue Teal	Warren Ostrom
4106	To-N-Fro	Robert W. & Edna M. Paul
5137		Cliff Schroeder
5195	Coquette	Burt Seaman
5236	Chase Me	Maude Kirby



Franklin Kolk sailing at Hempstead Harbor, champion of Fleet 2138.

Although handicapped by an unusual lack of wind Fleet 138 of Hempstead Harbor, none the less, had as interesting and active a season as ever.

Our '52 Season was divided into two series of 13 races each, a Commodore's series, and a special race sponsored by the Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club. The season championship was determined by the 1st and 2nd series results.

We jumped off to an early start with our usual May 30th gun, and battled down the wire for championship honors until August 30th. Most of the fleet was plagued with erratic and inconsistent results with the exception of Frank Kolk who brought his "South-erly" home away out front for the Season's win. Bob and Edna Paul sailing their "To-nfro" finished second with Charles Hurley in "Bolero" taking third.

Kolk made his bid with a 1st in the First Series and a 2nd in the Second Series. Maude and Jay Kirby, who did not qualify for a seasonal standing, brought their "Susan" home in 2nd for the First Series and garnered a 1st in the Second Series with their new boat "Chase Me."

Warren Ostrom sailing his "Blue Teal" wound up the Four-Day Commodore's Series with Kirby taking a First in the special Hempstead Harbor Day Regatta.

Under the suggestion and direction of Bob Howard the Fleet conducted two crew races. The crews sailed their own races, gave them not only the opportunity to turn the tables on the skippers but also to show us all exactly what they could do. Bob Rennie sailing Kolk's "Southerly" won the 1st and Frank Farkas in Kirby's "Chase Me" took the 2nd in two very competitive races.

On July 4th we met Manhasset Bay for our annual Team Race, with Manhasset Bay again showing the upper hand. Bob Paul, Henry Dumper and Frank Kolk made up Fleet #138 contingent that represented us at the District Championships. Kolk finished high enough in the supernumeraries to enable him to make the trip to the Internationals.

We're happy to report the addition of several new members to the Fleet. We hope next year to have swelled our membership to at least 18 boats. The newcomers have not only shown a tremendous amount of enthusiasm but have shown a definite amount of progress as well as their sailing ability. It all promises to make the '53 season more competitive than ever before.

We concluded activities with our regular cruise—a picnic to a local spot on Long Island Sound—enabling the gang to talk up the postmortems with hot dogs and beer.

THAMES YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (139)

Connecticut District

Based on Thames River, Long Island Sound, Conn.

(No report for 1952)

CONESUS LIGHTNING FLEET (140)

Central New York District

Based on Conesus Lake, Lakeville, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Glenn A. Poyzer
Fleet Secretary Marion Le Page
Fleet Champion Glenn A. Poyzer in "Trio"
Runner-Up Chas. A. Doerflinger in "Lamb Chop"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
196	Carita II	Roy H. Hendricksen
413	Decoy	R. L. Henderson
457	Hoodlum	Dr. M. Lawrence Elwell
791		Herbert J. LePage
814	Jinx	E. G. Strassenburgh
1313	The Flying Dutchman	Mary Ellen Thape
1512	3 B's	Nelson F. Bruce
1549	Trio	Glenn A. Poyzer
1922	Second Wind	Jos. L. Hockenos
1953	Deep Six	Bernard Zoppoth
2850	Nalnas III	Wm. J. Scanlan
2851	Slippin Thru	Arthur Marshall
3467	Lamp Chop	Chas. Doerflinger
4475	Meek	Clarence Meekin

With excellent winds prevailing for the most part and with enthusiasm running high among members, a most enjoyable season of racing was had by the members of Conesus Fleet #140.

Racing results were very close this season, with members constantly jockeying for top honors during the season. Actually

nothing was really decided until after the last race which, all in all, made excitement run high during all the races. Three series of races were held, individual Saturday and Sunday Series and the Season Series. When the last flag was down and all boats accounted for, we came up with the season's championship won by Glenn Poyzer. Pacing second in the season's championship won by Chuck Doerflinger with third place honors going to Bernie Zoppoth. In the Saturday Series, Jos. Hockenos took first place with Bob Henderson in second place. Glenn Poyzer came out in front for first place in the Sunday Series with Chuck Doerflinger taking a close second place.

Five boats were representatives of our fleet at the Central New York District Lightning Eliminations held at Canandaigua Lake and five boats also participated in the Lewis Point Regatta.

Late in August, a hot-dog roast was held with Chuck Doerflinger as host. At this time, we elected Glenn Poyzer as Fleet Captain, Roy Hendricksen as Treasurer and Marion Le Page as Secretary.

In post season sailing, a very delightful treat was had. We journeyed to Silver Lake in early September for a fun day regatta. Competition was high and with fair winds blowing, we really had ourselves a time. One high point of the day was an excellent meal served to us between races. In every instance our hosts, the Silver Lake Lightning Fleet #47, certainly made this day one that we shall long remember. Their friendliness, sportsmanship and competitive spirit all combined to make this a real day of sailing, and a perfect highlight to wind up the year 1952.

MATTITUCK LIGHTNING SOUND FLEET (141)

Western Long Island District

Based on Great Peconic Bay, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Ned Thoit
Fleet Secretary Sue Smith
Fleet Champion William Uhl in "Spark"
Runner-Up Robert Connor in "Black Jack"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
566	Mannana	Wilbur July
1644		G. Elliot Goldsmith
2116	Mint Julep	Paul Suter
3524	Spark	William Uhl
4149	Back Wash	Edwin Ehlers
4251	Black Jack	Robert and James Connor
4602	Ballerina	Jane Seeth and Kay Ehlers
4882	Grenlin II	Rodger and Robert Schauf
4883	Imp	Alan and Geo. McKnight
5005	Princess	Susan Smith

Mattituck Lightning Fleet #141 members again enjoyed a fine racing season. We had several types of wind conditions, which gave all the skippers an equal chance for the many trophies.

The pre-season tune-up race was won by Sue Smith in "Princess", with Wilbur July in "Mannana" taking second place. The annual July 4th American Legion Trophy race was won by Paul Suter in "Mint Julep". The trophy was presented by Raymond Cleaves, Post No. 861, again this year.

The Eastern Long Island Yachting Association Regatta, at Shelter Island Yacht Club, brought an even larger fleet of Lightnings than in previous years. James Connor, sailing his "Black Jack", came home with a well deserved first place. This year for the first time, the E.L.I.Y.A. held junior championship eliminations. These eliminations races were held before the regatta. The two representative boats and crews from Fleet 141 captured both first and second place, with Robert Connor in 4251 taking first place and Sue Smith in 5005, second.

The District Eliminations this year were held at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club. Although the racing conditions were very different than on Peconic Bay, our representatives again did well. William Uhl in "Spark" took first place and James Connor, in "Black Jack", third.

The Mattituck Fire Department annual trophy for Lightnings was won for the second consecutive year by Paul Suter. Although handicapped by the loss of his crew, William Uhl was able to beat out Jim Connor for the Fleet Championship. This was the third time Bill has taken the fleet honors.

Exceptionally strong winds prevented the usual large turn out for the Southold Invitational Regatta on Labor Day; but even so, Bill Uhl raced and again came out on top bringing home the first place trophy.

This year everyone enjoyed the excellent racing conditions, and hope to be as fortunate next season.

MORICHES BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (142)

Greater Long Island District

Based on Moriches Bay, Westhampton, L. I., N. Y.

Fleet Captain Harold Taylor
Fleet Secretary Edmund A. Prentiss III
Fleet Champion Edmund A. Prentiss III
Runner Up B. Wheeler Dyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
144		Kenneth Ryan
2964	Chica	Andrew De Lissar
3107	Daisy Belle	Edmund A. Prentiss III
3573	Shorty	B. Wheeler Dyer
4183	Skimmerette	Harold Taylor

Moriches Bay Lightning Fleet 142 began the 1952 season inauspiciously. We found that several of our boats would not be active. However, the four remaining boats determined to have the best season possible. In addition to our Saturday series of races, a Regatta with the Southampton Lightning Fleet was held at Westhampton. Mr. Edmund A. Prentiss, Jr., very kindly donated a large silver tray suitably inscribed to be known as the Hampton Trophy. This trophy will be raced for annually between the Southampton Fleet Lightnings and the Westhampton Fleet Lightnings until one fleet has won it three times. It will then become the property of that fleet, and the following season will be presented to the fleet champion.

The first race of the Regatta was held on a Saturday in lieu of our usual race. The Southampton fleet won handily.

The second race, on Sunday, was barely underway when a severe squall hit the fleet and only two boats were able to finish. Several masts were lost and there were a number of capsize. Fortunately no one was hurt. Westhampton won this exciting race.

The third race was won by the Southampton fleet and they will retain the Hampton Trophy until the next season's regatta. A cocktail party was held after the races in honor of the visiting fleet. After the squall, the party was really appreciated by all hands.

We are trying to put on a campaign to get more Lightnings in our fleet for next season. We hope to see some of our old fleet members back next year.

HAWAII LIGHTNING FLEET (143)

Based on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Fleet Captain Cy Gillette
Fleet Secretary Randolph Lee
Fleet Champion Cy Gillette in "Nubbin"
Runner Up Wm. Hole in "Genie"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1622	Maggie Jane	Bobby Edmondson
2008	Lanikila	Murray Youlin
2069	Victoria	Phil Fisk
2425	Kokokahi	Kurt Moderow
3154	Nubbin	Cy Gillette
3190	Pookela	Jess E. Ryno
3261		Randolph Lee
3262	Kuuipo	P. A. Hagens
3263	Conchita	Wm. C. Ballinger
3305	Mahapi	Ramon Buisseret
3825	Mikihala	W. R. Hawkins
4529	Genie	Wm. L. Hole
5198		Jim Cunningham
5199	No Huhu	Bob Weising

Hawaii Lightning Fleet opened their 1952 season of 34 races on April 4th and continued through to November 16th for the most active season thus far. Sandwiched in during the month of October was the first Hawaii Invitational Regatta Week which drew four boats from Hawaii Lightning Fleet and is reported on fully under the Hawaiian Island District.

Trophies raced for were divided between Bill "Puka" Hole, Cy Gillette and Wally Hawkins. Wm. Barrere sailing Gillette's "Nubbin" took the Crews Race and one other trophy to complete the winners of the men's events. Cy Gillette won the Class Championship with a grand slam of five straight firsts in a hard fought series.

The Annual Waikiki Series saw Alberto Gillette repeat in "Nubbin" for the second year. She was hard pressed by Jean Hole the entire distance and had to overhaul Priscilla Fisk to come out on top. It is rumored (and rightly so) that if the shark had appeared over Priscilla's stern instead of bow, she would have never been headed.



Cy Gillette in "Nubbin", Fleet Champion of Hawaii Lightning Fleet.

This season saw the rebirth of inter-fleet competition with Waikiki Yacht Club challenging for the Commodore Cy Gillette Challenge Trophy. Twice before Kaneohe Lightnings had successfully defended the plaque. This time the Waikiki Lightnings were determined to take it home across the Pali. With this in mind they doped out a system of two boat task forces, saw-off starts and strategy changes on signal from the Waikiki flagship. Kaneohe Lightnings on the other hand decided to sail on their own to see just what the opposing team had.

The start of the first race of the three race series saw the Waikiki planning pay off with having things all their way. As the race progressed the task force operations of two boats to one left four Kaneohe Lightnings free which proceeded to take off. The race ended with Kaneohe Lightnings on the top half, except for first place, which produced a winning combination.

The second race brought forth a change in Waikiki strategy that eliminated their costly two for one planning. Breaking loose their fastest boat at the start, which was never headed and sailing their boats on their own the Waikiki team produced the same results which came to Kaneohe in the first race. The series was all tied up and so were the skippers on each team.

Kaneohe reviewing the previous two races knew that its weakness at the start had to be corrected. Skull practice was held and specific assignments for starting were made.

Tension mounted as the start of the third and deciding race drew near with the hoisting of the white flag.

But seconds after the red starting flag had gone up, the series was decided. Kaneohe Lightnings got the jump at the start, widened their advantage in the first lap, beat down a homestretch challenge and sailed off with the plaque.

The post-regatta party at the Kaneohe clubhouse was a merry one. Reported one Waikiki skipper later: "They may have beaten us, but we took their clubhouse apart." Along with the presentation of the trophy, which now starts its sixth year in Kaneohe's possession, went a fresh challenge from Waikiki for another try in '53.

Kaneohe's Lightning skippers were team captain Cy Gillette, Jess Ryno, Phil Fisk, Bill Ballinger—Bill Froome, Wally Hawkins, Bill Hole—Buddy Baptiste, and Jay Vincent. Challenging Waikiki Lightning skippers were team captain Frank Rothwell, Art Myhre, Bob Southgate, Harry Uhler, Bob Miller, Jerry Sheeley and Jim Rukin.

FLOTILHA CARIOCA DE LIGHTNINGS FLEET (144)

Based on North Side of Guanabara Bay at
Exseada De Ramos, Rio de Janeiro

(No report for 1952)

SPOFFORD LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (145)

New England District
Based on Spofford Lake, N. H.

Fleet Captain Philip Johnson
Fleet Secretary Dr. Wilton F. Dean
Fleet Champion Leonard Pratt
Runner-Up Charley Toms

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
81	Nimble	Walter Roehrig
1158	Pied Piper	Philip A. & Mary N. Johnson
1312	Evelyn	Fred H. Harris
1739	Bon Joy	Leonard C. & Florence Pratt
1936	Night Cap	Robert D. Stewart
2237	Schuster	Carlton C. Buckman
2362	Bee-Bee	Robert E. Munson, Jr.
2692	Winsome II	Dr. Albert Harden, Jr.
2853	Davisc III	Abe H., David, Victor & Simon Jacobson
3422	Chalana	Charles L., Lorenz S. & Nancy S. Toms
3440	Ida	Arthur L. Rohle
3454	Edith	Dr. Wilton F. Dean
4211	Donana	Grant B. Holt

The Spofford Lightning Fleet had a very busy season in 1952, and the water of Lake Spofford witnessed many hard fought battles between our boats.

After the usual spring overhaul our boats were in the water by the middle of May and soon we started the tune-up races which lasted until June eighth.

By that time two of our skippers (Len Pratt and Charlie Toms) overtook measuring the sails of all the boats in our fleet. It was interesting to note that while most of the sails were of legal size there were others which had stretched over maximum and one spinnaker was thirteen inches too short.

The summer races started on June fourteenth and lasted until July twentieth. First in that summer series was Len Pratt, with Bud Holt second, and Charlie Toms third.

There was a special race on the Fourth of July when the crews skippered the boats and the skippers had to take orders. Everyone of us like it and we had a lot of fun. The crewmen took full advantage of the situation and showed good skippering. In this race Florence Pratt came in first and Bob Beverstock second.

We all had read Ted Wells book about sailing, and one day we discussed the possibilities of sailing to windward with the main sheet cleated as it is recommended in the book. One of our best skippers tried two weeks later and we found him and his crew sitting in the water. He said it worked all right until there was a puff. Carlton Buckman took great pride in making him an honorary life member in our dunkers division.

On July twenty-sixth and seventh we had the New England District Lightning Championship Regatta on our waters. This time there were fewer entries than two years before but we had good sailing weather. The winner was Bud Holt in the "Donana", second Len Pratt, and third Charlie Toms.

Our championship series started August ninth. Five races had to be sailed to determine the winner. Len Pratt was our 1952 champion with Bud Holt and Charlie Toms close behind.

In September skippers, crews, and families, twenty-seven strong, from Houlitt Bay Fleet, #38, came to visit us and we had three inter-fleet races. In points we had a slight edge over them but they did all the entertaining and everybody had a good time.

Also in September Charlie Toms and Carlton Buckman trailed their boats to Manchester, N. H. and sailed with the Massabesic Yacht Club in handicap race. The results for the second year found Charlie first, and Carlton second. The Lightnings made a good impression in Manchester and we hope they will be able to have a Lightning Fleet of their own in the near future.

The Spofford Yacht Club purchased a nice shore lot on the lake which will enable us to have picnics and other activities to bring our skippers, crews, and families together on land as sea.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Robert H. Allen
Fleet Secretary Al Davis
Fleet Champion James Mitchell
Runner-Up Harold E. Weir

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1886	West Wind	William G. Acheson
2310	Flying Saucer	Bernard Collison
2366	Baroness	Walter Hubbard
2375	Video	Jim Taylor
2397	Chinook	E. S. and S. B. Plummer
2433		R. Allen
2597	Zeus	William Robinson
2600	Skol	John Farrer & A. J. Cormack
3182	Arnella	Arnold and Elvira Gorman
3548	Tempest	Alfred Dutton
3877		Lester L. Arnoldi
4067	Velox II	Harold E. Weir
4081	Stinky II	Robert L. Street
4216	Renee	Marcel and Louis Lalonde
4284		Munro Gibson
4364	Skylark	Larry Hurst
4433	Leona	James Cousins
4451	Mistress	Bruce Mitchell
4629	Brandy	Ian Waldie
4630		J. Mullaney
4728		Constantine Castas
4745		Ronald W. Webster
4824	Sinbad	James Mitchell
4831	Skylark	Art Dickenson
5223		E. G. Hearn
5234		J. R. G. Bleasby
5303		Al Davis

FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP

The champion of the Toronto Bay Fleet for 1952 was Jim Mitchell, former Fleet Captain, sailing "Sinbad". He placed far ahead of the runners-up, Harold Weir in "Velox II" and Bob Allen in 2433. Based on the best 15 out of 19 events held under the Fleet's jurisdiction, Jim had 12 firsts and 3 seconds.

LOU MARSH MEMORIAL TROPHY

This five race series was sailed off at the National Yacht Club and Jim Mitchell scored another series win to take the mug and its replica. Runner-up was the same as for the Fleet Championship.

L.S.S.A. REGATTA

The Lake Skiff Sailing Association's Annual Regatta for centre-board craft was held at the Queen City Yacht Club in Toronto and Jim Mitchell's "Sinbad" outsailed all comers to take early honours. Before this regatta, Jim had taken the silverware at the International Trade Fair.

GORMAN TROPHY

In a hard fought series of team races featuring three boats each from the National Yacht Club and the Queen City Yacht Club, the Q.C.Y.C. won handily.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CUP

Ted Plummer in "Chinook" won the annual race around Toronto Island.

The annual banquet of the Fleet held in November was attended by at least twice as many sailors and guests as had ever before turned out for the event. Prize giving was the order of the night. Former Fleet Captain Arn Gorman welcomed the recent members of the fleet and it would appear by the run-down of new boats under construction that Fleet 146 is in for its greatest year and certainly the starting line will be much more crowded than heretofore.

CANADIAN LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

On August 28 and 29, 1952, the Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet was host to some 20 visitors who came to participate in the First Canadian Lightning Championship Regatta. Boats were being launched as late as 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 27th and Sail Measurer Harold Weir called it a day about midnight.

For the morning race on the Thursday the skippers were faced with a whisper of a breeze that faded in and out all morning. The afternoon race around the three mile triangle was run under similar conditions. Thursday evening contestants attended a cocktail party at the National Yacht Club. Later in the evening some of the entrants used the complimentary pass the Canadian National Exhibition presented to all attending sailors. For many of them this was their first look at the world's largest annual exhibition.

Friday morning the third and final race started under a low haze with very little wind, but before the finishing gun went, all hands were hiking. Entrants were invited to a buffet lunch in the CNE grounds at which the Daily Star Trophy and replica were presented to Tom Allen of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Silver Trays were presented to the first three American boats and the first three Canadian boats.

Assurances received by the Fleet indicate that everyone had a good time and in 1953 expect that a great many more boats will be attending.

THE CANADIAN LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP—Toronto
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SAO PAULO LIGHTNING FLEET (147)

Based on Lake Guarapiranga, Brazil

Fleet Captain — Cyril W. Milbourne
Fleet Secretary — Anatole Pilnik
Fleet Champion — Renzo Scalini in "Giao-ne"
Runner-Up — Benedito Levi in "Guga"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3012	Kon-Tiki	Peter Ingouville
3013	Mandachava	Allen R. Beeby & Anatole Pilnik
3080	Carminha	Eduardo Sabino de Oliveira
3090	Giao-ne	Renzo Scalini
3091	Nautilus	Zito Ramensoni
3092	Vagalume	George B. Holland
3093	Faisca	Harold B. Holland, Eric Racy and Arthur Sheppard
4159	M'Boy	Lothario Lienert
4163	Resaca	C. W. Milbourne & F. D. Pine
4244	Guga	Benedito Levi
4294	Chupin	Mario Rubens Montenegro, Francisco Gons Calmon, & Roberto Ferreira da Rosa
4453	Boa Vida	Herbert V. Levy
4782	Kelpie	Andrew W. Johnson
4788	Electra II	Alexandre Kemeses
4789	Cunhanta	Dario Cerchi
4909	Topino	Dulio Baldassarri
5020	Quinha II	Jack Fridman
5091		Raymond Robert Kegel



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GENESSEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (148)

Central New York District

Based on Lake Ontario, at Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain — Jack Southard
Fleet Secretary — Arnold Schultz
Fleet Champion — Clarence Wilson
Runner-Up — Jack Southard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
617	Catchup	Frederick Roos
810	Thunder	Jack Southard
875	Twildo	Charles Clutz
3542	Bauble	Robert W. Paige
3543	Robbin	Arnold Schultz
3544	Stardust	Clarence Wilson
3608	Guppy	Ernest Butler
3667	Pixey	Warren Stephens
1139	Tomahawk	Leon Stone
1201	Pop Gun	Clifford O'Kane

The Genessee Fleet began active racing on May 30th and finished the season's activities on September 13th. This included a spring, summer and fall series.

Competition was extremely keen this year as the last race in each series decided the winner.

"Barney" Wilson caught up with and tied Southard in points for the spring series and took first place by the majority of wins. "Sal" Dorecz in "Pixy" finished third place.

The summer series was also taken by Wilson in "Stardust" even though "Ernie" Butler held the lead most of the way. Southard in his "Thunder" finished third.

Bob Paige had to have a win over Southard in the final race to take first in the fall series with Butler finishing third place.

Club activities included a long distance race from Rochester to Sodus Point, a distance of 35 miles. The race being won by Fred Roos with Wilson second and Southard third.

The following weekend, the three boats that sailed to Sodus Bay and Bexco's "Pixy", which was trailered down, entered the L. S. L. S. Regatta over the 4th of July weekend.

The District eliminations at Canandaigua Lake showed a great improvement in our club's sailing ability in general.

Genessee Yacht Club was host to the Newport Fleet for the Annual Gannet Trophy team race which was won for the third time by the Newporters and should have been retired but everybody had such a good time that it was decided to continue the activity as an annual affair.

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OWASCO YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (149)

Central New York District
Based on Owasco Lake, N. Y.
(No report for 1952)

MOHICAN LIGHTNING FLEET (150)

Ohio-Indiana District
Based on Charles Mill Dam, Mansfield, Ohio

Fleet Captain Dave Upham
Fleet Secretary Edith Groetegut
Fleet Champion Dave Upham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
340	Sturdy Beggar	David & Claudia Upham
1136	Feather	C. Richard Keller
1646	Candy	C. P. Siegenthaler
2016	Gin-Jo-Ka	Jathryn & Johnson Smith
2017	Nitie	August Groetegut
2018	Squaw	Glenn Macy
2725	Piedfly	Eugene Smart
2854	Toby	Walter Stevens
5167	Thunderbird	Mabel & Henry Huston

Lightning Fleet 150 completed a very successful sailing season with the annual banquet closing the season officially. We sail Sunday afternoons and usually holidays and the season begins Memorial Day and ends the last of Sept. Twenty races constitute the season and a skipper must sail in 60% of these races to be eligible for the fleet championship. It was won this year by Dave Upham sailing "Sturdy Beggar". Eight boats comprised the fleet but in the middle of the season the Hustons added their new Nichols-Holman making nine. They were too late to compete for the fleet championship so took to roving, three neighboring regattas, lots of fun and experience but no trophies.

A new plan was inaugurated this year making more trophies and more competition—each group of three Sundays comprised a series and a trophy was given for each series. The following trophies were awarded.

Bill Leicy Macy Trophy
Dave Upham Smart Trophy
Bill Leicy Siegenthaler Trophy
Gene Smart Stevens Trophy
Mabel & Henry Huston Huston Trophy
Glenn Macy Upham Trophy

ANNISQUAM LIGHTNING FLEET (151)

New England District
Based at Annisquam, Mass.

Fleet Captain John D. Cunningham, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Hollis French
Fleet Champion John D. Cunningham, Jr.
Runner-Up Derwin H. Stevens

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1753	Bahalu	W. J. Carter
2098	Linside	H. S. Wiggins
2106	Zephyr	Janet Stevens and Brook Stevens, Jr.
2344	Duet	W. E. Brimer
2831	Pegasus	Slade Gorton
3048	Pronto	Robert H. S. French
3279	Cinabar II	George P. Lordan
3282	Bar II	John D. Cunningham, Jr.
3321	Concordia	F. H. Lovejoy
3571	Let's Go	G. Howard Allen
3572	Petrel	E. B. D. Neuhouser
3605	Firefly	Alden French
4231	Spray	J. W. & Katherine Teal
4860	Colleen	William V. M. Fawcett

1952 saw some very keen racing at Annisquam. With good weather and good breezes, and as many as eight boats racing at one time, Jack Cunningham in "Bar" won the championship, with Dinny Stevens in "Zephyr" a close runner-up.

This year five of our boats were used in the Curtis Cup races. These races, emblematic of the Massachusetts Junior Championship, were sailed in Ipswich Bay. The junior skippers wanted

some experience in Lightnings, as they were the boats to be used in the Sears Bowl final.

Numerous friendly brushes were had with the neighboring Sandy Bay Yacht Club Lightnings during the summer, and it is hoped that regular inter-club races can be arranged for next summer.

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET (152)

Michigan District
Based on Tawas Bay, Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain Guy R. Moulthrop, Jr.
Fleet Secretary L. G. McKay, Jr.
Fleet Champion William F. McKinley
Runner-Up Guy R. Moulthrop, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1900	Merri-Mac	L. G. McKay, Jr.
2901	Hum Bug	William F. McKinley
2903	Sham	Guy R. Moulthrop, Jr.
4598	Let's Go II	William F. Nelson
4697	Lone Wolf	Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr.

The annual fourth of July Regatta started the sailing season on beautiful Tawas Bay with the visiting clubs taking most of the honors. In the Lightning Class, Ed. Blaise and Al Daeschlein from the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club, Fleet 216, in their new "Ham Bone" and Phil Patterson in his new "Mem's Mink", took first and third respectively. Bill McKinley held up the Tawas fleet honors with a second.

The regular racing series continuing through July and August was hard fought with three boats taking turns at first, second and third places. In the end, Bill McKinley in the "Hum Bug" finished on top with Tim Moulthrop's "Sham" and Ladd McKay's "Merri-Mac" right on his heels.

During the sailing season many of the Tawas boats enjoyed the hospitality of several Michigan Clubs. We sailed in the District at Cass Lake, the Higgins Lake Summer Open Invitational; the Bay City "Jolly Roger", and the Lake Fenton "White Cap" Regatta. A grand time was had by all and we thank the other clubs for their fine regattas.

We wish to extend to all of you, an invitation to sail in our annual fourth of July Regatta. We take a back seat to no one when it comes to a perfect triangular course. We have two such triangles, each one mile to a leg, extending into our protected Tawas Bay on the East side of Michigan. Here with physical hazards as rocks, weeds, sand bars, forgotten you are free to concentrate completely on winning the race. Seamanship knowledge of the rules, and having a well tuned boat are what count in bringing your boat across the finish line first. Won't you let us share our advantages with you?—Will see you in Tawas on July third in 1953.

PEQUOT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (153)

Connecticut District
Based on Long Island Sound, Southport, Conn.

Fleet Captain Richard H. Taylor
Fleet Secretary Grant Barratt
Fleet Champion Lincoln Eveleth in "Fidget"
Runner-Up Geo. P. Biggs in "Windward"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
255	Spinaway	Lawrence Moore
260	Who Dat	Geo. F. Hussey, Jr.
376	Coot	Fred W. Roberts
1588	Frisky	Pequot Jr. Yacht Club
2586	Pigtail	Grant Barratt & Thomas Maytham
3155	Yankee	Richard H. Taylor
3165	Hopeful	J. William Hope
3319	Windward	George P. Biggs
3500	Fidget	E. L. Eveleth
4525	Bing	Donald B. Trendwell

The year of 1952 found our fleet enthusiastic but reduced in number during part of the season because of military and education priorities.

Our fleet sailed in regular races on Saturdays and Sundays during the season with a special three day Series over the Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day Week Ends for special

trophies. Our championship series was won by Lincoln Eveleth in "Fidget" with George P. Biggs in "Windward" runner-up.

On August 2nd and 3rd Pequot ran off the second Annual Lightning Invitation Regatta in which a total of thirty-five boats from Black Rock, Housatonic, Norwalk, Noroton and Pequot Yacht Club competed. In the series, reduced to two races because of a flat calm Saturday afternoon first place was won by Kim O'Gorman in "Shmoor", second was Sue Widmann in "Spitfire" both of Noroton, and third place was taken by George P. Biggs of Pequot in "Windward". A good time was enjoyed by all.

Richard H. Taylor in "Yankee" and George P. Biggs in "Windward" represented Pequot at the Lightning District Championships held at Noroton on July 26 and 27, and finished in the middle of the pack.

We look forward to a very active year in 1953 with five or six new boats being added to our fleet, which will increase the friendly spirit of competition to a new high standard.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (154)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain	Clifford D. Sadler
Fleet Secretary	Clifford D. Sadler
Fleet Champion	Bruce Baiden
Runner-Up	Harold Taylor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
21	Rufus II	Oren Ragsdale
628		John Call
640		Duff Sadler
790		Russ Snowberger
2527		Paul Taylor
2559	Scud	Eugene Bulson
2732		Merle Shanklin
2774		Gordon Graham
2775		Dr. J. S. Wellington
2867	Ho-Hum	Edward E. McLaren
4517	Kathy	Bruce Baiden
5175		Paul Hess
5259		Dr. J. S. Wellington

Lightning Fleet #154, sailing at Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana, Wawasee Yacht Club, enjoyed a very successful season, with several boats changing hands, two new boats added to the fleet, and about half the skippers flying spinnakers in competition for the first time.

The results of the annual 12-race series, starting with three races the Fourth of July week-end and ending with three races over Labor Day week-end, is listed below. Bruce Baiden again is Fleet Champion, but he is getting plenty of competition and will be pushed to maintain his position in 1953—no say several skippers.

Bruce Baiden also won the Cynthia Cup, presented by Eli Lilly, to the outstanding skipper in the Club for all classes. Several new members joined the club this season with an assortment of boats, several of which have indicated it would not be long until they joined the ranks of Lightning skippers.

The Great Lakes Snipe Regatta was held at the Wawasee Yacht Club August 22, 23, & 24, with the Lightning Fleet Skippers acting as Hosts, Race Committee and otherwise assisting in every way possible to make their brother sailors enjoy a full three days of racing.

Our Fleet still prefers the Snipe method of awarding points, at least for a season series. It gives everyone a better break and provides better competition, we believe, especially as the 10 points bonus for each race started is quite an incentive when the going gets close. A leading skipper can't afford to lay out and maintain his position. We would like to see the Lightning Point System opened for debate in the near future.

WATKINS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (155)

Michigan District

Based on Watkins Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Glenn Fries, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Mary Jo Fries
Fleet Champion	Glenn Fries, Jr.
Runner-Up	Dwight LaBaie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8		Ralph Miller
2083	Cygnat	Brown Williams
2124	Ramblin Rascal	Jack Berlen
2228		Ben Weber
3537	Windcall	Dave Green
3558	Jo-Dee	Glenn Fries, Jr.
3559	Susie Q II	Dwight LaBaie
1978		Raymond Noble
2086	Minnie Mae	Norman Burns

We have new members! Our fleet is growing. Five years ago we had just enough boats (3) to become a fleet.

We held our races every Sunday morning at 11:00 and had 18 races in all.

Our season's Champ is Glenn Fries, Jr. with Dwight LaBaie as runner-up.

LOTAWANA LIGHTNING FLEET (156)

Based on Lake Lotawana, Mo.

(No report for 1952)

SPARROWS POINT YACHT CLUB (157)

Dixie District

Based on Chesapeake Bay, Md.

Fleet Captain	C. T. Stott
Fleet Secretary	E. J. Crum

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2953	Double Check	M. F. Reese, Jr. and H. Phillips
3539	Thunder Ann	E. Jefferson Crum
3565	Su Su II	C. T. Stott

(No report for 1952)

BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (158)

Pacific Northwest District

Based on Bellingham Bay, Bellingham, Wash.

Fleet Captain	Patricia Sutherland
Fleet Secretary	Robert O. Anderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3768	Kemah	Harry & Pat Sutherland
3776	Ptah	Robert O. Anderson
3778	Howdy Duddy	Basil Miaullis
3785	Puff	Dr. C. B. Hitz
3789	Dragonmassee	Roy N. Gasland

After a very slow start the fleet raced a very interesting series of races. The fleet had the pleasure of having the Hunter Vogle family and their boat, "Pastime" for our series racing. They, the Hunter Vogle family, won Series "A". "B" Series was won by Pat Sutherland in "Kemah". "C" Series the Hunter Vogle family came back to win in the "Pastime".

TACOMA LIGHTNING FLEET (159)

Pacific Northwest District

Based on Commencement Bay—Puget Sound,

Tacoma, Wash.

(No report for 1952)

IVY LIGHTNING FLEET (160)

Midwest District

Based on Illinois River, Ill.

Fleet Captain	John A. Mueller
Fleet Secretary	Dr. Hanns G. Maister
Fleet Champion,	John A. Mueller in "Dipsy Doodle"

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

Despite the fact that our fleet was very small, all of our boats very actively participated in the Sunday morning races sponsored by the Ivy Club of Peoria. In these races our fleet captain, John Mueller, proved beyond doubt to be the champion of the fleet.

The outstanding event of our sailing season was the Invitational Regatta of the Peoria Ivy Club held on the week-end of the 4th of July. In the special 4th of July Race, the prize for the Lightning Class went to our fleet captain, John A. Mueller, in Dipsy Doodle. The three prizes of the Regatta series went to the following boats and skippers:

First—2064—Dipsy Doodle — John A. Mueller, Ivy Lightning Fleet (160)
 Second—4374—Roamer — Phil Peterson, Island Bay Lightning Fleet (117)
 Third—1176—Cornucob — Dr. Hans G. Maister, Ivy Lightning Fleet (160)

Two boats, Dipsy Doodle and Cornucob, entered the Middle States Championship Regatta of the Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield, Illinois, and Cornucob sailed in the Harbor Point Yacht Club 1952 Regatta held on the Mississippi River at Alton, Illinois.

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB FLEET (161)

California District

Based at San Diego, California

(No report for 1952)

FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNINGS DE FLORIANOPOLIS (162)

Based on Santa Catarina Strait, Florianopolis, S. A.

(No report for 1952)

EASTCHESTER BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (163)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Eastchester Bay, at City Island, N. Y.

(No report for 1952)

CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164)

Central New York District

Based on Cazenovia Lake, Madison Co., New York

Fleet Captain — John J. Hill
 Fleet Secretary — Mary Joyce Glassey
 Fleet Champion — Dr. D. B. Sanford in "Doregasa"
 Runner-Up — Mary Joyce Glassey in "Maria Elena II"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
658	Julie II	Sam Thomas
747	Miss Me	Margaret Ellen Hogue
1145	Hals Bells	Harold Bentley
1153	King Tut	John and Forbes Tuttle
1294	Presco	Bernard Shoninger
1350	Waterlee	R. Philip Hart
1381	Maria Elena II	Mary Joyce Glassey
1833	Sea Witch	John and Trudy Hill
2792	Doregasa	Dr. D. B. Sanford
5265		Craig V. Williams
4687		Jesse Silverman

We of the Cazenovia Lightning Fleet feel that it was a very successful racing season due to the fact that we had a greater spirit and more boats entering the races. Nothing is definite at this writing but there are several families interested in Lightnings. We feel sure that our fleet will be larger next year.

The Fleet Championship was won by Doc Sanford followed by Mary Joyce Glassey in "Maria Elena II" as runner-up. R. Philip Hart "the foremost scientific sailor in our fleet and the most accurate weather prophet" brought his boat in third position.

For the past two years, we have been sailing two separate series, one on Saturdays and the other on Sundays. This seems to draw more enthusiasm because some skippers find it impossible to race on both days of the weekend and so they have a choice of races to compete in. The Saturday Series was won by Glassey and Doc Sanford won the Sunday Series.

Our fleet was represented in the regatta circuit by the "Dore Gase" and "Maria Elena II". They had a marvelous time at the Lewis Point Invitational and hope to join the fun again next year.

One of the highlights in our social entertainment was a picnic held at the Glassey home for Lightning skippers and crews.

Everybody was happy to see Barney Shoninger, one of our most enthusiastic sailors, win the Charter Member's Cup with help from his son. Trophies were awarded at the annual Yacht Club Banquet which closed a very successful season.

WOLLASTON BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (165)

New England District

Based on Quincy Bay, Quincy, Mass.

Fleet Champion	None
Fleet Secretary	Robert G. Ford
Fleet Captain	None

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1368	Jumbie	Wesley C. Marsh
2275	We Did	Michael J. English
3006	Lucky Strike	David A. Sudrabin
4099	Baba Yaga	Robert G. Ford
4854	Gadget	Raymond A. Smith

NYLANDS LIGHTNING FLEET (166)

Based on South Coast of Finland, Helsingfors, Finland

(No report for 1952)

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Based on Mississippi River, Davenport, Iowa

Our fleet activities have dropped off to a considerable extent. We have done no racing at all this season, however, we have had several outings with the Lake Davenport Sailing Club. These were mostly over night trips up the river on week ends. There is one new Lightning owner in this area that we have not as yet contacted. This boat is sailing out of the Moline Sea Scout Base. We hope to contact this new boat owner during the winter and to try to have a full racing schedule for next summer.

It is our belief that the backbone of sailing is racing and if we can get a good racing program started we shall be able to grow in the future.

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TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (168)

Southeastern District

Based on Upper Tampa Bay, Fla.

Fleet Captain..... E. P. MacBryde
Fleet Secretary..... Harold S. Balcom
Fleet Champion..... Gene Hansen & Harold
Balcom in "Zombie"
Runner-Up..... E. P. MacBryde in "Whim"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2839	Playmate	Charles Harra
3231	Frolic	Ben Hatcher
3876	Zombie	Harold Balcom & Gene Hansen
4124	Challenge	Dr. O. Ellingson
4419	Whim	Ernest MacBryde

Tampa Bay Lightning Fleet completed an interesting season year round sailing, racing and picnicking.

Ernest MacBryde journeyed to the Miami Sunshine Regatta in January and took second place to start the year's activities. The only boat to beat him was our district champ, Howard Focht, who is also the Lightning Midwinter winner and last year's President's trophy holder.

Our entire fleet was present for the Midwinters in St. Petersburg but found the competition a little rougher than usual.

The fleet championship summer series ended in a tie for first between Ernest MacBryde's "Whim" and Gene Hansen and Harold Balcom's "Zombie," the latter sloop winning by the toss of a coin. Newcomer Ben Hatcher surprised many by taking third spot in "Frolic."

Two of our fleet members, Charles Morgan and Harold Balcom, temporarily deserted Lightnings to crew in the North American Sailing Championships.

Teaming with Skipper Edwina Nelson, they won the Florida sailing title in Gulf Coast Fish Class boats at Sarasota. Next came the semi-finals in New Orleans, sailed in L. 16's where they won the southern title and a place in the finals at Mystic, Conn.

The finals sailed in Quincy Adams 17's found them winning one race but a broken tiller and a disqualification in other races dropped them to sixth place in the series, which goes to prove that Lightning sailors can compete with the best in the country.

Skipper MacBryde's "Whim" finished sixth in the President's trophy series at Spray Beach. Crewing with him were Ed. Balcom and Clay Houston. Our two entries in the Districts in Miami were Collision victims.

This coming season is expected to see increased activity inasmuch as the Districts Championships will be held locally.

FLOTTE DES TROIS LACS (169)

Based on Lacs de Neuchatel, Switzerland

(No report for 1952)



Visiting Katoche crews in Challenge Series with Waikiki Lightnings.

HONOLULU LIGHTNING FLEET (170)

Based on Ala Moana Harbor, Waikiki, Honolulu

Fleet Captain..... Dr. Alexis Burso
Fleet Secretary..... Robert M. Southgate

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1460	Menehune	Robert M. Southgate
1676	Ginger	Dr. Alexis A. Burso
3305	Mahape	Ramon D. Buisseret
3910	Wiki Wiki	Arthur H. Myhre

KINGSTON YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (171)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Ontario, Kingston, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain..... Harry Melvin
Fleet Secretary..... Mac de St. Remy
Fleet Champion..... Freddie Siemonsen in "Blitz"
Runner-Up..... Bill Rigny

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2969	Kay	A. G. & F. A. MacLachlan
3082	Never Again	W. B. & Alecia Dalton
3084	Yellow Peril	E. S. Dalton
3085		Gord Workman & Ted Stevenson
3678	The Pickle	Harry Melvin
3821	Blitz	Freddie Siemonsen
3976	MidMag	Don & Bob Crothers
3983	Blitzen	O. Dahlstrom & M. N. Hay
4061	Idle Hour	Mac de St. Remy
4062		E. E. Conley
4203	Vamp	John McCullough

The Fleet Championship was sailed off as a round robin of the top five skippers from the season's races, each skipper sailing every boat. The St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association held the semi-finals and finals of the Inter Club Series which are raced in Lightnings at our club. We were again successful in retaining the Founders trophy which we won last year.

BLACK HAWK LIGHTNING FLEET (172)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Ossining, New York

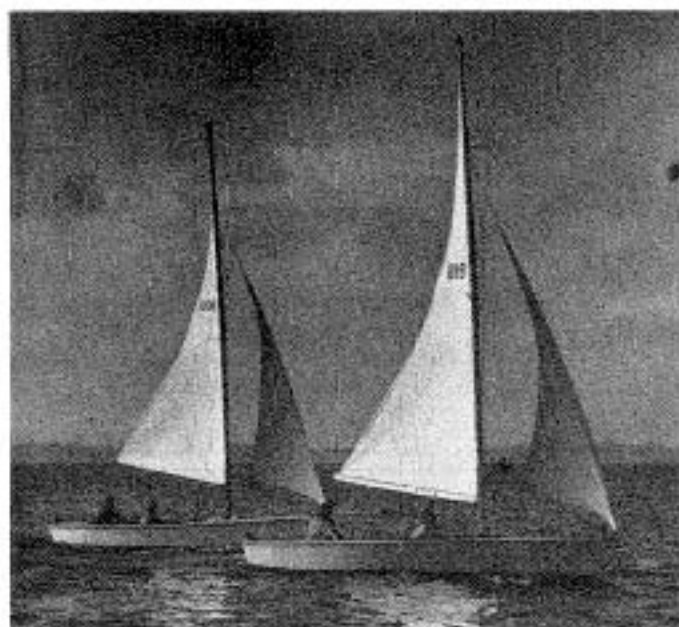
Fleet Captain..... Thomas De Stasio
Fleet Secretary..... William Dunn
Fleet Champion..... Thomas De Stasio in "Flair"
Runner-Up..... Walter Tripp

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
819	Flair	Thomas V. DeStasio
1006	Gisela	Walter Wimalal
1464	Old Salt	Ed Brockhausen
2155	First Effort	William R. Dunn
2734	Sneaky Pete	Walter Tripp
3117	Aquashuss	J. Brooks Maue

The Black Hawk Lightning Fleet, sailing from the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club started early this year in a Memorial Day race at Grassy Point, and ended with an interfleet team race at Nyack on Oct. 19th. Since Tom De Stasio's "Flair" was the only boat in the water at the time, it was the single entry in the May 31st race, and finished second, Pim Epler from Nyack first.

In all, the fleet participated in 22 races this season, sailing seven away from the home club. The fleet championship series started on June 8th, 10 races to decide the winner and it was soon evident that competition was going to be keen. In the subsequent races, the winner often crossed the line by the margin of a few seconds, and in one particular race, "Sneaky Pete" nosed out "Flair" but two seconds! How close can you be? "Flair" emerged the series winner, taking 8 firsts and two seconds. "Sneaky Pete" was runner-up, taking 2 firsts and 8 seconds. "Gisela" finished third, and for a newcomer to the fleet, Walt Wimalal got his boat moving so well that by mid-season he was the "boat to beat". His "Gisela" was the famous "Ro-Jo" that Jo Hoffee did so well with at Nyack. Ed Brockhausen sold his boat after the third race this year, and expects to be back into the fleet with a brand new one.

On July 4th, we sent two boats to the invitation race at our neighbor, Shattemuc Yacht Club. De Stasio's "Flair" won, crossing the line 22 seconds ahead of Dr. Hershey's "Satan", and Wimalal's "Gisela" finished 4th. At the second Shattemuc invitation race on



Fleet Champion, Tom De Stasio in "Flair" (119). Third place winner—Walt Winanzal in "Gisela" (1006).

August 17th, 13 Lightnings were greeted with a 30 mile an hour wind. John King of Nyack snapped his stick just off the club, and Dr. Hershey dumped his new "Satan" when he jibed around the second mark. "Flair" came in third behind two Nyack boats.

We brought two boats over to Nyack Oct. 19th for a challenge team race, and in another 30 mile an hour blow won the heat, with Pete Pedersen of Nyack finishing, and the two Ossining boats, "Gisela" and "Flair" coming in second and third. Swanberg of Nyack finished 4th and Dean Miltmore, also of Nyack, dropped out with a broken tiller. Since snow flurries were in evidence, the Fleet reluctantly decided to call it a season.

BRANT BEACH LIGHTNING FLEET (173)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Brant Beach, N. I.

During 1952, the Lightning Fleet 173 was reactivated at the Brant Beach Yacht Club with a fleet which finally totaled nine boats. The fleet captain for 1952 was Dr. Eugene Kelly, and fleet secretary, Arnold C. Pierce.

During the season we successfully conducted two series of group races, and two special holiday races. One series was conducted in the month of July and another in the month of August. Special trophy races were sailed on July 4 and Labor Day.

In addition to these activities, we had representatives from our fleet who sailed in the Atlantic District Series, the President's Cup races, and in various other inter-club regattas.

Totaling our entire summer series of racing, the first four boats for our fleet, point wise, were:

#1, #1705	"Kwitcherbelliken"	William H. James
#2, # 92	"Bottoms Up"	John P. Kelly
#3, #1731	"Forty Winks"	Raymond A. Oiler
#4, #4137	"Hang Over"	Arnold C. Pierce

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET (174)

Michigan District

Based on Traverse Bay, Michigan

(No report for 1952)

SHREVEPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (175)

Louisiana-Alabama District

Based on Cross Lake, Shreveport, La.

Fleet Captain	Joe Seger
Fleet Secretary	L. B. Griffith
Fleet Champion	Chas. O. Hardy in "Tinka"
Runner-Up	Luther B. Griffith in "Solo"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1836	Seat	W. L. Somner
3477	Tinka	Jack N. Watts
3498	Aerolus	R. A. Ray
3535	Bessie Boo	J. R. Nowery
3836	The Duck	C. E. Richardson
4040	Melody	Dr. R. B. DeLee
4158	Strictly Middlin'	David P. Comogys, Jr.
4161	Juheda	C. M. Zanglein
4224	Cherie	Dr. J. E. Knighton
4264	Prelude	Gilbert S. Johnson
4342	Okie	Joseph L. Seger
4503	Pink Cloud	Jim Pat Beard
4627	Nancy	L. M. Crow
4721	Alpha	R. Smith Parront
4747	Solo	Luther B. Griffith
4858	Doodles	Clifford E. Ray
4996	Mary E., II	Walter A. Heiman
5121	Smokey	W. L. Somner
5202	Clifford Prados	Clifford Prados

Our Fleet was well represented at the Fort Worth Boat Club, having four boats to trail over to cow town.

Six boats trailed over to Dallas, Texas at the Annual Regatta held on Labor Day. Third place was taken by Dr. Knighton, his son, Eddie Knighton and Dick Nowery sailing the "Cherie".

Twenty-four boats from five fleets: Bay St. Louis, New Orleans, La., Dallas, Fort Worth and Tulsa turned out for the club's fourth annual spring Regatta in May. Gene Waller III sailed his Spirit in first in all three races in a wind ranging from 10 to 35 miles per hour. Gene was so far out in front during all races that the trailing boats would have required field glasses to read the number on his sails. Sam Townsend sailing from the Dallas Club barely edged out on C. M. Zanglein of Shreveport to win second place, Zanglein coming in third sailing Juheda.

Since our most favorable sailing conditions prevail in the fall up to the middle of December, we are holding a race each week with four trophies awarded to the winners and several series of races, including a frost bite series.

The Lightning Class at the Shreveport Yacht Club has added three boats during this year; W. L. Somner launched his "Smokey" during the spring having won first place at the Mobile Regatta, third place at the Fort Worth Regatta, and second place at Gulfport Regatta. Big things are expected of him during the ensuing year. Cliff Prados and Rob Roy will launch their new boats in the near future.

The Club Championship was won by Chuck Hardey's "Tinka" with Ray Hardey and Gregg Hussey as crew. Second place went to "Solo" sailed the First Series by Chuck Hardey, Ray Hardey, and Gregg Hussey, second series sailed by Luther B. Griffith with Gay, his eleven year old daughter and Louie, his nine year old daughter aboard. Cliff Ray, his wife Myrt and Cliff, Jr., sailed "Doodles" into third place and fourth went to Walter Heiman, his wife Mary Heiman and Warren Brown sailing "Marye II."

Fleet 175 is looking forward to a great season in 1953 and we welcome Smith Parront and Jack N. Watts as new members of the fleet.

BEAUFORT RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (176)

Southeastern District

Based on Beaufort River, Beaufort, South Carolina

(No report for 1952)

MENDOTA LIGHTNING FLEET (177)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Mendota, Madison, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Walter Wellman
Fleet Secretary	J. H. Cottrell, Jr.
Fleet Champion	Robt. Feirn
Runner-Up	Walter Wellman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
347		James A. Zimmerman
783	Flash	Walter Wellman
1709	Stormy	Catherine Mary Botham
2528	Miss Deal	Lawrence E. Dewey
2558	Jasper V	R. H. Feirn
2917	Ruharb	J. H. Cottrell, Jr.

CONNEAUT LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (180)

Lake Erie District

Based on Conneaut Lake, Conneaut, Pa.

Fleet Captain	R. P. Hollister
Fleet Secretary	R. P. Hollister
Fleet Champion	R. P. Hollister
Runner-Up	Paul R. Knapp

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
77		James & Joseph Teare
1919	Liebchen	Charles B. Herter
2703	Ching Tu	Dr. W. B. McLaughlin
2706		Prescott W. Brown
2707		Dr. C. A. Sturdevant
2916		Edwin A. Lininger
3402		Charles P. Henderson
3404		Carroll D. Kearns
4644		J. H. McClimans
5022	Jan-Bee	Henry F. Heinemann
5048	Kid-Nap	Paul R. Knapp
5070	Pinky	L. R. Trezona & R. P. Hollister

The 1952 season on Conneaut Lake saw the largest fleet in our history sailing on the lake. Increased interest in the Lightning and inter-fleet competition was responsible for the addition of four new boats to our fleet, three of them having been purchased in the midwest during the winter, and the fourth one having been assembled from a kit by the Teare brothers. The latter boat, for some unknown reason, bears the number 77 on its sail.

Two series of races were conducted during the season, the first being the season championship series and the second the Labor Day series. Both of these were won by Bob Hollister sailing the new "Pinky" with L. R. Trezona and John Howell as crew. Paul Knapp, in his new "Kid-Nap" topped second place honors in the two series with Frank Ware in the cockpit. Third position went to J. H. McClimans.

Our former season champion, Duke Herter, finally succumbed to the call of the west and departed for California, where he is now affiliated with the Newport Balboa Fleet.

In August "Kid-Nap" finally responded to the laborious hours of tuning by her skipper and walked away with top position in the keen races held with Pymatuning Fleet 36. Second and third place honors in this regatta went to Harry Leckemby and Herb Smith, respectively, representing the visiting Pymatuning sailors.

Bob Hollister and Paul Knapp represented the fleet at the Pymatuning 4th of July invitation regatta, both finishing in the middle of the fleet. "Kid-Nap" also journeyed to Buffalo for the Lake Erie District races while "Pinky" made the trek to Toronto for the Canadian regatta. We were not represented at the Internationals and President's Cup races.

We look forward to a further expanded fleet next year with more keen competition and an enlarged racing program, as well as greater participation in other regattas. And so, with the leaves falling, back to the sandpaper and paint brushes, and the ever-present problem of "how to get her goin' faster."

4695 Adios M. Whiting Thayer

The past season was the most lively and interesting one to date. It found the Fleet ranging from one end of the bay to the other, making up in activity what it lacked in numbers. The Fleet followed the sailing schedule of the Narrasketuck Y. C. and entered most GSBYRA Invitation Regattas. A Fleet Champion and Runner-Up was not named as it had not been decided which races would count toward the championship.

The 6 race Narrasketuck Y. C. Series was won by Frank Creed and Ed Geary in "Rainbow" with Bill Thomas' "Black Orchid" second and Fred Davis in "Brat" third.

The Babylon, Bayshore, Narrasketuck Interclub Series consisting of 5 races, found Bill Thomas in "Black Orchid" on top followed by Frank Creed and Ed Geary in "Rainbow" and Whiting Thayer in "Adios".

Whiting Thayer in "Adios" made an outstanding showing in the invitation regattas, winning the Narrasketuck Y. C. Invitation, the Bayshore Y. C. Invitation, the Babylon Y. C. Fourth of July Weekend Series and the Bellport Y. C. Labor Day Weekend Series. Fred Davis in "Brat" took the Unqua Corinthian Y. C. Invitation. Incidentally, during the Bellport Series, the ability of the Lightning to "take it" was again demonstrated. The larger class boats ran into serious trouble as a brisk Northeaster producing strong winds which at times reached 45 M.P.H. prevailed throughout the 3 races.

The Fleet entered 3 boats, "Adios", "Rainbow" and "Black Orchid" in the District Eliminations held at Hewlett Point, but the best we could do in a fleet of 18 boats was sixth, eighth and twelfth respectively. However, a good time was had by all and we want to thank the Hewlett Point Y. C. for the wonderful hospitality extended to us during our stay.

At the close of the season, 4 members of the Fleet embarked on the sea of matrimony (no doubt the result of this very active season). Whiting Thayer married his loyal and able crew member, Joyce Davis and John Berdolt wed Margaret Sutherland. Both John and Margaret gave their all crewing on "Black Orchid". Our very best wishes to both couples.

PASS CHRISTIAN LIGHTNING FLEET (179)

Louisiana-Alabama District

Based on Gulf Coast, Pass Christian, Mississippi

(No report for 1952)



Champion of Fleet #180, R. P. Hollister, in 5070 and runner-up Paul Knapp in 5048.