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1954 District Champion, Doc Gerald Murphy of Lake Fenton receiving District trophy from Comd. Burrows Morley.

Other Invitational Regattas for 1955

St. Joe—Shakedown
 Kendall Series, Detroit
 Tawas Bay 4th July
 Michigan District

Higgins Lake—Invitational
 Lake Leelanau—Northwoods
 Devils Lake—This one for fun
 Lake Fenton—White Cap

FLEET DIRECTORY

SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB, INC. (1)

Based on Skaneateles Lake, New York

Fleet Captain..... Meredith Grant
Fleet Champion..... S. G. Reynolds, Jr.
Junior Champion..... Mike Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1		Lew Ayars
176		R. J. Sloan
180		James Bentley & Meredith Grant
245		B. Carson
356		Robert D. Johnson
451		John A. Barnes
453		W. R. Dolan
556		A. S. Reynolds
688		Henry Sterns
717		Dr. H. S. Moore
754		N. B. Gregory
891		Robert Sheridan
1024		Skip Nichie
1276		G. R. Auld
1807		M. H. Larabee
1826		William Jordon
2084		Robert Eberling
2743		William Lapham
2784		S. G. Reynolds, Jr.
2989		S. C. Spalding
3400		B. Wittkuhns
4975		Steven Webb
5436		W. H. Delavan
5614		A. H. Poole
		Joseph Wiggins

The Lightning Fleet at Skaneateles enjoyed a highly successful 1954 season with competition consisting of the usual two Saturday and two Sunday senior series and two Junior series. Results of these races are as follows:

Senior Series			Junior Series	
1st Sat. Series		1st Sun. Series	1st Series	
1st Skip Nichie	1st Lew Ayars	1st Mike Johnson		
2nd Skinner Reynolds	2nd Jim Bentley	2nd Jean Larabee		
3rd Debbie Johnson	3rd Skip Nichie	3rd Steve Webb		
2nd Sat. Series		2nd Sun. Series	2nd Series	
1st Skinner Reynolds	1st Al Poole	1st Mike Johnson		
2nd Pete Grant	2nd Jean Larabee	2nd Steve Webb		
3rd Al Poole	3rd Lew Ayars	3rd Jean Larabee		
Club Championship based on Saturday Series, S. G. Reynolds, Jr.			Junior Champion—Mike Johnson	

In spite of the full schedule at Skaneateles, several of our skippers trailed their boats to local regattas. Skinner Reynolds, Bob Eberling, Al Poole, Jim Bentley and Pete Grant brought back the Mylacraine Lightning Class Club Trophy from the CNYRA Annual Regatta with 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th places respectively. Also attended were the Lightning District Eliminations at Canandaigua and the Onondaga Yacht Club Annual Invitation Regatta.

This year we held a special eight race series for eliminations for the Mallory Cup. Jim Bentley, Brud Nicholson and Fred Scott sailed for Skaneateles at the District Mallory Eliminations at Red Jacket Yacht Club, Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Our Junior Sailors turned in a fine record away from home waters. Steve Webb, Jr., Sandy Webb and Mickey Barnes finished 4th in the Sears Eliminations and Kingston. Mile Johnson earned two firsts, two seconds, two fourths, and a sixth to win the Hulick Cup Trophy.

With Fleet 1 growing in size and enthusiasm we are looking forward to a bigger and better season in 1955!

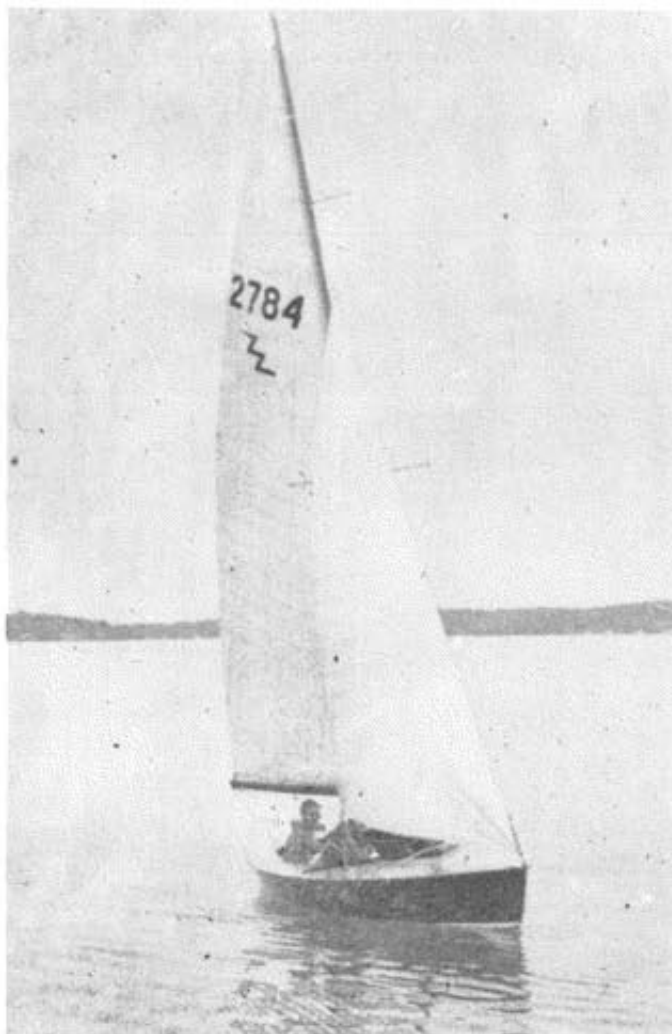
BARNEGAT BAY FLEET (3)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Barnegat Bay, N. J.

Fleet Captain..... Jack Orelup
Fleet Secretary..... Bob Woolman
Fleet Champion..... Marge Adams
Runner-Up..... Bob Adams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tarpot	Darwin J. James, Jr.
94	Peppy	George W. Coyne
100	Sally	Edward IX
177	Thunder	Philip R. & Gardner Van Dwyne
223	Opus One	J. Westford Cutler
270	Static	George Tompkins
322	Drambuie	W. V. Scott
370	Papillon	Joann Pierce
390		Harry A. O'Melia
454	Barnigh	Frank W. Thatcher
455	Three Martins	Henry P. Bristol
465	Devil Dog	J. E. Hurley
513	Misbehave	Charles B. and John C. Cattus
579		G. S. Stokes
581	My Gal	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth P. Miller
671	Anna Marie	Joseph Solimine
686	Curlew	Graham V. Wright
702		Mary S. Mitchell
833		Harold L. Van Wert
1137	Me and Marie	F. J. Costello
1303	Lazy Mae	O. A. Morgan
1339	Stinger	Edward J. Callahan
1349		Bay Head Yacht Club
1362	Lou Robin	W. K. Woolman, Jr.
1363		Edward Rupprecht
1364	Sea Fever	Lyon F. Terry
1446	Flying Cloud	John W. Lewis, Andrew R. Hutson & Louis W. Burke
1477	Rijito	Richard Wasserman
1479	Miss Esquire	Richard C. Rothfuss
1481	Orzel	Dr. Alex Povalski
1733	Hellion II	Chester Ortle
1734	Nimbus	George B. Lucas
1737	Jerwyn II	Gerald Murchison
1744	Pink Lady	Henry B. Day



S. G. Reynolds, Jr., Fleet No. 1 Champion

1877	Dutchess	Clifford F. Lindholm
1885	Witch Won	Morgan L. Dring
2006	Lady Skipper	Frank Halloran
2166	Flying Devil	Edward F. Britten, III
2445	.....	John J. Morris
2450	.....	W. H. Bacon
2453	Scotch Mist	R. W. Parsons
2623	Surprise	Barron Connolly
2674	Dun-It-Again	W. K. Dunbar
2789	Betty	Kenneth D. Hoag
3100	Second Sally	Thomas E. Colleton
3798	.....	William W. Cowles
3799	Thumper	W. W. Roff
3965	Tastis	Russell P. Heuer
4867	Bitzpoof	S. B. Fortenbaugh
4900	Javelin	John W. Orelup
4986	.....	Basil Stetson
5073	Limelight	R. Brooks
5409	Whirlwind	Marge Adams
5458	Vagabond	Robert Adams
5553	Ardo VI	Ritner E. Walling

This year something new was started by Fleet No. 3 which worked out satisfactorily over the racing season. At a meeting of members of the Bay Head fleet in June, it was decided to divide our existing Lightning fleet into two divisions. The "A" division consisted of those boats at the club which were "dry sailed," whereas the "B" group was composed of those boats which remained in the water over the season. This split was effected because members of the fleet felt that the "wet" boats were not an equal match for the generally newer, "dry" boats. The two divisions started together and raced over the same course, but there were separate sets of weekly and season's prizes for both. In addition to the eight Sunday races for the club championship, there were several trophy races open to members of other yacht clubs.

In the "A" division, new members Marge and Bob Adams showed their transoms to the rest of the fleet for most of the season. Marge in her "Whirlwind" winning the club championship, and Bob finishing second in "Vagabond". Jack Orelup sailing "Javelin" nosed out Rit Walling's "Ardo VI" for third place. In the "B" group Foster Tallman returned to racing Lightnings and took first place in "My Gal." Mark Anton in "Windward" was second followed by Bill Dunbar's "Dun-it-Again."

In the seven Saturday races sponsored by the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, Bay Head was represented by six boats and came out well in the season's standings. The Bay Championship was won by Marge Adams with Rit Walling finishing third. Again this year, Barnegat Bay eliminations for the Sears Cup were held in Lightnings and Denny Wright of Bay Head qualified to go to the district semi-finals in Bridgeport. Unfortunately Denny did not find the waters of Long Island Sound as profitable. Another event open to members of other clubs on the Bay was the annual Cattus Cup races in Lightnings given by John C. Cattus. The Cattus Trophy is for sailors under twenty-one and was awarded to Rit Walling with Bill Fortenbaugh of Bay Head finishing second.

Over the summer, Fleet No. 3 was represented at almost every major regatta in the Jersey area and also at the Internationals at Michigan. At the Central Atlantic District Championship series of five races, Marge Adams' two second places helped her finish fourth and thereby qualify for the Internationals. Bob Adams, Rit Walling, and Jack Orelup were also in the top ten. A week later at the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta on Sandy Hook Bay, Marge wound up third for the series with a first, second, and seventh for three races. Other Bay Head boats, Bob Adams and Rit Walling, did not fare so well. At Monmouth Boat Club's National Sweepstakes Regatta, Marge took second place for the series with a first and two thirds, while brother Bob finished fifth. Bob Adams sailed a perfect series (three first places) to win the South Jersey Lightning Championship at Brigantine. Although Marge failed to place in any race at the Internationals at Grosse Point, she sailed consistently enough to finish fourth, dropping a tie for third. Bob Adams also journeyed west for the President's Cup and would have finished at the top had he not been over the starting line in one race; however, he ended up in fifth place.

Fleet No. 3 is proud to have been represented so ably at major regattas this year and was pleased to see that the Central Atlantic District's skippers and crews did so well at the Internationals.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain	James Doty
Fleet Secretary	William Burke
Fleet Champion	W. E. Wingard
Runner-Up	Earl Ross

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
115	Dubious	James Johnson
333	Blue Belle	Ernest A. Boehm
414	Wave Guide	Arthur Adams
720	Impudent	Lee Van Degens
1706	Caprice	Clarence Wegert
2555	Iris	Clyde Montgomery
2556	Lodestar	Don LaCross
		Bob Holm
2868	Restless	John Harwood
3347	Hussy II	Wm. Anderson
4225	Jayden	William Burke
5047	Miss Trudy	James Doty
5124	Hildegard III	Leo Maurer
5133	Mideti	John J. Burke
5347	Lindabar II	Irving Peterson
5574	Rayo II	Earl Ross
5650	Istar II	A. A. Berg.
5651	Jubilee	William Wingard
5707	Pamela	Richard Hinze

Our fleet had one of its most active racing seasons ever. Sponsoring 3 major regattas; namely Midwest District Championships, Gim Hobelman Regatta in August, and closing the season with our famous Red Flannel Regatta, which enjoyed, to our delight, its most successful run with 42 entries! Fleet No. 5 took the first three places in the Midwest Districts. Wingard 1st, Maurer 2nd, Ross 3rd.

Earl Ross was our sole representative at the Internationals. We are proud of the fact that he finished 4th in the 1st race.

We do most cordially invite any Lightning Sailors to join us in the fun and racing during our Red Flannel Regatta.

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HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB (6)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain..... Richard Hayes
Fleet Secretary..... Mrs. Robert Thorpe
Fleet Champion..... Edward R. Olsen
Runner-Up..... Vernon H. Randall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
141	Liteneze	Harry Olsen
1591		Robert Trevethan
1929	Nereid	Gilbert Williams
2309	Rampage	W. Wheeler
2977	Ambler	Robert Thorpe
2979	Judy Too	Rudolph Smith
3044	Venture	John Hein
3160	Flying Leaf	Luther Strayer, III
3445	Iolanthe II	John MacDonald
3502		Clark Newcombe
3684	Mianbo	Robert Nicol
4523	Triton	R. Novey
4626	Pa-da-lin	Edward R. Olsen
4738		F. Dazley
4802	Rascal	Vernon Randall
4933	Bilandy	William Towse
4994	Pavane	D. Lockhart
5155	Little Mo	P. Greenwood
5438		Jim Fitch

Despite the severe storms this past summer, The Housatonic Boat Club wound up a most successful season of sailing and social activities. From the very early weekends in Spring, when many volunteers gave up their time and energy to painting, building additional lockers, putting out floating equipment and placing moorings, to the last race of the Frostbite Series, the Club hummed with excitement.

The official opening took place on May 29th with the Flag Raising Ceremony. The Wednesday evening river races started on May 31st with the "Shakedown" race, which brought out the fast-growing Lightning Fleet to test its wings. The fleet now numbers nineteen.

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Left to Right: Robert Thorpe, Edward Olsen, Vernon Randall, Patty Olsen, Robert Nicol, Charles Correll, Peter Greenwood and Paul Barry.—photo by Whitham

Edward R. Olsen won the Fleet Championship for 1954 and received the award of the Olsen Marine Trophy. Pat Olsen, Bud's cute teen-age daughter, certainly deserves mention for her part as an efficient and faithful crew member all summer for her Dad. She was on hand for all races, fair weather and foul, and can handle a jib and set a spinnaker like a veteran.

The River Race Series, consisting of eight races held on the Housatonic River, was also won by Edward R. (Bud) Olsen, skippering "Pa-da-lin". For this series he was awarded the Commodore Crocker Trophy. Vernon Randall in "Rascal" took second, and Peter Greenwood in "Little Mo" took third places.

There is also a series of six outside races, or races held on the sound. The Governor Baldwin trophy is given to the winner of this series. Vernon Randall, in "Rascal", took home this trophy this year. Edward R. Olsen and Peter Greenwood took second and third places respectively.

The Commodore's Plaque, awarded for the second Outside Race, was won by Commodore Robert G. Thorpe.

In the Frostbite Series there was absolutely no question as to the winner. Out of eight races Vernon Randall in "Rascal" walked off with seven first places! Edward R. Olsen in "Pa-da-lin" came in for a second, and Robert G. Nicol in "Mianbo" took third place.

Last year saw the origin of the Powder Puff series in our Club. As the name implies, the ladies take over in these races. This year Past Commodore Ira R. Peterson donated a beautiful new perpetual trophy to inspire the ladies. Mimi Nicol was the proud winner of this trophy, with Pat Olsen and Patty Greenwood coming in for close second and third places.

The Donald S. Sammis Advancement Trophies are awarded each year to the male and female in the club who have made the most advancement thru the year in sailing ability. It was a big thrill for the Nicol family this year when it was announced that Robert G. Nicol had received the male award, and his daughter "Mimi", who also won the Powder Puff Series, had received the female award.

In addition to all the local racing, the Lightnings also competed in the Pequot Regatta, the Black Rock Regatta and the Housatonic Boat Club-Milford Windjammer Regatta. Housatonic also sent six boats to the Districts in Stonington, Conn. This group consisted of Edward R. Olsen, Vernon Randall, Robert G. Thorpe, Peter Greenwood, John MacDonald and Robert G. Nicol. Harry Olsen, Jr., represented the Club in the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association Regatta in Niantic; Edward R. Olsen was Housatonic's representative in the Mallory Cup Eliminations Series in Milford; and Vernon Randall entered the Long Island Sound Championship races sponsored by the Noroton Yacht Club to represent Housatonic.

The Lightning Fleet of Housatonic grows each year in enthusiasm as well as size, and there is a fine young group of skippers in the making. When the sailing season is over, contacts are kept up through the winter with a bowling league, so even during the cold winter months, we relive last year's races and plan for next year's summer schedule.

WESTERN CONNECTICUT FLEET (7)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Long Island Sound, Riverside, Conn.

Fleet Captain	E. H. (Pete) Roper
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. James M. Trenary
Fleet Champion	Miss Barbara Sheldon in "Colleen"
Runner-Up	Connie & Carrie Neher in "Double-Trouble"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
241	Triton	C. Y. and Jack Belnap
254	Zig Zag	Riverside Jr. Yacht Club
262	Trubob	Truman S. Safford
264	Tinkle	Dr. Donald E. Tinkess
259	Ajax	T. D. Helprin
1181	Target	Cyrus S. Hapgood
1323	Lord Jeff	R. O. Shealor
1587	Rogue	Skipper Webb
1665	Pelican	Ed. P. Boynton
2045	Safari	L. H. Clark
2047	Bloody Mary	Ezra Bowen
2187	Mokum	N. O. Robbins
2193	Lima Bean	Wm. Ross
2390	Loon III	R. Russell Hall
2396	Terry	Niels Fossum
2978	Holiday	William Kelley
3055	Syde	Stamford Jr. Yacht Club
3577	Indian Belle	Indian Harbor Jr. Yacht Club
3814	Bantu	C. Carlton Lewis
3886	Uncle Mills	Indian Harbor Jr. Yacht Club
3999	Lima Bean	John H. White
4111	Jab	Albert Blattman
4112	Reb	Gail Talbot
4183	Wind Lass	Sandra Gill
4524	Polara	E. H. Roper
4525	Colleen	Barbara Sheldon
4527	Allegro	Ernest A. Mennell
4676	Coquette	Ted Sheldon
4885	Skylark	Don & Greg Gillies
5144	Nuthatch	Hamilton Gates Ford
5215	The Bat	Stamford Jr. Yacht Club
5356	Double Trouble	Frank H. Neher
5429	Lolly	Arthur H. Sibley
5607	Quick-Step	Ben. Symmers
5609	Fiesta	Lynn Osgood
5610	Honeybun	Andy & Gil Leaf
5701	Turmoil	Barbara & Ann Trenary
5737	Echo	Hamilton G. Ford
5762	Blue Darter	Russell & Victoria Chubb

Due to many factors (including a lot of hard work on the part of many people) Lightning Fleet No. 7 concluded one of its most active and successful seasons during the summer just past. New additions swelled our roster to forty boats by the end of the season. More of our members took part in outside Regattas than ever before and the average number of starters and qualifiers was the highest to date.

Outside events started with 9 boats participating in the Sea Cliff Invitation Regatta, in which Ted Sheldon got a first and a seventh and Lynn Osgood a second and a sixth. 12 boats competed every day of Larchmont Race Week, with more on week-ends and Ella Roper won second place. Connie Neher did well at the Noroton Regatta and was top boat from this Fleet at the District Championship in Sea Cliff late in the summer.

Two series of 10 races each were held locally and the battle for first place was hot. The overall results showed 1-Colleen, 2-Double-Trouble, 3-Coquette, 4-Fiesta, 5-Skylark. Newsletters were sent out periodically through the year, to keep the Fleet up on the latest news of local and outside events and proved to be very popular.

Once again we are indebted to Commodore Steiger and the other power boat owners who were always ready to give us a tow to a distant point, mother us around the course and see that we got safely home again.

ONONDAGA LAKE FLEET (10)

Central New York District

Based on Onondaga Lake, Liverpool, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Philip C. Klink
Fleet Secretary	A. Brohmann Roth
Fleet Champion	Gordon B. Stillman
Runner-Up	A. Brohmann Roth

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
87	Onondagan	Lester J. Norcross
510	Gail III	Gordon & Barbara Stillman
1072	Saga	A. Brohmann Roth
2480	San Souci	Carl Van Voorhis
2793	Puff III	Thomas D. DeVore

Onondaga Fleet, as usual, had a terrific season running off a total of 30 races. The race committee under the veteran chairman, Hobart Whitney, ran off 11 in the morning series and 16 in the afternoon series with the victors in each group coming in the same order, Gordon B. Stillman, first; A. Brohmann Roth, second; and Philip Klink, third. On Labor Day three special races were run off with Lester J. Norcross winning the cup, trailed by Stillman and Carl Van Voorhis in that order.

The unusual happened in one of the afternoon races when Rear Commodore Norcross and Commodore-elect Roth finished in a dead heat.

Our annual Central New York Invitation Regatta attracted 36 boats with Dr. Eugene Carpenter of the Lewis Point Fleet copping (as usual) the silverware. Our Lightning Fleet, once a strong one, is again a'buildin' up.

In 1952 we were down to three Lightnings, some wisenheimer having come in and broken up the fleet of Snipes and Lightnings by unloading six of their craft that eventually proved unpopular. There is but one Thistle left and the Lightning Fleet now stands at six with Past Commodore Alan Cummings, Sr., in the market for a Lightning to boost the Fleet to seven.

Newcomer to the Onondaga Yacht Club fleet is Carl Van Voorhis and his pretty wife, Nonie. They sailed almost every race in their leaking Sans Souci but winter repairs will again make her the hot boat she was when they sailed her with the Canandaigua Fleet.

Hurricane Hazel (the edge, suh) hit Fleet 10, ripped shingles from the clubhouse roof and capsized the lone Thistle and a scow at their harbor moorings but the Lightnings took it in its stride. The winds ripped through at 75 and 80 M.P.H. and gave boat owners a busy night.

Here's looking forward to an even bigger and better year.

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (12)

Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie, Pt. Abino, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain	Edward R. Fink
Fleet Secretary	William C. O'Hern
Fleet Champion	Thomas D. Fallon
Runner-Up	Karl Smither

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
32	Shine	Whitworth Ferguson
85		W. K. Seubert & John E. Seubert
354		R. Vaughn Pierce
467	Rampage	C. Robert Grainge
469	Judith	Edwin C. Roseberry
471	Akela	Ralph H. Francemont
521	Red Witch	Arthur A. Ward
523	Puff	Francis W. Howe
524	Old Angus	Lawrence L. Kibler & Robert R. Stubbs
529	Meer Maid	Charles L. Abell
573		F. E. Drullard
693		Dr. Murray S. Howland
746	Dauntless	Wm. C. O'Hern, Carl J. Kolb & Hyacinth M. Kolb
750	Show-Off	C. B. Johnson
895	Spirit	Edmund D. Stevens, Jr.
909	Frisky	Norman F. Keller
1278	Crack Time	Chas. M. Curtiss
1473	Princess Pat	Andrew R. Miller, Jr.
2782	Mar-Lee	Chas. J. Manney
2806		Roswell S. Buck & Wm. Pierce

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3333	Williwaw	Frederick A. Baynes & Richard J. Foster
3482	Bob Cat	Robert C. Coleman
4600	Tommy Too	Philip S. Savage
4748	Fiddlers Green	Wm. J. McGennis
*4811	Atom	Thomas G. Allen III
4862	Black Jack II	W. Russell Crawford
5000	Thermis 5M's	Karl Smither
5100	Flare	Thomas D. Fallon
5148	Counsel	Thomas Ray

* On Military Leave of Absence—Stationed at U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland.

"The Talk Of The Town"

Yes, the Buffalo Canoe Club, Fleet 12 is not only "The Talk of the Town" as reflected in a recent quip entitled "Border Intelligence" in the NEW YORKER—

"The Buffalo Canoe Club has no canoes—only sailboats. Furthermore it is not in Buffalo but on the other side of Lake Erie, in Canada.

but the "Talk of the Lightning World".

The season of 1954 brought to Fleet 12 the highest honors in Lightning competition.

Mid-Winter Lightning Champion—Tom Fallon

International Lightning Champion—Tom Allen

President's Trophy Winner—Pete Grainge

"... only sailboats."—Our Fleet of twenty-nine Lightnings sailed a total of fifty-four scheduled races in our home course "... on the other side of Lake Erie", exclusive of five away-from-home regattas which many of our stalwarts attended.

Up "in Canada" our season opens shortly after the last ice flow begins in final journey toward Niagara Falls. Tom Fallon, fresh from his victory in St. Petersburg captured top honors in the MAYFLOWER, Commodore Eby, and Commodore Franclemont series before the Fleet had thawed out.

The tide turned and Ralph Franclemont rounded first in the Free-For-All. Karl Smither led the way in the Long Distance Race and guided his THERMIS 5M's to victory in the Port Colbourne Clam Bake Race. Ray Adams piloting BLACKJACK won the Commodore Roseberry series with Dick Foster and Fred

Baynes in WILLIWAW a close second. In the Stay-At-Home series, Dick and Fred just reversed the score and nosed out Ray Adams for the Blue Flag in this event.

Tom Allen, home on a long-weekend from the U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, borrowed AKELA and won our famous IFFENPOOF race for the third straight year. As a "Single" or with a full crew, Tom can masterfully handle a Lightning in any weather.

The Robert Lapp Memorial Trophy had a new name inscribed in sterling this season. Tom Fallon piloting his famous FLARE won the Club Championship series, the zenith of Canoe Club Racing. In this closely contested series, Karl Smither placed second with Pete Grainge in RAMPAGE tying down the third place spot.

Wednesday evening racing has been extremely popular for many years at the Canoe Club and in the Thomas F. Myers Memorial series Bill Genske sailing FLARE captured the first place ticket. He was followed by Dick Foster in WILLIWAW with Ed Fink piloting AKELA to a third place victory.

Tom Franclemont won the Junior Championship this season with Bill Genske taking top honors in the Junior Friday and Scorekeeper's trophy series. Bill Genske also placed first in the L.Y.R.A. eliminations for the Sears Cup at Toronto, Ont. This event was sailed in Lightnings for the first time this year.

Away-from-home our sailors held up the high traditions of the Fleet with a clean sweep of the first four places in the Lake Erie District Regatta. Tom Allen, on leave from the Navy to defend his title, sailed to victory followed by Tom Fallon, Ralph Franclemont and Karl Smither.

In the Lake Yacht Racing Assn. Regatta—Lightning Division, Karl Smither carried away the Skaneateles Trophy. Tom Fallon won the Canadian Open Championship sailed on Toronto Bay, Ontario.

Returning to Abino Bay from the Internationals at Detroit, Ralph Franclemont captured first place in the Fleet 12 Trophy Series. Bob Coleman piloted BOB CAT to a solid second place berth.

The home racing season drew to a close with the firing of the final gun on October 3rd at the conclusion of the Viking series. Tom Fallon, once again pointing to the deep south sailed FLARE to a smashing victory over Bob Coleman and Karl Smither who finished second and third respectively.

Social activities for the Fleet consisted of, and in addition to many impromptu cocktail parties, a multi-fleet showing of the 1953 International Movies at the Buffalo Yacht Club in the spring. In July, before the Long Distance Race, our annual Milk punch party filled our sailors' veins with nectar with which to brave the long cold race of the day. The Club Championship Victory Party in August gave the Fleet a chance to honor their Champion in a nautical way—Tom Fallon can really swim. Santa Claus presided and a holiday spirit prevailed at the annual Christmas party at Lansing Lodge in December.

Looking to 1955, we find that two new Lightnings have been ordered by Charles Fogg and Ed Paullin for spring delivery. With others in the planning stage, Fleet 12 promises to be, even more than in '54, "The Talk Of The Town" ...

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB FLEET (14)

Based on Casco Bay, So. Portland, Maine

Fleet Captain	Granville H. Dyer
Fleet Secretary	Robert Lindberg, Jr.
Fleet Champion	C. C. Faulkingham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
103	Makai	Clayton Erskine
125	Shantih	William Willwerth
		Fred Merrill
974	Buccaneer	Robert Schull
1057	Gremlin	Robert Lindberg, Jr.
1951	Jacomo II	Albert E. Moore
2767	Deda	Ross L. Stevens
3203	Ginger II	Granville H. Dyer
3218	Muffin	Ernest A. Randall
3531	Sharon II	O. C. Faulkingham
3688		Carl Christiansen
3831	Lorelei	Comdr. R. C. Hueston
4388	Grebnil	Elizabeth Lindberg

Fleet 14 raced six exciting races of a nine-race series. The results at the end of six races showed Capt. Faulkingham in the "Sharon" in first place, Al Moore with his "Jacomo II" in second, and Ross Stevens in "Deda" in third place.

We tabulated results at the end of six races, because our



Lake Erie District Regatta

Tom Fallon—"That's it dearie, a little more to starboard ..."

series and all sailing came to an abrupt and disastrous halt by the advent of hurricane Carol. Our fleet, at the end of that memorable day, was a sorry sight with only two boats left at their moorings. Al Moore's "Jacomo II" wasn't found until about a week later on an island many miles down the bay, and was very nearly a total loss. Capt. Faulkingham's boat, moored in shallow water, capsized, sticking its mast in the mud, breaking it off, and a succeeding wave caused its mast to pierce the bottom. Gran Dyer's, Bill Willwerth's, and Carol Christiansen's boats were all swept away and piled up across the harbor against various wharfs, and badly damaged. It looks as if Fleet 14 would only have a roll call of five boats next season from present indications. This whole report could be devoted to exciting stories of that day.

Our Club participated in our Casco Bay Interclub two-races series at South Freeport, where Harraseeket Yacht Club, Fleet 244, members were most gracious hosts. Capt. Faulkingham won in the Lightning Class. A very wild thunder shower, with much wind, overturned several boats during one of the races.

Centerboard Yacht Club sponsored its annual State of Maine Regatta which was its usual success, with twenty-three Lightnings participating. The winner of the three-race series was Sam Stowell of Lake Bombaseen, N. H. Fleet 227 in "Betsy II", a beautiful new boat. The State of Maine trophy went to Gardner Brown of Taylor Pond Fleet 101 Auburn, Maine, in "Eager II", third was Duncan McInness in "Muffin", Fleet 14, Centerboard Yacht Club. "Muffin" was formerly owned by his grandfather, Ernest Randall.

We held our annual Club picnic at Capt. Ralph Bowker's home at Little Diamond Island. About eighty attended. Lobsters cooked out of doors were enjoyed, and a rousing softball game with a pick up team of islanders was the highlight of a perfect day.

PAUPACK LIGHTNING FLEET (16)

Metropolitan District
Based on Lake Wallenpaupack,
at Paupack, Penna.

Fleet Captain Edwin Winkle
Fleet Secretary Kenneth McKay
Fleet Champion... Phil Schumacher in "Caboose"
Runner-Up... Jim Schumacher in "Flying Dust"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
159	Corona	Camp Pocono
160	Dunc's Pha-	
	langro II	Robert G. Edgar
261	Thunder	Camp Pocono
301		Charles Richman
391		Herbert T. Axford
884		Clarence T. Shoch
1385		Harry Rosenthal, Jr.
1722	Blue Flash	Ralph McClaren & George Woodard
1743	Mist	J. D. Folwell
1849		John W. Giles
1857	Firefly	Bill Patlen & John Shuman
1888		George Miller
3460	Caboose	Phil Schumacher
4548	Flying Dust	Jim Schumacher
4969	Miss Wink II	Edwin Winkle
5615	Jezebele II	Henry Fretz

In 1954, Fleet 16 continued to grow and prosper—it was the best season to date. We now have 16 boats in the fleet and 11 boats that compete in the racing activities. We had a longer race series (14 races), more novelty races, and now have a Women's Series in addition.

For the second year in a row, Phil Schumacher in Caboose was our Fleet Champion. Ken McKay and Dot Schumacher acted as his crew. Caboose won the July series and took second place in the August series. The sum of points scored in these two series determines the winner of the Bissell Memorial Trophy. Phil and his crew piled up 8 first places during the season with a total of 135 points. Credit should be given to Rich Schumacher after the latter was sidelined by a knee injury.

Jim Schumacher was runner-up for the fourth consecutive year with 121½ points. Jim placed his "Flying Dust" second in the July series and third in the August Series. Pete Miller and Lois Abrahamson crewed for Jim. "Flying Dust" started the season off with a bang, and was only one point behind "Caboose" when an unfortunate collision resulted in damage to the backstay



Fleet 16 on Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa., getting underway during one of its weekly races.

and forced "Flying Dust" to drop from the 7th race with a subsequent loss of points.

For the second consecutive year, Ed Winkle in "Pink Bottom", with Pete Axford and Doreen Winkle as crew, took 4th place in July and came through the August series like an express train to take first place in that series. "Pink Bottom" scored a total of 112½ points with 3 first places.

Fourth place went to "Blue Flash" which was skippered by Gordy McClaren and George Woodard. Fifth place was awarded to a newcomer in our fleet, Jezebele II, sailed by Hank Fretz. John Folwell in Mist placed 6th. Hub Axford in "SOB" and Bill Patlen in "Firefly" followed in 7th and 8th places.

The "Bill Soose Trophy" was won by Phil Schumacher in "Caboose" with Hank Fretz in Jezebele II placing second and Ed Winkle in Pink Bottom placing third.

The Women's Series was inaugurated this year and its first winner was Janet McClaren in "Blue Flash". Second place was taken by Elsie Axford sailing "SOB". Barbara Patlen in "Firefly" annexed third place. The Women's Series was red hot and provided lots of fun. Our "Sailbag" group has done a lot toward furthering the interests of sailing on our lake.

The "Watermelon" race proved to be novel and entertaining. A regulation triangular course was set up and one watermelon for each competing boat was strewn somewhere along the course. First boat in with a watermelon was the winner. Jim Schumacher won this in No. 4548, Pete Axford was second in No. 391 and Ed Winkle was third in No. 4969. Many tales were told after this race. Imagine going downwind in heavy air and trying to scoop a heavy watermelon out of the water without slowing down!

Enthusiasm in the driving force in Fleet 16. Art LaRoque has been conducting his "Farm School" which included both Comet and Lightning sailors. Two days each week are devoted to teaching sailing to the younger members of our group. Art, who sails a Comet, initiated the school by himself and deserves credit for the fine job that he is doing.

Another example of enthusiasm is typified by Gordy McClaren who placed 4th in this year's series. Four years ago Gordy was crewing on various boats in our fleet and has only had his own boat for two seasons, but in that time has worked right up to become a contender.

It pays to lose in our fleet! Ed Winkle awarded a fifth of Champagne to each boat that finished behind his in the series and he profusely thanked these people for the fine job they did in allowing him to beat them!

We sent three boats to the District run-offs—Caboose, Jezebele II and Pink Bottom. Sorry to say we did no better than 10th place but we know that a few years more of experience will put our gang up top and we're working toward that goal.

"Pink Bottom" and "Jezebele II" went to the Atlantic Coast Championships. Hank Fretz, sailing a Lightning for his first full season, did a fine job staying in there with the best of the east coast. Jezebele II ended up fifteenth in the series. After a DNF in the first race, Hank really got going and placed very high in the final two races.

Our Race Committee did its usual fine job, aided by some new buoy handling equipment and better cooperation from everyone. Judge, Bill Schumacher still is the head of our Race Committee and is ably assisted by Ruth McKay and Barb Schumacher.

Next season he will also be joined by Cliff Abrahamson and Carl Walters.

Our winter meeting and election of officers was held at Judge Schumacher's home over Thanksgiving weekend. Ed Winkle and Ken McKay both were unanimously voted back into office as Fleet Captain and Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

Next year will be bigger and better at Lake Wallenpaupack as Fleet 16 continues to progress. An invitation to all Lightning skippers to visit us at anytime is always open.

BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (17)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Bridgeport, Conn.

Fleet Captain.....William A. Haist, Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....Theodore H. Meyer
Fleet Champion.....Willard Jones in "Falcon"
Runner-Up.....Sherman & Richard Chantland in "Malolich"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
284	Ketchup	Richard Bristol
516	Jaundice II	Charles H. Merritt
519	Albatross	Lewis M. Lucas
530	Wake	H. Wilson Bonnet
782	Cynmar	R. Stanley Moss
856	Falcon	Willard Jones
1745	Blue Heaven	John S. Barton
1786		Robert L. Smith
2690	Rebel	William J. Goodrich
2815	Little Savage	William A. Haist, Jr.
3074	Sherry	Sherman E. Whiting
3446	Cappie	Nelson L. North, Jr.
3774	CaVa	Anna Faulkner
3871	Schatz	Ralph Sperry
4187	Teal	Theodore H. Meyer
4213	Nina	Fred E. Kauer
4356	Malolich	Sherman & Richard Chantland
4394	Blue Mist	Mrs. D. Stearns & Garrett D. Crispell

The 1954 racing season was the best ever for Lightning Fleet No. 17. Six boats were added to the roster making a total of eighteen boats competing for the Fleet's Championship Trophy. The new members were: Charles H. Merritt, Wilson Bonnet, Robert L. Smith, William J. Goodrich, Sherman E. Whiting and H. K. Faulkner.

The fleet champion and winner of the Daniel C. Patterson Memorial Trophy was Willard C. Jones sailing the "Falcon". Runners-up in season standings were Sherman & Richard Chantland in Malolich in second place and John Barton in the Blue Heaven in third place.

Not only did Willard Jones lead in the regular race series, he also did a good job of representing the fleet in the inter-fleet competitions placing eighth out of some forty boats in the Connecticut District Championship, sixth in the L.I. Sound Lightning Championship, Seventh in the Pequot & Noroton Regattas and fourth in the Milford Yacht Club's Last Chance Regatta.

The Black Rock-Fayerweather Regatta held over the Fourth of July weekend with 32 boats competing was a clean sweep for the home fleet. Willard Jones held true to form taking first place, Fred Kauer in the Nina placed second and John Barton in Blue Heaven third.

Over 70 Juniors were registered for sailing lessons at the club this year. A regatta was held in late August for members of these classes with the advanced group using Lightnings for the competition. Black Rock Club was also privileged to be host club for the Sears Cup Series B. Eliminations covering the L.I. Sound area on August 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th.

With a larger fleet, we were able to try out team racing with the idea of adding variety to the racing season. Prospects are that more of this type of competition will be planned in the future.

The sailing season was brought to an abrupt finish when hurricane Edna swept up the coast. Several boats were swamped with considerable damage in some cases. Ample warning was given in advance of hurricane Hazel, so no damage was encountered in this blow.

The fleet expects several additional boats to join in the racing next year and looks for an even more exciting year, without hurricanes we hope.

TRI-STATE YACHT CLUB (18)

Connecticut District

Based on Delaware River, Essington, Pa.

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....H. E. Geissinger
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
497	Co-op	H. E. Geissinger
546	Seven-Seas	Arthur Bundrick
872	Beryl II	Sam T. Wharton, Jr.
1781	Leprecaun	J. C. Martin

No activity during 1954 sailing season.

INDIAN LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (23)

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....Andy Weierich
Fleet Secretary.....Richard Collier
Fleet Champion.....Charles Lutes
Runner-Up.....Bob Shutt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
96	Jodiki	Richard Collier
204	Old Timer	Herbert Krase
2717	Southwind	Allen Jeffrey
2852	Shoo Fly	Frank Quatman
4241	No Rinse	James Staten, Jr.
5103	Flying Arrow	Charles Lutes
5316	Majett	Ted Fisher
5371	Trade Winds	Charles Shutt
5511	DEE DEE	John Kintz
5761	ACIE II	A. C. Weierich

Fleet No. 23 is located on the Indian Lake Yacht Club island at Russells Point, Ohio, on Beautiful Indian Lake. The season got started early in April and in August the First Annual Indian Lake Regatta was held in which seven classes including eleven Lightnings took part. Skippers were invited from three different area Lightning fleets. One of the trophies was won by Charles Lutes for being the season's Lightning Champ, followed closely by Bob Shutt and Allen Jeffrey.

Preparations for the second Annual Indian Lake Regatta in August of '55 point toward a gay weekend and prizes worth sailing for. During the seven months sailing season there were ten Lightning Races. Four of the ten boats in Fleet 23 plan to do some traveling to other lakes during the '55 season. Those who are active in our Lightning fleet thus far include A. C. Weierich, Jim Staten, Charles Shutt, John Kintz, Allen Jeffrey, Charles Lutes, Herb Krase, Frank Quatman, Dick Collier and Ted Fisher.

Since Fleet 23 is in the process of being reactivated after several years of inactivity, the coming season promises to hold many thrills for area Lightning sailors.

ERIE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (24)

Lake Erie District

Presque Isle Bay, Erie, Pa.

Fleet Captain.....James S. Taylor
Fleet Secretary.....Lynn R. Perry
Fleet Champion.....Robert Warren
Runner-Up.....William Walker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
364		Robert Herzog
459		Reid Grode
589		Ralph Riehl, Jr.
613	Mimi	Ray Lohr
652	Lois Dee	Harry Weining & F. E. Devine
653	Jalyn	Lynn R. Perry
655		Wm. & Julia Conner
1823	Lady Gay	Dr. H. A. Baker & Fred C. Baker
1914	Baby Duck	Fred Brehob
1992		Donald Decker
2156	Starlight	John M. Downie, Jr.
2885		Robert S. Warren
3574	Little Spray	Gilbert Loesel
4282	Caroline	Wm. E. Walker
4800	Yankee Wastrel	James Taylor



Jim Taylor's Yankee Wastrel

The competition in the regularly active fleet seemed tougher than usual this year and the seven or eight boats in each race changed standings somewhat regularly.

Bill Walker was able to get off to an early lead in the early series winning the Flag Officers Trophy and The McAllister Trophy. Latecomer this year, Bob Warren soon got wound up and passed veteran Jim Taylor and Bill Walker to become the new Fleet Champion, having moved up from the runner up slot last year.

The Consolation Race was won by Harry Weining. Newcomer to the fleet, Jerry Metcalf did a commendable job this year finishing the season with a new Glanders boat from Miami to replace his boat, one of two boats damaged beyond repair by storms this year.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Based on Lake Mohawk, N. J.

Fleet Captain..... John Klinger
Fleet Champion..... Eric Hauschild
Runner-Up..... John Klinger

Boat. No.	Boat Name	Skipper
602		Albert Theurer
1942	Tarfu	Charles McDonough
4680	Luff Me	Eric Hauschild
4864	Shur Enuf	Charles Shoemaker
5154		Robert Crane
5617		John Klinger

Under the direction of Commodore P. J. Harrigan, Lake Mohawk conducted a successful and busy racing season for the year 1954. Races were held every Sunday morning during July and August with two open races in addition.

Again Eric Hauschild, the former Snipe and Lightning champion, won with a total of 42 points. This year the competition was a little more keen with John Klinger coming in second with 38 points and Dr. Shoemaker third with 35 points.

This year Mohawk was host for the Metropolitan District

races in July and the whole club including the Women's Auxiliary worked hard to make the week end a success. Three races were held and for the social end the Harrigans were host for a cocktail party following which the dinner and meeting were held on the boardwalk.

For the open races on the lake a new snipe with its handicap took first place both times but in the Mikkelson race Robert Crane and Al Theurer took places and in the Commodore's race Dr. Shoemaker placed for the Lightnings.

A dinner at Perona Farms brought the season to a close. Trophies were awarded and best wishes were extended to the new Commodore, Mr. Thomas Munro by Commodore Harrigan.

LITTLE EGG HARBOR FLEET (26)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Charles Dore
Fleet Secretary..... C. Robertson Ward
Fleet Champion..... John Teigland
Runner-Up..... Charles Dore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2452	Kukuna	Carl Beck
3704	Kipper	Eugene H. Kipp
4205	Wayward Two	C. R. Ward
4278	Corsair	Jack Hesketh
4863	Nipper Kat	J. R. Ludlow Wray
5077	Riptide	William M. Webb
5346	Apple	Sherman V. Allen
5353	Shady Lady	Charles H. Dore
5724	Seductress III	John Tieglund
5730	Ondine	David Langworthy

Sailing enthusiasm continued to accelerate for "Lightning Fleet No. 26" with competition reaching an all time high. We were happy to welcome three new members to our fleet in the persons of Carl Beck with "Kukuna", Jack Hesketh with "Corsair", and Bob Ward and Walt Lenhard with "Wayward Two". Three more enthusiastic newcomers would be hard to find. Fleet No. 26 welcomes these boys and is glad to have them aboard.

The fleet championship got off to a good start and competi-

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tion was keen to the very end. Our former international champion, Johnny Tieglund, did it again—winning in grand style. Johnny successfully performed a maneuver of particular interest in one of the crucial races. Trailing, in about sixth position, headed for the first windward mark, John disliked the appearance of his mainsail (a mainsail he was testing for a friend). After setting the spinnaker on the first leeward run, he ordered the mainsail replaced by his own. Hard as it was on the nerves of the crew, the change was completed just in time to round the mark and tack with mainsail set for the next windward beat. Worthy of note is the fact that no speed was lost on the run without mainsail and John crossed the finish line in the No. 1 spot which would have been impossible without the change. Needless to say, the race committee was slightly confused by the change of sail number and was late for dinner that night awaiting sight of mainsail No. 4205, which was safely stowed away in its sail bag.

The point standing for the first four places of the club race was as follows:

(1) John Tieglund	117.25
(2) Charles Dore	110.99
(3) David Langworthy	109.00
(4) Sherman Allen	101.00

The inter-club series with Lightning fleets of Long Beach Island, New Jersey, including Spray Beach Yacht Club, was also well attended and closely contested. Charles Dore brought "Shady Lady" through on top. The family team of Sherman Allen, wife Jane, and son Mack, deserves credit in taking the runner-up prize followed closely by the Langworthys, in their new Lippincott. The much improved "Apple" and "Ondine" will bear watching in 1955.

Final standings as follows:

(1) Charles Dore, LEYC	157.55
(2) Sherman Allen, LEYC	140.55
(3) David Langworthy, LEYC	127.25
(4) Christopher McCutcheon, SBYC	124.00

Fleet No. 26 was happy to be host to the Central Atlantic District Championship. Five races were held in the two-day series

under ideal weather conditions, the final and exciting race being held in a twenty-five mile wind. The series ended in a tie between Jim Carson of Metedeconk Yacht Club and Charles Dore, Little Egg Yacht Club, with 103.00. The first place award, however, was won by Jim Carson who had crossed the finish line first, more often than Charles Dore. It was an ideal series, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and ending with a rip-roaring supper party. The results were as follows:

- (1) Jim Carson "Sparks", Metedeconk Yacht Club
- (2) Charles Dore "Shady Lady", Little Egg Yacht Club
- (3) Harry Sindle "Flying Dutchman", Lavalette Yacht Club
- (4) Marge Adams "Whirlwind", Bay Head Yacht Club

We are also happy to report that our old faithful, Charles Dore, represented us at the Internationals, held at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Lake St. Clair, Michigan, and gave an excellent account of himself, finishing sixth in a field of forty.

Highlighting the season, and indicative of the enthusiasm, was the Lightning bartering which took place during the end of the season. Gene Kipp will be the proud owner of a new Lippincott next summer after selling "Seductress I" to Carl Beck. Charles Dore will once again sport a new Olson, after selling the "Shady Lady" to Jack Hesketh. Bob Ward and Walt Lenhard purchased "Seductress III" from John Tieglund, who, in turn, re-commissioned "Seductress II". All in all, 1955 promises to be the best yet with Fleet No. 26 boasting the largest fleet of new Lightnings on the Atlantic Seaboard.

The sailing season was brought to a close by our annual meeting, held on Labor Day, at which Charles Dore was elected president and Bob Ward, secretary. Lightning skippers expressed an interest in more triangular course races which we hope to be able to have next year. Team racing will also be considered.

Interest such as this can only forecast fine Lightning sailing at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in 1955.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Scioto River, O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Al Rowland
Fleet Secretary	Frank Rose
Fleet Champion	Commodore Russell Bartholomew in "Punky-Doo"
Runner-Up	John H. White in "Yes Dear"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
630	Black Sheep	R. V. Duff
638		C. E. Stewart
682	Tiger	Roy E. Raney
1226	Mij-II	Jim Montgomery
1229	Spray Three	R. D. Bigham
1230	Zefr	Mac Lee Henny
1232	Star Dust	Frank L. Rose
1289	Yo-Ho	J. Stewart Collins & Jack W. Miller
1338	Wind Song II	Paul J. Abbott
2662	Tru Luff II	Homer J. Ritter
2824	Yes Dear	John H. White
3569	Salsudi	Richard J. Lund
3764	Punky-Doo	Russell Bartholomew
3766	Harriet-Ann	H. E. Hull

Our 1954 Racing Season opened with a three race series over Memorial Day Week-end. The first place went to our Commodore Russell Bartholomew, the second Paul Abbott and third Dick Lund. An all Club dinner was given by the Squaws and a wonderful turn-out it WAS.

The Sunday series were raced the best six out of ten. No races were held during the OICYA and the Regatta at Put-In-Bay, leaving the other two opening Sundays for vacations. This series was taken by Commodore Russ Bartholomew, with John White second, and Paul Abbott 3rd.

The Fourth of July races were won by Homer Ritter, with Russ Bartholomew in second place, and Paul Abbott third. Again the Squaws planned the all club dinner and had a nice turn-out.

During the "Edna" squall 8 boats were torn from their moorings. This storm struck about dinner time and caught two boats out. One was John White with his two boys and wife. They watched the lightning and rode it out for 45 minutes. Bob Duff got into the cove and stood in the water trying to hold his ship off the bank. Both parties were helped ashore as though they had truly been shipwrecked . . . nicest club members ever to help at all times.

Our Labor Day week-end races were won by our Commodore



Fleet Champion "1954", John Tieglund, Fleet No. 26



Just after the start at Leatherlips

Russ Bartholomew, followed by John White and Homer Ritter. The closing dinner of the year was held at this time.

The fall series were won by Frank L. Rose with John White second.

Homer Ritter purchased No. 2662 from A. A. Berg, formerly of Cleveland and now of Chicago. This is a fast boat and Ritter is a skipper who can get the best out of his craft. Mac Lee Henny purchased Al Rowlands Willawa to get back into racing form. He is a former Comet skipper, always representing LYC at the Nationals. John White joined fleet in middle of July by purchasing A. Rices "Mr. & Mrs.", and took his Thistle No. 69 home to store in garage until he made up his mind that Lightning was the answer to his family hopes . . . It didn't take them long to realize that it was the boat for them . . . and the Thistle was permitted a new owner. His family of 3 children and wife now love him again—as they can sail it too—new name "Yes Dear".

Plans are on foot for Lightning Pot Luck early in Jan., to get ready for District Meeting—plan our Junior Racing in Lightnings for the coming season—elect new officers—MAYBE plan a Regatta for our puddle—we are hoping to have our very best season ever—this coming 1955.

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB (32)

Sailing on Western Long Island Sound Larchmont, N. Y.

Fleet Captain..... Jack Bradfute
Fleet Secretary..... Wait Jackson,
Fleet Champion..... Hewitt Schlereth in "Iloilo—
5360"
Runner-Up..... Donald McNair in "Mooncusser—
5637"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
43	Bolts	William Holding
253	Nola	Richard Carr
434	Bahia	Robert DeBenham
569	Bluebelle	Willard Brown
978	See Saw	Nancy Schwarz
1008	Judy	Fred Seacord, Jr.
1140	Sea Lion	Robert F. Moore
1151	Snook	Henry B. Clark
1154	Bedlam	J. J. Drew
1157	Joc	Jane O'Connor
1184	Leprechaun	Edw. F. X. Ryan
1727	Fireball	Fred Fick
2048	Sea Cookie	David W. Cook
2400	Hot Canary	Wait Jackson
2724	Debbie	J. R. Nealon
3051	Sea Jay	J. M. Elliott
3379	Quintet	Frank Hensel
4105	Wefor	Gunnard H. Faulk
4223	Gaviotta	Thomas P. Gullette
4418	Go Devil	Jerry Fowler
4459	Tsalia	George Hampton
4611	Trafu	Richard Kahle
4915	Orgy	Richard Surprenant
5078	Tribee	Howard and Jack Bradfute
5360	Iloilo	Hewitt Schlereth

5392	K	Summer Kittelle
5430	Triad	Penny Meighan, Nadine Coffinberry & Jennifer Newsome
5608	Gold Plater	Larchmont Junior Y.C.
5637	Mooncusser	Donald McNair

The Fleet started off the year with a big meeting June 4, 1954, at which plans were made for the summer. Fleet Captain Bob Moore, elected the previous October to succeed Fred Bradfute, presided. Present was Fred Bradfute himself who had officially been elected "Mother of the Fleet" at the previous Annual Meeting to honor him for his faithful help towing in light weather, standby rescue work in heavy weather and squalls, and general assistance with his power cruiser.

Thirty-one boats were on our rolls at the time which represented an increase over 1953 in spite of some boats sold away.

Larchmont Race Week being the high-light of our season, the Fleet organized a "hospitality" registration table on the Club lawn for visiting Lightning people, which helped to get skippers and crews from away acquainted for the second year in a row. Monday of Race Week the Fleet held an informal "cook-out" supper to which all visiting Lightning people were invited. This was a tremendous success because Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fowler not only offered the use of their nearby lawn and home, but because Bill Fowler grilled to perfection more hamburgers and hot dogs than he had ever seen before.

Our Fleet races were those of the YRA of LIS which were included in the approved District schedule. We divided them into Spring, Summer and Fall series as in 1953. Prizes were awarded at the Fall meeting as follows:

B. O. Booth Memorial Trophy for Season Championship
Hewitt Schlereth, in "Iloilo"
Runner-up..... Don McNair, in Mooncusser

Spring Series

First..... Don McNair, in Mooncusser
Second..... Howard Bradfute, in Tribee
First Handicap..... Wait Jackson, in Hot Canary

Summer Series

First..... Don McNair, in Mooncusser
Second..... Howard Bradfute, in Tribee
First Handicap..... Don McNair, in Mooncusser

Fall Series

First..... Hewitt Schlereth, in Iloilo
Second..... Don McNair, in Mooncusser
First Handicap..... Hewitt Schlereth, in Iloilo

Hewitt Schlereth came to the fore after a late season start and really earned the season trophy won by Howard Bradfute in 1953.

For the second year Fleets No. 32 and No. 96 held a four boat team race series for a special trophy. Whereas in 1953 Larchmont won the first of the three race series, in 1954 American Yacht Club won the first two races, hands down, to take the trophy for a second year. Outstanding in the series was the capsize, while in a threatening second place during the first race, of "Hot Canary". A magnificent rescue was made in a strong wind and heavy sea by Mrs. Fred L. (Lorna) Hibberd who maneuvered her auxiliary "Caprice II" to perfection, and practically single-handed. (Those spinnakers are too big sometimes.)

A second, informal, team race was sailed between Larchmont and Execution Rocks Fleet No. 106, five boats to a team. Lots of fun for all, but the score wound up 28 1/4 to 27 in favor of Fleet No. 106.

In the District Championships at Sea Cliff, Fleet No. 32 entered five boats; but out best, "Tribe", couldn't do better than sixth out of about thirty. Several boats went to the Douglasson Invitation Regatta in Little Neck Bay including the 193 trophy holder, "Tribe". But none of our boats was good enough to repeat the win.

Among other things Fleet No. 32 did during 1954 was to lay down on the Club floor permanent sail measurement marks and check sails of all the members who raced. This was part of a District plan to have all boats that race in the open YRA of LIS, and Larchmont Race Week races, legal and uniform. Wait Jackson of this fleet was chairman of the District Measurement Committee for this purpose, and supervised measuring at the District Championships. As a result of our own Fleet measuring most of the sails that were taken to the Districts measured in.

The Fall Fleet meeting was held Oct. 29, 1954, with a Halloween background. Jack Bradfute was elected the new Captain and Wait Jackson as the continuing Secretary-Treasurer. Fred Bradfute will continue as "Mother of the Fleet".

After the regular season was over the Fleet set up some special races utilizing the fine facilities of the Larchmont Race Committee which was functioning for post-season events for other classes. "Hot-Canary" won four firsts and one second in this series in which spinnakers were banned and the rule requiring three in the crew was abandoned. Some boats were single-hand sailed, others had four on board, but most sailed with two. No prizes were offered but everyone had a terrific time. The last race was Oct. 12 in a beautiful breeze.

Our season wound up most dramatically with three hurricanes, Carol, Edna and Hazel. Carol's winds hit our anchorage at low tide and although there was very high water later there was almost no damage. Edna was much announced, everyone was prepared, and she went farther East. Hazel, however, hit earlier than anticipated and with much more force than expected. Many boats in the harbor broke loose or dragged, among them three large power cruisers which drifted through the Lightning anchorage before going ashore. Four of our Fleet were total losses, and only four of the whole Fleet still in the water were upright the next morning and one of those had no mast.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Turkeyfoot Lake, Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain Robert Schmidt
Fleet Secretary Dr. H. B. Duckworth
Fleet Champion Dr. H. B. Duckworth
Runner-Up Robert Schmidt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
557		R. G. Schmike
2301	Folly	Robert Schmidt
2395	Duckie II	Dr. H. B. Duckworth
3431		Jim Aikey
3435	Windjammer	Tom Daugherty

In the series of twelve weekly races, the winner was Dr. H. B. Duckworth, second place won by Bob Schmidt.

In addition to the regular series, two special races were held. The annual Turkeyfoot Regatta was won in the Lightning Class by Bob Schmidt and the McCain Handicap Trophy won by Tom Daugherty. George Burkholder, the newest Lightning sailor in the Fleet, promises that he will offer the sternest competition when next season rolls around.

Interest increased substantially during the season and hopes are high for a larger more active fleet next year.

METEDECONK RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Metedeconk River, Metedeconk, N. J.

Fleet Captain Robert Ward
Fleet Secretary James Wagner
Fleet Champion Marjorie Adams
Runner-Up James Carson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
20	Joan	John J., James A. & Joseph Crate
178	Leilani	William C. Kalning
855	Crest	A. O. Hurxthal
1475	Day's End	Robert G. Schmitz
1738	Tom-Kat	B. Ward
2007		Warren Currier III
2455	Dutchess	Jim Wagner
2456	Claire Marie	Robert Walthers
5284	Sparks	James G. Carson
5582	One Hoss Shay	David P. Shay
5722	Jim Dandy	James Daley

Metedeconk River Lightning Fleet started the season off with the addition of three boats, two of them new. The older one was Bob Walther's "Claire Marie" No. 2456, sister-ship to Jim Wagner's "Dutchess". Jim Daley traded in his No. 4567 for a new Beaton Lightning the "Jim Dandy" No. 5722; Dave Shay also traded in the "Renegade" for the new Seaman—Lightning "One Hoss Shay", No. 5582. A newcomer to our group is Warren Currier, sailing an old guard of the fleet, No. 2007.

Victorious in nine out of ten Fleet Championship races, "Sparks", No. 5284, sailed by Jim Carson was the top boat of the fleet. Dave Shay's "One Hoss Shay" took second, and Jim Daley's "Jim Dandy" was third. The aging No. 1475, "Day's End", surprised everyone this season by giving trouble to all-comers, due to the good sailing and hard work of Herm and Bob Schmitz in making the ship into a first-class racing machine.

This season saw a new innovation in classifying the boats—one that we thought gave the heavier boats a fairer chance, yet kept the whole Fleet in unity; all racing together. The boats that weighed over 800 pounds were considered a different division for scoring purposes than the ones under 800. The two divisions had their own prizes, but not their own races, as was the case last year. All boats raced together this time, and due to some "hot" heavy boats, good competition was provided.

The Fifth Annual Spring Tune-Up Regatta was held in June.



Fleet Champion Jim Carson doing some planing on the Metedeconk River. Crew Charlie Starkey and George Francis help keep the boat level.

Jim Carson of the host club won the 3 race series and Johnny Teigland of Little Egg Harbor took second. This is the first time that a boat of our club has won it.

Jim Carson, besides being our fleet champ, sailed his Sparks to victory at the Central Atlantic District Championships, second place in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Assoc., Lightning Series, third place in the New Jersey State Championships, fourth in the Atlantic Coast Championship, and eighth out of forty boats in the Internationals at Detroit. Jim also won the Presidential Cup Regatta at Washington with three firsts.

Dave Shay sailed the "One Hoss Shay" to third place in the South Jersey Championship and second in the President's Cup at Washington. Jim Daley sailed his Jim Dandy to fourth place in this regatta.

With the addition of new members and another new Lightning (Jim Wagner's "Vision") things look even better for the fleet in '55.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN LIGHTNING FLEET (35)

Texas District

Based on White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain..... Arthur Nazro
Fleet Secretary..... A. K. Spalding
Fleet Champion..... A. K. Spalding No. 5720
Runner-Up Samuel J. C. Townsend, Sr. No. 4898

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
206	Kaprice	Henri Bromber, Jr.
535	Driftalong	Talmadge Loyd
539		Hugh Lewis
1716		Dr. Raymond W. Burford
2147		Wm. C. Bednar
3209	Whisky Sour	Conrad Skladal, Jr.
3357	Kitty	Milton E. Price
3519	Dream Queen	Willis McQueen
3640	Scissor-Bill	K. Marshall Fagin
3931	Sea Lamb	Harry Walker, II
4653		Harold F. Boss
4891		Dallas Sailing Club
4892		Dallas Sailing Club
4893		Dallas Sailing Club
4894		Dallas Sailing Club
4895		Dallas Sailing Club
4896		Dallas Sailing Club
4898	Scout	Samuel J. C. Townsend, Sr.
5067		W. F. Funk
5150	Scandal	Conrad Lau & Harry Nissen
5152		Trueheart Brown & Ed Reagor
5397		Dallas Sailing Club
5398		Dallas Sailing Club
5399		Dallas Sailing Club
5468	Blitzen	Michael Glitsch
5534	Ole	A. B. Patterson
5720	Geneva II	A. K. Spalding

The thirteenth year of Dallas Corinthian Lightning Fleet No. 35, chartered in 1942, finds it enjoying a healthy growth with competition growing keener and three new boats being constructed. Several good boats of the Fleet are for sale with their owners desiring to replace them with new, lighter boats of racing quality.

Three boats of the Fleet attended the Shreveport Yacht Club Spring Regatta early in May. Later at the Fort Worth Boat Club Annual Regatta, Fleet 35 was well represented with Sam Townsend taking second place and A. B. Patterson third.

The Fleet Championship was determined with a ten race series starting early in May and ending in the latter part of July. Closely contested was the series with the lead changing from time to time. First place finally went to Al Spalding with Sam Townsend a close runner up, A. B. Patterson and Harry Walker finished third and fourth respectively.

The races for the Championship of the Texas District were held early in August. Sam Townsend took first, and with a trip to Detroit for the Internationals. Runner up for this series, Al Spalding.

For the right to represent this area in the Mallory Cup Competition, twelve Lightnings of Fleet 35 held a series of races to determine who would represent the Dallas Sailing Club and the Corinthian Sailing Club at the Shreveport eliminations.

Each Labor Day weekend finds the annual Southwestern Regatta at White Rock Lake in Dallas. A. B. Patterson of Fleet 35 won first place in the Lightning event. First and second places

in the Team Races were taken by boats from Fleet 35. In the Handicap event, first place was won by A. K. Spalding. In the fourteen years of this perpetual trophy, the prize for the first time was won by a Lightning.

September, October and a part of November gave some beautiful days for informal races between a portion of the boats of the Fleet. There is talk and interest shown by some of the skippers to take boats this winter for the races in New Orleans and St. Petersburg.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pa.

Fleet Captain..... Fred Lange
Fleet Secretary..... Dave Van Harlingen
Fleet Champion..... Francis Wick in "Wicked"
Runner-Up..... Ben Hawn, in "Hawnt"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
83	Susanne	Horace Yates
528	Lazy Bones	Ray Hecht
676	Timlin	Edgar Moran
677	Sengri-la	Ray Seng
699	Thumper	Francis Shaffer
704	Florel	Ward Beecher
705	Hawnt	Ben Hawn
1182	Wee 3	Ray Taylor
1806		Carl Baumgardner
1919	Spray II	W. W. Legstrom
2545	Sugar	Charles Grimsley
3368	Fibber	M. C. Simpson
3513	Equals	Jack Curtis
4357	Norma J.	William Loch
4774	Hustler	Herbert Smith
5010	Tequila II	J. Robert McClaran
5032	Darbet	J. Darrell Chase
5110	Wicked	Francis Wick
5135	Avis III	Harry Leckemby
5311	Davann III	David Van Harlingen
5312		Robert Peters and Joe Cooper
5313	Double J	H. D. McClure
5323	Cigan II	Fred Lange
5703	Ellen D. III	L. L. Smith

Our most successful season was completed with more races and more boats competing than ever before. As in past years the season was divided into 4 series with 5 races each.

Winners in the Fleet Races were:

First Saturday Series

1. Francis Wick
2. Fred Lange
3. Ben Hawn

Second Saturday Series

1. Frank Lange
2. Ben Hawn
3. Lee Brooks

First Sunday Series

1. Fred Lange
2. Francis Wick
3. Ben Hawn

Second Sunday Series

1. Francis Wick
2. Bob McClaran
3. Fred Lange



July 4th at Pymatuning

Our annual July 4th Regatta was won by Cal Yaudas of Toledo, Ohio. There were 20 Lightnings in the class. Only 3 points separated the first 3 places. First third of class finished in following order:

1. Cal Yaudas—Toledo, 61 points
2. Francis Wick—Pymatuning, 60 points
3. Robert McClaran—Pymatuning, 59 points
4. Frank Lange—Pymatuning
5. Robert Hollister—Conneaut Lake
6. Paul Knapp
7. Tom McCain—Atwood

Prospects for 1955 are very bright with a large fleet of active skippers. Fleet 36 hopes to be heard from more every year. Robert McClaran brought honor to our Fleet by serving as Commodore of the Ohio-Indiana District.

MENTOR HARBOR YACHT CLUB (37)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Erie, Mentor Harbor, Mentor, Ohio

Fleet Captain	A. F. Faber, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	James K. Luntz
Fleet Champion	A. F. Faber, Jr.
Runner-Up	Wm. R. Wells

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
359	First Attempt	Robert Chisholm
561	Dark Cloud	A. R. Cutliff
570	Puo Got	George Hayes
586	Skoal	Bengt Kjellgren
587	B & B	N. W. Baker & H. Beatty
683	Bub	Frank E. Davis & W. C. Ehler
711	Sparkle	Jack Kline
1610	Buster	James K. Luntz
3395	Greta Anne III	Henry J. Verbsky
3462	Mary-Bet	William Wells
3465	Deuces Wild	Al Faber
4652	Barjan II	Thomas M. Hatch
4889	Touche!	Robert J. Stava

The 1954 season was sparked by keen rivalry and good sailing. Al Faber in Deuces Wild won the 1954 season championship by one point over last year's champion, Bill Wells.

As have other Lightning Skippers in the past, Tom Hatch has been elected Commodore of the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club for the coming year.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (38)

Greater Long Island District

Sailing on Sheepshead Bay, Atlantic Ocean,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Eddie Lakritz
Fleet Secretary	Marvin Rubel
Fleet Champion	Al Gagliano & Eddie Lakritz in "Playmate"
Runner-Up	Marvin Rubel in "Aurora"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
733	Aurora	Marvin Rubel
2134	Black Magic	Arthur & Gilbert Greenspan
2019	Sportsman	Abe Weiner
2525	No Trump	Lenny Fishman
3259		Ed DiGuilio
3506	Pippa	Mike Zwerling
4018	Boo Hoo	Bill Forsythe
4403	Hinde	Sanford Pearl
4404		Abe Petker
4643	Flobil	William Essner
4919	Walrita III	Walden Monte
5696	Playmate	Al Gagliano
5697	Orendo	Carnie & Roger Bianco

1954 proved to be one of the most active racing years in the history of Sheepshead Bay Lightning Fleet No. 38. Eleven boats participated in the racing program. Eight races were scheduled divided into two Series. The Fleet Champ and runners-up were determined by accumulated point scores of both series.

Eddie Lakritz and Al Gagliano proved to be unbeatable competition in their new boat "Playmate" No. 5696. Trailing close



Skippers and crews of Sheepshead Bay Lightning Fleet No. 38 attending the annual Trophy Dinner on December 4.

Bottom row: Rita Monte, Evelyne Zwerling, Janet Lakritz; 2nd place skipper Marvin Rubel; 1st place co-skipper Eddie Lakritz; 3rd place skipper Bill Forsythe; Louise Forsythe, Fay Gagliano. Second row: Mike Zwerling, Mildred Lieberman, Barney Lieberman, Florence Essner, Rozzie Petker, Bill Essner; 1st place co-skipper Al Gagliano, Marcia Rubel, Sidney Levene, Elaine Cohan, Walden Monte, Eli Cohan, Abe Petker, Carnie Bianco.

behind was Marvin Rubel in "Aurora" who was runner-up for the season. Bill Forsythe in "Boo Hoo," a new fleet member, placed third.

The balance of the fleet have now acquired the necessary experience in racing, and next year it's anybody's race.

Plans are now being made for our 1955 racing program, and it will include such novel events as a Long Distance Race, and Invitation Regatta, in addition to our triangular courses, four and five legged courses and windward-leeward races.

HIGHTOR FLEET (41)

Metropolitan District

Based on Hudson River, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Jordan (Chubby) Jorgensen
Fleet Secretary	Byron Kingery
Fleet Champion	Chubby Jorgensen in "Mary E"
Runner-Up	Eugene Vidal & Charles Widman in "Old 'n Rare"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
744	Old 'n Rare	Eugene Vidal & Charles Widmann
1222	Mary E	Jordan Jorgensen
1655	Larry	Olson Stone
1872		Martin Brophy
1898	Happy Days	Charles Strachen
1930	Heidi-Ho	Hank Holterhoff
2490	BiJo	Louis Castellano
3156	Chinook	Dr. James Campbell

In March the season officially opened for sixty members of the sailing fleet, and plans were discussed for the first sailing regatta. The Annual Memorial Day Race was held in memory of three former members who were killed in action in World War II. Five neighboring fleets participated, and the Black Hawk Fleet No. 172 for the second year took the honors. Walter Wimazal sailed "Gisela" over the line just ahead of last year's winner, Tom Destasio, also of No. 172, with Chubby Jorgensen third.

The following weekends consisted of local club racing, to the enjoyment of all. Spirits were high at Fleet No. 41 traveled down river to the Tarrytown Yacht Club for the men's NAYRU championship races, held June 26th and 27th. The wind and the competition were stiff—as were some of our more enthusiastic members—and a grand time was had by all.

In anticipation of the Mid-Hudson Championship Race



Fleet Champ No. 122 looks a little low in the water, Chubby.

scheduled at Minisceongo, home of Fleet No. 41, the following three weeks were packed with heated club racing. On August 14th and 15th the Mid-Hudson Regatta was held. The visiting skippers from Chelsea No. 39, Nyack No. 75, Black Hawk No. 172, and Shattemuc No. 224 enjoyed two days and three races of lively sailing and plenty of wind, excluding the second race which turned into a real drifter. Twenty-seven were again convinced that Joe Hoffee of Nyack was champ, with Destasio of Black Hawk second and Wimazal of Black Hawk third.

On August 22nd we sailed down river, against current, to participate in the Shattemuc Invitation Regatta, which will be covered elsewhere by Fleet No. 224. This year the Minisceongo Trophy Race, an open race, was held 'midst challenging wind conditions and bucking current, thus handicapping all sailing craft on its twelve-mile course to Nyack. An ocean-type tanker was well entertained and covered as she tried—unsuccessfully—to "barge" the twenty-seven lightnings, five thistles, one highlander, and smaller craft. The lightnings showed their supremacy in this race by taking the first three places; Pim Eppler of Nyack was first, Magnus Pedersen second, and Joe Hoffee third. Close behind the fourth place thistle was Tom Destasio of Black Hawk, with Chubby Jorgensen going over the line sixth.

With a very successful season behind it, HighTor Fleet No. 41 is now preparing for the New Year and would like to give a hearty welcome to Tom Hylas, our newest skipper. We have enjoyed '54 and are anticipating an even greater 1955!!!

TOLEDO LIGHTNING FLEET (42)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Maumee Bay, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Arthur (Bud) Nelson
Fleet Secretary..... George Maludy
Fleet Champion..... Walt Swindeman
Runner-Up..... Cal Yaudas

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
313	Jiminy Cricket	R. H. & R. L. Herron
460	Scamp	Richard Daso
825	Pepper	Cy Greenhill
1193	Yawn	Dave Spitznaugle
1273	Gin Ric	Donald Dierks
1336	Lucky	Joe J. Wensinger
1658	.....	Charles Fox
1661	.....	Joel McCreary
1777	.....	Bill Stone

2250	.....	Clarence Crites
3896	Mur-Lou	Muriel Lou Pontius
4212	Min-to	Thomas & Minnie Cook
4810	Sooky	Jerry Garinger
5160	Rainbow	Dr. D. S. Booth
5345	Teaser	Cal Yaudas
5580	Yankee Doodle	Walt Swindeman
5678	Kay Jo	H. R. Krauss
6010	Sintress	Dick Legowski

The Toledo Lightning Fleet opened its 1954 season with one of its largest regattas of the past few years, "THE GREAT LAKES LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP". There were over thirty boats that came from as far away as Montreal, Canada.

It was won by Walt Swindeman in his new Yankee Doodle. It seems that Walt got his boat tuned up at St. Pete, for he won the last race and went on to win a good many races and regattas, including the Ohio Indiana District, Lake Wa Wa Se, The I.L.Y.A. regatta at Put-In-Bay, also the Kendall Series with Cal Yaudas taking a fourth in what looked like the Internationals.

Toledo was an active fleet with its members traveling far and wide to attend all the Regattas it could squeeze into one year.

With Cal Yaudas representing Toledo at Lake Pymatuning, he came in first place over twenty-two lightnings.

Dick Krauss received a new lightning late in the season and worked hard tuning it up for the district. He must have done a fine job, for he placed second in the district and later went to Devils Lake and won over a fleet of twenty-seven boats. Dick also went to Port Clinton and took first place honors in their Yacht Club Regatta.

Toledo skippers showed up in force at Lake Wa Wa Se, five strong. Also took most of the hardware, with Walt Swindeman first, Jerry Garinger second and Cal Yaudas fourth.

Lake Fenton, which always puts on a fine regatta was represented by Nelson Penske, Bud Nelson and Frank Wing sailing Cal Yaudas boat. They came in fifth place out of a fleet of over thirty boats.

Other Regattas in which Toledo boats participated were, Port Clinton Snow Flurry, Cal Yaudas third, Bay View Yacht Club, Bud Nelson sailing Cal Yaudas's boat coming in first with Nelson Penske second. Hamilton, Ont., Penske second, Internationals,

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Dick Krauss twelfth and Walt Swindeman sixteenth, after fouling out in the fourth race.

Back from serving four years in the Navy is a good skipper by the name of Dick Legowski, who is building a new lightning that will be ready for the 1955 season. So move over fellows and get your boats going, for Dick was doing a fine job on the 950 pound boat he had before.

Nelson Penske just sold his lightning and has his eye on flying, but the fleet will try to keep him active.

Toledo will be well represented in South America this winter with Cal Yaudas sailing with old Mr. Lightning, Walt Swindeman. Also Dick Krauss will be sailing with Dr. Murphy of Lake Fenton.

As the year comes to an end all the boats are put away for another year and the skippers and crew get together on a bowling team. They hash out the last few regattas with a lot of if's added. It's a good way to keep the fleet together and discuss who will go to St. Pete this winter and with whom. Next year we hope to have another year as good as the one that has just passed, for we met a lot of old friends and made a lot of new ones. So a lot of thanks to everyone that helped put on a regatta that this fleet attended for we had a wonderful time and hope to be back next year.

BUCKEYE LAKE FLEET (43)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Buckeye Lake, near Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....	Earl Fisher
Fleet Secretary.....	Ralph Donges
Fleet Champion.....	George Fisher
Runner-Up.....	Jimmy Dressel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
248	Fireball	Warren Weiant III
721	Blue Marlin	Jimmy Dressel
820	Lazy Lady	Lowell E. Frost
830	.....	Earl & Tim Fisher
869	Dri-Rot	Harry Morrison
989	.....	Edmund A. Klein
997	Sea Jay	Clifford Dum
1231	Janean	C. E. Kimball
1287	Miss Pent	Ralph Donges
1357	Who Zat	W. E. Coffman
1801	Sylvia	Robert Rice
1804	Wildfire	Ernest Wilson
2247	Sivad	Newton Davis
2823	Hot Canary	Jerry & Stephen Cooper
2826	.....	Don Lindembolt
4283	Pride-N-Joy	Edward Ballinger
4677	Sailbad the Sinner	Larry Greiner
4865	My Gal II	George Fisher
4890	Calamity	Pete Dunkle
5999	Tempest	Robert Mann

The activities of Fleet 43 began early this year with the annual fleet meeting and election in February. At this meeting Earl Fisher and Ralph Donges were elected Captain and Secretary, respectively, and by the record of the fleet this past season and the wonderful results of the Snowball Regatta, the fleet made a very wise selection.

The racing season at Buckeye Lake started off with the spring series held in April and May. The wind was medium to strong throughout, resulting in very interesting racing. Jerry Cooper of Zanesville, Ohio was the winner with Jimmy Dressel and Bob Mann, both of Columbus, second and third respectively. It is interesting to note that Jimmy and Jerry are two of our junior sailors, under the age of fifteen.

The long, tough and grueling summer series consisting of nine races began in June and lasted until September. George Fisher captured the winner's trophy, Jerry Cooper second, and Bob Mann third.

Buckeye Lake played host to the Ohio Interclub Regatta in June with a fleet of thirty boats in the Lightning Class racing. George Fisher was the winner with Jimmy Dressel second, and Richard Deeg of Atwood Lake third.

A long distance handicap race was held for all classes in July. George Fisher came in first in the lightning class, which was second to a raven in the overall standings.

The Fisher-Mann Trophy, which is one of the most sought-after cups in the fleet, was raced for in August and George Fisher again won the race for the third straight year. Bob and Audrey Mann have made all kinds of threats, intimidations and promises that this time next year this cup shall be sitting on their mantle.



Fleet 43's Champion, George Fisher with crew Ray Fisher and Don Wilson.

(George has been kind in the past however by allowing Bob to at least touch the cup each year).

The Labor Day series was sailed in brisk, beautiful air this year, and Jimmy Dressel, one of the club's 14-year old wonders, won the series with all firsts, displaying outstanding sailing ability. George Fisher and Kim Kimball (members of the old guard) were forced to be satisfied with second and third respectively.

On September 12, the club held its second long distance race, open to all classes, and in this race Jimmy Dressel was the first boat in, all boats included. Bob Mann came in second in the lightning class. Needless to say, the lightning fleet was very proud of Jimmy and his crew of Ann and Ted Miller.

The fall series was raced in September and October, consisting of five races. George Fisher was the winner, with Jimmy Dressel second and Tim Fisher, son of our Fleet Captain, and another up and coming junior sailor, third. There were very high winds in this series, which proved to make very keen and close racing, with the winning boat not being known until the last race.

Fleet 43 held a stay-at-home series for those boats not traveling to the various regattas. Earl Fisher was the winner, with Jerry Cooper and Kim Kimball second and third.

Our season closed with the Snowball Regatta at the Buckeye Lake during the weekend of October 9 and 10. This regatta, with the largest turnout in history, was blessed with perfect weather and wind, and it certainly was the high spot in our racing season. Bob Englebeck and Pinky Allen, both of Port Clinton, Ohio, came in first and second, with George Fisher, of the home fleet, third. This regatta closed certainly the most exciting and successful season in Fleet 43's history.

Buckeye Lake had several traveling sailors this year: Bob Mann traveled his Tar Baby to the St. Petersburg Regatta; George Fisher took his My Gal II to the Great Lakes Championship at Toledo; Bob Mann entered the Hoosier Regatta; Bob Mann, Jimmy Dressel and George Fisher towed their boats to the district eliminations, where George Fisher came in fifth to be alternate for the district representation at the International Championship, and Jimmy Dressel finished ninth, which is something to be very proud of since it was his first district regatta; and finally, Bob Mann also raced in the Port Clinton Snow Flurries.

Trophy night was held in November, when a beautiful array of trophies and prizes were presented to the winning sailors. It was a very pleasant evening with the showing of movies of past regattas, and several very interesting talks. George Fisher was crowned Fleet Champion as result of the tabulation of the majority of the races sailed throughout the season. George was ably assisted by his brother Ray and Don Wilson, who are one of the smoothest and quickest crews at the club.

Bob Mann has a very admirable distinction of being chosen Vice President and Assistant Chief Measurer of the International Lightning Class Association. Fleet 43 is extremely proud of Bob, who has not only proved to be a very popular sailor, but also a hard-working one as well. Hats off also to Audrey, Bob's ever-loving wife, who is again assisting Bob in his editorship of the Lightning Class Year Book, which will undoubtedly be as successful as his year book in the past.

Fleet 43 is also very proud of their juniors, six of whom skipper their own lightnings! The heyday of the "old salts" is over, because not only are these young men naturally skilled, but they are also hard workers. A combination like that is tough to beat. These same skippers and crew made a very fine showing in the Sears Cup elimination and we are confident that someday these "juniors" are going to add great distinction to the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club.

Good luck and good Sailing.

CANANDAIGUA YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (44)

Central New York District

Based on Canandaigua Lake, New York

Fleet Captain	Robert Reichert
Fleet Secretary	Susan O'Bolger
Fleet Champion	E. Wm. Place, Jr.
Runner-Up	Susan O'Bolger—Curt Hill

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
143	Luckie Louie	John Hill
234	Mac	M. R. Siewert
300	Water Wagon	Keith Moore
366	Joshua	John Hutchens
575	Cinderella	Griff Winthrop
588	Thermis Twice	Clarence Stoddard
758	Hic Cup	Winston Churchill and E. Wm. Place, Jr.
910	Sea Horse	Clarence Carpenter
1267	Inc.	Bob Reichert
1274	Wiki	Dr. Sanderson
1825	Jayvis	Charles Payne
3474	Dunk Too	Ralph Hoyt
5177	White Cap	S. O'Bolger and C. Hill

The Canandaigua Lightning Fleet got off to a rather slow start, but nevertheless had a very successful season. We were hosts, this year, to two regattas: The Lakeshore Lightning Squadron Regatta, and The District Eliminations. Both regattas were well attended and were pronounced highly successful, although the Canandaigua Fleet, as a whole, did not distinguish itself.

The Canandaigua Lightning Fleet was well represented at the Central New York Regatta at Red Jacket. While we did not win any trophies, at least we earned the honor of bringing our boats in upright despite very heavy winds which capsized many boats and damaged many others.

The climax of the '54 season was caused by Hurricane Hazel which whipped through our Yacht Basin capsizing boats and washing both sail and power boats ashore. A great deal of damage was done to spars, decks and hulls. Fleet Captain Robert Reichert's, "Inc" was severely smashed. However, the sailors are not discouraged. They have pulled their battered lightnings from the water and during the winter plan to get them repaired and painted and in good trim for our even better season in '55.

EDGEWATER YACHT CLUB (45)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Erie, Cleveland, Ohio.

Fleet Captain	Dr. Robert C. Griggs
Fleet Secretary	Robert Busbey
Fleet Champions	Pat Young—Harold Hall
	Co-champions



Dark Cloud rounding weather mark.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
560	Tag-along	Eugene Linsey
816	Jo-Bo	Dr. Robt. C. Griggs
868	Granted	G. M. Illenberger
1674	Restless	Harold L. Hall
2852	Buccaneer	James E. Buchanan
3369	Marquis	Paul Fine
3459	Lucky Bets	A. L. Luckingham
3461	Opeechee	Al Sprock
4003		Francis Smith
4880	Dark Cloud	Pat Young
	Moby Dick	Robert Busbey

The perennial winners in the Club Championship again prevailed in '54 with Pat Young and Harold Hall ending up as co-champions and Jim Buchanan in the third spot.

Some of our sailors apparently are not happy with the past season's results and are busting out in a rash of new boats with hopes of capturing more of the coveted honors and prizes. Bob Busbey a crewman for Pat Young last year has purchased himself a new lightning. Bob Griggs sold his Jo-Bo and has placed his order for a new boat. Harold Hall is selling his Restless as is also Jim Buchanan—both hope to be sporting their new craft for next season's racing. That's what we like about the Lightning Class—when they sell their old boat they come back with a new Lightning.

The City of Cleveland is spending more than one-half million dollars for improvements in our harbor hoping to make it a model—work should be completed this year and here's hoping you will come up and sail with us sometime.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47)

Based on Silver Lake, Perry, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Joseph Elias
Fleet Secretary	Walter Betts, Jr.
Fleet Champion	W. J. Humphrey, Jr.
Runner-Up	Joseph Elias

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
80		Whiton Powell
154	Ripple	Joseph Eliaz
392	Firebird	Harry Brown
410	Budget Buster	Dr. W. M. Humphrey
968		Ed Willse
1616	Paget	W. J. Humphrey, Jr.
3561	Jane	Bill & Chas. Van Arsdale

Our 1954 season was again one of much competition and excitement and though late in starting, very successful. The first series of events—The Fleet Championship—was won by W. J. Humphrey, Jr. in "Paget" with Joe Eliaz in "Ripple" runner-up.

A new series was inaugurated this summer. The Ed Neal Memorial Trophy, donated by Ed Neal in memory of her late husband. This event was won by the Van Arsdals in "Jane". The Club Cup series was the next event and was won by Joe Eliaz in "Ripple".

On a Sunday in August five boats trailed to Cuba Lake, N.Y. as guests of Fleet No. 115 for a morning and afternoon regatta. Though we failed to win the big money our genial hosts made it a day we will all remember. Our many thanks to all for a wonderful time.

The final series to wind up the '54 season was the Labor Day Benedict Memorial Trophy. This two day event went to Joe Eliaz in "Ripple".

COLUMBIA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (49)

Based on Columbia Lake, Columbia, Conn.

Fleet Captain.....Roy Ferguson, Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....Richard C. Miller
Fleet Champion.....Dick & Paul Miller

Runner-Up.....The Molts in "Pirate"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
518	Pirate	Richard & Jane Molt
562		George W. Pederson
690	Suspense	Dick & Paul Miller
832		Valentino D. Clementino
1000	Thunderbolt	Roy & Janet Ferguson
1952		Louis Guzzo
2688		Oswald P. Scheller
2873		S. M. Silverstein
2877		F. C. Savage

The Columbia Lake Fleet enjoyed another fine summer of racing in 1954. As usual we raced each Sunday throughout July and August. Over the Labor Day weekend, a three race regatta was held with George Pederson taking the honors. This was especially noteworthy as this was "Pete's" first year as a Lightning skipper.

The Miller's managed to retain their hold on the Fleet Championship.

WASHINGTON FLEET (50)

Dixie District

Based on Potomac River

Fleet Captain.....Marshall Hornblower
Fleet Secretary.....J. Paul Walsh
Fleet Champion.....Charles O. Everly in "Zip"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
185	La Spouse	Corinthian YC Sea Scouts
522	Roaring Fork	Lt. M. W. Cairns
826	Zip	Charles Everly
1174	Sea Bird	Theodore T. Ludlum
1279	Cork	Thomas G. Corcoran, Jr.
1281	Helena	Richard C. Fowler
1282	Damfino	Glenn U. Richard
1283	Vagabond	Dr. J. R. Gilbert & Dr. C. A. Hudson
1832	Mops	J. P. Walsh
1887	Lively Lady	Cornelia Carswell, Lucia Hamon, Joseph Soraghan
2188	Storm Bird	Harold G. Hernly & Clifford B. Drake
2762	Ruthless	Corinthian YC Sea Scouts
2764	Halcyon	Arthur R. Carnduff
3145	High Life	Col. Kirk A. Metzertott
3255	Blue Bolt	Robert Amory, Jr.
3348	Whisper	Marshall Hornblower
3438	Little 4 Bits	David P. Kuntz
3441	Temptress	Marvin O. Myers
3643	Country Gal	Charles Albert Hudson
3735	Flying Lady	L. J. Borges
3774	Ca Va	Col. F. B. Shearer
4430	Little Aggie	Kenneth J. Burkhardt

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Lightning Fleet 50 lost some of its most enthusiastic members and some of its best boats, but fortunately the gaps were filled. The biggest loss occurred when Fleet Captain Francis B. Shearer left us for a new assignment in the Army on the west coast. His smartly maintained boat, CA VA, was sold out of our fleet. Other boats that left us were Dave Kuntz's LITTLE FOUR-BITS (No. 3438), Moe Myers' TEMPTRESS (No. 3441) and Arthur Carn-duff's HALCYON (No. 2764). Our losses were balanced by the following transfers within our fleet: Marvin Myers' JUDY L. (No. 1279) became Thomas G. Corcoran, Jr.'s CORK, Wilfrid Blunt's MAMA'S MINK (No. 1281) became Richard Fowler's HELENA, and Leo Bielecki's DAMFINO (No. 1282) was acquired by Glenn Richard. We also gained several active boats including No. 3255 owned by William Chesebrough and acquired by Robert Amory, Jr., and COUNTRY GAL (No. 3643) owned by Dr. Hudson, formerly a co-owner of VAGABOND (No. 1283).

In addition, our activity was stimulated by the participation in many races of three boats (Nos. 5442, 5443 and 5444) from the Quantico Fleet, led by that gallant and enthusiastic Lightning skipper, Captain Montrief. And we continued to benefit from the enthusiasm of veterans such as Walter Collier, Wilfrid Blunt, Moe Myers and the Sea Scouts.

The first event for Lightnings in the 1954 season was Columbia Yacht Club's two-day Washington's Birthday frostbite regatta. Six hardy Lightnings participated. Francis Shearer was the winner in his CA VA, edging out Moe Myers' JUDY L., sailed by Mort Knight, and LA SPOUSE sailed by Sea Scout Sandy Morrison.

The Spring Series of the Potomac River Sailing Association got under way with a warm-up race on April 18. There were races every Sunday thereafter through May. Twelve Lightnings qualified. The winner of the series was Marshall Hornblower's WHISPER; second place went to Charles Everly's ZIP; and NANCY-PAT (No. 5442) sailed by Captain Montrief of the U.S. Marines was third.

In the long race to Gunston Cove on May 29, Joe Soraghan, sailing LIVELY LADY on a long beat down-river against Thistles, Comets, Chesapeake Twenties, Snipes, Penguins as well as Lightnings, was the winner of the Commodore's Cup for the best corrected time. In the return race on May 31, running before a piping blow from the South, WHISPER led the Lightnings home, but finished behind two Thistles, a Chesapeake Twenty, and a Catamaran.

Our Lightnings were used on June 20 for the races held at the National Yacht Club to pick the champion skipper of the Upper Potomac. Unfortunately, the victor was not a Lightning skipper.

In July and August, while some of our members trailed to regattas on Chesapeake Bay, most of us participated in the two series held by the National Yacht Club. Eleven boats were in one or more of the races. The July series was won by Walter Dietz's FORTY WINKS (No. 1731), followed by Van Slaymaker sailing CORK and Doc Hudson in COUNTRY GAL. In the August Series, the winner was Bill Cairns in ROARING FORK; Kirk Metzgerott's HIGH LIFE was second; and VAGABOND was third.

The President's Cup Regatta on September 25-26 attracted

twenty-two Lightnings. The Fleet 50 entrants were clobbered by Jim Carson of Philadelphia, Dave Shay of North Plainfield, Don Pocher of Cape May, and other aces from New Jersey and Chesapeake Bay. WHISPER, placing sixth, led the Potomac River boats.

The Fall Series of the Potomac River Sailing Association, running from October 3 through November 7, was plagued by light and variable airs. Nevertheless, fifteen Lightnings participated. The series winner was the Marine Corps' NANCY-PAT (No. 5442) from Quantico, ably sailed by Captain Montrief. WHISPER was second, Charles Everly, who spent the summer transforming ZIP into a beautifully appointed dry sailor with green topsides, placed third.

The final event of the season was the highly successful Frostbite Regatta held at Quantico by the Marine Corps Schools. Of the twenty-four boats that raced, twelve were from Washington. The Potomac River sailors were again put to shame by the experts from New Jersey and Chesapeake Bay. Everly in ZIP led the Fleet 50 entrants, placing sixth. The Fleet 50 representatives outscored the Marine Corps team, to take another leg on the Shearer Bowl.

Charles Everly became the 1954 Fleet Champion by scoring the most points in the first four races of the PRSA fall series.

We expect to have an equally busy and exciting season in 1955. Interest in the Lightnings remains keen.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

Michigan District

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

Fleet Captain	Don Fairchild
Fleet Secretary	Allan Kass
Fleet Champion	Wesley Wiedrick
Runner-Up	Henry J. Cawthra

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
778	Sylvia	Wm. G. Phillips
886		Wilbur J. Smale
1060	Daisy Mae III	John S. Squire
1214	Mid III	Earl J. Peters
1301		T. R. Anderson
1656	Pinocchio	Edward Walter
1976	Lark	Wm. McKee Dunn & Guy L. Ireland
2086		Franklin D. Hepburn
3115		Walter E. Thill
3433	My Harem	Ralph J. O'Hara
3583		Daniel G. Lamet
3613	Pyewacket	Elijah G. Poxson, Jr.
4008	My Sally	Charles W. Grant
4398	Snegel	Richard J. Graham and Robert W. Hornbeck
4923		Max Homfeld
4924	Broom	H. J. Cawthra
4971		Allan Kass
5090	Wee Dee II	Wesley Wiedrick
5131	Blue Dust	A. Rautenberg
5200		Don Fairchild
5426		Walter A. Roney
5577		Richard R. Crandall and James E. Northmore
5585	Hawk	John G. Alexander
5705		Thomas Yaxley
5790		H. Jack Siekmann
6006		James C. Millies and James C. Millies, Jr.

Fleet 51 has enjoyed what was probably the greatest, and most certainly the busiest, season in its history having acted as host for the 1954 Lightning Internationals and Presidents Cup Regatta in September. Much could be written about this event but since it is covered very thoroughly elsewhere in this book, we will just say that we were happy to have so many enthusiastic skippers, crew members and guests present to help make this event a big success.

In addition to the usual fleet series, Fleet 51 skippers competed in 12 Detroit River Yachting Association Regattas. These are held each Saturday, beginning Memorial Day and ending after Labor Day, on Lake St. Clair. Each is sponsored by one of the local yacht clubs with approximately 150 boats of all classes participating. The Lightnings are consistently the largest class so we get plenty of competition from the skippers of the other fleets. Hank Cawthra won this series.



Fleet 50 boats in a nice Spring breeze. From left to right are Roaring Fork, Temptress and Zip.

In June, the four-race Kendall Series, an invitational regatta sponsored by Detroit Yacht Club's Lightning Fleet 131 and held each year at Crescent Sail Yacht Club, brought in the usual quota of top-notch Lightning skippers in this section of the country. Walt Swindeman of Toledo took home the Henry Kendall Memorial Trophy for the second year.

Fleet 51 members also competed for the Detroit River Lightning Squadron Championship—a three-race series held during the middle of September. This was won by Wes Wiedrick with Dick Crandall and Jim Northmore in their new No. 5577 taking second place and Ralph O'Hara, third.

There were four fleet series this year—the Wednesday night "Nitehawk" and three Sunday morning series. The following results show the way things went:

- "Nitehawk"—10 races
 1st Wes Wiedrick—No. 5090
 2nd Hank Cawthra—No. 4924
 3rd Don Fairchild—No. 5200
 Sunday Morning—"A" Series—8 races
 1st Wes Wiedrick—No. 5090
 2nd Hank Cawthra—No. 4924
 3rd Art Rautenberg—No. 5131
 Sunday Morning—"B" Series—6 races
 1st Wes Wiedrick—No. 5090
 2nd Northmore and Crandall—No. 5577
 3rd Ralph O'Hara—No. 3433
 Sunday Morning—"C" Series—5 races
 1st Don Fairchild—No. 5200
 2nd Ralph O'Hara—No. 3433
 3rd Jim Millies—No. 2541

In spite of all the activity at home, members trailed their boats many miles to out-of-town regattas and although they could not report too many firsts, they were usually right up there in the money. Wes Wiedrick placed second in the big regatta at St. Petersburg and also took second at the Port Clinton regatta. Hank Cawthra placed second in the Great Lakes Series at Toledo. Fleet 51 was represented at the Michigan District Championship races, held this year at East Tawas, by Hank Cawthra, Ralph O'Hara, Walt Roney, Wes Wiedrick, Jim Northmore and Dick Crandall, Jim Millies, Charles Grant and Don Fairchild. Wes placed third and Hank fifth.

Hank Cawthra won both the local and the Chicago run-off



Fleet 51 trophies and some of the happy winners. Don Fairchild, Hank Cawthra, Commodore Art Rautenberg, Dick Crandall and Ralph O'Hara.

for the Mallory Cup so, immediately after the Internationals, he was on his way to New Orleans for the finals where he placed third—an achievement of which we at Crescent are all justly proud.

We expect the competition to really sizzle next season with Jim Millies, Jack Leverenz and Jack Seikman all out there with new boats.

The season was closed officially November 14 with the awarding of the Fleet trophies at the annual potluck dinner at Crescent. After the winners had been cheered, Allan Kass diverted everyone's thoughts from sailing when he showed the movies taken on his skiing trip in the Canadian Northwest last year.

We have saluted our champions and now we would like to say thanks to those skippers who seldom win but who are always at the starting line race after race and without whom there would be no fleet.

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LAKE FENTON YACHT CLUB (53)

Michigan District

Based on Lake Fenton, Mich.

Fleet Captain..... Robert H. Furey
 Fleet Secretary..... Robert H. Furey
 Fleet Champion..... Clarence L. Holman, Jr.
 Runner-Up..... Herman O. Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
367	Finesse	C. J. & Gertrude Lauer
387	Kildeer	Dr. W. H. Winchester
804		Paul Tanner
1251	Fair Wind	Wm. & Auke DeHaan
1250	Dream Maid	Dr. David Friedman
1347		Robert Greiner
1566	Worry Wart	W. H. & Robert H. Furey
1654		Leonard Lippincott
2123		Bryant Baker
2776	Cream Puff	Dr. M. G. Fee
4090	Seven C's	Claude Cohoon
4545	Triple B	Dr. G. J. Murphy
4704	Dyna-Flow II	C. Clark Smith and Mac Smith
5063		Kenneth Shafe
5533	Pic-Nic	Herman O. Nickels
5770		Vic Carpenter
5885		Clarence L. Holman, Jr.

For the first time in many years the boats were all hauled out for the year before the end of Oct. to bring another season to a close. This year found Clarence Holman win the fleet championship with Herman Nickels close behind to fill the 2nd spot. Again this year the highways beckoned many of the skippers to the many regattas to be found at the other Yacht Clubs. Herman Nickels & Clarence Holman & Dr. Murphy took off the winter wraps to take in the St. Pete Regatta with the Holmans stopping in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras Regatta. After the long trek home it was just the wait for lake to be free of ice to start our home races and practice for the big one in Detroit in Aug. Our own White Cap Regatta was held in Sept. with 25 boats entered. After the race Saturday afternoon "Doc" Murphy held his usual Cocktail party. Saturday night there was dinner and dancing with music furnished by the Michigan District Barefoot Philharmonic Orchestra. After two races Sunday Herm Nickels was leading the fleet in points to take 1st place followed by Joe Stueland of St. Joseph Yacht Club in 2nd place. Trophies were awarded to all boats entered and so ended another successful regatta with hopes for a bigger and better one next year.

We welcomed Bill Furey back from his three year stay in Buffalo by electing him our Commodore for the coming year, so with his wishes and the whole fleet good sailing to everyone.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

Michigan District

Based on Cass Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Eugene MacCracken
Fleet Secretary	Enar West
Fleet Champion	Andre Roualet
Runner-Up	L. E. O'Dell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
426	Lively Lady	Edward T. Markham
611		Robert Plew
703	Storm King	Clarence K. Patterson
835	Princess	Fred Prince
836	Mi Alibi	Kenneth Raymond
837	Flicka	C. J. Strang
838	Aqua Leta	Neal & George Wasserberger
839	Buccaneer	Charles W. Buck
841	Nautigal	Charles Callahan
842	Dottie	Frank E. Bonner
857	Thunder-n-Lightning	Anton Bego
904	Skid-Doo	Eugene T. MacCracken
941		William de Beaubien
1082	Fu-Fu-II	Ray Ransom
1216	Tommie	Thomas Weisheit
1315	Kay III	Alton Gray
1353	Polaris	Phillip Miller
1565	Two Bits	Alex Clark
1634	Alvina II	Kenneth Bonnett
1787	The Dud	Harold W. Dudley
1789	Sea Lark	Christopher Luce
1790	Margaret-Ann	Enar West
1793	Rosalie	Frank J. Moreau
1816	Bob-Bet	Stephen Collier
1820	Whim	Donald Harrison
1821	Barracuda	William C. Roualet
2460	Caprice	Floyd Arnold
2884	Aftermath	J. A. Goulding
3146	Playmate	William Meagher
3385		George Tackels
3528	Tip-Top	Don Neal
4947	Gizmo	Claude Bennett
5166	Bambi Too	L. E. O'Dell
5260	Imp	Samuel L. Dibble
5299	"99"	F. Leslie Huntwork
5300	April	H. Van Phipps
5517	Tyee	Philip W. Klintworth, Jr.
5518	An-Ju	Andre Roualet, Jr.
5777	Gizmo Too	Allen R. Oberson
5793	Sea Jay	Dr. James H. Van Doren
5832	Hi Dee Ro	Paul Goode

The 1954 season was one of the best that Pontiac Yacht Club has ever enjoyed in its long history. Our Fleet of racing Lightnings has grown to an astounding number, forty-one boats by the end of the year. The skippers and crews have supported a terrific racing series, thirty-two scheduled events not counting the Club

Championship races and regattas with other Clubs. All social events of the Club were successful. The Club House was repainted, the picnic tables and dock repaired, the lawn reseeded and manicured in the very best tradition.

Our Sunday morning series started with Memorial Day weekend and lasted through August. Larry O'Dell captured first place with Andy Roualet and Al Oberson close behind. The Wednesday evening series showed Larry O'Dell and Andy Roualet running one and two again, with Les Huntwork in third place. After the evening races everyone gathered in the Club House for refreshments and the usual talk-fest that all sailors enjoy so much.

At the conclusion of the Sunday morning series the fleet is divided into two sections for a five-race series. The first ten in the summer standings compete for the Championship Cup, and the balance of the fleet for the Commodore Cup. Andy Roualet took the Championship series, with Larry O'Dell second and Al Oberson third. Following in order were: Les Huntwork, Chuck Buck, Jim Van Doren, Jerry Callahan and Jerry Gray. The Commodore series was won by one of our new members, Phil Klintworth, with Gene MacCracken second and Sam Dibble third. The Snow-Ball series, extending our racing schedule into October, was won by Charlie Callahan, with Chuck Buck and Fred Prince second and third respectively.

Exchange regattas were held with Orchard Lake Country Club and the Watkins Lake Lightning Fleet. Pontiac Yacht Club was successful in both events. Many of our members trailed their boats to other regattas and placed consistently well in spite of the stiff competition.

The summer social activities centered on the potluck dinners held on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. The weatherman cooperated again, and what with games and contests for young and old, everyone had a real good time. On the evening of August 18, Commodore Oberson inaugurated a new event, "Celebrity Night", inviting many well known skippers and their wives of this area to sail with us. After the race Barney Crittenden gave us one of his famous little pep talks.

Over one hundred attended the annual dinner and business meeting in November. Cups and awards were made to all winners including a live duck to one of our skippers who was unfortunate enough to overturn during a stiff September blow. The following men were elected to office for 1955:

Commodore	Kenneth Raymond
Vice Commodore	Donald Neal
Rear Commodore	Harold Dudley
Secretary	James Van Doren
Treasurer	Fredrick Prince
Fleet Captain	Andy Roualet
Fleet Secretary	Philip Miller

After the election of officers retiring Commodore Oberson presented cocktail flags to selected members of the Club. Then he turned over to in-coming Commodore Raymond the miniature Lightning rudder which is symbolic of the office of Commodore in the Pontiac Yacht Club. Van and Ila Phipps, who cruise in their Lightning, showed us colored slides of how they do it and where they have been, and invited all to go with them next summer.

We are looking forward to next year with great anticipation. Among other projects, we hope to inaugurate a schedule of races for junior skippers and crews.

LITTLE NECK BAY FLEET (55)

Western Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Little Neck Bay, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Robert Wilson
Fleet Secretary	Joan Sullivan
Fleet Champion	Keville Larsen
Runner-Up	Bob Wilson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
494	Firefly	Howard Cone
604	Circe	Stan Sargent
1306	Betty B.	Edgar Zaloom
1938	Netha	Neal Diepeveen
2217		Frank Duane
2227		Robert J. Voss
2236	Sprite	Dick Mann
2392	Wolf	Ted & Brandt Beck
2709	Quartet	Robert Crandell
3224	Sea Frog	Matty Silverman
3298	Starlight	Harry Bell
3432	The Virus	Joan Sullivan



1954 Fleet Champion Keville Larsen of Little Neck Bay at the helm of "Zephyr" with crewmen Jim Graham and Jules Jaquier

3834	Spallpeen	Joe Wesoloski
4044		Arthur Gould
4109	Stella Maris	Albin Cibeu
4379	Kirl	William Soukup
5195	Chickadee	Robert Wilson
5361	Anna	Joe Leggiadro
5683	'S No Bird	Clifford Clark

Hurricanes, like taxes, are inescapable, yet the ability to weather such force is often one more way to test the quality of a skipper. This year the eastern seaboard was particularly hurricane conscious since two hurricanes, Edna and Carol, provoked major damage along the New England Coast. Although the Little Neck Bay Lightning Fleet was not in the direct path of both storms, we did receive winds of up to 90 MPH which tore many large power and sailboats from their moorings. We are happy to report, however, that not one Lightning in our fleet received any major damage.

For the last two years, the number of boats participating in our fleet races has grown steadily from two or three boats racing once a week to seven or eight racing twice a week. Due to the organization which our newly reelected captain, Bob Wilson, set up two years ago, we have the most active fleet on the bay. Our racing season started at the end of May and lasted until the second week in October. During this period we held official races every Saturday, Sunday and holiday. Dividing the season into three parts: Spring, Summer, and Fall gave more skippers a chance to earn some hardware. Thirty-eight fleet races were scheduled and thirty-seven were completed. In 1953 only ten boats had racing records but this year fifteen boats entered our races. The Awards, gold lightning flashes on an engraved mahogany base, were made by Bob Wilson and were given to the following people at the annual trophy dinner held at the Bayside Yacht Club:

Season Champ	Runner Up	
1. Keville Larsen	2. Bob Wilson	
Spring	Summer	Fall
Bob Wilson	Keville Larsen	Joe Leggiadro
Keville Larsen	Al Cibeu	Joan Sullivan
Joe Leggiadro	Bob Wilson	Cliff Clark

Two events brought skippers from neighboring fleets to our waters. In July, the Douglaston Yacht Squadron's Annual Invitation Lightning Race attracted 24 starters. This fine race was won by Connie and Carrie Neher of Indian Harbor Yacht Club in DOUBLE TROUBLE. Second place was taken by youthful Fred Hibberd in FLASH and in third place was BIJOPE sailed by William Miller of Port Washington. In August Bayside Yacht Club's Annual Invitation Regatta has seventy-five entrants in six classes. Dick Rose of Manhasset Bay took first Lightning honors in HI LIFE for the three race series. Ken Haupt of Lake Success was second in BOTTOMS UP and a member of our own fleet, Al Cibeu, was third, in STELLA MARIS.

Efforts to publicize the fleet were made at mid-season. Race results were phoned immediately to local papers and contacts

were established with the larger city papers for future use. We were able to get fifteen articles printed on race results and one half page spread describing the advantages of owning a Lightning. In the coming year we hope to expand our publicity program by getting more layouts in major newspapers. We have continued to send fleet bulletins bimonthly to our members to keep the fleet posted on important events and to provide a spirit of comradeship.

Bob Wilson, when he was leading the fleet for title of fleet champ, encountered an unfortunate accident last August. Although he missed the entire Fall Series and some races during the Summer Series, his good early season record allowed him to emerge as Runner Up for the year. Recently Bob sold ARDITO only to acquire a magnificent Lightning which may well prove to be as much a winner as his previous boat.

Our continental skipper, Al Cibeu, brought home STELLA MARIS first a number of times this year and was Lightning Champ of the Bayside Yacht Club. Al, with seven years experience behind him, has a well trained crew consisting of his daughter Gladys and son Leu. His youngest daughter, Maria, is now serving an apprenticeship and will be crewing actively in a few years. From Mrs. Cibeu we learned that the secret of success is to ignore the car and clean the boat. A true sailor, Al suspended his mast from his living room ceiling for a number of years. Recently, however, he found much to his disappointment that it fits as well in the garage during the frostbitten season. Al, by the way, is one of our best heavy weather sailors.

Twenty-five year old Joe Leggiadro had ten years experience as a Snipe sailor before joining the Lightning Fleet. This experience has made him an astute observer of wind and tidal conditions in our area. Joe seems to know a Southwesterly coming an hour before it appears. Southwesterlys travel over land before hitting our bay and each year they arrive later in the afternoon. Joe explained this by saying that the increase in building on Longueyland forces the Southwesterly higher, so high that it sometimes misses the bay entirely. Unfortunately, Joe was unable to race on Sundays last season which reduced his chances at season champ considerable. However, Joe was able to come in third in the Spring Series and first in the Fall Series.

When the gentlest of zephyrs whispered around our bay and everyone sat and sizzled, Keville Larsen schnitzled around us, past us, and through us to the finish line. Keville, the youngest member of our fleet, captured our Fleet Championship this year and distinguished himself at Larchmont Race Week as well. Keville, with his brother Stalworth and Kenny O'Shea as crew who add up to no more than three hundred pounds, is sure to be knocking on the Fleet Championship door for many seasons to come.

Brandt Beck, of the "International" Beck family, will soon graduate from the United States Maritime Academy at Kings Point. Both Brandt and his brother Ted were active in dingy sailing at school. Brandt managed some fancy sailing this year when his forestay snapped. His jib halyard, however, carried him through the race.

New additions to our fleet included Cliff Clark and his lovely southern wife, Lillian. Cliff, who has Captain's papers on both steam and sail vessels, retired from active duty to Lightnings. Such Salt gave us rough competition in our Fall Race Series by taking third place.

Neal and Jane Diepeveen joined us in August with their new boat, Netha. Neal and Jane expect to commission a new sailor before next Spring. Sex, ballast, and draft, unknown as yet. Neal's engineering skills are expected to keep the fleet on their toes next season.

Do you fancy battens from Bombay, line from Lisbon, or cotton from Cairo? Howard Cone, our peripatetic Pan American Airways pilot is the man to see. Since Mr. and Mrs. Cone and family joined our fleet we have the latest news of gadgets from the capitals of the world. The latest report states that London is featuring neolite fittings. It's either soaring or sailing for Howard.

Harry Bell acquired his Lightning last year and has since been an active member of the fleet.

Joan Sullivan, our secretary has been sailing two years now and expects to get some power from her newly acquired Dacron sails.

Dick Mann, another youngster in our fleet and Edgar Zalom are presently readying their respective boats for next season.

Today, the Little Neck Bay Lightning Fleet enjoys the respect of every other fleet on our bay; tomorrow, we hope, they will buy Lightnings.