

## BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56)

### Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain..... Jack Friedman  
Fleet Secretary..... Daniel Hubbell  
Fleet Champion..... Alek Gimbut in "Shelst"  
Runner-Up..... Chuck Berc in "Lianne"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
114	Sea-Ker	Edward Trozyl
191	Ha Ha	Matt J. Cool
1242	Tinkerbelle	Robert Baron
1703	Cygnat	Dr. Aaronson
2554	Scalare	Arthur V. Appel
2563	Jabberwocky	Ralph Stewart
2726	Triligar	Dr. Grant C. Johnson
2869	Corky	Stanley Potempa
2981	Mickey	Dan & Frank Hubbell
2984	Shelst	Stanley Gimbut
3336	Trio II	Abe Jacobs
3536	Letty Ann	Paul Russell
3597	U-1st	Jack Friedman
4341	Maryru	Rudy Holan
4540	Damfino	Joseph H. Rutterer
4713	Jungfrau	Fred Wunder
5319	Jobe	Jos. F. Jirousek
5368	Lianne II	Lionel Berc
5555	.....	William P. Fuchs
5649	Harriet II	Dr. Joseph Krohn

Our 1954 season came to a very successful close October 1st and 2nd with the sailing of the Red Flannel Regatta at the Corinthian Yacht Club. This Regatta was sponsored by the Chicago Lightning Squadron (comprised of Burnham Park and Chicago Corinthian Lightning Fleets). A record number of Skippers and crew was established taking part in the Regatta. There were forty-two entries in all with twenty-two boats from out of the city.

A total of 33 races were sailed by Burnham Park Skippers this year. Included in this figure are fifteen series races, a handicap race, a crew race, and sixteen regatta races. In order to qualify for the series, eight races out of fifteen had to be sailed. The series was very close until the last few races.

The handicap race was held near the end of the season,

each boat started separately with the slowest starting first and the fastest starting last. The time limit between each boat was 2 minutes. If the race proved nothing else it demonstrated the value of knowing the location of the racing marks. The first boats off had a good lead at the end of the first leg but in their attempt to find the second mark they headed out to sea, this permitted the following boats to pass them and take the race.

Sails made of Dacron and Orlon were used by a few of the Skippers this season. The Gimbut Brothers and Bill Fuchs made their own sails which proved to be helpful as shown by their standings. The tendency at Burnham Park is to consider home made sails as the only solution for a winning suit.

During the summer we had monthly steak fries that were enjoyed by all in attendance.

We plan to hold regular meetings usually with a dinner at some popular spot during the coming winter months and in that way keep the members interest up in Lightning racing and perhaps build to a bigger and better season in 1955.

## CINCINNATI FLEET (57)

### Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Ohio River, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Robert Barrows  
Fleet Secretary..... Frank Pfefferle  
Fleet Champion..... Frank Pfefferle in "Zeft"  
Runner-Up..... Dr. W. D. Barnes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
368	Cygnat	F. C. Walter
380	Zeft	Dr. John Sanker
858	Breathless	Robert Barrows
1925	Mutiny	Truman P. Young
2108	The Bounty	Alvin Kuder & Edward G. Beck
4076	Weather Vain	Charles Westheimer
4575	Windamner	John Hoge
4948	Margaret	John Parlin
5222	Blue Bird	Frank Pfefferle
5226	.....	Wm. Jackson
5575	Ole Snort	Dr. W. D. Barnes
5900	Decision II	Oliver Bardes



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Frank Pfefferle sailing down the Ohio River on a Sunday afternoon.

The 1954 season opened with a big party on the club boat on Memorial Day—with two races scheduled. Truman Young, chairman of the entertainment committee, together with his wife "Dot," Gene Lear and John Fellows did a wonderful job on the party but the river didn't co-operate. The current was so strong that even the power boats had trouble going upstream. We were forced into armchair sailing which wasn't too bad considering the wonderful cocktails and food served by the committee.

Our first race was on June 6th and after that we had two races every Sunday, weather and river permitting. "Doc" Barnes had a little trouble getting his new Nickels boat going but he won the summer series by one point.

"Doc" Barnes, Frank Pfefferle and Oliver Bardes took their boats to the Ohio-Indiana District Regatta at Rocky River and found the competition tougher than ever. "Doc" finished in fourth place which gave him the privilege of representing our fleet in the Internationals at Detroit. At the Internationals the going really got rough. Considering that some of the previous International Champions were way down among the also rans we think "Doc" did a very good job.

Oliver Bardes has become the roving representative of the Cincinnati Sailing Club having trailed his boat to eight regattas. His best showing was at Put-In-Bay and at the "Snowball" at Buckeye Lake. At Buckeye he would have finished in fourth place but was counted out for sailing on the wrong side of one of the marks. Oliver is getting a new Olsen boat and planning on making most of the regattas in the district. So, "look out for Oliver" he is coming up fast.

Our fall season normally consists of two races every Sunday during September and October. This was a nip and tuck affair between "Doc" Barnes, Frank Pfefferle, Fred Walter, Bill Jackson and Bob Barrows. "Doc" re-tuned his boat every Sunday to get more out of it. Some times the "tune" wasn't so good and the other boys got a chance to pass him by. "Believe it or not" the season was cut short by hurricane "Hazel." There was not much rain or wind in Cincinnati but "Hazel" dumped so much water in Pennsylvania and West Virginia that the Ohio rose from 12 to 40 feet in four days. When this happens "Old Man River"

really rolls by so everyone pulled out his boat three weeks before the end of the season.

Frank Pfefferle was fortunate enough to be a few points ahead of "Doc" Barnes so that made him fleet champion.

1955 looks like it is going to be a very good year. Bill Jackson is getting a new Sportship boat.

Oliver Bardes has sold 5222 to Frank Pfefferle and Frank in turn has sold "Zebr" to Dr. John Sanker who will be a new sailor on the river. With seven boats having numbers over 4000 there should be a lot of hot competition and maybe a new fleet champ.

## HEWLETT BAY FLEET (58)

Based on Hempstead Bay, Long Island, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Alexander Robb
Fleet Secretary	Robert Grimmig
Fleet Champion	H. Dailedouze
Runner-Up	R. Harrington

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
365	Thistle Down	H. McKay
432	Pegasus	A. F. Robb
1007		R. Prosser
1144	Nala	A. S. & Alan S. Murphy
1728	Sea Spray	R. & E. Grimmig
	(2nd)	
1896	Bucky	J. J. Mahoney, Jr.
2011	Bay Bum	H. E. Dailedouze
2013	Bird's Bedlam	Mrs. Isabel Bird
2116	Mint Julep	J. A. Browne
2622	Paranon	Dr. P. Neyland
3039	Tumbleweed	A. L. Nelson
3225	Ski-Daddle	R. Harrington
4711	Lively Lady	J. C. Byrnes

Fleet No. 58 sailed a full and active season. The annual series for the club championship resulted in a nip and tuck battle between Bud Dailedouze in the "Bay Bum" and Ray Harrington in the "Ski-Daddle". The final standings found Bud Dailedouze and his crew of Dot Dailedouze and Joe Byrnes out on top by a single point over Ray Harrington and his crew of Gene Dowd and Andy Davies.

June found many of the skippers and crews of No. 58 enjoying themselves sailing for the Interfleet Perpetual Trophy at Lake Spofford, New Hampshire. Fleet No. 145 of Spofford took the honors and the trophy this year. The skippers and crews of No. 58 went home with a wondrous assortment of large heads and some memories of a really fine time.

Hewlett Point Yacht Club played host to the skippers, crews and guests involved in the Greater Long Island District races held over the weekend of August 7th and 8th. The final results showed two boats from Fleet No. 58 eligible for the Internationals. Thus Ray Harrington and his "Ski-Daddle" and Jim Browne and his "Mint Julep" trekked westward. The story of their quest for International Championship honors is best left untold. Let it suffice to say a good social time was had by all.

Bud Dailedouze and Jim Browne trailered their boats to the annual Fall Series sponsored by the Raritan Bay Yacht Club. Five Sundays in September and October and one fair sized hurricane went to complete the schedule at Raritan. Fleet No. 58 managed to fare somewhat better here than in Detroit. Final results also being kept confidential. Well, there's always next year.

With this thought in mind Fleet No. 58 awaits impatiently for a bigger and better sailing in 1955.

## NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

Lake Erie District

Based on Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain	Joe Holler
Fleet Secretary	Edna Saylor
Fleet Champion	Dick Bowen
Runner-Up	Joe Holler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
42		George May
276	Jay Bee	Jean Bowen
456	Olive M	Earl & Olive Johnson
714	Slow Poke	Ralph Bloom
748	Alert III	Bernard Starck
749	Three Winds	John Swanson and John Palmer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
889	Aerodyne	Will Shaw
1224	Lu Jim	James Milliron
1583	Cu-Nim	R. L. Aschenbach
1903	Glockenspiel	Stuart Anderson
2346	Tillicum	Joseph & Irving Holler
3132	Moppet II	Edna Saylor
4032	Judy Ann	Dick Bowen
4185		George Kroening

The 1954 sailing season opened earlier than usual for the Niagara Sailing Club. Many of the boats were in the water by the middle of May, giving the sailors an opportunity to "tune-up" their boats before the racing season began.

Since there was only one major work project slated for N.S.C. this year, the addition of a storeroom to the club, we were able to start our racing on schedule.

Memorial Day week-end brought all our sailors out for the start of our busy schedule. We sailed a three-race handicap series over the week-end with John Palmer finishing in first place.

Early in June the ten-race Wardell Lightning Series got under way. First place in the series was won by Dick Bowen in Soubrette, second place by Joe Holler in Tillicum and third place by the co-owners of the Three Winds, John Palmer and Jack Swanson.

Following this series our club racing continued with the Bowen Lightning Championship series. Again Dick Bowen was the winner. Following in second place was Joe Holler and third place, Jim Milliron.

The last week-end in July almost all of the N.S.C. Lightnings hauled out for either the Lake Erie Districts in Toronto or the Central N.Y. Districts at the Red Jacket Yacht Club on Lake Cayuga.

After several years absence from sailing, Bob Starch proved he had lost none of his sailing ability by winning the first race at the Lake Erie Districts. Dick Bowen's skillful sailing brought him a fifth place in the 5-race series.

Bud Kroening, Will Shaw and George May represented N.S.C. at the Central N.Y. Districts.

After sailing in the Districts at Toronto, John Palmer trailed the "Three Winds" to Rochester to compete in the L.Y.R.A. regatta.

The big event of the sailing season at N.S.C. is our annual Niagara River Lightning Championship regatta. We had approximately 30 entries from sailors representing the Sandy Beach Yacht Club, LaSalle Yacht Club, Buffalo Canoe Club, Buffalo Yacht Club and the Buffalo Motorboat Club. This three-race series of stiff and close competition was won by Joe Holler. Second and third places were won by two B.C.C. sailors—Tom Fallon and Pete Grainge.

Next year we look forward to seeing all of our old friends again from the neighboring yacht Clubs and hope to meet some new friends, too. Another year should bring more good sailing and good times for all the Lightning sailors.



Niagara Sailing Club—Fleets In.

## JAYHAWK FLEET (60) Kansas-Oklahoma District Based on Lake Shawnee, Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain	R. J. Rice
Fleet Secretary	W. E. Schwartz
Fleet Champion	R. J. Rice & A. B. Boon
Runner-Up	W. E. Schwartz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
906	Sea Deuce	R. M. Parker
1063	Lively Lady II	C. F. Ebey
1268	Ann S.	W. E. Schwartz
1699	Courageous II	L. R. Rake
2661	Ricaboo	R. J. Rice and A. B. Boon
3236	Mary Jo	T. J. McGinnis

In addition to coming out on top in the Lightning Class, partners Bob Rice and Byron Boon won our Shawnee Yacht Club all classes handicap trophy this year, which required progressive improvement all season in races including snipes and scows. Picnics followed by moonlight sails were well attended and enjoyed.

## LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (62) Southern District

Based on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La.

Fleet Captain	Arthur D. Wynne
Fleet Secretary	J. Dwight Le Blanc, Jr.
Fleet Champion	Eugene H. Walet, III
Runner-Up	Bobby Killeen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1837	Jim-A-Kit	Edward Schofield
2602	Madcap	Dr. R. R. Monroe
3196	Gris Gris	Mareland H. Hogan, Jr.
3532	Ho-Hum	Thomas L. Avegno
3737	Major Dono	Paul Schreck
3744	Gigolo	Dr. Morrell Miller
4040	James Mink	Arthur D. Wynne
4367	Rebel	Charles Tessier
4423	Menace	John Charbonnet
4825	Twinkle	Armond Bernius
4950	Chance	Charles L. Gamble
5082	Spirit II	Eugene H. Walet, III & Eugene H. Walet, Jr.
5156	Lucky II	Ethan Allen
5340	Donna Maria	Nat Curtis, Jr.
5596	Elda	Gilbert Gray
5855		Louis Koerner

Lightning Fleet No. 62 at the Southern Yacht Club enjoyed its usual successful racing season which scheduled races from January through November. The season was sparked this year by the finals of the N.A.Y.R.U. in which Lightning class sloops were used. Our own Gene Walet won this championship for the second consecutive year.

The Fleet does not limit its racing to the waters of Lake Pontchartrain, but travels yearly to the nearby waters of Bay St. Louis and the Mississippi Sound.

The Mid-Winter Sports Association sponsored the first races of the year on January 2 and 3 with the Sugar Bowl Regatta on beautiful Lake Pontchartrain. This was a three race series with thirteen boats racing; however, due to an unusually heavy fog the second race was canceled. Gene Walet took first place winning both races, Arthur Wynne and Paul Schreck took second and third places, respectively.

The Mardi Gras Regatta followed on February 13 and 14. This regatta is a three race series sponsored by Lightning Fleet No. 62. It is our aim in this series to bring lightning class boats from other parts of the country to the Southern Yacht Club, and this year twenty-five boats competed, several of which were from the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Coast regions. Perfect weather prevailed with off shore breezes. John Teigland of Haddenfield, New Jersey was the winner with two first and one second place; second place went to Cliff Prados of Shreveport, Louisiana; third place was taken by former Olympic Champ, our own Gilbert Gray, with a new boat, "Elda." Following the traditional spirit of the New Orleans Mardi Gras, the parties following the races were very lively and gay.

The week-end following the Mardi Gras Regatta we had a fine representation at St. Petersburg Midwinter Championship.





Newly acquired "Eager Beaver" landing for lifting lightnings of Fleet No. 62.

Skippers attending were Arthur Wynne and Louis Koerner.

After the above two pre-season regattas the 105th opening regatta began on April 24. The winning skippers were: first, Arthur Wynne; second, Gene Walet, and third, Gilbert Gray.

The next races, the G.Y.A. was held on May 1 and 2. These races bring skippers from all along the Gulf Coast to sail on Lake Pontchartrain. The perennial winner, Gene Walet, placed first, with Arthur Wynne and Ed Overton of Fair Hope, Alabama following.

Race Week takes the Fleet to the Gulf Coast each year. The Gulfport and Biloxi regattas were taken by Gene Walet. During Race Week the District Championships were held at Bay Waveland Yacht Club. Gene Walet took first place despite an accident, which forced him to sail the last race in a borrowed boat of

Margaret Butts from Biloxi Yacht Club. Second place went to Horace Thomson of Bay Waveland; third and fourth went to Arthur Wynne and Bobby Killeen, respectively of Fleet No. 62.

After the District Championship the scenes shifted to Pass Christian Yacht Club for their Regatta. Gene Walet was first using Red Hardin's new Lippincott boat, the Wi-Si-Kat. Bill Hays of Southern Yacht Club also participated.

The last regatta of Race Week was held at Bay Waveland Yacht Club. Arthur Wynne was first, Bobby Killeen was third and Paul Schreck was fifth—all members of Fleet No. 62.

The Junior Regatta took place on May 29 with Bobby Hartson the winner sailing Janes Mink. The following day Anne Mestayer won the Skipperette Regatta sailing Spirit II.

Walet romped again winning all three races in the Fleet Championship. It was a close battle for second place. At the end of the series Killeen and Gray were tied in points, but Killeen beat Gray in two of the three races.

Lucky Walet won the closing regatta nosing out Arthur Wynne in a see-saw battle throughout.

The Fleet was well represented at the Internationals and President's Cup. Gene Walet sailing Spirit II finished third in the Internationals, and Arthur Wynne sailing Janes Mink finished ninth in the President's Cup.

Weekly races are held enabling all members of the Fleet to compete regularly. Consistent winners in these events are Ethan Allen and Paul Schreck.

### BRANFORD YACHT CLUB FLEET (63)

Based on Long Island Sound, Branford, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Alfred Kuehl
Fleet Secretary	Wayne Brockett
Fleet Champion	Wayne Brockett
Runner-Up	Alfred Kuehl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1383		Mary Smith
2189		J. G. Venter
2550	His Nibs	Al Kuehl & Jim Kerns
2593		Kenneth & Allen Hubbard
2700	Cis	Wilson Powell
2927		Philip English
3639	Dan-D	Danny Darrow
4609	Rise 'n' Shine	Wayne Brockett

Our Fleet had a good season with much racing away from the home course. These results may be found in the Conn. District Report. We are looking forward to a gala season in 1955.

### MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)

Based on Maple Bay, Vancouver Island, B. C., Canada

Fleet Captain	Ken McAdam
Fleet Champion	Grant Butt

It seemed to be a "Jolly Roger" year at Maple Bay as Grant Butt won the Salt Spring Island Race, the North Reef Buoy, and also made a clean sweep of the Lightning Series in the Bay.

The race around Salt Spring Island is an over-night event for the Lightning Class. Grant is very proud to have possession of this beautiful trophy which was put up by Hunter Vogel in 1939. The course around Salt Spring is about 45 miles and involves a wide variety of tidal conditions. Boats can go around either way and the best way to arrive at the favored route is to take all the tidal data back for 50 years, figure wind history for the same period, and then just do the opposite. Some day we will write the saga of our more eventful races for the benefit of "Flashes", or maybe you don't think carrying a spinnaker in the pitch dark against a strong tide is eventful.

Grant picked off the North Reef, also, which is a very interesting 14 mile course. Reg Gooding presented this trophy in 1938 and it is one of our best events.

George Maggs is building a Lightning and we hope he and John Bargas will be in the water next summer.

### ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB (66)

Pacific Northwest District

Based on Cadboro Bay, Victoria, B. C.

Fleet Captain	Fred Packford
Fleet Secretary	Ed Estlin
Fleet Champion	Eric Dowell

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1197	Ariel	Eric Dowell
1202	Iona	Dr. C. Brown
1234	Ripples	Ramsy Murray
1580	Bacchanal	Ed Flanagan
2334	Clipper	M. Bridgman
2388	Tarka	Douglas Smith
2607	Mac Too	Harry Gladwell
3242	Hyak	Dick Moore
3244	Taboo	N. Scott-Moncrieff
3253	Hawk	Charles Watts
3328	Venture	George Humiston
3582		Don Murray
3714	Frolic	Fred Packford
3793	Allegro	D. & C. Baker
4256	Pukeko	Roy Murdoch
4474	Rania	Spencer Davies

The most westerly organized sailing and racing ground is in Cadboro Bay, Victoria, B.C., Canada. The Capitol City of British Columbia offers the finest sailing waters to be found anywhere. Here regular series and long-distance races are competed for on the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

We have many varied types of competition, 20-mile long-distance races, one and five-mile triangular courses and Round Robin Skipper Series.

This year competition was evenly distributed amongst the club members.

Wednesday Series was taken by Fred Packford with Roy Murdoch second.

Saturday Series gave Roy Murdoch first and Eric Dowell second.

Sunday Long-distance won by Spencer Davies with Eric Dowell second.

Round-Robin (for fleet champion) won by Eric Dowell.

One of the highlights of the season was the choice by the Club of Eric Dowell with his crew Don Hope and Ed Estlin to represent the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in the Mallory Cup Eliminations at Seattle. The boys made a good showing finishing second in total points.

The Navy Regatta sponsored by the Royal Canadian Sailing Association was again a tremendous success. Spencer Davies captured the beautiful Long Distance Trophy, sailed over some of the roughest and calmest waters ever encountered. Eric Dowell took the regular series races in this competition.



Eric Dowell, Fleet Champion of Club No. 66 dusting along in Ariel on Cadboro Bay B.C.

With encouragement of new boats coming to the fleet, and the fine turnouts this season, we look forward to 1955 as a banner year in numbers and close competition.

## NEENAH-NODAWAY FLEET (67)

### Midwest District

Based on Lake Winnebago, Neenah, Wis.

Fleet Captain	Richard K. Neller
Fleet Secretary	Don Schultz
Fleet Champion	Don Schultz
Runner-Up	B. F. Smith & John Snyder

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
694	Chance	Richard K. Neller
774	Loreen	John H. Snyder
1259	Waunette	Walter W. Roller
1578	Sorceress	Dr. Jack R. Benton & Kenneth Kuemmerlein
2223	Hi Jinx II	Bernard F. Smith
2225	Islander	Dr. H. C., Don, Dick Schultz
2531	Onward V	Peter Hardeen
3742	Ahventee	Gilbert G. Bayley

This fleet is luckier than most fleets, because they are part of a very active sailing club of some sixty boats. We do not have to rustle up a race committee, patrol boats etc. All that we have to do is to give up one race in the season to act as judge. 27 races were scheduled and ALL of them were started, but two were called because of storms. On the other hand, we need new blood, and are not getting it from the youngsters with scowites, and father time nips off a boat every so often. But the rest of us oldtimers have a lot of fun. Doc Schultz and/or son Don, again won all the first place trophies (five) except Labor Day Series which John Snyder won. Dick Schultz won the 7-race Tune Up series, but thereafter moved to Florida. Don won the 9-race Commodore series, with Berny Smith runner-up, and Doc won the 11-race

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Fleet No. 67 Champ Schultz going home.

Championship Series with John Snyder runner-up. In addition the Schultzes won the Memorial Day and Fourth of July trophies and for the fifth consecutive time the Fleet Championship. In addition, the Club awarded Doc its most honored trophy, the Whiting Club Championship for outstanding achievement. Look at the picture and see with what intensity Doc races the Islander. For years no one sailed with greater regularity or fervor, and of course it paid off in their standings because father and sons all were good skippers and a perfectly co-ordinated crew. It was tough on the rest of us, but made us fighting mad and now that we all have synthetic sails and the Schultz team is breaking up, competition is getting keener and was very evident as the season closed, so 1955 may be a real mix up.

#### GROSSE ILE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (68) Sailing on Lake Erie, Grosse Ile, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Frank Wolcott  
Fleet Secretary..... George Peterson  
Fleet Champion..... Frank Wolcott  
Runner-Up..... Ed Charles

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
807	High Life	Merrill Miller
885		Terry Dierdorff
1035	8 Ball	Ed Charles
1395	Fire Fly	Frank Wolcott
2265		Charles Wiber
4172	Connie	George Peterson

This year the Lightning Fleet at G.I.Y.C. became very active again with the addition of three new members, Ed Charles, Merrill Miller, and Terry Dierdorff. Every member participated in the racing with most of the fleet in every race.

Our races were held in conjunction with the Ford Yacht Club. This gave us more competition with a larger number of boats at the starting line. Separate trophies were given for the first three boats in each fleet with an interclub trophy for the boat piling up the most points during the season. Frank Wolcott from our club took the interclub as well as our own trophy by taking a first in all but three races.

Next year we hope to have more boats in the fleet and have a racing schedule which includes some mid-week evening races.

#### MILWAUKEE LIGHTNING FLEET (69)

##### Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Wisc.

Fleet Captain..... Jerry E. Rosenthal  
Fleet Secretary..... Betsy Morris  
Fleet Champion..... Art Hoernke in "Debra"  
Runner-Up..... Len Gardenier in "Bad Penny"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
438	Puffin	Ray Sherman, Dr. R. O. Baumann, and Otto and Jean Andreae
802	Tao	Nick Owen
1299	Tashtego	Jim Coffey
1701	Curacao	Betsy Morris
2529	Inez	David A. Fox
2536	Firebird	John P. Boynton
2557	Reet	Richard C. Wareham
2560		Harold Walters
2561	Dark Star	Dr. George Dunker
2564	Barb	Guy Scrivner
3495	Sans Souci	Dr. John Esser
3610	Lea	Elmer F. Becker and Fred P. Becker
3622	Riptide	T. F. Eserkalm
3981	Nautigal	Don Hyslop
4541	Quest	Chuck Kotovic
4574	Deadline	Jerry Rosenthal
4714	Pxpillroller	Bill Ward
4853	Pequod	Ronnie Darling
5123	Buster	Herbert R. Bathke
5479	Rebel	George Wiese
5788	Camille	James Grace

Milwaukee Fleet 69, berthed at Milwaukee Yacht Club, enjoyed one of its most active summers in several seasons. Seventeen races comprised the racing season in which 17 boats participated at least once. Six boats qualified for prizes: Art Hoernke's Debra; Len Gardenier's Bad Penny; Guy Scrivner's Barb; Don Hyslop's Nautigal; Jerry Rosenthal's Deadline and Ray Sherman's Puffin.

As is customary on Milwaukee Bay, boats from South Shore Fleet 79 were eligible for Fleet 69's races. Debra, Art Hoernke's new boat from Fleet 79 won first place in a tight finish with the Gardenier's Bad Penny, also from Fleet 79, 205 points to 201. The best a Fleet 69 boat could do was third, taken by Scrivner's Barb with 179 points.

The Commodore's Series, sailed over the July 4 weekend, was won by Bad Penny, with Debra second. Barb and Jerry Rosenthal's Deadline tied for third. The Little Mackinac, a handicap race for small boats, saw Debra first among the Lightnings; Barb second and Dr. George Dunker's Dark Star third. Debra again was first in the P and T Series, sailed as part of the McNulty Race Weekend. Shelst, a Chicago boat sailed by the Gimbut brothers, was second, and Bad Penny third.

Milwaukee Fleet 69 was host to Chicago skippers for the annual team races July 11 but lost by a narrow margin. The fleet also hosted visiting skippers and crews for the McNulty weekend series.

Although still in a state of transition, Fleet 69 membership continued at a high level, and increased interest forecasts an even more successful season in 1955.

#### RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURY (70)

##### Metropolitan District

Based on North Shrewsbury at Red Bank, N. J.

Fleet Captain..... Neil G. Clifton  
Fleet Secretary..... Robert M. Wood  
Fleet Champion..... June Methot in "Chantey"  
Runner-Up..... Ed Waters in "Revenger"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
18		Jack Morgan
41	Technique	Robert Bruce
213	Naark	Morgan Kraan
447	Patience	John Dill
675	Bill's Bet	William Lane
860	Bam	Randall Keator
1237	Serena	George Kelly
1482	Puffin II	Raymond Lippincott Jr.
1714	Gust	Ted & Jean Eberhardt
2080	Twntat	G. A. Hatch
2128		Peg & Pem Lincoln



Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2230	Ballerina	C. W. Dickinson, Jr.
2299	Valkyrie	Ethel Anderson
2620	Water Witch	John Spurdle
2655	Banshee	C. T. Engberg
2679	Blue Chips	Robert Banfield
3095	Lady Bug	Tonie Murray
3107	Daisy Belle	Beryl Manischewitz
3269	Frog II	Stephen Perkins
3669	Silver Knight	Arthur Hotaling
4901	Valhalla III	Pete Cabbage
5029	Manana	Neil Clifton
5281	Magic	Dr. Earl B. Hoyt
5380	Chantey	June H. Methot
5655	Barefoot	Barbara S. Bull

Fleet 70 commenced its season by inaugurating a very successful Spring Series in which many outside boats competed. Fourteen races were sailed throughout April and May, two on every Sunday afternoon. Harry Sindle, piloting his new Flying Dutchman won by three points over June Methot of the home Fleet. Charlie Allaire and Neil Clifton, both from Fleet 70, were third and fourth respectively, with John Tiegland fifth. Other competitors included Magnus Pedersen, Dave Shay, Jim Carson and Don Pocher.

The regular summer series opened for Fleet 70 on Memorial Day weekend and ended Labor Day with races being sailed every Sunday and holiday. On the average each race would bring out about fifteen boats. When final points were totaled at the end of the season, Charlie Allaire, at the helm of Pete Cabbage's Valhalla, had copped top honors to become fleet champion for 1954 with Barbara Bull runner-up. Third place went to June Methot, fourth to Ray Lippincott, new fleet captain for next year, and fifth place was taken by Neil Clifton.

Two lightnings from Fleet 70 journeyed to Lavalette to compete in the New Jersey State Championships in mid-June. June Methot took second place, only one point away from the winner, Harry Sindle, by winning the final race of the regatta.

The next "away" activity took place at the Raritan Yacht Club in early July. The 8th Annual Red Grant Regatta at Raritan witnessed a clean sweep by Fleet 70 boats. Charlie Allaire was first with two firsts and a second in the three race series, June Methot second and Barbara Bull finished third.

The Metropolitan District eliminations to pick three lightnings to compete in the Internationals were held at Lake Mohawk, New Jersey under the auspices of Fleet 25. This Regatta also consisted of three races, and for the second consecutive year June Methot copped top honors. Magnus Pedersen from Nyack was second, Barbara Bull and Ray Lippincott, both of Fleet 70, were third and fourth respectively. Charlie Allaire had hard luck in this regatta. Having finished third in the first race, he was leading in the second when his headstay snapped on the final weather leg. This misfortune cost Charlie a chance to compete in the Internationals.

Two weeks later the Atlantic Coast Championships, won last year by Ed Waters of Fleet 70, were held on Sandy Hook Bay, off Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Harry Sindle copped first place for Fleet 104, with June Methot seventh, Charlie Allaire eighth, and Barbara Bull ninth.

The Sixth Annual National Sweepstakes Sailing Regatta, sponsored by the Monmouth Boat Club (Fleet 70's home club) was held in August. Nearly 100 boats competed in four classes with 26 Lightnings taking part. June Methot copped first place with Marge Adams of Mantoloking second and Barbara Bull third. This may have been the first large Lightning Regatta in which ladies took the first three places. Charlie Allaire headed the "Men's Division" in fourth spot.

June Methot was Fleet 70's only representative to the Internationals at Lake St. Clair. Her consistency earned her a twelfth place.

The racing season ended for 1954 with the Annual Fall Series sponsored by the Raritan Yacht Club. This regatta consisted of ten races held over five Sundays in September and October. June Methot copped first place with Neil Clifton second.

In addition to Lightning sailing during the year, two members of Fleet 70 competed for North American Yacht Racing Union championships. June Methot won the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association Championships, and then copped the semi-finals held at Baltimore, to qualify for the Adams Cup finals held in Connecticut. Borden L. Hance, crew on Barefoot owned by Barbara Bull, represented Monmouth Boat Club in the Men's Division, and won the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association Championships. He then competed at Baltimore in the semi-finals, and missed by one point qualifying for the finals in New Orleans for the Mallory Cup.

The Atwater Trophy, sailed for on Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day was won by Allaire.

The Women's Novice Championship, an innovation for Fleet 70, was copped by Evelyn Allaire, just to keep up the reputation of the family.

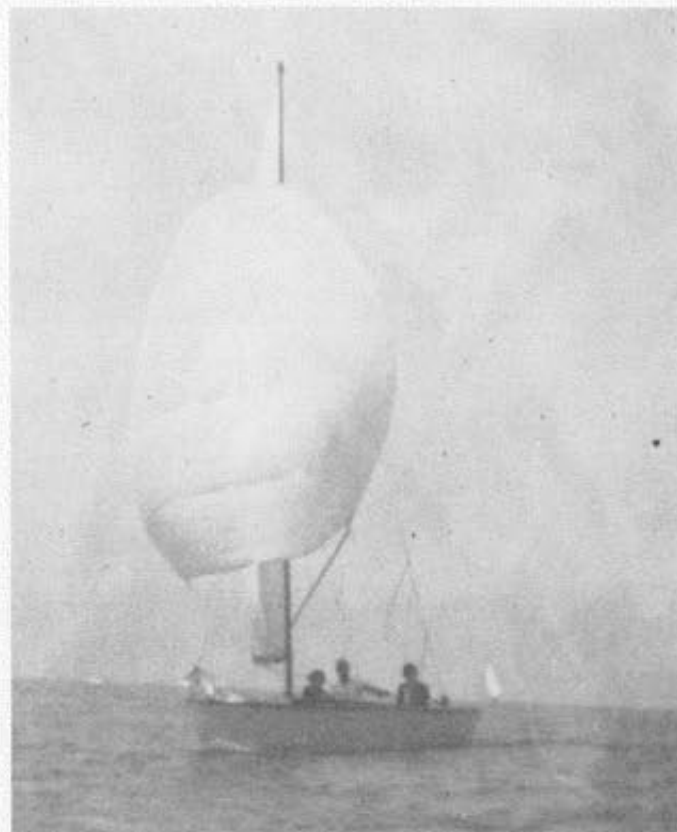
## ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

### Ohio-Indiana District

#### Sailing on Lake Erie

Fleet Captain	W. W. Slaght, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	E. A. Kennedy
Fleet Champion	H. C. Wirls & W. U. Hoeffler in "Trollop"
Runner-Up	W. W. Slaght, Jr., in "Golden Glo"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
183	Mehitable III	F. L. Bissinger
480	Sea Star	A. H. Schumacher
763	Feather	N. E. Weber
953	Zig Zag	W. O. Kuhns
1032	Krankee	C. L. Hurlbut
1269	Hoome	J. W. Mueller
1359	Ariel	H. S. Nelson
1598	Cholita	L. L. Malm
1601	Kylark	C. Don Kyle
1666	Pelican	W. H. Peter, Jr.
1983	Tartan	James Armstrong
3007	Everluffing	R. R. Greenleaf
	Baby	
3607	Lemon Drop	F. V. Calvert
3752	Charmer	J. H. Webb
3845	Slap Happy	A. K. Beedle
3852		Ann Busher
3858	Golden Glow	W. W. Slaght
4723	Troylight	F. P. Troyan, Jr.
5203	Fede	Paul Auer
5265	Trollop	H. C. Wirls and W. U. Hoeffler
5293		V. F. Flavin
5558	Chips	C. H. Judd
5559		E. A. Kennedy
		G. M. Hale
		Dr. R. R. Richards



Just a nice easy ride at Rocky River.

This year with Whit Slaght, Jr., at the helm as Fleet Captain, Fleet 71 enjoyed one of its busiest seasons. Picnics, parties, racing and just plain fun during day sailing made a full season.

The season was started early this year with nine of our members traveling to the Atwood Lake Yacht Club in January for the Ohio-Indiana District Meeting.

Our first fleet get together of the season was the annual Fleet Social held at the home of Fred Troyan in March. As usual, this function was a big success. The climax of the evening was the showing of the fine 1953 International Championship films.

The three fleet picnics during the season not only brought out all the members but also introduced some of the best potluck dishes imaginable. Our picnics are also responsible for having developed several experts in the mainly art of tapping a beer keg (without spilling a drop).

We were honored and happy this year to be host to the Ohio-Indiana District Championships and were especially proud to see our own Charlie Judd sail his new Lippincott "Chips" to a third place in the series. This is the first time in several years that Fleet 71 has been represented in the International Championships. Every one of our members, except the Chairman of the Wind committee, pitched in to help make the regatta a success. We hope all visiting lightning sailors enjoyed this regatta as much as did the members of Fleet 71.

"Trollop", owned and sailed by the Harry Wirls, "Bud" Hoeffler syndicate was a consistent contender and winner this year. She walked off with the Fleet Championship and just about all the hardware that the fleet has to offer. Harry and Bud won four trophy series as well as the Spring, Summer and Fall flag series. The only other fleet series is sailed for the Fleet Captain Trophy which was won by Charlie Judd. Fleet 71 was further honored?, this year as one of our members, Art Beedle was awarded the "Little Brown Jug". This "trophy" is given by the Cleveland Yachting Club and is "competed" for by all eight racing fleets. It is given to the skipper, picked by representatives of all the competing classes, who shows the most sportsmanlike conduct while competing in the majority of the races and winning nothing nohow never, during the season. Congratulations Art.

We were happy to welcome a new skipper into our fleet this year; Joe Webb, the owner of the "Charmer".

Fleet 71 was well represented in regattas away from home this year. The Lorain Yacht Club Regatta drew the largest attendance with nine boats participating in the race from Rocky River to Lorain and the Regatta race. Whit Slaght, Jr., in "Golden Glo" won the Rocky River to Lorain race while Ed. Kennedy won top honors in the Sunday Race. The South Shore Regatta at Vermillion also attracted two members of our fleet; Art Beedle and Harry Wirls-Bud Hoeffler sailing "Slap Happy" and "Trollop" respectively. We were all happy to see Harry and Bud bring home the first place honors from this regatta.

Ed Kennedy did the most frequent travelling this year. He attended, with his boat, the Great Lakes Regatta at Toledo, The Hoosier Regatta at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, Put-In-Bay, The Port Clinton Regatta, The Snow Flurries Regatta at Port Clinton and the Snowball Regatta at Buckeye Lake. Of course Charlie Judd took his "Chips" to Detroit to participate in the Internationals. We are sorry to say Charlie's "Chips" were down, but we have great expectations for Charlie in the coming year.

We are certainly pleased with the successful season we enjoyed in 1954 and are looking forward to what we hope will be an equally successful season in 1955.

## INDIAN RIVER YACHT CLUB FLEET (72)

### Dixie District

Based on Indian River, Oak Orchard, Del.

Fleet Captain ..... H. S. Okie  
Fleet Secretary ..... Helen Renfroin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5	Flying Cloud	James M. Tunnell, Jr.
511	We Mite	G. E. Veasey and Norman Thomas
525	Rebel	Paul Phillips & Lester Russell
527	BoBo II	Robert C. Purnell
890		Antonio Versaci, M. D.
3646	Neatanuf	A. C. Smoot, M.D.

The Indian River Yacht Club had a very successful sailing season for '54. The highlight of our racing season was the holding of the Dixie District Championships at our club on July 24th and 25th. We were expecting the biggest, best and hottest Dixie ever held and it sure was. Several of the old faithful hot contenders had purchased new Orlon sails and nylon spinnakers to pep things up and they did. There were several new contestants to the old usual Dixie fold. Most of these were from Northeast Yacht Club and Quantico Naval Base. There was one dark horse called Atom that we weren't just sure about, but we soon found out. We had two races on Saturday and two races on Sunday with finer weather. The dark horse, Tom Allen, in the Atom had no difficulty in taking all four races in great style. He was a true champion at the Dixie District as he later turned out to be at the Internationals. We were very proud and honored to have such a fine sport as Tom sail on our waters. The winning of the L. C. A. Internationals by the Atom was welcome news to us and we hope Tom will continue to be the great sailor he is and has been for the past few years.

## DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

### Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain ..... Roger L. Grohne  
Fleet Secretary ..... H. W. Albright  
Fleet Champion ..... Roger L. Grohne  
Runner-Up ..... H. W. Albright

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
214		Hawley W. Albright
464	Dynamite	Chuck Groo
687	Falcon	Robert Rostek
1447	Machushla	E. McConnell
2143	Rose Ann II	N. J. Rosan
2796	Chinook	C. A. Goltermann
2915	Laura	F. M. Tenney, Jr.
3214	Aeolus II	B. O. Buckles
3623	Luffer Buoy	J. M. Sommer & Norman Sommer
4678	Patience	Roger L. Grohne
4946	Circe	W. E. Dymond
5228		Robert A. Grohne
		Dr. W. A. Hause

Our sailing season started a little slow this year as we were still praying for rain. When our work party was held some boys were afraid we wouldn't have a lake to sail on, so they let their

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## PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

Lightning Fleet No. 54

Sailing on Cass Lake  
near Pontiac, Mich.







*Lightning Skippers All—Yacht Club Project. Left to right: Jim Sommer, Robert Grohne, L. G. Dorsey, "Nort" Rosan and Bob Buckles.*

home work go till they were sure of water. Rain finally came but some skippers were still working on their boats when our tune-up race was scheduled.

High interest and keen competition characterized our racing schedule that included two races every Sunday except on Labor Day week-end.

We were all disappointed when the Mid-State Champion Regatta, (Labor Day) at Springfield was called off because of low water. However, Peoria Ivy Club did a splendid job of filling the open date by having a Labor Day Regatta there. Five boats trailed up to Peoria where a first by Hawley Albright and a third by B. O. Buckles were chalked up for Decatur.

In the annual Springfield-Decatur series we finally relieved Ted Haller of the trophy, after being in his possession for four years. It is now held by Hawley Albright who intends to keep it for four years.

Fleet 74 was not represented at the District Championship this year, however, three boats went to the Red Flannel Regatta where all of our practice in 5 to 10 MPH wind and smooth water went overboard. With 6 to 8 foot waves and 45 MPH wind it was something new to us small lakers but next time we will do better.

Although racing is the main interest for most of us sailors some of the other highlights of our Clubs activities are the pot-luck suppers every Wednesday evening, thanks to the ladies. Also moonlight sails about once a month and sailing games whenever possible are well accepted.

A very successful season has gone and we are now looking forward to an even better one next year.

### NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)

Based on Hudson River, Nyack, N. Y.

Fleet Champion.....Magnus Pederson  
Runner-Up.....Joseph Hoffee

The season opened with the annual Memorial Day Race sponsored by the Minisceongo Yacht Club at Stony Point, N. Y. Our skippers got the feel of the tiller again with two tune-up races before the start of the regular point race series.

Fleet 75 skippers participated for the first time in the North American Yacht Racing Association Championships when the Tarrytown Yacht Club played host for the first of a series of elimination races for the Hudson River district. Nyack's Joe Hoffee and Magnus Pederson qualified in Lightnings for the second series of elimination races held at Nyack and sailed in Thistles. Les Heyer, Nyack Thistle skipper, went on to win this series and represented the Hudson River at Baltimore.

The highlight of the Fourth of July week-end was the annual Pederson "Little International". This race always provides lots of fun for everybody with skippers and crews starting from

the dock at the gun and paddling to their boats with one oar. Even the skippers got wet in this race in water fights and dinghy swappings enroute to the boats. Pim Epler and his crew won top honors when they were first to return to the club dock after sailing once around the course.

Magnus Pederson represented our fleet at the Metropolitan District Championships at Lake Mohawk, Sparta, N. J., where he was nosed out at first place by June Methot of Red Bank.

The Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club again played host to the Atlantic Coast Championships where plenty of wind and excitement was provided. Joe Hoffee, again walked away with the silver.

The wind up of the season on Labor Day weekend began with the Mory Merry Marathon, sailed from Nyack to Minisceongo in a whisper of a breeze, and won by Jonathan Perry. The following day the fleet made the return trip to Nyack competing from the Minisceongo Trophy, won by Pim Epler. On Labor Day the Nyack Club was host to all the sailing craft on the Hudson River when races were held for all classes.

The racing season was cut short for some skippers by Hurricane Carol, but we're all looking forward to a bigger, better and longer season in 1955!

### NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, N. Y.

Fleet Captain.....Dr. John McIntosh  
Fleet Secretary.....Ray Hebert  
Fleet Champion.....Dr. John McIntosh  
Runner-Up.....Ernie Hamilton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
79	Black Knight	Gerald Wunderlich
400	Asbestos	Ray Hebert
458	Quest	Ernie Hamilton
508	Cygnus	Wm. A. Straub
617	Sea Bee	J. Wesley Farrell
877	Skoot	Arthur Ries
936	Ungawa	Bud Bach
981	Hi-De-Ho	Ed A. Geier
1466	Rok-N-Rye	Frank L. Unbehaun
1515	Karasol	Glen Rosenbauer
3480	Calypso	Fred Darling
3541	Firecracker	Dr. L. H. Spector



*An Old Timer Still Going Strong Fleet No. 77, Rochester, N.Y.*

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4724	George	Arnold E. Sahs
4879	Blue Jacket II	Dr. John McIntosh
5230	Iffinpoof	Edward F. Bishop
5390	Irish II	Dick Doherty

The 1954 season was the most active in Fleet 77's history. We started out on Memorial Day Weekend in a three race series for the Burns-Hanna Trophy. This was won by Doc McIntosh with Ed Geier a close second. We have very rough weather and Ray Hebert in ASBESTOS provided the thrill for the spectators by capsizing a hundred yards from the finish line in the first race.

The official club championship series of eleven races was also won by Doc McIntosh with Ernie Hamilton runner up and Art Reis third. The crew series proved very popular and was won by Barbara Bullis in IFFINPOOF with Ed Geier's new bride second in HI-DE-HO. Wes Farrell who is the new 1955 Rear Commodore won the Missal Trophy and Jerry Wunderlich, our New Commodore won the fall series. Fred Darling was awarded the GAYAS Trophy for showing the greatest improvement during the season.

Our sailors took part in five regattas. Doc McIntosh won the Lightning District Championship and was first in the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta at Red Jacket Yacht Club on Cayuga Lake. He also placed second in the Sodus Bay and Lewis Point Invitation Regattas. Pete Darling won the Lake Shore Lightning Squadron Regatta at Canandaigua. All of our boats made a good showing in these regattas and are looking forward to being the host for the district eliminations this year.

At a fleet meeting in December Ernie Hamilton was elected Fleet Captain and Fred Darling Secretary for the coming year. We expect to add several new boats to the fleet and are at present designing a new mooring dock.

#### SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (78) Lake Erie District

Based on Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain.....	Charlie Robinson
Fleet Secretary.....	Joan Sprole
Fleet Champion.....	Harold Wells
Runner-Up.....	Bobby Robinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
752	Pescos Pete	Floyd Law
1472	Iszatso	Georgia Bates
1489	Me Too	Victor Peterson
1548	Hypo	Dr. K. Bone
1603	High Jinx	Harold E. Wells
1684	Hi Ho	Charles Soch
2704	Bonnie K	R. W. Lawson
2930	Jeanne K II	Dr. Chas. Umland
2935	Escape	Lloyd Lashway
2988	B-Witch	Wayne Baumler
3650	Frisky	Herbert K. Astmann
3701	Dinny	Dan Campbell
4870	Debby J	Charles Robinson
4974	Hi Ball III	Howard Compson
4976	Little Joe III	Bob Brunton

"Fleet 78" started its 1954 season on Memorial Day with the hardest of Sandy Beach sailors racing on the chill Niagara waters. The Georgia Bates trophy and the Chester Bates Memorial trophy were won by Howard Compson and Floyd Law respectively.

Following this race was the Art Little tune-up series won by Wayne Baumler, with Bobby Robinson and Floyd Law finishing second and third.

With the boats all tuned and in top condition, the fleet started the Lightning Championship Series which consisted of nine races. This series was won by Harold Wells who after knocking at the champion's door for years won with Bobby Robinson second and Howard Compson third. This series was most interesting with the championship being decided in the closing moments of the last race.

The Newman Trophy Series, which is one of the highlights of the year, was sailed on the July 4th week-end. For this series, each skipper sails a boat other than his own for four races and returns to his own for the fifth race. The crews remain on their own boats for the entire series. This year, after all points were added, we found Howard Compson in first place with Floyd Law second, and Bobby Robinson third. Charlie and Dick Robinson were the winning crew.

The Crew Race, in which the crews sail the boat and give the skipper a taste of jib and main medicine, ended in a tie between the crews of the "Debby J-11" and "Pescos Pete". This trophy was

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On Labor Day week-end, three races were sailed for the Compson and Ducherer trophies with Howard Compson winning the Compson trophy and Harold Wells winning the Ducherer. The third race of this series was most interesting as the lightnings were towed 10 miles up river and raced down to the club using both the wind and a four-mile-an-hour current to speed them on their way.

The Commodore's Handicap Trophy was won by Harold Wells as was the trophy for the most improvement during the season.

Bobby Robinson was the three-time winner of the Wayne E. Baumler challenge trophy, this trophy is the most uncomfortable prize to hold as it must be defended according to rules and time set by the challenger.

Our season ended September 24th with Bobby Robinson winning the Law Trophy.

### SOUTH SHORE LIGHTNING FLEET (79)

#### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Champion ..... Art Hoernke  
Runner-Up ..... Guy Scrivner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1702	Doodle Bug	Max Ruess
1705	Gull Target	Bill Samp
1707	Bad Penny	Len Gardenier
4071	Alert	Warren Krogstead
4646	Bon Bon	William Rehberg
520	Debra	Art Hoernke

As of the time of writing this report the officers for 1955 have not yet been elected, but this situation will be corrected before the end of this year.

In the regular season's series races Art Hoernke was the winner with Guy Scrivner of Fleet No. 69 the runner-up.

The extra-curricular events saw Len Gardenier's "Bad Penny" win in the Lightning Class in the Milwaukee Journal Regatta and place sixth in the Mid-West District Championships in Chicago. For the first time in the fleet's history we had a representative in the Internationals at Detroit, it being the aforementioned "Bad Penny" and the Gardeniers.

Competition wound up Labor Day week-end with three race Brill Series. Favored by perfect weather and brisk winds, after the opening drifter, it attracted ten participants. In the final standings the winner's trophy went to Bob Tillman of Green Bay, Wis., in "Still Waters", second place was taken by "Bad Penny" and third by Max Ruess in "Doodlebug".

It is hoped that the start of the 1955 season will see some additional members in the fleet.

### BUFFALO YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (81)

#### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Lake Erie, Buffalo, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Alan Coho  
Fleet Secretary ..... Richard K. Koegler  
Fleet Champion ..... Alan C. Coho  
Runner-Up ..... Clifford L. Muzzey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
329	Streak	Douglas Sweeney
397	Linament	John Y. Sloan
824	Wee Nip	John Chisholm
1683	Jabberwock	Richard Koegler & Loreto Lombardi
2074	X-P-Dite	Clifford L. Muzzey
2151	Suds Bucket	Alan Coho
2636	Ledmura	Thomas R. Goldsmith, Jr.

The season started off quite well although somewhat slowly as a Vinylast bottom was applied to one boat and Fiberglass bottom & topsides to another. After a few brush races, the championship series started in earnest. The results were quite close among the three leading boats and some of the finishes were very close. One memorable race was in a 35 mile North wind on a day in which our Fleet was apparently the only one out in this area.

However, we apparently had twisted the tail of the wind's spirit too hard; and we were repaid for our impudence in a very unpleasant manner. In a mid-September storm the "Streak" broke loose and snagged and broke a backstay, but came ashore OK. The same storm piled the water up so deep in the harbor that it poured over the retaining wall back in to the Niagara River about 3 feet deep and took the "Wee Nip" with it. The next day she was found, minus her mast, about 3 miles down the river. After a few more races, Hurricane Hazel hit us and put a stop to racing for the season. Sloan's "Linament", the "Jabberwock" and the "Suds Bucket" followed the "Wee Nip", coming to rest in the same condition and in the same spot. The "Ledmura" dragged her mooring about a mile down the ship canal, also being dismasted in the process. Only "X-P-Dite" escaped unharmed, having been brought into the basin for repairs a few days earlier. We are now in the market for masts in wholesale quantities; and our season may start a little late again next spring. But, we'll be there, we hope, and we hope also to enter some of the near-by regattas next year to see if our new riggings improve our performance.

### CANDLEWOOD FLEET (82)

#### Connecticut District

#### Based on Lake Candlewood, Conn.

Fleet Captain ..... Morton Shepard  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dick Van Houten  
Fleet Champion ..... Bob & Ted Carter  
Runner-Up ..... Dick Van Houten

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
39	Tattletale	Morton W. Shepard
1186	Flying Cloud	H. Dickson Van Houten, Jr.
1791	Kittiwake	Dixon Griswold
1792	Loafer	Charles Steffins
2093	Seajay	Charles J. Seidler
2174	Ballerina	Fred J. Trenner
2699	Arguenot	Bob & Ted Carter
2936	Janet	Robert G. Linquist—John Shepard
3275	Three Sisters	Theodore A. Gough, Jr.

During the past year fleet 82 had a very active racing season. Our championship series consisted of eight races four held in July and four in August. Although we had fewer boats sailing there was a great deal of keen competition.

The winner of the July series was Dick Van Houten who won by a large margin and it looked as though he would run away with the season Championship. Second place in the July series went to Bob & Ted Carter and third to Mort Shepard.



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In the August series the margin between Van Houten and the Carter boys became smaller after every race. Finally going into the last race of the season Van Houten was leading by only a few points. In this final race of the season the Carters won Mort Shepard was second and Van Houten was third.

Thus the 1954 series racing wound up Bob & Ted Carter the winners—Dick Van Houten second and Mort Shepard our 1953 champion third.

Among other fleet activities was a very successful dance held at the Ridgewood country club and our annual club picnic held over the labor day week-end.

## BAYVIEW YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (83)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake St. Clair, Detroit, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Jim Schudel
Fleet Secretary	Charlotte Wiedrick
Fleet Champion	Jim Schudel
Runner-Up	Warren Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1815	Ballerina I	Dick Dickman
1981	Spee-Dee	Bill Miller
2253		Jim Brown
2904	Wa Ha	Warren Jones
4881		Jim Schudel
5115		Burt Jones

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our three skippers who joined our fleet this year—Jim Brown, who we are welcoming back. Jim was a member of this fleet before Uncle Sam beckoned him—Dick Dickman, who purchased Laird Evans' Lightning. Dick is not new to Lightnings, having crewed with such skippers as George Maludy of Toledo, Ohio and many others — Burt Jones, who we are mighty proud of. Burt built his Lightning and after many hours of toiling with this and that and other things the great day finally arrived—launching. Yes, we are expecting big things from you new members.

As Fleet 83 sponsored the President's Cup Series in conjunction with the Lightning Internationals sailed off Crescent Sail Yacht Club, more work was done and less fleet racing—so we are using the standings of the D. R. Y. A. (Detroit River Yachting Association) weekly regattas this season to determine our fleet champion and runner-up. Jim Schudel proved the victor with Warren Jones close on his transom.

To go into detail about the party BYC put on for the Lightning Internationals would require lots of time and space. It was the success of the year and Benny, our club manager, certainly knows what to put into the punch (for that extra kick) and how to prepare roast beef to everybody's delight. And the Leis Cy Gillette had flown in from Hawaii for all the gals certainly were beautiful. Our sincere thanks to Cy from all of us gals.

Every year this fleet is represented at most of the out-of-town regattas and these started Memorial Day by trailing the boats down to Toledo, Ohio for the Great Lakes Championships. Walt Swindeman, of Toledo, took first, Hank Cawthra and Wes Wiedrick, of Detroit, took second and third respectively.

East Tawas was the scene for the Michigan Districts this year. Doc Murphy, of Lake Fenton, was the District Champion; Wes Wiedrick, second; Hank Cawthra, third; Jim Schudel, fourth; and Joe Stueland, of St. Joseph, in fifth place. They were our representatives in the Internationals.

Higgins Lake was the next invitational with Dick and Jim representing Bayview. Jim placed third. If you haven't attended that regatta—it should be a must in '55.

Lake Fenton was the first on the list for the fall regattas. Jim and Dick again were the representatives from Bayview. Our excuse for not placing up there is—weather—need we say more?

Dick was the only representative to go over to Devils Lake from Bayview. The excuse for that week-end—what a cocktail party.

Port Clinton's regatta wound up the schedule of fall regattas. As usual Dick and Jim again from BYC. I think we are going to have to put a spark into the rest of the skippers on these out-of-town regattas. They are really something and the hospitality most generous.

So ends 1954. We are hoping to build up our fleet in 1955 and have expectations for a very successful season.

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## FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNING DO RIO DE JANEIRO (84)

Based on Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fleet Captain..... Fernando Jose Pimentel Duarte  
Fleet Secretary..... Rubens Franco de Sa  
Fleet Champion..... Sergio Vayssiere  
Runner-up..... Fernando Jose Pimentel Duarte

Boat No.	Boat name	Skipper
1766	Mem II	Mario Borges de Andrade Ramos
1767	Uira	Euclides Borba
1769	Xamego	Joao Pinho Filho
1771	Rompe-Vento	Jose Luiz Pimentel Duarte
1772	Argos	Fernando Jose Pimentel Durate
1773	Sirocco	Roberto Pompeu
1774	Peregrino	Rubens Franco de Sa
1966	Constipado II	Victor Sampaio Brant
2009	Ariel	Albert Jules Maligo
2063	Binzuca	Emilio Gomes
2160	Orion	Rudolf Pohl & Otto Berger
2438	Pinduca	Ronaldo Costa Souza
2468	Onix	Antonio Paruolo Filho
3081	Huracan	Mario Besse Pierre
3499	Vadio	Lars Ole Birkenland
3512	Temporal	Jose Peruzzi
3753		Jose de Mattos Telles
3754	Camapuan	Oswaldo Ary Gomes
3987	Serido	Arrigo Singer
4113	Frajola	Levy Madeira
4114	Cacula	Oscar Matoso Maia Forte
4512	Buscape II	Sergio Vayssiere
4792	Cirrus	
4793	Nimbus	
4794	Stratus	Escola Naval — Ilha Villegagnon
4795	Cumulus	
4837	Quick	Jose Tertuliano de Araujo
5327	Psu	Peter Konrad

The last year of 1954 was full of activities and progress for our Fleet No. 84. All of the races for the calendar year has been realized and the assiduity became a record. The medium of registrants reached 12 boats, and a special mention has to be credited to those affiliated to Iate Clube, of Niteroi, on the other side of Guanabara Bay, whose boats participated in every race of our Fleet.

As always, the activities in 1954 began with the dispute for the "Pimentel Duarte" Cup. Its winner was Kurt Polborn, in his Lightning "Quick", number 4837.

The Championship, won again by Sergio Vayssiere, Manuel Campos and Fernando Caldas, in their already famous "Buscape II", had an interesting competition in all of its five races.

As we did in the past, this year we sent to Sao Paulo, base of the Fleet 147, a team from our Fleet to dispute for the Eterna-Matic Cup. Again the Fleet 147 won this trophy.

For 1955 we already have our calendar in order. The number of races for the Championship has been increased to eight, instead of five as in the previous year.

We expect, this year, to have a larger number of Lightnings to register and that the actual ones have more competition.

## NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (85)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Eastern Conn.

Fleet Captain..... Martin J. O'Meara  
Fleet Secretary..... J. William Healy  
Fleet Champion..... Richard Lena  
Runner-Up..... George and Michael Flynn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
69	Second Wind	Miss Maureen Healy
374	Irving H.	Sage Gabriel
834	Kendo	Keith Kennedy
942	Charlie	John Speirs & Ann Speirs
1952	Snafu	Richard O'Kane
2197		George Ratke
2248	Baby	Martin J. O'Meara
2463	Mischief	J. T. and J. W. Healy
2467		Donald Rondeau
3804		Dave Gill
4415		Richard Lena
5611		Maxwell O'Meara
		George and Michael Flynn

Niantic Bay Sailors again competed actively in inter-fleet regattas in 1954. We were well represented at Stonington for the District Championships but for the first time in the past four years our boys came home without any silverware. The ECYRA regatta was held at Niantic and a fleet of 30 Lightnings was conquered by Sam Knox of Stonington with Richard Lena of Niantic placing a close second; John Petit of Madison took third place honors. The Governor's Trophy regatta was also held at Niantic with 2 races being sailed on Aug. 29th for what is believed to be the largest silver trophy in Lightning competition. After being 4 straight years of domination by the Healys, Richard Lena also of Niantic won the trophy with 2 second places. Al Kuehl of Branford places second with Sam Knox of Stonington and the Healys tied for third.

The fleet series was closely contested and Richard Lena edged out the Flynn brothers to take the honors for the season.

## SUE ISLAND LIGHTNING FLEET (87)

Dixie District

Based on Middle River, Md.

Fleet Captain..... Marbury Fox  
Fleet Secretary..... Jack Fox  
Fleet Champion..... George Allison  
Runner-Up..... Barney Mead

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1827	Seasaw	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Skarie
1861	Norjan	Joseph & John Hodges
2740	Orion	Dick Ober
2803	Singing Winds	Mr. and Mrs. C. George Boley
2954	Shenanigan	Mr. and Mrs. Barney Mead
3659	Flying Carpet	Mr. and Mrs. George P. Allison
3709	Ebony	Jack Moore
4220	Jimjane	Marbury B. Fox, Jr.
4270	Adele III	Richard J. Guth
4461	Fog Dog	David E. Price
4843	Sailfish	Ellsworth Acker



Flying Carpet rounding the mark.



Perhaps the most interesting item of news in our fleet is the new fleet champion. For the past several years Barney Mead has maintained a monopoly on this position, but after the fleet had sailed their sixteen races to decide who was the best skipper, George Allison carried off the honors. Some idea of the competition which occurred between these hot skippers is shown by the final standings which gave the nod to George by .014%. This margin was gained in the last race in which George did a beautiful job of skippering the "Flying Carpet" to catch and pass Barney on the last windward leg of the course.

However Barney Mead showed himself an outstanding skipper this year by winning the Baltimore Yacht Club Regatta, the Annapolis Regatta, the Frigid-Digit Regatta, and the C.B.Y.R.A. High Point Trophy for Lightnings.

The above mentioned regattas and Sparrows Point Regatta, the Presidents Cup Regatta at Washington, the Atlantic Coast Championship's, the Dixie District Regatta and the Patapsco Regatta are the affairs which were attended by our fleet. In the Dixie District Championship race, George Allison finished third and Barney Mead placed fourth behind Tom Allen, the International Champion of 1954.

Our fleet had its quota of typical sailing weather, the wind blew from 0 to 50 miles per hour and from beautiful sunshine days to rainy weather during the fleet races. Some people to watch in the future, if eagerness and loving to race are criterion, are Marbury Fox, who is showing a great deal of skill on the boat, Dave Price, who always just happens to be on a Starboard tack, Jack Moore who is beginning to get the feel of the boat, Dick Ober, who needs more time to sail, and Ellsworth Acker, who recovered from a harrowing experience very well.

During the winter months, the fleet shows its interest in sailing by holding monthly meetings in order to propagate the fleet and discuss topics of interest such as paints, sails, rules and racing tactics. These meetings are also well noted for their social aspects and sailing a few races over.

### COLD SPRING HARBOR FLEET (89) Western Long Island Sound District Based on Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.

Fleet Captain .....	Joseph S. Stout
Fleet Secretary .....	E. Rawson Godfrey, Jr.
Fleet Champion .....	E. R. Godfrey, Jr.
Runner-Up .....	F. G. Hoppin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13	.....	Ralph Romaine
2102	.....	John Gates & Charles Root
2104	Lickety Split	J. S. Stout
2112	Fire Fly	A. Ames
2114	.....	Douglas Williams
2118	.....	E. Rawson Godfrey, Jr.
2125	.....	T. E. Stebbins
2126	Duet	Clarence E. Galston
2137	.....	Charles Stone
2811	Potholder II	William R. Potts
3360	.....	W. S. Smoot
5406	.....	Hoyt Ammidon, Jr.

Our 1954 season was a competitive one, though the final count showed six boats qualifying for the season. Partly, this was due to our weatherman who just refused to let there be wind on our scheduled race days. The result was that only 12 of the 16 races scheduled were completed throughout the season. Now, we have uncovered some data that indicate scheduling races on Saturday mornings may make it more likely we'll finish our races and have better sailing.

During this season we did little interclub racing, but are planning big things in 1955 to get about the sound and do big things.

### SPRAY BEACH YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (91) Central Atlantic District Based on Upper Little Egg Harbor Bay, at Spray Beach, New Jersey

* Fleet Captain .....	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Fleet Secretary .....	James H. Stevenson III
Fleet Champion .....	Christopher McCutcheon
Runner-Up .....	Fredrik Schanche

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
737	Fram III	Dorigen & Christopher McCutcheon
1923	.....	George Muschamp
3103	Largo	J. B. Maffenbeier
3338	Tag-Along	Franz K. Schneider and Nancy C.
3695	Osprey	Richard W. Clynes
3704	Kipper	Barry & Bruce Brown
4204	Sympatica	Carlos Echeverria
5172	Silver Blonde	Fredrik K. Schanche

Activities got underway for Spray Beach's Lightning Fleet 91 on the Fourth of July weekend. Election of officers produced Christopher McCutcheon as Captain and Franz Schneider as Secretary. The formalities were cleared away and our stage was set for a season of fun and good sailing.

Launching us off to a fast start was the annual Fourth of July Cup Race. As if a close contest were not enough, Fred Schanche provided a genuine grandstand finish. Coming from third place he took the lead only seconds before the cannon's roar and the cheering dockside spectators announced his victory. Helping Uncle Fred man his SILVER BLONDE were Mrs. Faye Bennett and Ned Echeverria. Second and third places were taken by Christopher McCutcheon in the FRAM III and Franz Schneider in the TAGALONG.

At the Central Atlantic District Regatta none of us were in competition with the leaders, but generally we improved on our previous showings. Most important is the fact that we all had fun. Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club deserves real praise for its efficiently run races and its hospitality.

"Rub a dub dub, sixteen men in a tub" became the theme of this year's fleet cruise. A pleasant sail across Beach Haven Inlet to the waters of Great Bay and the planting of our ensign on the shores of Fish Island provided cause for a hardy celebration. However, our pleasure was soon brought to a sobering premature end. A strong tide and increased wetted surface combined to suck the fleet flagship, FRAM III, and her crew of sixteen out of the inlet. After a few moments of panic, Captain McCutcheon took command. Under his capable direction sails were bent and weight distributed. Slowly, the FRAM III edged toward shore. Once back with the fleet an impromptu race home was instituted. The OS-PREY, Paul Craig at the helm, led the way and the spoils of victory were his.



Franz Schneider Jr. Fleet 91 Champ showing off for a race.

Competition in the season point races at Spray Beach is traditionally tops. This year was no exception. Coming through with more than his share of luck, Franz Schneider edged out defending champion, Chris McCutcheon, to win the Commodore's Bowl. Fred Schanche easily slipped his SILVER BLONDE into third place.

Labor Day weekend closed the official season at Spray Beach. The special race for the Joseph LaRoache Doan Trophy was held on an entirely new inside triangular course that was completely visible from shore. Showing the least inclination toward stage fright the snappy team of Franz Schneider, Bill Hildreth, and Buzz Lawton brought their TAGALONG home in the lead. Always a threat, Chris McCutcheon, Dorie McCutcheon, and Bob Bachman picked up second place with their FRAM III. It was the constantly improving Maffenbeiers who were next across. Physicist Jack was at the helm of the meticulous LARGO, while Dad and brother Jed did the work. Watch these boys. Someday they may give you your lumps. We hope so anyway.

Already 91 has plans underway for the coming year. A mid-winter meeting, improved courses, and a spring series are the subject of considerable planning and discussion. With the old regulars back and a rapidly developing new blood, our '55 season should be the best in many years.

### TOM'S RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (92)

#### Central Atlantic District

##### Based on Tom's River, N. J.

Fleet Captain ..... Horace A. Jackson, Jr.  
Fleet Secretary ..... Erskine W. Baker  
Fleet Champion ..... Flint Larrabee in "You Bet"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
220	Beth	Allen K. Stevens
290	Mystic	Harry Bloodworth
468	Kathryn	Charles W. Snyder
605	Electron	Erskine W. Baker
1065	You Bet	Flint Larrabee
1236	Wedunktoo	Robert J. Williams, Jr.
1382	Amicus	Buddy Sawyer
1613	.....	Eleanor F. Gilliams
1736	Playtime	T. W. Montague
3944	The Mrs.	Edwin Grimshaw and Michael Harnaty
3969	Bluebird	Horace A. Jackson, Jr.
5083	Unforgettable	Horace A. Jackson, Jr.

Our activity for the past year has been completely dormant. However we do hope that it is a transition which is temporary and that something may be salvaged from which to build an active fleet again.

### LEWIS POINT LIGHTNING FLEET (93)

#### Central New York District

##### Based on Oneida Lake, N. Y.

Fleet Captain ..... Paul R. Ruby  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dr. Eugene W. Carpenter  
Fleet Champion ..... Eugene W. Carpenter  
Runner-Up ..... Paul Ruby

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
229	Tara	Kenneth G. Freeman
292	Rubyacht	Paul R. Ruby
1284	Cutlass	Louis Talerico
2497	Thunderwings	Howard M. Young, M.D.
2849	Stargazer	Arthur Hahn
3416	Marsha Lee	Dr. George Wineburgh
5081	Helen	.....
	Highwater	Dr. Eugene Carpenter

Fleet 93 started off its 1954 season with a fine session of armchair sailing and socializing on April 28th. Stanley Ogilvy as guest speaker recounted some of the highlights of his 1953 sailing season in Stars. A fine delegation from the Onondaga Yacht Club and representatives from the Colgate and Syracuse University Sailing Clubs helped us to make the meeting a real success.

Our Championship Series this year was closely contested. Paul Ruby and Gene Carpenter tied for points but Carpenter got the nod on races won. Howard Young in his recently fiber-glassed Thunderwings took third place.

The Seventh Annual Lewis Point Regatta was staged August



Lewis Point Regatta Banquet

7 and 8. Weather was good. Winds with the exception of the first leg of the third race were for fast sailing. Three six mile races were sailed. Twenty Lightnings from Newport Y.C., Rochester, Cazenovia Y.C., Onondaga Y.C., Conesus Y.C., and Painesville, Ohio participated. Joe Carpenter in his Helen Hywater managed to win all three races with John McIntosh of Rochester closely contending all the way and taking second place. Howard Young took the third place trophy. Place flags were awarded as follows: 4th Darling, Newport; 5th Bishop, Newport; 6th Stillman, Onondaga; and 7th Ruby, Lewis Point. The COWS TAIL (last place) trophy went to Norcross, Onondaga. The social part of the regatta started off with a bang Friday evening when Lewis Point was invaded by wild Indians from Onondaga Lake, Irondequoit Bay, and Conesus Lake. The pow wow lasted till the wee hours. The Saturday night banquet was served in traditional Lewis Point smorgasborg style. Following a period of speaking, words of wisdom and otherwise, including a sterling address by our verbose International Secretary, Jay Donovan, dancing was enjoyed with music furnished by the club orchestra. After the race scores were tallied Sunday afternoon the awarding of trophies and flags took place. All seemed to feel that this was one of our best Lewis Point regattas.

Joe Carpenter established himself as our regatta winning champion by capturing the Sodas Bay, Onondaga, and our own Lewis Point regattas. We also took second place in the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta and the District Lightning Elimination Regatta. The latter event qualified the HELEN HYWATER to sail in the Internationals at Detroit—"Nuff said". The combined efforts of Doctors Youn and Carpenter won us the William Straub Fleet Trophy at the Lake Shore Lightning Squadron Regatta.

Fleet 93 looks forward to the 1955 season with earnest hope for increased enthusiasm and fleet expansion.

### AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON FLEET (95)

#### Metropolitan District

##### Based on Greenwood Lake, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... John E. Sengstacken  
Fleet Secretary ..... Peter Petersen  
Fleet Champion ..... John E. Sengstacken  
Runner-Up ..... John Rusman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
90	Lively Lady	Ruth Wiley Post
99	Dorbet	Otto Ruprecht
279	.....	Anthony Maletta
700	Dema	Chet Howell
762	Waterboy	John & Ruth Sengstacken
1309	Fiesta	Kenneth Briting
1328	Mary E.	John Rusman
1329	.....	Bill Summerbell
1330	Ru Be	Roy & Carolyn Sengstacken
1788	Blue Lightning	Paul Dunkel
2489	Scotch	Peter Petersen
2912	JeBe III	Janet & Bill Horton
3102	Dutchess	Dr. R. F. Sengstacken
5134	.....	Dr. Moscarella
5337	.....	A. D. Swierstra

The 1954 sailing season of Fleet No. 95 was full of surprises weather-wise. We had our fierce, blustery winds early in the summer, then drifted in almost complete calm for the Labor Day Race, which is the reverse of most years. As there is no time limit on the Labor Day Race, a few hardy (as stubborn) sailors endured the hot sun and glassy lake until finishing the race—setting a local record of about 6 hours elapsed time.

Last year's Champion, Bill Horton, started the season in good style, winning the first two series. However, good sportsmanship was his undoing. For two races, Bill swapped boats with Jack Sengstacken. Bill placed high in these two races with Jack's boat, then each sailed his own boat again—Jack kept right near the front, to snatch the Championship.

Chet Howell was the winner of the 5th series, taking the Secretary Series.

The experiment of taking novice crews was so successful last year that it was repeated this year during the racing season. Both skippers and crews enjoyed the novelty. We hope in this way to interest and encourage new members to our fleet.

### AMERICAN YACHT CLUB FLEET (96)

Western Long Island Sound District  
Based on Long Island Sound, Rye, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Charlie Moran
Fleet Secretary	Robert Stieglitz
Fleet Champion	Fred Hibberd in "Flash"
Runner-Up	Sis Hibberd & John Butler in "Splash"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1142	Summer Salt	Dave Eveleth
1165	Wild Goose	Daniel Tehane
1496	PDQ	Earl Van Swearingen
1797	Alchris	Charles Denny
2045	Safari	Frank Heiss
2152	Merihel	A. G. Birdsall
2195	Tranquil	Dorothy McGowan
2249	Pippin	Dr. John Gundy
3443	Mayflower	Robert Stieglitz
3805	Wahini	Ellen Kelly
4221	Lucinda	Charles Rice
4416	Jester	Charles Moran
5003	Flash	Fred Hibberd
5500	Splash	Sis Hibberd and John Butler
5639	Rumor	Bill Crow

Fleet No. 96 was very well represented in the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound this past summer and once again young fifteen year old Fred Hibberd in "Flash" came smashing through to win 15 out of 16 of the Y.R.A. races.

Two new members to our fleet were "Splash" skippered by Sis Hibberd and John Butler, and "Rumor" skippered by Bill Crow, III, both of whom showed great promise for the summers to come. "Splash" won the Beach Point Yacht Club Series.

The set of races that brought the most joy to the American Yacht Club were the Midget Championships which were held at the American Yacht Club and won by our own Dave Gundy with Jamie Brickie, John Butler and Sis Hibberd as crew.



"Pippin"

"Flash"

Nine of "our" boats raced in Manhasset Bay Junior Race Week and "Flash" roared through with First place out of forty-four entries.

The District Championships of Western Long Island Sound were also captured by Fred Hibberd. We sent four entries: Fred Hibberd's "Flash", Charlie Moran's "Jester", Ellen Kelly's "Wahini", and Sis Hibberd's and John Butlers "Splash". Fred Hibberd also took second place in Larchmont Race Week.

This was truly a great season but much to the fleet's disappointment we have lost three Skippers to other classes. However, we have also gained several new boats and there are more to come next summer, so it looks like a big season in 1955.

### NORTHPORT BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (98)

Western Long Island Sound District  
Based on Northport & Huntington Bays, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	William R. Blackman
Fleet Secretary	Anthony R. Calderone
Fleet Champion	William S. Romano in "Circe"
Runner-Up	William R. Blackman in "Gem II"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
202	Rondo	Milton Bergey
1324	Gem II	William R. Blackman
2113	Beat Up	Huntington Jr. Yacht Club
2121		Mr. Martain
2191	Damp Tramp	Alvah Haff
2389	Is Too	Dr. Arthur Fredricks
2584	Mirth Jr.	Annette Wenderoth
3018	Scat	Russell Brooks
3126	Blue Chip	Dr. Benidict Kurshan
3408	Concho	Paul Baker
3494	Celeste	Bert and Lou Haring
3604	Miss Fury	David Dodge
3807	Circe	William S. Romano
4152	Bye 'you' all	S. Stanley Hall
4886	So-long	Donald Cairn
5195		Anthony Calderone

With another season of some very fine sailing and racing, the Lightnings in Fleet No. 98 have been decommissioned and stored for the year for 1954. Again the Fleet was fortunate to be sponsored by the Tri-Club Series sponsored by the Huntington Yacht Club, Northport Yacht Club, and Centerport Yacht Club, who each weekend saw to it that a Committee boat and escort was available and on the starting line.

The racing season got under way with the Memorial Day series which did not amount to more than a tune up series. Trina skippered by Anthony Calderone won the 3 race series with Jim Martin coming in second and Dr. Benidict Kurshan in Blue Chip taking third.

The regular fleet champion series of 14 races was started on June 14 and ended with the Labor Day series. It is interesting to note that the entire series were dominated by three boats: Fleet Captain Billy Blackman's Gem II, Bill Romano's Circe and Anthony Calderone's Trina.

This type competition continued until Hurricane "Carol" visited our shores on August 31. Many of the Lightnings suffered severe damages. Donald Cairn's So-Long was out for the remainder of the season, Bill Romano's Circe was damaged to the extent of a broken mast which he was able to replace for the Labor Day series. Trina owned by Anthony Calderone was almost completely destroyed.

The Fourth of July series was marred by intermittent downpours which caused all crews to don slickers. This series resulted in a tie between Gem II and Circe with Trina sliding into third spot.

The final and deciding series of the season was, of course, the Labor Day series which was held in Northport Bay. Billy Romano in Circe won this series with a total score for the entire season of 940. Bill Blackman in Gem II was a close second in the Labor Day series and finished with a total point score of 935.4. Anthony Calderone in Trina ended the season with a total score of 891.7.

Many changes have been proposed for the 1955 racing season to encourage the younger and less experienced skippers of our fleet. Among the proposals suggested are awarding a prize to the boat which sails in the most number of races; and a prize to the skipper who shows the most improvement.

Doubtlessly, other suggestions will be received and discussed well before the 1955 racing season begins.



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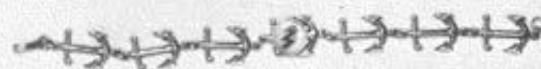
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