



Fleet 151 Champions, Stardust's Crew.

ANNISQUAM LIGHTNING FLEET (151)

Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Mass.

Fleet Captain	Conger Fawcett
Fleet Secretary	William Edgerton
Fleet Champions	Bill & Bob Edgerton in "Stardust"
Runner-Up	Jack Cunningham in "Bat"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2106	Zephyr	Janet and Brooks Stevens, Jr.
2344	Duet	Winsor Gale
3279	Cinnabar	George P. Lordan
3282	Bat II	John D. Cunningham, Jr.
3321	Concordia	Frederick H. Lovejoy
3572		Leonard Langer
3605	Firefly	Alden French
4231	Spray	John W. and K. Teele
4860	Stardust	William & Robert Edgerton
5194	Colleen II	William V. M. Fawcett

Hi there, everybody; here we are again in another issue of the Lightning Class yearbook, we are going to let you in on the doings of Fleet No. 151 during the summer of 1954.

Before we look at the results, I would like to mention a practice at Annisquam that other fleets might use advantageously. Finding it hard to locate two experienced crews both Saturday and Sunday, on Sundays we race without spinnakers. This allows weekend guests, friends, or novices to get into the act. Our races are just as hotly contested on Sundays and more people get a chance to race.

To begin the season with a bang, the Edgerton brothers walked off with three firsts, including the July 4 special race. Then for the rest of the month it was a fight for first position among the Bat II, Stardust, and Zephyr.

The District Championship was held in Marblehead the weekend of July 31 and Conk Fawcett, Bill Edgerton, and Janie Stevens towed over for the event. In the first race, all three learned the hard way what happens when you are not on the line just at the gun, but the Edgerton boys profited by their mistakes to take a second in the second race, and walk off with a fourth in the whole regatta.

After a weekend at home, the Cinnabar, Stardust, and Colleen II journeyed down to the coast to participate in Race Week. Highlighting the week's events was a blow that was termed "The inevitable turmoil of wind, rain and rules" by a local sportswriter. Both Fawcett and Edgerton went "bottoms up". If it had not been for this storm the Edgerton brothers would have won the best week's performance trophy in the Lightning Class, for they finished in the silver all week.

August 31 was a day all the members of Fleet No. 151 would like to forget, for hurricane Carol roared through New England and in the process relieved eleven Lightnings of their masts. If the water had been much higher John Teele's "Spray" would have been washed up on his lawn; because he tethered it all during the storm his was the only Lightning that did not capsize and lose its stick.

After the season's activities had been concluded by hurri-

cane Carol, and the water had receded, Stardust was on top with the most number of points followed by "Bat II" and "Zephyr". It was a grand summer; at no time did we race in the rain, and, other than masts the fleet sustained very few injuries. That's all for now—see you at the 1955 Districts.

TAWAS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (152)

Sailing on Tawas Bay, East Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Marvin Mallon
Fleet Secretary	Berkeley Smith
Fleet Champion	Edward McKinley
Runner-Up	L. G. McKay, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2001	Red Witch	Gordon Everett
2900	Merri-Mac	L. G. McKay, Jr.
2903	Sham	Berkeley Smith
4598	Lest Go II	Marvin Mallon
4697	Lone Wolf	Charles Moulthrop, Jr.
5180	Hunbug III	Edward McKinley
5750	War Paint II	Charles Schreck

Fleet 152 played host to the Michigan district Lightning championships July 22-23-24, 1954. There were 41 boats entered, with 38 finishing, for the largest regatta in the history of the district.

Outside of an hour's delay at the start of the first race, every heat was run on time and in good time. Ideal sailing weather prevailed throughout the regatta.

Tawas Bay's perfect three-mile course, in open clear blue water, with no shoals and no obstructions, was declared one of the finest in the state by the visiting skippers. All but one heat was started off the 1,000-foot Waterways Commission dock, at the East Tawas State Park, which made it possible for spectators to view a good portion of the races from close-up.

Dr. Gerald Murphy took first place, with Wes Weidrick and Hank Cawthra tied for second. Jim Schudel came in fourth and Joe Stueland copped fifth place for the chance at the Internationals.

Fine cooperation on the part of the Tawas Bay Yacht Club power boatmen and members of the Tawas Bay National fleet aided in the smooth conduct of the regatta.

Thirteen Lightnings warmed up for the District in the annual Fourth of July regatta sponsored by the Tawas Bay Yacht Club. Murphy, Clarence Holman and Schudel, finished in the order named.

Ed McKinley piled up points to win the fleet's season trophy. McKay was runner-up.

Two Lightnings were added to the fleet this year. Schreck No. 5750 from Holman & Nickels. Gordon Everett got his No. 2001 from a Canadian owner. Berkeley Smith is now the owner of Guy S. Moulthrop, Jr.'s No. 2903. This gives the Tawas Bay fleet a total of seven Lightnings for next year's competition.

Work is progressing on the new Tawas Bay Yacht Club at the slips on Tawas Point. Used as headquarters for the District regatta without a roof, the building is now closed in and will be ready for the annual Fourth of July Regatta in 1955—and you're all invited.



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PEQUOT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (153)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Southport, Conn.

Fleet Captain E. L. Eveleth
Fleet Secretary R. H. Taylor
Fleet Champion R. H. Taylor & D. R. Taylor
in "Yankee"
Runner-Up William S. Bachman in "Nereid"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
255	Spinaway	Lawrence Moore
376		Donald G. Robbins, Jr.
1588	Nereid	William S. Bachman
2586	Pigtail	Grant Barratt
3155	Yankee	Richard H. Taylor
3165	Hopeful	J. William Hope
3319	Windward	George P. Biggs
3500	Fidget	E. L. Eveleth
3691	Angar	Martin A. Ingram
3888	Sea Lark	D. B. Hardenbergh
4526	Bing	Donald B. Treadwell
5355	Whipit	Irving R. Carter
5357	Frisky	Pequot Junior Yacht Club
5362	Coot	Frederick W. Roberts
5599	Scamper	John Merrifield
5612	Blitzen	John T. Montague
5670	Gail II	Kenneth Henderson

The Pequot Lightning Fleet has enjoyed another fine season. Races were held regularly on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Special three race series were held on three holiday weekends.

The competent young skippers and crews graduated from the Pequot Junior Yacht Club training program have contributed greatly to the success of this season's activities and indicate continuing growth and achievement for Fleet 153.

Our Fourth Annual Invitation Regatta—the highlight of our racing activities, was again an outstanding success. A record fleet of forty-one boats took part. The crack contingent from Noroton Fleet No. 134 sailed off with most of the honors, taking four of the first five places in a three race series. It is anticipated that the Regatta will be held next season on the first weekend after July Fourth.

Four boats were added to our fleet this year, and more are building for the 1955 season.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (154)

Based on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Secretary Paul O. Penn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
21	Rufus II	Oren Ragsdale
640		Robert Emmons
790		Marta Bender
2527	Viking	Paul Taylor
2539		Edward Maire
2559	Scud	Paul E. Penn
2723	Arrow	Merle Shanklin
2774		Gordon Graham
2867	Ho Hum	Edward McLaren
3471	Hard Tack	James Bender
4517	Kathy	Bruce Baiden
4750	Duckling	Berkley Duck
5175	Hessteria	Paul E. Hess
5259	Jibojo II	Dr. J. S. Wellington
5667		Dr. Marion Wolfe
5679		Phil Snoberger

Fleet No. 154 participated in a most active season in 1954. Officers for the season were Duff Sadler, Commodore, Gordon Graham, Vice Commodore, Ed Dodez, Rear Commodore, Merle Shanklin, Secretary, and Paul Hess, Treasurer.

Several warm-up races were held in May and it was evident that competition would be keen. Our first Annual Hoosier Regatta was held June 26 and 27. Ten visiting boats and 11 from the host club participated. Aeolus smiled on us both days and the stiff wind made all three races interesting for everyone, and Walt Swindeman of Toledo, won all three races. In the final standing, Jerry Garranger, also of Toledo, was second; Carlton Allen, of Port Clinton, third; Bruce Baiden, of the host club, fourth, and



The Scud—Winner, Fleet No. 151

Cal Yaudas, of Toledo, fifth. Sunday's event included presentations of trophies and a short talk by Barney Crittenden.

The regular season's racing schedule started on July 4 and ended on Labor Day after 12 races. A different boat was winner in each of the first five races. Then something happened and the Scud, with Paul Penn, Jr., at the tiller, won six races to build enough points to win the Lightning Class season's trophy, the Labor Day week-end trophy and the 64-year old Cynthia Cup for top skipper of the season. Dick Penn was awarded the trophy for the best Junior Crew Member.

Season's standings were as follows:

- 1 Paul Penn, Jr.
- 2 Paul Taylor
- 3 Bruce Baiden
- 4 Jim Bender
- 5 Dr. Wellington

Some of our boats participated in the Invitational Regattas at Toledo, Buckeye Lake and Devils Lake.

The hospitality accorded us and the keen competition offered at these various events has had much to do with increasing the activity at our club which I am sure will be reflected in greater participation by more members next year.

WATKINS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (155)

Michigan District

Based on Watkins Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain Ben Weber
Fleet Secretary Mrs. Jerry Eldred
Fleet Champion Glenn Fries, Jr.
Runner-Up Jack Berlien

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1794		Pete Smith
1978		Raymond Noble
2083	Cygnat	Gus Eldred
2124	Ramblin Rascal	Jack Berlien
2228		Ben Weber
3557	Windcall	Dave Green
3558	Jo-Dee	Glenn Fries, Jr.
3559	Red Devil	Brown Williams and Robert Bahm

Watkins Lake, Fleet 155, enjoyed a big year!

We held 18 regular races, divided into two series. The first three places in each series qualified for the championship sail-offs. In addition to the regular season we exchanged regattas with Pontiac Yacht Club at Cass Lake. We had a lot of fun and experience, but the Pontiac Yacht Club won with flying colors. Wait till next year!

Our season was further highlighted by our annual Venetian Nite, Sailors' Breakfast and our Trophy Banquet held at the "Old Mill Tavern" in Waterford, Michigan.

The year ended with the Christmas Party held at the home of our newest sailors, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Eldred.

BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (158)

Pacific Northwest District

Based on Bellingham Bay, Bellingham, Wash.

Fleet Captain Hunter Vogel
Fleet Secretary Peter L. Ford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3168	Ptah	Robert O. Anderson
		Dr. Robert "Bob" Foster
3776	Howdy Doody	Basil Miaullis
3778	Puff	Dr. C. B. Hitz
3783	Pastime	Hunter Vogel
3789	Keman	Harry D. Sutherland
		Patricia Carver
3785	Dragenmassee	Roy N. Gaasland
3956	Da-Kri-Bar	Peter L. Ford

1954 was undoubtedly Bellingham's most active year in quite a while for that club was host to the PIYA Regatta and to the Pacific Northwest District Regatta. Lightnings were used for interclub races during the PIYA and proved their stamina that day, bucking forty-five mile hour winds around the six mile triangle.

Three series races were held for the local fleet and one cruise among scenic San Juan Islands. June Series and July series were both won by Harry D. Sutherland in his "Kemah," while the dean of Northwest Lightning skippers, Hunter Vogel took August Series. Because more boats were put into the water late, Vogel wound up as fleet champion.

Final standings at the end of the series were Pastime, Kemah, Da-Kri-Bar, Puff and Ptah in that order.

One new boat was added to the fleet this season when Peter L. Ford finished Robert O. Anderson's Da-Kri-Bar and sailed her during the year.

Highlights of the year was the 1954 Northwest District Lightning Regatta held on Bellingham Bay for the second consecutive season. Pacific Northwest skippers voted again to come back to the "Best winds in the World" again in 1955. After the three-day affair, several boats cruised the magnificent San Juan Islands before returning to their homes.

Bellingham's club added a much-needed hoist to their facilities this year, aiding greatly ease of maintenance.

Four Bellingham boats moved from salt to fresh water for a winter race series to start in November. A fifty-square mile lake is only four miles from the local clubhouse and winter winds there are a sailor's dream.

CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164)

Central New York District

Based on Cazenovia Lake, Madison Co., New York

Fleet Captain Bernard H. Shoninger
Fleet Secretary Florence Dimon
Fleet Champion Mary Joyce Glassey
in "Maria Elena II"
Runner-Up Samuel Thomas

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
182		Nelson Neidhart
658	Julie II	Sam Thomas
747	Miss Me	Margaret Ellen Hogue
1145	Hals Bells	Florence Dimon
1153	King Tut	John and Forbes Tuttle
1294	Rojo	Orin Broberg
1350	Wateree	R. Philip Hart
1381	Maria Elena II	Mary Joyce Glassey
1795	Jill	J. Kenneth Baird
1833	Sea Witch	John and Trudy Hill
2792	Doregasa	Dr. D. B. Sanford
3449		William Kiley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4687		Jesse Silverman
5712	Blue Mist	Bernard H. Shoninger

We have now grown to 14 Lightnings, and we have every reason to expect at least 2 more in 1955. Britannia beware, Cazenovia No. 164 may yet rule the waves... a bit of dry rot in 1294 brought us a convert from the Cod Fleet. Since our retiring secretary isn't a boat builder, and Orin Broberg is, Barney bought a new boat (5712) and Orin rebuilt 1294, and now they are both happy, and the fleet is one Lightning to the good. We had our annual series of Saturday and Sunday races. As so often happens around our lake, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places were separated by 1 point. Mary Joyce Glassey was in first place for the combined Saturday & Sunday series with 55 points, in second place with 54 points was Sam Thomas, and tied with him Doc Sanford... Since Sam had more 1sts, he of course got the nod.

Dr. Sanford, our traveling salesman and goodwill ambassador was off to regattas almost every weekend. He just dropped in on us often enough to stay in the running and come up with 3rd place in the Saturday and Sunday races. Our new Lightnings skippers for 1955 will include Donald Hart, brother of our race committee chairman R. Phillip No. 1350. Don has been a hot Cod Class skipper for some years. Also entering the ranks, and very likely headed for leadership of them for 1955, will be Orin Broberg who will be able to carry on his sailing feud with Don Hart as both are graduating from Cod to Lightnings. From the Comet group we are stealing Donald Diefendorf. Don has been a top Comet man for a long while. He is having some trouble making the weight, and with 4 or 5 sons to carry on for him, the name of Diefendorf should still be one to reckon with in Comet circles. We look forward to Don's arrival in the Lightning group with a mixture of pleasure and dread.

During our Labor Day races the thrill of battle overcame the scruples of our most reluctant skipper, and Jesse Silverman No. 4687, was persuaded to enter the ranks of the racers. Jesse did well too, came in about the middle of the group (and also a buoy or so) for his first try at competitive sailing.

We had a wonderful time at Cazenovia this summer, and the annual meeting on Doc Sanford's porch overlooking the lake, was charming. It followed a picnic supper and the business part of it was quickly and painlessly passed over.

Good fellowship and good sportsmanship abound at Fleet No. 164, and with our junior fleet watching us carefully we want to be sure to keep it just the way it is... Love of sky, wind and water and love of one's fellow man are well nurtured by sailing in groups like ours—if you live or visit our way, stop in and say hello. You will be most welcome at Cazenovia.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (168)

Southeastern District

Based on Upper Tampa Bay, Fla.

Fleet Captain Charles Harra
Fleet Secretary J. D. Henry
Fleet Champion E. P. MacBryde
Runner-Up Harold Balcom and Gene Hansen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1664	Sandola	James A. Johnston
2834	Skiball	Billie and J. D. Henry
2839	Playmate	Charles Harra
3231	Frolie	Dick and David Youngman
3876	Zombie	Harold Balcom & Gene Hansen
4419	Whim	Ernest MacBryde

The activities of fleet 168 were varied with several of our boats traveling to regattas all over the district.

Ernest MacBryde aboard the "Whim" placed first in the annual Sarasota Labor Day Regatta sailing in fresh breezes. The entire fleet 168 was present for the mid winter championships at St. Petersburg, with Harold Balcom capturing a second place in the last race.

Two boats journeyed to the district championships at Miami in June and enjoyed one of the finest regattas to date. A combination of light breezes and Miami night life is blamed for our representatives' inability to bring home the hardware.

The fleets championship series, scored on the Cox system, was completed with Ernie MacBryde's "Whim" nosing out Harold Balcom's "Zombie" for the honors.

This coming season is expected to see increased activity with the district championships being held just across our bay in St. Petersburg.



Don't look now but somebody is following you.

FLOTTE DES TROIS LACS (169)

Based on Lacs de Neuchatel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	J. P. de Bosset
Fleet Secretary	P. Gonset
Fleet Champion	H. Luthy
Runner-Up	W. Schmid

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
920	Gipsy II	P. Gonset
929		Th. Moeckli
4271	Yseult	A. Botteron
4450	Bosco III	J. P. de Bosset
4979	Akka	R. Zahnd
5396	Fervaal	P. Dresco
5562	Sinoe	G. Bovet
5666	Milan	W. Schmid



Part of Fleet 169 rounding a mark.

Like in other parts of Switzerland, Year 1954 can be described as a new birth of the Lightning-Class over here. For instance, on our three lakes, 3 Lightnings entered the 1952 Sailing Week, six entered in 1953, and fourteen in 1954.

This season, our fleet has been reorganized, and its first activity season was a success.

We sent four Lightnings to the first District championship, held on Lake Sempach: Bosco III, who brought back the District Champ Title, then Yseult, Fervaal and Gipsy II.

The first Fleet championship took place at Estavayer, during the last week-end of August. Our District Secretary, H. A. Luthy came specially from Lake Sempach (100 miles, quite a distance in Switzerland) and sailed his Lightning "Quand-meme" to victory. Second, and first from fleet 169 was Milan (W. Schmid), skipped by Colombi, Jr.; Gipsy II was third and Bosco III fourth.

Next season, fleet 169 organizes the District Championship. The fleet secretary hopes that all the Lightnings based on the three lakes will soon be members of our fleet.

Besides, about ten new Lightnings will be launched in 1955.

KINGSTON YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (171)

Based on Lake Ontario, Kingston, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain	Oscar Dahlstrom
Fleet Secretary	Everett Conley
Fleet Champion	Harry Jemmett
Runner-Up	Bart Dalton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2969	Kay	A. G. & F. A. MacLachlan
3082	Never Again	W. B. & Alevia Dalton
3084	Yellow Peril	E. S. Dalton
3821	Blitz	Freddie Siemonsen
3976	Mi Mag	Don Crothers
3983	Blixten	O. E. Dahlstrom
4061	Idle Hour	Mac De St. Remy
4062	Thunder	E. E. Conley
4203	Vamp	John McCullough

The Fleet Championship was sailed off as a round robin, each skipper sailing every boat. The championship crew, Harry Jemmett with Henry Connell and Barry Gilbert, are all junior sailors. This is the same crew that won the North American Junior Championship sponsored by the NAYRU and sailed in Lightnings in September 1954 at Holland, Michigan.

We are particularly proud of these Kingston juniors, the only Canadian entry at Holland. Not only did they go there and win the Sears Cup but they came back and "beat the pants" off the seniors in their own club.

BLACK HAWK LIGHTNING FLEET (172)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Ossining, New York

Fleet Captain	Walter Wimazal
Fleet Secretary	Dessie Wimazal
Fleet Champion	Thomas DeStasio in "Flair"
Runner-Up	Walter Wimazal in "Gisela II"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
819	Flair	Thomas V. DeStasio
1006	Gisela	Walter Wimazal
2155	First Effort	William R. Dunn
2734	Sneaky Pete	Walter Tripp

The Memorial Day Regatta, held at Grassy Point by Minisceongo Yacht Club, again started Lightning Activities on the Hudson River. In strong winds, Walter Wimazal in "Gisela II" finished first with Tom DeStasio in "Flair" in second place.

The next big race of the season was the YRA at Tarrytown. This was the first race ever to be sponsored by the YRA on the Hudson. Tom DeStasio in "Flair" placed third.

In our next big adventure, we decided to trail Tom DeStasio's "Flair" to the Atlantic Coast Championship with Walt Tripp and Walter Wimazal crewing. Again, strong winds prevailed entirely through the three races. At times, "Flair" must have been planing 20 miles per hour. We didn't do as well as we expected and placed in the middle of fleet. Here we met our old friends and are eagerly awaiting next year's race.

The Mid-Hudson Regatta at Minisceongo Yacht Club was the next event of the season. Joe Hoffee, from Nyack, last year's



Flair sailed by Thomas De Stasio, 1954 Fleet Champion

winner, again placed first, with Tom DeStasio, second and Walter Wimazal again placing third.

In the second race of the Mid-Hudson, the tide caught almost everyone and all sailors started drifting backwards, unable to anchor because the water in the channel was over 100 feet deep. Joe Hoffee was the only skipper to escape the tide and managed to bring his boat in over the line within the time limit.

At the Shattemuc Regatta, in a two-race series, Tom DeStasio in "Flair" placed second.

This year's fleet races were sailed with the Shattemuc Yacht Club every Sunday afternoon. Tom DeStasio came through as Fleet Champion for the 1954 season, making this his fourth consecutive year.

Tom sold "Flair" and next year will be sailing a new Olson named "Pan". With Tom's new boat and Walt Tripp's re-rigged "Sneaky Pete", we are most anxiously awaiting the coming of the new season.

BRANT BEACH FLEET (173)

Based on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....	John Hav
Fleet Secretary.....	Jack Kelly
Fleet Champion.....	Jack Kelly
Runner-Up.....	Bill James

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
97	"Old 97"	Richard Powell
580	Joseph Serrell
861	Roy Moore
1343	"Sonflower"	William Bowen
3705	"Kwitzer-belliaken"	William James
4137	"Hangover"	Peter Pierce
4961	"Bandit"	John Hay
5425	"Cele-It-Up"	John Kelly

A new era was ushered in for Fleet No. 173 with the start of the 1954 racing season. After a few years of fairly stagnant existence, the fleet has become quite active. Four new boats were added to the ranks at the beginning of the season, giving us

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a racing group of eight. Two more have already been added this fall, which should insure us of a fleet of ten for the '55 season. We are justly proud of this increase in membership.

The summer of '54 was one filled with the thrills of many close races and friendly gatherings afterward. The championship series of ten races, which were held every Saturday from July 3rd to Sept. 4th in winds varying from drifters to real gales, was won by the Kelly brothers—Jack, Gene, and Bill, in their new boat "Cele-It-Up." Bill James in his "Kwiterbellaken" with the very able assistance of Arnold Pierce and Tom Slack as crew, finished a very close second. The "Bandit", sailed by Johnny Hay, along with Harold "Clippity" Clopp and Bob Lee as crew wound up third. The fight for the club championship was one that was very close, with all boats changing position in the standings at one time or another. In fact it was not until the final race was history that the winner was decided.

No. 173 also held two highly successful special trophy races during the year—one on the 4th of July, and the other on Labor Day. The former was sailed in very light air that proved troublesome to all skippers. The Kelly boys crossed the finish line first but only by a very slight margin over Bill James, with Pete Pierce taking third. The Labor Day race turned out to be a real dogfight between James, Pierce, Hay and the Kellys.

Everyone had the lead during some of the race which closed the season in fine fashion. The finish line showed the Kellys over first, closely pursued by Bill James and Johnny Hay in that order. Pete Pierce had some very poor luck, for, when rounding the second mark, he just barely fouled it and thus dropped from the race.

This season, fleet No. 173 joined the Inter-club racing series with Little Egg Harbor Y. C. (No. 26) and Spray Beach Y. C. (No. 91). The racing proved to be very successful, and, though we didn't compete in all the races this season, we hope to next year.

We are all looking forward to the coming season as the best ever at B.B.Y.C. With the added competition and the large number of boats that will be racing, we can afford to be optimistic.

We also would like to extend a cordial welcome to all Lightning skippers to visit us whenever possible.

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET (174) Based on Lake Michigan at Grand Traverse Bay

Fleet Captain Carl F. Wagner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2723	Bob Morse
3008	Jane Basler
3401	Carl Wagner
4238	Mary Folz

It was mid-August at Omena when four of our Lightnings first gathered for a race. This first race was indeed a thriller with Mary Folz in No. 4238 crossing the finish line in a dead-heat with Carl Wagner in No. 3401. That race stimulated so much interest both among the skippers and the non-sailing spectators that a splendid turnout for the subsequent races resulted. By the end of the season there were at least three more Penquin skippers from the club, looking for good buys in Lightnings. We feel certain that the revived interest in our Lightnings will bring additional boats into the fleet next season and that we shall get off to an earlier start and be justified in naming a fleet champion.

LIGHTNING FLEET #175

Fleet Captain Cliff Prados
Fleet Secretary W. L. "Smokey" Somner
Fleet Champion Cliff Prados
Runner-up Walter Heiman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Boat Owner
1836	Scat	Jack C. Cobb
3477	Tinker	Jack N. Watts
3535	Bessie Boo	J. R. Nowery
3836	Ace of Spades	F. A. Fuller
4158	Strict Midlin	Douglas Yaeger
4161	Joheda	C. M. Zaenglein
4224	Cherie	Dr. J. E. Knighton
4264	Forays	J. F. Atkins
4342	Okie	J. F. Seger
4503	Pink Cloud	J. P. Beaird
4627	Nancy	L. M. Crow
4721	Trowbridge
4747	Solo	Luther Griffith
4838	Doodles	C. E. Ray
4996	Mary E. II	Walter Heiman
5151	Smokey	W. L. "Smokey" Somner
5202	Dixie	Cliff Prados
	Doodle II	

A low water level on Cross Lake brought about by three years of drouth greatly curtailed sailing activities of Fleet No. 175 during the 1954 season.

The Spring Regatta held at our new Club House was sailed over the weekend of May 1st. Approximately twenty Lightnings hit the starting line with entries from New Orleans, Bay St. Louis, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Tulsa. The 3-race series was won by Juby Wynne of Southern Yacht Club sailing Jane's Mink, followed closely by Cliff Prados in Dixie Doodle II of the Shreveport fleet. Third place was won by Horace Thompson of Bay St. Louis with O. L. Pitts of Fort Worth in fourth position.

Friday night before the series Fleet No. 175 entertained all of the L.C.A. skippers and crews with a cocktail party and buffet supper at the "Smokey" Somners' home. A big time was had by all. On the Saturday night after the first race a charcoal-broiled steak dinner was served to approximately 400 skippers, crews, and guests. The steaks had been especially selected for this occasion by that nationally known Snipe skipper, Eddie Williams of Kansas City.

After this regatta and until the quarter finals of the Mallory, Sears, and Quincy Adams Series which were held on the home course about mid August, very little organized competitive sailing was done by Fleet No. 175 due to the low water conditions.

A great honor was bestowed upon Fleet No. 175 when our own Cliff Prados was elected to the Presidency of the Lightning Class Association. We wish for Cliff and the Association, a very successful year.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

Greater Long Island District

Based on Great South Bay, New York

Fleet Captain M. Whiting Thayer
Fleet Secretary William E. Thomas
Fleet Champion William E. Thomas in
"Black Orchid"
Runner-Up Ed Schwoebli in "Babs"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
17	Vigilante	George Vollett
731	Barbette	Herbert M. Buerger
865		Charles O'Malley
2088	Babs	Ed Schwoebli
3031	Ko-La	A. D. Koehler
3904	Black Orchid	William E. Thomas
4695	Adios	M. Whiting Thayer

The 1954 racing season on the Great South Bay consisted of a heavy schedule of 30 races packaged in between the end of June and the middle of September. Boats from Fleet 178 were quite active and participated in all Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association races with excellent results.

The results of our own hotly contested Fleet Championship Series found William Thomas, sailing his "Black Orchid," on top with Ed Schwoebli's "Babs" runner-up and Charles O'Malley in "Jim III" finishing third.

Ed Schwoebli, a new member of the Fleet, had no trouble taking the 5 race Narrasketuck Y. C. Club Series with his "Babs".

Two years in the Service did not seem to have affected Whiting Thayer's sailing abilities as he returned to his winning ways by sweeping the popular Bellport Y.C. 3 race Labor Day Weekend Series in his "Adios".

William Thomas' "Black Orchid" also made a sweep of the Unqua Corinthian Y. C. Invitation Series but a tie resulted for second place between Charles O'Malley in "Jim III" and Ed Schwoebli's "Babs".

Heart Breaker Dept.—During the last race of the exciting Narrasketuck Y.C. Invitation Series, a steady South West wind blowing 30-40 MPH turned the Bay into a boiling pot. All boats were taking solid water into their cockpits. The last leg of the race was a broad reach and it found Ed Schwoebli sailing "Babs" leading the struggling boats by a wide margin. The fleet was now roaring toward the finish line and planing most of the time. With less than 100 feet to go Ed broke his rudder. As he sat helplessly by the boat flashed past the finish line but alas—on the wrong side of the marker.



William Thomas in Black Orchid Fleet No. 178 Champion



Bill Bindloss, Champion 183, out for a sail in Buffo.

WADAWANUCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (183) Connecticut District Based on Fisher's Island Sound, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Bruce Biddle
Fleet Secretary	Sam Knox
Fleet Champion	Bill Bindloss in "Buffo"
Runner-Up	Bruce Biddle in "Fiesta"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
685	B Flat	Barbara Biddle
1933	Debonair	Tommy Miller
1939	Runaway	Rand B. Jones
1946	Flash	Henry Perot
2205	Bay Bonnet	Whit Reynolds
2461	Malihini	Franklin Wood
2465	Joker	David & Joanna Graf
2469	Sabu	Robert Sellers
2779	Black Widow	Arleigh Nixon
2963	Ktaadn	Charles H. Simmons
3310	Prodigal III	Bobbette Johnstone
3866	Buffo	Bill Bindloss
3949	Lillian B.	Billings B. Fairbrother & Phillip W.
	Womrath	Cottrell
4148	Wassayek	A. B. Sprague Gallup
4151	Buffo	William Bindloss
5408	Hot Canary II	Samuel D. Knox
5453	Fiesta	Susan and Bruce Biddle
5743	Paychee	Henry Perot

1954 was a year both of progress and tragedy for the members of Fleet 183. Progress, in that the fleet had more active members than in any previous year, participated in more regattas, and was host for the first time for the Connecticut District Championship. Tragedy in that Carol, Edna, and Hazel—principally Carol, damaged or wrecked all but two boats in the fleet and made a complete shambles of the clubhouse,

bath houses and grounds. However, this has only strengthened the determination of the members to build a bigger and better fleet for 1955. Bill Bindloss has already replaced Buffo, and other boat owners are making plans to replace their wrecked craft with new boats. So we at Wadawanuck are looking forward to 1955 as the biggest and best year ever.

The Club Championship was nip and tuck all the way with Bill Bindloss in Buffo finally nosing out Bruce Biddle in Fiesta by 2 1/4 points. Bill also won the Club Junior Championship, nosing out Marcia Gallup sailing Li'l Batis'e by 10 1/4 points.

The District Championship brought together a record fleet of 38 boats representing all but three of the active fleets in the District. Sam Knox of Wadawanuck took two firsts out of the three races, but a seventh in the second wrecked his chances. Wally Crump of Noroton won with 102 points, with Knox and Bob Crane finishing second and third, both with 101 points.

The following week the fleet sent six boats to Niantic to compete in the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association regatta. Wadawanuck brought home the bacon from this event when Sam Knox in his Hot Canary II backed into first place when Bill Healy finished badly in the final race.

Other regattas in which Wadawanuck was represented were: Long Island Sound Lightning Championship (fifth place)
The Governor of Connecticut's Cup Regatta (third place)
The Internationals at Detroit (twenty-fifth place)

The program of developing interest in sailing and top notch junior skippers continued this year. A new fleet of Puddle Ducks put more young salts on the water than ever before, and our sailing instructor, Jim Gale, really had his hands full between teaching the novices, working on the midgets, and polishing up the juniors for the Sears Cup. Competition for the Club's one berth in the Sears Cup eliminations was so keen that a special three race series to determine the club's representative had to be run off. This was won by Rodney Johnstone. With Bill Bindloss and Howie Knox as crew, this team went on to win the eliminations against nine clubs, came in second in the semi finals for the Northeastern U.S. held at Stonington, and competed in the finals held at Holland, Michigan. This was the third time in four years that a Wadawanuck crew had reached the finals.

And so 1954 came to a successful close and all hands look forward to '55 with anticipation of plenty of close keen competition within the club and with all our good neighbors in the Connecticut District.

LELAND YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (184)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Fleet Captain Dick Evans
Fleet Secretary Abigail Mead
Fleet Champion Jim and Don Pendergast
and Sheila Broderick
in "Daisy Bell"
Runner-Up Chris, Dave, and Lee Workum in
"Tangle Toes"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1557	Mary Ann	J. C. Stimson, Jr.
2748		Mary McNally
3228	Daisey Bell	Jim Pendergast
3330	Blithe Spirit	Horace P. Abbott
3396		Dr. Vilter
3398		John Fisher
3403		Carol Brady
3782		George Bennett
4298	Tangle Toes	Lee J. Workum, Jr.
4393	Frelvido	Ellen Mitchell
4657		Jonny Birge
4679		Frank Bracken
4772	Wind Lass	Dick Evans
4842		Allen Mead
4876		Hank Harper
5023	Confusion	Avery Lynn Kimerly
5227		Biff Thomsen
5255		Dr. Carl Badgley
5256		Kendra Isbey
5318		Joanne Girs
5333	Celerity	Donna Riley
5367		Frank Ball
5645		Linda Sutton
5719		Tiger Shaffer

Fleet 184 saw twenty-one active Lightnings racing this past summer in what proved to be the most successful season thus far both from the standpoint of racing and increased interest.

The season opened as usual with a series of unofficial tune-up races in July. It continued through until September with the Wednesday and Saturday races of August determining our cup



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Fleet 184 Champion. Skipper Jim Pendergast with brother Don and Sheila Broderick in "Daisy Bell."

winners. When it came to totaling the season's results, no one was very much amazed to find that first place had been captured by skipper Jim Pendergast, with his crew Don Pendergast and Sheila Broderick, sailing in No. 3228, "Daisy-Bell". Dave, Chris and Lee Workum copped second place in "Tangle Toes", No. 4298. Allen Mead, with his sister Abigail and Ward Highstone as crew, came through with third place in "Two A.M.", No. 4842. In our Class "B", which was formed a few years ago to swell the interest of the fast growing group of newer and younger sailors, Donna Riley in No. 5333 came out on top with her crew Ronnie Riley and Jack Mead. Biff Thomsen with Georgiana and John Clark as crew took second place in the "B" Class.

In addition to our class races, the Lightnings competed with National One Designs, Thistles, Nippers, Scows, Rhodes Bantams, International 110's and Snipes in a series of bi-weekly handicap races, and we are proud to say that our Lightnings came out victorious, taking the first three places.

Clear weather, but a heavy gale prevailed for our Sixth Annual Leelanau Thirty-Mile Marathon, which saw the biggest turn out yet. Among the thirteen Lightning Starters all but two stuck it out, at least until they tipped over. Allen Mead and his crew Ward Highstone and Tom Lindquist in No. 4842 emerged victorious in record time, sailing thrice around each of our nine buoys.

One of the outstanding events of the season was a "Fun Day", in which eighteen Lightnings participated. It lasted the full day, with a break at noon for a picnic lunch at our new Yacht Club Building. The first race was a round-robin elimination, two boats sailing in each round on a one mile course until everyone was eliminated except—that's right—the Pendergasts in 3228. Three teams of six each were formed for the next race, in which all of the right of way rules were reversed. The third race was a tennis ball relay, comprising six teams of three boats each. In the last event skippers exchanged boats. Indeed, everyone enjoyed our unique "Fun Day".

Some of our sailors participated in a number of Regattas this past season. Jim Pendergast and Dick Evans trailed their boats to the Higgin's Lake Invitational Regatta on July 31st and August 1st. Jim Pendergast and Biff Thomsen represented Leland in the Presidents Cup Regatta at Grosse Pointe. These same two boats also sailed in the Red Flannel Regatta at Chicago on October 2nd and 3rd. Dave Workum and the Pendergasts traveled to Manitou Beach for the Devil's Lake Invitational Regatta on September 18th and 19th and to Buckeye Lake Yacht

Club for the Snow Ball Regatta. All of these sailors creditably represented Leland away from local waters, especially the Pendergasts, who placed sixth in the Presidents Cup Regatta.

When September approached, reluctantly calling it a season, we hauled out our boats and started right to work with sand paper and paint brushes, getting ready for a "better then ever" next season. Our annual Yacht Club Dinner, on September 4th, highlighted the year. The first place perpetual Paul Revere Silver Bowl and the keeper trophies of the "A" and "B" classes were presented to the respective winners. The Handicap Cup went to—you guessed it—Jim Pendergast again. In addition to the perpetual Marathon Trophy which was awarded to Allen Mead, certificates were given to the first five boats finishing, and small paddles to the skippers of the four boats which capsize that day. These awards were presented by the retiring Commodore, Harry Gilligan, who introduced the incoming Commodore, Joseph Broderick.

With prospects of counting some new boats among our members, we are looking forward to another fine year in 1955, and we sincerely hope that all of you will come and sail with us in our Invitational Regatta on Lake Leelanau next summer, the weekend following the Higgin's Lake Regatta.

RARITAN BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (185)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Perth Amboy, New Jersey & Great Kills, Staten Island

Fleet Captain	Royden Knapp
Fleet Secretary	L. R. Lewis
Fleet Champion	Irving Lewis
Runner-Up	Joseph Neiner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
52	Mischief	William Matthews
576	Blue Bird	Richard Barbieri
1239	Windward	Irving Lewis
1941	Libido II	Warren Hill
2450	Oh Go	William Bacon
2942	Allegro	Sam D'Angelo, Jr.
3309		L. L. Brennescholtz
3587		Marc McCord
4295	Ajax	Dr. A. Leitner
5241	Invader	Roy Knapp
5980	Adventuress	Joseph Neiner

This season started with Roy and Joe getting practiced up at the Monmouth (Fleet 70) Spring Series. Joe kept some of the magic and won our Memorial Day Series handily.

The Fleet Championship was tied between Joe and Irv but Irv had come in ahead of Joe one more time.

The Raritan Yacht Club sponsored Red Grant Regatta was raced under perfect conditions. There were about 70 boats of all classes racing. The hardware for Lightnings went as follows:

June Methot—First
Charlie Allaire—Second
Barbara Bull—Third
Irv. Lewis—Fourth

At the Mets, Roy came out fifth and was able to go to the Internationals. Fleet is proud to have been represented.

Labor Day week-end the Ladies put on a three race series. The finishes were close in each race but Grace Neiner sailing Marc's No. 3587 had some kind of a hex on the girls and won every race.

Our annual fall series included ten races—eight to count. A fine fleet of 12 to 14 boats competed in each race. The weather was perfect except for one race when the fog closed down so tight that visibility was about a boat length ahead of one's own stem—nice breeze too. Monmouth didn't get the first three this time, only two.

June Methot—First
Niel Clifton—Second
Irv. Lewis—Third

During the Fall Series the Raritan Yacht Club ward was full of visiting boats and one Friday came Hurricane Hazel. Joe, Doc Grant and others spent the afternoon unstepping masts and trailing boats to a safe haven in Doc's yard. Everyone was most grateful to find his boat safe.

Lightning No. 2770 belonging to Norm Herbert, a charter member of the Fleet, was destroyed by Hazel. It was moored out and was blown ashore.



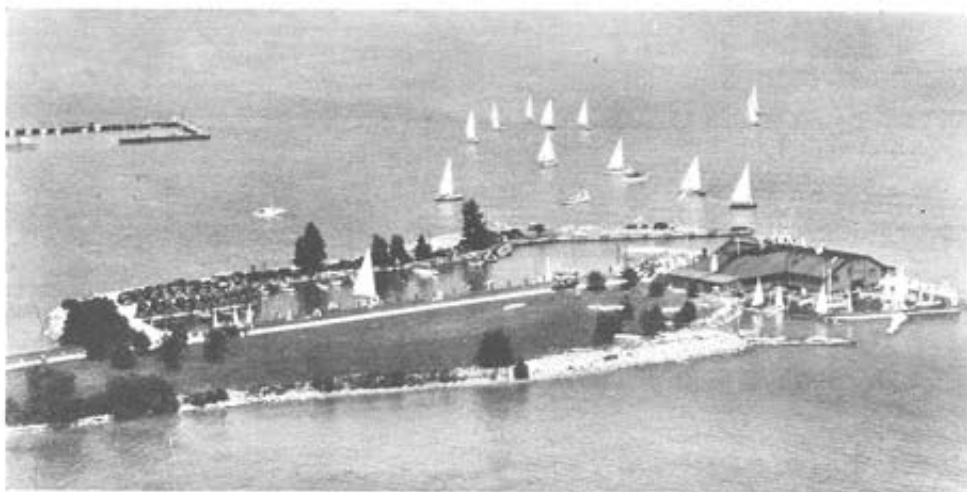
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BRITANNIA LIGHTNING FLEET (188) Based on Lake Deschene, Britannia Bay, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	Leo D. McKenna
Fleet Secretary	John E. Evans
Fleet Champion	Dr. Victor Pinard
Runner-Up	Leo D. McKenna

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1026	Drunken Sail	or Harold Sharpe
1451	Mistral III	Dr. Victor Pinard Alain & Jacqueline Pinard
1520	Corinthian	Leo D. McKenna
2957	Siboney	Harle B. Long
3085	The Mug	Grover C. Book
3678	The Pickle	Rolla L. Crain
4551	Margal	Dr. Alan C. Stinson
4745		Paolo Savini
5066	Blue-Belle	Marion & Jack Evans

The first meeting of the Britannia Lightning Fleet for 1954 was held at the Britannia Yacht Club on May 26th, 1954. The purpose of this meeting was to approve the sailing schedule for the coming season and to elect fleet officers.

Victor Pinard had been Fleet captain for the past two years and it was the opinion of all present that he should carry on in this capacity for another year. Vic thought he would like to have someone else take over the leadership of the fleet this year as he had been active in an executive capacity with the fleet since the charter was taken out some six years ago.

After a short discussion on the matter it was agreed that Leo McKenna take over as Fleet captain for the season and Jack Evans would again carry on as Fleet Secretary.

A report was given by the sailing division of the Yacht Club on the Lightning schedule for the year. There were to be two summer series, one series to be sailed on Wednesday evenings from June to September, and another series to be held on Saturday afternoons during July and August. The Wednesday series would be sailed for our Fleet championship trophy and the boat amassing the greatest number of points for this series would be named Fleet champion. The Saturday series was to be sailed for the Charles Ogilvy trophy, a new trophy donated to the Lightning Fleet by an Ottawa merchant. It was also decided that we would hold our annual Fall series the last weekend in September. The winner of this series to receive the Evans & Kert Trophy, donated by our secretary Jack Evans.

From all reports it looked as if 1954 would be the biggest year yet for our Fleet. We started the season with six boats and hoped to add one or two more before the end of the year. George Cook, who bought a used Lightning from Stony Lake in 1953, had been posted by the Navy to Halifax and his boat was bought by Air Commodore Harle B. Long. Harle and his two sons Bill and Bud refinished the boat with fiberglass and brought it to the club early in the season. They renamed the boat "Siboney".

The fleet decided that we should look at some second hand boats that were for sale and if we could get a good buy we would purchase the boats and bring them to Ottawa and resell them and in this way add to our fleet.

In June Al Pinard and Jack Evans travelled to Toronto to look at a boat that was up for sale in the Canadian National Yacht Club. The boat was in very good shape and the boys loaded it on the trailer and towed it back to Ottawa. An emergency meeting of the fleet was held to discuss the disposition of the boat. The meeting was hardly over when one of those present, Paolo Savini of the Italian Embassy expressed his interest in the boat. The next day Paolo bought the boat and started to put her in shape for the racing season. This made the total of our fleet seven boats.

We immediately set about looking for another boat for sale but it wasn't until late August that we heard of a boat at the Kingston Yacht Club that had not been used his year and was up for sale. Another trip was planned and Leo McKenna, Al Pinard and Jack Evans hitched up the trailer and headed for Kingston, a distance of some 125 miles. The boat was thought to be a bargain at the price so the boys loaded it and headed back to Ottawa after an enjoyable evening at the Kingston Yacht Club.

This brought the total amount of boats in our fleet up to eight, an all time high for Fleet No. 188. The fleet members immediately set about caulking and painting the boat in order to get it in shape for our fall series. Shortly after the boat was launched, Grover Book, Sr., a member of the club, said that he was interested in the boat. After taking it out a few times Grover decided that a Lightning was the boat for him so we had another keen member of our Fleet.

The racing at the yacht club in 1954 was very keen. The Lightnings were a little late starting but after the middle of June we had five active boats taking part in our Wednesday evening championship series. This series was one of the most hotly contested of any races at the club. When the final points were totalled up at the end of August it was seen that our charter member Vic Pinard was on top of the heap, with Leo McKenna in second place. This gave Vic the Fleet championship and the Championship Trophy. Everyone was pleased that Vic had won the Championship as it was his first year in active sailing since his recent illness.

The shorter Saturday series was won by Leo McKenna with Vic Pinard as runner-up. By winning this series Leo became the second winner of the Charles Ogilvy trophy.

One of the most interesting races to be held at the club in 1954 was the Kirby Memorial Race. This race was for trophies put up by the Kirby boys, Bruce and Dave, in memory of their late father David Kirby, one of the original members of the B.Y.C. This race was an eight mile race sailed across Lake Deschenes and back, consisting of four legs across the lake and four back again. This race was for any type of sailing craft, the winner to be determined by the handicap system.

Five Lightnings took part in this race with Vic Pinard coming in tenth out of twenty some boats.

Our Fall series was held on the last weekend in September. Five races in all were planned. Three to be held on Saturday and two on Sunday. There was a very good breeze on Saturday and the three races were sailed off without a hitch. All eight boats were out for this series. After the first three races on Saturday all Skippers and crews retired to the Pinards cottage (known around the club as the Casbah) for our annual Fall party. Vic and Jacqueline Pinard were excellent hosts and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

On Sunday the weather was very poor with a very light breeze. Before the first race was half over the wind died completely. No boats finished before the time limit, therefore the points were totalled up and we decided to call the series complete. The series winner was Alain Pinard who with his victory became the first winner of the new Evans & Kert Trophy.

After the racing schedule at the Britannia Yacht Club was completed a presentation dinner was held at which all trophies and pennants were presented. This was the first year that any pennants were made available to the Lightning sailors and Vic Pinard made off with a fair share of them.

It was hoped that some races would be held in October but the weather could not be counted on so we contented ourselves with cruising and day sailing for the remainder of the season. At the end of October a haul out was organized and all the skippers and their crews met at the club and one by one the Lightnings were hauled out and put to bed for the coming winter.

This year was thought to be very successful for the Lightnings. We had added two boats to the Fleet this year and hoped to bring the total number of boats in the Fleet up to ten in 1955. Leo McKenna has announced that his boat is up for sale and that he is in the market for a new Lightning. Also Rolla Crain who this year kept his boat at his cottage on the Rideau Lakes has expressed his desire to bring his boat to the club in 1955 and take part in our races.

We are all eagerly awaiting the start of the sailing season in 1955 and we all feel sure that it will be the best yet for Fleet No. 188.

MARBLEHEAD HARBOR FLEET (189)

New England District

Based on Marblehead Harbor and Massachusetts
Bay, Marblehead, Mass.

Fleet Captain	Richard Price
Fleet Secretary	Frances G. McCarthy
Fleet Champion	Henry Ashley in "Six Bits"
Runner-Up	Donald Peach and Ralph Carlton in "Donelen"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
401	Fouette	Edward Gleason, Carole Gleason and William Gleason
1368	Bluette	Robert McCarthy
2082	Salt Shaker	Howard J. Stagg II
2361	Spook	Harold Hokanson
2371	Falcon	Kenneth Kimball
2577		Frederick Pothier
2581	Topkick	Robert Packard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2816	Blitz Blick	Rev. John Sullivan
2880	Mark II	Robert Cook
2972	Geronimo	Frederick Bassett and Wilbur Bassett
2973	-----	Robert Wigglesworth
3205	B and B	Byron Cherry
3229	Christiana	Ralph and Judy Swan
3245	Bowline	Phillips Lord
3989	-----	Thomas Eagan
4362	Crusader	Charles E. Kelly
4412	Deb-Mar	Norris Harris
4801	Celest	Richard Price
4854	Gadget	Paul Bromley
4914	Salmar	Joseph Farrell
5025	Six Bits	Henry Ashley
5282	Donelen	Donald Peach and Ralph Carleton
5660	Wasp	Edward Sullivan
5673	Ronalee	John Abbott
5682	Defiance	Ted Tyler
	Jacilo	Forest Standley

A most eventful season was opened on Memorial Day. Henry Ashley's win in that first race was significant of things to come during the remainder of the season, when all too often he showed his transom to fleets of all sizes.

The fleet averaged twenty starters on the line for four races a week with the hurricane sisters, Carol and Edna called the season's racing to an abrupt halt at the end of August.

Winners of our different series follows:

Pleon Yacht Club—Sunday series "Jacilo" Forrest Standley
Wednesday series "Fouette" Edward, Carol,
William Gleason
Corinthian Yacht Club—1st series "Salmar" Joseph Farrell
2nd series "Six Bits" Henry Ashley
Season winner "Six Bits" Henry Ashley
Eastern Yacht Club—Season winner "Six Bits" Henry Ashley
Sunday series "Donelen" Donald Peach,
Ralph Carlton

Our heartiest congratulations go out to all of these top competitors!

In the social line we were also active. During the pre-racing season from November to April, the women of the fleet were hostesses at three bean suppers. In addition to the excellent home cooked food, good entertainment was enjoyed.

Once the good weather arrived, we took to the great outdoors for a chowder party at one of the local beaches. That was such a success that it was followed closely by a weenie-roast at the same beach. Just as everyone was getting in the swing of things socially, Marblehead Race Week came along, so Fleet No. 189 played host to the visiting Lightning people at another weenie-roast. This too was a success as everyone who attended later testified.

The next good excuse for having a party was the departure of three Marblehead skippers and crews for Detroit and the International Regatta. This one was held on an island in the harbor, which is owned by John Abbott, skipper of No. 5673 "Ronalee". At the party each of the departing skippers was presented with a rabbit's foot, which was to be carried to Detroit for good luck. Rumor has it that the three paws are now at the bottom of Lake St. Clair.

The final party of the sailing season was also held on "Abbott's Island" in September. Several, but not all of the skippers and crews attended this last one.

Unique was one party not previously mentioned. The parents of Frances and Bob McCarthy held a garden party for the faith-

ful fans, who gather at Lighthouse Point or Fort Sewall to cheer on their favorite boat during all the races. As much enthusiasm is shown by this group as by any of the participants.

Fleet No. 189 was host for the New England District Regatta this year. It was a rather eventful week-end with the weather man giving us a sample of everything from dead calm to boat up-setting gales. An account of this regatta will be found elsewhere in this publication. However, we are happy to report that two Marblehead skippers kept the honors at home. Henry Ashley in his "Six Bits" and Dick Price in his "Celest" came in one—two for the three race series.

Another outstanding event this season was the excellent record attained by the more than thirty Lightnings that participated in Marblehead Race Week. On Wednesday of Race Week, national attention was focused on the racing because of the terrific squalls that had such a damaging effect on all fleets racing. With most boats in some classes capsizing or accepting tows home, several Lightnings finished in excellent time and in good condition. Winner of the overall trophy for Lightnings for Race Week was Dick Price in his "Celest"—another victory for Fleet 189. Long distance prizes for Race Week entrants could have been given to Scott Rich and Bob Perrigo, who trailed their "Black Maria" from Cuba Lake, New York; Bob Hayward who trailed his "Hoozabum" from Syracuse, New York or Sam Stowell, who came down from Lake Bomoseen in Vermont. All left with vivid memories of their stay here.

The racing season was brought to an untimely end when hurricane "Carol" cleared out the harbor, leaving only Frances and Bob McCarthy's "Bluetie" in sailing condition. Most of the boats that were broken up by the storm will after a lot of hard work, be out on the line, when the first gun sounds the opening of the 1955 season.

Officially closing the season was the annual banquet and election of officers.

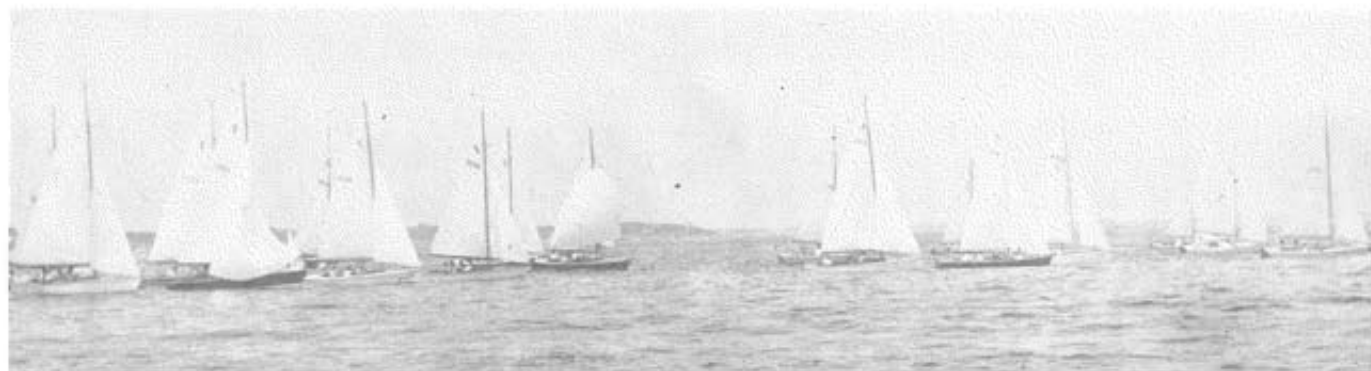
NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

Dixie District

Based on North East River, Chesapeake Bay,
North East, Md.

Fleet Captain	Carl W. Thompson, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Wm. F. Holton
Fleet Champion	Jamie Maconachy
Runner-Up	Louis P. Holladay

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
355	Pagabella II	Alfred E. Ward
466	Avanti	Hilda Nill
627	Dutchess	Jimmy McCann
738	Jolly Roger	Louis P. Holladay
741	Magic Carpet	E. L. Wilkinson
1162	-----	Jack Chambers
1624	Andiamo	Dixie Carty and Bobby Thomas
2737	-----	August Bellanca
2892	Duck Soup	Howard T. Games
2894	Five Brothers	Theodore B. Strange
3438	Caliban	Stanley Munger and Robert Mallouk
3439	Folly	Henry D. Maconachy
3444	-----	Robert McWhorter
3508	Gryphon II	Wm. F. Holton



New England Regatta at Marblehead—Fleet No. 189

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3600	Relampago	Carl Reed
3665	Towser	Charles W. Todd
4085	Landfall	Carl W. Thompson, Jr.
4588		Lee F. Brown
4599	Arielle	Francis M. Bunch
4811	Atom	Thomas G. Allen
5391		Peter Frankenburg

Everything was up this year. Coffee prices, the stock market, the Giants, hurricanes, and the activity of the North East River Fleet. Twenty-odd (and some of them were) races, an International Champion, and for the finale, a big blow.

Our annual four Sunday skull sessions in Holladay's Rathskeller started in February this year in an attempt to get the book-work over before good boat-working weather arrived. Result—four sunny Sundays. The meetings have served their purpose well. New skippers become acquainted with the Fleet, and everyone learns a few new facets of Tuning, Tactics, Rules and Spinnaker handling, in addition to the latest words on new finishes and fittings.

The first week in April saw five boats go overboard, and the season was on. Scrub races whetted the edge of competition to a fine gleam as more boats slid in every weekend, and the Tune-Up Regatta in June started the official racing season.

The shape of things to come was heralded that weekend when Atom, skippered by Tom Allen, displayed a well polished transom and swept the series. The same transom, preceded by Tom, the crew, Woody Yeager and Ben Tyson, and the rest of the boat, finished first four times for another clean sweep in the Dixie District races at Indian River in July, and in September Tom added the International Trophy to the Atom's already bulging locker. Tom is one of the quietest sailors we've ever known, but he certainly knows how to talk to a boat.

With a larger Fleet, interest in outside regattas increased. Five boats went to the District races, Al Ward trailed Niald to the Miles River Regatta to watch the log canoes, and snare the runner-up kudo in the Lightning event, and Carl Thompson came back with the third place spot from the Sparrow's Point regatta in August. A growing interest in sailing among the younger set started the Junior Series for skippers and crew under 17. They

got plenty of sailing experience, and some of the oldsters got the grey hair. If the boat isn't actually awash, reasons a Junior skipper, it's not too windy for the spinnaker.

The end of the Fall Series of six races was approaching when the big blow came through on October 15th, henceforth to be known as Black Friday. Hazel left us with just six boats in sailing condition. The derelicts were hauled out Saturday, and then the remaining six, not being ones to pass up a good breeze, and with the first abundance of crew all season, quickly finished out the series and hauled out before Hazel could have another try. By next season, there will be quite a few experienced ship's carpenters among us. The results of the most successful season Fleet 192 has ever had shape up like this:

Tune-Up Regatta		
1	4811	Thomas G. Allen
2	738	Louis P. Holladay
3	2892	Howard T. Games, Jr.
Summer Series		
1	4588	Lee F. Brown
2	1624	Dixie Carty
3	3438	Stanley Munger
Championship Series		
1	3439	Jamie Maconachy
2	738	Louis P. Holladay
3	3438	Stanley Munger
Fall Series		
1	3439	Ruth Maconachy
2	4588	Lee F. Brown
3	2892	Howard T. Games, Jr.
Junior Series		
1	3439	Jamie Maconachy
2	355	Richard Henion
3	4599	Frank Bunch



Jamie Maconachy in Folly. Champion of Fleet No. 192

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MISSION BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (194)

California District

Based on Mission Bay, California

Fleet Captain	Dr. Ralph King
Fleet Secretary	C. Kelvin Savell
Fleet Champion	Kenneth Glazebrook
Runner-Up	Archie Walker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1452	Papigo	Louis E. Smith
1457	Viva	Norval Diamond
1530	Tantrum	Dr. Winston C. Hall
1531	Adios	Wm. V. Pirie
1596		Carl Eichenlaub, Sr.
1974	Relampo	Archie Walker
2368	Fanci	Adrian Poirier
2429	Fury	Ty Vaughn
2476	Gray Mystery	K. A. Glazebrook
2486	Shebang	Til Schafer
2633	Flash	Albert Austin
3838	Black Magic	E. L. Anderson
4060	G Wiz	C. C. Vandegrift
4573	Fiesta	Wes Krymer
4827	Nahra	F. F. Riglesberger
5064		Bill Radcliffe
5422		Dick Boyer
5508		Hugh Smith
5536		C. A. MacKenzie
5773	Balderdash	Dr. Ralph King
5776		Kelvin Savell

Under the most able guidance of Fleet Captain Ralph King, the past year has been one of great success. The spirit of sportsmanlike competition is at an all-time high and even on Sundays when no official races are being held, there are usually six to eight Lightning holding brush races all day long. Our fleet is based on Mission Bay, which is a more or less natural body of water separated from the ocean by a narrow strip of land (or sand if you prefer) a mile and a half long. We have the advantage of the ocean breeze without its swells and chop. In the past few years, the bay has been dredged of many of the tide-flats, so there is plenty of water for several race courses, all of which may be seen from the clubhouse. We consider our location most fortunate, not to mention that our sailing season starts in January and ends December 31st.

The District Championship was held in July, in the ocean off North Island, south of Point Loma, sponsored by Fleet No. 194. It was won, for the second time in succession, by Fleet No. 194, the winner being Ty Vaughn in FURY No. 2429. Ty has had only a year and a half in the FURY and in the Lightning Class, which shows what can be done by a good man in a good boat. Details of the regatta have been published in FLASHES and will be part of the California District Report.

Bill Radcliffe launched his Lightning JOLLY RADCLIFFE early in the summer, and it is very beautiful. We are glad to have him with us. From a late report, Bill will be the Official Measurer for this part of the California District.

Wes Krymer has recently purchased the FIESTA No. 4573 and is starting to give the boys up front a bad time. Wes has been a triple-threat man in the Penquin class for years. He is a very welcome addition to our fleet.

Dr. Winston C. Hall purchased TANTRUM No. 1530 from Dr. Ralph King. Dr. Hall has the makings of an all-weather crew in his family; he'll never have to scurry around to find a crew at the last minute. Another fine sportsman in the fleet.

Before Dr. King sold the TANTRUM, he had made sure that the keel for his new boat BALDERDASH No. 5773 had been laid and was well on its way. His new boat was delivered the last part of October. From early trials, it looks as though more will be heard of the BALDERDASH in the future. It's a pretty thing too.

FANCI No. 2368 was bought by Adrian Poirier and is still sailing with Fleet 194. Adrian is new to Lightnings and sailing, still he is doing a very good job and before too long will be taking his share of the hardware.

Hugh Smith has all but completed the building of another very fine Lightning No. 5508. He and his family are having a hard time deciding on a name for her. The boat has mahogany top-sides and a white enamel bottom. The trim is blond, so you can imagine what a striking boat it is. He'll be sailing soon with Fleet 194.

C. A. (Mac) MacKenzie is just about ready for the planking on his boat, so it will be Spring before the big splash.

No. 5576 (as yet un-named) is being built by Kelvin Savell and will be launched in March (I Hope).

Carl Eichenlaub Sr., has bought and reconditioned a Lightning and has been in competition with Fleet 194 for the past few months. He is the father of one of the best small-boat skippers on the west-coast. Carl Eichenlaub represented the West Coast in the Mallory Cup Series this fall at New Orleans.

Bill Pirie represented the California District at the Internationals this year at Detroit. His report of the event was given at the last fleet meeting. The lakes just don't seem able or willing to give us our kind of weather. Bill is a fine sailor and a wonderful person and for this reason was unanimously elected California District Commodore. Bill is organizing a fleet of Regatta Hoppers who will sail in all of the Major regattas within trailer distance this next year. This way he hopes to increase the number of fleets in the District. He is just the man that can do it.

Doc King in BALDERDASH placed third in the Coronado Y.C. Thanksgiving Lightning Regatta. 18 boats turned out.

SURF CITY LIGHTNING FLEET (196)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat & Manahawkin Bays

Fleet Captain	John Mathieson
Fleet Secretary	Doris Lorenz
Fleet Champion	Otto Hansen
	in "Time N Tide"
Runner-Up	Frank Gray in "White Cap"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
477		Francis Temme
780	Sea Nymph	Fred and Doris Lorenz
787	Jeanie	John H. Elfman
1241		C. L. Wenkenbach
1351	T.N.T.	Otto Hansen
1876	Jiggaroo	E. J. Lavery
1878	Valkyrie	Jay Karbach
2741	Tri-boy	Henry S. Clime
5046		John M. Mathieson
5092	Crepper	Chauncy & Alan Stoneback
5450	Sea Hawk	Kenneth A. Swannstrom
5522	White Cap	Frank Gray
	Sancy	Myron Fleming

With the bang of the starting gun on the first day of racing in the 1954 season, the skippers of Fleet 196 knew that the finishes would be close in the races to come. The sight of our new clubhouse was enough to make anyone want to get back quickly, but



Get her down boy. That water looks real wet. Fleet No. 196

the competition was so keen that an added incentive was not really needed.

Frank Gray, in his new Lippincott "White Cap" gave our other greats, such as Otto Hansen, "Time N Tide", Al and Chauncy Stoneback, "Creeper", and Ken Swanson, "Sea Hawk", a tough time, and ended the season in second place. Last year's club champion, Otto Hansen, stepped forward again this year at our Annual Banquet to accept the Julius Christian Hansen Memorial Trophy for first place. Otto had a definite asset in his fine crew of Bob Myers and Jay Karback. Their spinnaker work was a miracle in precision.

This year another perpetual trophy, to be awarded annually to the skipper showing the greatest amount of improvement over last year's records, was donated by the Lightning skippers. It was presented to John Mathiesen. John and his crew did a great job and really had the rest of the boys worried. The spectators and race committee had Johnny to thank for some very exciting, split-second finishes.

We had a Saturday and Sunday series this year, made possible by our race committee chairman, Jim Holland. Jim was always on hand when he was needed, and the skippers really appreciated his willingness. Jay Karback, with Otto Hansen and Bob Myers as his crew, copped first place in the Sunday Series. Right behind him to take second place Frank Gray. Congratulations, boys.

The members of the Surf City Club were very disappointed when Hurricane "Edna" cancelled out the plans of what would have been the Sixth Annual Open Regatta. We will try again next season and hope for weather more suitable for sailboats. The following week-end we did have a few skippers from the other clubs on the Island down for a race; we hope they had as much fun as we did.

Every club has its share of calamities, and this year four of our members had trouble in the form of broken masts. Fortunately, most of the masts met their fateful end toward the end of the season. Those on the list of casualties were Otto Hansen, Myron Fleming, John Elfman, and Fred Lorenz.

We were all very proud of our fleet this year because even those who did not end up in first places raced consistently. With so many new masts in order, and with the usual sprucing up of the boats for the coming season, we are anticipating another exciting summer in 1955.

CHAUTAUQUA LIGHTNING FLEET (198)

Based on Chautauqua Lake, Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain..... Robert Birmingham
Fleet Champion..... John Byerly & Cliff Skinner
in "Raven"
Runner-Up..... John Paul Jones in "Tina"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
520	Challenger	Sue Wagner
543	Blue Lightning	Paul and Dave Arnold
710	Windsong	Florence & Paul Norton
1150	Clubtub	Bill Fleck and Chuck Hazlett
1342	Thunder	Bob Walkerman
1344	Mimmie	Becky & Tilda Sample
1346	Idiot's Delight	Dewitt DeWeese
2758		Camel Brandon
2759	Wind Wisp	John & Paul Magnus
2763	Telos	Jim and Walt Braham
2798	Jesse James	Sally Hunt
2840	C-Lark	Robert Clark
2922	Kro-Flite	Milt Weaver
2923	Raven	John Byerly and Cliff Skinner
2924		Robert Birmingham
3686	High C's	Herbert Huffman
4644		Joe Barr
5579	Tina	J. P. Jones

The Chautauqua Lightning Fleet in 1954 enjoyed the most active and successful season of its nine-year history. We had an average of from nine to eleven entries in each of our eighteen hotly contested races, scheduled every Saturday and Sunday from the Fourth of July weekend until Labor Day.

We were very fortunate to add a new boat to our fleet last year. John Paul Jones spent the entire previous winter constructing "Tina", (5570). His work paid off, for although he had had no previous racing experience he lived up to his name and placed an easy second for the season, showing his transom to most of the fleet's "old salts". He collected a total of three firsts, seven seconds, and three thirds, and led the fleet in points until the last few races.



Fleet Champions John Byerly and Cliff Skinner in "Raven"

Chautauqua Lake's undisputed champions, however, remained John Byerly and Cliff Skinner in "Raven" (2923). They ended up with nine blue ribbons in twelve starts to win the Season Series for the third straight year and retire the Paul Magnus Trophy. Following this they sold their boat to Jackie McCreadie who skippered it in the five-race Labor Day Series. We all hope they will be back sailing with us soon.

Third spot in the Season's Series was taken by Bob Birmingham in 1924 who, although only sixteen years old, is rapidly improving and finished ahead of many more experienced skippers.

The Arnolds in "Blue Lightning" (543) and John and Paul Magnus in "Wind Wisp" (2759) tied for fourth spot. As they were only four points behind third place, these three positions were not certain until after the final race.

One of the highlights of the season was the annual One-Day Regatta held by the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club of Lakewood on August 15. John Byerly and Cliff Skinner won this event, while Bob Birmingham and the Magnus brothers were second and third respectively.

The next Sunday, with our Lakewood friends as guests, we held the last race of the Season Series. John Byerly and Cliff Skinner also won this contest, followed by J. P. Jones and Bob Walkerman of Lakewood. After the race, Mr. Walter C. Shaw held the annual Trophy Buffet Supper and the season's awards were presented.

Two of the Chautauqua Lightning Fleet's boats trailed to the Central New York Yacht Racing Association Regatta held on Lake Cayuga July 30 and 31 and August 1. John Byerly and Cliff Skinner placed seventh, while Bob Birmingham, attending his first regatta, was twenty-fourth in a field of thirty-three starters.

After the Season Series, the Chautauqua Lightning Fleet held a five-race Labor Day Series. Mr. Shaw donated engraved cigarette lighters as trophies for the contests. First place was captured by Bob Birmingham, while J. P. Jones was second and Jackie McCreadie was third. Jackie, who was only thirteen years old and had had no racing experience, took two seconds and a third. He should be justly proud of his first efforts.

Our prospects for the coming year are even brighter. Joe Barr has purchased Lightning 4644 and plans to race regularly. In addition, Dick Karslake, a reformed "C" Scow sailor, hopes to have a boat by summer, and Bob Walkerman intends to keep his "Thunder" at our end of the lake and participate more actively in our contests. We are looking forward to another banner year!

NORTHPORT POINT LIGHTNING FLEET (202)

Michigan District

Based on Northport Bay, Northport Point, Michigan.

Fleet Captain	Susan Rike
Fleet Secretary	Bill Duncan
Fleet Champion	Bill Miles
Runner-Up	George Bunn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
740		T. O. Wentworth
4168		Susanne Rike
4169	Papoose	Sarah Hamilton Minor
4170		Bill Duncan
4171		Bill Miles
4237	Booger	Bill Dohrmann
4391	Becky	Sam Jones & George Bunn

Fleet 202 experienced a successful summer under the leadership of Commodore and Sailing Master Bill Dohrmann. The skippers and crews were the youngest in the history of the fleet, and as a result several races had to be postponed because of the weather. However at the end of a twelve race series Bill Miles, George Bunn, and Bill Duncan finished first, second and third respectively. Third place was the tight spot, Bill Duncan, Suzie Rike and Katie Dohrmann all were within three points of each other. On the seventeenth of July two boats sailed down to Suttons Bay for a regatta at the Omena Traverse Yacht Club. Bill Dohrmann in Booger won a handsome third place trophy. Everyone is looking forward to a better year next summer with more interest and keener competition.

SAN ISIDRO LIGHTNING FLEET (203)

Argentina District

Based on Port San Isidro, Rio de la Plata, Argentina

Fleet Captain	Hector Jorge Massa
Fleet Secretary	Jorge Valera

Boat No.	Name	Skipper
3674	Ancon	Eduardo Sarquis
4352	Swann III	Jorge Valera

Boat No. Boat Name Skipper

4581	Repunte	Hector Jorge Massa and Alberto Migone
4692	Cueca	Club Universitario de Buenos Aires
4693	Malambo	Club Universitario de Buenos Aires
4708	Pegaso	Ignacio Prack and Walter Carrera
4734	Marejada	Agustin Isnard
5407	Viruta	Carlos R. Lopez

FLEET 203 REPORT FOR 1954 SEASON

Our fleet had a successful sailing season during the last summer. The season began in October of 1953 and ended in April 1954.

Our boats raced in open regattas with the participation of the members of Fleets 182 and 206. On the 11th of October, the Inaugural Regatta was held on the XXV Anniversary of the Argentine Yacht Racing Federation Trophy and was won by Hector Massa with REPUNTE.

Migone and Massa, alternating as skippers, won all the races held during the racing season—the San Fernando Club Open Race, Club Nautico San Isidro Open Race, Olivos Cup and San Isidro Cup.

The Argentine Championship was organized by our fleet and the Club Nautico San Isidro. Massa as skipper finished in the first place, with Migone and Fermin Rodriguez as crew. Second was another member of our fleet, Jorge Valera with SWANN III, Jorge Sanjurjo and Martin Ezcurra as crew.

Next season promises to be an active one with probably more boats in competition than ever before.

MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (204)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Macatawa, Holland, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Paul Harms
Fleet Secretary	Cherry Copeland
Fleet Champion	Jane Boyd in "Janie Bee"
Runner-Up	Paul Harms in "Wau-Zoo"

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Start of the Sears Cup Series for the North American Junior Sailing Championship using M.Y.C. Lightnings.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3784	Tryon	Stanley Curtis
3899	The Vagabond	Reemer Boersma
4227	At Last	Robert Linn
4338	Jamie B	David Boyd
4340	Dolphin	John Carl McDonald
4944		William Johnson
4945	Cherry Pitter II	George W. Copeland
5093	Wau-zoo	Dr. H. P. Harms

The Fleet had generally rough weather, but fine sailing during the 1954 season which resulted in a new fleet champion.

A crew was selected from the Lightning Fleet to represent the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club at the Lake Michigan Yachting Association (Sears-Cup) semi-finals held at the St. Joseph River Yacht Club.

The crew consisted of:

Paul Harms	Skipper
Bill Harms	Crew
Cherry Copeland	Crew
Gretchen Boyd	Alternate

They placed a very close second after breaking a spar in one race and being disqualified in another, losing out by a mere quarter of a point.

The local Fleet was proud to furnish the Lightnings used for the North American Junior Sailing Championship, known as the Sears Cup Finals for 1954. The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club acted as hosts for this International event which for the second time in history was sailed on fresh water.

On Labor Day, at the end of the season, trophies were awarded to the following:

Fourth of July Series		
First		Paul Harms
Second		Caryl Curtis
Third		Sally Copeland
Saturday Series		
First		Jane Boyd
Second		Paul Harms
Third		Caryl Curtis
August Series		
First		Jane Boyd
Second		Paul Harms
Third		Caryl Curtis
Sunday Series		
First		Jane Boyd
Second		Paul Harms
Third		Caryl Curtis
Labor Day		
First		Caryl Curtis
Second		Paul Harms
Third		Sally Copeland

TULSA SAILING CLUB (205)

Sailing on Lake Yahola, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Kansas-Oklahoma District

Fleet Captain	George Groom
Fleet Secretary	J. F. Barth
Fleet Champion	T. H. Flanagan
Runner-Up	R. P. Lennart

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
30	Kate	F. C. Ziegler
130	Tally 'Ho	Frank S. Effron
439		D. W. Albertson
440	D.O.	Harris Squire
1704	Impromptu	R. P. Lennart
2538	Margo III	R. E. Kirberger
2967	Trade Winds	T. H. Flanagan
3419		R. M. Wheeler
3427		R. P. Caudle and J. H. Coman
3458		Paul Reisher and R. W. Drake
4749		George Groom

The 1954 season has been our most progressive and one that will long be remembered. Competition was keener, interest was greater, there were more "Lightnings" sailed, and we had more fun! Maybe it's because we finished our clubhouse, except for minor details which must wait, and had more time for sailing. Even though the drought brought some unusually hot summer weather, it didn't discourage most of the skippers and crews who were always on hand for the week-end races.

Fleet No. 205 held twenty-one scheduled Lightning races during the 1954 season. And some of our newer members are making it tough for the old salts. Three more Lightnings have been added to our fleet—Nos. 439, 440, and 3419. No. 120, still out of commission after last year's disaster, will be sailing again next year—with some more new Lightnings, we hope. Sailing with Fleet 205 are also four Snipes and a catamaran.

Our regularly scheduled Labor Day Handicap races were based on the summer series standings as of August 29. Three trophies were awarded: George Groom, in "Hi 'Ho," placed first to win the trophy. The second place trophy went to Frank Effron, sailing "Tally 'Ho." T. H. Flanagan started last but crossed the finish line, in "Trade Winds", to cop the third place trophy.

The Standard Magnesium Trophy races were sailed the week-end of October 9 and 10. T. H. Flanagan took the honors, winning a close one. R. P. Lennart, runner-up for the season, placed second in "Impromptu", and George Groom took third.

Winners of the Ziegler trophy races sailed November 13 and 14 were: First place, T. H. Flanagan for the grand prize; second place, R. P. Lennart; and third place, George Groom, each winning a trophy.

No season passes without those special occasions and incidents. After finishing the last race of the Labor Day week-end and while enjoying the after-the-races festivities, out of a flat calm an unannounced freak tornado with winds in excess of sixty miles per hour struck suddenly, capsizing all boats at their moorings and putting a damper on our party. The remainder of the evening was spent righting and pumping out the boats. Most embarrassing was the fact that a lone Snipe, with her centerboard up, rode out the storm and didn't ship a wave.

For years we have sailed in Oklahoma "tornadoes" without greater mishaps than an occasional torn jib. But this year, during the races, the unpredictable winds of Lake Yahola overturned two Lightnings, dunking skippers and crews.

The drier members of the club commemorated these events with a large framed picture hung over the fireplace in the clubhouse depicting a jaunty crew riding the sides of an overturned Lightning, and inscribed with the names of the members of the new Slosky Sloops Club. Qualification for membership must be



Fleet Champion "Trade Winds" with new dacrons in action.

earned through baptism by immersion, or capsizing during a race. First to rate this noble distinction was Bob Lennart, who learned it isn't kosher to lose headway while rounding the windward mark in a gale, especially with his new impervious Orlon sails. No one seems to know exactly how Frank Ziegler won the coveted honor, or he won't tell the truth, but it is the club's consensus that a knock-down gust just caught him napping.

Two boats, Nos. 130 and 2967, sailed in the Shreveport Invitational Regatta last May. We didn't bring home any silver, but we had a wonderful time! The true southern hospitality extended by the Shreveport members certainly makes us want to go back again. As soon as we can build some needed additional dockage and mooring facilities, we hope to return their favor. Incidentally, they have heavy weather down on Cross Lake, too!

It is timely and appropriate that we of Tulsa Sailing Club take this opportunity to pay tribute to our six charter members

who undertook the job and expense of organizing our fleet. We are grateful to them for making it possible for the rest of us to enjoy the sport of sailing and we are glad they chose the Lightning. These men are known as our Board of Trustees. In the short span of five years, they have been largely responsible for our quadrupled membership and our growing fleet of Lightnings. With them at the helm, we look forward to bigger and better years to come.

OLIVOS LIGHTNING FLEET (206)

Argentine District

Port of Olivos and adjoining waters.

Fleet Captain..... Oscar N. Candioti
Fleet Secretary..... Oscar E. Lahore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3797	Alba	Dr. Enrique Bianchi
3860	Choique	Jorge Falomir and Susana Winzer
4386	Nato	Marcelo Cuissard
4407	Atacuan	Leandro San Miguel
4424	Lani	Homero Fonda
4426	Huayna	Santiago Perez Panalba
4473	Margarita	Eduardo Piffero
4480	Pinocho	Dante Calandra
4543	Alfil	Oscar N. Candioti, Dr. Jorge Curutchet and Jose L. Brizzi
4957	Teide	Alejandro Fallegi
4993	Tijuca	Enrique Buhler
5027	Bambi	Juan B. Baaber
5740	Bagual	Esteban O. Lahore

In the 1953-54 Summer Season, several different kinds of regatta were disputed, thus demonstrating the uniform conditions of the boats, as the competing standard was very uniform. The Season's principal event was the Argentine Championship, once again carried by the Lightning "Repunte", member of the Fleet 203 from San Isidro.

The Winter Season proved a near failure owing to bad weather conditions thru June to August, making it practically impossible to run; the only important event being the Winter Championship, consisting in a series of five races, won by No. 4426 "Huayna" owned by Santiago Perez Penalba, a member of our Fleet.

Amongst the Lightning owners of the Argentine, and most especially the members of the Fleet 206, patrons of the idea, great enthusiasm has been raised at the arrival in February 1955 of the North-American skippers and crews, who will dispute in our waters a series of Inter-fleets regattas, added to which we may count the presence of several South-American fleets all of whom will race for the First South-American Lightning Class Championship, organized by the Association de Lightning de la Argentina, sponsored by the Club Nautico Olivos, where the competitions will take place, and the Club Nautico Sudeste, and which will be run on the same dates, so it has been decided that both regattas will be disputed at the same time, although in separate competitions.

We may be sure that these international activities will attract great attention to the Lightning Class boats in our country, owing to the interest to see the North-American champions in our waters.

The preliminary preparations for these competitions are far advanced, having already been organized a series of preselectives of races every week-end as training of our crews.

We expect therefore the present visit of our Norther friends, wishing them a pleasant stay in our country and a good sporting competition.

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