

MANSFIELD LIGHTNING FLEET (150)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Clearfork Lake, Mansfield, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Glenn Macy
Fleet Secretary	Tom McDermott
Fleet Champion	Thomas J. McDermott
Runner-Up	Edward E. Stevens

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
269	Blue Jay	Jack Henry
340	Sturdy Beggar	Stan Kime
1225	Be & Be	Woodie Armstrong
1646	Candy	Jack Scott and Dem Lowery
2016	Gin-Jo-Ka	Kathryn and Johnson Smith
2017	Nixie	August Grotegut
2018	Black Pearl	Glenn Macy
2725	Firefly	David Ott
		Louis J. Ott
2854	Toby	Walt Stevens
4239	Ragwagon	Theodore C. Appleman
		Harry Warne
4447	Colleen	Thomas McDermott
5167	Thunderbird	Dr. Mable Huston
5456	Timbuctu	Ed Stevens
5485	Gal Sal	Sally, Pete and Pat Siegenthaler

Our 1956 season was the best in our history, with a schedule of 24 Sunday races for the Fleet Championship and a 12 race Saturday Series. Both series saw the win and place positions go to our newer sailing families, while Grotegut, representing the Old Guard, managed to pick up a convincing third in both schedules.

McDermott copped the Sunday events with Ed Stevens following, while in the Saturday Races, Stevens moved into first with McDermott right on his stern.

The eight revolving trophies were divided among five skippers with McDermott taking home the Walter Stevens, Smart, and Ed Stevens silver. Tim Stevens was the winner of the Grotegut Trophy, and Auggie Grotegut took both the Huston and Upham perpetuals. Last year's champ, Mabel Huston, and Runner-Up Glenn Macy, were allotted one apiece, winning the Macy and Siegenthaler awards.

Our genial secretary, took enough time out from leading us around the local course, to make seven regattas including the President's Series and the Chicago Red Flannels. Everywhere Tom went he was treated with so much hospitality that we stay-at-homers think he's a mite spoiled.

As usual, our season was concluded with the Annual Trophy Dinner followed by the awarding of the silver.

ANNISQUAM LIGHTNING FLEET (151)

Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Mass.

Fleet Captain	William Edgerton
Fleet Secretary	Melissa Lordan
Fleet Champion	R. Russell Smith
Runner-Up	W. Wesley Pear

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2106	Zephyr	Janet and Brooks Stevens, Jr.
2344	Duet	Winsor Gale
3282	Bat II	John D. Cunningham, Jr.
3572	Petrel	Leonard Langer
3605	Firefly	Alden French
4231	Spray	John W. and K. Teele
4860	Stardust	William & Robert Edgerton
5987	Tedesco II	Wesley Pear
6121	Skyrocket	J. M. McNulty
6288	Monette	George Peter
6343	Teaser VIII	R. Russell Smith
6344	Concordia II	Frederick H. Lovejoy
6345	Sabrina	Melissa Lordan

The arrival of four new Etchells lightnings made an especially exciting season at 'Squam this year. In spite of becoming disabled on two races, R. Russell Smith's beautiful new "Teaser VIII" triumphed over Wes Pear in an extremely close race for the championship. Both lightnings were built by Skip Etchells of Old Greenwich, Connecticut. The Teaser came within half an hour of missing a well-deserved championship. After placing second in the Massachusetts Bay Lightning Championship at Marblehead, she was towed home just in time for the club race at 2:30, had she missed this race, the Teaser would not have sailed in enough

races to qualify for the club championship! It was quite a day for Russ Smith's Crew!

Here is another exciting memory of 'Squam's 1956 racing season: Ten minutes before the starting gun, Melissa Lordan capsize her Sabrina! She was towed to the convenient Wingder-sheek Beach and with the miraculous aid of many Sunday beachgoers, the Sabrina was afloat and off only a minute after the gun. (and on that July day Sabrina won her first race.)

The Labor Day weekend always brings especially tense races and this year was no exception, on Saturday the fog rolled in so densely that in the middle of the river neither bank was visible, and with the fog every breath of wind disappeared. This was perhaps the most delicate race of the season and we 'Squamers had the tide to battle in addition to the rest. After the starting gun, no one saw anyone else. Nobody knew who was ahead and you can imagine the thoughts of the two skippers who were within one third of a point of each other for the championship. Well, the Teaser crossed the line first, over half an hour ahead of the next boat, who thought he was a hopeless last. That was a day of surprises.

Fleet #151 had a fine season at home, and next year promises to be even better, with the arrival of at least two more Etchells boats.

PEQUOT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (153)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Southport, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Donald G. Robbins, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	George P. Biggs
Fleet Champion	John Merrifield
Runner-Up	Donald G. Robbins, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
255	Spinaway	Lawrence Moore
376	Deck	David A. Decker
1588	Nereid	William S. Bachman
2586	Pigtail	Grant Barratt
3155	Yankee	David R. Taylor
		Richard H. Taylor
3319	Windward	George P. Biggs
3500	Fidget	E. L. Eveleth
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	Velella	Donald G. Robbins
5612	Blitzen	John T. Montague
5670	Gail II	Kenneth Henderson
5985	Lookout	Gwen Yates
6117	Sea Monse	John Payne
6333	Scamper	John Merrifield

Fleet 153 had a very successful and active sailing season in



Dock of Wauvee Yacht Club, Fleet #154, Syracuse, Ind. Getting Ready For A Race.

1956. After a hard fought summer series John Merrifield in Scamper emerged as Fleet Champion and Donald Robbins in Vella as runner-up.

Our 5th Annual Lightning Invitation Regatta with about 40 boats participating was won by Donald Robbins of the home fleet. George Carter was third in the Black Rock Yacht Club Regatta and Gwendolyn (Peachie) Yates was third in the Long Island Sound Girls Championship sailed in Lightnings. John Merrifield won the Consolation Series in the L. I. Sound Boys Championship as well as second in the Larchmont Race Week Lightning Series.

We hope to increase our number of boats next year and to continue our present enthusiasm.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (154)

Based on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Secretary Lois Shanklin
Fleet Champion Bruce Baiden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
640	.....	Robert Emmons
790	.....	Marta Bender
2539	.....	Edward Maire
2559	Scud	Paul E. Penn
2732	Arrow	Jack Shanklin
4750	Duckling	Berkley Duck
4810	Suki	George Myers
5259	Jibojo II	Dr. J. S. Wellington
6027	.....	Paul E. Hess
6133	Kathy II	Bruce Baiden

Keen competition and excellent sailing weather highlighted Fleet 154's summer season. Standings of the boats changed with every race and the champion was not decided until the final race. Two new skippers, George Myers and John Nixon, joined the fleet.

The Third Hoosier Lightning Regatta was sponsored by the yacht club on June 23 and 24. Eight visiting boats from Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio entered, along with six boats from the host fleet. Ed Kennedy, Cleveland, took first place. A banquet on Saturday night, June 23, brought out traditional Lightning sailor comradery.

The summer racing season of 12 races began Sunday morning, July 1, and ended Labor Day. Bruce Baiden, veteran sailor and winner of the 1951 and 1952 top awards, took first place. Ably crewing for him were his father-in-law, Joe Plasket, and Dick Boerger. Jim Wellington took second place and Paul Penn, Jr., third. Tied for fourth and fifth places were Berkley Duck, Jr., and Paul Hess. Jack Shanklin took sixth place.

The Cynthia Cup, perpetual trophy donated by Eli Lilly, Sr., Indianapolis, in 1891, for the best season record regardless of class boat, went to Bruce Baiden and Joe Plasket.

First place in the three-race Labor Day series went to Paul Penn, Jr. Trophy awards were made at the annual banquet September 1, and on Monday afternoon, September 3.

Launching and docking facilities of the yacht club will be greatly improved next year by the club's purchase of additional lake frontage.

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB (161)

Sailing on San Diego Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain D. Bailey Brandt
Fleet Secretary William Kreysler
Fleet Champion Donald T. Tuttle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4827	Trade Winds	Martin Du Bow
6240	Ramona	D. Bailey Brandt
6242	Dorgini	Donald T. Tuttle
6418	Sea Horse	William Kreysler
.....	Deathwind	John B. Tanner

The year 1956 saw many great developments and among them we include the organization of Lightning Fleet 161.

The organizational meeting took place November 4, 1956, attended by four skippers of new boats built by Mr. Lightning of San Diego and one prospective skipper who has to build a house first, so he can have space to build a boat.

At this writing, Don Tuttle's Dorgini has been launched. John Tanner's Deathwind is now within 50 feet of the hoist, patiently awaiting its master's next move, while Bill Kreysler's Sea Horse is

expected daily. Bailey Brandt's Ramona will hit the skids in two weeks, he says.

The first club race was scheduled for the first Sunday in December. This established Don Tuttle as our first Fleet Champion in the year 1956, Pro Tempore. In January he will find himself pitted against such local threats as Tanner's Deathwind and a dark horse, Martin DuBow's Trade Winds, who joined the club just a few days ago.

A very fine electric hoist has been provided by the club for the express purpose of encouraging the sailboat skippers to organize a sailboat class. It has its effect and we are thankful for the fine boat handling facilities available.

Three trophies were accepted with thanks. They are the Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Fiore Trophy, Southwestern Yacht Club Loser's Trophy (who cares? It's pretty!) and the John Bate Trophy.

Our appreciation for assistance in the formation of our Fleet is extended to:

National Lightning Class Association.

Southwestern Yacht Club; Commodore Gibson and Directors for their sincere interest and help.

Vice President William V. Pierce of the National Association, who showed us how to get started.

Elliot Pohl, past SWYC Commodore, who started it all.

D. Bailey Brandt whose untiring promotion activity resulted in enthusiasm for additional class boat sailing and final adoption of Lightning Class.

Carl Eichenlaub, who built our boats and patiently guided us over the rough spots.

Herbert Sinnhoffer, who set us straight on sails.

Mission Bay and Coronado Yacht Clubs, for whetting our appetites with their gracious invitations to sail their boats.

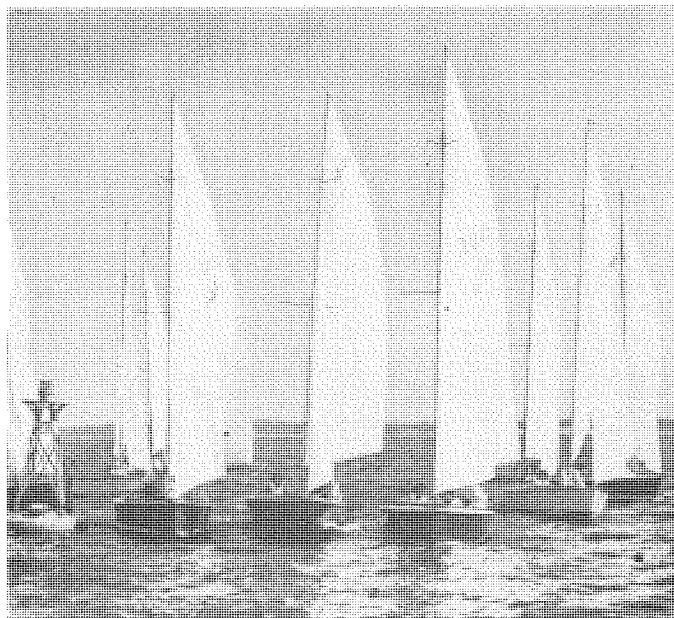
EASTCHESTER BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (163)

Based on Eastchester Bay, City Island, New York

Fleet Captain Jim Curtin
Fleet Secretary Cathy McDermott
Fleet Champion Skip Duryea
Runner-Up Ricky Riconda

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
165	.....	Sam Cohen
709	.....	Sam Silverman
1586	Rozzi-Kay	Howie Kronenberg
1652	Doric	Leo and Ricky Riconda
3213	Salty Dog	Wally Gehler & Bernie Diamond
3406	White Cloud	Jack Derevensky
3730	Lark	Skip Duryea
5578	Elly II	Elly and Jim Curtin
5736	Falcon II	Rudy and Bob Weisenbach

The summer of 1956 opened a new season of racing for the members of Fleet #163, sailing on Eastchester Bay off City



"Duryea's Lark, #3730, in close quarters at leeward mark".

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Island. The fleet, long on the inactive list, has been reformed under the old charter.

Lightning owners were scattered all over City Island in various clubs and boatyards and needed only Skip Duryea's letter suggesting a meeting to organize a fleet. Result—Fleet #163!

The first races showed we had many "lubbers" and a few very fine sailors. Spinnakers and "green" crews seemed to be the greatest problem to most skippers. By mid-season however, the finishes of the races were much closer as skippers and crews began to "click". Notably one race in which seven boats finished with thirty seconds separating the winner and the seventh place boat.

The fleet also had an invitational race in which the Little Neck Bay fleet participated. They in turn invited us to the Bay-side Invitational Regatta, which Skip Duryea of the "Lark" won three races out of three. The fleet was extremely proud of this as there were twenty strong, keen competitors. Although Jim Curtin of the "Elly II" gave close competition, Ricky Riconda with the "Doric" finished second in the season's standings.

The fleet Social Dinner and Dance, which was a great success, was held December 1st at the Harlem Yacht Club under the auspices of the Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association, an organization which provided the committee boats, course marks and scoring committee for our fleet races.

Fleet #163 is looking forward to 1957 because we are assured that the competition and fun enjoyed by all the active members this season will attract other Lightnings in the Eastchester Bay area next season.

CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164)

Central New York District

Based on Cazenovia Lake, Madison Co., New York

Fleet Captain Florence Dimon
Fleet Secretary Carl Christenson
Fleet Champion Donald W. Diefendorf
Runner-Up Dr. Ronald Sanford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
182	.....	Nelson Neidhart
658	Julie II	Dr. Louis Alhoff
747	Miss Me	J. David 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 J. Hill
1960	Swizzle	William Mac Ilvanie
2792	Doregasa	Dr. D. B. Sanford
3449	Jim Dandy	H. J. Bruns
3688	Con-Jan	Carl Christenson
4687	.....	Jesse Silverman
5892	.....	Donald W. Diefendorf
5893	.....	Donald G. M. Hart
6077	Shamrock	Gerard Keane

We had our first free-for-all tune up race June 25, which enabled us to get officially started racing June 30.

The overall series was won by Don Diefendorf. Second place by Dr. Don Sanford. We also had an award for third place, won by Don Hart.

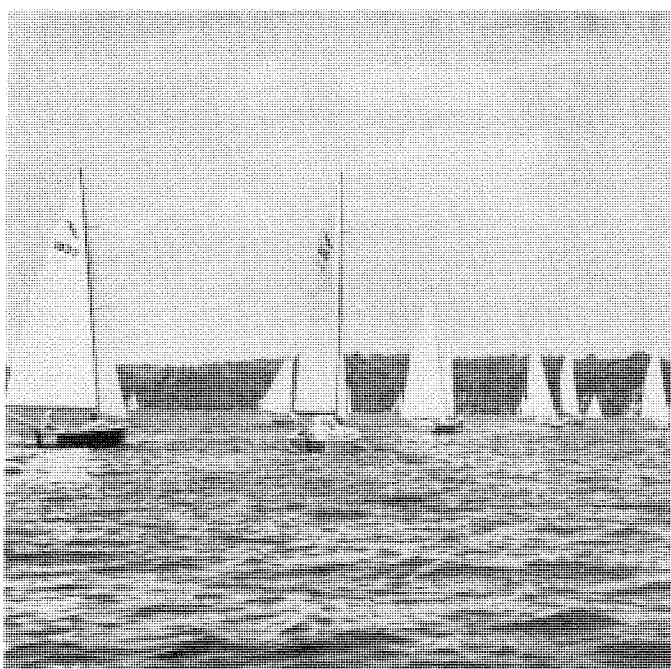
Following the racing July 22, we were all invited to Don Hart's home overlooking the Lake, for a picnic supper. The "Dutch Treat" arrangement proved to be terrific! A slight drizzle caused us all to huddle closer together under the wide eaves of Don's boat house. Really quite a chummy affair! This picnic was such a success that we had an equally fine time at Don Diefendorf's home on September 9.

We had awards for our Saturday series, won by:

1st Place—Don Diefendorf
2nd Place—Don Hart
3rd Place—John J. Hill

The Sunday Series awards were won by:

1st Place—Dr. Don Sanford
2nd Place—Don Diefendorf
3rd Place—Don Hart



Sailing at Cazenovia Lake—Sunday, July 8, 1956.

The overall standing for the season was:

Name	Boat No.	Boat Name	Points
Don Diefendorf	5892	.....	86
Dr. Don Sanford	2792	Doregasa	79
Don Hart	5893	.....	73
Jack Hill	1833	Sea Witch	69
Orrin Broberg	1294	Rojo	51
Phil Hart	1350	Wateree	47
Carl Christenson	3688	Con Jan	38
Florence Dimon	1145	Marie-Lin	36
Mary Joyce Glassey	1381	Maria Elena II	33
Gerard Keane	6077	The Shamrock	10
Dr. H. J. Bruns	3449	Jim Dandy	5
William MacIlvaine	1960	Swizzle	2

Our Junior Fleet series were sailed every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Many a hotly contested race sailed with prizes being won by:

	Boat No. & Name
1st Place—Phillip Hart	5893
2nd Place—Peter Diefendorf	5892
3rd Place—Gary Sanford	2792 Doregasa
4th Place—Carole & Fred Broberg	1294 Rojo
5th Place—Phil & Dick Keane	6077 The Shamrock

The Junior Lightning Fleet went to Ithaca and won the event. Such a good time was had by all that Ithaca sailors came to Cazenovia for a return regatta. The wind was terrific! It was a real credit to the fine seamanship exhibited by the Junior sailors that no one capsized. Cazenovia won this event also. However, when our Junior sailors tried their seamanship at Skaneateles, they came in a very close second place. We have a fine Junior Fleet and are very proud of them.

BRANT BEACH FLEET (173)

Based on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Richard Powell
Fleet Secretary Charlotte "Bitsy" Baldt
Fleet Champion William H. James
Runner-Up Thompson W. Coe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
580	Petrel	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
861	Smitty	D. F. Schmit
1343	Sonflower	Brant Beach Yacht Club
1478	.....	Vincent Marriott
3695	Osprey	Richard W. Clynes
3705	"Kwitzer-belliaken"	William James
4137	"Hangover"	Peter Pierce

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4206	Jade	Thompson W. Coe
4961	"Bandit"	John Hay
5425	Cele-It-Up	Tink and Bill Kelly
5816	Sea Bit II	Charlotte "Bitsy" Baldt
5837	Barracuda	Richard Powell

1956 was the liveliest season in history for the Brant Beach Lightning Fleet. More boats raced than ever before, 11 of them. Awards were divided among more skippers. The racing schedule was the biggest ever, with a new Interclub Tune-up Regatta added in June and a new Sunday series during the summer. Barnegar Bay's tricky winds joined in to make things lively. There were drifters, crisp breezes and gales, plus one line squall that capsized or damaged five boats in a 20-second blast.

Tom Coe brought his "Jade" down from Riverton Yacht Club for the summer, and Dick Clynes came to us from the Sprav Beach Fleet. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Marriott, and the D. F. Schmits and their daughter Margie, added their boats to the fleet. Former Club champ Bill James gave notice, by winning the Tune-up Regatta over Tom Coe, that he didn't plan to take the wake of other boats during the season. In the Saturday series for the Club championship he was never headed throughout the summer, although Tom Coe pressed him closely and only lost by a percentage of .916 to Bill's .930. Thus, after two seasons out of first place, Bill James won a third leg on the Championship trophy and retired it to his mantel for good. Third place in the series went to the Kelly boat, which had won the title in 1954 and 1955 through the smooth teamwork of the three Kelly brothers. This year the U. S. Navy provided a little nautical competition by signing up skipper Jack Kelly. Tink Kelley handled the tiller in the 1956 series.

In the Sunday series, which the 1956 Club champ and the runner-up did not enter, Charlotte "Bitsy" Baldt, Bill Kelly and Dick Powell took turns beating each other. Dick finally scraped through the Sunday title with a boat-length edge in a final race which decided all three places, Bill Kelly taking second and Bitsy Baldt third.

Bill James slashed across the line first in a blustery Fourth of July trophy race, while Tink Kelly out-tacked Dick Powell for second place.

The Labor Day trophy race, sailed in 25-to-30 mile winds, was the most sensational of the year. The three newest and lightest boats in the fleet—Kelly, Powell and Baldt—took off on a final two-mile reach and planed—all the way home in sheets of spray, ending in the order given.

Winding up the season, Bitsy Baldt topped the other Brant Beach entries in Surf City's invitational regatta, taking the third-place trophy.

At one time or another, other boats in the fleet gave the leaders all the fight they wanted. Joe Serrill, who can get more out of an older boat than many skippers can out of a newer one, beat every boat in the fleet from time to time. Pete Pierce was always

dangerous, especially on spinnaker runs. John Hay's Black-hulled "Bandit" did not sail enough races to qualify but was always hard to beat. Dick Clynes did well over courses that were new to him. Our new young couple, the Marriotts, gained experience and are likely to provide plenty of trouble next year. The Schmit family, just learning the tricks of the Lightning trade, is getting ready to start racing in 1957.

SHREVEPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (175)

Southern District

Based on Cross Lake, Shreveport, La.

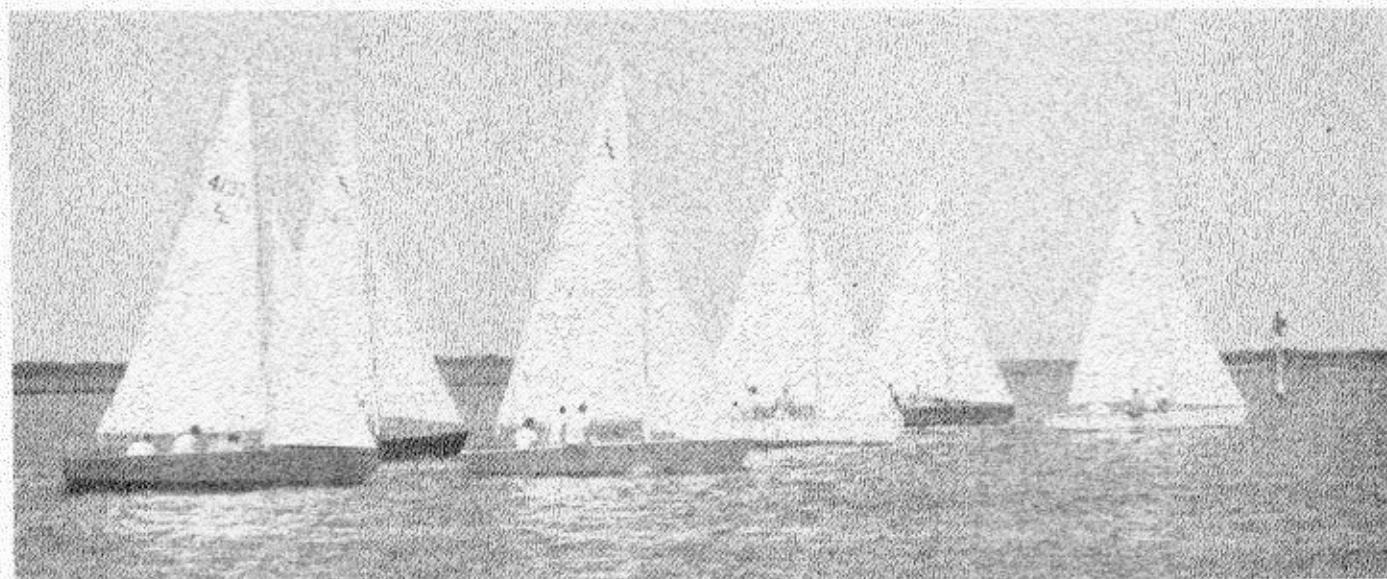
Fleet Captain	Walter Heiman
Fleet Secretary	Robert G. Lawton Jr.
Fleet Champion	Cliff Prados
Runner-Up	Gaye Griffith

Boat No.	Boat Name	Boat Owner
3250	.....	J. Stewart Peterson
3477	Tinker	Jack N. Watts
3836	Ace of Spades	F. A. Fuller
4158	Strick Midlin	Douglas Yauger
4161	Joheda	C. M. Zaenglein
4264	.....	R. G. Lawton, Jr.
4503	Pink Cloud	J. P. Beaird
4627	Nancy	I. M. Crow
4721	.....	W. L. Trowbridge
4747	.....	Gaye Griffith
4838	.....	Gordon O'Steen
4996	Mary E. II	Walter Heiman
5151	Smokey	W. L. "Smokey" Somner
5202	Dixie	Cliff Prados
.....	Doodle II	.....
6116	.....	Luther B. Griffith

On January 7th, 1956 a party was held at The Shreveport Yacht Club, and an election of Officers was held and plans were made for the racing program for the ensuing season.

During the season around 43 Race Series were held. The first Series beginning around April 1st.

On April 29th the Shreveport Yacht Club held its Annual Spring Regatta on Cross Lake. Around 24 Lightnings from Miss., Louisiana and Texas participated. A 3-Race Series was held under ideal weather conditions, which is nothing unusual for Shreveport at this time. Ideal conditions having prevailed for the last six Regattas. A. D. Wynne from Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, La., took top honors with Sam Townsend of Dallas, Texas, placing second. A full week-end of racing and entertainment was enjoyed by visiting Yachtmen and their families, beginning with a Friday night cocktail party, and a buffet supper. Two races were run on Saturday, after which a cocktail party and



With two seconds to go before the starting gun, Brant Beach Fleet Champion Bill James gets a perfect start in a 1956 race.



Runner-Up 1956—Skipper, Gaye Griffith; Crew, Luther Griffith (father); Crew, Loui Griffith (sister).

steak dinner was enjoyed by all. The final race was held Sunday morning after which presentation of Trophies was made by Commodore Billie Evans.

Fleet #175 was represented at races held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in July by Cliff Prados and Luther B. Griffith. Fleet #175 was represented by Cliff Prados and Luther B. Griffith in the District eliminations. Prados having finished third in the District eliminations.

The Shreveport Labor Day Regatta was held at the Shreveport Yacht Club and was won by Walter Heiman and Gaye Griffith won second, and Douglas Yauger won third.

Of the 4-3 Race Series held, Walter Heiman placed first in three of the Series, Stewart Petersen placed first in one.

In The Cock-Of-The-Walk Series given by the Shreveport Yacht Club, Fleet #175 was represented by Cliff Prados, Miss Gaye Griffith, and C. M. Zanglein. The three Skippers having won in the eliminations.

Our Club Lightning Championship and also the Heiman Griffith Perpetual Trophy were won by Cliff Prados, followed by Miss Gaye Griffith, age 15, and Walter Heiman third, and Douglas Yauger fourth.

One of the most interesting things this year in our Fleet is the interest shown by our young teenage Skippers, such as Douglas Yauger, Jr., Gordon O'Steen, Gretchen O'Steen, Susan Prados, Pete Prados, Linda Lawton, Miss Louise Griffith, our Runner-Up, Miss Gaye Griffith.

WEQUAQUET LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET

Sailing on Wequaquet Lake, Centerville, Mass.

Fleet Captain.....Robert H. Anderson
Fleet Secretary.....Robert H. Anderson
Fleet Champion.....John W. Peirce
Runner-Up.....Theodore Parent

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2	It'll do	Robert H. Anderson
644		Donald Wande
817	Apres Moi	John W. Peirce

1345	Tipalot	William Loring
2829	Merri Maids	Dr. W. O. Blanchard
2830	Falcon II	Theodore Parent
3529	Mach I	Roger Bond

1956 was a good season for Fleet 181, excellent winds prevailed for all of the races and a great deal of fun was had by all.

The fleet Championship races were held on Sundays starting on Fourth of July and ending on Labor Day weekend. John Peirce skippering Apres Moi wound up Fleet Champion with Ted Parent in Falcon II second, and William Loring in Tipalot close behind in third spot.

Two of our members, Bob Anderson and John Peirce made a most enjoyable trip to Spofford Lake for the District Races in August. Hollis and William Loring took their boat to Marblehead again this fall to sail in their Fall Series.

We are all looking forward to the 1957 sailing season when we should better competition than in previous years from the younger members of our club.

WADAWANUCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (183)

Connecticut District

Based on Fisher's Island Sound, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....Clayton Freeman
Fleet Secretary.....Sam Knox
Fleet Champion.....Samuel Knox
Runner-Up.....Bruce Biddle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Sireak	Tad Ogden
1714	Albatross	Chris Perot
1933	Lalage	Phyllis Aiken
2205	Bay Bonnet	Whit Reynolds
2461	Malihini	Franklin Wood
2465	Joker	David & Joanna Graf
3310	Prodigal III	Bobbette Buckhalter Johnstone
3866	Buffo	Bill Bindloss
3949	Lillian B.	Billings B. Fairbrother & Phillip W. Cottrell
4148	Wassayek	A. B. Sprague Gallup
5408	Hot Canary II	Samuel D. Knox
5453	Fiesta	Susan and Bruce Biddle
5946	Whisper	Sandy Sellers
5992	Skokiaan	Clay Freeman
6466	Blind Date	Don Wesson

There were fewer boats racing in Stonington this year than in a good many summers. Jobs, trips to Europe, and a fair amount of plain good old procrastination all took their toll. However, among those that did hit the starting line every week the competition was extremely keen. Sam Knox won the Senior Championship with Bruce Biddle close behind, followed by Clay Freeman and Sandy Sellers. In the Junior Championship Howie Knox edged out Sandy Sellers in the closest of finishes, with Sandy winning on a point basis but with Howie nosing him out in the all important percentages.

The fleet had a busy year with outside regattas. More boats left home for these events than ever before, indicating the great interest of the fleet members in Class and District activities. Seven boats entered the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association's regatta at New London, with Sandy Sellers turning in the best job of the Stonington boats. The following week three boats towed to Niantic for the Districts. A week later Sam Knox trailed his Hot Canary II to Noroton for the Long Island Sound Championship. The Governor's Trophy undoubtedly the biggest prize for small boats in existence, was raced for in a two race series at Stonington. Twenty-seven boats from Wadawanuck, Groton Long Point, Madison Beach, Niantic, and Branford participated. Wayne Brockert of Branford, with a first and a second, nosed out George and Mike Flynn of Niantic Bay by one point, with Sandy Sellers of the home fleet coming in third.

The annual three cornered race between Watch Hill, Fisher's Island, and Wadawanuck for the Mary Louise Parsons trophy was raced for in Lightnings off Stonington.

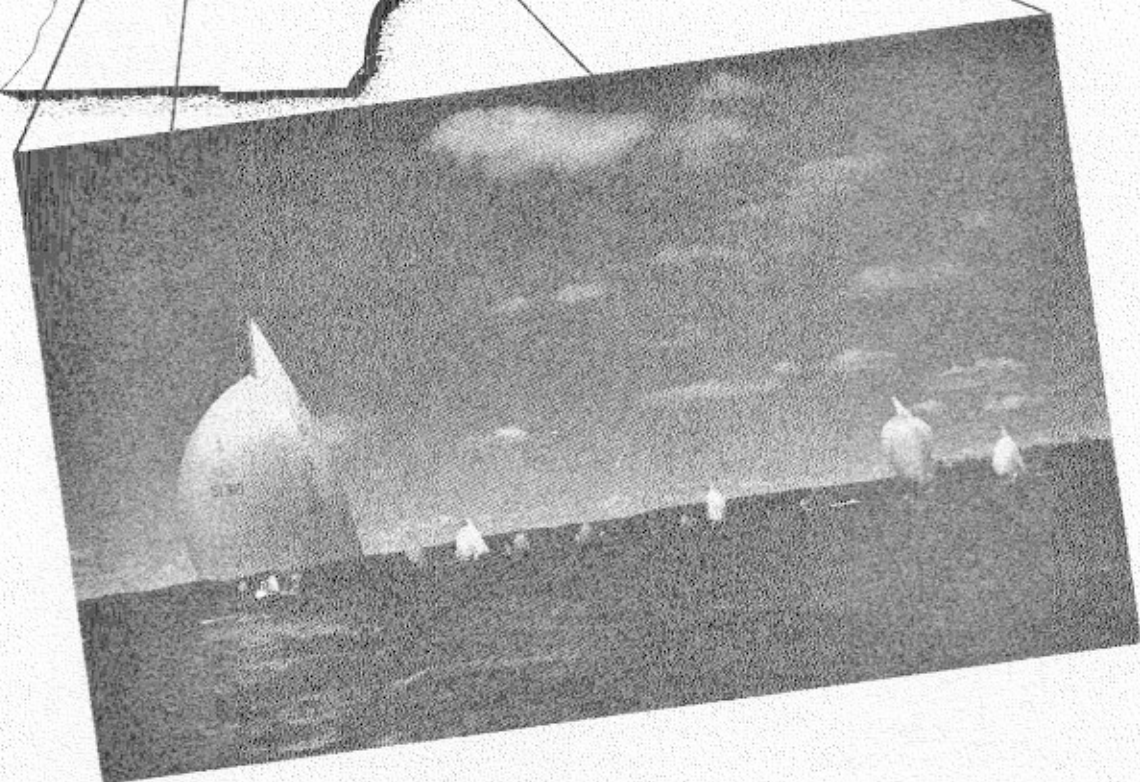
Wadawanuck ran away with this one, Sam Knox taking first, Sandy Sellers second, and Bruce Biddle fourth. This gave Wadawanuck more points than their two opponents combined.

The season wound up over Labor Day week-end with the "Parent and Child" race. This is an annual affair with more tradition than any other event on the calendar, as far as Stonington sailors are concerned. The trophy for this race was donated in 1926 by Robert LeGrand Johnstone, and has been raced

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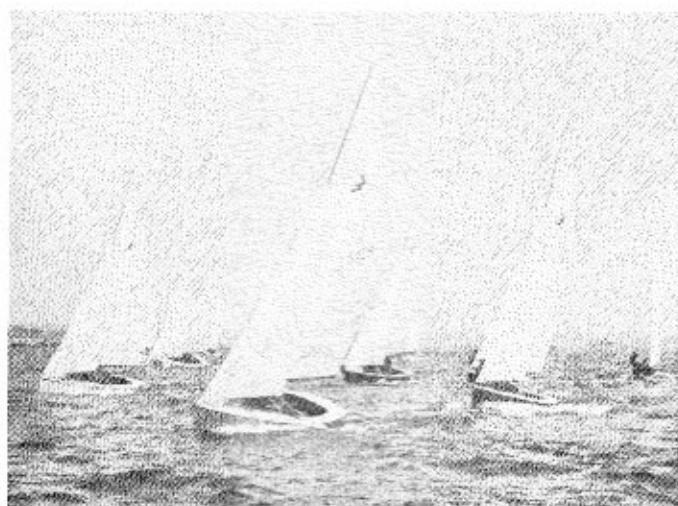
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for every year since, with time out only for hurricanes and wars. Each crew is made up of only two persons, a parent and his or her son or daughter. The course is twice around. On the first round the child is the helmsman, with mom or poppa tending the jib, main sheet, etc. On the second round positions are reversed. To further complicate the event, it is open to all classes on a handicap basis. This year Susie Knox, with her father, Sam, won in a very close finish over Sandy Sellers and his father, Commodore Bob Sellers.

The week after Labor Day Sam took his yellow peril to Buffalo for the President's Cup, while Sandy Sellers trailed Whisper to Noroton for their annual Invitation. Sandy came home with a very respectable third, and another good year for Wadawanuck.

LELAND YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (184)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Frank Mead
Fleet Secretary	Elizabeth Bracken
Fleet Champion	Jim Pendergast, Bud Pendergast, and Mildred Pendergast in "Daisy Bell"
Runners Up	Dave Workum, Lee Workum, Jr. and Joan Workum in "Tangle Toes"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
346	Yocky	Bill Miller
820		Fred Fast
1557		John and Georgina Clark
2748		Mary McNally
3330	Blithe Spirit	Horace P. Abbott
3396		Dr. Vilter
3398		Mike Fisher
3403		Carol Brady
3782	Mr. Bones	George Bennett
4298	Tangle Toes	Dave Workum
4393	Frelvido	Ellen Mitchell
4657		Jonny Birge
4679	Ibis	Frank Bracken
4772	Wind Lass	Dick Evans
4842	Two A. M.	Allen Mead
4876		Hank Harper
5023	Confusion	Avery Lynn Kimerly
5227		Biff Thomsen
5255		Dr. Carl Badgley
5256		Kendra Isbey
5318		Joanne Gits
5333	Celerity	Donna Riley
5367		Frank Ball
5645	Windy Lindy	Linda Sutton
5883	Grayling	Frank Mead
6037	Pelican	Ed Neild
6228	Daisy Bell	Jim Pendergast

Where did the summer go?

We are now marking the end of another great sailing season for fleet #184 in the "Land of Delight".

Our sailing began in July with the usual practice races. The official races started the last week of July and everyone was anxiously waiting and eagerly watching for the "go" flag.

Jim Pendergast in his new Lightning took first place for the season receiving a silver Revere bowl. The "Tangle Toes" owned by the Workums finished with a hard earned second and the "Two A.M." owned by Allen and Abigail Mead got a well deserved third.

We have a "B" class division in our fleet, mainly for the new and young sailors. This year the first place "B" trophy went to George Bennett who sailed a lot of terrific races in his brand new Lightning. Second place went to Ronnie Riley and third place to Mike Fisher.

We had two regattas on our lake this season. One was the Bill Miller regatta, so called because Bill Miller organized the regatta, sailed in the races and at the end of the summer awarded prizes to the first three boats. Ed Neild did a good job of skippering and took first prize in this regatta. He received a sailing book. A knife was given to George Bennett who got second place and Mike Fisher, winding up with third place, also received a knife. Everyone certainly had lots of fun and we all thank Bill Miller for "His" regatta.

Our final regatta was called "Labor Day Series" and is now to become an annual affair held the last week of each season. There were two classes, "A" and "B", and it was up to the race committee to designate the class for all participating boats. The regatta was under the supervision of Lee Workum, Frank Bracken, and Avery Lynn Kimerly. The three planned the courses and were in charge of protests, although there were no protests filed.

A "fun day" was enjoyed by all this summer as it has been for the two previous years. It is a day when all the sailors get together and sail for fun and forget about beating the fellow next to him. The first race, a "team race", proved to be quite wild, for team-mates tried desperately to make waves, get a tow, or do almost anything to hinder an opposing team. There was also a "reverse" rule race, "round robin", and "Change boat". At noon a delicious picnic lunch for all sailors was given on the Yacht Club terrace by the John Mead family.

August 21st was a beautiful day for the thirty mile marathon. Beginning at 8:15 A.M. each boat must travel completely around the lake three times. Lots of sailors were eager to hear the "go" gun, but as the day wore on a number of boats found that skipping buoys, paddling, or getting a tow was more fun. There were several boats that actually completed the course quite legally. After a hard fought race Frank Mead, Jack Mead and John Hollett won first place and were awarded an enormous perpetual trophy. A National One Design skippered by Fred Shoaff got second place.



Boats of Fleet #184.

Frank Bracken, Tom Bracken, and Skipper Bracken received third place followed by Ed Neild, Bob Blalock, and Ward Highstone in fourth position and Allen Mead, Abigail Mead, and Susie Highstone in fifth place.

For the last two years a trophy has been presented to a skipper or crew showing the most improvement through the sailing season. Each sailor casts a vote for his selection of the recipient and the result is announced at the annual Yacht Club dinner. The sailors chose John and Tom Shoaff, brothers who take turns crewing and skippering their own boat. Mike Fisher was honored with second place and Frank Bracken was recognized as third.

Our Commodore, Joseph Broderick, did a splendid job this summer. He took a great interest in the active sailing schedule and we wish to express our "thanks" to him. We are all happy Mr. Broderick has been elected Commodore for the coming year.

This summer has been a very successful sailing year for the twenty-seven boats in Fleet #184. We will be looking forward with great anticipation and enthusiasm to the 1957 sailing season.

RARITAN BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (185) Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain	Royden Knapp
Fleet Secretary	I. R. Lewis
Fleet Champion	Dave Shay
Runner-Up	Irv. Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
52	Mischief	William Matthews
1239	Windward	Irving Lewis
1482		Edward Mackiewicz
2450	Oh Go	Herbert Bailey
2765		Joseph Kocsik
3587		Marc McCord
4295	Ajax	Dr. A. Leitner
5241	Invader	Roy Knapp
5400	One Hoss Shay	David Shay
5741		John Putnam
5980	Adventuress	Joseph Neiner
6431		Norman Wickberg

Our local season started with Memorial Day when Dave showed he'd be tough to beat. The eliminations started the next week end and Irv. jumped into an early lead which held to about half way thru the series. Then old Foxy Shay got out his long whip and with a little crew cooperation won the series.

Once Dave had the system down he did fine, winning our Fall Series and the Vermont Championship at Lake Bomoseen.

Our Red Grant Regatta had two races in 30-40 mile winds including a rip snorting squall. Joe Neiner, the Chairman, will be more careful next time he requisitions the breeze. The winner was that old band at gentle breezes from Red Bank—Reid Dickerson.

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	R. J. Bierman
Fleet Secretary	F. C. Jacobson
Fleet Champion	Eric Larson
Runner-Up	Jacobson—Werner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1975	Lulo	Ted Grasse & Eric Larson
2225	Islander	F. C. Jacobson & John M. Werner
2631	Little Skipper	Carl & Erwin Bosshardt
3350	Phipeto	Tom & Pete Roess
3621	Wrapid	Allan West & Dave Wilson
3624	Corixa	Dr. Leslie Tasche
3796	Honey	R. J. Bierman
6441	Marba	Dr. J. F. Kovacic



Eric Larson left, Ed. Freimuth and Ottar Rohstaff
with the Bob Piper Memorial Trophy.

The Sheboygan Lightning fleet started the 1956 racing season with a "tune-up" series of five races. The series was won by Vic Radwick sailing Dr. Leslie Tasche's Corixa. On Sunday, July 1, during the fourth race of this series the fleet was hit by a squall with gusts up to 50 miles per hour. The three leading boats capsized. Stan West with his express cruiser and two Coast Guard boats were out to the disabled Lightnings within minutes. The three skippers and crews outside of getting wet, no doubt, gained wind and weather knowledge from the experience. The rest of the skippers managed to keep their boats upright and rode out the squall. The Islander lost her mast while being towed in and was the only boat that was damaged at all.

The second series of eight races sailed Sunday mornings for the Piper Trophy and the club championship was won by Eric Larson sailing his Lightning Lulo with Ed Freimuth and Ottar Rohstaff crew. Going into the last two races Larson with Lulo and John Werner with Islander were tie for first place with 28 points each. Larson doing some excellent sailing gathered enough points to win the trophy.

The 1957 season looks like the most promising we have had for sometime. Dr. Kovacic sold his three-time club champion Marba to Dave Wilson and Allan West of the club, and has purchased a new Lightning from the Sportship Co. of Milwaukee. The Phil Roess family has purchased Lightning No. 3350 from Bob Jansky of Manitowoc and have renamed her Phipeto. She will be sailed by their son, Tom, a sharp "up and coming" young sailor. These two additional boats plus new sails and new spinnakers for other boats of the fleet will really make competition much keener next season.

One of the highlights of the season was on August 26 when the Juniors raced five of the Lightnings in a Round Robin series. All of the races were closely contested. Tom Bierman and his crew consisting of Jerry Bremner and Dennis Casper were the winners.

On October 24 the Lightning fleet entertained the Juniors who participated in the Tune-up and Piper Trophy series as crews and in the Junior Round Robin series at a dinner at the club. The Junior champion and crew were awarded Lightning Pins and the rest of the Juniors Lightning emblems. The Tune-up and Piper series trophies were awarded to skippers Radwick and Larson. Movies and slides were shown of the summer racing and sailing activities. It was a wonderful off-season get-together that was enjoyed by everyone attending.

Here at Sheboygan the Sheboygan Yacht Club has recently completed its 500 foot "L" shaped pier in front of the club. We are proud of it and invite all Lightning sailors to stop in and look it over. We would also like to have them visit our club at anytime. We are open all year 'round.



"Skeno" and "Malish" in a close finish during the Fleet championship of Fleet #188.

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1026	Drunken Sailor	Charles Cotton
1451	Mistral III	Dr. Victor Pinard Alain & Jacqueline Pinard
1520	Gamecock	Dave Quarterman
2957	Siboney	Dr. H. E. Hanna
3085	The Mug	Grover & Don Book
3329		Don Skene
3678	The Pickle	Ned Rhodes
3976	Mistral IV	Vic Pinard
4347	Malish	Mary & Ron Chorlton
4551	Margal	Dr. Alan C. Stinson
4745	Corinthian II	Leo D. McKenna
5066	Blue-Belle	Marion & Jack Evans

Our season started early in 1956 with a fleet meeting at the home of Leo McKenna on February 23rd. At this meeting we resailed all the races on 1955 and laid plans for the coming sailing season. Jack Evans was appointed Fleet Captain for 1956 and his wife Marion as secretary. It was unanimously agreed that the father of our fleet, Dr. Vic Pinard be appointed Honorary Fleet Captain.

Our next fleet meeting was held on April 8th at the home of Don and June Skene. Most of the evening was spent in the Skene

garage admiring the nearly completed hull of Skeno. Don had been working faithfully all winter and hoped to have her launched sometime during the month of June.

At this meeting we met Ron Chorlton who hoped to obtain a Lightning in Montreal and sail with us this year. It was seen that we had obtained several new trophies for the Lightning Class and these would be used for the many Up-River races that took place at the Britannia Yacht Club during the season. The fleet captain reviewed the proposed racing schedule with the members and obtained their approval. It was seen that five races would be sailed on Saturdays throughout the summer for the Ogilvy Trophy. These races would be twice around our three mile triangular course. On Wednesday evenings during June and part of July we would sail a series to be known as series A, during the rest of July and most of August we would sail series B. The first two boats in each series would meet for the fleet championship to be sailed off in a three race series at the end of August. Our annual Fall Series for the Evans & Kert Trophy was set for Sept. 22nd. & 23rd.

In the early spring Leo McKenna and Ron Chorlton took a jaunt to Montreal and there Ron obtained Malish #4347 and trailed her back to the B.Y.C. A little later we heard of another boat for sale in the Montreal area so Alain Pinard and Ned Rhodes took a day off from work and made the 125 mile trip but when they arrived they found that the boat had been sold that morning. Needless to say Ned was very disappointed as he had hoped to have a Lightning for the start of the season.

Fitting out time in Ottawa last spring saw very few warm dry days and as a result only three or four boats were ready to sail by June first. Six series A races and two Ogilvy Saturday races were sailed in June with Mistral, Malish, Corinthian and Blue-Belle taking part in all races.

On Saturday, June 23rd our first up-river race was held. This race covers a distance of some twenty miles starting and finishing at the B.Y.C. This race is known as the Pinhey's race and was won this year by Ward McKimm sailing Blue-Belle. Ward using two inexperienced girls as crew finished some twelve minutes ahead of Ron Chorlton in Malish and won the Mistral trophy presented this year by Vic Pinard. Siboney and Mistral finished in that order.

Towards the end of June the big day arrived, this was the launching of "Skeno" Lightning #3329, the pride and joy of the Skene family. Don had bought the wood and sails from Hugh Stowell who had started construction some time ago, hence the low number. A formal launching party was held at the Yacht Club with a small quantity of Champagne being poured over Skeno's bow, the balance being consumed by those present. June had baked a special cake for the occasion and it was served on the launching ramp. When Skeno was launched it was noticed that she did not fill with water and sink immediately as some of the dinghy sailors had hinted she would. Possibly this was due to the beautiful Fiberglass covering that Don had applied to the hull.

The first week-end of July saw the annual St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Assn. Regatta being held at the Hudson Yacht Club near Montreal. Last year we had sent one Lightning to this event. This year we had two representatives in the persons of Leo McKenna and Jack Evans. This was a four race series being held over the long Dominion Day week end. We encountered every type of weather imaginable. Everything from a drifter to a quick trip around the eight mile course in thirty mile winds. Eight Lightnings took part and in view of the stiff competition from the Montreal Area the best we could muster was a fourth for Blue-Belle in the final standing. Those participating in this event enjoyed themselves and hoped to bring at least two more Lightnings to the series next year when it will be held at the Point Claire Yacht Club.

During the month of July we sailed the last race of Series A and three races in Series B. Series A was won by Leo McKenna sailing Corinthian II with 20½ points followed by Jack Evans in Blue-Belle with 17½ points.

By the time July came along we had most of the boats in the water and nine of the boats were participating in the races. Two races of the Saturday Ogilvy series were run off in July, the most interesting being a wet misty affair held on July 21st. On the final leg Corinthian was leading being closely challenged by Ward McKimm sailing Blue-Belle. The crew of Blue-Belle seeing a chance of winning the race set their spinnaker and started to overtake Corinthian but as luck would have it a dirty gust caught Blue-Belle napping and the spinnaker pulled her over into the cold waves.

Toward the end of July we heard that boat #3678 on the Rideau Lake was for sale. Ned Rhodes who had missed getting

a boat earlier in the season jumped at the chance and bought the boat sight unseen. Jack Evans volunteered to get the boat with his trailer so on a wet miserable day they made the trip to the Rideau Lakes along with Ned and Dave Rhodes. After taking about two or three hours to load the boat on the trailer in a steady drizzle they started back to Ottawa. Needless to say the only flat tire we experienced last year happened on this trip. By the end of July Ned was sailing with us on Britannia Bay.

August was a rather quiet month from the Lightning standpoint at the B.Y.C. This year our club was the site of the annual Canadian Dinghy Championships for 14 foot international dinghies. This event was held during the week of August 6th and no scheduled Lightning races were held. However we did get six boats out on Wednesday evening and attempted some team racing but the wind went down and we finished in the dark and we still have not been able to find out which team won the race.

Also during August the eliminations for the Olympic Finn class was held at our club with sailors from Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa taking part. After waiting around some two weeks for suitable winds Bruce Kirby of Montreal, formerly of the B.Y.C. won the trials and represented Canada in the Olympics in Australia last Fall.

On August 15th our annual ladies Lightning race was held. This is always a hotly contested event and this year proved no exception. Bev Kirby sailing Corinthian crossed the line first followed by Marion Evans in Blue-Belle. The third position is still in doubt, the records say that Mary Chorlton sailing Malish was third but we are told that June Skene in Skeno nosed her out. We will have to decide this during our 1957 ladies series.

Our second up-river race took place on August 18th & 19th. This is the annual race to Constance Bay and return. On Saturday we sail 18 miles up-river to Constance Bay, camp on shore or aboard overnight and race back on Sunday. Four Lightnings took part in the race in 1956. The race up river on Saturday started in a flat calm which did not improve too much all day. Marion & Jack Evans in Blue-Belle finished at dusk in 8 hours and thirty-five minutes. Don Skene in Skeno finished second in 8 hours and 50 minutes. John Siboney got lost in the dark and finished during a rain shower some two hours later. Ken Kerr sailing Corinthian II did not have sufficient crew and although he finished third was disqualified.

The return race on Sunday was sailed under exactly opposite conditions to the up-river portion on Saturday. We started at noon with a real dusty tailwind and ran on our spinnakers the 18 miles back to the club. This time the finish was very close with Blue-Belle getting the gun after 3 hour 41 minutes run. Skeno finished in second position only 45 seconds behind Blue-Belle with Siboney 30 seconds behind Skeno. An anxious moment took place at the finish when the crew of Corinthian failed to get their spinnaker down in time and the dusty going carried them on the rocks by the club pier. The crew had to go overboard to save the boat. Luckily no damage was done.

The last two races of Series B were sailed in August with Ron Chorlton in Malish finishing with 30½ points followed by Blue-Belle with 29½, Corinthian with 27½ and Skeno with 20 points. Following this our sailoffs for the fleet championship took place, with the above four boats competing. After many false starts a series of three races was finally run off with Leo McKenna in Corinthian winning the Fleet Championship with 11½ points followed by Jack Evans in Blue-Belle with 8½.

On the Labor Day week-end our third up-river race took place. This was the 15 mile race up-river to Baskins Landing and picnic grounds. Four Lightnings took part in what turned out to be a real battle. Jack Evans in Blue-Belle led for the first five miles when suddenly the wind died and his spinnaker fell like a deflated gas bag into the river. Vic Pinard sailing Mistral III headed toward the Quebec shore of the river and picked up an off shore breeze and in no time was a couple of miles ahead of the becalmed Blue-Belle and highly irate and fuming crew. By the time the wind again came up Mistral was out of reach and easily walked off with the Corinthian trophy, presented to the fleet this year by Leo McKenna. The race for third place was the most interesting with Don Book in the Mug edging out Dave Quarterman in Gamecock by half a boat length.

On the weekend of the Baskins race Don and June Skene trailed Skeno to the annual Hudson Yacht Club Regatta and brought back tales of the wonderful time that they had at Hudson. Don says that nearly 70 boats took part in the annual long distance race.

The final race of the Saturday series was held on Sept. 8th with seven boats taking part. At the start of the race a sudden

gust hit the fleet and caught Dave Quarterman in Gamecock unprepared. One of his crew men fell overboard and when he was trying to round up to pick up the swimmer the boat went over and they all went swimming.

After the final points were tallied in the Saturday Series Leo McKenna sailing Corinthian came out on top with 24½ points followed by Blue-Belle with 17½, Malish with 12, Mistral with 10 and Skeno with 9½ points. For his victory Leon won the Ogilvy Shield for the second time.

Our last up-river race of the season was the Queens Park and return race held on a weekend in September for the Queens Park Trophy. Nine Lightnings started in this 11 mile race and all finished. The wind was very light and shifty. Skeno and Blue-Belle battled for the lead all the way up river and changed positions about five times. Blue-Belle rounded the mark first and set her spinnaker for the run back home but the wind died and Skeno getting a puff bore down but could not get through Blue-Belle and finished less than two minutes behind. Third position was taken by Don Book sailing The Mug.

Our final racing of the year was our big Fall Series held on Sept. 22nd & 23rd. This is a five race series and over the past years has proven to be the most hotly contested of all our races. This year our whole fleet of ten boats hit the starting line for the first race. It was the first time that the B.Y.C. had seen so many Lightnings racing together. This series was ideal racing weather, probably the best that we have seen to date. Before the start of the first race the breeze went down and we all tied up to the pier to wait for some wind. In a short time a nice breeze came up out of the southwest and held for the remainder of the series.

At the start of the first race Blue-Belle tacked in front of Malish and was rammed. Blue-Belle lost her tiller in this scramble but managed to repair it in time to finish in fourth position. The race was won by Corinthian who was later disqualified in a heated protest meeting giving first place to Malish, and second place to The Mug.

Gamecock was disqualified at the start of the second race for being across the line before the gun. The Mug who had done so well in the first race suffered a parted shroud and was forced to retire. Winner of this race was again Malish with Mistral in second spot and Blue-Belle third. At the end of this race the skipper of Blue-Belle noticed that his starboard vee spreader had broken and he was not able to enter the next two races.

Malish made it three in a row by winning the third race with Mistral second and Corinthian third. Don Book skipper of The Mug had repaired his parted shroud and started the race but the jury rig did not prove satisfactory and he was forced to retire before the finish and was not able to get out again for the remainder of the series.

The fourth race saw the positions mixed up a little more with Corinthian taking first place with Skeno second and Malish third with Mistral bringing up fourth position.

The fifth and final race was sailed on Sunday with Corinthian again coming home first with Mistral close behind and Blue-Belle who was back in the race finishing in third spot with Malish in fourth and Skeno fifth.

When the final points were tallied Leo McKenna headed the poll with Ron Chorlton in second spot, but after the all important protest meeting the positions were reversed with Ron Chorlton winning the Evans & Kerr Trophy with Malish totalling 453/4 points. Second was Mistral III sailed by Alain Pinard, third Corinthian with Leo McKenna at the helm and fourth spot was occupied by Don Skene sailing Skeno followed by Ward McKinn in Blue-Belle and Ian Bruce in The Pickle.

After the Fall series we started hauling boats out of the water and getting them ready for the long winter months ahead.

In October we heard about a Lightning at Kingston for sale and Jack Evans drove down and looked over the boat. We decided that it was a good buy so we promptly bought the boat #3976. When we got back to Ottawa Vic Pinard liked the boat and bought her. At present writing Vic now owns two Lightnings but expects to sell Mistral III when spring rolls around. Vic points out that this is not first time he has found himself the owner of two Lightnings. In 1952 he bought #1520 to prevent her from leaving the fleet and later sold her to Leo McKenna. Since we started building the fleet in 1951 we have added many boats but thanks to Victor Pinard we have never lost one. If it looks as if a boat will be sold out of the fleet faithful Vic will promptly buy her and save the day.

At last report we hear that Don Skene and Ron Chorlton have ordered new Ramsey Dacrons. This will bring out four boats next

year equipped with Dacrons. This year Jack Evans sported a new set of Howard Boston Dacrons on Blue-Belle and last year Leo McKenna did the same for Corinthian.

This winter we hear that Don Skene is sporting a new welding set and is busy assembling Lightning trailers for the boys. Next year we expect to have at least three or four boats at the Internationals and Presidents Cup series.

Ron Charlton will be showing us a brand new transom next summer. At present he has Malish in a garage without a transom and is hoping to be able to install a new one by the time the ice goes out of Lake Deschene in the spring.

Leo McKenna being very interested in girls (one of the few bachelors in the fleet) is sponsoring a ladies series to be sailed in Lightnings at the club in 1957. To top it off he says that he expects to have an all girl crew sail with him in the regular events.

A new series to be held in 1957 will be a three race tune up series to be held at the end of May. Jack Evans has put up a trophy for this series.

At present we are busily engaged in planning a hoist that will be installed in our Yacht Club harbor and be capable of launching boats up to 1500 pounds from a trailer.

The big word for 1957 will be an invitational Lightning regatta at the B.Y.C. this series to be known as the "Capital City Lightning Championships" and will be run in conjunction with a club regatta planned for the B.Y.C. in 1957. We hope to be able to build this up into a top notch regatta and attract entries from other fleets in the vicinity.

We will have a possible three more Lightnings at the club in '57 and from the looks of the plans on the board at the present time 1957 will be by far the best year yet for good old Fleet 188.

MARBLEHEAD HARBOR FLEET (189)

New England District

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

Fleet Captain John Abbott
Fleet Secretary Frances G. McCarthy
Fleet Champion Fred Pothier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
401	Fouette	Edward Gleason, Carole Gleason and William Gleason
877	Skoot	Arthur Ries
1368	Bluette	Robert McCarthy
1945	Schuss	Richard Randall
2082	Salt Shaker	Howard J. Stagg II
2361	Spook	Harold Hokanson
2362	Time-Out	William Dawson
2371	Flacon	Richard Caldwell
2581	Kanga	Robert Packard
2816	Blitz Blick	Rev. John Sullivan
2973	Four Winds	Robert Wigglesworth
3229	Francy Free	Fred Pothier
3245	Mach-One	W. Marshner and W. Blood
3373	Me-Pa	Paul Deschenes
3989	Merry Days	Thomas Eagan
4412	Deb-Mar	Norris Harris
4801	White Cap	Philip Lord
4854	Gadget	Paul Bromley
4914	Saltmar	Joseph Farrell
5025	Six Bits	Henry Ashley
5282	Neirac	Paula & John Carein
5660	Wasp	Edward Sullivan
5673	Ronalee	John Abbott
5760	Hoya	Joseph Kelly
5906	Suzy	Frank Morse
6040	Knotty Lady	Frances and Robert McCarthy
6531	Celest	Richard Price
6789	Shot Straight	Louis Pocharski, Jr.

Long hours of sanding and painting came to an end for most of the Marblehead Fleet on May 30th, when our busy racing schedule started. Those who were not able to launch in time for the first race worked hard and fast so as not to miss any more of our all too short New England Sailing season. As our fleet continues to grow, new winners continue to appear on

our finish line, but only as the tried and true skippers permit them to taste the sweet fruits of victory.

After a year's absence, Henry Ashley in his "Six-Bits" again captured the State of Massachusetts Championship title from Fred Pothier, who relinquished it, only to capture the Marblehead season championship title, with Henry Ashley finishing second and Dick Price third.

The Eastern Yacht Club series was taken by Fred Pothier in his "Fancy Free". Henry Ashley once again won the Corinthian Yacht Club championship with Fred Pothier following closely on his heels for second place. Aside from the three aforementioned, there are other sailors in the Marblehead Fleet. Our Labor Day trophy was won by Paul Deschenes in his "Me Pa". A stay-at-home series, which is held on week-ends when many of our boats trail to other parts of New England for regattas, was won by Phil Lord in his "White Cap". Second and third places were captured by two other new winners, Harold Hokanson and John Sullivan, in "Spook" and "Rambler" respectively. Harold Hokanson again scored in the first twilight series, in which he took third place. First and second positions went to Fred Pothier and Forrest Standley.

Louis Pocharski, who after winning the Marblehead Town Class Championship in 1955, sold his Townie and joined the Lightning Fleet, took second place in the second evening series. First and third positions are again held by Fred Pothier and Forrest Standley.

Marblehead Race Week, the big event of the summer in this harbor provided some of the best racing in years to over 300 boats of all classes which participated in the 3 series event. Fair weather and winds brought out a record of 32 Lightnings, the largest class to start on a single starting line. Two new winners sailed forth during this event. Art Ries from Fleet 189 won the 3 race Eastern Yacht Club Series while Ben Smith from Gloucester in his new "Teaser" won the Boston Yacht Club, Corinthian Yacht Club and the Larson Trophy for chalking up the greatest over-all average for the week.

Our Junior sailing group has become quite active in the past two years. The Juniors compete with the senior skippers in all of the regular races but have their scores kept separately for their own trophy. This year newcomers to the fleet showed a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in racing and in their first season of Lightning sailing, John and Paula Carien won the Junior Season Trophy in their "Neirac", followed closely by Carole and Billy Gleason in the "Fouette" and Frank Morse in his "Suzy".

In addition to our beach parties, cookouts and picnics an innovation in the form of a clambake, was enjoyed by members and their friends, the week-end of the State of Massachusetts regatta. Clams, lobsters, corn and sweet potatoes, cooked under seaweed, followed by large portions of watermelon and coffee were the order of the evening.

Climaxing the summer social season is the annual banquet at which time the awards for the racing season are made, including the elephant's tail, an enormous item, which every skipper in the fleet sails real hard to avoid winning. The lucky winners this year were the co-owners of the "Mach-One", Bill Marscher and Webb Blood, who are considering buying a new boat next season in order to improve their record and rid themselves of the tail.

A buffet supper at the Boston Yacht Club brought the fleet together for a fall gathering at which time they enjoyed the movies of the Internationals and President's Cup Races at New Orleans and made plans for their winter meetings, which always bring sailors closer and closer to spring and launching time again.

NAPLES LIGHTNING FLEET (191)

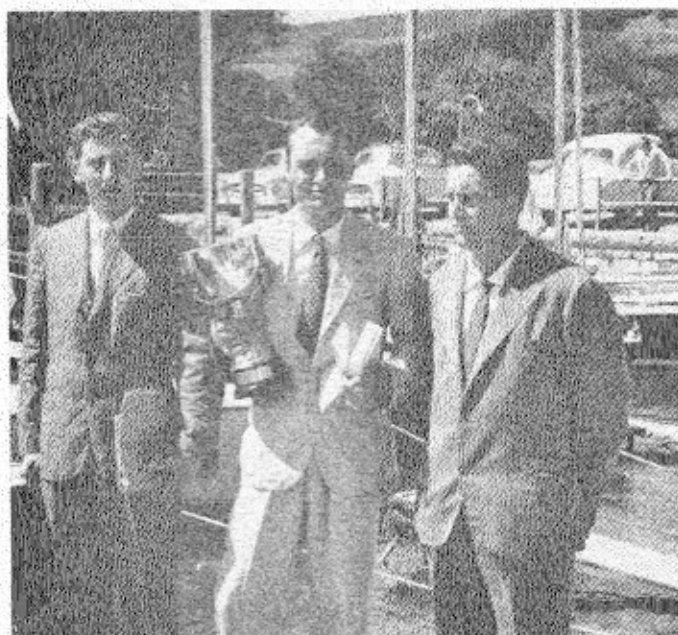
Sailing on Naples Bay

Fleet Captain Sergio Capolino
Fleet Secretary Sergio Capolina

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4122	Temporale	Aldo Valenzuela
5435	Alcione	Adriano Cosentino
6390	Posillipo	Gaetano Pesce

Temporale 4122, with Camardella Raff, Salvatore Bonetti and Sergio Capolino, won at La Neuveville the European Championship, and were Runner-Up in the Italian Championship at Anzio.

The fleet entered many other events, and Temporale and Posillipo were winners in many races.



Salvatore Bonetti, Ralf Camardella and Sergio Capolino—Winner of the European Championship at La Neuveville, Switzerland.

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

Dixie District

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

Fleet Captain	Louis P. Holladay, III
Fleet Secretary	J. Robert McWhorter
Fleet Champion	E. Leighton Wilkinson
Runner-Up	J. Robert McWhorter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
355	Naiad	Alfred E. Ward
627	Dutchess	Jimmy McCann
738	Jolly Roger	Louis P. Holladay III
1374		R. Max Armstrong
1624	Andiamo	Dixie Carty and Bobby Horton
1741	Winsome	Harold P. Landert
1792	Loafer	Richard E. Seaman
2892	Duck Soup	Howard T. Games
2894	Five Brothers	Theodore B. Strange
3438	Caliban	Stanley Munger and Robert Mallon
3439	Folly	Henry D. Macconachy
3443	Mayflower	R. Stuart Armstrong
3444	Ladika	J. Robert McWhorter, Jr.
3508	Gryphon II	Wm. F. Holton
3704	Magic Carpet II	E. Leighton Wilkinson
4085	Landfall	Carl W. Thompson, Jr.
4287	Sead-a-ho	Richard T. Heald
5331	Live Roll	W. Howell Finn
5847	Joy Sea	Harold G. Peffley
5977		August Bellanca
6126		Lee F. Brown
6357		Frank M. Bunch
6430		Richard H. Allen

October 28 saw the last race of one of the busiest seasons in history of Fleet 192. We held 24 fleet races on the 22 weekends beginning May 27. The scoreboard showed 12 boats racing in our First Series, 19 in our Second Series and 12 in our Championship Regatta. We owe most of the credit to our busy Race Committee, Howard Games, Stan Munger and Frank Bunch.

Our season opened officially on January 23 with a business meeting and was followed up with our regular spring Skull Sessions on February 13 and 27. The first of these seminars was a discussion of "How to Get Her Goin'" moderated by Captain Holladay and the second was a round-table review of "Rules and Tactics." Possibly as a result of these meetings, designed to spread the know-how, we saw some new names in the list of 1956 trophy winners.

The annual contest to see who gets overboard first appeared to have gone to McWhorter who launched 3444 on April 21 (in 40 degree water). Holladay pulled ahead on April 28 when he

launched 738 as 3444 hauled out with a broken mast and miscellaneous abrasions following capsizing at the mooring in an April 23 blow. May 3 saw 738 haul out for the same reason and by May 6, when 3444 went back in, half the fleet was launching.

Besides the new faces in new boats we've come to expect each year as Fleet 192 grows, we saw some old faces in new boats. Wilkinson showed up at the first fleet meeting with talk of selling 741 and giving up sailing, which fooled few of those who know him. After several conflicting reports he showed up out in front in the first race with 3704 and pretty well stayed there all season. Frank Bunch, who waited out the 1955 season for a Dutch-built replacement for his Haz I-demolished 4599, showed up high in the standings with 6357. Lee Brown, who used to be out front with 4588 before he embarked on a Government-sponsored vacation in Colorado, showed up for the Dixie District regatta with 6126 still under construction but sailing nonetheless.

Home fleet activity this year seems to have cut into our participation in outside regattas. Holladay, Wilkinson, Finn, Brown and McWhorter trailed to Baltimore for the Dixie District Championships. The Baltimore boys took the wind out of our sails in a variety of ways. Holladay led our fleet with a 4th, Wilkinson placed 6th and rest of us placed. Lee Brown had slightly better luck at Indian River but brought home no silver. Frank Bunch trailed to Quantico to retrieve some of our glory by placing 2nd of 31 in the Froebite Regatta.

Having had no hurricanes this year, we wound up the season with a Fleet Party December 1. Holladay's Rathskellar, the scene of some rough-and-tumble rules discussions earlier in the season, brought out the Elvis in many a pelvis as the record library divulged tango, calypso, rock and roll and that newest dance sensation, the "Mast-top-Mambo". Somehow we managed to hold a business meeting, a trophy presentation and a discussion of plan for 1957. Judging from the number who have asked Santa Claus for new sails, gear and boats, the coming season promises to be even bigger.

Trophy winners were as follows:

First Series, May 27-July 1; 6 races

1	738	Holladay
2	3704	Wilkinson
3	5331	Finn

Second Series, July 29-October 28; 13 races

1	738	Holladay
2	5331	Finn
3	3704	Wilkinson

Championship Regatta, July 8, 14, 15; 5 races

1	3704	Wilkinson
2	3444	McWhorter
3	738	Holladay

Novice 3443 Armstrong



Sailing on North East River, Chesapeake Bay, Some of Fleet #192.

MISSION BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (194) California District Based on Mission Bay, California

Fleet Captain Wm. Nute
Fleet Secretary Alfred P. Coha

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
648	Mary Mc V	Glen McPherron
1452	Papigo	Louis E. Smith
1457	Viva	Norval Diamond
1531	Adios	Tom Kraai
1596	Torchy	Robert Sherwood
1958	Wailie	John S. Bradshaw
1974	Relampo	Archie Walker
2368	Fanci	Adrian Poirier
2429	Fury	William V. Pirie & Ty Vaughn
2476	Gray Mystery	K. A. Glazebrook
3554	Hi	Fred Boynton
3838	Black Magic	E. L. Anderson
4060	Hold er Nute	William Nute
4573	Fiesta	Edgar V. Ullrich
4938	Zoom	K. L. Moore
5064	.....	Bill Radcliffe
5508	.....	Hugh Smith
5536	.....	C. A. MacKenzie
5618	.....	Trevor Lewis
5627	Allegro	Fran A. Ewing
5634	Elsie-Ev	Everett K. Ames
5773	Balderdash	Dr. Ralph King
6000	Six Grand	Kelvin Savell
6028	Billie	Carl Eichenlaub, Jr. & Carl Eichenlaub Sr.
6177	Delta	A. Coha
6188	.....	Richard Swanson and John G. Schoonover
6432	Genay Too	David C. Andre
6470	.....	Cdr. R. S. Heady Wm. H. Meek

Sailing, and the accompanying fun, began for Mission Bay Lightning Fleet skippers and their crews with the first race of the Winter Series on February 5th. A turnout of 13 boats, in 2 divisions, saw Carl Eichenlaub, Jr. sail "Billie" into first place for the six race series in the "A" Division, followed by Ty Vaughn in "Fury". In the "B" Division Archie Walker, sailing "Relampo", took first place, followed by Ken Glazebrook in "Delilah".

March 25 marked the opening of the first race of the Spring Series. Again a turnout of 13 boats saw Carl Eichenlaub, Jr. sail his "Billie" into first place, followed by Ken Moore in "Zoom" for the six race series. All of the races in the Winter and Spring Series were marked by good weather and winds varying from light to moderately strong.

Opening Day Ceremonies were held on May 27th, following a frenzied and feverish work party day held one week earlier. After these ceremonies the annual Asher Pier Memorial Race was held. This handicap event was won by Carl Eichenlaub, Jr., sailing "Billie". The fast sailing Lightnings have threatened to revise the handicap times in effect at Mission Bay Yacht Club for a number of years.

June 3rd marked the start of the six race Summer Series. A total of 15 boats participated in this Series and the results showed Ty Vaughn, sailing "Fury", finishing in first place, followed by Ken Moore in "Zoom".

With the bang of a cannon (or was it a firecracker?) on July 4th, the Firecracker Series began with 15 Lightnings crossing the starting line. Three hard-sailed races later the winner was determined to be Carl Eichenlaub, Jr., sailing "Billie", followed by Ken Moore sailing "Zoom".

Mission Bay Lightning Fleet was well represented at the California District Championships. Trailering to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, the scene of the 1956 District Championships, were Carl Eichenlaub, Jr., Bill Pirie, Dr. Ralph King and Al Coha, who finished, respectively, 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th. As a result of Carl's winning the Districts, he later trailered his boat on the long trip back to Buffalo to compete in the L.C.Y.A. Internationals in September, covering 6000 miles for the round trip. In the Internationals Carl placed 16th, which we consider an excellent showing in view of the handicap and unfair hardship under which he sailed. After the tune-up races on the day before the first race of the championships, the 1956 Chief Measurer told Carl he couldn't race unless he completely changed his turnbuckles, although his boat had been unconditionally approved by

the 1955 Chief Measurer when Carl sailed at the Internationals in New Orleans in 1955. Nothing on the boat had been changed between the 1955 and the 1956 Internationals. Now, how can an unchanged boat be approved one year and be declared illegal the next year?

The California District protested this action in an open letter to the President, informing him that we will not be interested in sending a representative to any future International Championships until we are satisfied that there will be no further discriminations. At this writing we are awaiting a reply.

In conjunction with the Fiesta Del Pacifico, promoted by the City of San Diego, the Mission Bay Yacht Club was asked and agreed to host a small boat sailing regatta. The race course for the Lightnings was set up in the ocean and the start of the three race series saw 11 boats cross the starting line. Light winds and a moderate swell prevailed for the three races. When the results were tallied at the end of the third race Carl Eichenlaub, Jr., sailing "Billie", took first place, followed by Al Coha in "Delta". Bill Nute took third place (this without using a spinaker) and Den Moore took fourth.

The L.C.Y.A. Regatta had one entry from Mission Bay Lightning Fleet. Three successive firsts assured Al Coha, sailing "Delta", a first place in the Regatta.

The Harbor Days Race on August 18, a nautical wind-up of the Fiesta Del Pacifico celebration in San Diego, saw positions change rapidly during the course of the race. In the process of docking, a Navy carrier and accompanying tugs became entangled with the Lightnings during the race. After much excitement and maneuvering to avoid collisions, all craft continued on their respective courses. First place was captured by Ken Moore, sailing "Zoom".

A large turnout of 14 Lightnings for the Labor Day Series at Mission Bay Yacht Club saw Bill Pirie sailing "Fury" finish in first place, followed by Ken Moore, sailing "Zoom".

The sail-off in September was won by Al Coha, sailing "Delta". Dr. Ralph King in "Balderdash" was second.

The six race Fall Series started in September and concluded in November. First place was captured by Ken Moore sailing "Zoom" and second place went to Al Coha sailing "Delta".

The Ken Reynard Lightning Series held at Coronado Yacht Club saw Mission Bay represented by four skippers and boats Bill Pirie, who took first place, Ken Moore, Fred Boynton and Tom Kraai.

The Herman Trophy Series, also held at Coronado Yacht Club saw Mission Bay represented by four skippers and boats, sending Mission Bay Lightning Fleet. Fog and very light variable winds kept skippers and crews alert and busy for the three races. This event was won by Carl Eichenlaub, Sr.

The biggest event of the year for the Mission Bay Fleet was the Stanley Andrews Lightning Regatta. Four fleets comprising a total of 18 boats were represented in the three races sailed on Mission Bay. Headed by Jo Diamond, our Fleet Captain's very able first mate, the girls in the fleet planned and served an excellent spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening to "Lightning" members and their families.

The finish of the third race on Sunday showed Carl Eichenlaub, Jr. in "Billie" taking first place followed by Ty Vaughn sailing "Fury" in second place.

The 1956 racing calendar round up at the annual Thanksgiving Regatta was held at Coronado Yacht Club. Sailing or trailering over from Mission Bay were Al Austin, Al Coha, Norval Diamond, Carl Eichenlaub, Sr., Ken Glazebrook, C. A. McKenzie, Ken Moore, Bill Nute, Bill Pirie, and Ty Vaughn. Light winds and calms were responsible for the first race on Saturday lasting until sundown. The skippers, crews, and families enjoyed refreshments (it was pretty cold while being towed in after the sun went down) followed by dinner at the clubhouse. The end of the third race was Ken Moore taking first place and Ty Vaughn taking third place.

The biggest improvement of the year was shown by C. A. McKenzie sailing his home-built "Firefly". Mac's perseverance and practice are paying off; he really had them worried at the Thanksgiving Regatta. Ev Ames and Hugh Smith are two more skippers who will bear watching next year.

1956 saw the number of boats in Fleet 194 increase from 24 to 29 with 33 members in the fleet. This growth is a result of the popularity of the Lightning Class and the excellent weather that San Diego furnished so that year round enjoyment can be had from sailing.

Plans for the year 1957 include two races from Mission Bay Yacht Club to Southwestern Yacht Club against Fleet 161, the California District Championships in San Diego, and a full racing program similar to that in 1956 in which 57 races were sailed in total of 16 series.



Fleet 196—Just out for the ride.

SURF CITY LIGHTNING FLEET (196) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Bernegat & Manahawkin Bays

Fleet Captain	Ed Lavery
Fleet Secretary	Doris Lorenz
Fleet Champion	Frank Gray in "White Cap"
Runner-Up	John Elfman in "Scotch Irish"

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
477		Francis Temme
780	Sea Nymph	Fred and Doris Lorenz
1351	T.N.T.	Otto Hansen
1876	Jiggaroo	E. J. Lavery
1878	Valkyrie	Jay Karbach
5046		John M. Mathieson
5092	Creeper	Chauncy & Alan Stoneback
5450	Sea Hawk	Kenneth A. Swanstrom
5522	White Cap	Frank Gray
5943	Scotch Irish	John Elfman

The summer of 1956 was full of fluky winds, close races and many surprises for the members of the Surf City Lightning Fleet. The season started off with the usual Saturday and Sunday series races, and the pace seemed to be set by Otto Hansen, our champion of the past two seasons. Then Otto was forced to retire from racing for the season because of ulcer trouble. At this point, Frank Gray, in White Cap, and John Elfman, in his new boat, Scotch Irish, began the fight for first place, with plenty of competition from Jay Karbach, Valkyrie, John Mathieson, Elna, and Ken Swanstrom, Sea Hawk. This nip and tuck struggle went on in both the Saturday and Sunday series, until finally the season ended up with Frank Gray first in the Saturday Series and John Elfman second. Otto Hansen presented the Julius Christian Hansen Memorial Trophy to Frank with a grin, a handshake, and a cheery "I'll get you next year".

In the Sunday Series, the results were reversed with John Elfman getting first place, and Frank Gray taking second. The honors were many for Mr. Elfman this year, and Fred Lorenz was proud to present him with our newest trophy, the Lightning Fleet Achievement Trophy, for his outstanding improvement over last year's sailing record.

We were all glad to see Al Stoneback, who put in an appearance during his leave from the service to show the "old salts" how to sail. One of the events of the season was the Lightning Fleet Dance, sponsored by the Lightning skippers. It was the most

successful dance of the summer, and we all had a wonderful time preparing for it. The weather was very brisk and windy for our Annual Regatta, but the great number of boats that showed up for it, and the small number of casualties made it one of the best we've ever had. We hope all of our visitors enjoyed it as much as we did, and will come back again next summer.

Our annual fleet meeting was held at the stern of the "White Cap" this year. Ed Lavery was elected Fleet Captain, and during the course of our informal meeting, we all agreed that the coming season should be one of the best yet.

CHAUTAUQUA LIGHTNING FLEET (198)

Based on Chautauqua Lake, Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain	Jack McCredie
Fleet Champion	Dick Karslake
Runner-Up	John Paul Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
710	Windsong	Florence & Paul Norton
1150	Clubrub	Boys and Girls Club
1342	Thunder	Bob Walkerman
1344	Mimmie	Boys & Girls Club
2758		Camel Brandon
2759	Wind Wisp	John & Paul Magnus
2763	Telos	Jim and Walt Braham
2798	Jesse James	Sally Hunt
2922	Kro-Flite	Milt Weaver
2923	Raven	Fred Tim
2924	Su-D	Sue Davis
3686	High C's	Robert Huffman
4644		Joe Barr
5579	Tina	J. P. Jones
5743	Paychee	Bill Curn
6207	Kitty	Dick Karslake
6298		Dave & Paul Arnold
6461	C-Lark	Robert Clark
6660	Black Jack	Jack McCredie
	Doll	Becky & Tilda Sample

Every Saturday and Sunday from early July until the first of September, the members of Fleet 198 battled for positions on beautiful Lake Chautauqua. The 1956 racing season was perhaps the most successful in our eleven year history.

Our fleet champion and the High Point Trophy winner of the yacht club was Dick Karslake. Dick's boat, 6207, was constructed by J. P. Jones. Mr. Jones has, in the last two years built two lightnings at his home in Bradford, Pa.; both boats have been Fleet Champions. Dick's sailing ability and his wonderful boat presented an unbeatable combination.

J. P. Jones, sailing his beautiful home constructed boat, "Tina" captured second place. Jack McCredie in 2923 and Paul Arnold in 6298 placed third and fourth respectively.

The winds varied from extremely light to almost hurricane force in the course of the season. When the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club visited our end of the Lake for the annual regatta, a storm blew up and a few skippers got dunked. The results of this hectic race were as follows: Dick Karslake first, Paul Magnus second, and Jack McCredie third.

After one of the regular races, some of the skippers joined in a round robin race. Jack McCredie sailing 6298 captured first while J. P. Jones in 6467 and Paul Arnold in 5579 finished second and third. Dick Karslake won the three race Labor Day Series. Robert Clark and Jack McCredie placed second and third. Mr. Walter C. Shaw presented engraved cigarette lighters to the winning skipper and his crew.

Fleet 198's pride, Dick Karslake, trailed to three regattas during the season. He placed second in the Central New York Yacht Racing Regatta, and after breaking his rudder in the Lake Erie Districts, he finished eleventh. We were all thrilled to hear the great news that the winner of the President's Cup Series sailed at the Buffalo Canoe Club was Dick Karslake.

Jack McCredie and the Sample girls have both purchased new Nickels and Holman Lightnings. With new boats and more experience, the members of the Chautauqua Lightning Fleet are awaiting the coming season. Warning to Lightning Boat owners: Watch out for Fleet 198!