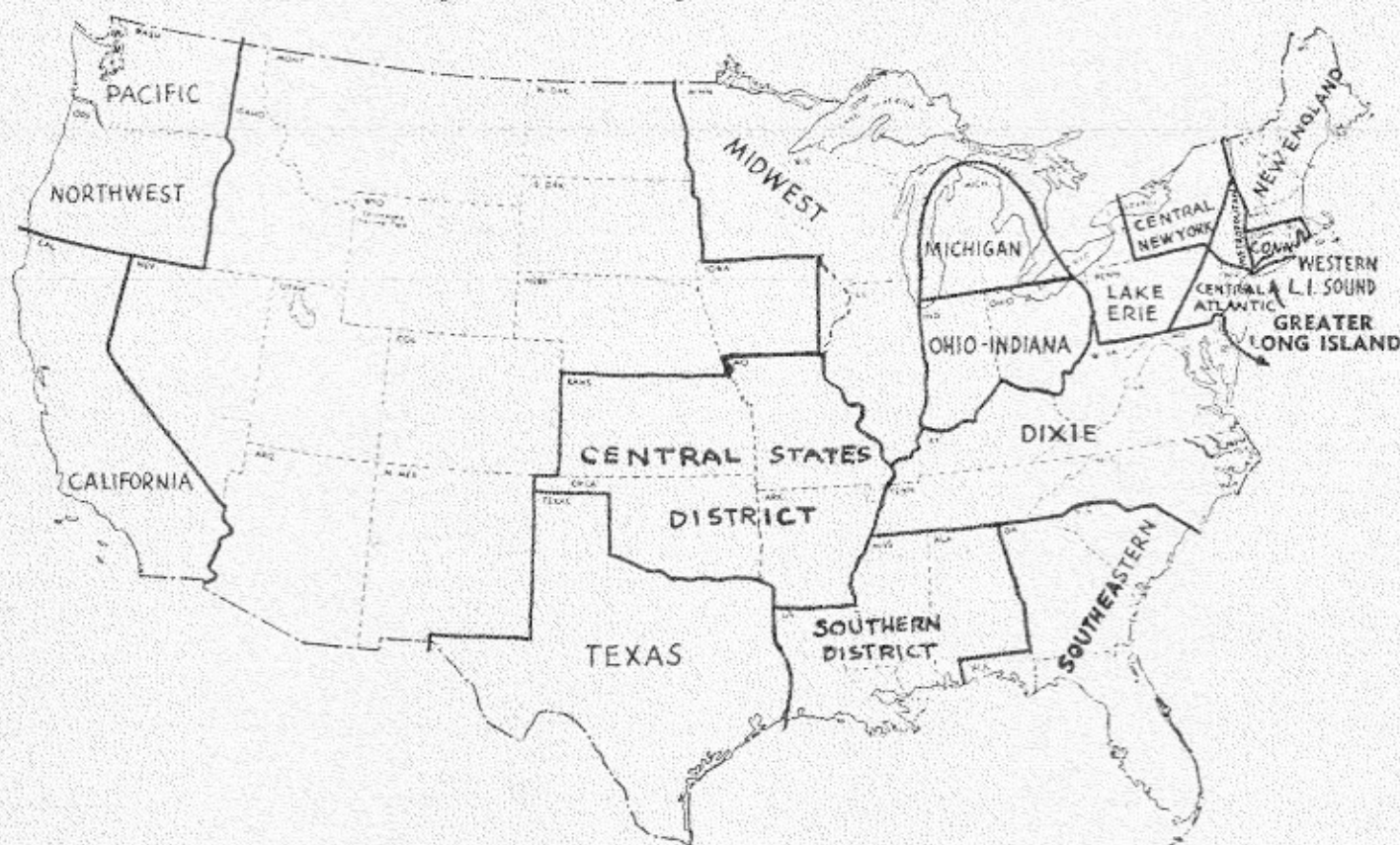


Lightning Districts



Editor's Note: In addition to the above United States Districts and the District of HAWAII, there are those very active and growing Districts of ARGENTINE, BRAZIL, CANADA, FINLAND, GREECE, ITALY, PERU and SWITZERLAND.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Wendell Harter

District Secretary: Richard Benner

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay Fleet (102); Newport-Balboa Fleet (107); San Diego Bay Fleet (114); Southwestern Yacht Club Fleet (161); Mission Bay Fleet (194).

District Report: Again this year, there was no lack of racing activities for all fleets of the District. The first thing on the year's racing calendar was the Southern California Yachting Association Mid-Winter Regatta in February. Up through Thanksgiving there was an average of about three racing events per month all year. In order to fill in the gaps between races, there were some cruises to Catalina Island, day sailing, and the Malibu Series eliminations. Besides the District Championships and the Pacific Coast Championships, there were five well-attended LCA sanctioned Regattas. Lowell North, current world Star boating champion, emerged California Lightning District Champion, breaking the strangle holds of Carl Eichenlaub and Al Coha on this coveted crown. Another thing on the happy side of the ledger is the doubling in numbers of the Santa Monica Bay Fleet. This phenomenal growth was mainly the result of several years of selling by the old guard and the determined work of Big Daddy Ralph Branning and nearly-as-big Ted Staniec as Fleet Captain and Secretary, respectively. Unfortunately, none of our friends from the Northwest District made the long journey south to join us in the PCC's, but at least we did see two LCA boat loads from Eugene, Oregon, skiing at Sun Valley in March, the Wilson Jewetts and the Hobie Wilsons.

Hopes are running high for next season with Carl Eichenlaub building several new boats, one of which has already proven itself by winning the Thanksgiving Lightning Regatta with three first places. He put to use some revolutionary results from model tank test at Cal Tech. Coupling these new boats to the keenly com-

petitive owners should elevate our brand of racing and spread the hardware around a bit more. Competition and camaraderie throughout the fleets are at an all time high for the California District.

The District Championships will be best remembered for the planing, spinnaker reach in the Sunday morning race which truly separated the men from the boys by large distances. The only major mar to the race results was caused by Carl Eichenlaub forgetting to lower the centerboard at the leeward mark and sliding into Lowell North.

Boats finished in the following order in Lightning Regattas this year:

California District Championships—North, Lewis, Wright, Benner, Coha

Pacific Coast Championships—Coha, Benner, Wright, Lewis, Staniec

Ken Reynard—North, Wright, Coha

John Bates—Wright, Tuttle, Harter, Cochrane, Staniec

Stanley Andrews—Benner, North, Harter, Coha, Wright

Thanksgiving Regatta—Eichenlaub, Algert, Harter, Pirie

Several newcomers have made remarkable showings in their first full year with us, and some of the more seasoned racers have suddenly emerged from the pack with the aid of new sails or newly slicked submerged surfaces.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: John W. Orelup

District Secretary: William P. Clausen III

District Vice-Commodore: Howard Mullen

District Treasurer: Fred Slovak

District Measurer: James Carson

Fleets: Barnegat Bay (3); Metedeconk River (34); Great Egg

Harbor Bay (99); Lavallette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Brigantine (217); Riverton (228).

District Report: The 1959 season began early in April with the annual executive committee meeting. Mr. James Carson, Commodore, presided. Between swapping stories, experience, etc., from St. Pete, we managed to sanction the season regattas and plan the district championships.

Jim Carson sailing TRIDENT #6884 used his winning ways early in the year by taking the Spring Championship and the New Jersey State Championship in June.

The annual district meeting was held on July 17 at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. Seven fleets were present. The minutes of the executive committee meeting were approved and the race committee for the districts was ratified. The new officers were elected as follows: Commodore, Jack Orelup, Secretary, Bill Clausen III, Vice-Commodore, Howard Mullen, Treasurer, Fred Slovák, Measurer, Jim Carson.

The District Championships were held on July 18th and 19th at the Metedeconk River Y. C. After a morning of sail-measuring and boat weighing, the first race got under way Saturday afternoon. We had winds, S.W. at 20-25 mph, choppy water, a triangular course, three laps with an extra windward leg. At the start Bill Clausen in THE WILLIES had a perfect start at the leeward end of the line on port tack, but was overtaken by Marcy Lippincott in #7298, and Jim Carson in TRIDENT at the windward mark. The next leg was a close spinnaker reach. Lippincott continued to lengthen his lead throughout the race, and won easily. The order at the finish was Lippincott, Carson, and Marge Alexander in WHIRLWIND.

In the second race Sunday morning the wind was west, 20 mph and shifting, the course triangular, two laps with an extra windward leg. Howard Mullen in TACKLESS jumped to an early lead. He led throughout the race until the last windward leg when Jim Carson passed him and won by a scant two feet.

Carson led Lippincott by one point going into the third race. Sunday afternoon saw the same wind conditions as the morning race. Jim Carson took an early lead and continued to pull away from the fleet throughout the race to win handily and at the same time winning the Central Atlantic District Championships. He was followed by Tom Coe in COHERE and John Teigland in SEDUCTRESS.

Prizes were awarded at the Bay Head hoist for the District Championships and the Commodore's Cup a series held concurrently with the districts for older and/or slower boats. The final results were as follows:

Final			
Position	Skipper	Boat No.	Boat Name
1	Jim Carson	6884	TRIDENT
2	Marcy Lippincott	7298	
3	Marge Alexander	7044	WHIRLWIND
4	Tom Coe	7206	COHERE
5	Howard Mullen	6336	TACKLESS
6	Bill Clausen	7195	THE WILLIES
7	John Teigland	5424	SEDUCTRESS II
8	Dave Shay	5400	ONE HOSS SHAY
9	Ed Lavery	5730	ONDINE
10	Dick Powell	5837	BARRACUDA
11	Jack Elfman	5943	SCOTCH-IRISH
12	Jack Orelup	7220	JAVELIN
13	C. Sullivan	5353	SHADY LADY
14	B. Gilbert	5919	BITZ POOF
1959 Commodore's Cup			
1	P. Sassee	6617	MIRA II
2	F. Flovak	1523	STAR DUST
3	C. Hommer	6557	ZIG ZAG
4	B. Mahler	3965	SEPP
5	S. Hicks	6312	VIVID
6	Heyward	3016	WHISTLER
7	A. Nichols	6416	
8	S. Brooks	1065	YOU BET

The South Jersey Championships was a six race series held at Brigantine (3 races) and Ocean City (3 races). William P. Clausen in THE WILLIES won the series with six straight firsts. John Walton of Brigantine in STARLIGHT was second and David Thurson of Ocean City in FIJI was third.

Jim Carson represented the Central Atlantic District at the Internationals in Detroit. He finished a very respectable 12th in spite of being fouled in one race. Jim finished first in the Frigid Digit Regatta in Baltimore in late October.

1959 was the first year in a long time that the number of entries in the District Championships has increased over the previous year. We hope this is the sign of a general upswing in the district, both in quantity and quality. Look out for C.A.D. in 1960!

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: William L. Quisenberry

District Secretary: C. W. Talbot

Fleets: Jawhawk (60); Tulsa Sailing Club (205); Lake Ouachita Yacht Club (284); Fort Gibson Sailing Club (293); Odd Winds (296).

District Report: For the second consecutive year the District Meeting and Championship Regatta was held at Western Hills Lodge on Lake Fort Gibson near Wagoner, Oklahoma, June 5-6-7. All Fleets were represented at the District Meeting the evening of June 5. Officers elected for 1960 were Bill Quisenberry, Commodore and Bill Talbot, Secretary, both from Fleet 293. Fred Dierks of Fleet 284 was elected District Measurer. The 1960 District Championship was set for June 17-18-19 at Lake Ouachita Yacht Club, Hot Springs, Arkansas, home of Fleet 284. Kansas City was selected for 1961 with Odd Winds Fleet 296 serving as the host fleet.

Bill Quisenberry did an outstanding job as Regatta Chairman ably assisted by Bill Schwartz who served as Race Committee Chairman. Harold and Betty Lewis graciously placed their yacht into service as Race Committee Boat with expert help from Bob and Norma Jones of Topeka and others, insured the success of the Regatta by excellent course selection, good starting lines and well-handled starts. Other power yachts were always at hand to pick up tows and serve as spectator boats. Mildred Houston, Carol Gingerich and Phyllis Gilker handled registration and information.

Twenty-two Lightnings, the largest District turnout yet, hit the starting line for each race. The first race on Saturday morning was sailed in a 4-6 mile S. W. breeze and after the start the course was shortened to once around plus an additional windward leg. At the first mark it was Houston, Brander, Schwartz, Ives and Cotton in that order. Rounding the second mark, Ives had worked up to second, Cotton to fourth and Brander had dropped to fifth. At the third mark Schwartz had passed Ives who had slipped to third. The other positions among the first five remained the same. On the beat to the finish line Gingerich worked up to third and crossing the finish line it was Houston, Schwartz, Gingerich, Brander and Cotton.

The afternoon race saw the breeze from the same quarter and with about the same push but in the interest of time the course was posted as once around the triangle. Fetching the windward mark it was Houston, Groom, Squire, Schwartz and Dart with turning the second mark it was Houston, Schwartz, Groom, Gingerich and Ives. At the finish it was Houston, Schwartz, Groom and Gingerich with Dart and Seger in a dead heat for fifth place.

Saturday evening was for fun with over a hundred persons in attendance at a cocktail party and buffet dinner. Rosie and Wendell Ives screened their excellent movie in color which they had made of the '59 Winter Championship at St. Pete.

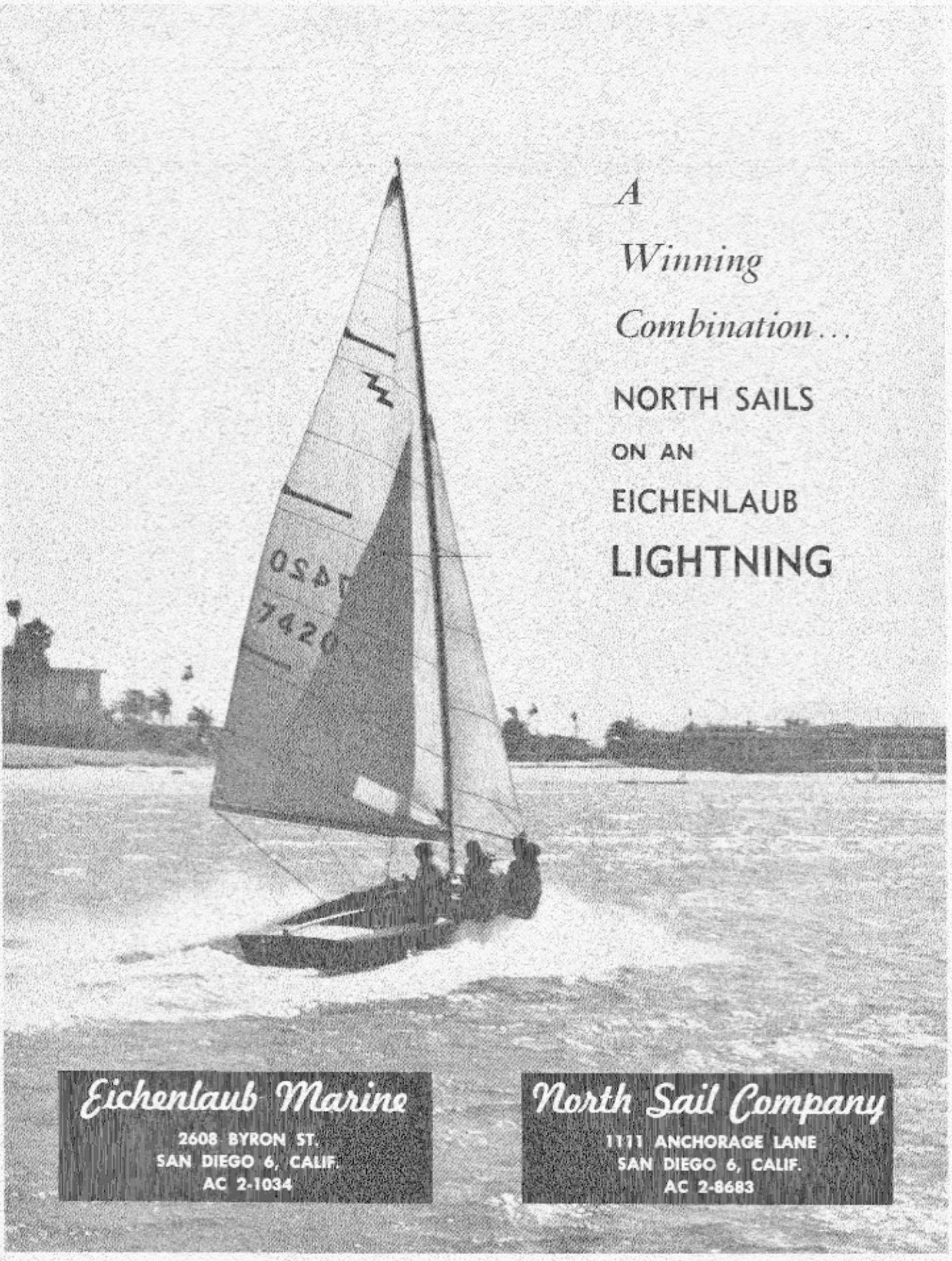
Going into the third and final race Sunday morning Houston was leading Schwartz by 44 points to 42 and Gingerich was in third place with 39. The wind was from the S. E. at 8-10 miles an hour. It later shifted Southerly, laid, then sprang up again from the S. E. with a push of 6-8 miles. The course was twice around, finish to wind. At the windward mark it was Flanagan, Groom, Brander, Seger and Schwartz. Gingerich turned the second mark in the lead followed by Schwartz, Flanagan, Brander and Lennart but at the third mark Schwartz rounded first with Gingerich second and they never relinquished these spots throughout the race. The dying wind with the resulting slicks took its toll in shaking up some of the other positions. The new breeze came to life during the sixth leg and turning the mark for the beat to the finish line it was Schwartz and Gingerich followed by Brander, Seger and Houston. At the finish it was Schwartz, Gingerich, Seger, Houston and Cotton.

The first ten places were as follows:

Place	Skipper	Boat No.	Fleet No.	Points
1	Schwartz	7001	60	64
2	Houston	5855	284	63
3	Gingerich	6602	284	60
4	Seger	4342	293	51½
5	Brander	4275	205	48
6	Groom	7115	205	45
7	Cotton	7283	205	44
8	Ives	6779	60	41
9	Talbot	5775	293	35
10	Squire	6901	205	35

Three boats from the District trailed to St. Pete for the 1959 Winter Championship, one of which participated both in Savannah and at St. Pete. Bill Schwartz, District Champion, represented us in the Internationals at Detroit in August.

It appears that a new fleet is in the making for our District



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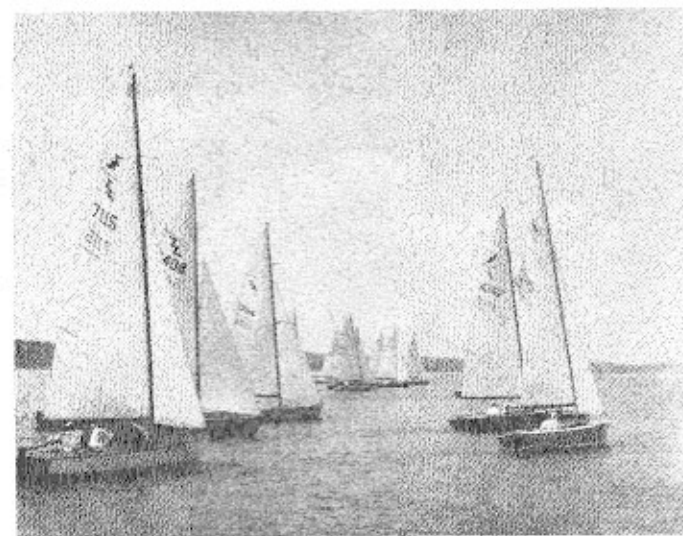
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CONNECTICUT DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.

District Vice-Commodore: John Barton

District Secretary: Wayne Brockett—Pro Tem

District Treasurer: Wallace Lineburgh

Fleets: Housatonic (6); Black Rock (17); Columbia Lake (49); Branford (63); Candlewood Lake (82); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Western Narragansett Bay (119); Madison Beach (129); Noroton (134); Pequot (153); Wada-

wanuck (183); Norwalk (230); Milford (238); Darien Boat Club (255); Sachem's Head (269).

District Report: Our season started in the biting cold and snow of February when some of our fortunate members trailed their boats to St. Pete. Wally Crump finished in fifth place in this Mid-Winter Championship which is a very good showing indeed with 63 boats in the regatta. Other members were Bud Olson, Bob Crane, Marty O'Meara, and Robert Shearor. They all came back strongly urging the rest of us to get down there next year and start living.

In March we had our Mid-Winter District Meeting and it was a very happy affair with a fine dinner and Bob Carnahan of the Traveler's Weather Service giving us a wonderful talk on Thunderstorms and Squalls.

Early in May the Milford Y.C. held an early or Frostbite Series. Wayne Brockett with his new Lippincott won this one followed by Bruyee Franz and Ken Ireland of Milford Y.C.

Next on June 27-28 came the Early Bird Series at Niantic Bay Y.C. The weather left much to be desired but the racing was fine with Bill Healy of Niantic Y.C. taking the first spot and Wayne Brockett of Branford Y.C. in second. George and Mike Flynn of Niantic Y.C. tied with Ken Ireland of Milford but as the Flynn's had beaten Ireland more times than Ireland had beaten them the trophy for third went to the Flynn's.

Also on June 27-28 the Black Rock Invitational Regatta was held at the Black Rock Y.C. Wallace Lineburgh of Pequot Y.C. was first followed by David Petersen of Housatonic Y.C.

The Pequot Invitational was held on July 11-12 and was a very fine series with really hot competition. Tom Munnell of Pequot won this one followed by Wayne Brockett in second place. Third was a tie between Lineburgh and Flynn with Lineburgh taking the hardware having been ahead of Flynn in more races. Fourth was David Petersen and fifth, District Commodore Marty O'Meara. The writer got his biggest thrill in the regatta when he had a long gabfest with Briggs Cunningham, the skipper of the winning Columbia in the races for the America's Cup. Briggs described the amount of work and tuning necessary to get a cup defender ready and if you think you have trouble getting your Lightning going you just haven't seen anything yet.

Next the Districts on July 25-26 at Noroton Y.C. and sailed in mostly light, fluky, and to the writer at least, frustrating air. We had a very fine turn out and lots of fun. When the smoke cleared away here is the order of finish:

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| 1. Kevin Yaffee | 6. Mike Shapiro |
| 2. Tom Munnell | 7. Harold Scott |
| 3. Bob Smith | 8. Bob Crane |
| 4. David Peterson | 9. John Aberly |
| 5. George and Mike Flynn | 10. William Bachman |

We had a wonderful lawn party at the home of Sam Dorrance, a member of Noroton Fleet. All the boys and men engaged in a game of football after the cocktail party. (No, the cocktails were not the reason if that is what you are thinking.) Also a roast beef dinner served buffet style and was it ever good! In all a really successful regatta.

On July 31 and August 1-2, the Branford Y.C. was host to the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association's annual regatta. The weather was perfect and so was the racing. In the Lightning division, Bill Healy of Niantic Y.C. was first with Ken Ireland of Milford in second spot. Third went to Mike Shapiro and fourth to our Dist. Comm. Marty O'Meara. This was a really fine regatta attended by very many clubs from all the Eastern end of Long Island Sound.

The Tri-Club Regatta at Milford was won by Wally Lineburgh of Pequot Y.C.

Next in order came the Governor's Cup. The day dawned gray and murky with low flying scud but strangely for such weather the air was light. But it was enough to move the fleet of top contenders around the course and finish the two race series. We had some really good boats at this one and it is our hope that this regatta will become one of the outstanding regattas in this District. Wayne Brockett of Branford Y.C. won this one followed by Kevin Yaffee the Conn. District and Long Island Sound Champ. Third was taken by Tom Munnell who had just previously won fifth place in the ICA International Championships. Competition was hot and the racing was good and so was the fine cookout after the last race. We all went home happy from this one. The date was August 30.

Some of our members attended the International Championships at Grosse Pointe Farms, Detroit. We were all proud of Tom Munnell who finished fifth. This was a terrific win as the competition at the Internationals is very very rough as anyone who has been there can affirm. Marty O'Meara was ninth in the President's Cup after fouling out in one race.

Last regatta of the year was held at Milford Y.C. where the first regatta of the season took place. This was the Last Chance regatta and the weather was beautiful. However, some of the boys, including the writer, could not seem to find the windward mark in the first race. At the finish, Ken Ireland walked away with the silver followed by Bud Olson, Dave Peterson, Wayne Brockett and Burvee Franz.

It was a good season and our members did well. Wally Lineburgh's daughter represented this area in the Women's Junior Championship. We have over 200 paid boats and the possibility of getting a group of Lightning owners at Essex to form a new Fleet. Marty O'Meara, our District Commodore has been elected Treasurer of the International Lightning Class Association. Wayne Brockett has been elected to serve for two years on the Lightning Class Association's Nomination Committee so we are represented in our parent Association. Almost all of the Constitutional Amendments sponsored by the Conn. Dist. were passed by the membership. So we have a good solid District with an interesting future to look forward to and lots of fine racing in store.

FINLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Raimo R. Nordstrom

District Secretary: Raimo Aromaa

Fleets: Helsinki Fleet (166); Kokkola Fleet (297); Kotka Fleet (298); Loviisa Fleet (299); Pori Fleet (306); Oulu Fleet (307); Raase Fleet (308); Kemi Fleet (310).

District Report: The 11th year of Lightning activity in Finland started with the Annual Meeting in Helsinki on October 31, 1958. The previous Commodore, Raimo R. Nordstrom was re-elected. Raimo Aromaa was elected new District Secretary and Treasurer. Erik Sunt was elected Vice-Commodore and Stig Wikman 11 Secretary. Jorma Kettunen was elected as "publicity secretary", a new and needed official in the District. His job was to give news of the Lightnings to the papers, arrange Lightning departments in the boat shows, etc.

The Annual Meeting was followed by an informal session. Raimo Nordstrom reported on the L.C.A. Annual Meeting and

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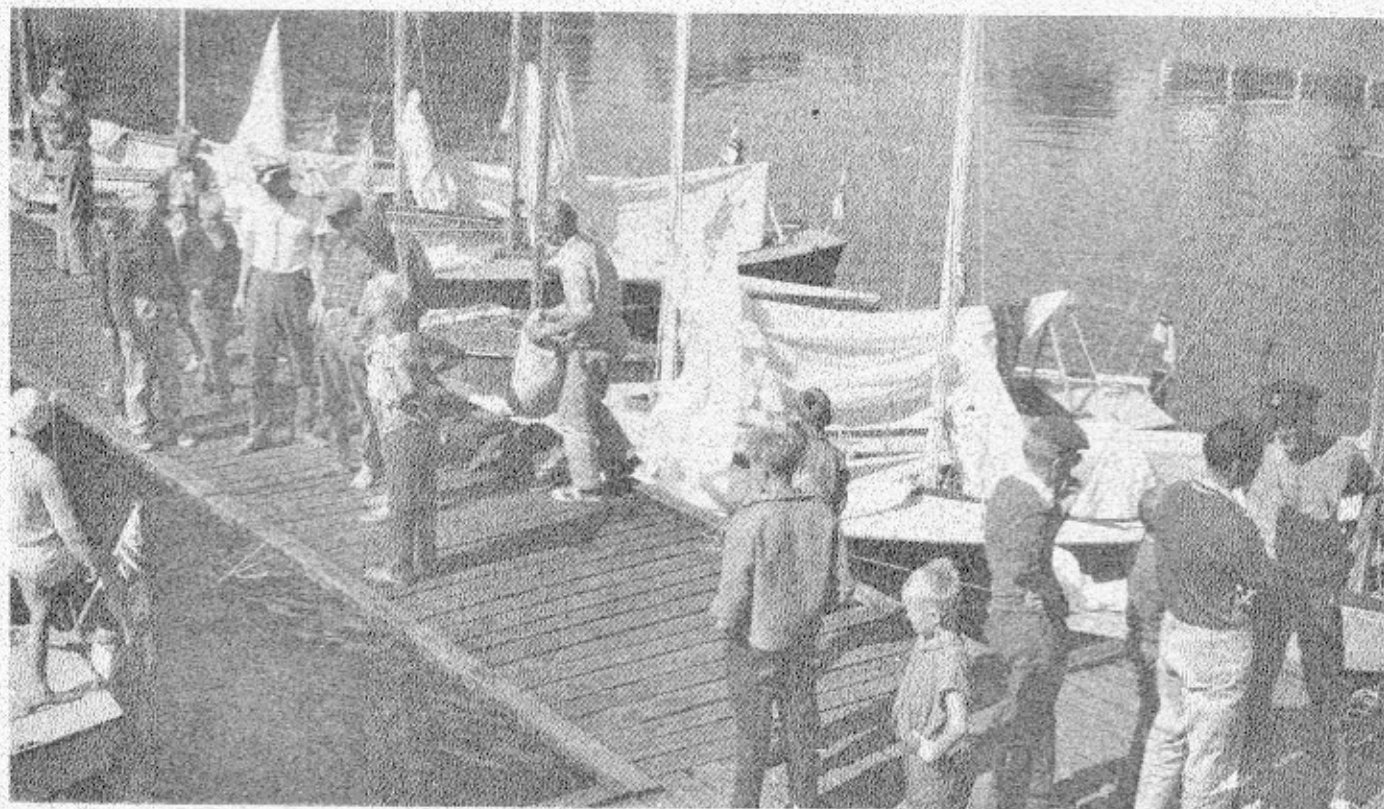
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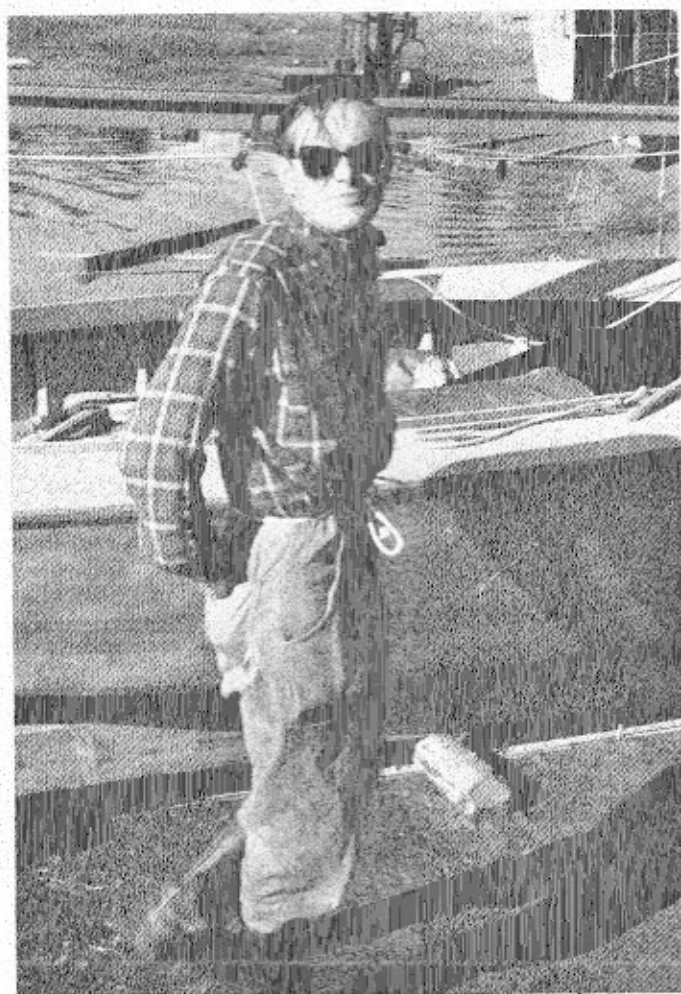
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Dockside "re-sailings" after the Finland District championships. In the middle left of picture District champ. in checkered shirt and cap



Finland District Champ., Raimo R. Nordstrom of Loviisa Fleet 224 between races at the Gulf of Bothnia, Finland, before all the races were over, and he was not yet sure of winning.

Internationals at Beach Haven, N. J., where he participated in the races. We enjoyed some nice sailing films too.

During the season the Lightning Class has shown more activity in several areas. More than in previous years. Especially the Kakkola, Loviisa and Helsinki fleets have participated actively in all the open races in their areas, and besides Lightnings have started to conquer the thousands of lakes of Finland, where only a few sail boats have been seen before. They did not get enough new boats finished to form new fleets yet in this season, but they are coming. Also several older fleets have reported many new boats built during the season, and more to come.

The District Championship Races were organized for the first time in our District's history this year, in the Gulf of Bothnia, in the Western coast of Finland. Races were perfectly organized by Yacht Club, "Kokolan Purjehtijat" and Kakkola Fleet (297) on July 30 - August 2. Seventeen boats from four fleets entered the races. Loviisa Fleet showed where the good sailors grow this time. Their four boats finished the races first, second, third and tenth. Our District Commodore, Raimo Nordstrom sailing his new boat "Katrina" 6838, wife Lila and Ilmari Elo crewing, won the championship very clearly with four firsts and one eighth position. Veikko Larmia with his "Pepita" 4130 took the runner-up place again (he took it last year too), and Pentti Helpio, with "Cinderella" 4308 came in third. Former champion, R. Aromaa was left sixth this time. The weather was fine during the races. Only during one heat the wind was very unsteady and it was really bad then.

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Points
1. Raimo R. Nordstrom	Katrina 6838	299	76
2. Veikko Larmia	Pepita 4130	299	69
3. Pentti Helpio	Cinderella 4308	299	64
4. Erkki Ahola	Hula 7159	297	64

5. Leif Moller	Flamingo 7161	297	62
6. Raimo Aromaa	Kesäheila 5544	166	59
7. Markku Paloma	Kikka 5552	307	56
8. Urho Liimatta	Diwa 7163	166	52
9. Eero Savolainen	Pluto 3924	297	48
10. Klaus Blomster	Riitta 6831	299	43
11. Erik Suni	Piraya 4327	166	38
12. S. Slotte	Delfin 7160	297	38
13. Ingmar Björndahl	Albatross 4331	297	37
14. Jarmo Marttinen	Hessu II 4307	166	32
15. Mikko Kuusiniemi	Tiwa 5054	297	28
16. Rauno Polso	Virva 5059	297	26
17. Tero Rautavaara	Calybo 7162	297	11

Several interfleet events within the District included the Helsinki Regatta, the biggest sailing event in Finland every summer. Over 100 boats of most racing classes participated, and not only Finnish, but also Swedish, Danish, German and even Russian boats. Nine Lightnings from the Helsinki and the Loviisa Fleets entered these big races and Raimo Aromaa with "Kesäheila" 5544 won three races and Veikko Larmia with "Pepita" 4130 and Pentti Helpio with "Cinderella" 4308 won one race each. "Kesäheila" also won the Kacklund-Rautavaara Trophy again.

Ten Lightnings from Loviisa, Helsinki, and Kotka Fleets participated in the three day Eastern Finland Regatta in Loviisa.

Two of our District's boats made a long trip in the autumn. "Katrina" Raimo Nordstrom and "Kesäheila" Raimo Aromaa went to the Lightning Class European Championships which were held in Anzio, Italy on September 13-18. 28 top class skippers, crews and boats from four countries, Italy, Greece, Switzerland and Finland, entered the championships and after the five hard races were over the points showed that Raimo Nordstrom, Lila Nordstrom and Ilmari Elo crewing, had finished sixth and Raimo Aromaa 20th.

We hope to get some new fleets to our District next season, especially in the lakes. Fleets reports show that several new boats are coming to make races "hotter" next summer.

GREATER LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: William E. Thomas

District Secretary: Nancy Thomas

Fleets: Cedarhurst Y.C. (2); Sheepshead Bay (38); Hewlett Bay (58); Gardiners and Peconic Bay (116); Mattituck Y.C. (141); Moriches Bay (142); Great South Bay (178); Keystone Y.C. (208); Woodmere Bay Y.C. (300).

District Report: The Fleets in the western section of the District are stirring and interest in racing is running very high. In past years the eastern Fleets were the hub of activities. With the formation of a new Fleet (Woodmere Bay Y.C.) and a revival of interest in Lightnings in neighboring yacht clubs we can look forward to fine competition from this area.

The Douglass-Koehne Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Greater Long Island District Championship was returned to the waters of the Peconic Bay by Bill Uhl of the Mattituck Y.C. Fleet. The trophy which has resided in this area ever since 1949 was in the temporary possession of the Great South Bay Fleet due to the efforts of Sam Borovich in the Championships held last year at Hewlett Bay.

Bill Uhl in his "Spark II" made a clean sweep of the three race series held July 23 and 26 at the Babylon Y.C. on the Great South Bay. Uhl came in first in each race in spite of hot competition from the other contenders in the 14 boat fleet.

The first race was held Saturday morning when a 10 knot west wind greeted the starters. Uhl led around the 8 mile triangular course and crossed the finish line in front of Mike Zwerling in "Pippa II" of the Sheepshead Bay Fleet. Sam Zorovich in "Mist I" of the Great South Bay Fleet was third and Al Gagliano sailing "Playmate" also of Sheepshead Bay finished fourth.

The weather conditions for the afternoon race were quite similar to the morning with the wind freshening to 15 knots. Uhl took the lead again at the second mark and stayed out in front all the way. Zwerling made a fine bid but was able to do no better than second. Earl Marvin and his "Flamingo" of the new Woodmere Bay Y.C. Fleet finished third and Zorovich came in fourth.

The crews had plenty of practice with their spinnakers during Sunday's race. A 10 knot wind blew from the south which required a windward-leeward course of 3 times around. It was Uhl out in front and first by a large margin. Gagliano and Zwerling battled it out for second place with Gagliano getting the nod. Zorovich was fourth across the line.

In the final standings Uhl took top honors followed by Zwerling, Zorovich, Gagliano and Marvin. Prizes were awarded immediately after Sunday's race. In addition to the Memorial Trophy, Bill Uhl was presented with a plaque containing the silhouette of a bronze Lightning made by members of the host Great South Bay Fleet. The other winning skippers received similar plaques and the crews of the first five boats were awarded individual prizes. The Championship was very well attended and everyone had a good time. The District thanked the Babylon Yacht Club for the fine hospitality shown the visiting sailors. A vote of thanks also went to Lou Orr and his Race Committee for running a perfect series. Saturday evening a dance was held at the Narrasketuck Y. C. in Amityville where the competitors had an opportunity to forget their troubles of the first 2 races. The one note of sorrow in the series occurred on the way to Babylon. Ray Harrington was towing his Lightning under a fixed bridge at which a water level gauge indicated plenty of clearance for his mast. When his boat stopped short he realized that the gauge was wrong but the momentum of the power boat continued to pull the Lightning under the bridge and the mast let go with a sickening crack. It was a terrible blow to Ray and to all the skippers at the Championship.

On the basis of alternating the location of the District Championship as followed in previous years the 1960 series will be held at the Old Cove Yacht Club in New Suffolk and Bill Uhl will preside as District Commodore for the 1960 season.

Bill went on to the Lightning Internationals at Detroit and in spite of a withdrawal from one race because of a fouled mark he finished 11 in a fleet of 53 boats.

District Championship Standings			
Place	Boat No.	Skipper	Fleet
1	6981	W. Uhl	141
2	6925	M. Zwerling	38
3	4899	S. Zorovich	178
4	5696	A. Gagliano	38
5	4863	E. Marvin	300
6	3807	E. Radin	58
7	6051	W. Pulver	178
8	2116	J. Browne	58
9	5403	J. Saul	300
10	3148	D. Wyrkoop	178
11	3904	W. Thomas	178
12	24	R. David	178
13	731	H. Buerger	178
14	4695	P. Gilbert	178

GREEK DISTRICT REPORT

Honorary District Commodore: H.R.H. The Crown Prince Constantine of Greece

Honorary Vice-Commodore: H. R. H. Princess Sophia of Greece

District Commodore: Andrew Sinopoulos

District Vice-Commodore: Eleftherios Constantopoulos

Secretary: Platon Louloudis

Treasurer: Anthony Tsoporis

Official Measurer: John Contocostas

Fleets: SALAMIS, Pireaus Sailing Club (251); THESSALONIKI, Salonika Sailing Club (256); PARTHENON, Royal Yacht Club, Greece (286); DOLPHIN, Royal Hellenic Naval Academy (287); ARGONAUTIS, Volos Sailing Club (289).

District Report: Lightning racing in our area was extremely lively during the past season, in spite of the fact that many good skippers and crews were busy racing the Olympic classes, in preparation for the Olympic games of next year. Nearly all Fleets organized regattas. Participation in these races was more than gratifying. The interest and enthusiasm of H.R.H. the Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, and his Sister, H.R.H. Princess Sophia, greatly assisted in promoting the Class, and contributed to the increased racing activity of last season. Their Royal Highnesses, in spite of a tight schedule always found time to participate in practically all races in Greece with their boat "Triaina". They also participated in the European championship at Anzio, Italy in September, 1959. The main events of 1959 were (a) The District Championship which took place in the beautiful Island of Corfu and (b) The European Lightning Championship in Italy. The Greek District Championship took place last August 13th to 18th and was attended by 20 boats from all Greek Fleets. The prevailing winds were light and shifty making it difficult for the Racing Committee to establish a proper starting line. It was often late in the afternoon before there was enough wind to start the race, but all five races were successfully completed within the time limit. Their Majesties the King and Queen of Greece and other Royal guests followed the races closely. Also the local pop-

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ulation, The Greek Royal Navy greatly contributed to the success of the event, by providing a Committee boat, stake boats and transportation of the Lightnings and crews to and from Corfu. The results of the regatta were as follows:

Fleet 287 "Triaina", Skipper H.R.H. The Crown Prince Constantine of Greece	96 points
Fleet 286 "Efi", Skipper A. Sinopoulos	90 points
Fleet 251 "Albatros", Skipper Bonas Spiridon	76 points
Fleet 286 "Manouskos", Skipper Golemis Panos	76 points
Fleet 256, Skipper T. Yiannakos	72 points
Fleet 251 "Nefeli", Skipper T. Magoulas	66 points
Fleet 286 "Marilena", Skipper G. Stalounis	60 points
Fleet 286 "Hrisanthos", Skipper E. Constantopoulos	56 points
Fleet 287 "Ksifas", Skipper A. Hatzakis	55 points
Fleet 289, Skipper O. Hatzavassilis	48 points

The prizes were presented to the winners by Her Majesty the Queen of Greece during a reception held at the Hotel "Castello Bibeli" in Corfu. Four of our boats participated in the European Lightning Championship held in Italy during last September. Bonas put up a good fight as well as the Crown Prince Constantine, who was racing for the first time in an International event and is only in his second year of sailing.

The Greek boats were as follows:
 "Albatros", Skipper S. Bonas, 4th
 "Triaina", Skipper H.R.H. Crown Prince Constantine, 5th
 "Efi", Skipper A. Sinopoulos, 10th
 "Krinis", Skipper G. Andreadis, 12th

We hope that in next year's European Championship our skippers will improve their positions in Switzerland, in line with the gained experience in such events. Our visiting skippers and crews enjoyed the traditional Italian hospitality and the organizing Committee made every possible effort for the success of the event.

Two new boats are now being built here, and three more have been ordered in the U.S.A. and one in Italy. A new fleet is expected to be organized in Mytilini Island and possibly a second one on the Lake of Yannaia.

The District sends its warmest greetings to all Lightning sailors.

ITALIAN DISTRICT REPORT



Meeting at Club Vela di Roma-Anzio V. Commodore R. DeSandro (right dark) President of the race committee.

District Commodore: Enzo Di Lorenzo
 District Secretary: Mario Cavallo
 Honorary District Commodore: Lorenzo Daretto Adm.
 Vice-Commodores: Riccardo De Sangro Fondi and Franco Acton di Leporano

Treasurer: Antonio Tafuri
 District Champion: Franco Cavallo, Ennio Magri, Mario Cavallo
 Runner-Up: Catello Russo, Alfonso Castellano, Pasquale Russo
 Fleets: Naples Fleet (191); C.R.V. Italia Sorrento Fleet (223); Marivela Fleet (235); Castellammare Fleet (237); Roma Fleet (271); Anzio Fleet (278); Golfo La Spezia Fleet, Lega Navale Italiana Fleet.

District Report: The Lightnings continue to offer the finest racing competitions in our own area.

This year the Roma Fleet, Anzio Fleet and the Lega Navale Italiana Fleet played hosts to the District Championships and to the European Championships at Anzio Bay.

The European Championship was opened with a cocktail party at Prince Sigismondo Chigi Albani della Rovere's Castle in Ariccia, one of the oldest and most wonderful buildings in the ancient pontificate state. Prince Sigismondo Chigi is the President of the Club Tevere Remo, Roma Fleet. The awarding of prizes for the

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Deck, canvas-covered or fiberglassed:	Low limit
Chines, inside edges beveled to drain water:	Cedar
Flats, all exposed edges rounded:	
Floor Boards:	Cedar - Teak faced
Centerboard:	Minimum cut, Galvanized Steel, Streamlined
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Transom—Name Grates:	Mahogany
Mast—Spruce (hollow), mahogany wedges, Stainless steel mast hole plate:	
Braced with stainless steel "A" frame:	
Boom, "T" type, solid — Boom Crutch:	Spruce
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Italian District Championship was held at Chigi's castle, before opening the European one. Eighteen boats entered the District Championship.

The European Championship began on September 15th. Two races were held each day on the 15th and 16th, and the last race was sailed on September 17th. Fandango 2nd took first place in all 5 races.

Prince Constantine, the Crown Prince of Greece, Duke of Sparta, having as crewmen the Princess Sophia and Lt. Estinglou, was one of the best contestants. In one race his boat "Triaina" finished 2nd and 5th in three races, finishing very near to the Greek team, Bonas, and to the Italian team, Vincenzina. She kept the 2nd final position, but was then overtaken by the Greek boat "Albatros" and the Italian boat "Vincenzina", which was runner-up in the Championship.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of Greece followed the races and attended the awarding of prizes held at Roma Sailing Club where President Prince Spada Potenziani was hospitable host.

Final positions in the European Championship:

1. Fandango—Franco Cavallo, Ennio Magri, Mario Cavallo
2. Vincenzina—Catella Russo, Alfonso Castellano, Pasquale Russo
3. Turbine—Marola Mario, Lo Sardo, Cannada—Italy
4. Albatros—Bonas S., Bonas, Bonas—Greece
5. Triaina—H.R.H. Prince Constantine of Greece, Duke of Sparta, H.R.H. Sophia of Greece Lt. Estinglou—Greece
6. Kathrina—R. R. Nordstrom, Lila Nordstrom—Finland
7. Posillipo 2nd—G. Pesce, Galante, Molino—Italy
8. Caramba—Rampolla, Rampolla, Cerulli—Italy
9. Fandango—Masciocchi, Florenzano, Civita—Italy
10. Efi—Sinopoulos, Forster, Philippos—Greece
11. Nuvola—Christofori, Christofori, Caruso—Italy
12. Crinis—Andreadis, Arnico, Evert—Greece
13. Garoupa—Lambelet C., Lambelet, De Bosset—Switzerland
14. Alcione—Maddalena, Lupi, Scotti—Italy
15. Mascherina—Monaco, Lombardi, Giovagnoli—Italy
16. Maria Rosaria—Buccia, Falave, Gaeta—Italy
17. Tevere—Molinari, Raffaelli, Rosa—Italy
18. Zig-Zag—Mamini, Focanti, Focanti—Italy
19. Ballerina—De Mori, Puccinelli, Allessandrini—Italy
20. Kasaheila—Aromaa, Aromaa, Pauku—Finland

21. Michela—Tulli, Palomba, Tulli—Italy
22. Raffica—Savini, Savini, Savini—Italy
23. Temporale—Cinquegrana, Voiello, Lancellotti—Italy
- N.C. Jolly—Italy
- N.C. Turbine—Italy
- N.C. Icaboba—Italy
- N.C. Saraco—Italy
- N.C. Sakr el Bahr—Italy

Lake Erie District Report

Commodore: Bob Robinson
 District Secretary: James F. Walker, M.D.
 District Champion: Tom Allen
 District Runner-up: William E. Walker
 Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Jacket Club, (Inactive) (19); Erie Yacht Club (24); Novice Yacht Club (Inactive) (28); Silver Lake Yacht Club (47); Niagara Sailing



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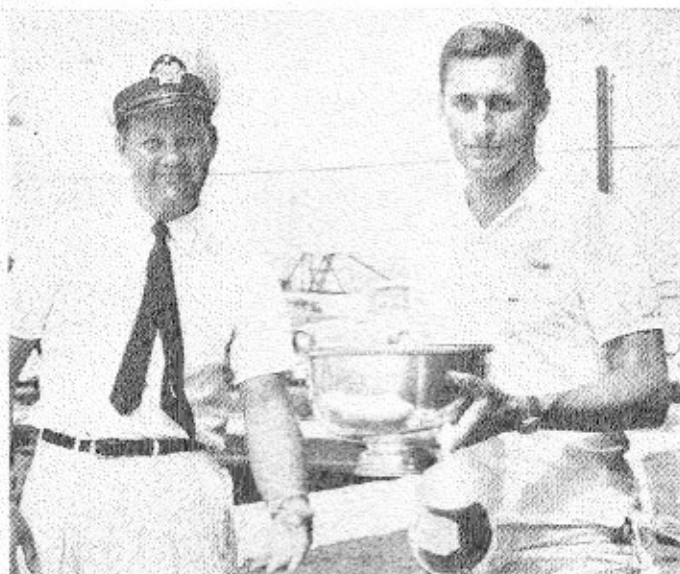


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Club (59); Sandy Beach Yacht Club (78); Buffalo Yacht Club (81); Cuba Lake Fleet (115); Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (118); Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet (146); Conneaut Bay Lightning Fleet (180); Tower Yacht Club Lightning Fleet (198); LaSalle Yacht Club (221); Buffalo Sailing Club (Inactive) (258); Dunkirk Harbor Lightning Fleet (331).

District Report: The 1959 District races were held at the Erie Yacht Club, on Presque Isle Bay, August 7th, 8th, and 9th. The weather was almost ideal and, except for 7 or 8 large freighters which were anchored in the bay, causing some peculiar wind shifts, the races went off without incident.

Tommy Allen walked off with the first place trophy for the 7th (or is it the 8th?) straight time. The fact that he is able to do this in a 38-boat fleet only attests to his marvelous skill as a sailor and one of the finest sportsmen well back in the fleet when the gun is fired, 4811 seems to sail through everyone's backwash, to be among the lead boats at the first mark.

Bill Walker, in 6450, finished second and was the only one, other than Tom Allen, to take a first place in any of the five races. In third place was Tom Fallon, 5100, closely followed by Karl Smithers, 7000, and Bob Bleasby, 5234.

Each year, Bob Bleasby seems to get one or two notches closer to the top; and, this year, he was able to break into the first five for the first time. I know that we will be seeing a lot more from Bob in the future.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Alton Gray

District Secretary: James Harrison

Fleets: Devils Lake Y.C. (31); Crescent Sail Y.C. (51); Lake Fenton Y.C. (53); Pontiac Y.C. (54); Grosse Ile (68); Bayview Y.C. (83); Higgins Lake Y.C. (110); Gull Lake Y.C. (137); Tawas Bay Y.C. (152); Watkins Lake Y.C. (155); Omena—Traverse Y.C. (174); Leland Y.C. (184); Northport Point Y.C. (202); Saginaw Bay Y.C. (216); Ford Y.C. (233); Burt Lake Y.C. (254); Saugatuck Y.C. (294); A new fleet for 1960—Muskegon Lake Y.C. (316).

District Report: The mid-winter Michigan District meeting was held at Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit to start the year's activities. It was decided the district championship regatta would go to Tawas Bay again this year. This is an ideal location for racing as we hope many more will find out next year.



Nice looking bunch of "Skippers"—and their Hardware. L. to R.: Karl Smithers, 4th, L.E.D., Bill Walker, 2nd L.E.D., Jack Swanson, Commodore, Lake Erie Dist., Tom Allen, 1st L.E.D., Tom Fallon, 3rd L.E.D., Bob Bleasby, 5th L.E.D., Stuart Anderson, 6th L.E.D.