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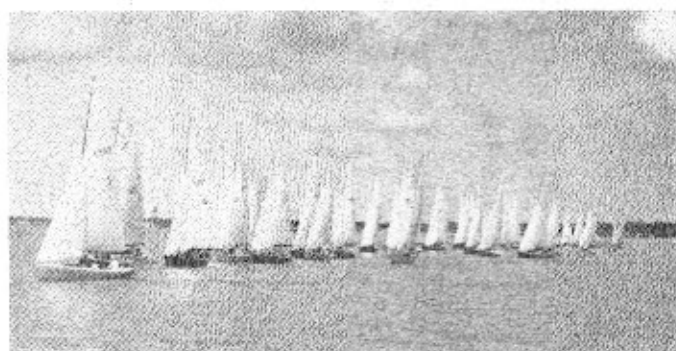
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Tawas Bay Y. C. had a new club house last year and now has added new mooring slips, trailer ramp and boat hoist. The bay is large enough for a clear course with protection on three sides from open Lake Huron and a good view for spectators from their accommodations lining the shore. Races were held on July 10, 11, 12, which brought almost ideal weather. Except for the rain squall which delayed the start of one race, the wind was moderate to heavy with no drifters and no capsize. The fleet of 48 boats kept the lines crowded and the race committee busy although there was a minimum of protests. When the final gun had sounded, Ed and Bill McKinley of the home fleet with Bill Mallon as crew were named the new district champions with a record of one first, two seconds, a fourth and a fifth totaling 231 points. Just 4 points back was Jim Schudel of Bayview with a first, a third, a fourth, and two fifths for 227. Next came Alex Carlin of Higgins Lake with 220 points, then Wes Wiedrick of Bayview with 216 points for fourth place. To show what a tough district this is, Herm Nickels, who really had a year, winning the LCA Mid-Winters, many invitational regattas and later the Internationals, just qualified with 210 points for fifth place. Hank Cawthra, defending International Champion and four time district champion, withdrew from the third race after hitting a mark and wound up in eighth spot. Allerdycy and Holman took sixth and seventh and Goodwin and Grant rounded out the first ten.

The whole affair was staged in fine style with a Friday night beach party for teenagers and Saturday night dinner dance at the club featuring the Michigan District Barefoot Philharmonic. Good parties, excellent sailing, and wonderful people!

Our district had many fine invitational regattas this summer and are planning even more for next year. So get out your calendar, check our ad for places and dates and make your plans for great fun and top competition in 1960.



Start of the Michigan District Championships at Tawas Bay, Fleet 152.

MIDWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Harry Spitz

District Secretary: Marion Spitz

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5); Burnham Park (56); Milwaukee Y. C. (69); Decatur (74); Green Bay (112); St. Joe Harbor (113); Gary Boat Club (222); Kentucky Lake (242); Nashville (262); Valley S.A. (266); Clearwater Bay (277); Thunder Bay (279); Michigan City Fleet (20).

District Report: The Midwest District got off to an early start with the Annual Meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, on February 7th. District Commodore Cully Cobb was in charge, with Carlos Brewer as acting secretary for Ross Bryan.

Gary Boat Club's offer to host the 1959 Regatta, due to Bob Spitz victory the previous year, was accepted. However, the regatta was eventually held at Michigan City Yacht Club the weekend of July 25th, and 26th, due to the Gary Boat Club being sold in the early spring for industrial purposes.

The District Regatta was most successful with 10 fleets represented, and a total of 43 boats registered. The entire regatta was dry sailed. Due to a terrific job by the launching committee, with the aid of two electric hoists, the launching or hauling operation approximated one hour. Both the Saturday morning and afternoon races were sailed in extremely light airs.

Results of the morning race: Bill Wingard 1st, Jay Doty 2nd, Dave Ashton 3rd, Al Berg 4th, G. Sisson 5th. Afternoon results: Bob Spitz 1st, Jay Doty 2nd, Al Berg 3rd, Dave Ashton 4th, J. Hopkins 5th.

The District Meeting was held after dinner and Cully Cobb was succeeded as District Commodore by Harry Spitz.



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RED FLANNEL REGATTA

september 24 and 25, 1960
burnham park yacht club

Sunday morning and still very light air. Results of the Sunday morning race: Jay Doty 1st, Al Berg 2nd, Bill Wingard 3rd, Bob Spitz 4th, R. Tilleman 5th. All sailors went out on the lake for the fourth race, but with absolutely no wind the race was cancelled by the race committee. Final standings of the regatta were as follows: Jay Doty 1st, Al Berg 2nd, Bill Wingard 3rd, Bob Spitz 4th, and R. Tilleman 5th.

The Midwest District was well represented at the Internationals by Jay Doty, Al Berg, Bill Wingard and Bob Spitz. Dave Ashton, Jack Orr, K. Hughes, Deal DeVries, and Joe Stueland, representing the Midwest in the President's Cup.

The Red Flannel Regatta, the usual highlight of the fall season, was sailed in heavy airs. Three races were sailed on Sunday, after postponement on Saturday due to winds of gale velocity. Final standings were Harry Spitz 1st, Herman Nichols 2nd, Bob Adams 3rd, Clarence Holman 4th, and Joe Stueland 5th.

Other excellent regattas throughout the district were the Shake-down Regatta at St. Joe, Governor's Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake, Burnham Park Y. C. Small Boat Regatta in Chicago, Sand Dunes Regatta at Michigan City, Clearwater Bay Regatta, Milwaukee Regatta, and Nashville Tennessee Regatta. Details of these races can be reviewed under the individual Fleet reports.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Robert D. Stewart

District Secretary: Derwin H. Stevens

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Prout's Neck (94); Taylor Pond (101); Spofford Lake (145); Annisquam (151); Marblehead (189); Bomoseen (227); Lake Dunmore (243); Harraseeket (244); Winnepesaukee (246); Sandy Bay (248); Massabesic (273); Champlain (301).

District Report: Thirteen may be an unlucky number but it certainly did not seem that way to the New England District this year. The only unlucky part of the season was the weather which at times appeared to be trying to write the end of all racing in the area. But the enthusiasm of the skippers and crews of the thirteen fleets in the District finally won the battle and the season ended with many memories of regattas being well attended and hotly contested.

The various skippers got their first chance to try each other's skill at the State of Massachusetts Championship on July 11

and 12. Held this year at Marblehead, the regatta offered many skippers the opportunity to sharpen their good humor against the capriciousness of the New England weather. The race Saturday morning was postponed because of the weather and two races had to be sailed Saturday afternoon. But moderate to heavy winds propelled the boats around the course and Saturday night found all boats safely anchored with two races down and one to go. Sunday morning the wind decided to give the contestants a little variety and blew so gently that the course had to be shortened to once around. The prizes were awarded at a chowder party following the Sunday morning race at the Boston Yacht Club. Don McNamara of Marblehead took first prize while two more Marbleheaders, Lou Pocharski and Duncan MacInnes, stole the second and third places respectively.

The weekend of August 8 and 9 found the Annisquam Yacht Club providing almost every pleasure except its famous steady south-west wind as it played host for the big event of the year, the District Championships. While most of the boats from the other fleets arrived Friday afternoon, a few unfortunate lake sailors, accustomed to the constant water level, found that a saboteur had pulled the plug out of the bottom of Ipswich Bay and there was no place to launch the boats. These hardy travelers curled up in sleeping bags next to their boats to catch what sleep they could, for a helpful resident assured them that the water level would be ideal for launching at the pleasant hour of four in the morning.

But despite these troubles, 35 boats, representing 10 of the District's fleets, were ready to go at nine Saturday morning. But again the weather decided to be unkind and with not a breath of air there was no way for the boats to get out the Annisquam river against an incoming tide. In desperation the skippers developed novel methods of propulsion such as walking the boats along a sand bar in waist-deep water. One cruel skipper was seen sending a crew member over the side with a rope around his shoulders and forcing him to swim the boat toward the starting line. Finally help arrived in the form of motor boats and all the Lightnings were towed out into the Bay.

The wind, however, continued to be uncooperative and the race committee called an indefinite postponement. There was nothing to do but drift around and try to avoid a case of sunstroke. Finally, at noon, with stomachs and tempers threatening, the race was called off for the morning and everyone headed in to a delayed lunch at the clubhouse. Those who elected to try to sail back soon found that at last the southwest breeze was working out from the shore, promising to hold steady for the afternoon.

The wind not only held steady but continued to increase throughout the afternoon. The first race, sailed in light winds from the south-west, was a four mile triangular course consisting of a boat and two reaches. Lou Pocharski's "Spook 3" gained a thirty-three second margin over Don McNamara in "Kinvara" while Richard Price, another Marbleheader, took third place in "Celest."

The second race followed close on the heels of the first and by this time there was enough wind for everyone. In fact, Phil Rand from Sandy Bay found there was a little too much as he gave himself and his crew a bath in Ipswich Bay. But he was the only casualty as the others completed the four-legged, five and one-half mile course. Don McNamara swapped places with Lou Pocharski by beating him with a margin of two minutes while Dick Price again came in third.

The final race Sunday morning was harassed by another change in the weather. The winds were light to moderate from the south and carried with them mist and low clouds that promised rain. And the promise was not broken. During both the down-wind legs of the eight mile race the wind slackened and the rain descended. Limp and dripping spinnakers blocked the forward view while the mist forced everyone to rely on their compasses. But the weather had its compensations for a few. The light airs on the leeward legs gave McNamara and Pocharski a chance to tack down-wind and move up from well back in the fleet to third and fifth places respectively. The race was won by Ben Smith of Annisquam with a margin of thirty-nine seconds over Len Pratt of Spofford. Len had led the fleet for most of the race but lost out near the end.

The final results of the regatta gave Don McNamara first place with Lou Pocharski second and Ben Smith third. As Ben was unable to make the trip to Michigan for the Internationals, the third representative of the District was Dick Price.

The Annual Meeting of the District was held Saturday evening, August 8, at the Annisquam Yacht Club. Robert D. Stewart of Massabesic Fleet 273 was elected District Commodore and Derwin Stevens of Annisquam Fleet 151 was elected District Secretary. Everyone agreed that despite the conditions the regatta had been

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a great success and praised the Annisquam Yacht Club for the manner in which the races had been conducted.

Winnepesaukee Yacht Club Fleet 246, based on Saunders Bay, Gilford, N. H. held the State of New Hampshire Lightning Championships on August 15-16 with Lou Pocharski of Marblehead winning the hardware for his third year in a row. Dick Price of Marblehead got second, and Frank Morse also of Marblehead took third, giving the salt water boys another clean sweep as they had there two years previously. Winnepesaukee offered our contestants, numbering 28 in all, beautiful weather with moderate winds, cool, refreshing scenery and water conditions for between races activities, and our hosts outdid their previous year's hospitalities for which they're renowned, with this year's cocktail party followed by the Saturday night party which was a real blast though not late due to preparations and anticipation of the final race. All in all it was a wonderfully different weekend and the District is indeed fortunate in having as fine a group of people and an organization behind them which offers so much to furthering the enjoyment of the sport and especially our class.

The following weekend, August 22 and 23, the Centerboard Yacht Club hosted the State of Maine Lightning Regatta at South Portland. Twenty-four boats were on hand for the first race Saturday afternoon as Len Pratt in his "Bon Joy" held the lead throughout the three mile race. Tricky winds and tidal conditions during this and subsequent races caused several changes of positions during the series with the result that Brad Willauer of Prouts Neck Fleet 94 came out on top to win the series with Gardner Brown of Taylor Pond Fleet 101 taking second, and Len Pratt representing Spofford Lake, Fleet 145, coping honors for third despite his terrific showing earlier. As a fitting conclusion to the Regatta our genial hosts provided a sumptuous luncheon to the visitors followed by a social hour devoted to race "hashing" and the awards presentations. This was followed by fond farewells until next year's event on Casco Bay.

September 12 and 13th weekend arrived with our veteran Bomoseen Lightning Fleet 227 acting as hosts for the Annual State of Vermont Championships at Lake Bomoseen in Brandon, Vermont. Unfortunately for the purposes of this report, while we know that Bomoseen as hosts put their "Best Foot Forward" as they have always done, results of this annual event are un-

known, and thus unreportable. However, rumors have it that our Vermont "cousins" who are among our staunchest supporters, are making unusual plans for Class activities in Vermont for the coming and future years. We're looking forward to completion of these arrangements and to participating!

Concluding the District's annual activities was Lake Massabesic Yacht Club Lightning Fleet's annual Regatta on September 19 and 20th in Manchester, N. H. Fleet 273 members were host to 14 entries for a regatta where near ideal conditions prevailed for two of the three races. Massabesic's third race was hampered by light to non-existent winds which caused some upset standings in the series to say the least. The winner proved to be Richard Price of Marblehead with his 2, 4, 1 average in that order. Brad Willauer, a newcomer visitor to Massabesic, representing Prouts Neck Fleet 94, won second place, and Gardner Brown of Taylor Pond Fleet 101 won out over Spofford Lake's Fred Harris for third position. At the conclusion to Massabesic's Annual Regatta, Yacht Club and Fleet members tendered the visitors a delicious chowder luncheon as a finale to the weekend activities and a fitting conclusion to the District's racing activities for 1959.

The 1959 season came to a fitting close at the mid-winter meeting held on December 13, 1959 at Concord, New Hampshire. Here thirty-one skippers and guests representing six of the thirteen fleets, met for the traditional social hour, banquet and business meeting. At that time District Committees were appointed and a new schedule of events for the 1960 season set up. Governing Board representatives appointed to represent each area were Paul Union for New Hampshire, Robert Siedel for Vermont, Albert Moore for Maine, and Ken Drewrey for Massachusetts.

Events scheduled and sanctioned for the 1960 season start with the State of Massachusetts Lightning Championships which will be held on July 9 and 10 with Eastern Point Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 285 of Gloucester, Mass. acting as hosts. This event will be followed the next weekend, on July 16 and 17, by the State of New Hampshire Championships at Lake Spofford, N. H. Marblehead Race Week comes next starting July 23 to 31 inclusive and will again serve as a final tuneup for the New England District Championships which will be held August 5, 6, and 7 in Marblehead. Since the District Regatta will again

COMPETE in the **NEW ENGLAND** **DISTRICT** This Year

LIGHTNING FLEETS

14	243
94	244
101	246
145	248
151	273
189	285
227	301

For Further Information write:

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JULY 9-10, 1960

State of Massachusetts Championships, Gloucester, Mass.
Fleet #285

JULY 16-17, 1960

State of New Hampshire Championships, Lake Spofford, N.H.
Fleet #145

JULY 23-31, 1960

Marblehead Race Week, Marblehead, Mass.

AUGUST 5-7, 1960

New England District Lightning Championship Regatta, Marblehead, Mass. Fleet #189. Open to N. E. District boats only.

AUGUST 13-14, 1960

State of Maine Championships, South Portland, Maine
Fleet #14

AUGUST 20-21, 1960

6th Annual Winnepesaukee Lightning Championship Regatta, Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. Fleet #246 and WYC

AUGUST 27-28, 1960

State of Vermont Championships, Bomoseen, Vermont
Fleet #227

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 1960

16th Annual Massabesic Regatta, Manchester, N.H.
Fleet #273

be a five race series in 1960, the many skippers who participate in Race Week activities will be able to take advantage of leaving their boats at Marblehead once again, and to return to them the following Thursday night.

After the Districts, Centerboard Yacht Club Fleet 14 in South Portland will once again host the ever popular State of Maine Lightning Championships on Casco Bay. The scene will then change the succeeding weekend to Lake Winnepesaukee for the 6th Annual Lake Winnepesaukee Lightning Championships Regatta on August 20 and 21. Following this Lake Bomoseen Fleet 227 in Vermont will hold the Annual Vermont Championships on August 27 and 28. As a wind up to the District Racing Activities, Massabesic Fleet 273 will hold their 14th Annual Regatta at the lake in Manchester, New Hampshire on September 17 and 18.

In retrospect, the 1959 season has been a very successful one indeed. The demand for and increased attendance at various scheduled State and Local Regattas plus renewed activity of the Prouts Neck, Lake Champlain, and Cape Ann Fleets Areas, as well as throughout the District, gives reason to believe that soon members of the District will be able to enjoy regattas in each of these regions. The wonderful enthusiasm shown by all the members of the District, and the interest expressed by non members clearly indicated that the 1960 season, and years to come, will be better than any we have known heretofore.

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Charles H. Malthie

District Secretary: Jay Limbaugh

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkey Foot (33); Pymatuning (36); Toledo (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Edgewater (45); Rocky River (71); Port Clinton (136); Mansfield (150); Wawasee (154); Northeast (207); Atwood (212); Berlin (263); Indianapolis (270); Cowan Lake (303); Jolly Roger (313).

District Report: The Ohio-Indiana District continued to be one of the largest and most active districts during the past sailing season. Eleven skippers from our district trailed their boats to St. Petersburg for the 1959 Mid-Winter Championships and from all the "See you in St. Pete's" heard at the final regattas of the fall there will be more there for 1960.

Fleet racing schedules were augmented by inter-fleet racing on Lake Erie during five weekends of June and July, using Port Clinton Yacht Club as headquarters. District Champion George Fisher and his home fleet from Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, along with the Port Clinton skippers competed against other skippers from the Ohio-Indiana and Michigan Districts in informal races.

The regatta schedule opened with the annual Great Lakes Invitational at Toledo, Ohio, where Walt Swindeman and Dick Krauss came out of "retirement" to sail again in the Lightning Class Swindeman taking first, George Fisher second, Bill and Ed McKinley (Michigan District) third, Jim Davis fourth and Krauss fifth. Details of the other regattas may be found in the fleet reports—Pymatuning Regatta, Pow-Wow at Leatherlips, Berlin Lake Regatta, Port Clinton, Harvest Moon at Atwood, Hoosierland held jointly by Indianapolis and Wawasee, and Snowball at Buckeye Lake. At the Snow Flurries Regatta held by Port Clinton Yacht Club the list of entries looked like the Internationals and President's Cup all over again—Jim Schudel winning first place, Hank Cawthra, second, George Fisher, third, Tom Fallon fourth, and Mark Auer fifth, out of a field of competitors also including Herm Nichols our International Champion and Jack Swanson who took second in the President's Cup this year.

The big event of the year—the 1959 Ohio-Indiana Districts ended with George Fisher, Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, holding his Championship title for the third consecutive year. Fisher, skipper of Lightning #4865, My Gal II, with Chris Mykrantz and Don Wilson as crew, went into the fifth and final race of the series tied with Bob Adams #6906, Vagabond Too, but put four boats between them during the last race. (Yes, this is Bob Adams, the 1958 Central Atlantic District Champion, now living in Indiana.)

The Districts, sailed on Lake Erie under the hospitality of the Port Clinton Yacht Club, started off with the first race sailed in light and fluke air. Mark Auer #6503, Lil' Angel, Rocky River, won the race; second Bud Nelson #7323, Toledo Yacht Club; third Johnny Mueller #6493, Ticked Pink, Rocky River; fourth Tom Hendrickson #7223, Indianapolis Sailing Club; fifth George Fisher.

The second race found twelve boats several minutes late to the starting line because of unanticipated difficulty in getting to

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Lake Wawasee, Ind.
Jamestown, Pa.
Columbus, Ohio

O-I Districts

July 22-23-24

Rocky River

Cleveland Yacht Club
Harvest Moon
Snow Flurries
Snow Ball

July 30-31
Sept. 10-11
Oct. 1- 2
Oct. 8- 9

Rocky River, Ohio
Atwood Lake, Ohio
Port Clinton, Ohio
Buckeye Lake, Ohio

the race course because of the Portage River current. The air was a little steadier than during the morning race, but still light. Mueller and Fisher finished first and second. Dr. Chud Maltbie #6033, Hot Canary II, Pymatuning Yacht Club was third with Jim Davis from the same club sailing his boat #6530, Miss-Fit, to fourth place. This despite the fact that he was one of those caught in the current! Ed Kennedy #5559, Rocky River was fifth. With two races away, Mueller had 60 points, Fisher 56, Davis 54, Eddie Ballenger, #7147, Pride 'n Joy, Buckeye Lake Yacht Club 53, Adams 51 and Auer's late start bringing him 14th and 49 points.

Saturday morning the air was not quite as light. Bob McClaren, #6553, Pymatuning Yacht Club, put Schuss out in front with a comfortable lead. Adams was second, Dr. Bill Barnes, #5575, Ole Snort, Cowan Lake Fleet third, Fisher fourth, and Bob Mann, #5999, Buckeye Lake Yacht Club fifth. Going into the afternoon race Fisher had 85 points, Adams 81, Davis 76 as did Mueller, and Kennedy 65.

For the afternoon race the air held on the medium side and the clear skies continued to make for comfortable sailing. McClaren and Adams exchanged their morning finishes and a junior sailor from Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Tommy Davis, #721, Blue Marlin, took third spot early in the race and expertly held it to the finish line. Jim Davis was fourth and Fisher fifth.

At the end of the fourth race George Fisher and Bob Adams were tied at 112 points, with Jim Davis eight boats behind at 104. Mueller and Kennedy now tied at 89 and McClaren close behind with 87. Sunday morning in the final race Doc Barnes moved up into the top ten by winning this one. Positions changed rapidly on each leg during the race. Bob Englebeck, #4668, Meat Wagon, Port Clinton Yacht Club, sailed a fine race to come in second. Bud Nelson third; Ted Sturgis, #4283, Ode to Joy, Cowan Lake Fleet fourth and Jim Davis fifth.

The final standings found George Fisher first with 137 points, Bob Adams second with 133, Jim Davis third at 131, all with a comfortable spread over the rest of the contenders—even though no one of them had put together an "easy" series of finishes. Fisher had a fifth, second, fourth, fifth, and seventh; Adams a seventh, sixth, second, first, and eleventh; Davis a sixth, fourth, tenth, fourth, and fifth. Bud Nelson was fourth with 108 points and Ed Kennedy fifth with 108 also. These five skippers represented the District in the Internationals. Eligible to compete in the President's Cup were the next five skippers, McClaren with 104 points, Mueller 102, Barnes 101, Allen 101, and Limbaugh 99.

At the annual District meeting Johnny Mueller skipper of #6493 Ticked Pink, from Rocky River Fleet at Cleveland Yacht Club, received the Ohio-Indiana District Sportsmanship Award. A plaque, donated by George Fisher and Jay Limbaugh and deeded to the District at this meeting, was inaugurated for the express purpose of promoting good sportsmanship in the District based on the principle that where there is good sportsmanship in the District there will always be good racing. Dr. Chuck Maltbie, Youngstown, Ohio was elected District Commodore and Jay Limbaugh, Columbus, Ohio was elected Secretary for the coming year. Plans were made to revise the District Constitution in accordance with the revised LCA Constitution.

The two newest fleets, Cowan and Jolly Roger, are becoming very active and are welcome additions to the district. Men from the Ohio-Indiana District continue active in LCA National affairs; Jay Limbaugh serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee; George Fisher and Pinky Allan being re-elected Vice-Presidents of the LCA.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Harry Brault

District Secretary: Jack Gainer

Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Royal Victoria (56); Vancouver (90); Lake Washington (132); Bellingham (158); Chinook (229); Columbia River (283).

District Report: Giant forward strides were made by the Pacific Northwest District in 1959. One of the most important areas of progress was seen in the construction of new boats, as well as the modernization of many of the older boats. This has done a great deal to improve the competition in the District and even greater advances are expected this coming year, as there are many new boats being built at this time. Paralleling this surge of construction was the increase in membership in the Association, with the P.N.W. District having 96 paid members as of August, 1959.

There are now the beginnings of two new fleets in the District and it is hoped that 1960 will see them officially started. Several Lightnings have gone to Spokane and Port Angeles and the new owners are reported to be eager for competition.

Another area of improvement within the District has been in boat measurement. Along with the policies of the International Association, this past season has seen the enforcement of the measurement rules, with a very gratifying result—the majority of boats in active competition have been measured and received their certificates. 1960 should see this program 100% complete. It has been pleasing to see some people who found their older boats too far out of dimension to correct, building new Lightnings—a terrific recommendation for the Class!

As usual, the two major competitive events, within the District, were the P.I.Y.A. Regatta, and the District Elimination Series. P.I.Y.A. was held on the July 4th weekend on Bellingham Bay, "where you can always depend on the wind." As usual, the wind blew for all five races, and ranged in velocity from 10 to 30 knots. Everyone had an exciting sail as the competition was very keen. Bob Brown in CHEERIE BYE won, Adrian Thompson in PASTIME placed second, and Roger Sahlin in VIXEN was third. The "Districts" were held a week later on Lake Washington at the Corinthian Yacht Club. A five race series was sailed in a variety of wind conditions, with Bob Brown winning the series, Adrian Thompson second, and Roger Sahlin third.

This year, the Pacific Northwest was represented in the Internationals in Detroit by Bob Brown and his crew, Gary Syverson and Tom Green, who made the 5000 mile round trip with CHEERIE BYE. Perhaps this will be the beginning of annual representation at the Internationals by a Pacific Northwest crew or crews. At the annual meeting of the Lightning Class Association, Bob Brown was elected a Vice-President, giving the P.N.W. its first such position. All of the signs point towards a better-than-ever Lightning year in 1960 for the Pacific Northwest District.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Howard Fohr

District Secretary: Betty A. Fohr

Fleets: St. Petersburg, Fla. (109); Savannah, Ga. (12); Tampa, Fla. (168); Miami, Fla. (226); Augusta, Ga. (257).

District Report: The Southeastern District Championship was sailed at Mount Dora, Florida on Lake Dora, April 4-5, 1959.

Twelve boats turned out from the District. Five races were

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sailed on the Lake, in light shifting breezes.

Johnny McIntosh, from Savannah, Georgia, sailed his "Scallywag V" with the help of his charming wife Barbara, and Dave Johnson as crew, into the enviable position of first place. Charlie Kehoe from Miami, Florida, skippered "Sue" into second place with Sue, his wife, and Jack Price as his crew. Ross Allen came in third in "Wild Goose".

The cooperation and assistance of Commodore Russo and his associates at the Mt. Dora Yacht Club was most gratifying which enabled the group to have a smooth running regatta. Everything was provided for except steady breezes.

Saturday evening, the Savannah Fleet played host to a cocktail party followed by a dinner and dancing at the Yacht Club.

A District Meeting was held on Sunday followed by Trophy presentations.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Buddy Beyer

District Secretary: Tommy Allen

Fleets: Lake Pontchartrain (62); Mobile Bay Lightning Class (135); Shreveport Lightning Fleet (175); Pass Christian Lightning Fleet (179); New Orleans Lightning Fleet (209); Bay Waveland Lightning Fleet (211); Gulfport Yacht Club (235); Biloxi Lightning Fleet (239).

District Report: Sailing and racing in the Southern District never stops. It goes on for the full twelve months a year. A skipper's real problem is to keep his boat constantly in good shape for there are no three to six month layoffs in which the whole boat can be done over.

Racing this year began with the sailing of the Sugar Bowl Regatta on December 27 and 28 in 1958 on the waters of Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans. It is sponsored by the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association and sailed on the courses of the local New Orleans and Southern Yacht Clubs. The handsome silver sugar bowls awarded the winners attract well over one hundred boats to the races and make it our biggest annual event.

This past year 22 boats participated in the three race series sailed under light weather conditions. Gene Walen in his new boat, Spirit V, won the series and showed the visitors and home folks alike the type of sailing that won him two North American Yachting Championships. Dan Kamperman of Texas was second with Francis Favalora of the New Orleans Yacht Club, third. The Limbaugh's from Ohio with Spirit II, Walen's old speedster, finished fourth. The complete order of finish for the Sugar Bowl is given below.

Skipper	Points	Skipper	Points
Gene Walen	64 1/4	Robert Yeargain	30
Dan Kamperman	60 1/4	Jack Dane	26
Francis Favalora	57	Gil Whitworth	24
Jim Limbaugh	53 1/4	Maurice Stockton	24
Tommy Allen	51	Erston Reisch	22
Neil Hutson	50	Horace Jacob	21
Buck Ballatin	49	Ralph Powless	19
Jim Mullally	44	Guy Leece	18
Bob Banck	41	R. E. Blanchard	10
Armond Bernius	36	Ernestine Christ	10
Joe Young	35	Kelly Kane	8

Following the Sugar Bowl is the Mardi Gras Regatta, this year staged by the New Orleans Yacht Club. The three race series was won by Cal Hadden, in Jack Dane's Black Jack.

Following the Mardi Gras Regatta a number of our boats journey over to St. Petersburg for the Mid-Winter Championships, the rest of us paint our crafts.

Southern Yacht Club opened its racing season with a Regatta on April 26th and Gene Walen continued his winning ways to take the Lightning event with Tommy Allen and Erston Reisch following.

The Gulf Coast Yachting Association held its opening Regatta in Bay St. Louis at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club on May 2nd and 3rd. There Mr. Ed Overton past district champion, GYA Champion for three years, and fleet champion since before anyone can remember proved he never loses his touch. The winds were right and Tommy Allen finished second again.

Just two weekends later the ever popular Holiday in Dixie Regatta was held on the often trying waters of the aptly named Cross Lake. What makes the regatta popular is the way the Shreveporters knock themselves out to take care of their guests and serve up wonderful food. What makes it unpopular is that Sam Townsend of Texas fame keeps right on winning year after year. He did it again this year with Walen second by a nose. Other Texas boats did well enough for me to cut out any detailed report of this regatta. This regatta, like the Sugar Bowl, is open

to skippers from all over the country.

The Southern Lightning Districts this year were sailed on June 12, 13, and 14th at the Southern Yacht Club. On the weekend preceding, an open series was held to prep for the districts. In this Tommy Allen the defending District Champion sailed his new boat Ticonderoga and easily won. After the first race of the districts it looked like he might repeat in that event also. He won the race with Walet finishing 5th. The lead in the series was held by Allen through the first four races. Walet won the second and third with Allen finishing second in each. The fourth was won by Walter Heiman. Walet was second and Allen third.

Going into the final race Allen still held a 1 1/4 point advantage over Walet, but Gene managed to put the necessary boats between himself and Allen to win the race and the series. The complete order of series finish is given below.

Skipper	Points	Skipper	Points
Gene Walet	99 1/4	Robert Spurl	42
Tommy Allen	98 1/4	Bob Kammer	39
Gay Griffith	86	Jim Mullally	39
Francis Favalora	81	Gil Witworth	37
Ed Overton	76	Armond Bernius	38
Buck Ballatin	76	Kelly Kane	28
Walter Heiman	65 1/4	Guy Leefe	27
Jack Dane	62	Horace Jacobs	22
Bob Banck	69	Norman Brown	21
Erston Reich	45	Buddy Beyer	15
Harold Spurl	77		

Trailing their boats most of those who sailed in the Districts went to Pass Christian for the GYA Lightning Class Championships. This regatta was held on the weekend following the Districts at the Pass. The weather was perfect, the sailing fine, and the trophies extravagant. The perpetual trophy was presented to the GYA for Lightning competition by Pensacola's Commodore Eugene Taylor. The trophy resembles a large foot tub and is called the Taylor Trophy. The anticipated competition developed into a three way series between Walet, Overton and Allen. Walet took the first race with Overton and Allen following. In the second with Walet covering Overton, Allen won and was followed by Overton and Walet to set up an effective three way tie. The clutch race developed into a duel between Mr. Ed and Gene with Gene finally winning the race and championship. Mr. Ed was second and Allen third. About twenty-five boats sailed in this series and trophies were presented to skippers and crew of the first six boats.

The biggest summer event on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for yachtsmen is of course the annual Race Week. All the fleets from New Orleans race to the coast and spend one or two weeks there racing. This year the races were held at Pass Christian so the Lightnings didn't even have to move. Racing was scored on the basis of the best five out of six races so no one really knew until the end where he stood. Young skippers like Ralph Pringle of Gulfport and Gay Griffith of Shreveport showed themselves to be top competition. Several with new boats like Bob Banck and Jack Dane were always up front. When all the smoke had cleared Tommy Allen wound up winner by a slight margin over Mr. Ed Overton.

The final and deciding race was sailed in a squall with winds up to 40 mph. Walet won the race, Griffith was second, Dane was third and Allen fourth. Mr. Ed was further back.

After the various fleets had held their fleet championships, a team race series was sailed between the New Orleans and Southern Yacht Clubs in Lightnings. Southern won in a closely contested

series. Erston Reich, Jack Dane, and Tommy Allen sailed their boats for Southern against Gil Whitworth, Guy Leefe, and Horace Jacob of New Orleans.

In the late fall of each year the Fairhope Yacht Club holds their annual Overton Lightning Regatta on Mobile Bay. This year it was held on October 10th and 11th. Winds, rains, and protests combined with other strange circumstances to really shake up the boat standings. In the end Captain Manuel Antone sailing on his home waters won the series. Captain Antone at 78 is our oldest active skipper and with very little doubt is fast becoming our luckiest. Favalora, one of the Districts top skippers, won both the first and third races, but was protested out of the second race to place second in the series. Tommy Allen the defending skipper missed the first race, won the second and finished third in the third to take third. Mr. Overton for whom the series is named also missed the first race and finished fourth in the series.

Our final regatta of district interest is the Frost Bite sailed annually at Pass Christian, Mississippi in early December. Last year it was sailed on December 5th and 6th in a three race series. Results were not available when this report was prepared.

Racing Lightnings is a growing sport in the Southern District. The New Orleans Fleet is now our biggest with about 20 boats. Southern is second with 15 and Shreveport is third with a few less. Fairhope is small in numbers but high in quality. We also note with considerable pleasure the reactivation of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Fleets, Gulfport, Bay Waveland, and especially Pass Christian all had active fleets this year. The Pass Christian Fleet has gained about six boats this year and Commodore Beyer must take credit for most of this growth.

We look for 1960 to be a big year in our district. The big fleets are getting bigger and the small fleets are growing in number. As to our skill . . . well just come to our Sugar Bowl, Mardi Gras, Holiday in Dixie, Frost Bite or Overton Regattas. You're more than welcome.

SWISS DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Claude Lambelet

District Secretary: Claude de Bosset

District Champion: Santa Maria, skipper—J. P. Weber

Runner-Up: Pluto, skipper—P. Pfenninger

Fleets: des lacs de Neuchatel et Morat (169); du lac de Zurich (219); Lake Sempach (250); Lake Biennne (268); Lake of Lucerne (281); Lake Greifensee (309).

District Report: The General Assemblée of the LCA Swiss District met in Olten in December, 1958. After having discussed a few administrative points, it was possible to state and notice the slow but constant growing interest for the Lightning in Switzerland.

The Swiss and District Championship 1959 have been organized by the 169 Fleet in the bay of Auvernier (Neuchatel). The regattas as well as the parties have been a success and we take this opportunity for congratulating the new District Champion boat: Santa Maria owned by G. Marchand and skippered by the former owner, J. P. Weber, both from La Neuveville. Pluto owned by E. Fulleman and skippered by P. Pfenninger realized excellent results and therefore acquired the runner-up title. The Commodore is particularly pleased to emphasize that "Quandmeme" owned and skippered by H. Luthy took the 5th place; it is interesting to notice that the representatives of the German speaking part of Switzerland begin to obtain good results and we are sure that the future will soon bring us the first German speaking District Champion.

"West Coast Lightnings"

August 1st-6th

Northwest & Pacific Coast Lightning Championships

Host: Fleet 283 — Columbia River — Portland, Ore.



Swiss District Championship race.

We had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Ridgway from the States, owner of Lightning 6840. He and his family came to attend the whole District Championship. We sincerely hope that other foreign Lightning sailors will take the opportunity of their trip in Europe to visit us, as each Lightning sailor is welcome among his colleagues.

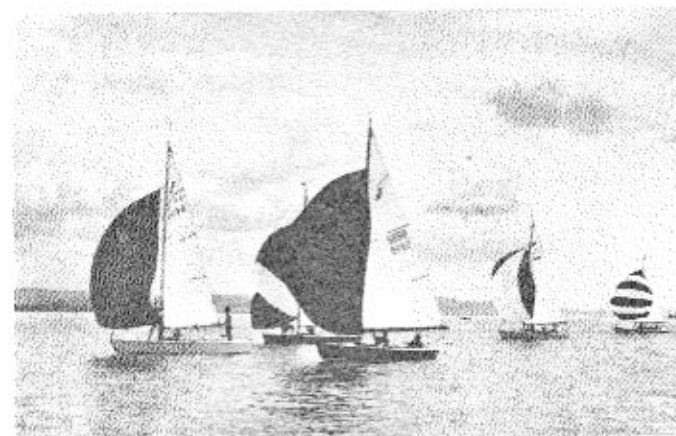
We had to be quite European-minded too as we sent 2 crews with their own Lightnings to Anzio (Italy) for the European Championship 1959. These Swiss Lightnings obtained only a middle-class classification but an enjoying fact is that it seems now from year to year the difference between the first-ones and the Swiss boats digressing.

The European Districts decided during this Championship—the title of which went to FANDANGO superbly skippered by F. Cavallo—that the organization of the European Championship 1960 will be assured by the Fleet 281 of the lake of Lucerne (Switzerland).

We therefore ask all the Swiss members of the LCA to be in Lucerne to give our foreign guests the best reception possible.

Swiss District Championship Results:

1. Swiss District Champion	SANTA MARIA	6174
2. Runner-Up	PLUTO	5993
3.	TONNERRE DE BREST	5840
4.	GAROUA	5898



Championship before the wind.

WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Hamilton Ford (1959)
Peter Hannan (1960)

District Secretary: James J. Curtin

Fleets: Western Connecticut (7); Larchmont Fleet (32); Little Neck Bay Fleet (55); Seawanhaka Lightning Fleet (88); American Yacht Club (96); Northport Bay Lightning Fleet (98); Execution Rocks Lightning Fleet (106); Manhasset Bay Fleet (133); Hempstead Harbor Fleet (138); Eastchester Bay Fleet (163); Greenhaven Lightning Fleet (260); Rocky Point Fleet (291).

District Report: In 1959 Western Long Island Sound District attained the strongest membership in its history, 203 paid members, a feat which is certainly a credit to the hard working Fleet Captains and Secretaries.

Our District took positive action in its responsibility of enforcing the newly published tolerances. Each measurement certificate submitted as a prerequisite to entering the District Championships was carefully checked, and any deviations were brought to the committee and owner's attention. While this caused some unhappiness we can now look back and know that our District is doing its part in keeping the Lightning a strictly one design class. Mr. Walter Hannan has our sincere thanks for the fine job he did checking these measurements.

The first real District gathering occurred at Hempstead Harbor's Annual Invitational Regatta June 27th and 28th, and it is rumored that someone bribed the weatherman, after all a complete three race series must be some kind of a record! Dick Sykes won this series.

The Tenth Annual District Championship was held at Riverside Yacht Club August 1st and 2nd. Bill Brown was the winner, followed by Pete Hannan, Dick Sykes, Bizzie Monte-Sano, and Fred Hibberd. Louisa Piano and Lucie Sheldon placed first and second respectively in our 2nd Annual Commodore's Cup Series for those not entering the districts.

The Long Island Sound Championships were also held at Riverside on August 8th and 9th. Kevin Jaffe and Wally Lineburgh of our neighboring district were 1st and 2nd, followed by Carter Ford, Bob Crane of Noroton, and Don McNair.

The Atlantic Coast Championships were held at Larchmont August 15th and 16th and for the second successive year Bizzie Monte-Sano was the winner, Fred Hibberd was second.



N. E. District officers who conducted and presided over recent District L.C.A. Annual meeting at Concord, N. H. Standing: Ben A. Smith, Annisquam Fleet 151; Al Moore, Centerboard Fleet 14; Frank Huxson, Massabesic Fleet 273; Paul Urian, Winnepesaukee Fleet 246. Seated: Derwin H. Stevens, N.E. Dist. L.C.A. Sec.; Katherine Sullivan, Marblehead Fleet 189; Robert D. Stewart, Commodore N.E. Dist. L.C.A.

At the Internationals in Detroit we were represented by Dick Sykes, Bizzie Monte-Sano, Fred Hibberd, Tim Lapham, and Janet Lethen. Dick Sykes placed 8th and was the only one in "our gang" in the top ten, however, (threat!) next year we will have finishers in the top five!

The President's Cup Series entrants included Andy Connell, Art Buhr, and Carter Ford. Carter Ford won this series very convincingly. Speaking of the Fords, congratulations to Hamilton Ford, who was elected a Vice-President of the L.C.A.

The '59 season was a good year but the Western Long Island Sound District is starting to remove those winter covers and it will be out to make 1960 the best year yet!

Many fleets have divisions:

1. A & B
2. # under 5000 and over 5000.
3. Under 800 lbs. and over 800 lbs.