

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Metropolitan District

Based on Greenwood Lake, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Dick Squires
Fleet Secretary	Jack Sengstacken
Fleet Champion	Chet Howell
Runner-Up	Jack Sengstacken

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
99		Judy Kytte
762	Waterboy	Dorc Sharp
827	Heidi-ho	Hank Holterhoff
1309	Fiesta	Kenneth Britting
1328	Mary E.	John Rusman
1329		Bill Summerbell
1330	Ru Be	Roy & Carolyn Sengstacken
1788	Blue	
	Lightning	Orman Cove
2201		Ben Fortman
2489	Scotch	Peter Petersen
2912	JeBe III	Janet & Bill Horton
3102	Big Orange	Jack Sengstacken
5134		Charlie Reinauer
5337		A. D. Swierstra
5537		Dick Squire
7323	New Hope	Dorc Sharp

Three items of outstanding interest developed over the past racing season . . . running from mid-June through Labor Day with races every Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning that caused quite a stir.

Dorc Sharp, as may have been noted above, owned two boats. One new in August and it was a boat that she "wouldn't need to bail". Fiberglass and all that. Pity of it all, it must have sprung a huge leak as we all noticed our Dorc looking soggy but unbowed as we went by. Or was it just the puffy air? We expect Dorc to have a new automatic bailer next year and perhaps a better regard for the shifty winds.

Chet Howell raced his 'old' boat so well the year before that Charlie Reinauer bought it. Charlie didn't win but did do rather well so Dick Squires used his old bean. He invited Chet to sail with him in the Championship Series. They won. The best figuring is that Charlie bought the wrong item. Perhaps Marion Howell will be kind to the rest of us and keep Chet on shore next year . . . but we all doubt it.

The biggest news item however, is that Bill Horton neither won or was runner-up for the fleet championship. Other than a case of broken gear or a foul, this is the first time since the early 1930's that Bill has not been in the top money . . . He is now Commodore of the Awosting Yacht Squadron. We wish him luck as our new Commodore and may his new approach of sharing the trophies continue. As a matter of fact, he could improve on the sharing part and still win enough!

All in all, with some movement of boats the usual strange air and a splendid assortment of after race beer parties, it was a season that we all enjoyed. See you on the water in June and as The Old Philosopher puts it . . . NEVER GIVE UP THE SHIP.

AMERICAN YACHT CLUB (96)

Western Long Island Sound District

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

Fleet Captain	Butch Hitchcock
Fleet Secretary	Helen Lethen
Fleet Champion	Sam Barton, Jr.
Runner-Up	Derek Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
260	Bolt	W. P. Wright
1496	PDQ	Earl Van Swearingen
2217	Beanbees	Woodward and Bell
2315	Williewah	Laura Hunt
3062	Greenhull	H. A. Charvat
4104	Lark	Donald G. Ross
4221	Lucinda	Charles Rice
4416	Jester	Chas. Moran III
6325	Susan	Arthur Langsdorf
6585	Slash	Sam and Bob Barton
6637	Restless	Janet Lethen
6777	Flash	Freddie Hibberd
6844	Joan B. II	Ed Kloth

7006	Wahini	Cat Kelly
7027	Eve	Ed Van Naerssen
7248	Fever	Tyler Keyes
7278	Lucky	Derek Miller
7279	Tein-Adhair	Donald MacDonald
7325	Heffalump	Sam and Bob Barton

"There'll be some changes made . . ." and there were many changes in Fleet 96 this year. The addition of six new skippers, five of whom graduated from Blue Jays, gave our Fleet a new look, and some hot competition resulted.

Our redoubtable Fred Hibberd attended summer school in Honolulu, but with the help of the new Fleet Captain, Butch Hitchcock, "Flash" was at the top in most of the big races. Sis Hibberd went to summer school, too, and didn't race, a real loss in Lightning competition.

Derek Miller, a new seventeen-year-old Lightning skipper took first place in the Y.R.A. of L.I.S. with his new Lippincott "Lucky". Well-named.

In the Districts held at Riverside, Fred Hibberd, Tyler Keyes, Cat Kelly, and Janet Lethen represented our fleet. Fred and Janet went to the Internationals and Tyler qualified for the President's Cup, but couldn't make it this year. The only claim to fame at Detroit was that Janet's "Restless" had the only all-girl crew.

In the Atlantic Coast Championships, Fred was in a tie for first, finished second.

In Larchmont Race Week Lightnings were divided into odd and even numbered divisions. Sam Barton in "Heffalump", a new Gurber, took third in the odds; Butch Hitchcock and Bizzy Montesano a fourth in the evens; and Tyler Keyes a third in the evens.

Manhasset Bay Senior week found Fred Hibberd winning again with fast, flaming "Flash".

Janet Lethen skipped Restless to a close second in the Girls Championship of L.I.S. with the able help of Jean Hitchcock and young Leggie Mertz, her famous mother's daughter.

Sam Barton with brother Bob and Tyler Keys (all able Lightning skippers) put on a good show at Sea Cliff and came home with a second in the L.I.S. Junior Championship.

There are plans to start the 1960 summer activities with a series of Friday evening races, best three out of five for Fleet Championship. We also plan a Sunday afternoon series for boats not entered in the Y.R.A. It should be both enjoyable and interesting.

The big Junior skipper crowd will probably be increased by two more hot competitors moving in from the Blue Jays. Jolly Everett and Skip Guillard are looking at Lightnings with covetous eyes. 1960 looks like a promising season.

NORTHPORT BAY FLEET (98)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Northport & Huntington Bays, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Bill Reidell and Jim Meehan
Fleet Secretary	Ed Perry
Fleet Champion	Bill Moss
Runner-Up	Ed Perry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
111		Al Colton
202	Rondo	Milton Bergey
2525	Marcy	Allen Davison, Jr.
2731	Bottoms Up	H. H. Iurka
3015	Giminas	John Porterfield
3018	Scat	Michael S. Cooper
3073		Bob Bolton
3108	Gooney Bird	Dave Chamberlain
3126	Blue Chip	Dr. Benedict Kurshan
3147	Holoholo	Bill Moss
3494	Celeste	Bert & Lou Haring
3604		John Caswell
4107	Encore	Dr. John Kelley
4250	Lucky Puff	Wallace Reidell
4602	Ballerina	Jim Rigassio
4918	Gold Crown	Hal Sherwood
4986	Pixie	Richard Sipala
5003	Lorelei	Baird Wallace
5005	Kirriwake	Jim Meehan
5890	G-Whiz	John Greenacre
6059	Aeolus	Dave Gebhard
6497	Chippy	Joe Vassallo
7091	Cafman	Jess Tranter - Ned Mullen
7198	Holo Mama	Wm. Moss



Big Moss, Sailing Holo Mama.

7203 Princess Ed Perry
7210 Rebel A. O. Powell

Our season started out with Memorial Day Regatta, and the wind conditions were prophetic for the season. First race on Saturday was becalmed in a dense fog and finally after several hours of wandering around, the race was called. The regatta was decided with the two remaining races on Sunday. It resulted in a tie for first, but the winning boat was decided on the basis that he won in the largest number of boats. Hence, Princess, first, Gold Crown, second, and Rebel, third.

Regular Sunday races followed with about 12 to 15 boats participating. Among them, the four new boats 3 Lippincotts, and 1 Seaman, that were added to the fleet this season. The contest seemed to develop between Princess, Holo Mama, Kittiwake, Lorelei and Caiman, with Rebel, a consistent threat.

Fourth of July regatta was held with consistent breezes for a change, and the top three turned out to be, Princess, Holo Mama, and Kittiwake.

About this time Fleet #98 sent four boats to the District Championships, Princess winning one race; we didn't qualify anyone for the Internationals. Bill Moss finished best, with a 10th out of 30 boats. Two of our members, Moss and Perry, had a chance to compete with some of the hottest sailors of Long Island Sound, among them Jaffe, Munnell, Ford, Crane.

Three of our members also participated in the new east of Rye series one Saturday and placed first, third and fifth in a miserable drifting match.

Labor Day Regatta found the standard lack of wind for this season, and the results after three frustrating "races" were Princess, Kittiwake, and Holo Mama.

The Lightning Invitational, a post-season regatta, was the only time in the past three seasons that Lightnings have raced on the end of an anchor. Counting only two races out of the three, the winner was Jim Meehan in Kittiwake, followed by Art Buhr in Fury, and Princess sailed by Ed Perry.

In the closely contested seasonal standings, Bill Moss in Holo Mama was first, Princess, second, and Lorelei sailed by B. Wallace for the Tri-Club trophy.

In a special Wednesday night series, Mullen-Tranter were first, Al Davison, second, and Jim Meehan, third.

This season Fleet #98 inaugurated a special series called the

under 5000 trophy. This was for the boats with the non-glued bottoms; and while they started with all other Lightnings and competed for all other trophies, they had a special set of trophies for themselves. In a hotly contested series, which was not determined until the final moments of the last race of the season, Lou Harring, won over John Kelley, followed by Al Davison for third.

With a shift of Bill Reidell's boat to Mr. John Porterfield in mid season, and the acquiring of Lorelei by Mr. Jurka, the fleet remains active and vital. It looks like an active season again next year.

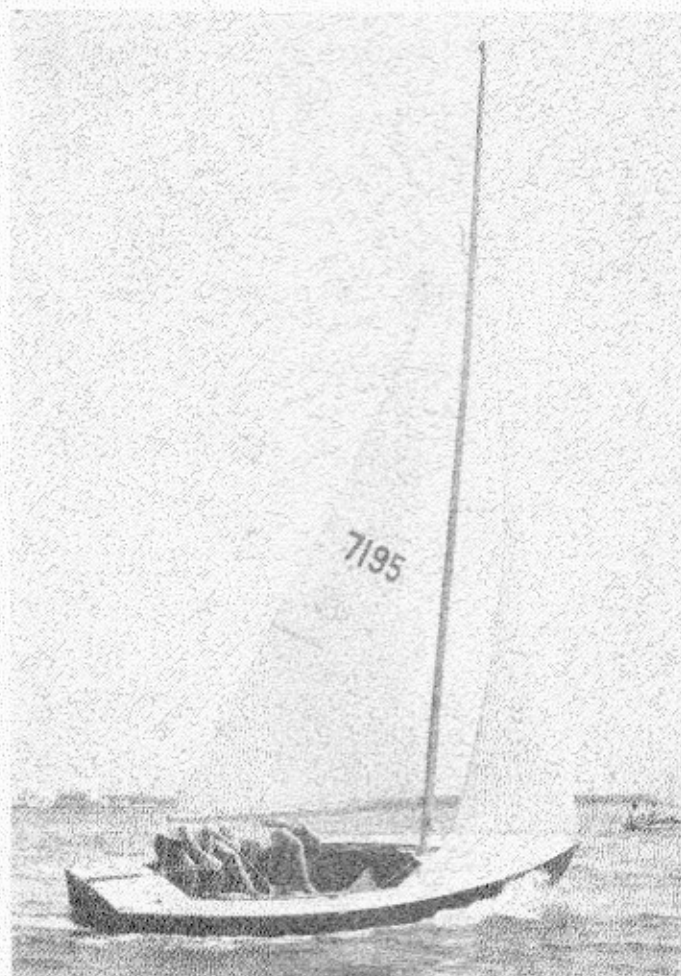
GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Great Egg Bay, Ocean City, N. J.

Fleet Captain William P. Clausen, Sr.
Fleet Secretary William P. Clausen, Jr.
Fleet Champion William P. Clausen
Runner-Up Bradford J. Linthicum

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
386	Tar-Heel	Leonard Hirsch
741	Magic Carpet	Robert Hutchinson
1495	Suivez-moi	Bill Nordyke
1723	Black Flash	Lester Asplundh
1885	Toddler	J. Scott Todd
2369	Lou Jim	James Bates
2711	Flopover	Fisher White
2804	Coquina	Albert Wallace
3668	Allegro	Edward Walsh
4961	Bandit	Robert Galli



1950 Fleet 99 and South Jersey Lightning Champion, William P. Clausen in "The Wilkes."

4669	Octopus	John Pfister
5694	Good Grief	Bradford Linthicum
6001	Zorrita	Frederic Fox and William Fox
6293	Zepher	Walter McCoy
6694	Lady Rebel	Robert Wood
6957	Fiji	David Thurston
7195	The Willies	William P. Clausen and William P. Clausen III
7341	Waterloo	Diana Graham

With the increase of newer and faster boats in the fleet, Fleet #99 was forced to divide the fleet into A and B class. "A" was over #5000 and "B" under #5000. We had seven boats competing for the fleet championship in "A" class and eleven in "B" class.

We held our annual meeting in June to plan for the racing season ahead. We decided to have our usual 18 race championship series with two weekends out for traveling to nearby regattas.

Throughout the 18 race season we had only one boat upset. Doctor Pfister tried to carry his green and yellow spinnaker a little too high on the wind and went for a swim.

The Clausens kept the "A" group series in hand throughout the season, but the "B" class championship was not decided until the last race. Bob Hutchinson in Magic Carpet after leading the "B" fleet throughout most of the season was disqualified in the 17th race and Dr. Pfister took advantage of this by winning the race and beating Bob in the 18th to clinch the "B" title by a fraction of a point.

The Clausens' sailing "The Willies" traveled to the Districts but found the competition pretty tough and finished sixth. In August Dave Thurston and the Clausens traveled to Brigantine. Dave had an unfortunate accident in the first race and damaged the bottom of "Fiji". The Clausens won the regatta over defending South Jersey champion Dave Shay in "One Hoss Shay" from Meredean.

The following weekend 13 of our boats competed at the Ocean City Yacht Club's annual regatta. Fleet 99 copped the first two positions with Clausen first and Thurston second followed by John Walton of Brigantine.

In 1959 Fleet 99 welcomed two new boats to the fleet, #7341 "Waterloo" owned by Diana Graham and sailed by Dr. Gordon Buzby. "Waterloo" entered the series in mid-July. It proved to be a fast boat and will be a real threat in 1960.

Brad Linthicum acquired #5694 "Good Grief" from Dr. Healy in Conn. Brad, after following the fleet in his old "Ruthless", found out what it was like to hear the first place gun for a change. He finished a strong second in the championship series.

Fleet 99 finished its official racing season the last Sunday in August with the annual banquet and awarding of trophies.

1959 was the biggest year yet for Fleet 99. We hope 1960 will be even better and bigger. With the addition of Dr. Buzby's new Lippincott "Buz-Along", the competition will be even tougher.

TAYLOR POND FLEET (101)

New England District

Sailing on Taylor Pond, Auburn, Maine

Fleet Captain.....	Dr. Warren Andrews
Fleet Secretary.....	Gardner L. Brown
Fleet Champion.....	Gardner L. Brown
Runner-Up.....	Dr. Warren Andrews

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5108	Red Witch	Dr. Warren Andrews
6191	Pecan	Richard Winkel
7123	Treasure	Gardner L. Brown
		Lucian R. Levesque

With only three boats in competition this year it is easy to keep this report concise as requested.

As soon as Don Horsman and Lou Levesque complete their boats we will start upward again in fleet numbers and activity. And, with still another good prospect for one more boat, we expect next year to be doing a lot better. Also, the Taylor Pond Yacht Club has a strong Junior sailing program going under the guidance of Mrs. Warren Andrews which should provide more skippers as time goes on.

In home club events, Treasure successfully battled it out with Red Witch for top honors. Dick Winkel's Pecan's improved performance at the end of the season raises a threat for next year.

Omena-Traverse Yacht Club #174 and Burt Lake Club #254 of Michigan District have reports this year. Glad to hear from you. The Editor.

SANTA MONICA BAY FLEET (102)

California District

Based on Santa Monica Bay, Calif.

Fleet Captain.....	Ralph Branning
Fleet Secretary.....	Ted Staniec
Fleet Champion.....	Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
467		William T. Caldwell
1052	Gismo	Roland Pontious and Elliot Prindle
1609	Paddlin'	Wendell W. Harter
	Madelyn	
1967	Thor	Pete Pfeiffer
2420	Ariel	Robert H. Young
2421	Folloni	Richard C. Benner
3138	ET-CETERA	Harry Hinkel
3158	Sea Star	Keith Watts
3248	Harv-Ho	Gordon Harvey
3586	Tern	Ted Staniec
5423		Joseph A. Fitzgerald
5508	Valkyrie	Jack Millikan and Emory Scrumsland
5690	Vespa	Ralph Branning
6540	Palette	George N. Mayer
6543	Pambee	Thurman C. Wood
6638	Flamboyant	Gerold N. Noll
7105	Kaulla	William Carson

Our first event of the 1959 racing season was the S.C.Y.A. Mid-winter Regatta at our own Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, on Feb. 21st and 22nd, and the season wound up with the Thanksgiving Regatta, also at C.B.Y.C.

The Fleet went down to Balboa Y. C. for their Easter Regatta. Woody with "Pambee" came up with a 3rd to hold up fleet honors. Al Coia and Des Champs of Fleet 194 took 1st and 2nd.

The C.B.Y.C. Spring Series was taken by Wendell Harter, with Ted Staniec 2nd and Ralph Branning 3rd. We were given a lesson in spinnaker reaching by Wendell Harter and the "Paddlin' Madelyn" in our 18 mile San Pedro to Redondo Race. It was positively illegal the way he left us behind on the 6 mile reach leg to Redondo Harbor.

Seven boats went to San Diego for the District Championships in July. We had a great time down there, but, except for Dick Benner who placed 4th, we were wiped out by the San Diego boats.

The high point of our sailing season was the hosting of the Pacific Coast Championships, Labor Day Weekend. The regatta was held in the Los Angeles Outer Harbor, in generally light air, which is unusual for these waters. Al Coia, Fleet 194 was 1st in the five race event. Dick Benner, Fleet 102 was 2nd, and Dave Wright Fleet 114 was 3rd. Benner was threatened with disqualification during one of the races for sailing short-handed. Seems as though he suffered a spinnaker knock down and both of his crew fell into the drink. One man hauled himself back on board and took in the spinnaker. Then they retrieved the other man and went on to finish 3rd. Boy!!

We had a nice party for the regatta dinner. Dressed the clubhouse up with the usual luau decorations, fish nets, surfboards, starfish and flowers, and of course leis for the ladies. A good time was had by all.

Six boats made the trip to San Diego to take part in the Stanley Andrews Series. This time the worm turned; our Dick Benner and Wendell Harter took 1st and 2nd in the Series. Our Fleet came home with five boats in the first ten, out of 22 boats competing.

The next event was the C.B.Y.C. Fall Series. It was the 2nd race in this series that produced the strange sight of Ted Staniec's "Tern" draping her spinnaker all over the Fish Harbor Channel Buoy. Seems as though Benner and Staniec taking the same mark in opposite directions, side swiped and there it was, the Tern hanging from the buoy by her spinnaker and halyard. Benner came to the rescue by putting a crew man onto the buoy who cleared the sail before any damage occurred. The Fall Series were taken by Gerry Noll 1st, Harter 2nd, and Staniec 3rd.

The Thanksgiving Regatta at C.B.Y.C. wound up the season for Fleet 102. A three race event that ran out of wind in two of the races. The wind gave out so completely that half of the competitors paddled home after dark in the first race on Saturday and again just barely made home after the 3rd race Sunday. Benner took 1st, Noll 2nd, and Staniec 3rd.

Wendell Harber made the trip down to San Diego to represent Fleet 102 in the Thanksgiving Regatta at Coronado Y. C. He came up with a 3rd place, with Carl Eichenlaub Jr., Fleet 194, taking three firsts in his new boat.

The 1959 season was one of awakening interest in the Lightning Class here in the Los Angeles area. We are most happy to welcome Strumland and Millikan, Harvey, Pontious and Prindle, Watts, Carson, Young, and Fitzgerald as new Lightning skippers, and also welcome to our fleet William Caldwell and George Mayer, who brought their boats from the East. We're all looking forward to a full year of sailing in 1960.

LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, N.J.

Fleet Captain	John J. Bonn
Fleet Secretary	Fred Slovak
Fleet Champion	Fred Slovak
Runner-Up	Austin Osborn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
358	White Flash	J. Leslie White
381		Louis W. Burke
657	One Shot	Dr. E. A. Zybulewski
864	Bay Rader	Chas. J. Stewart
1378	Bucket of Bolts	Harold Chester
1523	Star Dust	Fred & Marie Slovak
3241	Edmar	E. F. Scheer
4877	Sea Gwen	Dr. F. Parker Willey
5615	Jezebel	John J. Bonn
6881	Itchiban	Felix E. Matusky & Joe Tichansky
7073		Richard F. Maguire

Our fleet had some very interesting occurrences in the months before the racing season started. Felix Matusky and Joe Tichansky received their new Japanese built Lightning early in the spring. And then they had to replace fittings, and put in modern racing fittings, tuning and so forth. In June they had their launching, complete with champagne, naming the boat "Itchiban" (meaning first one). Then they gave a wonderful cocktail party for all the fleet members to celebrate.

Then we had John & Marion Bonn, club members, wishing to acquire a Lightning and chasing all over New Jersey to secure a good racing boat. After many interesting experiences they finally bought Harold Dickie's #5615, and were ready to go at the beginning of the season. The Bonn's are new sailors, very enthusiastic and eager, and will be rough competition next season.

Our friend Bob Fellman broke up the Adios partnership. Austin Osborn sailed the Adios with pickup crews and did not have the same spirit as he had with Bob.

Our Club racing season started on June 28, and ended on

Labor Day. We certainly had a variety of weather and wind, including one race in a fog so thick, that lead boats had to find the marks. Everyone finished.

In the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Regattas, we have a very good turn out in the "A" and "B" classes.

In August John & Marion Bonn and Fred Slovak took the Jezebel to the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club Invitational Regatta. Had a wonderful time, and the Bonn's had a good taste of meeting other boats in stiffer competition. We sure expect to see the Bonn's out for more of these away from home events next year.

The Star Duster, Fred and Marie Slovak and Ward Thomas had an active racing season. Besides sailing the Sunday Club Championship series, they started in June with the Metedeconk River Yacht Club Tune-Up Regatta, of which only one race was sailed, as the second and third races were cancelled due to gale force winds. Also sailed in the New Jersey Lightning State Championship Regatta, at the Monmouth Boat Club, at Red Bank, N. J., finishing 7th. Finished 2nd in the Central Atlantic District Commodore's Cup Regatta, and placed 2nd in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship series.

We had some informal short races in September on Sundays, and enjoyed some pleasure sailing on Saturdays.

We hope that we will be able to get some new members next year and also that some of our pleasure sailors will come out and race with us.

GROTON LONG POINT FLEET (105)

Connecticut District

Based on Fisher's Island Sound.

Groton Long Point, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Robert Purrington
Fleet Secretary	Bonnie Parizak
Fleet Champion	James Xavier Egan
Runner-Up	Robert H. Purrington

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1483	Sea Queen	Rod Morrissey
1657	XYZ	Tom Leffingwell
1883	Mischief	
	Maker	Dr. Robert Grugan
2130	Southerly	Skip Church
2408	Bugaboo II	Mr. & Mrs. David M. Hadlow, Jr.
2462	Puffin	Bob Murphy
3323	Ando	Doug Peacock
3580	I Go Two	Bonnie Parizak
5138	Firefly	Robert Purrington
5655	Barefoot	Jerry Turner
5737	Merrweather	Sue Colgrove
6814	Crewsader	Jim, Jack and Dick Egan

The 1959 racing season was one of the finest ever at Groton Long Point. The competition was keener than ever before, this year with Jim Egan and Bob Purrington fighting a close duel for the fleet championship. Bob Purrington won the Slater Trophy and Jim Egan the Washburn Trophy. Both of these beautiful revere bowls were donated in the 1958 season for Lightning competition. Close behind Bob for the Slater trophy was Jim Egan followed by the Hadlows, who were new this year. The Hadlows sailed their boat, "Bugaboo", into third place for July to upset many of the older fleet members. Another new boat to fleet competition was the "Southerly", captained by Skip Church.

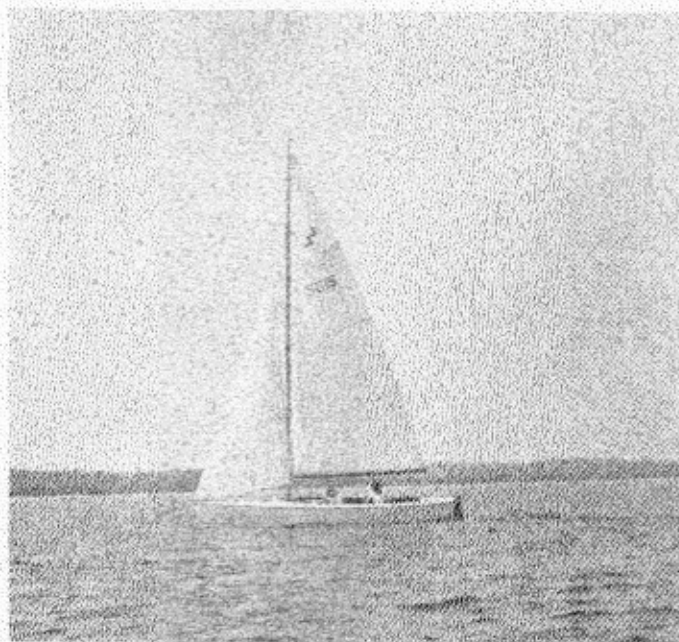
At the beginning of the year Jerry Turner sold his old boat, "I Go Two" and purchased the "Barefoot". Bonnie Parizak purchased Jerry's boat and soon with the help of old hands, Mark Turner and Tom Sullivan, brought the I Go Two within striking distance of the top.

In the close fight for the championship, Jim Egan gained a 1½ point lead to gain the coveted title of fleet champion.

This year, the fleet has been active in outside competition. Early in the season Jim Egan and Bob Purrington traveled to Niantic to compete in the Early Bird Regatta.

On the twenty-fifth of July our fleet sent two representatives to the Connecticut Districts at Noroton, Connecticut. Bob Purrington proved too inexperienced for their older competition.

In August crews from the fleet raced for the Sears Cup and the Midger Championship. Jim Egan headed the crew in the Sears Cup, and Bill Murphy headed the sailors in the Midgers. Both boys and their crews represented the fleet well and gained much valuable experience that should help them with these races next year.



John and Marion Bonn in Jezebel—5615.

Two members of our present fleet, Tom Leffingwell and Doug Peacock, suggested the Thunder Mug race. It was to be sailed on a favorable night in August when all the fleet could attend. One of the "dry" sailors in the fleet, Jim Egan, won the silver mug donated by Doug and Tom.

As the season closed several of the fleet traveled to Niantic for the annual Governors Cup Race. The Egan brothers, Jim, Jack and Dick, lead our fleet with a seventh. Behind them were Bob Purrington and Doug Peacock in eleventh and sixteenth positions respectively.

September brought the sad pulling of boats as the various crews headed back to school, college, and work. The unhappy days were brightened by the news and rumors that the Parizaks, the Grugans, and others were ordering new boats. It looks like a season of good sailing and stronger competition for 1960. Our thanks go to Dr. Grugan, a power boat man himself, for his ceaseless efforts as race chairman. Our hat is also tipped to Mr. Kennedy and company, who manned our antiquated committee boat through many a rolling sea.

Good luck to all in 1960!

GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

Central New York District

Sailing at Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, N. Y.

Fleet Captain.....	Richard W. Hallagan
Fleet Secretary.....	James Caves
Fleet Champion.....	Charles W. Hallagan
Runners-Up.....	Brown - Bloomer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2756	North Wind	Lawrence Morley
2792	Nancy Ann	Dr. Stephen R. Pope
3274	High Tail	Bill Croucher
3974	Polaris	Henry W. Fogarty
6693	Merry	Charles W. Hallagan
6698	Chaos	Dick Brown and Bob Bloomer
7087	Razzelefratz	Richard W. Hallagan

The winter months were busy ones: Harry Fogarty sold 2729 and bought 5974, Charlie Hallagan sold 2794 and bought 6693, Dick Hallagan sold 5390 and bought a new Emmons 7087, and Steve Pope brought 2792 to the bay. There was no rest for the 1958 champions, the Brown-Bloomer Yacht Racing Syndicate, for with new boats threatening, they installed a new spinnaker, suction bailers, thro lever adjustable jib downhaul, beer cooler, and other bric-brac.

A schedule of 3 series was set up: a Saturday Series of one lap races for Saturday afternoons, a Sunday Series for two lap races for Sunday morning, and a Labor Day Series. The four- some of Fogarty, Hallagan, Hallagan, and B & B traded firsts all summer. The final standings found B & B first in the Saturday Series, Charlie Hallagan taking the Sunday Series, and Dick Hallagan winning the Labor Day event. After B & B's clean sweep the previous season, the two Hallagans rested at ease.

This keen sense of competition sharpened the boats for the summer regattas in the Central New York area. Our boats took top honors in the following: third at Owasco, one-two in the Centrals, third at the Districts, third in the Sodus Bay Invitational, and two-three at the Onondaga Regatta. Thanks to Harry Fogarty's third in the Districts, the District Championships will come to Sodus in 1960.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Based on Higgins Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain.....	Tom Brennan
Fleet Secretary.....	Dick Arnold
Fleet Champion.....	Pete Morley
Runner-Up.....	Mike Dow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
679	Hi Hi	Dr. H. I. Clark
1847	The Jermy	Bob Jermstad
2460	Caprice	Dr. Arnold
2844	.....	Ted Caldwell
2933	White Cap	A. B. Brand
2944	Wah-hine	Armond Barstow
4214	Windsong	Prudy Wickes



Waiting for the gun at Fleet #110, Higgins Lake, Michigan.
9th Invitational regatta.

4538	.....	Jim Redman
4808	4 Bells	Char Taylor
4809	Flame IV	Dr. Don Brasie
5049	Ho-Hum	Glenn Osgood
5254	Fubar	Jim Vary
5603	Flicker	Lucy Schultz
6281	.....	Tom Brennan
6400	What's Buzzin	Pete Morley
6687	Sugarbeet	Art Buhl, Jr.
7010	Glengarry	Alex Carlin
7300	Triagan	Doc Arnold
7309	Serendipity	Mike Dow

Alex Carlin, top Higgins sailor, was relatively inactive on his home grounds during the summer-busy sailing at other regattas, and we suspect letting the rest of Fleet 110 battle it out for 1st place instead of 2nd as generally happens when he's around.

Our 9th Invitational Regatta, August 1 and 2, again saw the top Michigan skippers in attendance. When the firing stopped and the smoke cleared away Hermy Nickels, International Champ and St. Pete winner, was in first place, Ed and Bill McKinley of Tawas second, Jim Schudel of Bayview third, Johnny O'Dell of Pontiac fourth, and Doc "Bull Fiddle" Murphy of Fenton fifth. Mike Dow was top HLBC boat finishing eighth—a good job against rugged competition. Saturday night the Michigan District Barefooted Philharmonic played in their soft subdued and muted style for all who were brave enough to listen.

Season race results:

Mike Dow in a new fiberglass Lightning won the Cal Barry Trophy for the season's racing.

Pete Morley won the Lightning Championship Cup with Mike Dow second and Doc Arnold third.

Jim Vary won the Commodore's Cup for the Lightning cruising class with Steve Barstow second and Hi Clark third.

Mac McKinley won the property owners cup.

The Michigan Districts will be held at Higgins this summer on July 22, 23, and 24. With between 50 and 60 boats expected there is plenty of hard work on tap for all HLBC members.

All who knew him were shocked and saddened by the death of Dr. Edwin P. Vary from a heart attack on August 2. Doc Vary was ever an enthusiastic sailor, a hard worker, and an interested and loyal member of the Higgins Lake Boat Club. We shall all miss him greatly. We cherish many fine memories of Doc Vary and his activities at the lake he loved.

GREEN BAY FLEET (112)

Midwest District

Based on Green Bay, Wisc.

Fleet Captain.....	Robert Shade
Fleet Secretary.....	George Bielefeldt
Fleet Champion.....	James L. Hopkins
Runner-Up.....	Robert D. Tilleman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
730	Skip-Jak	Jack Haanen
972	Squabble	The Everson Girls
2326	Snafu	R. G. Evans



Picking up the hardware at Green Bay, Fleet #112, left to right: Jim Gagnon, Jim Hopkins, Fran LeClerc, Geo. Bielefeldt, Dick Evans, Bob Shade.

2503	Geo. Claire, Jr.	Geo. Burrige
2505	Baby	Carl Witteborg, Jr.
2533	Ginny Lee	Arnold Biebel
2534	Push Me	J. Gagnon & Geo. Bielefeldt
2561	Marbo	Robert Shade
3777	Pat-Sue	Ken Mathys
6200	San Sea II	Fran J. LeClerc
7144	Yab	James L. Hopkins
7375		Robert D. Tillemann

Our fleet enjoyed another fine year of racing and cruising. To start the season off, over forty members and guests trailed their boats to the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club and from there sailed over to Sawyer Harbor and spent a very enjoyable week end at the Pines Resort. The Spring Series ended up in a tie between Fran Le Clercq and Jim Hopkins. Our Summer series was won by Bob Tillemann followed closely by Jim Hopkins in second place. Bob Tillemann squeezed out Jim Hopkins by one point to take the Fall series. Fran Le Clercq entered his boat in the Sturgeon Bay Regatta and took home a first place. Bob Tillemann and Jim Hopkins also trailed their boats to Michigan City for the Midwest Championships and Tillemann brought home fifth place in the competition.

During the summer, several members and their friends trailed their boats to Canadian waters and spent some very enjoyable weeks cruising through Canada. Our fleet also trailed their boats to Gills Rock and from there sailed to Washington Island for a week-end of fun.

ST. JOSEPH HARBOR FLEET (113)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, St. Joseph, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Dean DeVries
Fleet Secretary	Jim Stock
Fleet Champion	Joe Stueland
Runner-Up	Dean DeVries

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4674	Nite Cap	Kent Hughes
5967	Droopy II	Dean Devries
6036	Wanderer	Phil Ryan
6378	Pink Lady	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
6379	Blue Goose	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
6662	Thunder	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
7310	Suzie Q	Jim Stock
7311	Sea Urchin	Frank Lahr
7312	Scud	Joe Stueland
7313	Handy's	Hank Handy
	Dandy II	

St. Joseph Fleet #113 started the 1959 racing season with four new Nichols-Holman Lightnings. However, new boats were not the key to success as the Jr. Foundation boat skippered by Ron Sisson won most of the races in June until finally on the 28th a new boat won a race. Needless to say the proud owners of these boats were shaken considerably by this early season lack of success. Our Shakedown Regatta held on June 21st and 22nd was won by Bob Spitz at Michigan City with Ron Sisson runner-up. Due to the small number visiting boats we feel that

a later date would be more attractive. In 1960 we will hold our invitational regatta on the 13th & 14th of August, and we hope to see all of you there. On the 12th of July the entire fleet trailed to Michigan City for the annual Sand Dune Regatta. Through the efforts of a crooked race committee, Joe Stueland came through for the big win with St. Joe boats taking the top six spots with the exception of 2nd.

Two weeks later we again made the sojourn to Michigan City for the Midwest Districts. We promise to do better next year (Nuff said).

Our season ended with a trip to the Red Flannels in Chicago. Trophy winners for the year were:

June Series	Ron Sisson #6662
July Series	Jim Stock #7210
August Series	Joe Stueland #7312
George Fritz Memorial Trophy	Dean DeVries #5967
Labor Day Series	Joe Stueland #7312
Wednesday Evening Series	Ron Sisson #6602

CUBA LAKE FLEET (115)

Lake Erie District

Based on Cuba Lake, New York

Fleet Captain	Ward Wilday
Fleet Secretary	Lois Fahrner
Fleet Champion	Karl Fahrner
Runner-Up	Ward Wilday

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
452	S'amusez	Dr. L. F. Dietter
574	Ginger	William Jones
692	Rosemaryn	K. Van der Horst
876	Cumin	F. J. Jerge
1167	Mur-Har	Foss Murray
		John Hardy



"See Adler" on a practice run.

1693	4RS	Maynard Randell
1955	Rose Anna	Albert Collins
2987	Jenny Bell	C. P. Clark
3415		Walter Wells
5267	Do Bloon	Jack O'Brien
5290		Kingman Page
5851	Night Cap	Tom Older
6296	Sweet	C. P. Clark & W. Wilday
	Genevieve	
6683	XOACACA	Tom Lattimer
6983	See Adler	Karl Fahrner

Cuba Lake Yacht Club Fleet #115 sailed through a record year with a total number of thirty boats participating in races. Club spirit and enthusiasm was high, not only in racing but in social activities as well. Ten Lightnings participated regularly, sailing on a handicap with about ten snipes, six comets, six K-Boats, one thistle and two C Scows.

The system of handicaps worked out very well over the ten year period the club has been sailing. It is very seldom that the same boat wins twice in consecutive races. This illustration may point up the fairness of the handicap. On the Memorial Day Race there was a dead heat finish with Bob Dodds (snipe) and Karl Fahrner (Lightning) tied for first honors. Our records show that within forty seconds eleven boats finished, three Lightnings, four snipes, two comets, one K-boat and one C scow. Races were held on Saturdays and Sundays with different boats winning. This made everybody happy.

One problem worried the Lightning sailors. It was felt that some of the older boat skippers were a little discouraged. So we gave the boats which numbered under 5000, a two minute handicap. This may work out O.K. We hope this will encourage the older boats to meet competition.

Our fleet was guest at the Silver Lake Yacht Club. They have about the same number of boats as Cuba and their sailors too, are enthusiastic. A very good time was had by all at their Lightning Regatta.

Lightning Sailor's Standings:

FIRST	6983	See Adler	Karl Fahrner
SECOND	6296	Sweet Genevieve	Clark-Wilday
THIRD	5267	DuBloon	John O'Brien
FOURTH	6683	XOACACA	Tom Lattimer
FIFTH	5851	Night Cap	Dr. Lawrence Older

The club sponsored a Junior Sailing Program headed by Robert Dodds and "Tyke" Bly. A series of eight Saturday races were held for junior and senior Pram racers. Wednesday afternoon classes were held for instruction and the groups sailed for practice.

GARDINERS & PECONIC BAYS FLEET (116)

Greater Long Island District

Based at Greenport, L.I., N. Y.

Fleet Champion.....Mike Burden
Runner-Up.....Arthur Vandewater

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1057		Clara Luddecke
2355	Miko	Mike Burden
2647		Tom Levin
2971	Cirrus	Edward Wren
3466	Arrana	Fred Sharman
	DeMar	
3594	Riptide	Leroy Raush
3938	Bluebird	Warren Vail
4246		Raymond Golder
4608	Blitzen	Peter Dinkel
4882	Gramp	Tom Daiker
5075	Jolly Roger	Arthur Vandewater



"Part of Fleet 116 at sea."

5085	Upset	John Holmes
5344		Edward Kohut
6982	Sakey	Elizabeth Szczotkowski

Our fleet sailors had the opportunity of competition in 52 races this season. With regular yacht club series, invitation races, and regattas, it made a full season for all that were interested.

Orient Yacht Club ran two series of Wednesday races. Fred Sharman won the July series with Mike Burden second. The August series concluded in a tie between Art Vandewater and Mike Burden. The summer series at this location was closely contested with Art Vandewater on top and Fred Sharman second.

Shelter Island Yacht Club ran a Saturday series with Pete Dinkel placing first and John Holmes second.

Southold Yacht Club Sunday series was won by Mike Burden with Leroy Raush taking second place. The annual Southold Labor Day Invitation series was won by Jim Dill of Fleet 141 with Mike Burden of Fleet 116 second.

The annual ELIYRA three day, four race, regatta was won by Bill Uhl of Fleet 141, Jim Dill second, and Mike Burden third. As in the past, standings in this series determined Fleet 116 Championship.

We had excellent sailing weather all season. For 1960 we look for increased interest in Lightnings in this area. We plan a Fleet championship series rather than the method used in the past.

WESTERN NARRAGANSETT BAY, FLEET (119)

(Narragansett Bay Yachting Assn.)

Connecticut District

Based on Narragansett Bay, East Greenwich, R. I.

Fleet Captain.....Douglas Wetherell
Fleet Secretary.....William P. Matthew
Fleet Champion.....Robert V. Anderson
Runner-Up.....W. Edwin Stevens

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
69	C'est Si Bon	Christian Sovet
512	Sh-Boom	Doug. Wetherell
1058	Tern	Dr. Russell P. Hager
1577	Kitonuck	William Macomber
2338	Cutshausha	Dr. Samuel Rouslin
2347	Tasa	Nathan Hale
3189	Symbol	John R. Heller
3289	Gismo	Herman Ganz
3434	Sea Hawk	Donald L. Bruce
3463		W. Ernest Garne
3488	Typhoon	Kendall Osborn
3595	Little Dipper	Mike Iacona
3970	Skidoo	Henry Eldredge
4228	Blitz	Herbert Peterson
5889	Blitzen	Robert V. Anderson
5978	Cimba II	Edmund Leeds

Fleet #119 has completed another successful if somewhat rainy season. This may account for the small number of Lightnings which qualified in the NBYA series. The three boats which qualified finished as follows:

1st	BLITZEN	Robert V. Anderson
2nd	SKIDOO	W. Edwin Stevens
3rd	CIMBA II	Edmund Leeds

In the Wednesday evening series which are held at the East Greenwich Yacht Club, the participation was considerable more active, as eleven boats qualified with Don Bruce's SEA HAWK first, Bob Anderson second in BLITZEN, and Ed Stevens' SKIDOO third.

Bob Anderson conducted a racing program for the small fry which was an outstanding success. Approximately forty kids registered for the classes which were held mornings and afternoons alternately, five days a week for all of July and August. Charles and Arthur Payne, "graduates" of the class are now crew members for Ed Stevens, and Susan Eldredge who also took the sailing course will be crewing for her dad on Lightning #3970 which Henry Eldredge has just bought from Ed Stevens. Ed is now building a new Lightning which he expects to have ready for next summer.

Lightning #69 has been sold to Christian Sovet of East Greenwich and #3488 has been sold to Kendall Osborn of Middletown, R. I. Both will still race with the fleet.



Well Spread Out.

Fleet Captain Douglas Wetherell was busier than a one-armed paper hanger this season, running Lightning activities, Jr. Sailing Program, and EGYC Racing Committee, so he won't forget this season in a hurry, especially the two day Rhody Regatta at EGYC, when the first day turned into a wallowing thunder squall, which made for much scurrying around of crash boats seeing that the kids were brought safely to port.

SAVANNAH FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Based on Wilmington River, Savannah, Ga.

Fleet Captain	Ross Allen
Fleet Secretary	Chuck Wood
Fleet Champion	John McIntosh
Runner-Up	David Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8	Pink Lady	Lee Thompson
68	Hurricane	Janes McIntosh
266	Horse Fly	Savannah Yacht & Country Club
267	Four Winds	Lawrence Salter
2383	Vixen	Roy Gordon, Jr.
3152	Helena	James Diamond
3515	Jim Dandy	Jim Daniels
4040	Merihel	James Artley
4671	Wild Goose	R. G. Allen
4872	Rabbit	John McIntosh
4881	Elscar	Charles Wood
5098	Peg	David Johnson
5570	Flying Dutchman	William Lucas
6294	Greased Lightning	Ted Turner
6612	Scalawag	Elmo Weeks
6843	Fran Dalli	J. Wallace Aggett
7342	No Name	Fred Wessels

Fleet No. 127 in 1959 started with the Third Annual Deep South Regatta and had one of its most successful years. Unlike 1958, when the "Polar Bear Cha Cha" cancelled all races, a fleet of over twenty boats started and completed the series. Perfect weather allowed for excellent sailing and also provided sufficient time to indoctrinate our Yankee cousins in the ways of the South. Dancing, oyster roasts, flowers for the gals, and other things finished a wonderful week-end. This year's Deep South was the first of the series for the new Southern Circuit Trophy.

Our delegation John McIntosh and Fred Wessels journeyed to St. Pete. Wessels, however, electrified the other skippers and spectators by having the hottest boat in the series when he tangled his mast in high tension wires. Johnny continued on to Miami and was among the top boats in the Circuit Series.

The fleet again made the trip to Mr. Dora, Florida and Johnny McIntosh defended his winning of the Dodge Trophy in 1958 by winning again and represented the district in the Internationals. Charlie Kehoe was second and Ross Allen third.

The club sailed during May in a spring tune-up series and then launched into the regular club summer series. Bill Lucas became a skipper when he purchased Fred Wessels' "Flying Dutchman." Fred Wessels bought a new boat and along with Wally Aggett, Jimmy Artley, and Jimmy McIntosh provided some exciting finishes. The series was broken July 4th weekend at which time three races finished, John McIntosh first, Ross Allen second, and Chuck Wood third. The Summer Regatta closed with some of the younger skippers participating in the final races, Roy Gordon, Lee Thompson, and Teddy Turner. Jim Daniels finally got the "Jim Dandy" out of the boat yards and became part of the fleet.

We had the Labor Day races with John again winning the series. Then came the annual "Burnt Pot," and Jimmy Artley, after turning over and wetting his visitors, was again given the Pot. Next day we sailed the Isle of Hope race and after delicate spinnaker maneuvering, Ross Allen nosed into first place by a photo finish. He was awarded the Wymberly Trophy.

As you can see from the above, this has been a successful year and we are anticipating an even greater one in 1960. We have two new comers, Elmo Weeks has purchased McIntosh's "Scalawag" and Einar Trosdal is the new owner of a boat you will all remember, the "Red Witch." This should make for a very fast fleet providing we can keep Johnny McIntosh's new "Rabbit" in carrots.

LAKE WASHINGTON FLEET (132)

Pacific-Northwest District

Sailing on Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain	Lloyd A. Dohrman
Fleet Secretary	Chris Smith
Fleet Champion	Harvard Palmer
Runner-Up	Bob Brown

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
949	Rambler	Jim Smith
1262	Holgazan	Almor Stern
1543	Zeta	Cappy Clarke
1871	Harpoon	Herman Voss and Dr. R. B. Hearne
2274	Finesse	Floyd Dohrman
2358	Kel-C	Al Kartess
2437	Subdeb	Pete McTavish
2583		George Snyder
2599		David Storey
2607		Tom Shepard
2994		James Haviland
3111	Alai Kai	J. H. Bettinger
3167	Loligo	Chas. Hitzroth and Dr. Phil E. Church
3168	Prah	Frank Sando
3264	Kelly I	John Baker
3550	Blitz	Russ Winslow
3722		George Prince
3759		Edwin MacCamy
3772		Dr. Leon Sealey and Bruce Bloxom
3778	Vaga	Gordon Rasmussen
3791		Eric Denton
3830	Mandy	Joe and Paul Guthrie
4064	Blue J	Tom Jobs
4266		Gordon Bennett
4292		Bob & Lowell Kuhler
4397	Vanitie	Greg Fox
4650	Wastrel	R. W. Austin and Dr. John Aberle
4746	Scoop	G. R. Strohm and S. P. Johnson
5015		Lee Lanham
5295		Robert Orr
5669	Mary-Sue	Harry Wenger
6230	Caprice Too	Robt. and Herb. Price
6538	It'll Do	Dr. John Siemens and Geo. Salisbury
6724		Frank Zimbelman
6792		W. R. Davies
6947		Bill Carpenter
7030	Cheerie Bye	R. L. Brown
7041	Sukazur	Harvard Palmer
7047		Palmer Olsen
7080	Kimil II	Floyd C. Miller
7400		Dr. Wm. Jaquette
7458		Dave Gosse

As the 1959 sailing season drew to a close, Lake Washington Fleet #132 reviewed a busy year of campaigning and social events.

Early in May Lightnings were borrowed for Seattle Mallory Cup eliminations and the Area eliminations were sailed on Lake Washington in Lightnings borrowed from Fleet #132 the middle of June.

An average of twelve Lightnings turned out each Wednesday evening for the Corinthian Yacht Club-sponsored Spring, Summer and Fall Series of six races each. Weekend races on Lake Washington were also well-attended, and our fleet-sponsored a Women's Series for the second season. A Fleet #132 Invitational Series was initiated. Lack of wind in June forced cancellation of our Pre-District Series, and too much wind in September spoiled our Autumn Leaf Series for this year.

Five Lightnings representing Fleet #132 and Corinthian journeyed to Bellingham for the Pacific International Yachting Asso-

ciation Regatta June 30 to July 4, with Bob Brown bringing back the first place trophy.

July 10, 11, and 12 were the dates of the Pacific Northwest District Championship Regatta. The 1959 Regatta was sailed on Lake Washington with Fleet #132 as host. At the close of the five-race series, Bob Brown and crew were awarded the trophy for first place and at the Awards banquet they announced their intention to represent the Northwest in the Internationals.

At the August Annual Meeting of the Association Robert L. Brown, of Fleet #132, was elected a Vice-President of the LCA, after he had completed a year as Commodore of the Northwest District.

This was not a season solely devoted to sailing. The Fleet meets the second Thursday of each month, and a social hour preceded the business session. We had a buffet dinner in June that netted a profit to turn into District Regatta funds. This helped send a Northwest crew to the Internationals—which we hope to repeat in 1960. Our summer picnics on June 21 and September 14 were well-attended and most successful. We instituted the Annual Fleet Awards Banquet December 10, 1959. Season Champion was Harvard Palmer, #7041—Sukazur; second, Bob Brown, #7030—Cheerie Bye; and third, Joe and Paul Guthrie, #3830—Mandy. Five Lightnings joined Corinthian Yacht Club on its Salt Water Weekend Cruise August 18 and 19, and more Puget Sound cruising is planned for the summer of 1960.

Delivery of the first Fiberglass Lightning, #7400, to Dr. Wm. Jaquette of Fleet #132 was an event! Competition among the skippers was keen and two new boats were being readied for the 1960 racing season. Two new boats joined the fleet in 1959, and four left to sail in other waters.

All Lightning Sailors are invited to Seattle, the boating capitol of the world and to visit with Fleet #132.

MANHASSET BAY FLEET (133)

Western Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Manhasset Bay, Port Washington, N. Y.

Fleet Captain.....	Louis Piana
Fleet Treasurer.....	Tom Pryor
Fleet Secretary.....	Jean Asher
Fleet Champion.....	Mike Grinnell
Runner-Up.....	Dick Sykes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
23	Skidoo	Paul E. Bechtold
3170	Renegade	Bob Emerson
3963	Coke	Con Casser
4150	Expresso	Jonathan Leigh
4249	Mutual Fun	Lucille & Alfred Wessmann
4607	Martini	Mario Tribuno
5147	Bottoms Up	Robert Kron
5616	Sally-Jo	A. O. Myers
5879	Nahguav II	Dr. H. C. Vaughan
5995	Lively Lady	Tom Ward, Jr.
6070	Hooker	Bob & Murry Gottlieb
6182	Wasp	E. J. Northacker
6183	Streak	Harry Asher
6215	Good Grief	Fran & Carole Sleght
6264	Nan-C	Capt. E. Callahan
6308	Deadbeat	Martha Knowles
6309	Summer Salt	Dot and Jim Bragonier
6427	Fury	Carl Burh & Arthur Buhr, Jr.
6526	Pesued	Ed Gonzalez
6568	Biljim	Bill Nielsen
6647	Hoo-La	Tim Lapham
6699	Calypso	Jean Thompson
6819	Dixie	Dick Sykes
6927	Thunderbird	Mike and Charles Grinnell
7128	Blue Cloud	Andy Connell
7246	Pelican	Thos. Pryor
7259	Linda	Louis Piana
7260	Skylark	Richard E. Erway
7330	Toy Tot	Robt. & John Sleght

The past season was probably one of the most active for the skippers of Manhasset Bay. Six brand new boats were added to our fleet, and the competition was very sharp from May to October.



Fleet Champion Mike Grinnell in Thunderbird #6927 is having rough going. Fleet #133.

In the Saturday Morning Series of 14 races, a total of 6 boats qualified, with first place going to Charles Grinnell and second place to Louis Piana.

Although the Spring Series had changing weather conditions, six boats qualified, first went to Mike Grinnell in "Thunderbird", second to Arthur Buhr in "Fury" and third to Louis Piana in "Linda".

The July series was the qualifying series for participation in the District Championship, the Atlantic Coast Championship, and the Long Island Sound Championship. Of the 12 qualifying boats first prize went to Dick Sykes in "Dixie", second to Tim Lapham in "Hoo-La", third to Andy Connell in "Blue Cloud", fourth to Mike Grinnell in "Thunderbird", and fifth to Arthur Buhr in "Fury".

In the August series, Mike Grinnell first, Louis Piana second and Jeanne Thomson third.

In the Fall Series Bob Sleght in "Toy Dot" was first followed by Charles and Mike Grinnell, and Louis Piana.

July and August formed our Championship Series. Our new Champion is Mike Grinnell in "Thunderbird". Second Dick Sykes, third Andy Connell, fourth Louis Piana, and fifth Art Buhr.

Larchmont Race Week was won by Jimmy Sykes in "Dixie" for the odd numbers.

The Annual Sea Cliff Invitation Regatta was dominated by our Manhasset Bay Skippers. First was Dick Sykes, second Bob Connell and fourth Arthur Buhr.

In the Western Long Island Championship Dick Sykes placed third and Tim Lapham sixth; both of them went on to the Internationals where Dick Sykes finished eighth overall.

The Commodore's Cup Race, was won by Louis Piana in "Linda".

In the Atlantic Coast Championship, Mike Grinnell placed fifth and Dick Sykes sixth.

In Manhasset Bay Race Week, the first three places in the Odd Division were Fred Hibberd Jimmy Sykes and Mike Grinnell. In the Even Division Bizzy Monte-Sano, Bob Connell and Carter Ford.

The Bayside Regatta was dominated by our skippers with Louis Piana winning all three races.

At the Annual Dinner, held over the Thanksgiving Weekend at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Mike Grinnell, our Fleet Champion, was presented with a beautiful oversize silver cup instituted this year for the first time as a perpetual trophy emblematic of the Manhasset Bay Lightning Championship. We are very proud of all our lady skippers, who form a substantial and enthusiastic part of our membership; therefore it was with great joy that we awarded the first prize for the Best Lady Skipper to Claire Kron in "Bottoms Up". Tom Pryor won the second prize for Best Adult Skipper in "Pelican".

We are cordially inviting all Lightning skippers to come to Manhasset Bay if competition and sportsmanship of the highest caliber is what they like.

NOROTON FLEET (134)

Connecticut District

Based on Central Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain	John J. Abberley
Fleet Secretary	David S. Moore
Fleet Champion	Kevin Jaffe
Runner-Up	Robert Crane

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2463	Mischief	Andrew Heiskell
3052	Pukalong	Ed King
3391	Larg	Gerard Larocque
3806	Spitfire	Anthony Widmann & David Sinclair
3973	Coquina	Eric R. Hansen
3999	Jelly Bean	Frank McDermott
4108	Shmoo	John H. Pierpont
4524	Polara	George Demarest
4717	Mystery	Stuart Fillmore
4872	Rabbit	Ren Case & Tom Ross
4942	Cinderella Too	Noroton Junior Yacht Club
5137	Charge	Emile & Virginia Zimmer
5172	Fling	Harold M. Scott
5405		Richard Biddle
5954	Bonne Amie	James W. Tower
5984	November	Robert E. Smith, Walt Smith
5986	Envy	Peter, Kristin & Kevin Jaffe
5989	Cava	John J. Abberley
6346	Caprice	Bill Howe & Wally Crump
6347	Strega	David & Jennifer Moore
6434	Kachina Doll	Bill & Peter Wilson
6869	Wizard II	Samuel R. Dorrance
7008	Painted Lady	Felix Noblet
7012	Stymie III	W. A., Jr., Trey & Kerry Kipp
7019	Jimlin IV	Bob, Patricia & James R. Crane
7225	El Rayo	Richard & Carolyn McCurdy

The Noroton Yacht Club Lightning Fleet had another good and very busy summer. Early in the spring, four brand new boats were added to the Fleet. Our perennial champion, Bill Cox, however, was among the missing, having decided to devote all of his time and energy to the development of the Tiger Cat catamaran class.

In the first series of twelve races, Bob Crane was first, Kevin Jaffe, second and Bob Smith, third. The second series, composed of thirteen races, found Kevin Jaffe leading the pack, with Bob Crane, second and W. A. Kipp, third. Our Fleet Championship for the season was won by Kevin Jaffe in "Envy", with Bob Crane in "Jimlin IV," second and Bob Smith in "November," third.

We also held a fall invitational series and boats from the Darien Boat Club Fleet No. 255, as well as one or two boats from Norwalk Yacht Club Fleet No. 230. The order of finish as far as our Fleet was concerned, was Abberley, Howe and Sinclair.

Racing conditions on Long Island Sound this summer were far from good, our major problem being a lack of wind; consequently, more than the usual number of races had to be cancelled because of time limit, and the Yacht Club launchers worked overtime corralling boats scattered all over Long Island Sound. These conditions were perhaps at their very worst during the North American Junior Sailing Championship finals, which were sailed in Lightnings belonging to the members of our Fleet, and held at the Noroton Yacht Club in honor of last year's winner, Kevin Jaffe. The final outcome of the series was in doubt right down to the last minutes of the last race when John Welch, of Hudson Yacht Club, Montreal, Canada, swept over the line to sew it up.

The Connecticut Districts also took place at Noroton. Kevin Jaffe won, placing second, first, second, first. Tom Munnell, of Pequot, was second. Kevin also won the Long Island Sound Lightning Championship, with Wally Lineburgh as runner-up and Carter Ford placing third. To round out what was probably his most successful summer to date, Kevin Jaffe also won the Long Island Sound Junior Championship held at Sea Cliff, Long Island, and sailed in Lightnings.

All in all, the 1959 season was a most enjoyable one and we extend a cordial invitation to any Lightning skippers who happen to be in the vicinity next summer, to come down to Noroton and race with us.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)

Southern District

Based on Mobile Bay, Fairhope, Ala.

Fleet Captain	Manuel Antone
Fleet Secretary	Jack Younkers
Fleet Champion	Ed Overton
Runner-Up	Manuel Antone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3642		Grand Hotel Dev. Corp.
3651	Black Magic	Jim Parker
4690	Sweet Lady	H. C. Slaton
4705	Mescalero	Robert Hunter
5145	Mauvillian	Edward B. Overton

Fleet 135 was quite active this past summer and participated in the major regattas of the Southern District.

Ed Overton won the opening regatta in May at the Bay Wave-land Yacht Club.

The Fleet then entered the District Championship, the Gulf Yachting Association Championship for Lightnings, Race Week and the fall festival regattas. This latter was held at the Fairhope Yacht Club with Fleet #135 as host.

There are quite a few new boats in prospect for next year so things look very bright for the coming years.

GULL LAKE FLEET (137)

Michigan District

Based on Gull Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Dan Chappell
Fleet Secretary	Clayton Cole
Fleet Champion	Jim Coggan
Runner-Up	Bud Tholen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1070	Kilat	Richard Strube
1988	Bluejacket	Daniel E. Chappell
2345	Brigadoon II	Lester L. Coleman
2542	Kaye II	Geo. W. Sprau
2901	Hum-Bug	Chuck Gustice
2945	Water Lou	Homer Elwell
2947	Martling	Ralph Matthews
3133	Trade Wind	Clayton Cole
3383	Dig This	Philip Ordway
3634		Peter McKnight
4410	Rover Boy	Wm. Kriebel
4666	Blitzen	James W. Harrison
4729	Puff-a-long	Elmer Mansen
4744		Dr. Paul Ponitz
4911	Tequila	James Coggan
5040	Weary Too	Gerald Reynolds
5050	Fifty-Fifty	Ronald Macduff
5602	My Buddy	Walter Tholen
5765	Restless	Leo Shields
6046	Vanity	Clifford Bielefeld
6895	Pink Lady	Sam Stearns
7234	Whitey	Thomas Crookston

Ten skippers started the 1959 season by fitting out the Gull Lake Yacht Club's venerable old committee boat the "GLYC". The old girl was ready to go in one day; looking years younger too.

With the exception of two races sailed in a driving rain, the weather was kind to Fleet #137 all summer.

This was the year of the Firsts for our fleet. Tom Crookston's "Whitey" #7234 was shipped from overseas on the decks of the "Prinz William Geo. Frederick" first ship through the St. Lawrence seaway. Dan Chappell published a fleet newspaper, "semi-Occasionally and once-in-a-while" during the summer and distributed it to the skippers. Dr. Jim Harrison was elected to the District Secretary-Treasurer post.

Dick Strube had old #1070 looking like she just left the builder's year. "Bud" Tholen moved up to #5602 and Les Coleman's #2345 turned up sporting a newly fiberglassed bottom.

Venetian night honors were swept by Lightnings for the second straight year. Top honors were taken by Tom Crookston's paddlewheeler and Dick Strube's Ghost Ship. Other social events included a family picnic on Dr. Harrison's lawn and sail to breakfast cookout which was followed by a makeup race.

Jimmy Coggan won the hard-fought racing campaign in the closest racing ever seen in the fleet. At mid-season Coggan had .937 with Bud Tholen holding .907. Coggan finished with .989 and Tholen took second with .925. Dr. Harrison was third, Sam Stearns fourth and Dan Chappell fifth. Sixth place Les Coleman

knocked down early in the season. Speak softly about mainsheet cam cleats in front of his crew.

Junior skipper series champion was Don Coggan, followed by Bob Davison and Bob Harrison.

The most improved skipper award was won by Les Coleman. Dick Strube won the new "Transom Trophy" awarded for perseverance.

The new fleet captain is Tom Crookston; secretary is Jerry Reynolds. Plans are underway for a Gull Lake Invitational Regatta on August 13th and 14th, 1960.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR FLEET (138) **Western Long Island Sound District** **Based on Hempstead Harbor, N. Y.**

Fleet Captain.....Walter Scott
Fleet Secretary.....Margaret Grosselfinger
Fleet Champion.....Walter Scott
Runner-Up.....Peter Hannan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
761	Calebe	Wesley Bailey
1592	Tar	Henry Dumper
2116	Snowflake	Wm. Renz
2232	Jade	George Sullivan and Edward Ryan
2267	Bolca	Chester Markowski
2466	Rosie-O'	Charles Berberich
2610	Why	Gerard N. Boller
2720	Escapade	Robert Hinck
3414	Our Gang III	Tony J. Fiori
3641	Leprechaun	J. C. Tilton
3707	Bonnie	C. Thos. Godfrey
4610	Telemark	Ted Henning
4851	Ariel	Mel Hartman
5366	Bo-Peep	Peter Hannan
5404	Altruist	Russell F. Foregger
5771	Bubbles	Dick Field
5924	Red Ink	George S. Kelley
6044	Blixt	Ben Sonz
6501	Kuldip	Frank Hollister
6549	Nereid	Fred Janson
6822	Decibel	Walter Grosselfinger
6928	Nina	Charles Randall
6929	Cirrus	Spencer Kellogg III
7125	Spook	Walter and Marilyn Scott
7155	Vamp	Warren Kolkebeck
7156	Scamp	Ed J. (Jack) Ryan
7232	Puff	Fred Morgan
7296	Karin	Norman Olsen

Lightning Fleet #138 is happy to report the results of a most successful Invitational Regatta in many a year, thanks to Chairman Ted Henning and the WIND? On Saturday morning of the last week-end in June thirty-two entrants had been registered, sailed a good race and lunched together mid the casual comforts of camp chairs on a covered deck. Following the afternoon race most guests joined us in a delicious cold supper catered by our inimitable "Frank". The roast beef was "out of this world"! Early Sunday afternoon, third race completed, the prizes which were designed and beautifully made of fine mahogany and boat parts by Mr. & Mrs. Walter S. Hannan were presented as follows:

- 1st—Dick Sykes
Fleet #133 in "Dixie"—#6819
(24x18 half-model Lightning Plaque)
2nd—Andy Connell
Fleet #133 in "Blue Cloud"—#7128
(18-in tray with chromium clear handles)
3rd—Norman Olsen
Fleet #138 in "Karin"—#7296
(desk-lamp with shade hand-painted by Nina Randall.)
4th—Art Buhr
Fleet #133 in "Fury"—#6427
(12-in plaque with glass-covered racing chart)
5th—Spencer Kellogg III
Fleet #138 in "Cirrus"—#6929
(8-in. plaque with miniature porcelain Lightning)

Peter Hannan in "Bo-Peep" finished second in the W.L.I.S. District Championships. With him to the Districts went Walter Scott and Spence Kellogg III in their respective boats, "Spook" and "Cirrus". Norman Olsen made it a foursome at the Atlantic Coast Championships where they all had fun. Scott, Kellogg and Walt Grosselfinger, Jr. entered the Long Island Sound Championships.



"Spook" ready for cup eliminations.

Larchmont Race Week resulted in Walter Scott's second place in the odds division. In Manhasset Bay Junior Race Week Mike Ryan finished first in the "over 5000" in "Scamp"—#7156 and Charles Berberich Jr. finished first in the "under 5000" division in "Rosie-O"—#2466. At New York Yacht Club Joe Fiori took second place in the Junior Boys Championships with Peter Beam and Mike Ryan as crew. Jean Kolk represented Sea Cliff in the Girls Championships at Riverside with Joan Fiori and Jean Kellogg as crew. During the Labor Day Hempstead Harbor Club race she made an excellent start and finished third out of at least 16 boats down that last leg right past her own Fleet Champion!

Sycee Cup eliminations were raced in Lightnings at Sea Cliff with Maude Kirby "round robinning" to first place. The other two entrants were Marilyn Scott and Ellen Grosselfinger.

A large number of boats were present every race this year and funny incidents naturally occurred. Early in the season while jibing the spinnaker during a gusty race, in the twinkling of an eye Peter Hannan flipped! To be real corny, Peter Piper couldn't have picked a quicker flip! No Sweat! New secretary next year! Remember the day Walter Scott turned the wrong mark and the rest of the fleet followed like sheep? Only upon reaching the finish line did they discover the error and retrace the course. Although the first boats were last and the last first, Scott got his boat moving so fast at the end of the merry-go-round, he took "first" and not last! And the time Norm Olsen went 'round the mark the wrong way with three goats following? Were they let down! And did he perspire!

Carol Bailey won the 3-race Crew Race series in Bo-Peep. Mary-Lou Kellogg, after two firsts lost the wind in the third race and missed the series first place by one point!

THE PETER HANNAN PERPETUAL LIGHTNING TROPHY FOR THE SKIPPER WHOSE RACING IMPROVES THE MOST IN THE HEMPSTEAD HARBOR FLEET was won by Walter Scott in "Spook".

FINAL Standings:
Walter Scott—1st
Peter Hannan—2nd
George Kelley—3rd
Second Series:
Peter Hannan—1st
Mike Ryan—2nd
Walter Scott—3rd

First Series:
Walter Scott—1st
Spencer Kellogg II—2nd
George Kelley—3rd
Commodore Series:
Peter Hannan—1st
Norman Olsen—2nd
Walter Grosselfinger, Jr.—3rd

New Officers: Fleet Captain—Ted Henning; Secretary-Treasurer—Polly Kolkebeck; Ass't. Sec'y-Treas.—Shirley Ryan. We entreat you in '60 to come to our Regatta June 25th and 26th!

CONESUS FLEET (140)

Central New York District

Based on Conesus Lake, Lakeville, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Bob Henderson
Fleet Secretary	Betty Poyzer
Fleet Treasurer	Roy Hendrickson
Fleet Champion	Chuck Doerflinger
Runner-Up	Bob Henderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
196	Carita II	Roy H. Hendrickson
413	Decoy	R. L. Henderson
791	.....	Herbert J. LePage
1583	Whoops	Carl Pearson
2851	Slippin Thru	Arthur Marshall
3467	Lamb Chop	Chas. Doerflinger
5601	Susan B	Nelson F. Bruce
5875	Trio II	Glenn A. Poyzer
7168	Harem	William J. Meyer



Bob Henderson in "Decoy".

The 1959 racing season proved as active as ever for members of the Conesus Lightning Fleet. Chuck Doerflinger sailing "Lamb Chop" won our Championship series and Bob Henderson in "Decoy" took first place in our Sunday series.

Several members of our fleet took part in area regattas representing us in the District Eliminations, the Toronto Regatta and the Sodus Bay Regatta.

Again on Labor Day, all sailors on Conesus Lake combined techniques in an all class regatta. Spirit ran high in this race

and Chuck Doerflinger placed 1st in the Lightning Division.

Members of our fleet enjoyed a picnic meeting in September at which time we awarded trophies. We elected the following new officers: Bob Henderson as Fleet Captain, Betty Poyzer as Fleet Secretary and Roy Hendrickson as Fleet Treasurer.

We bid a sad farewell to two loyal Lightning sailors, Bill and Vi Scanlan who have forsaken this cold climate for the warm winds of Florida. We shall miss them and hope they'll come back to visit and sail with us next summer.

HAWAII FLEET (143)

Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii

Fleet Captain	Bobby Edmondson
Fleet Secretary	Joe Ebeling
Fleet Champion	Mitchell Todd
Dist. Elim. Winner	Bill Hole

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1460	Mene Hune	Art Turowski
1622	Xtabay	Richard Holmes
2008	Rosell	Lawrence McDermott
2069	Victoria	Priscilla Fisk
2425	Marie	Kurt Moderow
3154	Nubbin	Bobby Edmondson
3261	Babaho	William Hole
3262	Kuipo	Bill Matthews
3305	Mahape	Ray Buisseret
3825	Mikihala	Robert Wagner
3910	Wiki Wiki	Bud Bendix
4529	Boltov	Tom Kiakona
5198	.....	Robert Louis Stevenson
5199	Capri	Ray Cox
5661	.....	Richard McCool
5662	Lulu Belle	Albert Hyde
6063	Jini Maru	Dr. Carl Johnsen
6907	Kaui	Gregg Gillette & Charles Pietsch, Jr.
7029	Ekela	Ray McKee
7056	Hornet	Mitchell Todd
7151	OOSSEE	Joe Ebeling
7484	.....	Roy Bennett

The Hawaiian Lightning Fleet gained three new boats and six new skippers entered the fleet in the past year along with Hawaiian Statehood, and the possibility of hosting the Lightning International Championships in 1963.

Many informal outdoors parties were held to help create interest in competitive racing along with good fleet spirit.

Tom Kiakona rejoined the fleet and repurchased "Boltov" (4529) from Allan Starr who graduated to the cruising fleet. Bobby Edmondson sold "Xtabay" (1622) to Richard Holmes and purchased "Nubbin" (3154) from Mitchell Todd who built a new kit boat (7056). Dr. Carl Johnsen purchased "Jini Maru" (6063) from Herb Jordan who left the fleet in body but not in spirit. Bud Bendix and Art Turowski purchased used boats while Roy Bennett ordered a new boat and Joe Ebeling started construction of his new kit boat. With these new boats and the ones to come, the Hawaiian Lightning Fleet should be one of the most competitive in the 50 states.

Sailing weather was good all year long with strong winds in the early part of the year and near drifting matches closing the season. Racing consisted of one and three race series, the Fish novelty race which consisted of the Lightnings, Thistles, and Mid Pacific Class all sailing in different directions on the four legs of the "sails up sails down" course. The wahine (ladies) race was sailed with four boats and was won by Priss Fish after a four way tie in the second race.

While not sailing, the fleet members worked on their boats which are stored out of the water on the club 4½ acres of ground, went water skiing, swam, played tennis, and volley ball in the Club pool and on the Club courts. In the past year Kaneohe Yacht Club found it necessary to close its membership and start construction of a new kitchen to serve the 450 members.

Fleet 143 invites all fleets to send representatives and visitors to the 1960 Hawaiian Invitational Regatta which will be sailed in Kaneohe Bay, best sailing waters in the 50th State.

Aloha Fleet 143

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Based on Spofford Lake, N.H.

Fleet Captain	Leonard Pratt
Fleet Secretary	Dan Mahoney
Fleet Champion	Leonard Pratt
Runner-Up	Fred Harris

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Gail	Fred Hamblett
2853	Davisc III	Victor Jacobson
3273	Witch One	Peter Van Iderstine
3422	Susy Q	George Holbrook
3446	Skipper	Wade Carruthers
3454	Edith	Dr. Wilton F. Dean
5417	Sallie-Pet	James C. Gillespie
5654	Sandy-Kay	Fred H. Harris
6888	Bon Joy	Leonard Pratt

The members of the Fleet decided at their Spring meeting that they would hold a 13 race summer series, and this series would be used to provide experience under actual racing conditions and thereby develop new skippers. Along this educational line, boat owners were encouraged to get into their crews as many new people as possible in an effort to create more interest in Lightnings and in sailing in general.

We actually had a 10 race series, and at least one new crew member is seriously considering the purchase of a Lightning for next season. The winning boats for this series were Len Pratt's "Bon Joy", Fred Harris' "Sandy-Kay", and George Holbrook's "Susy Q".

Skippers that carried the Spofford flag on the Regatta circuit during the summer were as follows:

Leonard Pratt, BON JOY—New England District Lightning Championships, Annisquam, Massachusetts; New Hampshire Lightning Championship, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire; Vermont Championships, Lake Bomoseen, Vermont; Maine Championships, Casco Bay, South Portland, Maine.

Fred Harris, SANDY-KAY—Lake Massabesic, 15th Annual Massabesic Regatta.

Peter Van Iderstine, WITCH ONE—New Hampshire Lightning Championship, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire.

Five races were sailed August 1st and ending Labor Day for the Fleet Championship. Fleet Captain Leonard Pratt won the series, Fred Harris came in second, and Peter Van Iderstine, third. The Fleet's new alphabetical course flags were used for the first time in the series and were a great help to the skippers for the pre-race preparation and navigation.



Start of the final race, 1959 Championship Series.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	Fred Woodall
Fleet Secretary	Rod Ross
Fleet Champion	Les Crocker
Runner-Up	Ed Hearn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1897		W. R. Koerner

2171		J. R. Bayes
2310		B. Collison
2367	Kokomo	J. Needleman
2375	Video	Jim & Ken Taylor
2397		D. Goldstein
2433	Banshee	L. Bussin
3680		G. Levine
3832		A. Williams
3877		Leycester I. Arnoldi
4629	Brandy	Phil Hutchison
4748	Fiddlers Green	Ron Wilby
4831	Skylark	Bob Graham
5223	Seabiscuit	Ed Hearn
5234	Cosmos	Bob Bleasby
5303		Gordon Russell
5381		J. Newman
5471	Dub Sam	L. Crocker
5897		T. L. Reid
5927	Rhoda II	H. Olson
6047		J. Weakley
6168	Sapphire	S. P. Johnston
6850		N. B. Stein
7070	Cygnus	J. W. Swann
7100	Hanna	A. Dutton
7286	Cats Eye	Rod Ross

An innovation this year was the holding of the Canadian Open Lightning Championship on the first August weekend rather than during one of the Canadian National Exhibition weeks. This resulted in more out-of-Toronto district skippers attending and included two American boats. We are hoping to attract more American visitors in 1960. Consistency of performance paid off for Alf Dutton who took the Championship with two seconds and a fourth to beat Gord Russell with two firsts and an eighth. Bobby Robinson of Sandy Beach Yacht Club was third.

Fleet members are constantly being urged to trail away. Alf Dutton went to Ottawa, as did Jack Swann and Gord Russell who also went to Buffalo. Herb Olson went to Erie for Lake Erie Districts and gained good experience.

The Hyland Trophy for good sportsmanship on the water was awarded to Les Arnoldi.

Other trophies and winners for the season include:

Gorman Trophy—for team racing—

Royal Canadian Yacht Club, captained by Bob Bleasby.

Lou Marsh Trophy—

- (1) Ed Hearn—National
- (2) Joe Dryer—Island Yacht Club
- (3) Les Arnoldi—National

Fleet Captain's Trophy—

- (1) Alf Dutton
- (2) Gord Russell

Trade Fair Trophy—(1) Ed Hearn

Tom Taylor Trophy—Bob Bleasby

Bob Bleasby, who is building a new boat, upheld his reputation abroad by placing in some competitions as follows—Fifth in Lake Erie Districts at Erie, Pennsylvania; Fourth in Niagara Frontier Regatta at Buffalo Canoe Club, and Eighth in President's Cup at Lake St. Clair, Michigan.

The newest boats in the Fleet are owned by Fred Woodall and Rod Ross. It is understood that two other boats are on order and will be delivered in the spring, by new members. We are looking forward to a good year in 1960.

SÃO PAULO FLEET (147)

Sailing at Lake Guarapiranga,

Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.

Fleet Captain	Carlos C. Gandolfo
Fleet Secretary	Roberto Da Rocha Azevedo
Fleet Champion	Wolfgang "Putz" Richter
Runner-Up	Cyril W. Milbourne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1774	Petegrino II	Oscar Weckerle
2668	Waterrotte	Charles Rockwood
3012	Kon-Tiki	Holm A. Bromberg
3013	Man-tachova	J. O'Brien
3080	Zuzu	Robert McNeal
3090	Maru	Rudolph Ehrhorn
3091	Nautilus	Sverre Schildsoe
3093	Faisca	H. B. Holland & Eric Racy
4154	Atrevida	Tom Doggett
4159	Briosa	Jose Hausner
4163	Ressaca	C. W. Milbourne & Fred D. Pirie

4244	Guga	Haroldo Simas De Magalhaes
4294	Caveira	Carlos S. Barros Carvalhosa
4453	Boa Vida	Herbert Victor Levi
4788	Electra II	Alexandre Kemeses
4789	Cunhanta	Dario Cerchi
4909	Nini	Fernando Baldassari
4930	Pisco	Thomas R. Sumner
4931	Pussy Cat	T. S. Wilcox
5020	Quinha II	Dr. Tibor Keri
5091	Turuna	Julio Pignatari
5415	Carumbe	Mario Pacheco e Chaves
6018		Stanislau Zborowski
6057	Canopus	Richard Berg
6137	Helo	Jose Marcilio Malta Cardoso
6269	Maldoso	Vigilio Malta Cardoso
6322	Icarai II	Harold von Sydow
6453	Undine	Horst & Silvia Buchmann
6589	Teimoso	Nicolas Goldberger
6631	Que Sera Sera	Jose Viçitas Neto
6632	(Building)	Antonio M. Cardoso de Almeida
6634	Minuano	Wolfgang Richter
6641	Supinpa	John Warren
7251	Tuppence	Peter Hirschel
		Giza Vozary
		Henrique Lage Sobrinho
		Klaus & Ekkehard Schaeffter
		Ernesto Conrad
		Benedito Levi & Carlos Gandolfo
		Ted Eston De Eston
		Icaro De Castro Mello
		Alberto F. Freire Kowarick

In 1959 the Sao Paulo Lightning Fleet accomplished one of its best seasons since we started sailing a dozen years ago. Apart from our local activities, we had many Inter-State races and two major regattas, the Brazilian Championship series here in Sao Paulo and the pre-Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro. Many new Lightnings were built and others are being completed for this next season.

We have two kinds of races here: the "Cup" series, held by the local Yacht Clubs, and the Championship series, by our local Sailing Union and the Fleet. All but one of the "Cup" series were easily won by Wolfgang "Putz" Richter with his new MINUANO II. His performances were astonishing, specially because in 1958 he was constantly beaten by other boats. This was really his lucky year. Jose Viçitas was the winner of the other "Cup Race", held while our 3 top skippers were in Rio. Other people frequently scaring Putz Richter were Benedito Levi, Cyril Milbourne, Harald von Sydow and Tommy Sumner.

The selecting races for the III Pan-American Games were raced in Rio early in April, and the winner was Fleet 84 Champion OSPREY V, with Eric Schmidt as skipper. He proved all his merits some months later in the LCA Internationals and by winning the Pan-American title in Chicago.

Our Fleet Championship series was raced during August and all 6 races were again won by Putz, who added another trophy to his ever-lengthening record. The runner-up was Cyril Milbourne, with Harald von Sydow in the 3rd place.

From September 5 to 7 we had the pleasure of welcoming Fleet #84 for our District Championship. The other fleets could not come and for the first time a Brazilian Title was decided in an open series, with 18 Lightnings sailing the 5 races. Once again Putz Richter led the MINUANO II to a tight victory over Alexandre Levi (Fleet 84) sailing MACHUSHIA. Oscar Mattoso Mata with PLAYBOY and Sydow with his ICARAI II.

We hope to send two crews to the next South American Championship in Chile, as the first step to promote one of the LCA's events in Brazil in the near future. It would be good for everybody, since the IV Pan-American Games will be here in 1963 and an International Championship in 1962 or so would give the foreign Lightning skippers an excellent opportunity to know our waters, our winds and, best of all, our skippers too.

OWASCO YACHT CLUB (149)

Central New York District

Sailing on Owasco Lake, Auburn, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Dr. Robert J. Thomas
Fleet Secretary	V. Sylvia Lewis
Fleet Champion	Dr. William Simmonds
Runner-Up	William Whiting

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
717	UName it	Frank Whiting



Spinnakers vs. Jibs, L.Y.C. (149) Invitational.

1906	Hermes	Wm. Merritt
2544	Bejav	Edwin R. Tharp
2992	Shasta	Dr. Donald Blair
4605	Escape	Dr. Robert J. Thomas
4905	Our Girl	William J. DeWitt, Jr.
5390	CeeBee	Craig and Blair Lewis
5614	Skidibode	Dr. Wm. Simmonds
6805	Topsy	J. Kraft Vorreuter
	Martini	

Owasco Yacht Club Lightning Fleet began its season by sponsoring its first Invitational regatta on June 20-21. A total of twenty boats answered the starter's gun. Entries came from Canandaigua, Owasco, Ithaca, Rochester, Sodus Bay, Syracuse and Skaneateles. After a week-end of varying wind conditions the final standings were: "Skinner" Reynolds of Skaneateles Yacht Club, first place; Dr. John Gentry, also of Skaneateles, second place; and Brown and Bloomer of the Great Sodus Bay Yacht Club, third. Everyone felt that the regatta, under the chairmanship of Kraft Vorreuter, was a great success and we hope to repeat it next year.

Bill Merritt won our June Series, Dr. Bill Simmonds the July Series, and Bill Whiting the August series. Whiting also won the Memorial Day Cup and Dr. Simmonds won the July 4 and Labor Day Cup races. The tabulation of points at the end of the year showed that Dr. Simmonds was again champion with Bill Whiting second and Kraft Vorreuter third. In addition to our own sixteen races, several of our skippers took part in regattas at other clubs.

Our annual meeting was held in November and the following officers were elected for the 1960 season:

Fleet Captain—J. Kraft Vorreuter
Fleet Secretary—Dr. Donald Blair.

MANSFIELD LIGHTNING FLEET (150)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Clearfork Lake, Mansfield, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Harry L. Warne
Fleet Secretary	Thomas McDermott
Fleet Champion	Charles H. Houston
Runner-Up	Thomas J. McDermott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
340	Sturdy Beggar	Stan Kime
1136		Dr. Donald Dewald & Lee Smaltz
1225	Be & Be	Woodie Armstrong
1269	Hoome	Howard Robinson
2016	Gin-Jo-Ka	Kathryn and Johnson Smith
2017	Nixie	August Grottegut
2018	Black Pearl	Glenn Macy
2725	Firefly	David Ott and Louis J. Ott
2854	Meg	John Hammer
3612	Kittiwak	Dr. Al Barbone
4239	St. Elmo's Fire	Harry Warne
4447	Colleen	Thomas McDermott
5167	Thunderbird	Chuck and Mabel Huston
5456	Busy B's	Jim Bierly
5485	Gal Sal	Sally, Pete and Pat Siegenthaler
6944	Toby	Walter Stevens
6945	Timbuctu	Tim & Sally Stevens

Fleet 150 again enjoyed an unusually good season of good racing weather, plenty of competitors and a surplus of warm

beer. We shot the first start gun on the 24th of May and concluded our racing program on the 27th of September, have run 24 races to determine our club Lightning Championship Series.

We also ran a Series of 31 Sunday AM races consisting of one lap goes over a shortened course and this silver was taken by Tommy McDermott followed by Chuck Huston with Chan Stevens in the show slot.

While the Lightning Fleet founded the Mansfield Sailing Club, we have welcomed a hardy bunch of newcomers with strong backs and weak minds who have become quite hep on the Flying Scot Class. This year our club was honored as the host of the first National Flying Scot Regatta . . . and our Lightning skippers and crews were very happy to help host this series.

Fleet 150 was again well represented at quite a few out-of-town spots with McDermotts visiting the mid-winter trials at St. Pete's and Miami. Mac and his family also took in the Districts at Port Clinton and placed 1st in the Steeplechase from Sandusky to Put-In-Bay, and took a third in the I.L.Y.A.

Chuck Huston was at the Districts and brought home a winner at the O.I.C.Y.A.; and third place at Leatherlips and the Cleveland Yacht Club. Chuck also placed first in the Mallory Cup eliminations at Leatherlips with his crew of Tim Stevens and Bruce Campbell.

Harry Warne, Howard Robinson, McDermott and Huston finished the season by trailing to Buckeye for the annual Snowball festival.

Our season was officially climaxed on the 21st of November with our annual Trophy Dinner or Fun Frolic which is the final duty of the Race Committee. Per usual everybody had lots of fun, loads to drink, plenty to say and something to eat.

We are all looking forward to a big competitive season next year and hope to have several new boats. Auggie Grotegur has a new import coming in by the first of January and will probably place several more in the fleet.

ANNISQUAM LIGHTNING FLEET (151)

New England District

Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Mass.

Fleet Captain W. Wesley Peer
Fleet Secretary Melissa Lordan
Fleet Champion Benjamin & R. Russell Smith II
Runner-Up Derwin Stevens

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2344	Duet	Winsor Gale
3321	Starlight	Wendell R. Freeman
3572	Petrel	Leonard Langer
3605	Firefly	Alden French
5987	Tedesco II	Wesley Pear
6121	Skyrocket	J. M. McNulty
6288	Moulette	Georges Peter
6343	Teaser VIII	Benjamin Smith
6344	Concordia II	Frederick H. Lovejoy
6345	Sabrina	Melissa Lordan
6655	Bat II	John Cunningham
6707	Nimbus	Brooks Stevens, Jr.
7127	Rogue III	Peter and Ben Hedblom

We at Annisquam had a good average season this year. The old reliable crews returned to find the same good old reliable weather, all of which added up to the same fleet champion; however, the season's start held definite omens of a very close and long battle for the championship, which had been won handily for the past three years by the Smith's Teaser VIII.

In the first race of the season the Teaser fouled out, and she capsized in the third, putting the Steven's Nimbus, and Jack Cunningham's Bat ahead of her by eleven and seven points respectively. Things remained fairly steady until the last weekend in July when, in one race, the Bat fouled out, giving the Teaser a lead over her, and the Nimbus broke her struts, remaining ahead of the Teaser by only a few points. After this race, there was a close battle between the three but the Teaser gained steadily to finish the champion for her fourth year, also her fourth year in existence.

Fleet #151 sent only two boats to Marblehead for the entire Race Week, the Teaser and the only newcomer to the fleet, Ben Smith's sister, Juliana Hedblom, and her two sons in their Rogue III. The Rogue won her first race that week, under the helmsmanship of Peter who caught the Teaser in the last fifty yards of the race. Although the Smith boat won only one race all week, she managed to retain her usual overall record. She won the Boston, Corinthian, and Plean Series and, also, for the fourth year in a row, the Lasen Trophy, given for the best performance

of the week in the Lightning Class.

The Annisquam fleet also dominated the three chowder races on Cape Ann. Jack Cunningham's Bat won the 'Squam Day Race, the Teaser won the Sancy Bay Day Race and the Bat, sailed by Darec Mechem copped first place on Eastern Point Yacht Club Chowder Race Day. The Cape Ann annual regatta was held at Annisquam this year. This regatta was dominated by the first three in the Annisquam fleet, (mainly because only two Lightnings from other fleets were entered). In the two races, the Teaser finished second and first; the Bat, first and third; the Nimbus, third and second. As you can easily see, this summer's battle was very good.

The highlight of our season was the New England District Championship Races, held at Annisquam. There was a good breeze in all of the three races, but in the last it was accompanied by fog and rain on all seven legs! The distribution of winners of these races was scarcely better than that of the Cape Ann Regatta!

First Race	Second Race	Third Race
1 Pocharski	Macnamara	Smith
2 Macnamara	Pocharski	Pratt
3 Price	Price	Macnamara

"Don" Macnamara won the series, as "Lou" Pocharski finished second, and the Smith's beat fourth place Dick Price by one point, as often seems to happen between these two.

All things considered, the 1959 season was a fine one at Annisquam. Everyone enjoyed the closeness of the boats and the year long battle for the championship. We are lucky to be able to look forward to the same sort of vigorous summer in 1960 and hope to see you all at the various national and district regattas.

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)

Michigan District

Sailing on Tawas Bay, Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain Charles Schreck
Fleet Secretary Edward McKinley
Fleet Champion Ed & Bill McKinley
Runners-Up Herb Cox and Marv Mallon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2903	Sham	Berkeley Smith
5180	Humbog III	Ed & Bill McKinley
5750	War Paint II	Charles Schreck
6222	Relampago	Dewey King
6283	Trio	Cox, Mallon, Pinkerton
6688	Merri Mac II	Ladd McKay
7272	B.	Dr. Gerald Murphy

Lightning Fleet 152 had another very active and successful racing season in 1959. The first major event was held July 4 and 5 and twenty Lightnings representing five fleets attended the annual July Regatta. This series was won by Ed and Bill McKinley of the home fleet with Jim Schudel of Detroit taking second place. Herm Nickels of Fenton, the present International Lightning Champion, was third.

On July 10, 11, and 12 the fleet was privileged to host the Michigan District Championship for the third time. The McKinley brothers with their regular crew Bill Mallon took first place in the fleet of 48 boats. This is the first time a boat from fleet 152 has achieved this honor. The next four places went respectively to Jim Schudel, Alex Carlen, Wes Wedrick and Herm Nickels.

The Tawas Bay Yacht Club continued to add to its facilities. It opened a new mooring slip, trailer ramp and boat hoist. The junior program was very active with instructions during the winter months and weekly racing all during the summer. These youngsters will be our future Lightning competitors. Much of the credit for this progress and for our successful regattas is due to the hard work of Ladd McKay and Charlie Schreck. They are doing a terrific job in promoting sailing on Tawas Bay.

While the McKinley's again captured the Fleet Championship, they were pushed all season by the "Trio" co-skippered by Herb Cox and Marv Mallon. Dewey King was one of the most improved sailors this year. The fleet was very fortunate in having Dr. Murphy back from Germany and actively racing with us. His new boat was really moving at the end of the season as he captured first place in both the Bay City and Lake Fenton Yacht Club regattas. Everything indicates that the competition will be even keener next year.

Cox-Mallon, Schreck, McKay, Murphy and McKinley all did some traveling representing the fleet at Toledo, Devils Lake, Lake Fenton, Higgins, Bay City and Detroit.

We are now looking forward to an even more successful season in 1960, and invite everyone to sail at Tawas in our annual July regatta.