

GARY BOAT CLUB (222)**Midwest District****Sailing on Lake Michigan, Burns Ditch, Indiana**

Fleet Captain	H. S. Spitz
Fleet Secretary	G. McMillan
Fleet Champion	H. S. Spitz

This fleet has suspended activities temporarily due to the loss of our harbor to the expansion of the steel industry along the south shore of Lake Michigan.

It is our hope one day to acquire new harbor facilities and become active again. Fortunately for us, our Lightning sailors were accepted for membership at the Michigan City Yacht Club. We are now members of Fleet 20, and enjoyed a very fine season of sailing. From here out, we are working for the further growth and success of the Michigan City Yacht Club and Fleet 20.

SORRENTO C.R.V. ITALIA FLEET (223)**Italian District****Based on Banchina Santa Lucia, Naples, Italy**

Fleet Captain	Cesare Ratti
Fleet Secretary	Franco Cavallo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3591	Tropen	Mario Signorini
4965	Saraco	Cesare Ratti
5184	Lampo	Guiliano Salvatori
7212	Fandango	Mario, Franco and Valeria Cavallo

The fleet entered many races in 1959 including the Italian District Championships and the European Championships.

A new boat in the fleet, Fandango 2nd, took first place in the District Championships with 3 firsts in the 5 races, and also took first place in the European Championships with 5 firsts in the 5 races. Fandango 2nd is skippered by Franco Cavallo.



Fandango repairing sails, Fleet #223.

HENDERSON HARBOR FLEET (225)**Central New York District****Sailing at Henderson Harbor, Lake Ontario, N. Y.**

Fleet Captain	David S. Summerville
Fleet Secretary	May Pickslay Robinson
Fleet Champion	Vincent Ciliberti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
84	Concubine	David S. Summerville
179	Charlis	John C. Richardson
378	Butterfly	Charles R. Atherton
708	Lazy Girl	Harold L. Ferguson
808	North Light	Andrew D. Studdiford
1318		T. Urling Walker
1809	Piacere	Dr. Irwin K. Stone
1926		James S. Seymour

2092	Dumpy	Joan M. Treadwell
2918	Frisbie	May Pickslay Robinson
3483	Ann J.	Ralph D. Johnson
4252	Scamper	Stanley D. Hartshorn
5612	Blitzen	Vincent Ciliberti

Most of Fleet 225's energies went into helping with the building of the new club house, but we also had a full and successful year of sailing.

We were proud to be host to the Lake Ontario Sears' Cup Eliminations, using our Lightnings, and doubly proud to have our crew—Jack Jones, Dick Ciliberti, and Dick Bickford—win. Which was more than our Seniors could do in the annual team racing against Kingston.

We were again host in August, to the Eastern Circuit. Kingston sailors won the long distance race but Fleet 225 took all the honors in the course racing.

Our annual dismasting was provided by our revered Fleet Captain when he tried to set spinnaker in a 35 knot breeze whipped up for the Frostbite.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB (227)**New England District****Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont**

Fleet Captain	Dr. Ralph H. Seeley, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Mary L. Seeley
Fleet Champion	Samuel Stowell
Runner-Up	Edward L. Ellis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
506	McToosh	Edward McClannan & Robert Hewett
4211	All Shook Up	H. Stetson Fletcher, Jr. & Terry Fletcher
5335	Jon-J	Evelyn & Donald Westebbe
5354	Stag Too	David Stagg
5364	Kaimanee	Byron & Allen McCoy
5590	Ondine	Christopher Webber
5886	Beau Geste II	Alberic H. Bellerose
6236	Duchess	Edward L. Ellis
6278	Susie Q	Dr. Ralph Seeley, Jr.



Where's the Mark?

6695 Gambit Robinson Keyes
6877 Yankee Samuel Stowell
 Dandee II

The Lake Bomoseen Sailing Club got off to a flying start on June 7th for the first race of its twelve race summer series. A most auspicious beginning was made by Sam Stowell and his gallant teen-age crew (David LeFrancois and Tony Abatiell). Their Yankee Dandee won this race and then proceeded to sweep the Lake in fair weather or foul until the fleet championship was safely tucked under their Yellow Spinnaker. Our last year's champ, Ed Ellis, was runner-up and Dr. Bedeke Bellerose took third place.

The Fourth of July holidays were celebrated with the sound of committee boatman Johnny Russell's cannon signaling the start of a special three race series. When the smoke finally cleared away it was found that Sam Stowell was first, Ed Ellis second and Dave Stagg third.

A similar series was held over the Labor Day weekend and again these three skippers were in the lead with only a slight change in position. This time Dave Stagg placed second and Ed Ellis third.

We received an invitation from Fleet #243 to spend a day sailing on Lake Dunmore. Those of us who could accept were royally entertained. Two races were held interspersed by a magnificent and convivial lunch at Dr. Estabrook's cottage. Dr. Ralph Seeley managed to save our honor by winning one of the races in an interesting thunder storm.

Our grand finale was the annual State of Vermont Regatta held September 12th and 13th. We were happy to have six outside boats sail with us—and proud to engrave Sam Stowell's name on the cup. Second place was taken by young Miss Joy Pratt from Lake Spofford who exhibited wonderful sailing skill. Because of her example some of our tillers may be wrested next year from the grip of skipper fathers by mutineering sons and daughters who heretofore have been docile crews.

A cocktail party and dinner at Trakenseen Hotel officially ended a most enjoyable season. Trophies were awarded and the affairs of the Club voted into the hands of our new Captain and his wife Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Seeley.

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB (228)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Delaware River, Riverton, N.J.

Fleet Captain..... John Parker
Fleet Secretary..... Betty Allen
Fleet Champion..... C. Dale Allen
Runner-Up..... Bill Mullen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
97	Our Gang	Riverton Yacht Club
466		John J. Nill
735	BT	Robert Wood
1351		Frank Zinni
1362	Lolli Pop	John Parker
1477	Carake	Donald R. Mount
2093		Arthur Goldman
3218	Apple	Charles Highsmith
3508		John Dunn
4088	We Three	William B. Mullen, Jr.
4206	Jade	C. Dale Allen
5225	Strike One	Urban Miller
5604		Nelson Hoffman
5734		Robert Eisele
7206	Cohere	Thompson Coe
7298	Ugly	A. Marcy Lippincott

Lightning Fleet #228 completed a most successful sailing season. Six boats were added to the fleet this year—making a total of sixteen boats. The first tune-up race was held on May 23rd and by the first of June, Tom Coe and Marcy Lippincott arrived with their new boats and the season was in full swing. Dale Allen, in "Jade" won the club championship series, with Bill Mullen, in "We Three" second, and John Parker in "Lolli-Pop" third.

Marcy Lippincott in "Ugly" won the Wednesday Evening series with Dale Allen, second, and John Parker, third. Most of the Wednesday evening races were finished in the dark, but that was part of the challenge.

The summer series was sailed during July and August. Dale Allen finished first, Charles Highsmith in "Apple" second and Don Mount in "Carake" third.

Fall series ended on October 17 with John Parker first, Don Mount, second, and Bill Mullen, third.

Our Governor's Cup Regatta was sailed in lighter air this year



Fleet #228 Champion, Dale Allen, at the tiller with crew, Betty Allen and Harold Gerkins checking the trim of the sail.

than last. Toe Coe retired the Lopatin Trophy for another year. Marcy Lippincott was second and John Parker was third.

Six of our Lightning skippers sailed up the river attending Red Dragon's Labor Day Regatta. In a Class A drifting match Dale Allen took first, John Parker, second and Nelson Hoffman, third.

Our boats did a bit of traveling this year. Tom Coe and Marcy Lippincott sailed in the Central Atlantic District Championships, Tom Coe sailed July and August at the Brant Beach Yacht Club. Marcy Lippincott attended the Internationals in Detroit. Tom Coe and Dale Allen sailed in the Surf City Regatta and Tom also went to the Little Egg Harbor Regatta, and the President's Cup in Washington, D. C. Marcy Lippincott, Tom Coe and Dale Allen sailed in the Frostbite Regatta at the Quantico Marine Base with Marcy Lippincott taking third and Tom Coe sixth.

As we look back over the year we remember: Bill Mullen capsizing during a jibe at the up river mark in the first race of the season and dampening the spirits of wife and daughter; John Parker's crew falling overboard in his enthusiasm to climb to the high side as John came about. Bob Wood sailing #735 all by himself. Charles Highsmith fell overboard as he crossed the finish line.—thank goodness for an experienced crew! Dale Allen drifting backwards up the river and passing the mark on the wrong side during one of our summer drifters. Nelson Hoffman's crew jumping for the float as Nelson sailed past, missed the float and took a swim instead. Marcy Lippincott's famous spinnaker runs when the wind is forward of the beam.

We feel we had a very successful sailing season this year and we are looking forward to an even larger parade of spinnakers on the river next year.

CHINOOK FLEET (229)

Pacific Northwest District

Eugene, Oregon

Fleet Captain..... Floyd Dickson
Fleet Secretary..... Ted Marchner
Fleet Champion..... Barky Stocum
Runner-Up..... and Tye Campbell
 Wilson Jewett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
49	Sally Ho	J. Hobart Wilson
2169	Prowler	Page Walton
2426	Molia	Arnold Powell
2611	Tang	Lamond Henshaw
3266	Zephyr	Lynn Moore

3278	Dixie	Edward Anderson
3317	Windigo	C. R. Armes
3318	.....	James C. Howland
3758	Scallywag	Ted Marchner
4359	Snooper	Ralph Batchlor
4631	Bye-Bye	J. Benjamin & J. Foster
4815	Jet	Dr. John E. Tysell
5019	Tombar II	Dr. Donald B. Slocum
5041	Jay Whiz II	Dr. L. T. Campbell
5121	T-Ketl	Robert Brooks
5165	Jani-K	Charles Edwards
5182	Tempo	Virgil Gowdy
5451	Bardick	George Britton
5557	Jolly Dodger	Lester Anderson
6211	Nancy Lee	Floyd Dickson
6404	Dix	Dr. Duncan Marsh
6484	Westward	Wilson Jewett, Jr.
6583	Gale	Dr. Gene McCallum
6657	Arriere les	Foster Anderson
	Jaloux	
6719	.....	Dave Lowe
6725	.....	Vance Graville

Our sailing on Fern Ridge Lake continues to be most competitive with the last race of a nine race season determining the fleet runner-up by $\frac{1}{4}$ point. Our breezes were so fine that our fleet would hardly travel, even for the District Championships.

We would like to extend an invitation to all for our Memorial Day Regatta in 1960. The 1959 Regatta drew West Coast boats from Canada to California with 42 boats competing. Adrian Thomson of Vancouver, B. C. was first, our own Tye Campbell second and District Commodore, Bob Brown, third.

NORWALK YACHT CLUB (230)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Norwalk, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Frank P. Raymond
Fleet Secretary	Arthur W. Gregg
Fleet Champion	Robert Adams
Runner-Up	Arthur W. Gregg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
759	We Three	Edward D. Cosden
1587	Rogue	Grant Oliver
1858	Whiff	Arthur W. Gregg
2049	.....	John M. Maury
2080	Nuthatch	Peter Goldsmith
3816	.....	Robert Franson
4074	Triton	Frank P. Raymond
5322	Moaning Lady	Philip Wick, Jr.
7012	Symie III	W. Adriance Kipp

Our 1959 season opened on July 12 and ended on September 7. This year we tried having two races on the Sunday afternoons when the first race ended sooner than expected because of increasing winds during the course of that race. The idea worked out well, and we were able to get in eleven during our short season which is sailed only on Sundays. Our Race Committee again did a wonderful job under the official direction of Mr. Philips who always seems to get the job whether made official Race Committee Chairman or not. "Well done", Mr. Philips. The yacht club also supplied us with two beautiful prizes for which we are very grateful.

This season our average dropped to five boats per race, and this included two guest boats (3411 and 2980) who raced with us during some of the season. Although this average drop was discouraging, we still had a lot of fun and hope that those who did not make it this year will be with us next year. Mr. Oliver's boat was raced this year by Mr. Philip's son, "Tim", who was doing quite well until mid season when he stopped racing. Graham Goldsmith, Peter's brother, raced "Nuthatch" and did very well up to the districts, he held first place then, but by the end of the season he had fallen to fourth place. "Skip" Raymond was a hot contender for first place until he missed the last two races when he went racing with his father on "Chantymen". As a result "Skip" had to settle for a third. First and second places were again determined by the last race as has happened in two previous years. "Bob" Adams, who raced the Wick's boat, ended up by edging out "Art" Gregg by $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point.

MARIVELA LIGHTNING FLEET (235)

Italian District

Fleet Captain	Paolo Mainini
Fleet Secretary	Mario Lo Sardo

The fleet entered all the races held in Italy, and played the role of technical organizer of the district and the European Championships.

The fleet championship was won by Turbine 2nd, with Mario Mherola, Mario Lo Sardo and Giuseppe La Terza.

CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA FLEET (237)

Italian District

Fleet Captain	Catello Russo
Fleet Champion	Catello Russo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4654	Adriana	Aniello Cerchia
6022	Maria Rosaria	Enrico Salvati and Salace Catello
6728	Vincenzina	Catello Russo

Lightning #6728, Vincenzina, skippered by Catello Russo, entered the Italian Championship and was runner-up.

Vincenzina was also runner-up in the European Championships and won the Finnish challenge for the runner-up in the Europeans.

MILFORD YACHT CLUB (238)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain	George H. Rippere
Fleet Secretary	Margaret F. Rippere
Fleet Champion	Kenneth Ireland
Runner-Up	William Donovan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
219	Footloose	George H. Rippere
283	Fancy Free	Norman S. Evarts
517	.....	Harold C. Patrick
1383	Tigger	Clifford Doolittle
1600	Dolly	Elmer Lloyd
1917	Delila	Donald Young
3042	Lass	Richard Lassy
3706	Vego	Eric W. Soderberg
6016	Angel III	Walter Gerstenberger
6263	Echo	Charles Echeverria
6314	Ziz Zag III	Burpee Franz
6349	Thunder	William Donovan
6673	Borgy II	Norman Borgersen
6704	Minx	William Bechtel
7017	Ambergris II	Kenneth Ireland
7116	White Cloud	Warren Hyde

During the past season something new was tried. On the weekends of May 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 an Early Bird regatta was run. Actually this was more in the nature of a series of tune-up races and was run on an informal basis. Wayne Brockett, in his brand new boat, ran off with top honors.

The past season presented good wind and weather. Competition became keen and keener as the season wore on. Ken Ireland in Ambergris, Bill Donovan in Thunder, Warren Hyde in White Cloud and Burpee Franz in Zig Zag III were constantly vying for top honors. Once Warren Hyde got White Cloud in the water it didn't take long for him to move right up into contention for top spot.

The newest and most enthusiastic member of the fleet is Harry Patrick in 517. This is a story of a labor of love and determination. Harry started with a wreck and was sailing within eight weeks.

KENTUCKY LAKE FLEET (242)

Midwest District

Sailing on Kentucky Lake at Kentucky Lake State Park, Ky.

Fleet Captain	R. M. Watkins
Fleet Secretary	Thomas S. Brizendine

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
247	MadCap	R. M. Watkins
533	Pest	R. M. Watkins
5228	.....	Dr. Wilson R. Scott

5936	The Argo	David R. Reed
5942	Euphoria	Dr. M. M. Mahr
6563	Nell Kay	Thomas S. Brizendine
6690		Dr. Carlos B. Brewer

No fleet championship series was held but the fleet took part in our two large invitational regattas and individual members competed in regattas held in Chicago, Nashville, Memphis and Orchard Lake at Carbondale, Ill.

LAKE DUNMORE FLEET (243)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Vermont

Fleet Captain	Guy E. Seager
Fleet Secretary	Fran Seager
Fleet Champion	Dick Hubbard
Runner-Up	Don Brush

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2820	Lazy Two	George Dutton
3106	Sea Breeze	Arthur Gibb
3405	D C Bee	Donald C. Brush
3426	Watchit	Sarah Proctor
4874	Pollywog	Richard Hubbard
5107	Touche	Francis T. Brown
5477	Dunmore	
	Dandy	Robert Mitchell
6465	Sharon Lea II	Guy Seager
6621	Cum Ci, Cum Ca	Dr. J. S. Estabrook
7016	Quo Vadis	Robert F. Holden

The summer of 1959 on Lake Dunmore, Vt. brought once again to our sailors a full quota of exciting races, thrilling and exasperating moments, and many good times. Dick Hubbard of Middlebury, Vt. once more won the fleet championship in the series of Lightning races. Dick has twice before been a good winner in the six years since this fleet was chartered. Don Brush was runner-up, and Bob Holden came in third. Races were held every Saturday afternoon beginning the Fourth of July through the Labor day weekend, with 8 or 9 boats participating.

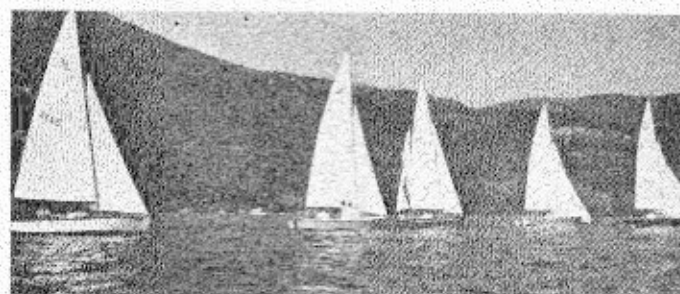
Great strides forward were taken this year by Fleet 2431. Marked improvement was shown in the ability of crews to handle their spinnakers, and much fun was had in the extra practice sessions that all skippers ordered. As it was only the second summer that this sail has been used on Dunmore, rivalry among members in learning its use has been most spirited.

A special event this season took place Aug. 8 and 9 when Lake Bomoseen sailors joined us for a weekend of inter-lake racing. Between morning and afternoon races, a cookout, much enjoyed by all, was held at the camp of Dr. Estabrook. Top honors in the series were taken by Sam Stowell of Bomoseen.

Our Junior Sailing Club continues to improve in racing ability, tactics, etc. Bill Brown was Jr. Champion, with Rick Hubbard as runner-up.

Robbie Ezerman mastered his Jet this year to the point that he was able to win the Handicap Races, a series of races held on our Lake every Sunday afternoon for all classes of boats, and including our Lightnings.

Next year we will have four new members in our fleet. Dr. Bill Powers and his family. Welcome Aboard! And let's see what you can do with that Lightning!



Our club hardware winners in arrears by this race. Fleet #243.

HARRASEEKET FLEET (244)

New England District

Sailing at South Freeport, Maine

Fleet Captain	John H. Henshaw
Fleet Secretary	Caroline Rhoades
Fleet Champion	Jack & Brian Burwell
Runner-Up	John Henshaw

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
563	Rascal	L. M. C. Smith
3204	Sandpiper	John Henshaw
3277	Nipper	Dalene Powers
3306	Ega Beva	Henry Douglass
3689	Skip-It	O. C. Rhoades
5550	Encore	Miles Weaver
5937	Thisisit	Stuart MacDonald
6697	Next of Kin	Jack & Brian Burwell

Fleet #244 enjoyed a very active and successful summer season. 1959 was emphatically the year of the Burwells' Next of Kin, to the admiration and frustration of all the other fleet members, who had been hoping for a reversal of 1958. Jack and Brian Burwell earned the winner's gun in eight of the nine race series, with Weld Henshaw in Sandpiper sneaking through in the last race of the summer to prove that perseverance (sometimes) wins success—thus giving the Henshaws and Sandpiper a second place in the series. Miles Weaver in Encore, a newcomer to the fleet and to sailing Lightnings, was hot on the transoms of the leaders and drew a close third.

In the Casco Bay Interclub Regatta held at So. Freeport, the Burwells won an overall victory and continued possession of the Gannett Trophy. Next of Kin, skippered by Dalene Powers finished third in Saturday's race at the State of Maine Lightning regatta annually held at Centerboard Yacht Club, So. Portland.

Jack Burwell won the Yarraseeket Yacht Club's annual Punch-bowl Race (a handicap affair open to yachts of all classes) and finished first in the Skipper's Race, an eight-race round-robin series where every skipper sails each of the eight Lightnings to one race. He was pushed hard in the Skipper's Race by the Perennial favorite, Harry Parker, and by the third place finisher Peggy Deraps, erstwhile junior skipper of Thisisit.

Not to be outdone by his brother, Brian Burwell won the Junior Regatta (a version of the Skipper's Race for junior yacht club members), won the So. Maine eliminations of the Sears Cup and was narrowly squeezed out of first place for the state Sears Finals, dropping to second only in the last race. In the Jr. Regatta Brian was followed by Susie Elliott and Sally Smith, a member of the Rascal's crew. Brian's Sears Cup crew was composed of other redoubtable Lightning sailors, namely Peggy Deraps and Mike Naab.

Jack Burwell and Harry Parker crewed for Pete DuPont, owner and skipper of the amphibicon Carimata, in the Mallory Cup eliminations. Caroline Rhoades, skipper of Skip-It and local sailing instructor, headed up an Adams Cup crew in which she was only aided and abetted by her mother, Mrs. O. C. Rhoades, and by Stephanie Powers.

We regret the passing of Thisisit #5937 from the ownership of its builder, Freeman Deraps; but we welcome to our ranks its new skipper, Stuart MacDonald. Fleet competition tension was greatly heightened by our newest member, Miles Weaver in Encore #5550, who always seemed to be up there in the thick of things when it counted.

Fleet #244 enjoyed a great deal of fun and excitement during the active 1959 season. Congratulations to the winners!

WINNIPESAUKEE YACHT CLUB (246)

New England District

Sailing on Saunders Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee.

Glendale, N. H.

Fleet Captain	Peter Wells
Fleet Secretary	Paul Urion
Fleet Champion	Paul B. Urion
Runner-Up	Peter Wells

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
81	Nimbau	Lawrence W. Guild
587	B&B	Richard Beatty
1947	Repeat	Peter Wells
3279	Mistress	Douglas B. Allan
3606	Kazan	J. C. Roper
3834	Spalpeen	Arthur G. Dwyer

3989	Merri-Daze	Don Sibson
4207	Left Wind	John W. Mullins
5643	Kickaroo	Kenneth Taylor
6266	Black Hawk	Whitman Ide
6705	Trident II	Paul B. Urion
7322	Never Late II	Walter Estes and William Laughlin

Our 1959 season was off to a flying start on July 4 with Bill Laughlin at the helm of Walt Estes' lovely new Lippincott, "Never Late II" receiving her maiden christening with a first place followed by our venerable Art Dwyer in "Spalpeen" in second place with Paul Urion's "Trident II" a close third.

On July 5 Clint Roper was less than two minutes ahead of Art Dwyer with Whit Ide's "Black Hawk" a close third.

On July 12 Paul Urion's "Trident II" bested Larry Guild's "Nimbau" in second place with Art Dwyer coming home a close third.

Paul Urion's "Trident II" did not start the race on July 19 on account of a broken spreader and again Art Dwyer was first, followed by Larry Guild in second place and Whit Ide in third.

The week of July 24, Paul Urion took his crew and "Trident II" to Marblehead for Marblehead Race Week where he placed in the first division after seven wonderful days with ideal racing conditions. Clint Roper was first with "Kazan" with Walter Estes "Never Late II" a close second followed by Larry Guild's "Nimbau".

On the weekend of August 1, we entertained fleets from all over New England in our combined Winnepesaukee—State of New Hampshire Regatta which was won by Lou Pocharski of Marblehead Fleet #189, followed in close order by Dick Price of Marblehead. Urion's "Trident II" was the first New Hampshire boat in and finished in eighth in a fleet of 29 boats.

The final fleet standings for the year for the best eight races found Paul Urion Fleet Champion for the second consecutive year with 57.8 points. Pete Wells' newly built "Repeat" was a very close second with 56.5 points and Art Dwyer, third, with 53 1/4 points. Urion and Estes took their boats to Massabesic for the annual Massabesic Regatta where Walter Estes won the sportsmanship award and Urion placed fifth.

Our Fleet welcomed Dick Beatty with his "B&B", #587, and also Don Sibson with his Merri-Daze, #3989, so that our fleet is growing in the right direction.

Pete Wells deserves a lot of credit for organizing the Winnepesaukee-New Hampshire Championship regatta and he was ably assisted by the officers of the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club and Paul Urion's wife, Toddy, for this wonderful weekend.

Urion and his crew with "Trident II" also attended the New England District Championships at Annisquam.

With the increased competition we hope that next summer will provide even more sailing at home and in the various regattas throughout New England in the hope that one of us might make the Internationals or President's Cup.

Pete Wells is also to be commended for his sportsmanship in providing an extra race for all of us, for, by so doing, he failed by a whisker in keeping the Shirley Mitchell Memorial Trophy in his family.

SANDY BAY FLEET (248)

New England District

Sailing on Sandy Bay, Rockport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain.....	Roland Glenn
Fleet Secretary.....	Philip S. Rand
Fleet Champion.....	Philip S. Rand
Runner-Up.....	Roland Glenn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1755		David & Mary Lamb
2342		William Wertenbacher
3521	Spook	Tom Botsford
3571	Lets Go	Gordon Hull
3862	Pogo	Jean Worthington
4943	Roellie	Roland Glenn
5759	Blaze	Edgar E. Baker
6111	Venavici	Lem Kohli and Phil Kaminsky
7329	Surf II	Philip S. Rand

This season Fleet #248 welcomed two new members Phil Kaminsky and Lem Kohli, new owners of Venavici. They showed great spirit and were on the line for most of the races even though they had never sailed before. This year we also had one new Lightning sailing on Sandy Bay. It was a Saybrook Lightning, Surf II, which proved to have plenty of zip.

Only two boats, Roellie and Venavici were ready for the

Founders Series in June. Roland Glenn took the honors in the opener.

With all the boats on the line the Fourth of July Series saw some real action. In the second race Tom Botsford showed us all that it is still easy to capsize Lightnings. Later on in the season Phil Rand proved that fact at the Districts. The standings of the Fourth of July Series were "Surf II" first, "Roellie" second, and "Venavici" third.

The July Series saw Roland Glenn take first with Gordon Hull in "Lets Go" edging out the "Surf II" by one point for the second slot. During this month Phil Rand in his Surf II was the only boat from our Fleet to make the long sail to Marblehead for the State Champs and later for Race Week.

In August we met with all kinds of racing conditions, however, we sailed all but one race. That race was called because the fog was too thick, however, in later races we learned how to use our compasses, or guess because once the fog sets in it is a matter of where are we. In this month we had a picnic at Cape Hedge Beach which was enjoyed by all. In the August series the "Surf II" took top honors followed by the "Roellie" in second and the "Venavici" in third.

The Labor Day Series proved to be fun for all. We always will remember the short finish line and Arthur's birthday party. The standings for the Labor Day Series were Phil Rand in the "Surf II" in the number one spot, followed by Lem Kohli in the "Venavici" taking second place.

In closing #248 hopes everyone will have their Lightnings on the starting line and really enjoy life in 1960!

SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)

Swiss District

Sailing on Lake of Sempach in Switzerland

Fleet Captain.....	Paul Zurlinden
Fleet Secretary.....	Hans A. Luthy
Fleet Champion.....	Paul Zurlinden
Runner-Up.....	H. A. Luthy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4513	Pilax	Franz Beck
5181	Quand-Meme	Hans A. Luthy
5275	Kon-Tiki	Dr. O. Huser
5276	Bounty	Rudolf Heer
5563	Pinggi	Charlotte Meier
7958	Chrabi	Taschler Rudolf
6041	Seaview	Marianne Kurt
7274	Mistral	Dr. C. Klemm
		Dr. Alfred Bisegger
		Paul Zurlinden

A newly built boat was added to the fleet at the beginning of the 1959 sailing season. Two more will be constructed during the winter (59-60) and so our fleet is slowly growing.

The fleet activity consisted of two race series on our lake. Eight Lightnings attended the summer regattas the 11th and 13th of July, a competition of five races in three days. The new Light-



During one of the races of the Swiss District Championship.

ning skipper; Dr. C. Klemm with MISTRAL was the winner, followed by Mrs. Kathy Luthy with QUND-MEME and Dr. Meyer with MAROURIS (Fleet of Lucerne).

The fleet championship, sailed in September, was won by Paul and Marianne Zurhane in CHRABY, followed by Mrs. Kathy Luth, QUAND-MEME and Hans Luth in PILAX.

The boat QUAND MEME participated in the International Sailing Week at Lucerne in June. With a lot of good luck the fleet secretary and his wife won this regatta for the third time in the Lightning Class. The same boat participated two weeks later in the Swiss District Championships on the Lake of Neuchâtel.

Fleet #250 wishes pleasant sailing for the coming season to all skippers and crews of Lightnings.

SALAMIS LIGHTNING FLEET (251)

Affiliated to the "Piraeus Sailing Club"

Sailing waters: Phaleron Bay, Attica, Greece

Fleet Captain A. Lagadas
Fleet Secretary G. Giapapas
Fleet Champion Sp. Bonas

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4639	St. Vrayfas	
4636	A. Lagadas	
4637	D. Gonatas	
4954	A. Abatsis	
5619	D. Vasakas	
5735	G. Giapapas	
6257	P. Louloudis	
6258	Sp. Bonas	
6259	A. Tsoporis	
6734	P. Tsoukas	
6963	St. Bonas	

During the 1959 racing season, Fleet No. 251 organized the inter-fleet cup "Salamis", participated in five racing events organized by this affiliated club, as well as to the Greek "Lightning" championship, to the European Championship held in Italy and to many other events organized by local Clubs and Fleet #286 and #287.

The Salamis cup consisted of five races held on May 16th, 20th, 30th and June 6th and 13th, 1959.

Fleet No. 251 "SALAMIS" won the event with 174 points. Second was Fleet No. 286 with 171 points and third was Fleet No. 286 with 94 points.

Fifteen boats participated in the event, five belonging to Fleet No. 251, seven to Fleet No. 286 and three to Fleet No. 287.

Another important event was the "SARON" Cup organized by the PIRAEUS SAILING CLUB, based on the handicap system of the Portsmouth Authority, and consisting of five races.

Forty-two boats, Lightnings, Stars, Flying Dutchmen, Sharpies and Finns took part in the event skippered by the best skippers of each class. During the first race, strong winds were prevailing and practically all Finns capsized or retired due to damage. Many other boats had a hard time to follow the race and many retired. The Lightning, however, not only finished the race in their majority but three of them tied in second place on points after a FD Class boat which won the event. It is believed here that the present Portsmouth number of the "Lightning" (93) is in favor of the boat and should be lowered.

In the Greek Lightning Championship, which were held at Corfu, the Fleet participated with boats No. 6963 "Albatros", 6258 "Daphne", 6734 "Nephele" and 5735 "Athena". The event was won by H.P.A. the Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, who honors with his participation in all Lightning races in Greece. Our Skippers were unlucky in this event. Fleet Champion Spyros Bonas skipper of the boat No. 6963, with his two brothers Stelios and Takis crewing, was disqualified in one race. In spite of the disqualification, Bonas was fourth among 21 participants.

The Fleet participated also in the European Championship held at Anzio, Italy, with boat No. 6963 "Albatros" skippered by Spyros Bonas, was fourth after three Italians and first among the Greek, Finnish and Swiss participants.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

Central New York District

Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain George Kalinich
Fleet Secretary James Rader
Fleet Champion Henry Young
Runner-Up George Kalinich

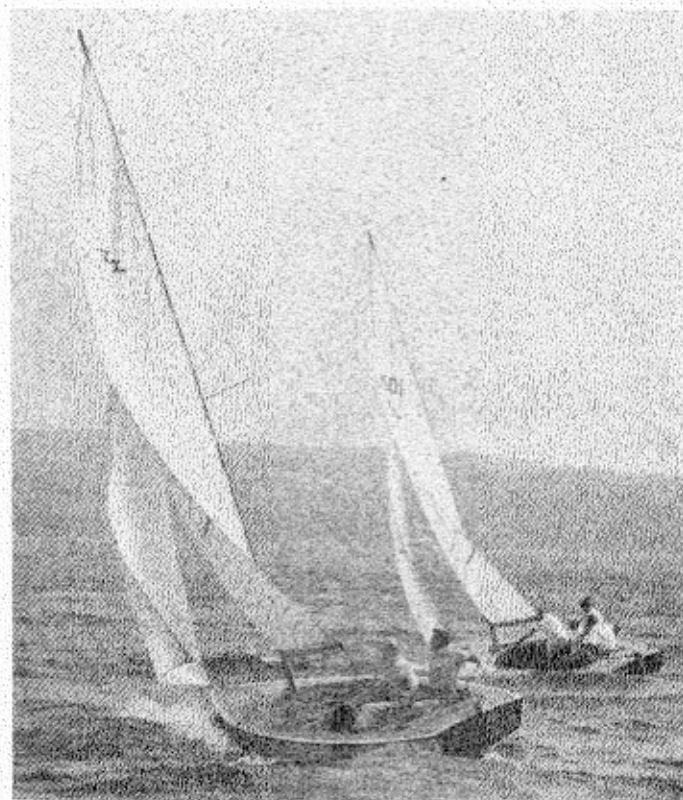
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
501	Zipper	Ted Daddow
695	Gee-Jay	George Kalinich
2753	Ta-Bo	Lewis White
2842	Jimminy	James Rader
3361	Flash	James Hall
3429	Jem	Henry Young
3547	Ha-Lo	Halas Jackim
3769	Osprey	Paul Darling
4836	Tiger	Gerald Early
4904		William Brown

Our 1959 season started out with two new members added to the fleet, namely, Lewis White and Jim Hall. "Lew" is a former "Snipe" skipper and Jim Hall is an old hand at sailing on the east coast. We did however, lose one of our Lightning Skippers, Percy Orr. Percy had to leave the fleet due to his work. We all missed him at the starting line this season.

The fleet has suffered from racing apathy on the part of several skippers, but the old timers Ted Daddow, George Kalinich, Hank Young, Halas Jackim plus his substitute skipper, "Gef" Fulton kept the weekend races alive.

Hank Young finally found the right combination with a new mast and a family crew which was tutored by the KYC Junior Sailing Class. Hank nosed out Fleet Champion George Kalinich by two points and the 1958 runner up Ted Daddow by three points. Then to add frosting to his cake Young and his family took the Labor Day Series by taking three first places and one second. All in all 1959 was a Young Year.

Next year we are looking forward to more enthusiasm from all the boats and another close series, also with hopes of adding two more boats to the fleet.



George Kalinich (left) and Ted Daddow, of Fleet 252, slug it out.

SUSQUEHANNA FLEET (253)

Dixie District

Sailing on Susquehanna River,
Long Level, Wrightsville, Pa.

Fleet Captain Walter Gordon
Fleet Secretary Dr. Charles K. Doland
Fleet Champion Starling Mikell, Jr.
Runner-Up Edward Schwoebli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4867	Howard Banzett
5160	Edward Schwoebli
5693	Starling Mikell, Jr.
5711	Donald C. Dallmeyer
5792	Walter Gordon
5816	Robert Wheeler
6358	Dr. Charles K. Doland
6840	Ach Yah	Edw. J. Kowalewski, M.D. & William G. Ridgeway, M.D.
6946	Calypso Gal II	Jonathan E. Owen
7119	Donald Firestone

Members of Lightning Fleet 253 consider 1959 the best year of the Fleet. Walter J. Gordon was the guiding spirit of this group. Great enthusiasm was shown by all members and this meant sending boats to three away meets which is a record for the Fleet.

Friendships have been made with members of other Fleets in the Dixie District. We were happy to have two boats come up to our waters from Chesapeake Bay even though we did not hold a regatta.

We hope to add members to the Fleet and improve our racing in the 1960 season.

BURT LAKE YACHT CLUB (254)

Michigan District

Sailing on Burt Lake, in Northern Michigan

Fleet Captain	Robert Dunlap
Fleet Secretary	Kay ImObersteg
Fleet Champion	Reverend Harris
Runner-Up	Bob de Vore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
45	Sualdan	Dan French
1271	Pixie	Herb Twining
2138	Antrim	Chetter Babcock
2822	.....	Andy Andreae
2848	.....	Herb Twining
3386	Fade	Joe Arbaugh
3906	Pirogue	Jeff Long
4417	Mary Doll	Mr. Pitner
4890	.....	Mr. Hood
4948	Margaret	Margaret Parlin
6279	Verve	Tom Dunlap
6282	.....	Bill Higgins
6663	.....	Bob de Vore
6997	Thrice Struck	Rev. Harris
7306	.....	Sallie ImObersteg
7345	Cyn-Bob	Robin Dunlap

The summer of 1959 was another good year for the Burt Lake Yacht Club, Lightning Fleet #254. We had our twice weekly races, starting July 8th and ending August 22nd. In addition to our races on Burt Lake, we had two of our skippers compete in the six Inter-Lake races, which include the Harbor Point Yacht Club, the Walloon Yacht Club and the Burt Lake Yacht Club.

Two new Lightnings were added to our Fleet, Sallie ImObersteg's fiber glass #7306 and Robin Dunlap with #7345. The Reverend Harris in Thrice Struck #6997, was the over all winner, and Bob de Vore #6663, was the runner-up. Our senior skipper in the Inter-Lake races, Bob de Vore, came in with a second, and Robin Dunlap, the junior skipper, had a first in this division.

The highlight of our race season was an extra race at the end of the season. It was called "Sail-a-day" and we held many different types of races. The start was a Le Mans type such as used in sport car competition, only via water. Then we have the turn-about and the shortened course. A wonderful time was had by all.

Our annual banquet was held August 23rd at the Columbus Beach Club house. Mr. Harold North, who is noted for his jokes, did an amusing job as toastmaster. All of the awards were presented at that time, and it was a gala occasion and a fitting climax to a successful sailing season.

This year the Lew Wallace Memorial Trophy went to Robin Dunlap. This trophy is given for good sportsmanship, and the best improvement throughout the summer.

DARIEN BOAT CLUB (255)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Long Island Sound, Darien, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Walter E. Hanson
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. H. G. Straub
Fleet Champion	Walter E. Hanson

Runner-Up Luin P. Fitch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
308	Swoose	John Richards
1380	Grunion	John E. Bowenkamp
2136	.....	Bill Brown
2479	Buttercup	Warren Smith
2485	Joa-Ken	Henry Kreider
2682	Zephyr	Luin P. Fitch
3101	Avenger	James F. Snowden
3973	.....	Peter Haaren
4153	.....	Charles E. Annett, Jr.
4676	Coquette	Mrs. H. G. Straub
4886	Gigi	Jack Armstrong
4943	Roellie	Roland Glenn
5940	Carite	Sea Scouts
5951	.....	Hooper White
5984	November	Walter E. Hanson
6261	Que-Linda	Melvin M. Fennichell
6277	Gavilan	Sea Scouts

Fleet 255 started the 1959 season just about the time our 1st boat was hauled out in 1958 with a series of seven highly successful off-season meetings including the annual dinner. The good attendance is attributed to the excellent talk given by a different skipper at almost every meeting; and the lads really deserve credit for thoroughly reviewing and organizing their subjects. The topics were "Starts", "Rounding Marks", "Racing Rules", "Tuning a Lightning", "Sails", as well as reviews of "Yachting's" "One of a King" race series with different classes of boats and Bill Cox's articles on Lightnings in "Sports Illustrated". Top fare for the winter season was "Sails" by a guest speaker, Wally Crump of Hard Sails, Inc. followed by the usual no-holds-barred discussion. Wally is well known in top Lightning competition and sails with Noroton Y. C. Fleet 134.

The 1959 racing season consisted of two groups of races. During June and July our fleet raced alone in a series run smoothly and happily as usual by Darien Bar Club Race Committee Chairman Larry Vose with Mrs. Vose along to make the job easier.

For the second series, we accepted the kind invitation of the neighboring Noroton Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 134 to join them in their August and September races. No one was surprised when our good neighbors turned out to be even better sailors. We enjoyed the joint races thoroughly despite the scarcity of Fleet 255 boats in the top half of the standings. Fine sportsmanship, expert competition and very, very light winds are our recollections of the joint series. The only protest that comes to mind was one Fleet 255 boat protesting another Fleet 255 craft—so rival fleets can be friendly!

In scoring the Fleet 255 championship we maintained separate standings based on our boats only in the joint fleet races. When these were combined with our earlier separate series standings, it was apparent that, in their perennial, hair-breadth duel, Walt Hanson with 7 firsts and 3 seconds had finally edged ahead of Lou Fitch who had 5 firsts and 7 seconds in 13 starts each. The Sea Explorers under the able leadership of Errol Lent distinguished themselves by sailing "Carite" into third in the standings in their first season of racing. Ginny Straub and her feminine crews upheld the distaff side by placing fourth for the season in "Coquette".

For 1960 we are happy to welcome Peter Haaren and Hooper White as new members. With the Perpetual optimism of sailors, we look forward to more boats and faster footing next season.

CLARK'S HILL FLEET (257)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Clark Hill Reservoir.

Clark Hill Reservation, Ga.

Fleet Captain	Dr. Gilbert L. Klemann
Fleet Secretary	William D. Eve
Fleet Champion	John Tobin
Runner-Up	Hale Barrett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1551	Bacchuz	E. L. Perry, Jr.
2202	Naiad	Chas. G. Houston and D. Hugh Connolly
2307	Jade	Gilbert L. Klemann
2459	.....	A. Jackson Beall
2619	Jezbel	J. W. Kelker, Jr.
3198	Heleanna II	William D. Eve
3250	Red Witch	W. Hale Barrett
3882	Topsy Belle	James L. Robertson
4816	Sea Witch	William D. Harden

Tobin and Klemann went to the Deep South Regatta in Savan-

nah. Barrett went to the Midwinter Lightning Championships at St. Petersburg. Fleet 257 had a March Lightning Regatta, as kick-off for the spring series. Five Lightnings from the Fleet went to the Columbia (S.C.) Regatta, May 9-10. Charleston (S.C.) had three regattas in the Spring and early Summer, to one we sent 3 Lightnings, and 2 Lightnings to each of the others.

In our summer series, there was a tie between Tobin and Barrett. Tobin won the sail-off. Augusta Sailing Club's Castleberry Cup Regatta on Labor Day weekend was won by Tobin. Halloween Regatta, October 10, won by John McIntosh. Lightning Round Robin, November 14-15, won by Tobin. Tobin went to Savannah for the Thanksgiving Regatta November 30, races were cancelled.

At the annual meeting on October 29, W. Hale Barrett was elected as Fleet Captain for the year and John Tobin was elected Fleet Secretary.

NASHVILLE FLEET (262)

Midwest District

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake, Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain	Ross H. Bryan
Fleet Secretary	Gordon Gillingham
Fleet Champion	Dr. C. A. Cobb, Jr.
Runner-Up	Ross H. Bryan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
119		John T. Cobb
1428	Marry Gale	Edward S. Brinton
2099	Bandersnatch	Terry and Bari Cobb
3748	Opus I	Arnold Anderson & Bob Llover
4125		Wilbur Sensing, Jr.
4254	Fantasy	Billy T. Sumner
4340		Richard H. Jones
5095	Nancy	Dr. Jas. W. Ward
5598	Lorna Dorne	Gray E. B. Stahlman
5952		Carl Manns
6562	Jo B	Ross H. Bryan
6580	Pop's Toy	Gordon D. Gillingham
6786	Jamiejo	J. W. Brown
6951	Excalibur	Wesley Dyer
7081	Ad Lib II	Guy J. Belt
7209	Luna	William D. Hail
7498	Romari	Bob Llover
7499	Quantara	Dr. C. A. Cobb, Jr.

The third year of sailing on Old Hickory Lake finds our fleet continuing to grow. For the coming season we will have a total of 18 boats on the roster. We are all awaiting with various degrees of concern the delivery of two new boats in our fleet to Cully Cobb and Bob Llover. The boats are being made to their own private specifications, within tolerances of course, and it may be that we have the makings of an embryo naval architect within our fleet. Dr. Cobb's old boat, 2099, will be sailed by his son Terry and daughter Barri during the coming season.

Carl Manns, a new addition to our fleet, has just bought a boat from Joe Gardner of Fleet 3 in Chicago, and will undoubtedly give a good account of himself in our spring races.

The season started for us with the mid-winter championships at St. Petersburg, where Ross Bryan trailed his boat to sail in one of the most rugged series he has had to contend with so far.

It seems that a good part of our fleet was on wheels almost as much as they were on water. Various members of the fleet attended the following regattas during the past season: The Cotton Carnival Regatta in Memphis, the Governor's Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake, the Tennessee Regatta on Old Hickory Lake, the District Championship at Gary, the Red Flannel at Chicago, winding up with the Commodore's Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake.

At the Kentucky Lake Regattas we had the privilege of competing against several top flight traveling skippers, including Bob Adams, Jim Burke and Bob Buckles. Bob Adams won the Commodore's Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake with three solid first places. Ross Bryan was second with three second places. In this Regatta, Bob Adams won the overall performance trophy, competing against Lightnings, Ravens, Thistles, Rebels, Y Flyers and Stars.

At the District, we were represented by Cully Cobb and Ross Bryan, the latter, placing eighth, was qualified to go to the President's Cup, but passed it up in hopes of a better bid next year.

At the Red Flannel, our only representative at this Regatta was Ross Bryan, who managed a three way tie for ninth place but felt extremely lucky in doing so against the top flight skippers who were present.

We are looking forward to a very active racing season and we

hope that all of our old friends will return to race with us again this spring, and bring additional boats with them.

BERLIN LAKE FLEET (263)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Berlin Reservoir, North Benton, O.

Fleet Captain	Carl W. Hummer
Fleet Secretary	John Derby
Fleet Champions	Francis Henry
	Richard Zuber
Runner-Up	Carl Hummer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
242		Fred Trowbridge
1804	Dragon	John Weed Powers and John H. Stone
2719	Cloud Nine	John Schindley
2799		Dale Whiting
3616	Sea Warrior	Earl Zuber
4115		Harold Ritz
5312	Lucille II	Francis Henry
5338	Witch II	Leonard Baker
5520	Debra	Frank A. Dieringer
6691	Dodo	John Derby
6886	Tamy	Carl Hummer
7040	Dragon 2	Richard Zuber

Fleet #263 had a very successful season with a favorable change in the size of the fleet. We began the year with eight boats and finished with twelve having added five new members and losing one. New members bringing additional boats were Fred Trowbridge #242, John Schindley #2719, and Dale Whiting #2799. Carl Hummer purchased #6886 and sold #4115 to a new member, Harold Ritz while Bob Matthews sold #5338 to new members, the Leonard Bakers. Schindley and Baker jumped right into the racing competition with Baker coming thru with the fine performance of 1st Place in the Twi-lite Series. Dick Zuber and Francis Henry tied for the fleet championship by tying for our major competition, the Sunday Series.

In fact one twi-lite series race was completed at 10:00 P.M. in the pitch black with only the headlights of the Commodore's car to show the way home to the finish line with some aid from Sue Baker who provided an additional beacon of guidance, that is if you are good at navigating by sound. After all the season's smoke of battle had cleared away the results were as follows:

Sunday Series	Twilight Series
1st Francis Henry	1st Leonard Baker
Richard Zuber	2nd Francis Henry
3rd Carl Hummer	3rd Richard Zuber

On the weekend of July 18th and 19th the Berlin Yacht Club held its second and very successful Annual Invitational Regatta. It was even more successful for the guests since the visiting boats waltzed off with most of the hardware but we are priming to give-em-hell next year.

On Labor Day weekend Berlin Yacht Club held its Annual Commodore's Trophy Regatta which is conducted on a handicap basis and is open to all boats of the Club that wish to participate and included twenty boats, consisting of five classes plus one ex-rum running barge from the Gulf Coast. Dick Zuber led the Lightnings by placing 3th overall for the three races.

Fleet #263 also did its share of traveling this year sending four or five boats to Pymatuning, Atwood and Buckeye Lake.

We are also pleased to announce that for the third time in five years we have a Lightning skipper as Commodore of Berlin Yacht Club. Francis Henry is our newly elected Commodore for the 1960 season having been preceded by Earl Zuber in 1956 and Richard Zuber in 1958 Lightning skippers in that position.

And so with fond memories of the relaxing tranquil atmosphere that is always on board any racing skipper's boat (particularly #6886), we bid you good sailing and good luck in the coming season from Fleet #263 at Berlin Lake.

PERUANO FLEET (265)

Peru District

Sailing at Callao-Peru

Fleet Captain	Aldo Isola
Fleet Secretary	Carlos Navarro I.
Fleet Champion	Carlos Navarro, Jr.
Runner-Up	Jost Kursell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
912	.....	Max Pena Prado
1946	.....	Sergio & Aldo Isola
4449	.....	Juan Gerbolini
4821	.....	C. F. Secada
5012	Trece	Alberto Canepa
5016	Presumido	Pablo Rosello
5065	.....	Memmo Guidici
5104	Nube Gris	Luis Peschiera
5105	Charolado	Carlos Peschiera
5402	South Pacific	Carlos Navarro, Jr.
5582	One Hoss Shay	Juan Lanfranco
5783	Celia Maria	Jose Barreda Moller
5807	Argo II	Jost Kursell
5814	Gipsy	Stuart Monro
5843	Aries	Luis Silva
5844	.....	Fernando Peschiera
5845	Pirata	Alfredo Piazza
5846	Amaya	Fernando & Manuel Jose Ayulo
5848	Circe	Manuel Gutierrez & Carlos Gandolfo
6361	Maria Elena	John Russell
6473	.....	Franco Carbone
6474	Scorpio	Pedro Mujica
6517	Cholita	Antonio Alarco
6829	.....	Bernardo Rojas
6974	So. Pacific II	Carlos Navarro, Jr.
7194	.....	Salvador del Solar
7387	.....	Jose Alvarez Calderon

Fleet activities for the 1958-59 season started on November 9, 1958 and ended on May 31, 1959. The season was very active and consisted of 61 races. In January 18, 1959, our annual race from Callao to Ancon was held, about 20 nautical miles running before the wind. We had light air and calm water in this race but enough to carry the spinnaker all the time. In first place was Carlos Navarro, Jr., and second, with only a few seconds interval, was Jose Barreda Moller.

One of the most interesting events of the 1959 season were our annual "Interclubs" races for the "Pancho Piazza Trophy" which were held in Ancon waters on March 7, 14 and 19, 1959. Four clubs participated: Yacht Club Peruano, Yacht Club Ancon, Club Regatas Lima and Yacht Club Paracas. The three race series were highly competitive. Yacht Club Peruano won and was represented by skippers, Carlos Navarro, Jr., Jost Kursell, Manuel Gutierrez and John Russell.

In May 1959 six races were held for the Peruvian Lightning Championship. The winner was Carlos Navarro, Jr., who retained the title for the fifth consecutive year. The runner-up was Jost Kursell. The other places were as follows: Stuart Monro, Pablo Rosello, John Russell, Jose Barreda Moller, Alberto Canepa, Luis Alvarez Maza, Franco Carbone, Manuel Gutierrez and Raul Dianderas.

In August 1959, in Bogota, Colombia, the fifth South American Championship was held. Our country was represented by Jost Kursell of our fleet, and his crew, Manuel Jose Ayulo and Juan Lanfranco.

Also in August 1959, the Pan American Championships were held in Chicago as a part of the Pan American Games. According to the invitation, our country nominated the following crew to

be represented: Carlos Navarro, Jr. as skipper along with his father, the writer of this report, and Enrique Conterno as crewmen. We went to Chicago despite the long trip and the expensive airplane fares. Unfortunately the organization was deficient in several vital points thus taking away the interest expected for this event. However, it was a new experience.

Next season should be very active and we are ready to do our best for it. On February, 1960, the Sixth South American Lightning Championships will be held in Chile and our country will be represented by three duly selected skippers and their crews.

VALLEY SAILING ASSOCIATION (266)

Midwest District

Sailing on Alton Lake (Mississippi River),

Fleet Captain	L. Mitchell Bohnenkamp
Fleet Secretary	Eugene Cecil
Fleet Champion	L. Mitchell Bohnenkamp
Runner-Up	Jim Mitchell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
430	Jersiken	Ken Korte
609	Lucky Pierre	John Norris
612	.....	Paul E. Jones
1191	Vamonos	L. Mitchell Bohnenkamp
2064	Ho La	Jim Mitchell
2143	.....	N. R. Underhill & Dr. W. Gorla
2210	Yo-Hoo	Rolf Hartmann and Bert Sawley
2589	Hi Ho	Augie Paoli
2591	.....	Bill Palm
2775	.....	Tom Spillman
4649	.....	Bob Heritage
4826	Quo Vadis II	Ralph Schibig

The 1959 season saw many changes in our fleet. Jim Mitchell is our champion horse trader. Last fall Jim sold #212, purchased #4826, sold it and acquired #2064 which he sailed this season and captured second place. Augie Paoli sold #609 and purchased #2589. Augie had second place cinched until a puff caught him off balance on the spinnaker run in the last race forcing skipper and crew including yours truly to an unscheduled swim which dropped him into fourth place. We welcome John Norris, a former Snipe skipper who is now sailing #609. We also welcome Bill Palm #2591. We lost one boat this season, #5465.

Our fleet champion, Mitch Bohnenkamp turned in a superb season of racing. He was on top of the pack all season and he and his fine crew deserve a round of applause.

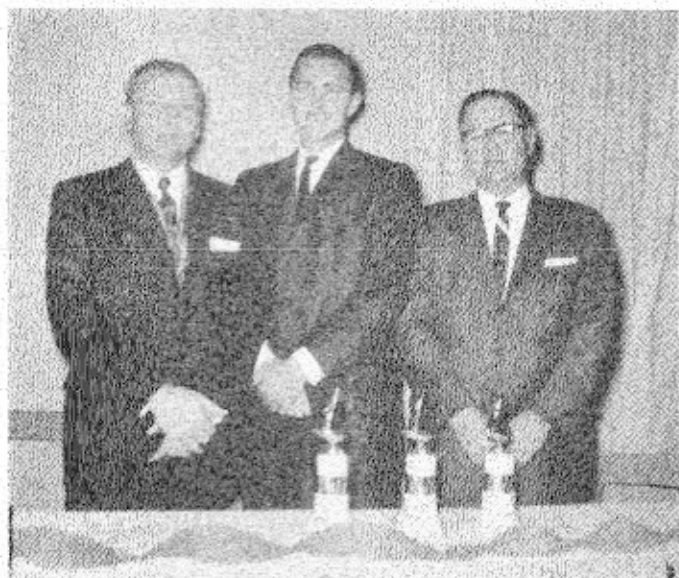
Jim Mitchell, runner-up, who is getting his Lightning legs, having come up strong in the last part of the season.

Bert Sawley, who captured third place has had more than his share of bad luck. In 1958 he broke three masts and it took him and Rolf Hartmann most of the season to get #2210 back in tune. However, Bert has been sailing for many years and will certainly be back in competition next season.

It has been a busy season with fleet members attending the following regattas: Kentucky Lake Governors Cup Regatta in May. The St. Louis Coast Guard Auxiliary Regatta in June. The Decatur Yacht Club Regatta in July. Midstates Regatta, Springfield, Ill. in September. Red Flannel Regatta, Chicago, Ill. in September.



From left to right: Fleet 265 skippers Jost Kursell, Stuart Monro, José Barreda Moller and Carlos Navarro Jr., during a race.



Fleet #269; L. to R.: M. Bohnenkamp, 1st, J. Mitchell, 2nd, B. Sawley, 3rd.

and the Missouri Governors Cup Regatta held on our home grounds in October. We are looking forward to these again next year. The opportunity to travel and race the Lightning in so many different areas is the greatest asset of the Class.

We are looking forward to another full season next year and hope to see our fleet grow and become more competitive in the years to come.

FLOTTE LIGHTNING DE LA BORDE DE TRIBORD (268)

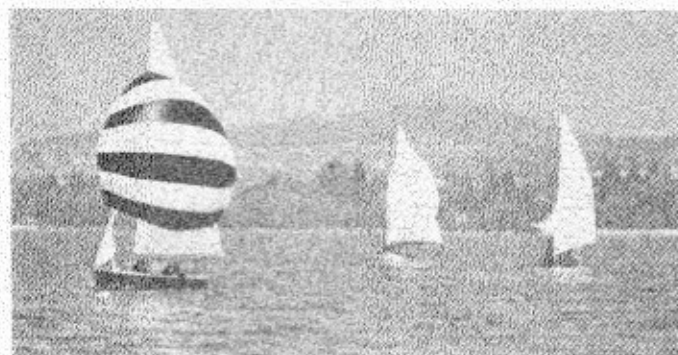
Swiss District

Based on Lake of Biene, La Neuveville, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Charles Nicolet
Fleet Champion Paul Tribolet
Runner-Up Charles Nicolet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4561	Risea	J. Durst
5496	Kuk	Rolf Sutter
5839	La Rafale	Raymond Bloch
5840	Tonnerre-de-Brest	Paul Tribolet
5881	As de Carreau	Dr. K. Hess
6102	Tonga-Tabou	Miette Porchet & Mariette Gyger
6586	Holiday	Edy Schmidig Theo Moeckli Jean-Pierre Weber Charles Nicolet

The activity of our fleet was concentrated first on the training races and afterwards on the Swiss Championship at Auvier.



Spinnaker Run on Lake of Biene, Switzerland.

For the 3rd time our fleet won the challenge as the best Swiss fleet. We also had the pleasure to have the Swiss Champion, Mr. Jean-Pierre Weber, with his boat "Santa-Maria".

Unfortunately next year a few of our members will change classes and buy bigger boats, but we hope that due to the European Championships at Lucerne the fleet will remain very strong.

SACHEM'S HEAD YACHT CLUB (269)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Long Island Sound, Sachem's Head.

Connecticut

Fleet Captain J. W. Walden
Fleet Secretary George Wilcox
Fleet Champion J. W. Walden
Runner-Up W. H. Austin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
937	Restless	F. S. Rutherford
2097	Grey Ghost	Thomas Jannke
2187	Sweethead	Charles Belknap
3885	Fancy Free	F. W. Loeser
5127	Citation	J. English
5193	Rhubarb	H. P. Schutz
5360	Shocking	J. W. Walden
5438	Nitsua	W. H. Austin
5961	Bebop	G. G. Wilcox
6431		Sue and Larry Connor
7154	Whitecap	J. E. Bunting

The 1959 season opened on June 20 and by Labor Day "Foxy" Walden, in spite of spirited and knowledgeable competition, proved his consistent ability to keep his "Shocking Pink" transom in full view of the fleet.

Prizes were awarded—July Series to (1) Shocking (2) Nitsua (3) Citation. August Series (1) Shocking (2) Whitecap (3) Nitsua. The Junior Series prizes went to (1) Nitsua (2) Bebo (3) Larry Connor's nameless wonder sailed by Walter Greene.

Jim English won our annual "Ragamuffin" race in Jim Bunting's beautiful new Whitecap, and quickly downed the loving cup in the handsome Mac Alleenan trophy. In this race boats, skippers and crews are drawn by lot.

Commodore Kneen introduced a new race this year involving the top five skippers and boats from each of the five racing classes. The idea being that one skipper in each class would sail against representatives from the other classes and try to prove which fleet has the best and most adaptable skippers! After a long and nerve wracking day in light air and head tides the Lightning Fleet won by 1/4 point.

Our Club was represented at the Annual ECYRA Regatta with middling results at best.

All in all a fine season—with hopes of a bigger class next year.

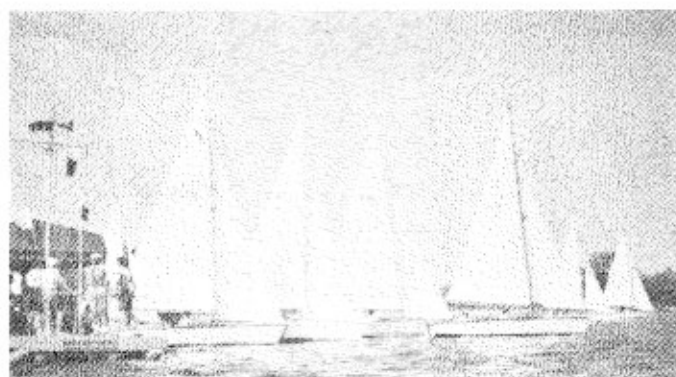
INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing at Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Ind.

Fleet Captain Bob Zaiser
Fleet Secretary Howard S. Young, Jr.
Fleet Champion Robert Adams
Runner-Up Robert Zaiser

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
21	Black Jack	Bill Sellery
119	Bete Noir	Bob Hendrickson
402		Tim Hanson
415		W. Garvin Bastian
753	Joy	Fred Dennerline & Howard Jansen & Lloyd A. Rossebo
1135	Bambi	F. Noble Ropkey
1193	Tra-Blew	H. Arthur Jones
1754	Rockette	Robert D. Rock
2353		Paul Beam
2527	Blitzen	Dr. Walter B. Tinsley, Jr. & Paul Vos
2774		John Carr
2867	Ho Hum	DeWayne Wallace
3471	Mary A	Howard Young, Jr.
3784	Sweet One	Blaine Miller, Jr.
4517	Jim-Su	Quentin Covert
4657	Flying Cloud	Ken Woods
5043	Red Pepper	Bill Schloss & Ernest Lee
5175	Lady MacDuff	Edward E. McLaren & C. Duff Sadler



TAE Start.

5667	Passing Fancie	Stanley Lawton & William H. Ellis
6231	Ginger	Robert M. Zaiser
6366	Binge	James E. McKinstry & Thomas A. Hendrickson
6464	Thunderhead	Ed Lyons
6880	Small Fry	George Small
6906	Vagabond Too	Bob Adams
7223	Der Blitz	Niven Stall

The 1959 sailing season on Geist was one of the most enthusiastic we have had so far. Not satisfied with our usual official 16 race season which began on Memorial Day and extended to the first weekend in September; the Lightnings decided to have an additional full racing season of eight races which carried us up to the Long John Regatta in November. Bob Adams was our champion closely followed by Bob Zaiser, Thomas Hendrickson, Jim McKinstry, George Small and Niven Stall. It is noteworthy here that the Lightning group hoisted sail into the theatrical field following the Long John Regatta and entertained the Club with an original "Neptune's Court" bit which was happily received.

As announced last year it is becoming tradition with the Lightnings at Geist to look forward to the Hoosier Land Regatta which this last year was held on June 27th and 28th here in Indianapolis. More than 30 boats crossed the line together in a symmetry of motion beautiful to behold. The visitors showed us some tricks we've been using profitably ever since. Next year Wawasee Yacht Club will hold the Regatta and we will be eager competition. Won't you consider this an invitation to join us?

Traveling seagoers attended regattas all over and even came home with some fine prizes. Bob Zaiser and Bob Adams attended the Kentucky Lake Regatta and Bob Adams won the overall race and with it for the first time that a Lightning has ever won it the Watkins Club Regatta. Bob Adams also was second in District Regatta at Port Clinton, and third in the Red Flannels Regatta in Chicago which was attended by himself, Bob Zaiser and Howard S. Young, Jr. Also it should be noted that Bob Adams sailed in the Internationals in Detroit.

Shortly after the first of the year three of our Lightnings skippers loaded up their boats, Bob Zaiser, Tim Hanson and Jim McKinstry and Tom Hendrickson, and headed down Florida way. They spent 8 days sailing from Fort Myers to Everglade City, camping along the way. What a beautiful trip this was and they have the pictures to prove it.

On December 10th, we presented our trophies, elected officers for the coming year and batted down the 1959 hatches in earnest, and by meetings and get togethers we have said ahoy to the 1960 season—we can hardly wait—how about you?

ROMA FLEET (271)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Emilio Christofori

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5691	Trinacria	Paolo Savini
6072	Jolly	Emilio Christofori
6375	Nuvola	Cesare de Rossi
6435	Icaboba	Edoardo Fornari and Adolfo Tiraboschi
6582	Tevere	Salvatore Molinari

The fleet organized the Italian and the European Championships for 1959 and entered many races in Naples and Anzio.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB FLEET (273)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Massabesic, Manchester, N. H.

Fleet Captain	Franklin L. Husson
Fleet Secretary	Ethan V. Howard, Jr., M.D.
Fleet Champion	Donald Anderson
Runner-Up	Franklin L. Husson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2	It'll Do	Dr. Ethan V. Howard, Jr.
53	Seagap	David Foster
268	Merri-Bob	Barbara & Ben Hudson
1139	Nancy Lou	Reg & Michael Babin
1312	Wander Lust	Harry Donahue, Jr.
1936	Nightcap	Ruth and Rob. D. Stewart
3229	Fancy Free	Franklin L. Husson
3935	Zeus	Arnold Wight, Jr.
6774	Breezin-Thru	James W. Richmond



"Home of Fleet 273," Massabesic Yacht Club, Anchorage, Manchester, N. H.

Lightning Fleet #273 did not have as good a sailing year as 1958. Most of it was due to inclement weather on our weekly sailing dates, also there seemed to be much activity among the families causing a disbursement of the groups on the weekends when the dates were held. However, we did have a very successful Massabesic Lightning regatta held in September 1959—three races with good winds except for the third when the race had to be shortened. As usual the first prizes went to our visiting Lightning skippers, however; 273 never gives up the fight and there will be a Massabesic Lightning regatta in September 1960.

Our new New England Commodore, Robert Stewart, is an active member of Fleet #273 and has completely refinished his Lightning and was a great competitor this year although he started the season late.

Lack of juvenile interest this year caused us to postpone our junior sailing program temporarily and we hope to re-activate the group in 1960 using the 8 foot prams which we built locally. Jim Richmond, sailing No. 6774, took his boat out with an inch of ice on the lake and spent all day chopping out and chopping in and our District Commodore has some snapshots which might prove interesting to the District Meetings when they are held.

Fleet #273 is looking forward to more activity in 1960.



Fleet Champion R. Price receiving trophy from F. Husson, regatta chairman, M.V.C., 1959.