

**MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)**  
Southern District  
Sailing on Arkabutla Lake and McKellar Lake  
at Memphis, Tenn.

Fleet Captain.....Crit Currie  
Fleet Secretary.....Eleanor Currie  
Fleet Champion.....Crit Currie  
Runner-Up.....Frank Abbott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6193	BaayHoon	John Newcomb
6194		Frank Abbott
6533	Blue Bird	Lloyd Lovitt
7208	Seven Suns	Crit Currie & George Clarke & James Humphries
7252		Richard Lightman
7408		Carson Pelagrin

1959 was a busy and successful year for Fleet 274. We gained two new Nickels & Holman boats owned by Dick Lightman and Carson Pelagrin. But we were very sorry to see John Newcomb transferred to Boston in the middle of the sailing season.

Having joined the Delta Sailing Club of Memphis, we had a full season of organized racing, beginning in March and ending with November. We spent the summer months sailing on Arkabutla Lake which is 35 miles south of Memphis, in Mississippi. While in early spring and fall we sail on McKellar Lake. It is practically in downtown Memphis.

Each year in May we are happy to welcome Lightning skippers to the Cotton Carnival Regatta. Though the setting isn't pretty, the competition is hot and a good time is had by all, with Gene Walet as winner. We enjoyed two trips to Kentucky Lake and one to Old Hickory Lake in Nashville. And we hope to send good representation to St. Petersburg.

By next summer the Delta Sailing Club hopes to have our own improved facilities at Arkabutla Lake. With a private launching ramp, dock and maybe a small clubhouse, we hope to swell the ranks of #274 during the coming year.

**ANZIO LIGHTNING FLEET (278)**  
Italian District

Fleet Captain.....Cesare Benedetti  
Fleet Secretary.....Marte Mainini

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6599	Lady Bug	Giuseppe del Fiume
6689	Caramba	Mario Mainini
6984	Zig Zag	Cesare Benedetti
7238	Ballerine	Enrico De Mori Col.

The fleet organized the Italian and the European Championship of 1959, and entered many races in Naples and Anzio. A young crew, of Caramba with Rampolla, Rampolla and Cerulli, placed well and was the winner in many of the races held at Anzio.

**THUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB (279)**  
Midwest District

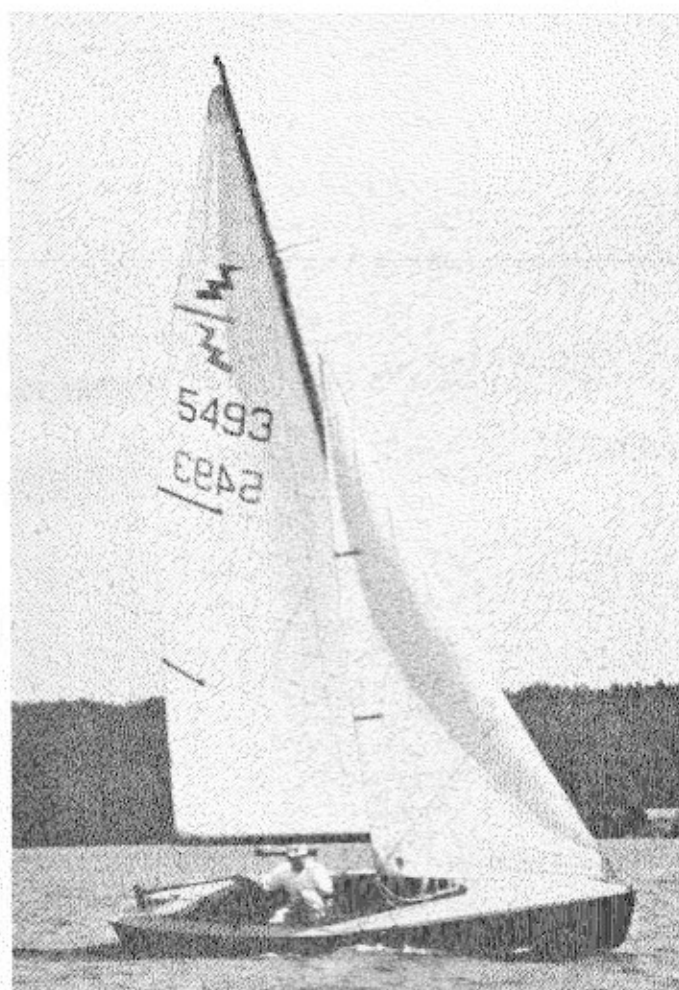
Sailing on Thunder Bay at Fort Williams, Ontario

Fleet Captain.....Lou Walsh  
Fleet Secretary.....Van Bailey  
Fleet Champion.....Lou Walsh  
Runner-Up.....Dr. Burnford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
592	Spray	Robert J. McCranor
4508	Zamboanga	J. (Van) Bailey
4925	Bormit	Graham Baker
4926	Storm	Jack Smith
4927	Cutlew	E. Holsley
4928	Caprice II	Lloyd B. Walker
4929	Nimbus	J. Crooks
5493	Bonbo	L. Walsh
6323	Chinook	R. Prettie
6324	Vixen	Dr. D. Burnford
6529		S. Mack
7072	Sea Jay II	J. Paterson
7092	Falcon	L. Goodall
7196	Vagabond	Dr. Mutrie
7197	Whim	Dr. Hargan

Fleet 279 enjoyed a busy year starting in mid-winter with monthly meeting featuring sailing tactics and the usual sailors discussions.

Five new boats were added to the Fleet, making a total of 15 Lightnings.



*Lou Walsh, in Bonbo, Fleet Champion of Thunder Bay Yacht Club second consecutive year.*

A full and varied sailing season was enjoyed at Loon Amythest and Clearwater Bay. Our 1959 season's activities centered around a 9 race schedule. Built into the 6 scheduled point races held at Loon were extra trophy races. Winners were L. Walsh and R. McCranor.

For the second straight year, Lou Walsh in Bonbo, with his wife Audrey and Don Murrell as crew, captured top honors with a high score for total points of 146½. Runner-up with a score of 142½ was Dr. Burnford.

Mid-way through the summer, 8 of the Fleet, trailed over highways under "destruction" to Clearwater Bay, on the Lake of the Woods for their annual Regatta. Though winds refused to co-operate, the hospitality of Fleet #277 could not be surpassed. Lakehead boats made a good showing with R. McCranor and Dr. Burnford taking home trophies.

G. Goodall, a new Lightning Skipper, outwitted the old pros to capture the time honored Crystal Beach Trophy, while Bill Tamblin took the Auld and McCranor and Dr. Burnford taking home trophies.

In conclusion Fleet #279 sends its best regards to all fellow Lightning sailors, and the best of luck for a pleasant 1960 season.

**CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280)**  
New England District  
Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Mass.

Fleet Captain.....Malcolm S. Smith  
Fleet Secretary.....H. Winsor Nickerson, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3296	Little Terror	H. Winsor Nickerson, Jr.
4077	Helwin II	H. Winsor Nickerson, Jr.
4078	Nike	Barbara B. Noyes
5573	Qui Vive	Malcolm S. Smith

Fleet #280 did not sail separate Lightning Class races this past

season. We didn't have enough boats in the water at the beginning of the summer so we raced with the Alden "O" boats throughout the summer. At the end of the season we had three other boats join us and we look forward to an active summer next season with six and possibly seven boats.

## VIERWALDSTATTERSEE FLEET (281)

### Swiss District

#### Sailing on Lake of Lucerne in Switzerland

Fleet Captain	Peter Richard
Fleet Secretary	Franz Xaver Huber
Fleet Champion	Franz Engelberger
Runner-Up	Walter Wenger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6204	Sagitta	Franz Engelberger
6376	Hawaii	Dr. Theo Christ
6377	Kon Tiki	Walter Wenger
6389	Dardo	Peter Richard
6737	Eilean Mor	Franz Xaver Huber
6740	Miaoulis	Dr. Otto Meyer
		Karl Flachsmann

The summer of 1959 was the fourth season of Fleet #281 which shows an increase, with the addition of boat #6740 "Miaoulis" owned by Dr. O. Meyer. We now have six boats. The fleet took part in different races of the Yacht Club of Lucerne, such as Club Championship, Sailing Week of Lucerne and Race for the Crystal Cup. Unfortunately, only one boat participated in the District Championship which was held at Auvernier, Lake of Neuchatel. It was boat #6377 "Kon Tiki", W. Wenger, K. Flachsmann and R. Peter. Boat #6740 "Miaoulis", Dr. O.



6389 "Dardo", Richard Peter.

Meyer, took part in the Club Championship of the Yacht Club of Sempach where two members of our Fleet also sailed as crewmen.

As usual, our members were very active in sailing trips. We would especially like to mention the nice week-end we spent at the "Harggis", a lovely and lonely spot in the bay of Gersau, and we hope to have some more of such funny trips again. But, of course, a bottle rum and a set of playing cards should not fail the next time! Skipper W. Wenger sailed 1400 miles and R. Peter 420 this season.

The year 1960 will bring a great event to our fleet and to the Yacht Club of Lucerne: The European Championships. It is the first time that this competition will be held at Lucerne. We all are expecting a big "marching up" of our friends in Finland, Greece, and Italy and hope that it will be a great success.

Lucerne is waiting for you!!!

## COLUMBIA FLEET (283)

### Pacific Northwest District

#### Sailing on Columbia River, Portland, Ore.

Fleet Captain	Robert K. Wallin
Fleet Secretary	James E. Tauscher
Fleet Champion	Harry Brault
Runner-Up	Jack Gainer



Going up river on one of our weekend Fleet 283 cruises, Bob Webb and crew.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1021	Sandpiper	Harold W. McKenzie
2279	Tio Pepe	Wm. S. Patterson
2635	Termite	Wm. C. Cairns
3457	Cathy Ann	Duncan A. McLaughlin
3481		John DeBenedetti
5593	Hard Tack	Robert Webb
5938	Erin	Wm. Robertson
6061	Sassy	James E. and Fredi J. Tauscher
6442	Jaunty	Frank Meeker
6560	Golden Crown	Merrit and Manning Barber
6584	Tally Ho	Jack Gainer
6592	Perky	Harry K. McAllister
6716	Blitzen	Charles S. Hoskins
6816	Zig Zag	Wm. J. Parker
6999	Slippery	Harry G. Brault
7049		Garry Ambrose
7083		Richard S. Foster
7111	Buoy Room	Robert K. Wallin

Although the past season was somewhat marred by poor sailing weather, rain squalls or no wind, enthusiasm was good. We are looking forward to a better season, with even more boats, next year; especially since the Pacific Northwest events will be held in our area.

Drs. Manning and Merrit Barber were too busy professionally to make the regular series races, but we wish to express our appreciation for their efforts at our racing rules and tactics meetings last spring and for winning the Team Trophy from #229 Eugene. The Barber team also organized and initiated the "Barber



Series" which was a very successful event, especially the attractive Trophies hand-made by the Barber family.

Bill Parker not only sailed single handed 40 miles down river and back in squally nasty weather but trailed to the Puger Sound with a two week cruise with stout-hearted "Pat" his crew.

Our weekend fleet cruises have gotten started this past season with reasonable participation and show good promise for after season fun next year.

We hope to see all of West Coast "Lightnings" in '60".

## OUACHITA FLEET (284)

### Central States District

#### Sailing on Lake Ouachita near Hot Spring, Arkansas

Fleet Captain	Gaines Houston
Fleet Secretary	Fred M. Dierks
Fleet Champion	Gaines Houston
Runner-Up	Cecil L. Gingerich

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
95	The Other	
	Woman	Tracy D. Jones
2101	Jim Bug	Ed Teaford
2638	Roxana	W. H. Collins
5855	Little Dearie	Gaines N. Houston
6514	Sea Shell	Fred M. Dierks & John D. Galbraith
6601	Vamp	Col. Reed Landis & I. Granger
		McDaniel & Dr. Martin Eisele
6602	Equanil	Cecil L. Gingerich
6603	Maretta	Edwin B. Cromwell
6604	Neenerwind	E. Russell Lambert, Jr. & Jack Trotter
6605	Betty Lu	Sigun Rasmussen & Dr. T. M. Durham, Jr.
6766	Overdraft	N. C. Withrow, Jr. & F. Gene Withrow

Flag Officers of L. O. Y. C. are Fred Dierks, Commodore, Cecil Gingerich, Vice-Commodore and Martin Eisele, Rear Commodore, all sailors and Lightning skippers.

The Yacht Club held its first Invitational Lightning Regatta on June 13-14 consisting of three races in fair winds and fair weather. Souvenir trophies were presented to skipper and crew of each competing yacht and permanent trophies were awarded to the three top skippers. Top honors went to Bill Schwartz and his crew of Ken and Rainey Jones from Jayhawk Fleet #60. Cecil Gingerich took second place and Fred Dierks was third.

Beginning on May 24 and ending on July 19, a series of six weekly races was sailed with skippers alternating for the most part each week. The first series went to EQUANIL, SEA SHELL and VAMP finished in a true tie for second as runner-up, each with 20 points. SEA SHELL had three first places and VAMP's two firsts but each beat the other three times. In this series Dick Wootton, sailing his maiden race as skipper brought LITTLE DEARIE in to a first place.

The second series of seven races sailed on consecutive weekends, got under way on August 2 and was completed September 13. SEA SHELL won the series by running up a total of 30 points out of a possible 34. EQUANIL was runner-up with 25 points. This series saw Bob Gierow post a first place for SEA SHELL.

The Lady Skipper's crown went to Joan Wootton sailing LITTLE DEARIE. Carol Gingerich, defending champion, was runner-up in EQUANIL while Ann McDaniel skippered VAMP to third place.

Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day were set aside for special races, the winner of each of these events in 1959 to place in competition a perpetual trophy to be awarded each successive year to the winning skipper. Gaines Houston in LITTLE DEARIE took the Memorial Day race; Bud Gingerich sailing EQUANIL was the runner-up. Fred Dierks in SEA SHELL won the Fourth of July event and Jack Gingerich, brought EQUANIL in second for the runner-up position. In the Labor Day race Jack Kopf took over the tiller to show the fleet the way around the course in light, fluky air. Gaines Houston in LITTLE DEARIE was runner-up.

The Fleet Championship Series of three races was sailed September 19-20. Except for the first race over a shortened course in light, variable air on Saturday morning, 8-12 mile winds prevailed for the other two races sailed twice around a large triangle plus an additional windward leg. Going into the third and final race of the championship Dierks had a one point lead over both Landis and Gingerich with a two point lead over Houston. At the second weather mark Dierks was disqualified and at the finish

it was Houston over Gingerich by ten seconds resulting in a tie on points but with the championship going to Houston by virtue of finishing ahead of Gingerich in two of the three races.

Both LITTLE DEARIE and EQUANIL made the trip to St. Pete for the Winter Championship Regatta in February. They also sailed in the District Regatta on Lake Fort Gibson, Oklahoma in June where they placed second and third respectively. LITTLE DEARIE was the Fleet's representative at the Shreveport Y. C. Spring Regatta in May.

As anticipated, our program over the past two years has resulted in the development of crew members into competent Lightning skippers, all with good potential. We therefore expect our Fleet to grow in numbers as well as in proficiency. 1960 bids well to be a great year and the District Regatta to be held on Lake Ouachita next June should be a big factor in stimulating widespread interest in sailing, particularly in the Lightning Class.

## PARTHENON FLEET (286)

### Greek District

#### Sailing on Phaleron Bay in the Gulf of Athens

##### (Saronikos) Greece

Fleet Captain	Eleftherios Constantopoulos
Fleet Secretary	Philip Joannides
Fleet Champion	George Andreadis
Runner-Up	Andrew Sinopoulos

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper	Club
4635	Evros	Alexander Joannides	RYCG
4991	Andriano-	Panos Golemis	POAC
	poulos		
5768	Astrapi	Theodore Adamopoulos	RYCG
5769	Thyella	John Sikiarides	RYCG
6407	Efy	Andreas Sinopoulos	
6544	Drossopoulos	Philip Joannides	RYCG
6545	Chryssanthos	E. Constantopoulos	RYCG
6749	Alkioni	G. Stalounis	NCPD
7219	Crynus	George Andreadis	RYCG

About this time of year all good Lightning sailors curl up around the fireplace with their families, pleasantly and peacefully thinking of past and future seasons. No such peace for this wicked writer. After a hectic season of organizing races, sailing lessons, of committee work, of actual racing, of traveling abroad, etc., another season is starting before the other one has actually ended. This is the penalty for living in Greece and enjoying the cloudless sky of America. All year round racing and no frost-bite.

With our Crown Prince deeply infected by the sailing bug, what can we lesser mortals do but follow closely. Which is a very good thing for the sport.

His Highness, who has been winning races steadily, carried off the National Lightning Championship. This was held at the lovely island of Corfu, wherein lies the summer Royal Residence.

The fleet's championship was captured by George Andreadis. In this regatta we change boats around so that the champion does not owe his victory to a superior boat.

Andreas Sinopoulos of this fleet was elected District Commodore. Readers of previous reports will remember Andy's progress since he started his life in the LCA as General Nuisance. How he ever got rival fleet 251 to vote for him will remain as one of the major mysteries of history. Watch our LCA sailors, Andy will soon be president of the Class!

Results of races will be found in the Greek District report.

## DOLPHIS FLEET (287)

### Greek District

Fleet Captain	A. Rozakis R.H.N.
Fleet Secretary	A. Rozakis R.H.N.
Fleet Champion	H.R.H. The Crown Prince
	Constantine
Runners-Up	H.R.H. Princess Sophia and
	Ensign O. Eskitzoglou R.H.N.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4612	Aeolos	RHNCC
4953	Apollitis	RHNCC
6135	Dolphin	RHNCC
6136	Xifias	RHNCC
6624	Lips	RHNCC
6748	Voreas	RHNCC
6941	Tisina	RHNCC

The Royal Hellenic Naval Academy (DOLPHIN FLEET), following the custom of the year, has organized a regatta between the Clubs in the Athens district. The Cup was given the name

"October 28th" on the occasion of the anniversary of the Greek Resistance against the Axis forces during the last World War.

The three races took place in Phaleron Bay on the 4th, 11th, and 18th of November under fair weather conditions. The first three winners among thirteen boats were in succession, the "ALBATROS" owned and skippered by Mr. Bonas (Sailing Club), the "EPHI" owned and skippered by Mr. Sinopoulos (R.Y.C.), and the "TRIINA" owned and skippered by H.R.H. The Crownprince Constantine.

The prizes will be presented by H.R.H. The Crownprince in an official ceremony which usually takes place in the Royal Academy.

DOLPHIN Fleet also took part in the following races:

- A. Organized by the R.Y.C.  
"AVGI" cup (1 race) on the 19th of April (The boat XIPHIAS came second).  
"ELPIS" cup (5 races) 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of May.  
"PRINCESS MARY" cup (3 races) 7th, 14th, and 21st of October.
- B. Organized by the Sailing Club of Pireaus (IOP)  
"SARON" cup (3 races) April 26th, 10th and 17th of May.  
First winner the "TRIINA" skippered by H.R.H. The Crownprince.  
"SALAMIS" cup (5 races) 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th of May and 6th of July. First winner H.R.H. The Crownprince skippering the boat "TRIINA".  
"ASTRAPI" cup (5 races) June 14th, 17th, 21st, 24th, and 28th. First winner H.R.H. The Crownprince skippering the "TRIINA".  
"OCHI" cup (5 races) October 28th, and Nov. 1st, 15th and 22nd. First winner H.R.H. The Crownprince skippering the "TRIINA".
- C. Races organized by the Olympic Club of Pireaus.  
"MANOUSKO" cup (3 races) on the 13th, 19th and 20th of September. First winner H.R.H. The Crownprince skippering the boat "TRIINA".
- D. Panhellenic race between all Clubs organized by the L. C. A. in Greece.  
5 races which took place between the 12th and 17th of August. First winner H.R.H. The Crownprince skippering the "TRIINA".
- E. Inter-European Regatta in ANZIO, Italy.  
The races took place between the 13th and 18th of September. The boat TRIINA skippered by H.R.H. The Crownprince took the 5th place.
- F. Team race between Athens (district) Clubs and U.S.S. Saratoga.  
There was only one race in which the boat "TRIINA" skippered by H.R.H. The Crownprince came first.
- G. "MORNING MADNESS" cup (1 race) between the beginners of all the Clubs. First winner H.R.H. Princess SOPHIA skippering the boat "TRIINA".

All of the above mentioned races took place in Phaleron Bay. The participation of more boats of the R. N. Academy between June and October was reduced since at that time most of the Cadets were at sea on a training trip abroad.

During the last two years we have noticed a reduction in our boats performances mostly due to normal wearing out. Eventually we are hoping to acquire some new boats. We hope, in the near future.

The weather conditions in Phaleron Bay, were exceptionally good during the year. As a matter of fact, very few postponements occurred and nobody got really wet.

## ROCKY POINT FLEET (291)

### Western Long Island Sound District

#### Sailing on Long Island Sound, Old Greenwich, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Mason N. Skiff
Fleet Secretary	William G. Symmers
Fleet Champion	Stuart D. Cowan, Jr.
Runner-Up	George Brown, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2193	Lima Bean	Rocky Point Club
3105	Ginsu	George W. Faust and Douglas Milsom
3330	Blythe Spirit	Horace Abbott
3406	Cabaret II	James Fitter
3575	Kemiker	Shirley DuBreuil
3886	Clyte II	Ben Bryon, Jr.
4105	Debeyn II	Mason Skiff
5607	Cavalier	William G. Symmers

5636	Sea Jay	Robert Weeks
5638	Seajay	Walter W. Burbank
5822	Greeneen	Donald McCullough
5973	What Next	W. C. Brandt
6333	Geisha	Grant Thompson
6339	Jimlin III	George Brown
6616	Zephyr	Stuart Cowan

Despite the coincidence of two "juniors" making the best showing in series competition from May through mid-September, our fleet is among the few on Long Island Sound whose skippers are largely in their "roaring forties". Thus although our participation in District and other outside events, dominated by juniors, was negligible, our weekly and sometimes bi-weekly fleet races were generally well attended, with no fewer than eight to twelve boats on an average to be counted, the competition was keen, close and comradely. In the season's series standing, the Cowan family, skipper Stuart "Jr.", "Paulie", and "Stu III" were an all-family crew whose consistent performance earned them top percentage points. In September, the first five skippers in series standing engaged in a round-robin of five races, which showed Grant Thompson the winner, "Sally" Symmers and George Brown, Jr., whose JIMLIN III was the boat with the most wins, tied for second and tossed for the consolation cup. In a post-season "singlehanded race" between skippers, without benefit of crews or spinnakers, Grant Thompson was the winner in "Geisha", with Symmers second in "Cavalier" and Jim Fitter third in "Cabaret II". Mason Skiff, credited with carrying more dead-weight tonnage than any other skipper, was handicapped throughout this season of exasperatingly light breezes, but nevertheless a shifty Southeaster saw him home first in the Fourth of July Regatta.

In the Labor Day Regatta, George Brown, Jr. was the winner, Grant Thompson second, and Bill Burbank third. In all, the season was marked by an increased fleet membership and participation, a great deal of poor sailing weather, but much enthusiasm and never a race where the result was a foregone conclusion.

## ROSARIO FLEET (292)

### Argentine District

#### Sailing on Parana River

Fleet Captain	Wenceslao P. Tejerina
Fleet Secretary	Silvio R. Vaccarezza
Fleet Champion	Carlos Marcelo Pusterla
Runner-Up	Mario L. Scarabino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4373	Lampo	Francisco Rinesi
4426	Huayna	Oscar Miguel
4543	Alfil	Mario L. Scarabino
4703	Lamarada	Hector Rasmussen
5027	Bambi	Juan A. Capdevila
5740	Bagual	Carlos Pusterla
7036	Maria Ele	Luis Recalde
7131		Mario L. Scarabino
		Carlos Lavarello
		Luis Rudyoy
		Alberto Mon

This year we organized only two important contests because of the freshness of the Parana River which forced us to begin the sailing season very much later. The first competition—the Inauguration Trophy—took place on the 4th of July with the participation of 6 boats. Afterwards we had a lunch, during which the atmosphere was very friendly, and where the prizes were delivered for previous championships. These were the recorded results:

4426, "HUAYNA", Oscar Miguel—	1
Silvio Vaccarezza and M. Rodriguez	
"TOANA", Carlos Lavarello—	2
Sra. Hallbert and E. Roig	
"STREVI", Albert B. Mon—	3
L. Sabatini and C. Sylvestre	
4703, "LLAMARADA", Hector Rasmussen—	4
R. Magnani and C. Parra	
5740, "BAGUAL", DSQ. and "TUYANGO", DNF.	

The Annual Fleet Championship was held on the 17th, 18th and the 31st of October and the 1st of November. Seven boats were included making the struggle very exciting and outstanding. The winner was the "BAGUAL" with skipper CARLOS MARCELO PUSTERLA, and crew Wenceslao Tejerina and Hector Martinez. Runner-Up was the "ALFIL" with MARIO LUIS SCARABINO, and crew, Fidel Casillo and Norman Riley. The final classification was the following:





"Rosario" Lightning Fleet—Sailing on Paraná River.

	Total Points	Final Standing
BAGUAL, C. M. Pusterla	24	1
ALFIL, M. L. Scarabino	22	2
LAMPO, E. Hallberg	21	3
HUAYNA, O. Miguel	18	4
BAMBI, J. Capdevila	12	5
TUYANGO, L. Rudoy	6	6
TOANA, C. Lavarello	3	7

We want to point out the preference we have in Rosario for the Lightning. Our river has a strong current and carries much water, with soft winds, and generally in the same direction as that of the stream.

The great number of these boats that can be seen on its waters clearly speak of the enthusiasm that exists among the Rosarinos for this kind of boat.



Huayna—The winner of Inauguration Trophy.

## FORT GIBSON SAILING CLUB (293)

### Central States District

Sailing on Fort Gibson Lake, at Wagoner, Oklahoma

Fleet Captain	William L. Quisenberry
Fleet Secretary	Pat Quisenberry
Fleet Champion	J. L. Seger
Runner-Up	C. W. Talbot

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
180	Call Me	J. A. Bentley, Jr.
	Madam	W. L. Quisenberry
3458	derriere	Haro.d G. Lewis
3535	Debonair	Joseph L. Seger
4342	Okie	Calvin J. Sutterfield &
5093	Gust	Robert J. Sullivan
5775	Tally Ho	C. W. Talbot

The Central States District Regatta was again held on our Fort Gibson Lake near Wagoner, Oklahoma on June 5-6-7, 1959, headquartering at Western Hills Lodge. W. E. Schwartz of Jayhawk Fleet #60 won the regatta which was sailed in light and variable airs. Gaines Houston and Cecil Gingerich of Lake Ouachita Yacht Club Fleet #284 came in second and third respectively.

1959 marked the firm establishment of our Fleet #293 with the purchase of a dock by three of its members. This venture was rather short lived, however, as in October rising flood waters coupled with a wind storm completely wrecked our facilities. As the season closed negotiations were underway to lease dock facilities for an enlarged fleet.

The Western Hills Annual Lightning trophy was won this year by Bill Schwartz of the Topeka Sailing Club. The race again this year was run concurrently with the Central States District regatta.

We welcome Lee and Mary Alice Bentley from Skaneateles Country Club Fleet #1, Skaneateles, New York. Their Lightning #180 will be racing with us this coming summer and we all look forward to showing them the delights of prairie sailing.

## SAUGATUCK YACHT CLUB (294)

### Michigan District

Sailing on Kalamazoo River, at Saugatuck, Michigan

Fleet Captain	John Osgood
Fleet Secretary	Skip Martens
Fleet Champion	Kathy Kindred
Runner-Up	Skip Martens

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2246	Whing-Ding	Rob & Char Dallach
2405	Mor-Fun	Fred & Gary Reynolds
2514	Sinbad	John Osgood
4945	Phfft	Si & Skip Martens
4977	Touche	Robert E. Woodhams
5363	Two-Lyns	Ann Lindsey
5370	Cloud 9	Bill Reininga
5345	Skydammit	Sky Suydam
6031	Passen	Kathy Kindred
6665	Sooner	Dr. A. C. Stutsman
6820	Shoosh	Kit Denison

No change was made in the Fleet Officers this year. As the fleet is still "young and growing", it was decided better to wait until next year to elect new officers, as well as engage in inter-fleet competition.



"Fleet #294 Saugatuck at anchor"

Saugatuck boasts four additions to the racing fleet this season, but as we lost one former Lightning, the fleet now numbers 12. One more boat joined the Club roster near the end of the season, and is expected to race next year.

The major series of the season, the competition for the Atwood Trophy, was won by last year's Runner-up, Kathy Kindred, sailing in Passon. The entire summer was one of close competition, frequent upsets, and of a three way tie that lasted throughout most of the season. It was a series that any one race could change drastically. In the final standings, very few points separated the winning boats. The Runner-up was Skip Martens, in Philt.

The Commodore's Cup Race, the other major race at Saugatuck, was a typical "dark horse" victory. Kit Dennison came up from a very disappointing season to win the Cup from the Fleet champions. Skip Martens was again Runner-up in a series of three races sailed in light, tricky winds.

## RICHMOND COUNTY YACHT CLUB (295)

### Metropolitan District

Sailing on New York Lower Bay and Raritan Bay  
out of Great Kills, Staten Island, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Ed Olson  
Fleet Secretary ..... Grace Hammond  
Fleet Champion ..... Bob Patterson, Jack Hearn  
with Ballerina  
Runner-Up ..... Mark Milnes with Kool Kat

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
576	Dunker	Ed Olson
897	Cotton Maid	Fred Dickson
2230	Ballerina	John Hearn
3602	Sweet Lelani	Frank Hammond
5762	Kool Kat	Mark Milnes

The 1959 season proved to be our best yet. We had generally good weather with only one postponement of our scheduled races because of "too much wind!"

Mark Milnes and his crew (Kathy Milnes, age 10 and Mark, Jr. age 12) were a great addition to our fleet this year. The "Kool Kat" and its well drilled crew proved to be terrific and threatened to walk away with all the trophies. The competition between the Ballerina, skippered by Bob Patterson, and Mark was especially keen and at the final race they were even-Stephen. Mark had a good lead but ran into trouble after the first buoy when the spinnaker line fouled at the top of his mast and the trophy was taken by Bob and the Ballerina. This gave the Milnes family second place for the season and F. Hammond in Sweet Lelani with his all girl crew copped third place.

Ed Olson former fleet champion for two years had bad luck this year. So did Fred Dickson with Cotton Maid. Both suffered serious mishaps which kept them out of enough races to put them out of the running for any cups but they raced whenever possible.

Fleet 295 was honored to be host to the Metropolitan Districts for 1959. The weather proved perfect although the air was very light for the first and last races. The second race was more our kind of air at R.C.Y.C. Our club boats didn't stand a chance against our visitors but they were in there trying. In the second race when the wind really started blowing the Kool Kat and Sweet Lelani started moving up but it was a little too late. Sweet Lelani did come in first in the Districts as far as our fleet boats were concerned but none of us were up there with the winners of the Districts. It was really a pleasure having the Districts at our Club and our visitors all said they had a terrific time, both with our excellent sailing conditions and the various social activities which were held.

Our fleet also participated in the Raritan Bay Association races. We traveled to the various clubs on the bay—under sail—for the four weekend series. Mark Milnes won this series hands down and will be presented with his trophy on February 23rd at the annual Dinner Dance. Frank Hammond took second place and the Ballerina was third.

All in all we had a wonderful year. We still voted to WET SAIL. Ours are all "Family" boats and although R.C.Y.C. has a good hoist etc., our boats are really used for day sailing besides racing.

We are looking forward to 1960. Fred Dickson is the new Fleet Captain and we already have three new boats added to our fleet for next year.

The opportunity to travel and race LIGHTNINGS in so many different areas is the greatest asset of the Class. Fleet #260.

## ODD WINDS FLEET (296)

### Central States District

Sailing on Wyandotte County Lake at Kansas City,  
Kansas & Jackson County Lake at  
Jackson County, Missouri

Fleet Captain ..... James S. Cambron  
Fleet Secretary ..... John Taylor, III  
Fleet Champion ..... Paul E. Vardeman, Jr.  
Runner-Up ..... Hall-Taylor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
191		Orvid V. Owsley
1270	Chon Coune	Elliott Norquist Helena Norquist
1787	Lazy Day	Wm. Collet
2883	Sans Souci	Jim S. Dart
2888	Connie	James S. Cambron
3009	Rutchen	Gordon F. Reabe
3339	Black Duck	George H. Gurley
3397	Harmony	Charles (Pete) Gomerding
3457	Sea Fever	Dr. Richard H. Kiene
3465	Wanderer	Paul E. Vardeman, Jr.
3718	Salty Dog	Wm. Collet
4002	Hope	Lynn V. Bowman
5083	Firecracker	Albert Preston
5124	The Merry Gale	Dean Arnold
6408	Rise N'Shine	John Taylor and Porter T. Hall II
6464	Wee Bairn	Donald G. Skouse
6706	Widgeon	Charles S. Dalman
7043		James E. Daugherty

Odd Winds Fleet more than doubled in size in the 1959 season. At the time of this writing there are six prospective purchasers of additional boats, so we believe we will have the largest fleet in our division in 1960.

Our official season began late in June; however, some of the boats sailed in pre-season invitational regattas.

The following: Dart, Cambron, Hall-Taylor, were at Lake Fort Gibson for the regional regatta. Although the members of the fleet attending did not place as well as they would have desired, a drifting good time was had by all.

During our regular season, scheduled races were held for 19 consecutive Sundays on Wyandotte Lake in Wyandotte County, Kansas. The race series were split in two. The first eight being considered the warm-up series and not the official series. Vardeman won these handily. In the last series of eleven, Vardeman again was in front by a substantial margin with Hall-Taylor being second, Norquist third, Cambron fourth and Dalman fifth with only five points separating second from fifth.

A revolving trophy was presented to the winner at a gala banquet late in November and so the season closed.

It is intended that the fleet will move to Lake Jacomo, Jackson County, Missouri, for the 1960 season.

Planning for the season will be done in a series of monthly meetings starting in January.



Odd Winds Fleet—"Six in a Row."

## KOKKOLA FLEET (297)

### Finland District

Fleet Captain ..... Joel Pulkkinen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Joel Pulkkinen  
Fleet Champion ..... Leif Moller  
Runners-Up ..... Leopold Ronnhelm &  
Joel Pulkkinen



Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3924	Pluto	Eero Savolainen
4331	Albatross	I. Bjorndahl
5054	Tiwa	Joel Pulkkinen
5055	Vekkuli	Leo Kilponen
5059	Virva	Polso & Levoska
7159	Hula	Leopold Ronnholm
7160	Delfin	Leo Wewar
7161	Flamingo	Leif Moller
7162	Calypso	Matti Katajamaki

Our fleet has added four new boats and because of that, the season has been very busy. For that reason the Finland District asked our fleet to arrange the District Championships.

The boats of our fleet placed well in the hard races. Leif Moller's new "Flamingo" #7161, won one heat and in the points "Hula" #7159, E. Anttila skippering, finished fourth, "Flamingo" fifth and "Pluto" ninth.

"Tiwa," Joel Pulkkinen, won the Pietarsaari Yacht Club Annual Regatta, with "Pluto" second, "Albatross" third, and "Flamingo" fourth.

We are getting some new boats for next summer and several of our skippers are waiting for the next District Championships already and when the enthusiasm continues, everything is well in our fleet.

### KOTKA FLEET (298)

#### Finland District

Fleet Captain.....Urpo Kurki

Fleet Secretary.....Heikki Lehtoranta

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4132	Kajava	Matti Koskunen
5058	Santa Clara	Martti Romberg
5541	Sacramento	Reijo Rusi
6837	Suit Sait	Urpo Kurki & Heikki Lehtoranta

Last Spring our fleet added one new boat, No. 6837, which was built during the winter, and it has increased activity in the fleet.

Our season's races began with the first race of the Thursday Series Cup on the 4th of June. The next Thursday races were held on the 11th of June and the 13th of August with three boats participating. On June 7th we held our Spring Race and June 13th was our Sea Race which is 30 sea miles, open sea course. One of our fleet's boats, No. 6837 Suit-Sait, participated in the Eastern Finland's Regatta in Loviisa June 26th-28th. On August 16th our fleet visited in Hamina where the Hamina Yacht Club (HPS) held an open race. Our Autumn Race, which was the last race of the summer, was held on August 30th.

In autumn Matti Koskunen sold his boat, No. 4132 "Kajava", so that Kotka Fleet has only three boats again.

### LOVIISA FLEET (299)

#### Finland District

Fleet Captain.....Veikko Larmia

Fleet Secretary.....Ilmari Elo

Fleet Champion.....Raimo R. Nordstrom

Runner-Up.....Veikko Larmia

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4130	Pepi'a	V. Larmia
4138	Vesijehu	P. Kaki
4139	Dinorah	J. Sere
4302	ONS-49	O. Lehtonen
4308	Cinderella	P. Helpio
4334	Pinocchio	H. Wasenius
6831	Raita	K. Blomster
6832	Sea-Hawk	B. Nyberg
6833	Sill-da Capo	V. R. Nordstrom
6838	Katrina	R. R. Nordstrom

The activity of the Fleet has been good in spite of the fact that one boat has been sold, and most of the boats are old ones and therefore racing only in home waters. The top boats have showed a very good trim and represented the Fleet better than ever. This is proved by the fact that the three first boats in the Finnish Championship races were from Loviisa. The winner was Raimo R. Nordstrom with maximum of points, runner-up was Veikko Larmia (for the second time) and third, Pentti Helpio. Raimo took part also in the European Championships in Italy with his own boat and crew, and finished sixth.

Raimo R. Nordstrom also won the Fleet Championship with two very clear victories. One race could not be sailed as the wind

died out, and the time did not allow a new start.

The representatives of the Fleet also took part in the Regatta of Helsinki and won several first places. In the home waters the Fleet had five sailings about so called "Tuesday Cup", and also participated in the Regatta of Eastern Finland.

### WOODMERE BAY YACHT CLUB (300)

#### Sailing on Hewlett Bay, East Rockaway, N. Y.

Fleet Captain.....Herbert L. Walker

Fleet Secretary.....Leonard E. Meiselas

Fleet Champion.....Earl Marvin

Runner-Up.....Max Meyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1729	Puff	Claude D. Barnett
2115	Mrs.	S. L. Steinberg
2195	Sandwich	Max Meyer
2329	Ariel	Henry Braverman
2350	Lolly Pop	Everett Ruskay
2761	Wisp	Herb Walker
3660	Foxfire	Bill Fox
3808	Jandy	Dr. Bernard L. Small
3826	Kimmer	Ed Durbin
3964	Djinn	Irving Kalmanoff
4112	Ficely	Len Meiselas
4503	Hi Life	Joseph Saul
4863	Flamingo	Earl Marvin

1959, our second year as Lightning Fleet #300, was a very active racing season at Woodmere Bay Yacht Club. The keen competitive spirit was especially evidenced by the intense interest in the racing rules and the attendant protests following each race. Why, we even protested the race committee's timing of one race and had the race set aside.

The season was divided into 4 initial intra-club races and 6 final inter-club races, the latter being held mostly with our neighboring Fleet #58 based at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club. Earl Marvin again easily dominated the fleet this season with a total of 92.7 points. Second spot was fought for by Max Meyer 81.6 points, Herb Walker 80.2 points and Ed Durbin 72.7 points. Ed Durbin had the bad luck to tangle masts with Sam Sternberg while on opposite tacks and thus scuttle his chances for runner-up.

Earl Marvin's Flamingo and Joe Saul's Hi Life went to the Districts at Babylon. Flamingo got a fifth for the series against keen competition with Herb Walker and Len Meiselas again pooling their interests to crew on the Flamingo.

1960 is expected to be an extremely active one with a full program of racing including some nightmarish novelties that the race committee is brewing. Tell you more next year.

### CHAMPLAIN FLEET (301)

#### Sailing on Lake Champlain, Burlington, Vt.

Fleet Captain.....R. G. Sidle

Fleet Secretary.....W. Wiese II

Fleet Champion.....R. G. Sidle

Runner-Up.....Frances Hewitt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
548	Tradewinds	W. L. Taplin
582	Alibi	Wm. Wiese II
1223	Lorelei	J. Vincent
2456	Ski-Bum	Francis G. Hewitt
3952	Tellam	Barbara and Lansing Mallett
6021	Spitfire	F. W. Floyd
6439	Duchess	R. G. Sidle

This was Fleet 301's second season and racing interest increased tremendously, over last year. Skippers have trained crews, we are better tacticians than we were, competition is keen and enthusiasm runs high. We still have much to learn and work to do to increase our fleet. This fall we lost one of our finest members, Wendell Floyd, an enthusiastic sailor and past officer of the Malletts Bay Boat Club died. His death is a great loss to our fleet, our club and to the many civic groups to which he gave his time.

Several boats, which were started last winter, are being completed this winter. We hope to interest new members from the owners of these boats as well as from a group of "boatless" sailors who appear to be interested.

This year the Shelburne Shipyard Trophy was won by F. Hewitt in a three race series. Second place was won by R. G. Sidle. The Annual Malletts Bay Boat Club Race Week series was won by R. G. Sidle with F. Hewitt runner-up. Our ten race summer series was won by R. G. Sidle with Francis Hewitt runner-up.

We are happy to welcome a November transfer to our fleet from Fleet 273, Lansing Mallett who was fleet secretary for 273

brings with him his years of experience as a skipper as well as his experience in fleet organization. We intend to put him to work.

### COWAN LAKE FLEET (303)

#### Sailing on Cowan Lake, Wilmington, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Charles P. Beedle
Fleet Secretary	F. W. Mesloh
Fleet Champion	Dr. Wm. P. Barnes
Runner-Up	Ted F. Sturgwolt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
330	.....	Walter P. Johnston
352	.....	Sea Scout Ship #6
380	Zefr	Charles P. Beedle
820	Winsome	Frank J. Andress
1925	Mutiny	Truman P. Young
2243	.....	Richard G. Fogg
3379	Shobriety II	J. Gibbs MacVeigh
3763	Buckyanne	Ray Beck
4283	Ode to Joy	Ted F. Sturgwolt
4575	Windammer	James K. Lewis
5069	Quick Decision	F. W. Mesloh
5222	Blue Bird	Frank H. Pfefferle
5298	D-Lay-D	Ralph H. Donges
5504	.....	George W. Leugers & Joe V. Luegers
5575	Ole Snort	Dr. Wm. P. Barnes
5645	.....	Keith Kleespies, Jr.
5718	Decibelle	Peggy & Raymond L. Hilsinger, Jr.
5900	Decision II	Dr. John F. Sanker
7230	.....	J. Ramsey Minor

The second season of our existence as Fleet #303 was a very success one.

To begin with, the Cowan Lake Sailing Ass'n scheduled an additional series of races, so that we had a Spring, Summer and Fall Series. With our Lightning Fleet increased to 19 boats on the lake, we were one of the top fleets.

The usual Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day races were held, too.

In addition, the Tri-Lake Regatta was held on Cowan Lake

this year. There was a sizeable Lightning Fleet, with some of the visiting boats from as far as Cleveland. Nevertheless, our home Fleet boys came out on top — Ted Sturgwolt being the winner, and Charlie Beedle second in the Lightning Class.

Another special racing series was the annual Cowan Lake Powder Puff Regatta, and our own Betty Beedle won the race in the Lightnings.

Participation by our members was good in regattas away from home waters, too. Frank Pfefferle sailed in the Hoosierland Regatta at Indianapolis in July. Pfefferle, Barnes and Sturgwolt took their boats to the Districts this year, and Doc Barnes qualified for the President's Series. The same three boats participated in the Snowball Regatta on Buckeye Lake in the fall.

With Fleet enthusiasm continuing to grow, next year promises to be better than ever.

### PORI FLEET (306)

#### Finland District

#### Sailing at Pori, Finland

Fleet Captain	Sulo Aarnisalo	
Fleet Secretary	Sulo Aarnisalo	
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4050	Samba	Simo Valli
5061	Leena	Heikki Vanharkartano
5546	Lokki	Sulo Aarnisalo
5547	Ticca	Timo Lohikoski

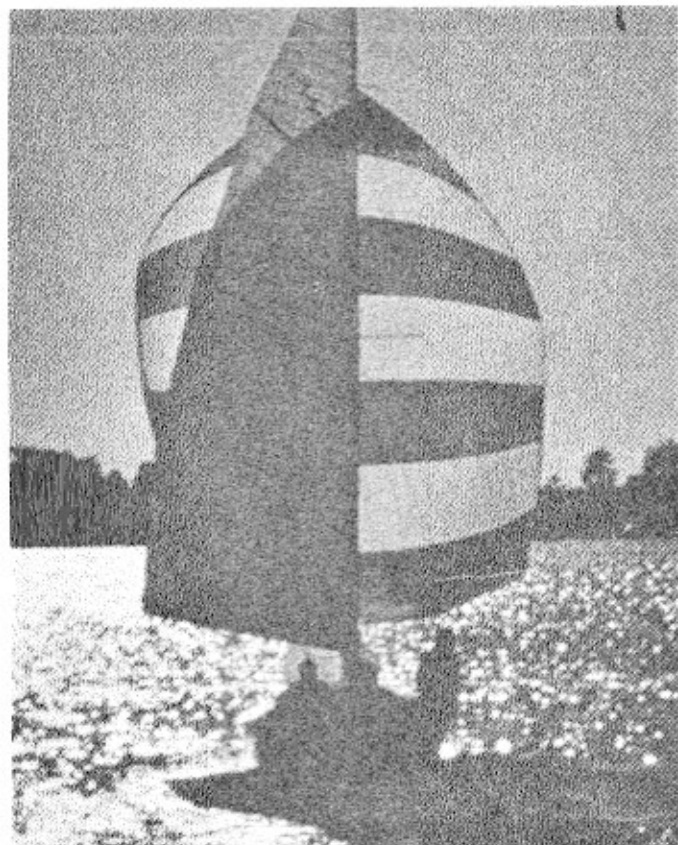
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### OULU FLEET (307)

#### Finland District

#### Sailing at Oulu, Finland

Fleet Captain	Nils Hammar
Fleet Secretary	Nils Hammar



Frank Pfefferle's "Blue Bird" at sunset on Cowan Lake, Ohio Fleet #303.



"Kikka" in Finnish Championship 1959.



Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4304	Pohjantahti	Harry Hammar
4305	Ramona	Assa Inkala
5552	Kikka	Yrjo & Markku Paloma

1959 was a very active and memorable season with the best possible weather conditions for sailing—a real sailor's wonder summer.

The main event was the "Oulu" Regatta 1959" on July 24th, 25th and 26th. All of our boats participated in this event which was won by Kikka, Markku Paloma, 24th and 25th. Pohjantahti, Harry Hammar was the winner on the 26th and he won the "Unica-Record" Cup.

Kikka participated in the official Finnish Championship race in Kokkola on 3.7.28 and took the 7th place in this his first race. Kikka proved to be a fine boat with Captain and crew of the best sort. This will surely encourage future efforts.

An honor miniature model of "Swan of Finland" was awarded to Markku and Yrjo Paloma by the Oulu Yacht Club.

In the Evening races on the 12th and 13th of August, the "Electric Cup II" was won by Kikka.

In addition Ramona, Osmo Inkala participated in the Oulu Seagoers races. Kikka and Pohjantahti participated in long distance, junior, boatswains and Autumn races at Oulu Yachting Club.

Captain of the Fleet, Nils Hammar and the skipper of Pohjantahti, Harry Hammar visited Anzio, the place of European Championship Races in Italy, last summer and admired its beautiful harbor and locations.

Our Fleet is looking forward to an enlarged fleet and increasing interest for sailing next year.

#### RAAHE FLEET (308)

Finland District  
Sailing at Raase, Finland

Fleet Captain	Aaro Heikkila
Fleet Secretary	Aaro Heikkila
Fleet Champion	Aaro Heikkila

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5542	Kousa	Aarno Heikkila
6834	Tavi	Kalle Raudasojä
6835	Lippa	Esko Roibu
7173	Meritahti	Aaro Heikkila
7174	Kajava	Erkki Nymän

In the summer of 1959, our fleet added two new boats and participated in several races. Arvo Heikkila, with "Kousa" #5542, won the race of Teras Co., field-glass. He has won it twice now, so if he wins it again next year, it will be his own.

Aaro Heikkila and his boat "Meritahti" #7173, won the Raase Regatta and the Annual Race. The Sailors Cup went to Aaro Heikkila's son, Jorma, who sailed with his father's boat. Aaro Heikkila also won the Lightning Cup. Aaro Heikkila with "Kousa" #5542, won the Raase Porvari Place. The Activity Cup, for which the points from all the races during the summer are counted, went to Aaro Heikkila.

#### KEMI FLEET (310)

Finland District

Fleet Captain	Pentti Leskio
Fleet Secretary	Pentti Lehto
Fleet Champion	Pentti Lehto
Runner-Up	Pentti Hedberg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4012	Leena	Lars Hansen
4136	Rea	A. Saarinen
4324	Vire	Velj. Nylander
4325	Marjaana	S. Uurtimo
4326	Lokki	Teemu Ulen
4328	Irene	Velj. Hedberg
5062	Rose-Marie	Pentti Lehto

Owing to this year's early and beautiful spring, the sailing season began in the beginning of June for our fleet. Our first races were held on June 16th but there were only two Lightnings ready to compete. The winner was "Lokki" #4326 with "Marjaana" #4325, second.

When all the boats had new coats of paint and were ready to sail, the fleet began to hold skipper's races, where boats were drawn by lot. There were five races held in the evenings. The winner was Pentti Lehto with Lars Hansen, runner-up.

Next our fleet held their "crew races". These were also held in the evenings. There were two starts, with Esko Hukka, as the winner.



Kemi Fleet (310) in "starting fever", behind is the clubhouse of Kemi Sailing Club."

All the boats of the Kemi Yacht Club participated in the "Selkasaari-round-race" on July 16th in a quite hard SW wind. The first three boats to the finish line were Lightnings. First, "Irene" #4328, second "Rose-Marie II" #5062, third "Looki" #4326. Then followed the bigger racing boats of the Yacht Club—"the sharks". "Looki" broke her rudder in the race, but her skipper, Heikki Ulen brought her to third place in the finish line with an oar.

Our last races of summer were held on September 6th. The winner was "Irene" with "Leena" #4012 second and "Rose-Marie II" third.

#### DUNKIRK HARBOR FLEET (311)

Based on Southeast shore of Lake Erie, New York

Fleet Captain	John Baran
Fleet Secretary	Sherry Foster
Fleet Champion	John Foster (Madam Zaji)
Runner-Up	"Cork" Greve

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1823		Donald Greve
1910	Mme Zaji	John Foster
2801		John William King, Jr.
3574	Onaire	John Baran

Dunkirk Yacht Club's Lightning Fleet started the season with a bang, the bang from a Winchester 10 gauge cannon. At the Lake Erie District meeting at the Buffalo Canoe Club in April, our fleet was presented with this cannon, as a continuing memento of the old fleet 258. Dick Carrel of the infamous "Black Maria" made the presentation speech.

Now the big job was to set up race committees and schedules; make turning buoys; starting flags, and much discussion on how to set up a triangular course of a goodly length, with a reach, run and beat. In all this the sailors had the full cooperation of the Yacht Club, under Commodore Bernie Richelt.

We managed to hold our first race on July 12, with the starting buoys off the lighthouse on Point Grant. In total, nice races were held, with three out of four boats in every race.

Point standings were as follows:

	July Series	August Series	September Series
1823	5.25	2.00	7.25
1910	6.50	6.25	11.50
2801	1.00	4.25	2.00
3574	5.00	1.00	2.25

If anyone thinks conducting a sailboat race is a picnic, our committee is willing to say that it isn't. There was the race where only one boat could find the windward buoy. Those on the committee boat were wondering what those boats were doing out there, especially because the committee could see the buoy all the time!

Most of the courses were twice around a 3 plus mile triangle, which the Lightnings were able to negotiate in about two hours.

Then there was the day the race didn't start until 4 p.m. because the original committee boat developed motor trouble, and returned without setting a buoy. By the time we had located another power boat, and set up the race, it was that late.

Our most faithful committee and boat "Zoler II", owned by Lester Graf, and aided by Jux Weinberg were a great help in getting the racing off the ground. Dave Ballotin's "Miss Sugar" was always ready to help too; and on occasion we needed Lester

Gloff's "Echo" as committee boat. Our fleet's thanks go to all. We hope for an even more successful season in 1960.

### LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA FLEET (312) Italian District

Fleet Captain ..... Alberto Costa  
Fleet Secretary ..... Agilulfo Cuiti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4401	Uragano	Bernardo Cerulli
6810	Mascherina	Alberto Costa and Agilulfo Cuiti
7068	Michela	Rocchi Alvaro and Tulli Guido

The fleet entered many events in the past year of her life, it being the first year of her existence. Lightning #6810, Mascherina and Lightning #7068, Michela, won many races.

### JOLLY ROGER SAILING CLUB (313) Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Ottawa River, Toledo, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... John H. Beddoes  
Fleet Secretary ..... C. Patrick McCafferty  
Fleet Champion ..... William (Bill) A. Beckham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1651	Gayle	Glen W. Green
1658	Marcia B.	John H. Beddoes
1661	.....	Lawrence A. Haigh
1742	Sea Pat	C. Patrick McCafferty
1815	Ballerina	Virge Secrest
3765	Pot of Gold	William A. Beckham

Fleet 313 located at the Jolly Roger Sailing Club, 5961 Edgewater Drive on the Ottawa River in Toledo, Ohio, Ohio started the 1959 season with the regular Thursday evening regatta on June 11, 1959. The Thursday evening regatta consists of a series of 16 races sailed on consecutive Thursdays, weather permitting. Race standings are figured on the best 13 of the 16 races. The winner was Bill Beckham, with Virge Secrest running him a close second and breathing hard on his back was Glen Green. There was also a special annual race series sailed over the Labor Day weekend which consisted of a 9½ mile race out and around Turtle Island in Maumee Bay and two triangular races on Sunday in the Ottawa River. The winner was again Bill Beckham closely followed by Pat McCafferty in all three races. Third and fourth places in the series went to John Beddoes and Larry Haigh.

Fleet standings for the season figuring the Thursday series, the Associated Yacht Clubs of Toledo races on Sat. and Sundays and for the Catail series (Labor Day weekend) were as follows: 1st Bill Beckham, 2nd Virge Secrest, 3rd Glen Green, 4th Pat McCafferty, 5th John Beddoes and 6th Larry Haigh.

The Lightning Fleet will be well represented in the activities of the Jolly Roger Sailing Club in 1960 as they elected to serve as their officers for 1960, Glen W. Green, Commodore and C. Patrick McCafferty, Vice-Commodore.

This was our first year associated with the LCA as a fleet and we have greatly enjoyed our association and are looking forward to 1960 for increased membership and greater activities. Officers of the fleet were re-elected to serve in 1960.

The very best of good luck and good sailing from the members of Fleet 313.

### SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314) Dixie District Based on Sassafas River, Md.

Fleet Captain ..... R. Duke Miller  
Fleet Secretary ..... J. Ellis Voss  
Fleet Champion ..... "Doc" Walbert

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
89	.....	Kromer Pearson
345	.....	Raymond Duke Miller
2453	.....	J. Ellis Voss
2737	.....	W. L. "Doc" Walbert
6160	.....	Bing Bortel

The season started early in June on the Sassafas and continued until late in September. What we lacked in numbers, we made up for in enthusiasm. The season was divided into two parts with 20 races of varying length from 1½ to 9 miles. Each part had 20 races.

While all members of the fleet competed, the records of "Doc" Walbert and Duke Miller ran "nip and tuck" through the whole period. Duke won the award for the first half, but "Doc's" record for the whole season put him in first place by a fair

margin.

We are planning an increase in membership for next year and hope to have at least as much pleasure out of our races as we did last year.

### BURLINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (315) Lake Erie District

Sailing on Burlington Bay, Burlington, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain ..... Alec Hache  
Fleet Secretary ..... Tom Robertson  
Fleet Champion ..... Doug Budd  
Runner-Up ..... Alec Hache

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
85	Fire Fly	K. Hill
471	Akila	D. Budd
3482	Bobcat II	A. Hache
3548	Tempest	T. Robertson
6851	Baleno	W. Lightfoot

A very successful sailing season has passed with no loss of boats and a net gain of two, plus the fact that this year we have become a fleet.

This past year has seen D. Budd, ex-keel boatman, become owner of Lightning #471 and fleet champion with 1st place in our 2 Sunday series and 2nd in the Wednesday night series. No doubt these Sunday wins are due to his pious upbringing. Al Hache as runner-up with 2nd's in the Sunday series and a 1st in the Wednesday night series will no doubt seek spiritual guidance next season and try for a Sunday win. K. Hill with #85 has shown that he can make it move and with a steady crew will be close contention next season.

This has been a year of heavy winds. At the club regatta it was no exception, with only 4 finishers of a fleet of 10 with 2 visitors capsizing. Most owners are now talking about installing bailers for next season.

Interest in the Lightning Class around our club has been mounting and with new prospective owners in the future, watch us expand.

### LA SPEZIA FLEET (321) Italian District

Fleet Captain ..... Renato Biavasco Capt.

Fleet 321 applied for the fleet charter to the Association and began activities during the last months of 1959.

Many races were held with 6 boats from the fleet and some boats of Marivela Fleet entered.

Golfo La Spezia Fleet is affiliated with Circolo Velico La Spezia whose sailing activity has been well known on the Italian racing ground for 25 years.

Final Standings in the last race of the season were:  
1st—Baleno—Paglianti  
2nd—Sakr el Bahr—Del Santo  
3rd—Zenish—Cintui  
4th—Miltuway—Simmovigo  
5th—Azimuth—J. A. Peer  
6th—Nadir—Viavasco



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