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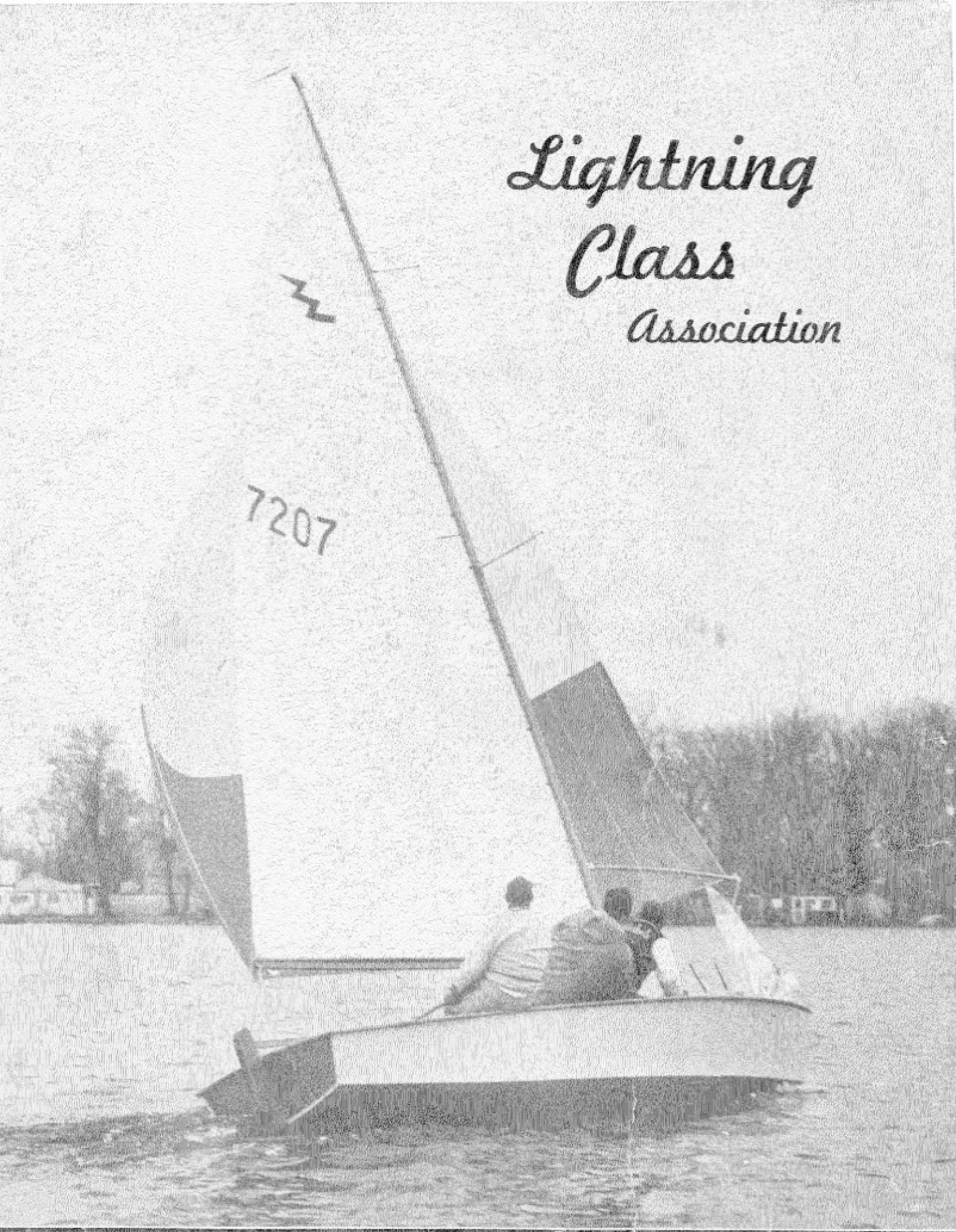

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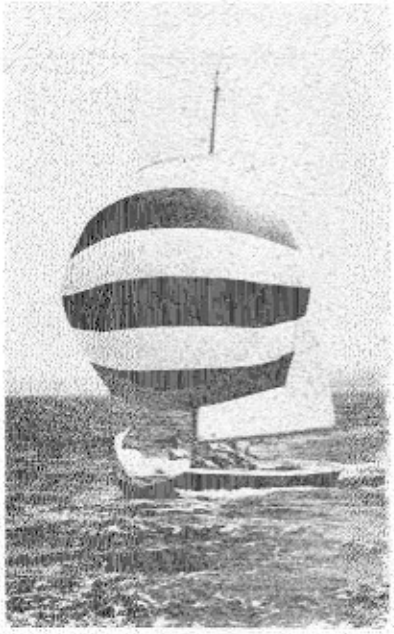

For the past year we have been looking into a number of original theories that appeared to have possibilities as a means of improving the cross sectional shapes of our sails. Through intensive research and experimentation, several of these theories have been substantiated, with the result that an entirely new series of sails for Lightnings has been created.

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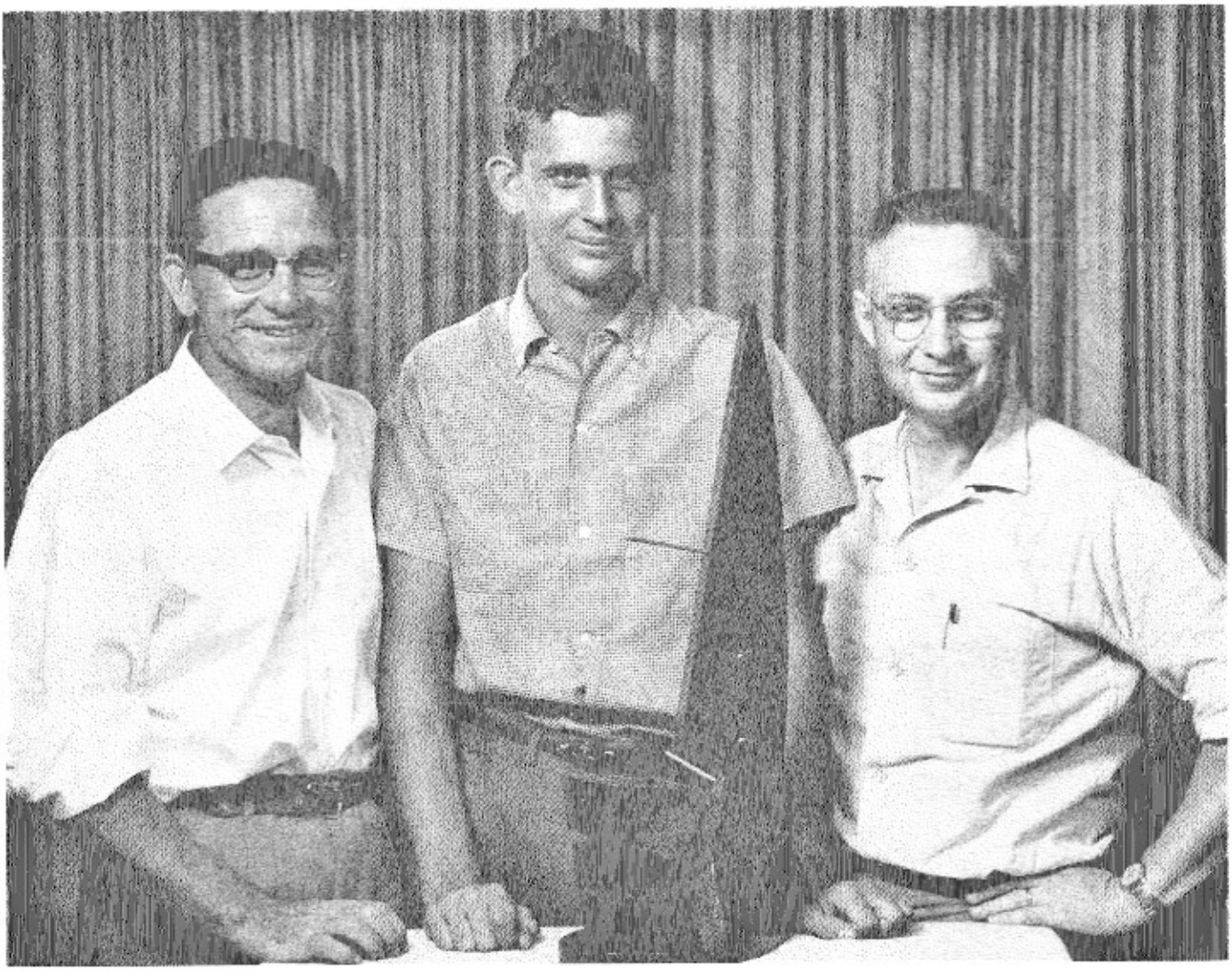
Mr. Hunter Vogel of Vancouver Fleet #90, B.C. built the first Lightning west of the Great Lakes, #626, and was responsible for the development of the Lightning Class in the Pacific Northwest. #626 is still very active on the racing scene.

Only 169 Fleet reports out of a possible 321.

Henderson Harbor Fleet #225; Paupack Fleet #16; Penn and Brightine Yacht Club 217 in New Jersey have new club houses.

A "Frostbite series" is being tried this winter for the first time by Vancouver Fleet #90, B.C. This is perhaps one of the few places in the world where in the winter you can sail in the forenoon and ski in the afternoon.

Fleet #137 Gull Lake, Mich. has a "Transom Trophy" awarded to the skipper with the most "last places" for perseverance.



Fleet #137, "Transom Trophy" L-R: Dick Strube, skipper, Tom Strube and Doug Lyttle crew.

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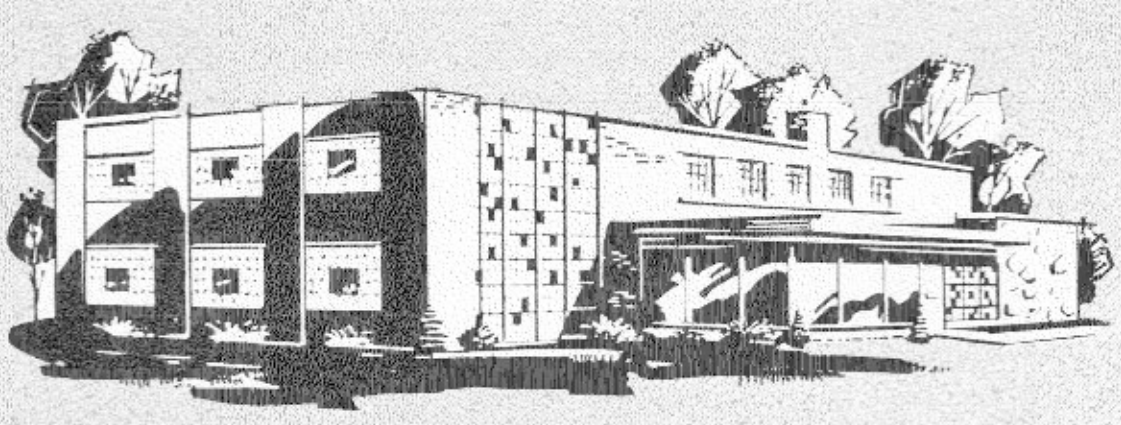

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FOREWORD

Members of the L. C. A. this is your 1960 Year Book, the result of countless hours of devoted effort by the entire editorial staff, who certainly rate a rousing "WELL DONE."

Since the first Lightning sailed the waters of Lake Skaneateles just 20 years ago our Class has grown to the point where numbers assigned to new Lightnings are rapidly approaching the 8000 mark.

Why has the L. C. A. shown this tremendous growth? Is our Lightning so much better than other boats? No. It's good, but not that good. Many other small boats are more advanced and of newer design than ours. Is it because we have more than 300 fleets in North and South America, Europe and Hawaii? No. Other classes have fleets throughout the world and some have Olympic status.

What then is the real strength of the Lightning Class? What is that special something that sets us apart, that makes us the successful class we are?

THE STRENGTH OF THE LIGHTNING CLASS IS ITS MEMBERSHIP, and that means each one of YOU. You have built the Class we have today by your loyalty, your interest and your enthusiasm, by combining busy hands and active minds at Fleet, District and National levels.

The past and the present have achieved a truly remarkable record for the L. C. A. But what of the future? If we are to maintain the Lightning as a growing and dynamic Class in the field of boating, we must encourage the younger generation, our sons and daughters and young friends, to become Lightning sailors and inspire them to continue the same interest and enthusiastic willingness to work as shown by our generation.

This is our challenge. Accept it and the future success of the L. C. A is assured, for in the final analysis our Class strength is PEOPLE — YOU the MEMBERS. We are confident that you will meet the challenge now and in the years to come.

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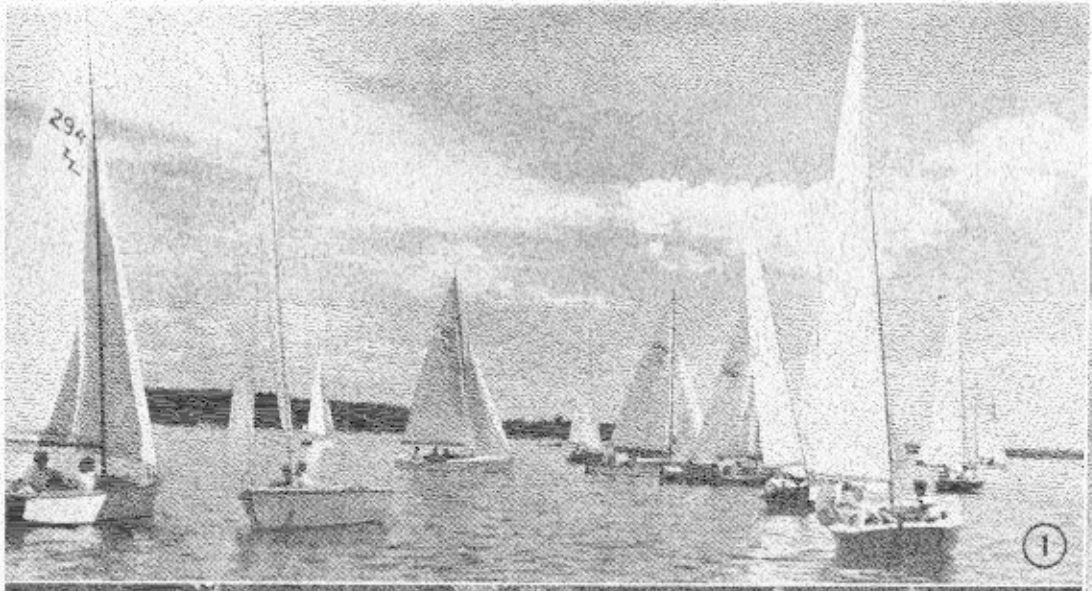
President, L.C.A.

L.C.A. President Buzz Morley's Home Fleet No. 110, Higgins Lake, Michigan

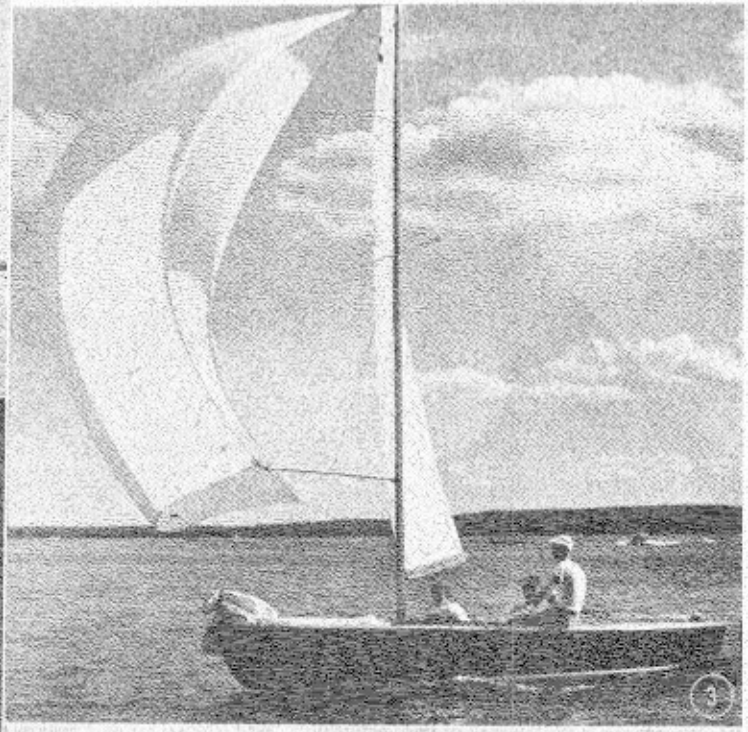


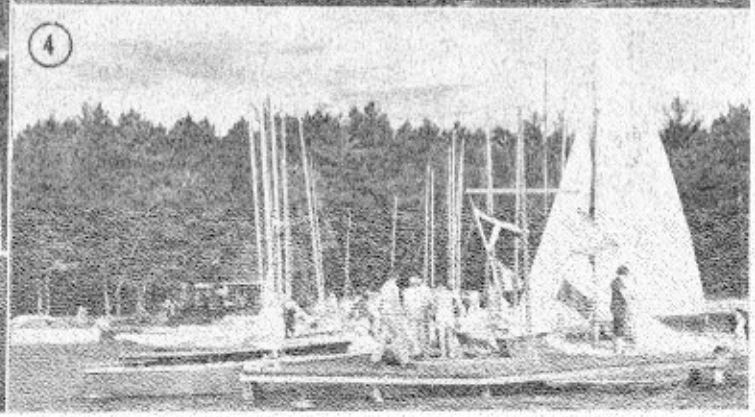
1.—Regatta time at Higgins Lake, Fleet #110.

2.—Higgins Lake boat club—home of our President Buzz's Fleet #110. Scene of the 1960 Michigan District Championships.

3.—Easy going on Higgins. Fleet #110.

4.—Fleet #110 tied up, making ready for a championship race.





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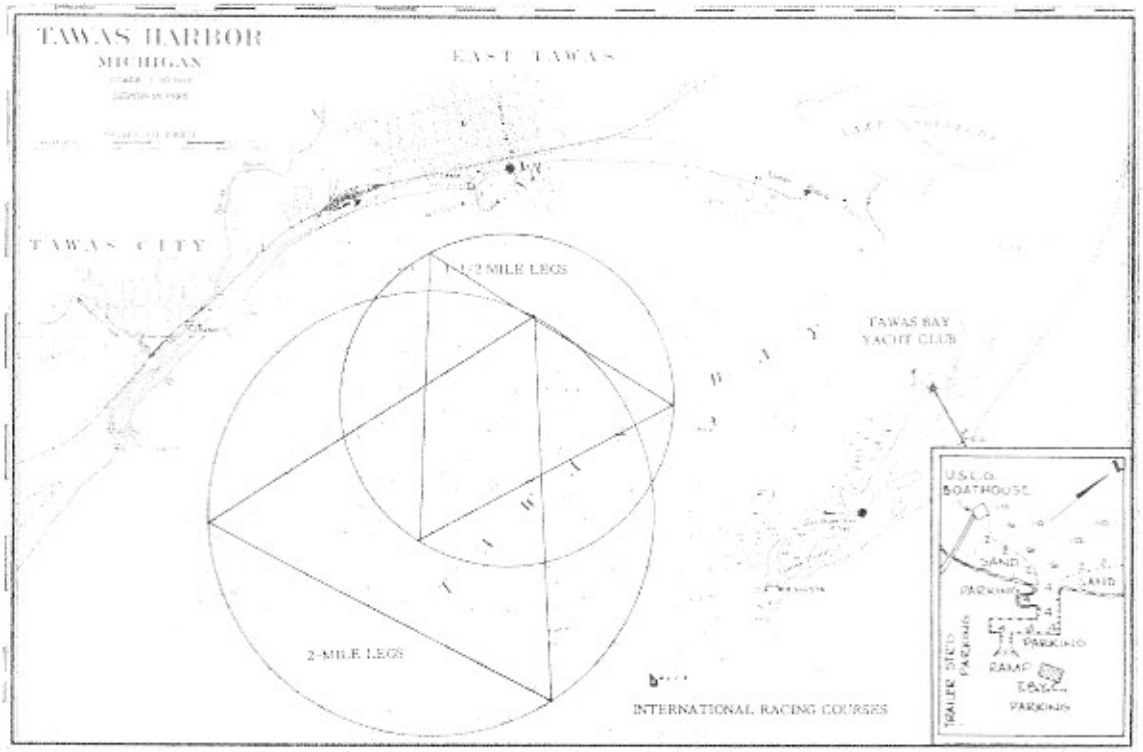

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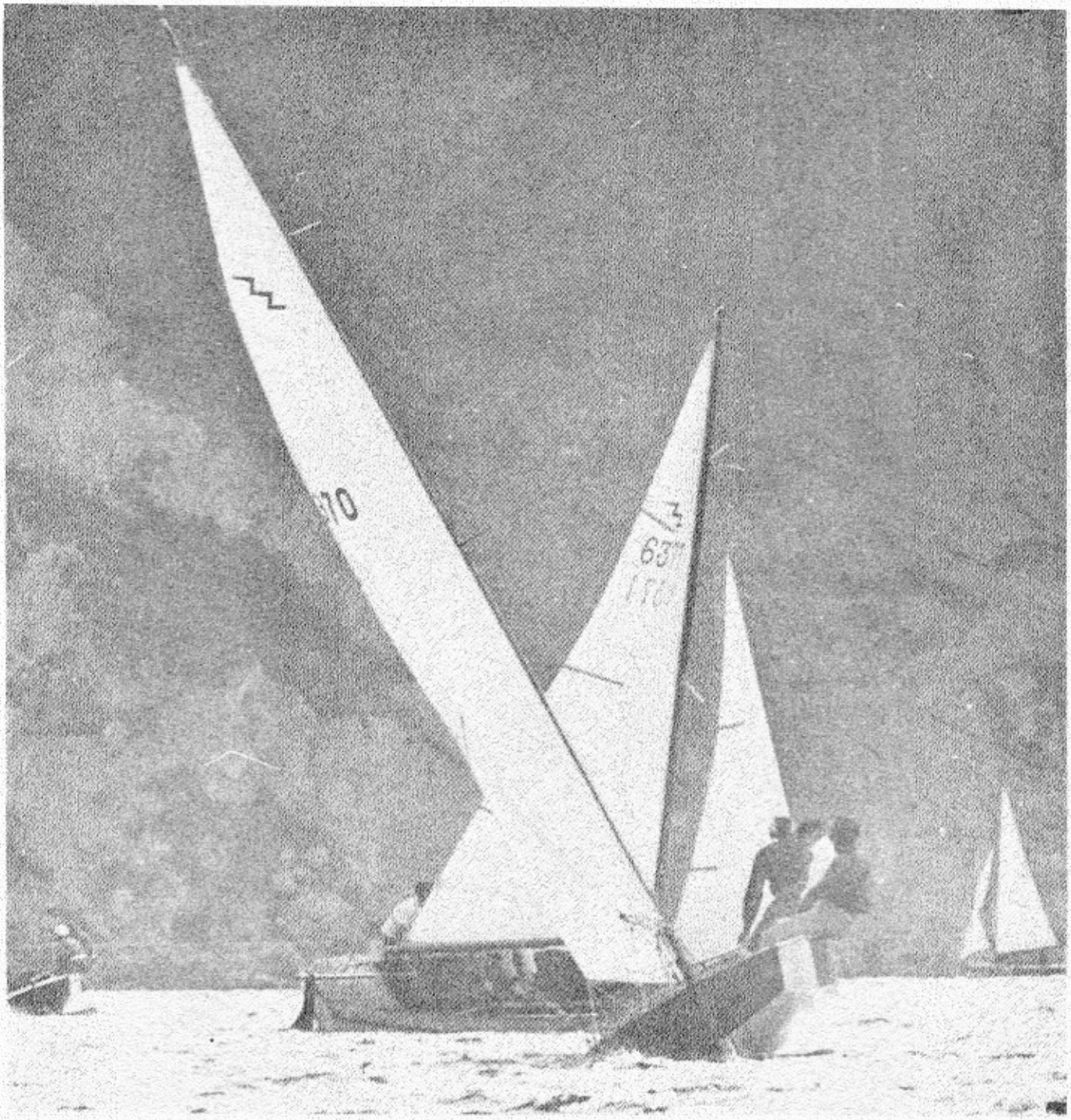
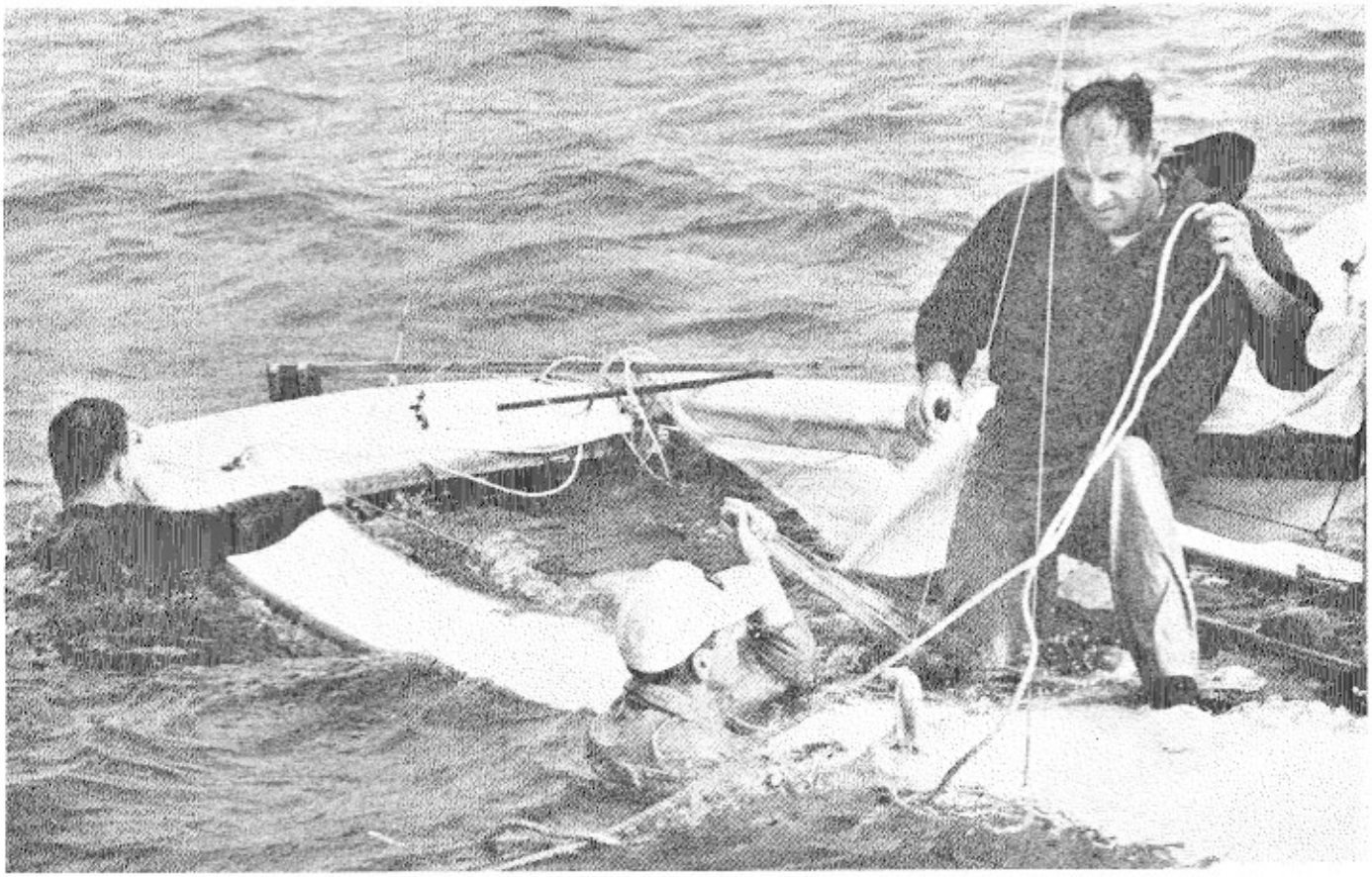
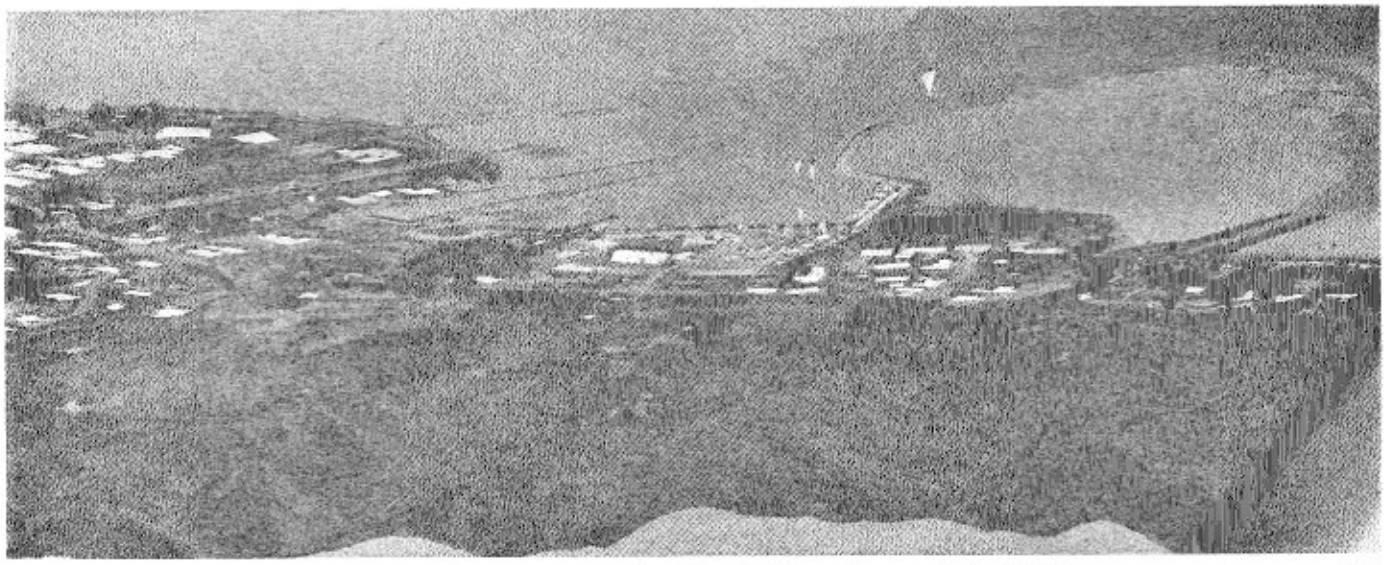


Hold your course!—"Go boom" South American championships.

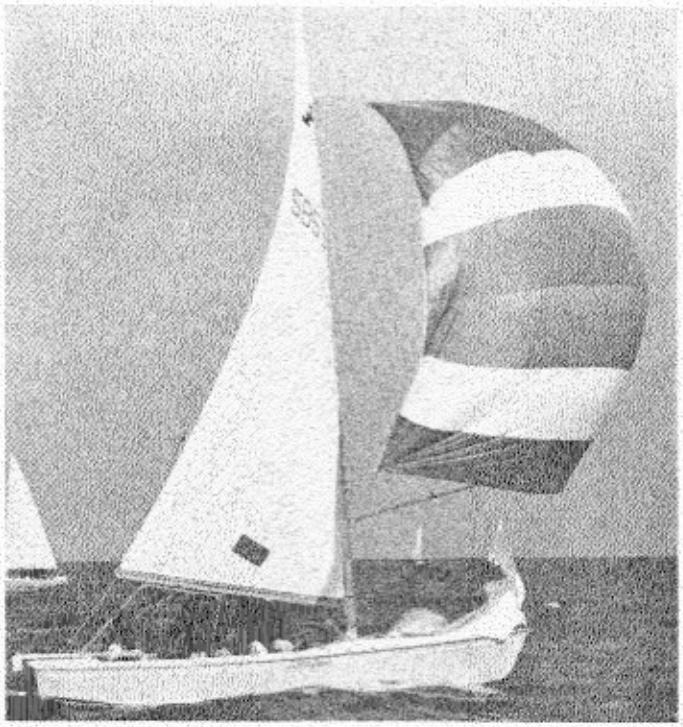


Human interest, action, misery, spinnaker trouble, "Snafu".

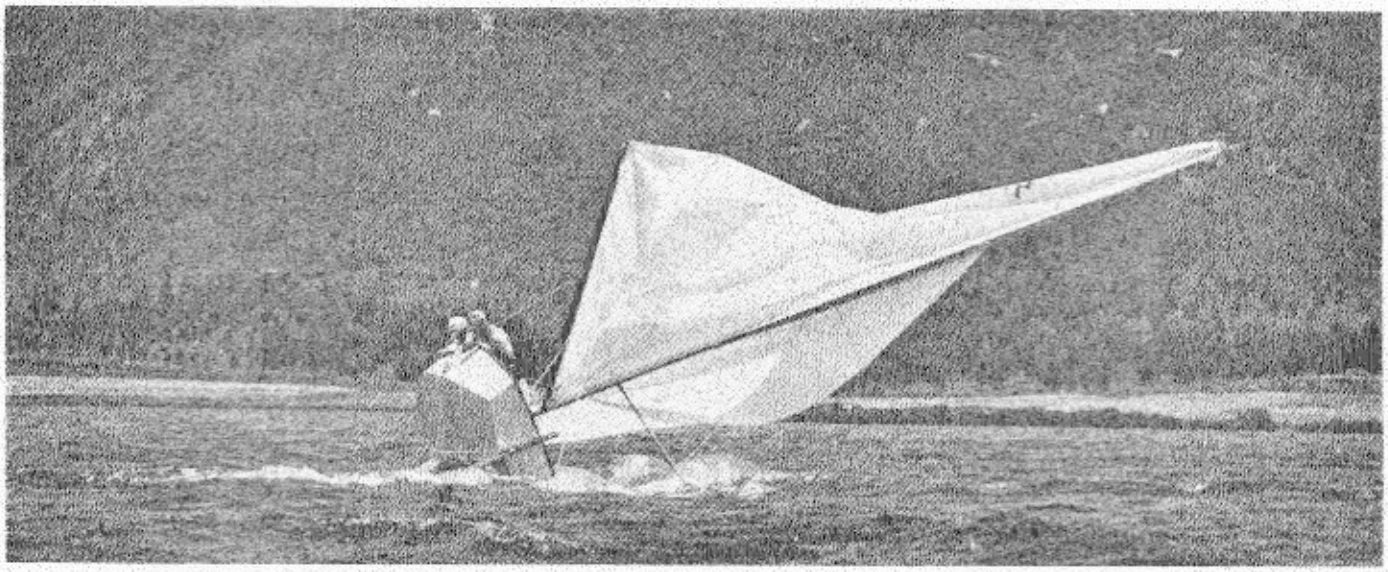


Statehood for Fleet #143 Oahu, Hawaii. Excellent harbour for championships. Average winds, 10-12 knots; average temperature 71°.

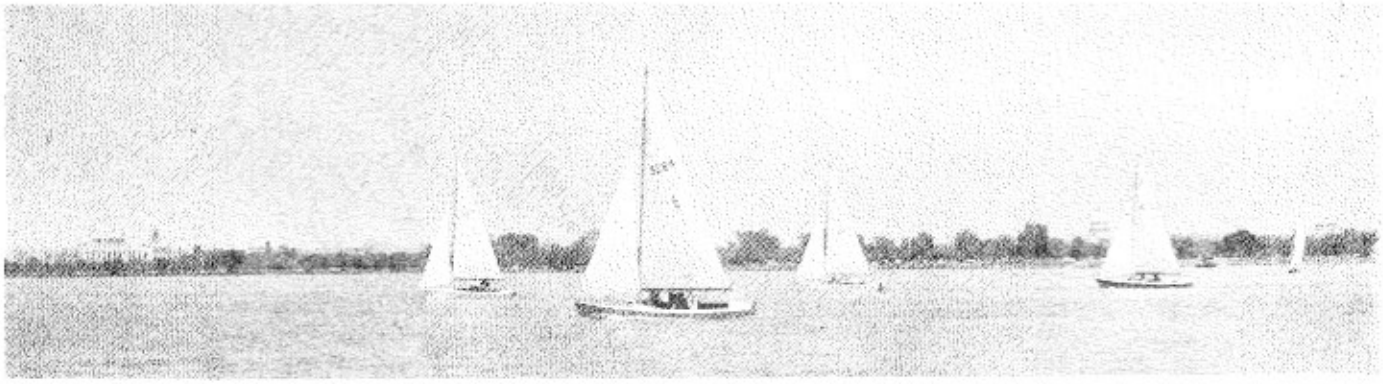
"To the winner goes the ends".



"Full Steam Ahead". Games Houston, Fleet Champion in Little Dearie, (Ouachita Lightning Fleet #284.)

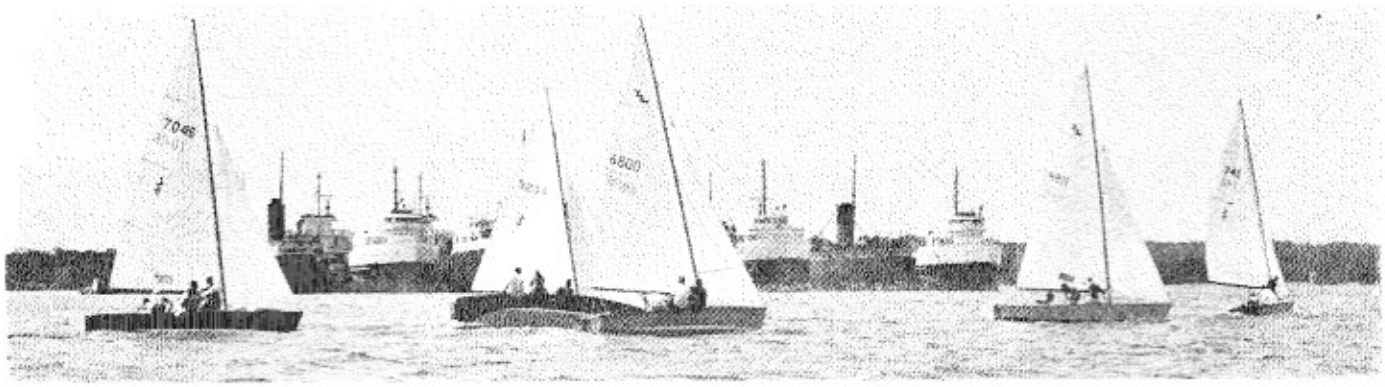


What do we do now? I can see the center board, skipper. South American Championships.



Fleet #50 Potomac River Sailing Association, Washington, D. C. with Nations' Capitol in background.

Dave Shay sailing "One Hoss Shay II."



Shay! Freighters, starboard tack. R. to L.: Jack Swanson, 739; Tom Allen, 4811; Jim Walker, 6800; Bob Beasley, 5234; Bill Hughes, 7046. Lake Erie District Regatta.

Jim Richmond sailing #6774 took his boat out with an inch of ice on Lake Massobesic, Manchester, N.H. and spent all day chopping out and chopping in.

Dishard James Richmond of Fleet #278, Dec. 31, 1959.

Four Districts had 100% reports; Central states, 5 fleets; New England, 13 fleets; Findland District, 8 fleets and Italian district, 6 fleets. Also Michigan District had four missing out of 17 fleets; Midwest 1 missing out of 13.

Mrs. Ginny Straub and her feminine crew of Darin Boat Club #255, Conn. placed fourth for the "Club championship" in "Coquette."

Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Greece and other Royal guests followed closely the Greek District Championship races.

Some clubs have "Dry Sailing Docks" only.

The European championship was opened with a cocktail party given by Prince Sigisniodo Chigi Albani Della Rovere at ancient and beautiful castle in Aricia. Prince Chigi is President of Club Tevere Renio Roma fleet.

The "Big Flood" which played such havoc with the Cleveland Yacht Club, floated several Lightnings off the island and Francis Feighan of Rocky River Fleet #71 never saw his recently acquired #1032 "Krankee" again.

Several Clubs have "Trophies" for Lady Skippers.

Derek Miller, an "new seventeen-year-old" lightning skipper at American Yacht Club #96, Rye, N.Y. took 1st place in Y.R.A. and L.I.S. in his new Lippincott "Lucky."

H.R.H. The Crown Prince Constantine is Fleet Champion of the Royal Hellenic Naval Academy. Dolphin Fleet #287, Greece. H.R.H. won the following: Saron cup, Salomis cup, Astrapi cup, Ochi cup, "Manous ho cup," "The Morning Madness Cup," and the Pan Hellenic L.C.A. race in Greece.

H. R. H. Crown Prince Constantine of Greece enjoying a wonderful season of racing on Phaleron Bay, Greece, Fleet #287.