

# WINTER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
February 19, 20, 21, 22, 1960

By Tom Fallon

Tom Fallon of the Buffalo Canoe Club in his Flare, very capably assisted by Jerry Blake and Jack Swanson of the Niagara Sailing Club, took advantage of some very lucky breaks to win the Midwinter Championship by a close margin over Herin Nickels of Lake Fenton, Michigan, and Bob Lippincott of Riverton, New Jersey, and 63 other boats.

It was a good series, starting out on a fairly negative note for some because the sailors on Friday, February 19th, were greeted by a blustery northerly wind and 40° temperature. The morning race was cancelled but by noon the wind had gone down to about 18 to 20, and the hot sun shining from a cloudless sky brought the temperature up to about 55°. It was hoped that two races could be sailed Friday afternoon.

At the skippers' meeting the day before Race Chairman Ted Tolson had promised no races shorter than four legs with a standard course of twice around a fine large triangle in Tampa Bay plus an extra weather leg. The first race Friday afternoon was scheduled for four legs with the hope that another seven-legged race would follow immediately.

The weather end of the starting line was somewhat favored and shortly after the start Marcy Lippincott sailing Uglier, Bob Lippincott sailing Schmeagle (a combination of schmoo and eagle) broke into the clear together with John Sullivan of Saddle River, New Jersey, in Alleluia.

The wind was fairly strong and converging on the first mark. Marcy made an emergency tack to give way to his brother Bob on the starboard tack, trapped his crew to leeward and promptly capsized. Earl Ross of Chicago has also capsized on the starting line and thereby made the Associated Press. Starting the first leeward leg, Bob Lippincott cracked his boom with the vang and Sullivan, Described as the spitting image of the great John L. himself, went by. John was never headed and won the race handily. Bob Lippincott's crew of George Fisher of Columbus, Ohio, and Walter Flynn from Annapolis, Maryland, fished the main boom with a spinnaker sheet a la Sceptre. While this was going on Fallon in Flare overtook Lippincott.



*L.C.A. Members. Meet the Champion Tom Fallon, Buffalo Canoe Club; Crew Gerry Blake and Jack Swanson, Niagara Sailing Club, in "Flare". 1st in the daddy of them all, St. Pete; 3rd in the Deep South; 2nd at Miami; 1st in the Southern Circuit.*

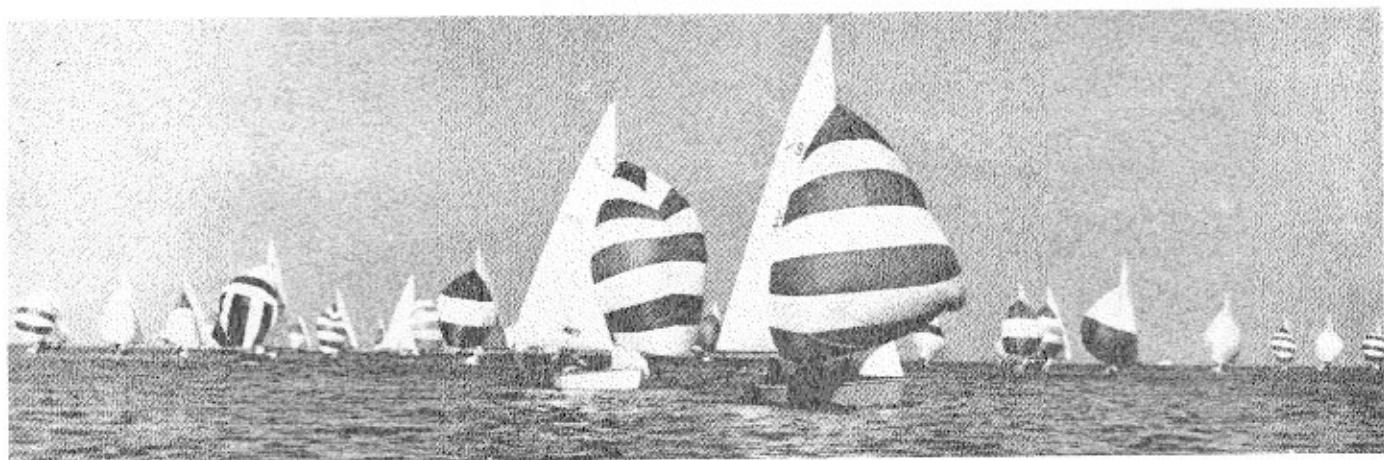
The first ten in this race were Sullivan, Fallon, B. Lippincott, Ed Hennesy, Jim Carson, Wally Crump, Oscar Nelson, Gene Walet, Carl Eichenlaub, Clarence Holman.

Because of the blustery conditions and disabled boats, Ted Tolson cancelled the second race that afternoon.

Saturday morning at race time it was blowing about 25 miles an hour out of the northeast with heavy seas so Ted Tolson postponed the race one hour. The race



*The fleet of 66 start the 3rd race at St. Pete. Bud Olsen #7520 apparently out in front. Jim Carson, #6884 "Trident" in foreground.*



"Stu" Anderson, Fleet #50, Buffalo, N. Y. in "Glockenspiel" leading "Bob" Lippincott in "Schmeagle", who finished 3rd at St. Pete.

started out in about 15 miles of wind. The line seemed fair but shortly after the start those boats that went to the port tack got a good lift. At the first mark Bob Lippincott was first, closely followed by a group. The leaders seemed confused and held very high on the mark allowing those who rounded later to lay off directly to the mark with spinnakers. Lippincott lost his lead but subsequently regained it and held it easily to the finish. John McIntosh third, Herm Nickels fourth, Mack Goodwin in Ultra fifth, Bob Adams from Indianapolis and New Jersey sixth, Carl Eichenlaub seventh, Stu Anderson of Buffalo, New York eighth, Clarence Holman ninth, and Bob Nelson of Toledo in a fibreglass boat tenth.

Third Race. The wind was light, six to eight out of the north. At the first mark Fallon was leading Stu Anderson by one boat length with Bob Lippincott, Dr. Cully Cobb of Nashville, Tennessee, the Davis brothers from Lake Pymatuning, Ohio, Gene Walet and others close behind. It was a pleasant slow race. The first ten were: Fallon, Bob Lippincott, David brothers, Anderson, Nickels, Dr. Cully Cobb, McIntosh, Carson, Bob Adams, and Dave Shay.

At the conclusion of three races, Bob Lippincott seemed to be virtually unbeatable because in heavy, moderate and

light air he had finished third, first and second. He had eleven points on Fallon, 11 1/4 on Walet, and 19 on defending champion Herman Nickels, and many more on other contenders.

The first two back to back races were scheduled for Sunday morning, much warmer with a beautiful breeze of about 10 miles per hour out of the east. The fourth race was scheduled for seven legs but Ted Tolson announced that it might be shortened to four legs if it turned out to be a slow race—and that's exactly what happened. Shortly after the start the wind dropped but there were still plenty of slants and streaks if one could find them and stay in them. Herm Nickels picked up a shaft off the leeward end and made the first mark well ahead, followed by Jim Carson and Juby Wynne from New Orleans. These three rounded the first mark before the rest of the fleet struggled up to it against a moderate tidal current.

The second leg was very slow with the first three holding their position followed by Karl Smither, Phil Smith from Lake Pontiac fleet, Howard Mullin, Marge Alexander, Fallon, Bob Lippincott, Carl Eichenlaub.

The third leg was a very, very slow drifting beat for Nickels, Carson, and Wynne but a spinnaker leg for the



Scene from "Flashback Follies"—St. Petersburg Yacht Club Home of the "Winter Championship."





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*Start of the 2nd race at St. Pete*

rest of the fleet. There was a tremendous scramble on this leg with a new south wind slowly overcoming the now dead zephyrs out of the east. Poor Lippincott sat there glued to the bottom with at least ten boats sailing around him on both sides. By the time the fourth boat rounded the third mark, the wind was fairly steady out of the south making it another spinnaker leg to the finish line. Fallon finished fourth, picking up 13 points on Lippincott, and Nickels finished first, picking up 16 points on Lippincott. Going into the last race, therefore, Fallon had a two-point lead on Lippincott, five on Herm Nickels. The others were fairly far back in points at this time.

**Final Race.** The wind had now settled down to a good breeze out of the south with indications of freshening and swinging clockwise to the south-southwest. The weather end of the starting line was slightly favored and, after a couple of preliminary tacks, Fallon came out near the head of the fleet on top of both Nickels and Lippincott. Fallon rounded the first mark second behind Alex Carlin of Miami and Michigan, followed by Bud Olsen from Stratford, Connecticut, Joe Stueland from St. Joseph, Michigan, Bob Adams, Herman Nickels was very close with Lippincott farther back.

Nickels and Bob Adams moved up on the second leg

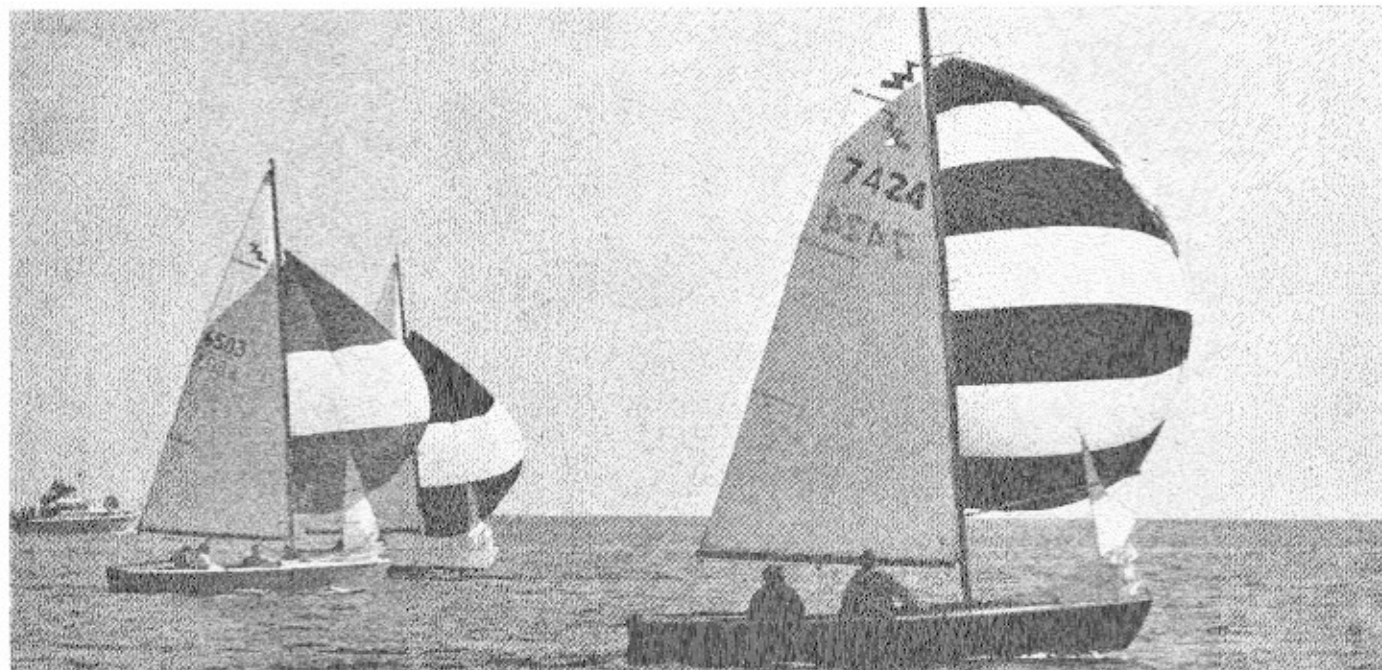
which was a good spinnaker reach. Fallon lost ground jibing and immediately dousing his spinnaker. At the third mark, Carlin was still ahead followed by Adams, Stueland, Nickels, Fallon, Dr. Murphy.

On the second weather leg Adams closed on Carlin with Nickels, Fallon, and Murphy rounding the mark within a boat length of one another, and Lippincott still running around tenth place.

Herm Nickels with his pretty 18 year old daughter, Madolyn, and Ed Grant, husky 130-pounder planned almost the entire fifth leg and moved way ahead of Murphy and Fallon. There were no significant changes on the sixth leg.

Starting the last weather leg to the finish Carlin and Adams battled it out for first place in the race with Adams finally working out a two-boat length lead in the last quarter mile. Nickels was an easy third followed by Dr. Murphy, Carl Eichenlaub who had been moving very well throughout the whole race, Fallon, Bud Olson, Clarence Holman, John McIntosh and Bob Lippincott.

Subsequent calculations finally established the first ten as follows: Fallon, Nickels, Bob Lippincott, John McIntosh, Carl Eichenlaub, Stu Anderson, Bob Adams, Clarence Holman, Howard Mullin from Saddle River, New Jersey, in a brand new boat, and Dr. Murphy.



*Dave Shay's "One Horse Shay" leading Mark Auer's "Lil' Auer". Jim Kirk's powerboat is in the background.*



## Shooting the Southern Breeze with "Prez-Buzz"

Couldn't make Savannah, darn it—conflicting business dates prevented. Reports were glowing of famed Southern Hospitality. Many visiting Yankee skippers baffled by heavy air, light air, current, and tide—but not Carl Eichenlaub, trailed his boat all the way from California—sailed the water like he owned it—won going away they say. Eichenlaub arrived at St. Pete tabbed as the man to beat.

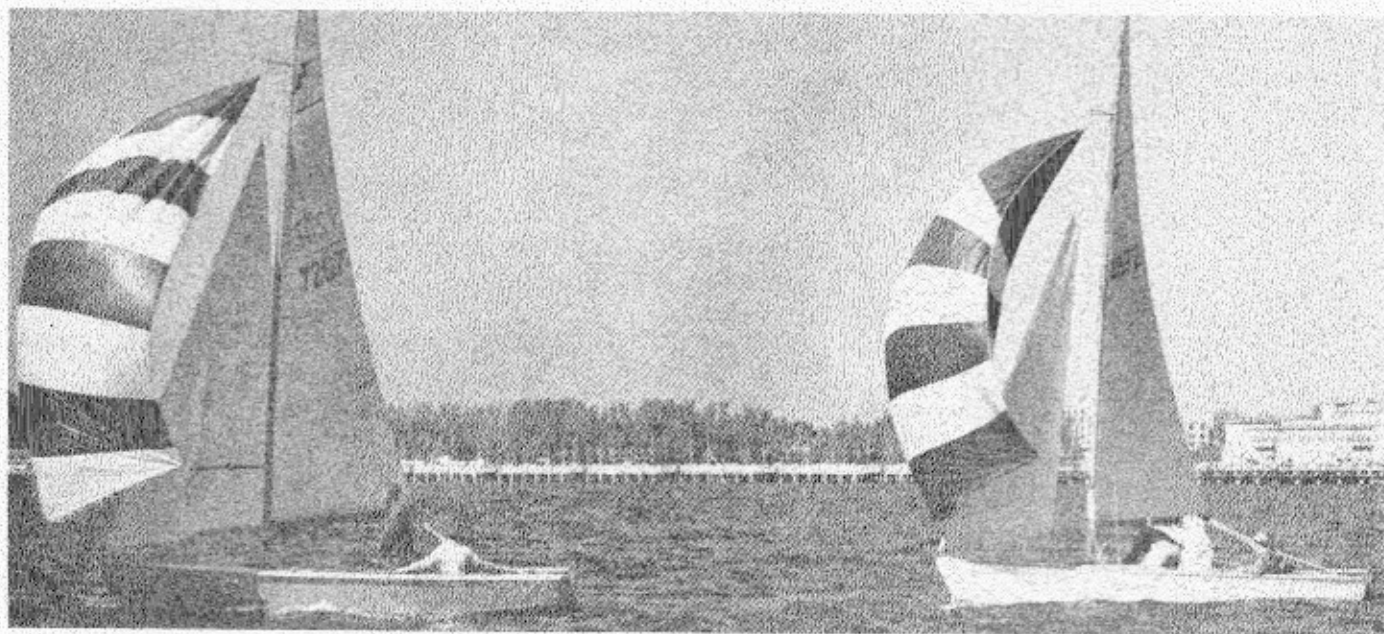
One St. Pete spectator boat, believe it or not, was an honest to goodness Chinese Junk "Mon Lei" meaning "Ten Thousand Miles"—modernized with diesel power. Extra-ordinarily good spectator boat—you were high enough to see everything. Under power, practically no wake—could stay close to the race without interference to anyone. Surprise of the year was the St. Pete Yacht Club—has had a major face lifting and was truly magnificent. So much so it kind of took the Lightning gang's breath away—at first nobody was sure just how to act. However, after a few noggins of rum (hot buttered on Thursday and Friday with shivery temperatures) the Lightning skippers, crews, and guests began to loosen up—broke the place in and christened it to boot. As usual St. Pete hospitality was super—Costume Ball and Floor Show, super-super. It was an awesome sight to see sixty-seven Lightnings charging up to the starting line—it is unforgettable—man can you hear those ulcers pop thirty seconds before starting gun!

On to Miami—last stop of the Southern Circuit—twenty-eight Lightnings battled it out of Coral Reef Yacht Club—magnificent club on sparkling Biscayne Bay. Good courses, steady winds, warm sun made this a most pleasant series. Your Prez crewed with Jack Price of 40 foot Comanche fame—believe me, Jack can sail them, big or small—he has that touch. But that third race with eighteen to twenty air—"hike out, hike out" saith Jack—"oh my aching back" saith I. Gracious hospitality included a terrific cocktail party at Charlie Kehoe's. (Did Jan Penske ever find her bathing suit?) Another cocktail party with elegant hor d'oeuvres wound up the festivities Thursday afternoon. Trophies were passed out, boats



Carl Eichenlaub's New Boat "Bull". Carl won Deep South and was 5th at St. Pete. Carl traveled from coast to coast for these regattas.

trailed, good-byes said, and the second Southern Circuit was history. A tip of the hat and a "well done" to hard working committees at Savannah, St. Pete, and Miami. Unseen and unsung they did hundreds of necessary jobs. Thanks to all—see you at Tawas in September.



Hein Nickels, Lake Ponton, Michigan, Runner up, leading John McIntosh, Savannah, in "Rabbit"—4th place finisher at St. Pete.

# RESULTS—13th ANNUAL WINTER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat No.	Skipper	Boat Name	FINISH					Total Pts.	Final Pos.
			1	2	3	4	5		
5100	Thomas Fallon	Flare	2	14	1	4	6	308 1/4	1
7207	Herman Nickels	No Name	16	4	5	1	3	306 1/4	2
7515	Robert Lippincott	No Name	3	1	2	17	10	302 1/4	3
4872	John M. McIntosh	Rabbit	11	3	7	8	9	297	4
7420	Carl Eichenlaub	Bull	9	7	24	9	4	282	5
1903	Stu Anderson	Glockenspiel	18	8	4	5	20	280	6
6906	Robert R. Adams	Vagabond Too	24	6	9	20	1	275 1/4	7
7227	Clarence Holman	No Name	10	9	18	15	8	275	8
7511	Howard J. Mullin	Tackless	14	13	17	7	17	267	9
7272	Dr. Gerald Murphy	"B"	19	19	23	6	5	263	10
7120	Arthur D. Wynne	Spirit V	29	11	12	2	29	252	11
6503	Mark Auer	Lil' Angel	25	15	13	22	13	247	12
7000	Karl Smither	Thermis 7	30	16	19	13	14	243	13
7480	Bud Nelson	No Name	32	10	20	24	12	237	14
7202	Barney E. Mead	O'Hooligan	15	18	22	25	21	234	15
6899	John J. Sullivan	Alleluia	1	27	36	12	28	231 1/4	16
7121	Eugene H. Walet III	Hi Yala	8	2	DSQ	10	18	230	17
7044	Marge A. Alexander	Whirlwind	23	33	28	11	11	229	18
7525	Magnus Pedersen	No Name	31	28	11	18	19	228	19
6884	Jim Carson	Trident	5	25	8	3	DNF	227	20
7312	Joe Stueland	High Hopes	12	22	26	33	15	227	21
7424	Dave Shay	One Hoss Shay	22	37	10	19	30	217	22
6565	Mack Goodwin	Ultra	13	5	16	51	33	217	23
7520	Edward "Bud" Olson	No Name	17	32	21	42	7	216	24
7499	Dr. Cully Cobb	Guantara	43	36	6	27	24	199	25
7010	Alex Carlin	Bonnie Glengarry	21	12	DSQ	38	2	195	26
6530	Jim Davis	Miss Fit	34	DSQ	3	14	22	195	27
7359	Edward L. Hennesy	Five Star	4	23	25	23	DNS	193	28
6346	Walter Crump	Caprice	6	21	DNF	26	23	192	29
7320	Jon R. Ruhlman	Ruler II	38	26	14	39	37	181	30
6909	Charles Kehoe	Sue II	35	24	35	45	16	180	31
7282	Thomas S. Allen	Ticonderoga	27	35	31	34	35	173	32
5082	Jay Limbaugh	Spirit II	33	43	34	16	38	171	33
7	Sam Stowell	Yankee Dandee V	37	40	15	40	39	164	34
7015	Herman Henschen	Sugar 'N Spice	28	DNF	27	30	25	158	35
2383	Roy L. Gordon	Vixen	36	29	38	53	27	152	36
7530	A. Marcy Lippincott	Uglier	DNF	34	30	29	26	149	37
6889	Phil Smith	Maffa	41	30	49	36	32	147	38
7170	Marty O'Meara	Baby "makes" III	20	39	41	58	31	146	39
7406	Oscar Nelson	Fair Lady	7	42	29	46	DNS	144	40
4670	Morgan Powell	Red Witch	47	20	50	35	46	137	41
7122	Jack Dane	Black Jack	26	44	51	41	36	137	42
7220	J. W. Orelup	Javelin	40	38	47	32	42	136	43
6562	Ross H. Bryan	Jo-B	39	17	40	DNF	40	132	44
6461	Robert C. Clark	C-Lark	46	47	37	28	45	132	45
7209	William D. Hail	Luna	DNS	49	32	21	41	125	46
4674	Kent H. Hughes	Nite Cap	44	45	45	37	43	121	47
7082	Roy Knapp	Valkyrie	DNF	41	33	49	34	111	48
6295	Del Jordan	No Name	48	56	48	47	51	85	49
7373	Dr. James B. Gilbert	Joyant	55	52	54	43	48	83	50
6797	Sam Zorovich	Zoro	42	DSQ	39	50	DNS	70	51
5353	Claude Sullivan	Shady Lady	56	DNS	44	31	DNS	70	52
4419	Bob Segars	Whim	50	50	52	DSQ	49	67	53
5964	Harold G. Hernly	Stormbird II	54	46	DSQ	48	54	66	54
6619	Lee F. Brown	Pandemonium	DNS	48	43	DSQ	44	66	55
7501	Stanley Butte	Miss Cookie V	53	54	56	54	55	63	56
7208	Crit Currie	Seven Suns	49	DNF	53	52	53	61	57
7503	Earl Ross	Rayo	DNF	31	42	DNF	DNS	61	58
6525	Ken Kennedy	Whoopee	57	51	59	56	52	60	59
6533	L. B. Lovitt, Jr.	Bluebird	52	53	57	DSQ	47	59	60
5432	Carleton Allan	Bad News	45	55	46	DNF	DNS	55	61
6563	Tom Brizendine	Nell Kay	51	58	55	55	DNS	49	62
6969	Frank Cavanaugh	Debbie D	DNS	59	DSQ	44	50	48	63
777	Maggie McClure	Comme ci, Comme ca	58	57	58	57	DNF	38	64
318	Dan Agnew	Shrew	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	—
748	Bob Starck	Alert III	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	—

POINTS BASED ON 66 ENTRIES.



# CALIFORNIA'S CARL EICHENLAUB WINS DEEP SOUTH REGATTA

By Jim Danniell

The 1960 Deep South Regatta was bigger and better than ever with 33 entries, including 10 local boats. Rearranging the schedule to Sunday and Monday, to accommodate the new Southern Circuit schedule, added a great deal to the social aspects of the Regatta, in that, many of the entries arrived on Friday with plans to sail two practice races on Saturday as well as one practice race on Sunday morning before the official Regatta began.

Registration got under way bright and early Saturday morning but high winds did not permit the practice races to be run.

Saturday night a 'Beatnik' Party was held in the Sail Loft and we were unable to recognize some of the sailors, others didn't look much different to us. The party was way out, cool man, cool! All the cats enjoyed themselves.

Sunday morning at a Skipper's Meeting it was unanimously decided to postpone all three races of the Regatta to Monday. At noon we held our Annual Deep South oyster roast, which is now becoming routine to the many skippers who appear for the Deep South every year. Some of the most squeamish, the first year, are now ardent oyster eaters, and have a lot of fun at the expense of the 'first timers.' Herm Henschen must have been shorted last year because he brought his own oyster knife.

Sunday evening opened with a buffet dinner, followed by what proved to be the most popular entertainment we have ever had. A local Negro group, the Simmons Gospel Singers, entertained with old fashioned gospel-folk hymns in old fashioned harmony. This unique entertain-



Jim Carson, Fleet #34 in Trident, overtaking Carl Eichenlaub. Jim was 2nd at Savannah.



Carl Eichenlaub, Fleet #194, San Diego in his new boat #7420 "Bull," winner of the Deep South Regatta.

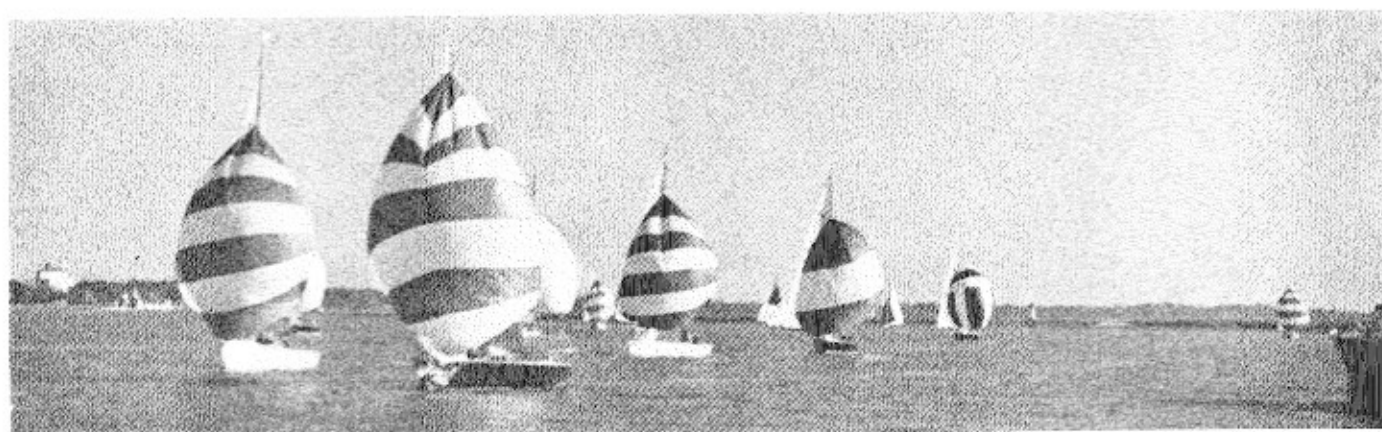
ment really set the mood for the Deep South Regatta and was tremendously enjoyed by all.

Monday morning dawned clear and cold, and everyone had great expectations. The race was scheduled for a 10:00 a.m. start and the fleet cast off from the Yacht Club for the starting line which was to be in front of the General Oglethorpe Hotel. After drifting down the river for approximately an hour, the starting gun was fired at 10:50 a.m. What little wind there was immediately disappeared and the race that was to be dominated by anchorman's ship, was under way. A lot of skippers experienced the feeling that they were going backwards as other boats passed, and in this race, some of them really were. With the tide running strong, those lucky enough to secure a quick anchor passed many, many boats. The wind finally came up from behind and we had a spinnaker run, more like a spinnaker walk, to the first mark. With a strong tide, the Skidaway River took its usual toll and enhanced its reputation developed in past Deep Souths. With an almost uncanny knowledge of the water, wind and tides, Carl Eichenlaub went into the lead and won the race going away. Marcy Lippincott was second, Mark Auer third, and Tom Fallon fourth.

After a very short lunch, back to the boats for the final two one-lap races. The winds were fairly respectable, and the race started in front of the Yacht Club. Carl Eichenlaub again placed first, followed by Jim Carson, David Johnson and Howard Mullin.

The third race followed the same course with practically the same wind. Jim Carson had really caught on by now and won this race followed by John McIntosh, Carl Eichenlaub, and Howard Mullin again fourth.

Ross Allen, Regatta Chairman, began the presentation



Spinnakers on Wilmington River with General Oglethorpe Hotel in the background.

of trophies with a special award for the skipper who made the longest trip to the Deep South Regatta—a long ditty bag. It looked like it was made for a spinnaker pole. This went to Carl Eichenlaub for his coast to coast trip. He then awarded all skippers attending the Deep South a more practical ditty bag. Roy Gordon, Commodore of the Savannah Yacht & Country Club, then awarded the trophies. Our good friend and perennial contestant, Tom Fallon, was third with finishes of 4, 6, and 10th. After a respectful 12th in the first race, Jim Carson really got hot placing second and first in the last two races to place second. Carl Eichenlaub with a

first, first and a third, took the top honors. He was awarded the Deep South Permanent trophy, as well as a new spinnaker by the Savannah Yacht & Country Club through the cooperation of Southern Sailmakers at nearby Fort Screven, Georgia.

In the final session of the Hard Luck Club, a lot of unusual things came to light. Tom Fallon who discovered clams in the Skidaway River last year, discovered a whirlpool there this year. The Davis brothers learned their lesson on the Skidaway mark last year. However, they did manage to hit the mark in front of the Oglethorpe Hotel. We all decided that the most dissatisfied sailor

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6884	Jim Carson	Trident	12	2	1	87	2
3100	Tom Fallon	Flare	4	6	10	82	3
7511	Howard Mullin	Tackless	14	4	4	80	4
1903	Stuart Anderson	Glockenspiel	6	13	9	74	5
7015	Herm Henschen	Sugar-n-Spice	5	7	17	73	6
6889	Philip H. Smith	Mafra	8	11	12	71	7
4872	John McIntosh	Rabbit	10	19	2	71	8
7424	Dave Shay	One Horse Shay	18	9	5	70	9
4040	Jim Artley	Merri-Hel	7	8	21	66	10
5098	David Johnson	Peg	11	3	22	66	11
7000	Karl Smither	Thermis VII	9	16	13	64	12
7515	Bob Lippencott	Schmeagle	23	15	6	58	13
7530	Marcy Lippencott	Uglier	2	10	Disq.	56	14
6503	Mark Auer	Lil' Angel	3	Disq.	11	54	15
2383	Roy Gordon, Jr.	Vixen	17	17	15	53	16
6843	Wally Aggett	Frاندalli	13	18	19	52	17
4671	Ross Allen	Wild Goose	DNF	14	8	46	18
5432	Pinky Allan	Bad News	21	25	14	42	19
7272	Doc Murphy	'B'	22	21	18	41	20
6612	Jimmy McIntosh	Scalawag V	15	23	24	40	21
6899	John J. Sullivan	Allelula	16	12	DNF	40	22
6530	Jim Davis	Miss Fit	DNF	22	7	39	23
7312	Joe Stueland	High Hopes	19	Disq.	16	33	24
7202	Barney Mead	O'Holligan	DNF	5	DNS	27	25
4881	Chuck Wood	Off-n-On	20	28	27	29	26
5284	James B. Gilbert	Joyant	26	26	25	25	27
5570	Bill Lucas	Dam Yankee	27	27	23	25	28
7520	Bud Olsen	Padalin	Disq.	24	20	24	29
5353	Helen Sullivan	Shady-Lady	25	30	26	21	30
6619	Lee F. Brown	Pandemonium	24	31	28	19	31
2995	John Tobin	Black Sheep	DNF	20	DNS	14	32
3515	Jim Danniell	Yes Dear	DNF	29	29	10	33



at the Regatta this year was Dave Shay's beautiful dog, Ada, who had to stay on shore while he raced. She cried every time Dave's "One Horse Shay" came within sight of the club.

The Hard Luck Club's annual award went to Bob Lippincott and Jerry Murphy, who elected to follow "a local expert", Ross Allen to Skidaway's eastern shore in the first race. After rounding the first mark well up in the fleet, this trio ran into disaster when the expected breeze didn't come up. It's hard to be an expert on experts.

We are proud of our southern hospitality in Savannah, and this year, two of the sailors actually were escorted

from Atlanta to Savannah by Wally Aggett. He met Bill Hughes and Al Burnel at the Atlanta Airport and came on to Savannah with them. Stu Anderson also spent some time at the Atlanta Airport but missed Wally. He missed some planes due to the weather, but the weather slowed down the Regatta and Stu made it in time for the Oyster Roast. We certainly were glad to see him when he arrived.

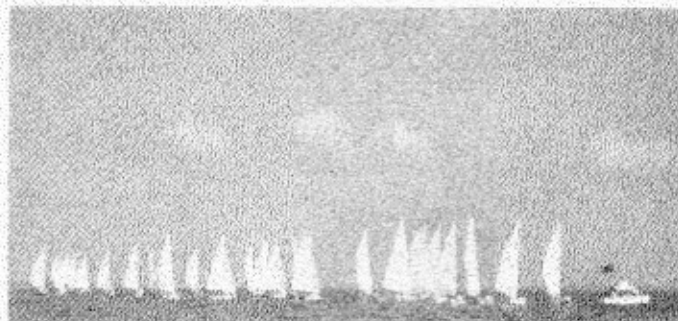
After the boats were pulled out of the water in almost record time, the caravan formed for the trek to St. Petersburg. We felt this was the best Deep South ever. There is one thing we would like our out of town guests to do for us—come again next year and bring your friends.

## CHARLIE KEHOE WINS MIAMI REGATTA OF THE SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

By Esher M. Bothfeld

From early reports received from Savannah and St. Pete, we were looking forward to greeting only eight to ten out-of-town boats at Coral Reef Yacht Club for the Miami Series of the Southern Circuit. Tuesday afternoon brought the glad news that there would be close to twenty-two answering the starting gun. Thanks to wonderful cooperation from Club members and interested Lightning people, we managed to round up extra crew, spectator boats and a real Miami Chamber of Commerce day for Wednesday the 24th.

The sun was shining, the wind—although very gentle—was out of the east south east and the Regatta was underway. It was decided to postpone the first race until 11:00 A.M., and at the sound of the gun, twenty-nine boats got off to a perfect start. Herman Nickels was first



*The 29-boat Miami Fleet.*



*Kehoe receiving 1st place trophy from Com. Jack Price, Coral Reef Yacht Club.*

across the line. It was twice around a triangular course with a final windward leg for a total of seven miles.

Charlie Kehoe was first around the weather mark followed closely by Tom Fallon, Karl Smither, Bud Nelson, Gerald Murphy, John McIntosh, Herman Nickels, Earl Ross and Bob Lippincott. Expert spinnaker work on FLARE helped Fallon to establish a lead which he did not relinquish for the entire race. On the 2nd windward leg, Fallon lengthened his lead with Bud Nelson coming up, Herman Nickels moved into third place followed by Smither and Kehoe. Fallon still held the lead but Kehoe had moved up to 2nd position with Smither several boat lengths behind followed by Nickels, Carlin, Jack Price, Stu Anderson, John McIntosh and Gerald Murphy. On the final windward leg Fallon lengthened his lead over Kehoe, Smither maintained third place followed by Stu Anderson and Herm Nickels.

As the second heat got underway at 8:30 P.M., the winds had picked up to 10 to 12 mph. Kehoe came about on a port tack to work his way through the fleet to what seemed the favorable position but Carlin approaching the mark from the North picked up and was first to round, followed by Fallon, Murphy, McIntosh, Price, Nelson and Kehoe. At the second mark, Murphy had moved up to second position, Kehoe was third, McIntosh



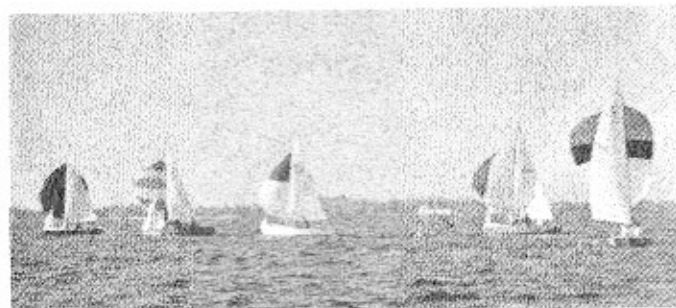
Jack Price 3rd at Miami receives trophy from Dick Bothfeld, Fleet captain and Regatta Chairman.

fourth and Price fifth. On the second windward leg, Carlin pulled ahead and maintained a lead for the rest of the course. However, he barely crossed the line two boat lengths ahead of Price who was followed by Murphy, Kehoe and Fallon. A perfect race day had come to an end. Tomorrow would be different. The Charles Kehoes had hoisted the cocktail flag at their home and the fleet enmass moved out from the Club to Kehoes. The swimming pool was enjoyed by a few—the Daiquiries by all.

Thursday morning small craft warnings were flying, therefore the race was postponed til 12:30. With another perfect start—19 of the 29 boat fleet crossed the line. Apparently this was Bob Lippincott's weather. Forging ahead to take the lead he was first around the weather mark but Jack Price was not far behind and over took him on the spinnaker run. Their positions changed a number of times with no other boat moving in close to them. It was a quick race, rounding the seven mile course in less than an hour, Lippincott crossed the line with less than two boat lengths between he and Jack Price followed closely by Smither, Murphy, Kehoe, Fallon, Nickels, McIntosh, Marcy Lippincott and Carlin.

While the committee compiled the results, boats were loaded on trailers and readied for the long trip home.

The trophies were presented during a cocktail party hosted by the Coral Reef Yacht Club. Miami Fleet Captain and Regatta Chairman—Richard "Dick" Bothfeld introduced Jack Price—Commodore of the Coral Reef Yacht Club and he presented a trophy on behalf of the club to each first place winner. He then presented trophies to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the Miami Series—Charles Kehoe, Tom Fallon and Jack Price. AND OF COURSE—Tom Fallon was presented the perpetual Bowl—donated by the Association for his high point score of 468½ points for the three series—82 points at Savannah—308¼ at St. Petes and 78¼ in Miami. Dick Bothfeld then called on Alex Carlin to explain the point system for awarding of the Alex Carlin Cup.



Spinnaker Run, Miami.

Alex has worked out a system whereby an entrant at St. Pete can place in the middle or lower half of the fleet there and yet by turning in a good performance here can win the cup. Of the boats coming from St. Pete the first five boats receive one to five points respectively and every other boat receives six points. For their standing in Miami, each boat receives a point for their order of finish. In other words—Tom Fallon had one point from St. Pete and 2 points from Miami for a total of three points or the lowest score and was the winner of the trophy. Charles Kehoe had 6 points from St. Pete, one point from Miami for seven points and was second place winner. The Cup goes to the Club of the first place winner with the name of the first and second winners engraved on the plaques on the base of the Cup. After twelve years the Cup is retired to the Club with the highest scoring average of the first and second point winners.

Miami Lightning Fleet #226 wants to thank you all for coming. Next year we hope to have at least 50 boats come over from St. Pete. We believe our Biscayne Bay offers the best sailing water in Florida and (usually) warmer weather than elsewhere in the State during February. Until next year—good sailing.

#### RESULTS: MIAMI PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

Skipper	Finish			Total Pts.	Final Pts.
	1	2	3		
Charles Kehoe	2	4	5	79	1
Thomas Fallon	1	5	6	78½	2
Jack Price	11	2	2	75	3
Alex Carlin	7	1	10	72½	4
Karl Smither	3	12	3	72	5
Gerald Murphy	12	3	4	71	6
Herman Nickels	5	8	7	70	7
John McIntosh	8	7	8	67	8
Earl Ross	10	6	11	63	9
Bob Lippincott	16	13	1	60½	10
Bud Nelson	6	10	15	59	11
Stuart Anderson	4	16	14	56	12
Marcy Lippincott	15	15	9	51	13
Oscar Nelson	18	11	12	49	14
Pete Pederson	14	14	16	46	15
Howard Mullin	9	9	DNF	42	16
Edward Olsen	17	17	13	41	17
Jim & Tom Davis	13	17	DNS	30	18
Jaines Gilbert	22	23	15	27	19
Phil Smith	19	20	DNS	21	20
Bob Clark	21	21	DNS	18	21
Charles Leiner	20	22	DNS	18	22
Frank Cavanaugh	DNF	DNF	13	13	23
Sam Zorovich	DNF	18	DNS	12	24
Bill Loughlan	23	25	DNS	12	25
Ed Smith	25	24	DNS	11	26
Tom Foley-N. King	24	28	DNS	8	27
Claude Sullivan	27	26	DNS	7	28
Fred Slovak	26	27	DNS	7	29

#### RESULTS: CARLIN CUP—ST. PETE-MIAMI

1. Thomas Fallon
2. Charles Kehoe



# REPORT OF SOUTHERN CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

By Tom Fallon

1960, the second year of the Lightning Class Southern Circuit Championship series of regattas saw a greatly increased turnout. Twenty-four boats sailed at both Savannah and St. Petersburg; Twenty-five boats sailed at St. Petersburg and Miami; Fourteen boats sailed in all three regattas.

Although the weather at Savannah and St. Petersburg was somewhat less than perfect, the several postponements permitted all the sailors and wives an opportunity to get to know one another better. The cancellations of Saturday and Sunday racing at Savannah helped to make the outstanding social events there even more enjoyable, and the three races on Monday sharpened up all the crews and skippers.

At St. Petersburg it was pretty cold Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, but Sunday was a beautiful day.

The weather at Miami was superb, 80° temperatures, good breezes, and all races were sailed over a perfect triangle in Biscayne Bay, twice around with an extra weather leg.

Scheduling the Savannah regatta on Sunday and the



*The Victory Smiles. Left to Right: Jack Swanson, Niagara Sailing Club; Tom Fallon, Buffalo Canoe Club; Gerry Blake, Niagara Sailing Club.*

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Tom Fallon just returning to the cold north is greeted with 5 foot drifts of snow and severe weather. Left to Right: Trophies, boat, #5100 "Flare" Thunderbird, Jack Swanson, Marie Fallon, Tom Fallon and Gerry Blake. Gee it's cold here, fellows.

Miami regatta on Wednesday and Thursday substantially increased the participation. The Lightning Class is deeply grateful to its friends at Savannah and Miami for making the sacrifices required to put these regattas on during the week. This permitted the "vacationers" from the North to make the entire trip in a two-week period.

While the regattas were going on the winter's worst storms were taking place in the eastern half of the country. Some boats were prevented from participating at Savannah because of the deplorable driving conditions. Carl Eichenlaub just managed to make Savannah being delayed several days in Mississippi because his towing vehicle was not equipped with a heater or defroster and he couldn't keep the snow off the windshield.

Weather usually averages out. In 1959 the weather for the Southern Circuit was superb, 1960 much better than 1958 and let's hope that 1961 will be like 1959. 1960, however, was the best year this author ever had.



Trophies—Trophies—Trophies.

Tom, you ought to be ashamed of yourself.

Quote Tom, "I feel like a happy bandit".

1. Champagne bucket, St. Pete 1st place, keeper.
2. Beer Mug, 1st place Southern Circuit Champ, keeper.
3. Bib Bowl, Wally Bishop Trophy, 1st at St. Pete.
4. Alex Carlin Trophy, Miami, St. Pete.
5. Beer Mug, 1st place, 1st race, Miami high score.
6. Bowl, Southern circuit championship.
7. Hurricane Lamp, 2nd place, Miami.
8. Broad Tray, 3rd place, Deep South Regatta, Savannah.

## RESULTS-SOUTHERN CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat No.	Skipper	Sav.	St. P.	Mia.	Total Pos.
5100	T. Fallon	82	308 1/4	78 1/4	468 1/2 1
4872	J. McIntosh	71	297	67	435 2
7515	R. Lippincott	58	302 1/4	60 1/4	420 1/2 3
1903	S. Anderson	74	280	56	410 4
7511	H. Mullin	80	267	42	389 5
7420	C. Eichenlaub	97	282	—	379 1/2 6
7000	K. Smither	64	243	72	379 7
7207	H. Nickels	—	306 1/4	70	376 1/4 8
7272	G. Murphy	41	263	71	375 9
6884	J. Carson	87 1/4	227	—	314 10
6503	M. Auer	54	247	—	301 11
7480	B. Nelson	—	237	59	296 12
7424	D. Shay	70	217	—	287 13
7520	B. Olsen	24	216	41	281 14
7525	M. Pedersen	—	228	46	274 15
6899	J. Sullivan	40	231 1/4	—	271 1/4 16
7010	A. Carlin	—	195	72 1/4	267 1/4 17
6530	Davis Bros	39	195	30	264 18
7202	B. Mead	29	234	—	263 19
7312	J. Stueland	33	227	—	260 20
5909	C. Kehoe	—	180	79	259 21
7530	M. Lippincott	56	149	51	256 22
6889	P. Smith	71	147	21	239 23
7015	H. Henschen	73	158	—	231 24
2383	R. Gordon Jr.	53	152	—	205 25
7406	O. Nelson	—	144	49	193 26
6461	B. Clark	—	132	18	150 27
7220	Orelup-Slovak	—	136	7	143 28
7373	J. Gilbert	25	83	25	133 29
7503	E. Ross	—	61	63	124 30
5432	Allan Leiner	42	49	18	109 31
5353	C. Sullivan	21	70	7	98 32
6619	L. Brown	19	66	—	85 33
6797	S. Zorovich	—	70	12	82 34
6969	F. Cavanaugh	—	48	13	61 35

