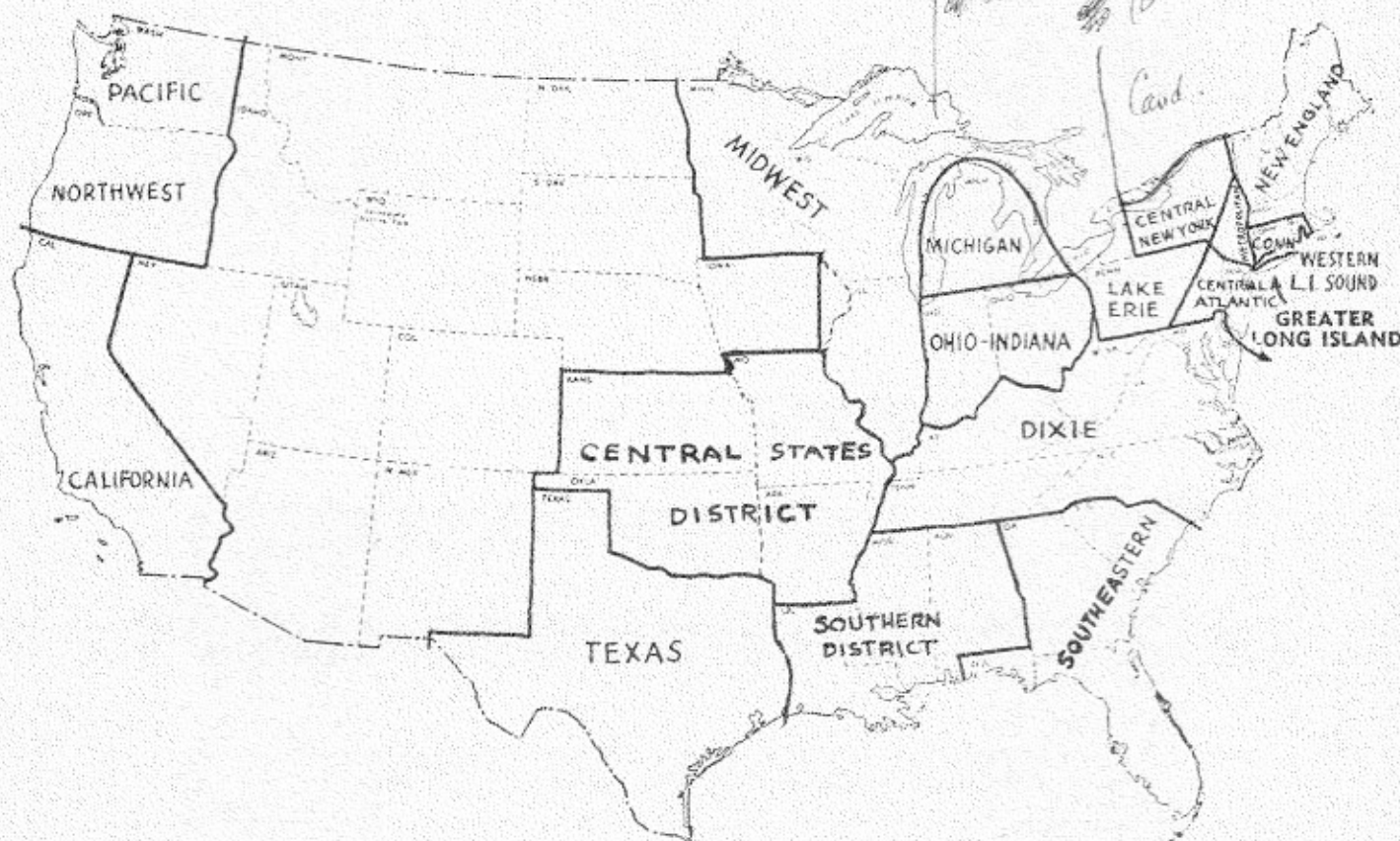


# Lightning Districts



Editor's Note: In addition to the above United States Districts and the District of HAWAII, there are those very active and growing Districts of ARGENTINE, BRAZIL, CANADA, FINLAND, GREECE, ITALY, PERU and SWITZERLAND.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: John D. Folwell

District Secretary: Nellie P. Folwell

Fleets: Paupack Sailing Fleet (16); Lake Mohawk Yacht Club (25); Chelsea Yacht Club (39); High Tor Fleet (41); Red Bank-on-the-Shrewsbury (70); Nyack Fleet (75); Raritan Bay Fleet (185); Richmond County Yacht Club (295).

District Report: The Metropolitan District sailors set a record in 1960 by competing in the largest championship regatta in their history. Thirty-three top district boats were on hand at the brand new Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club on July 23rd and 24th to enjoy the record breaking regatta.

The first race started at high noon on Saturday with light to medium airs out of the northwest. First boat over the finish line was George Garrecht of Nyack in #7543, followed by Tom DeStasio of Nyack in #5959. Third place was taken by Hank Fretz of Paupack in #7247.

The second race started in very light airs directly out of the west at 3:00 p.m. The airs became so light the race had to be shortened to one lap and the race turned out to be a real drifter. First to finish was Graham Hamilton of Paupack in #4148. Second place was taken by Oliver Filippi of Nyack in #6898 followed by Tom DeStasio also of Nyack in #5959.

The skippers, crews, guests and members then enjoyed a cocktail party on the lower deck of the Yacht Club, followed by a buffet dinner served on the main and promenade decks. The district meeting followed, being conducted by Commodore Folwell on the club patio. After a roll call of the fleets, members of Mohawk Fleet 25 proposed that the 1961 regatta be held at the

Lake Mohawk Yacht Club. The proposal was unanimously accepted. Officers for 1961 were elected, David C. Wellar was elected Commodore and Karl W. Jernstrom was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

At the close of the meeting everyone adjourned to the main deck of the club where a dance was in progress.

Sunday broke bright and clear with a fair breeze directly out of the north. After free coffee and doughnuts for skippers and crews, the third race started at 11:00 a.m. Joe Hoffee (3716) of Nyack completed the six mile course first in one hour and 27 minutes, followed by Phil Schumacher (5931) of Paupack, one minute and eleven seconds later. Ed Dean (6003) was third.

After a light lunch at the beach pavilion, the trophies were presented by two of the originators of Fleet 16, Hub Axford and W. G. Lindsay, on the club patio.

Final results and standings of the first ten boats in the regatta follows:

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper	Fleet	Points	Final Pos.
5959	Pan	Tom DeStasio	75	92	1
5380	Chaney	June Methot	70	88	2
6003	Coquette	Edward Dean	75	85	3
3716	Rojo	Joe Hoffee	75	83	4
6898	VuoDoo	Oliver Filippi	75	83	5
7543	Gigi	George Garrecht	75	82	6
4148	Vivace	Graham Hamilton	16	75	7
7082	Valkyrie	Roy Knapp	70	74	8
7247	Jezabel IV	Hank Fretz	16	59	9
1239	Windward	Irv Lewis	185	59	10

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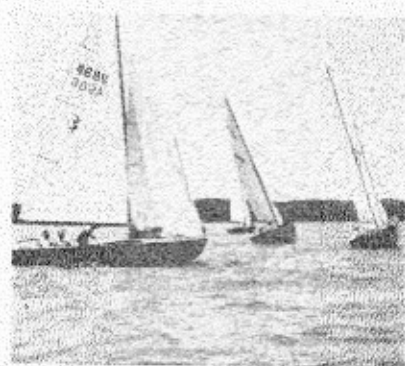
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## MICHIGAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: James Harrison

District Secretary: Chuck Ellery

Fleets: Devils Lake Y. C. (31); Crescent Sail Y. C. (51); Lake Fenton Y. C. (53); Pontiac Y. C. (54); Grosse Isle (68); Bayview Y. C. (83); Higgins Lake Y. C. (110); Gull Lake Y. C. (137); Tawas Bay Y. C. (152); Watkins Lake Y. C. (155); Omena-Traverse Y. C. (174); Leland Y. C. (184); Northport Point Y. C. (202); Saginaw Bay Y. C. (216); Ford Y. C. (233); Burt Lake Y. C. (254); Saugatuck Y. C. (294); Muskegon Lake Y. C. (316).

District Report: Once more the Mid-Winter meeting of the Michigan District was held at Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit with Fleet 83 as hosts. As in the past, the high point of the District meeting was the selection of the site for next season's District Championship. This year Higgins Lake was unanimously selected with the H.L.B.C. and President, Buzz Morley, doing the honors. Several other clubs announced their invitational dates and a record number of regattas, all of them offering excellent sailing and the best of competition, were established as advertised in the Year Book.

The District Championships began with the night of July 21, at the Higgins Lake Boat Club. The annual election showed Jim Harrison of Gull Lake as the new District Commodore and Chuck Ellery of Crescent Sail Yacht Club the new secretary. Higgins Lake is world renowned as the 6th or 8th most beautiful in the world and certainly lived up to its reputation. While the wind didn't completely cooperate with the 49 entries, all five races were sailed, though a couple had to be shortened. With the lack of steerage on some of the lines (all perfect), some of the District's better known boats got into trouble and did not qualify this year. International Champ, Herm Nickels, sailed a fine regatta, but the old stand-by Hank Cawthra, came through again and won the close ones to wind up first.

The Michigan District qualified nine boats for the Interna-

tionals and with Champ, Nickels, we were allowed ten. The first ten and how they scored are as follows:

C.S.Y.C.	Hank Cawthra	235	Points—	1st.
L.F.Y.C.	Herm Nickels	224	"	2nd.
B.Y.C.	Wes Weidrick	223	"	3rd.
G.L.Y.C.	Al Coggan	189	"	4th.
C.S.Y.C.	John Lesesne	179	"	5th.
H.L.B.C.	Al Carlin	174	"	6th.
T.Y.C.	Herb Cox	171	"	7th.
C.S.Y.C.	Bob Knopp	169	"	8th.
B.Y.C.	Jim Schudel	167	"	9th.
C.S.Y.C.	Chuck Grant	163	"	10th.
P.Y.C.	Claude Bennet	162	"	11th. (Alternate for Dr. Lesesne at Internationals)

We're proud of the way all these men sailed and especially in the Internationals. They made a good showing and coming from one of the hottest districts in the country, they have to be good. Twice Champion, Hank Cawthra, did the District justice by coming in a close second in the Big One.

The District Regatta Committee of Buzz Morley, Dr. Floyd Arnold and Howard Phillips, did an excellent job. One of the finest efforts by a race committee this writer can remember, was turned in by men from the local club, ably assisted by officers of the Detroit River Yachting Association. To the following, our deepest gratitude: C. W. McKinley, Bob Benkert, T. H. Davenport Jr., Claire Ballard, Bob Brand, Rolie Burrows, Pat Oppermann, M. M. Perrett Jr. and Herb Poehle.

As usual the ladies of the local club assisted beautifully too, and an unanimous vote of thanks goes out to them.

A good five months of the best competition was enjoyed by all, beginning with the Kendall series through a record turn out of 43 boats at Pontiac (just seven short of the districts and almost the same boats) and winding up at Bayview's great Halloween Regatta. Results of all are covered in Fleet reports and there are some pretty exciting ones.

As usual at this time we are looking forward to even a bigger and better year if possible next season, so sand 'em down and paint 'em up and plan to sail with the Michigan District. We'll be looking for you and wish luck and fair winds to all next summer.

## GREATER LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Bill Uhl

District Secretary: Mary Jo Bailey

Fleets: Sheephead Bay (38); Hewlett Bay (58); Gardiner and Peconic Bays (116); Mattituck Y. C. (141); Great South Bay (178); Woodmere Bay Y. C. (300).

District Report: The District races were held early this year, July 9 and 10, to allow the winners time to organize for the long trip to Michigan.

The first two races were sailed in a moderate to fresh northwest wind, making them very interesting races. The first race was won by Bill Uhl with Mike Zwerling second. The second race was very close with Mike Zwerling in the lead most of the way, however, a wind shift right near the finish allowed Uhl to win by less than a foot.

A banquet was held at the Harbor Inn in New Suffolk that night and all the participants were present. Everyone had a good time and many laughs.

Sunday morning also saw a northwest breeze and a course was set accordingly. However, just before the race started the wind shifted and the course had to be changed. A long windward leeward course was chosen and we all had a fine three miles beat in a brisk breeze. During the first half of this leg first place changed hands several times. This was won by Bill Uhl followed by Toni Dill.

It was decided that Mike Zwerling would be District Commodore next year and the districts would be back at the west end of the Island. All and all it was a very fine weekend. We were lucky to have such nice weather.

Both Ray Harrington and Bill Uhl went to the Internationals in Towas, Michigan. Both Ray and Bill brought home hardware, Ray placing fourth in the President's Cup Regatta and Bill a fourth in the Internationals. This shows that competition in our District is good and getting better all the time.

### District Finishes

- 1st—Bill Uhl      2nd—Mike Zwerling  
3rd—Toni Dill



"Arkansas Travelers" Editors question, Who is the "wrong way Corrigan?"

## CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: James S. Cambron

District Secretary: Gordon Reabe

Fleets: Jawhawk (60); Tulsa Sailing Club (205); Lake Ouachita Yacht Club (284); Fort Gibson Sailing Club (293); Odd Winds (296).

District Report: As set by the 1959 District Meeting, the 1960 Annual District Meeting and Championships were held at Lake Ouachita on June 17, 18 and 19.

At the District Meeting Friday evening, June 17, James S. Cambron of Kansas City, Fleet #296 was elected District Commodore for 1961. Gordon Reabe who also hails from Kansas City was elected District Secretary. Kansas City will hold the District Regatta next year under the direction of these two capable men, both of whom have contributed much to the development of the Lightning Class in our District.

A record turnout of 27 Lightnings from Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas competed for the Central States District Championship. Fair skies and sunshine prevailed, but the winds were mostly light and variable.

As in the 1959 Championships, Bill Schwartz and Gaines Houston slugged it out for first place, with Schwartz overcoming a long lead to take the final race and the championship from Houston.

The first ten places were as follows:

7001	Bill Schwartz	Fleet 60	1
5855	Gaines Houston	284	2
6514	Fred Dierks	284	3
4545	Hugh Greer	60	4
180	Lee Bently	293	5
6766	Charles Withrow	284	6
7551	Gordon Reabe	296	7
6604	Russell Lambert	284	8
3427	Rod Hall	205	9
1063	Bob Jones	60	10

The host fleet and their ladies are to be congratulated for the fine arrangements. The accommodations at Brady Mountain Lodge were quite good, and the food and entertainment at the Ouachita Yacht Club excellent. A gala time was had by all.

We are all looking forward to the Kansas City Regatta and meeting in 1961.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Harry Spitz

District Secretary: Marion Spitz

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5); Burnham Park (56); Milwaukee Y. C. (69); Decatur (74); Green Bay (112); St. Joe Harbor (113); Valley S.A. (266); Clearwater Bay (277); Thunder Bay (279); Michigan City (20); Crab Orchard (330); Nashville (262).

District Report: The 1960 season began with a well attended luncheon meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on February 6. Ten of the district fleets were present at this meeting. Chicago Corinthian Y. C. at this time extended the invitation

to sail the District Races at Montrose Harbor. Harry Spitz introduced guests Bill Gerkin and Bud Nelson, who spoke briefly on their fiberglass Lightning, and answered many questions. Movies of the 1959 Internationals also were shown at the close of the meeting.

As usual, the 1960 Sailing season was opened with the Governor's Cup Regatta held at Kentucky Lake on May 28-29.

Some of the other regattas which the Midwest sailors participated in were the P & T Regatta at Milwaukee Y. C., Shakedown Regatta at St. Joe Y. C., Annual Hoosier Regatta at Lake Wawasee, Small Boat Regatta at Burnham Park Y. C., Sand Dunes Regatta at Michigan City Y.C., Gim Hobelman Regatta at Chicago Corinthian Y.C., and at the close of the season the Red Flannel Regatta at Burnham Park Y.C. Details of these races can be reviewed under individual fleet reports.

The Midwest District Championship was held at Chicago Corinthian Y. C. on July 30-31. The host club did an excellent job of getting all the boats weighed in, and sailed measured, as the sailors began arriving on Friday.

The first race on Saturday began with winds approximately 12 to 18 mph., and by the end of the race, winds up to 30 mph. Fifty boats entered this race, but 17 did not finish, due to damaged equipment and strong winds. Joe Stueland, from St. Joe, Michigan, due to excellent spinnaker work on the tight reaches, finished way out in front of the other boats. J. E. Taylor came in second; William Wingard, third; Ronnie Blair, fourth and Jay Doty, fifth.

Saturday evening the sailors enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner followed by an evening of dancing.

Sunday morning's race began in quite light and fluky wind. Some used their spinnakers on the first three legs of the course. Finally, as the lead boats reached the fifth leg, a breeze came and the race was finished in good wind. Wm. Wingard finished first, Cully Cobb, second, Jay Doty third, Dean DeVried, fourth, and Al Berg, fifth.

The third race began with winds 15-20 mph. Harry Spitz was in the lead for the first two legs, but Wm. Wingard took the lead at the beginning of the third leg. Wm. Wingard stayed in the lead until the end of the race finishing first with Al Berg, second; Harry Spitz, third; Garry Sisson fourth, and Joe Stueland, fifth.

Final standings were as follows: Wm. Wingard, first; Al Berg, second; Cully Cobb, third; Jay Doty, fourth; and Harry Spitz, fifth.

Those above sailors qualified for the International Championship Races held at Tawas Bay, Michigan. Wm. Wingard was unable to attend, and Earl Ross replaced him and made an admirable showing finishing 10th in the Internationals. Jay Doty took first in the President's Cup with the Spitz boys finishing fourth.

The Midwest District is happy to welcome into the district Crab Orchard Fleet #330, sailing on Crab Orchard Lake at Carbondale, Ill. and Fleet 167 at Davenport, Iowa.

1960 has been a good season with keen competition, many new boats, fine sportmanship, excellent regattas, and now we are all looking forward with anticipation for the 1961 sailing season.



Swiss Districts with plenty of wind.

### SWISS DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Claude Lambelet

District Secretary: Claude de Bosset

District Champion: Garoupa, skipper Claude Lambelet

Runner-up: Fiamma, skipper Jack Beck

Fleets: des lacs de Neuchâtel et Morat (169); Zurichsee Lightning (219); Sempachersee Lightning (250); Lightning de la Borde de Tribord (268); Vierwaldstrattersee (281); Greifensee (309).

The Swiss district was in charge this year of the organization of the European Championship. Fleet 281 and the Yacht Club de Lucerne acted as hosts, but unfortunately forgot to order some wind that could have been useful to the yachtsmen.

Some of our foreign guests were very disappointed but as already mentioned in Lucerne, if we want the greatest participation at the European Championship, everyone has to accept as a rule, any weather condition.

Fandango II and Posillipo, who are not accustomed to the very bad conditions, rain, cold, weak and altering winds, made a demonstration of their ability. It has been a useful lesson for each of us who would like to have this wonderful science of the regatta.

European Championship Results:

1. Fandango II	F. Cavallo	Italie	83
2. Garoupa	C. Lambelet	Suisse	71
3. Posillipo	G. Pesce	Italie	66
4. Fiamma	J. Beck	Suisse	64

The Swiss crews were at the same time running the Swiss District Championship, the result of which is as follows:

1. Garoupa	C. Lambelet
2. Fiamma	J. Beck
3. Quand-Meme	H. A. Luthy
4. Sagitta	F. Engelberger

The development of the Lightning Class does carry on as well in Switzerland as in other parts of the world, thanks to the famous qualities of this boat, which is besides an exciting racer, an excellent weekend partner.

The organization of the class is each year more active and serious. This contributes to the success of our Lightning. After years of attempts and researches, we have now in our district the opportunity to find on the market new Lightnings which can compete with the best ones.

Just before sending these lines for the Year Book, we heard that it is now set for our friends from the Greifensee to organize the District Championship 1961. We all would be particularly happy to race on a new lake and hope that we'll meet about twenty Lightnings on the Greifensee.

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: George Britton

District Secretary: Floyd Dickson

Fleets: Maple Bay #64; Royal Victoria #66; Vancouver #90; Lake Washington #132; Bellingham #158; Chinook #229; Columbia River #283.

District Report: The Northwest District and its members wish to extend our warmest congratulations to Carl Eichenlaub, Jr., on his triumphant win at the Internationals. Bringing the Internationals to the Pacific Coast will be a great boon to all the Lightning fleets on this side of the country. It is the desire of

every fleet in this District to give all the help and support that may be needed to make this a successful event in 1961.

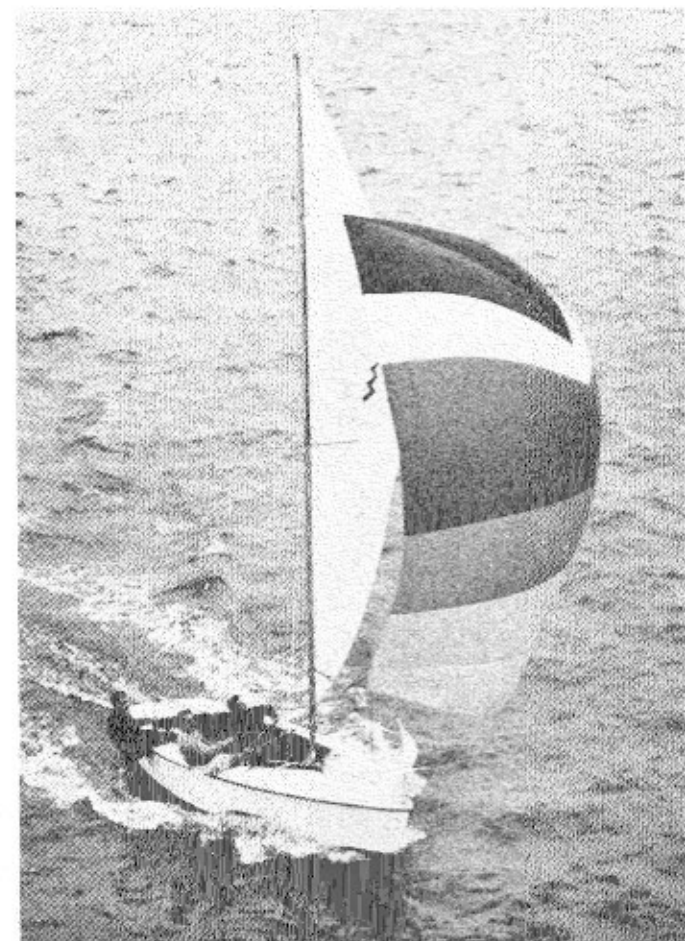
The 1960 annual District meeting was attended by members of the following fleets: Lake Washington #132; Chinook #229; and Columbia River #283. The subject of measurement dominated the meeting. Some very realistic views were discussed. It was generally felt that fleets on this coast, being largely constructed by home builders, were having considerable trouble meeting new requirements. A comparatively small number of boats have certificates. It was generally agreed that progress will continue with the District working with the fleets and members toward 100% measurement and still maintain a high degree of enthusiasm. A motion was passed that minutes from District meetings be mailed to each fleet.

The District Championship was hosted by Columbia River Fleet 283 with the cooperation of Rose City Yacht Club, Portland, Oregon. Results were as follows:

	Fleet 283	#6584
1. Jack Gainer	229	5041
2. Ty Campbell	283	6061
3. Fredi Tauscher	283	6999
4. Harry Brault	283	5481
5. John DeBenedetti	283	5457
6. Dunc McLaughlan	229	4815
7. John Tysell	229	5451
8. George Britton	283	6592
9. Harry McAllister	283	7111
10. Ron Hite	132	2274
11. Lloyd Dohrman		

Other regattas participated in by Northwest District members were the PIYA, Eugene Yacht Club's annual Memorial Day Regatta, and a Labor Day Regatta put on by Coos Bay Yacht Club, Coos Bay, Oregon. And, of course, Pacific Coast Lightning Championships, held in conjunction with the districts.

One other item of interest, the "One-of-a-Kind" race, sponsored by the Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association, was won by a Lightning! Jack Gainer won out over a Highlander, Star, Flattie, O'Day and other assorted day-sailors.



7468 Playboy IV, of our Sec, Oscar Mattese Maia, Brazilian District runner-up.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Leonard C. Pratt

District Secretary: Derwin H. Stevens

Fleets: Fleet #14, Centerboard Yacht Club; #94, Prout's Neck Y. C.; #101, Taylor Pond; #145, Spofford Lake; #151, Annisquam Y. C.; #227, Lake Bomoseen Sailing Club; #189, Marblehead Harbor; #243, Lake Dunmore; #244, Harraseeket Y. C.; #246, Winnepesaukee Y. C.; #248, Sandy Bay Y. C.; #273, Massabesic Y. C.; #280, Chequesset; #301, Lake Champlain; #332, Squam Lake.

District Report: The 1960 sailing season in New England was a good one. On weekends when most of the sailing is done we had fair weather and good winds. Eight major regattas were held with fair to good turnouts from around the district. Most of the details of the individual regattas will be in the Fleet Reports and have been in Flashes, however, some interesting sidelights should be mentioned.

Families accompanied Lightning skippers and sailors to Spofford and Winnepesaukees to swim in water at its best. Don't forget your swim suits next year! Others headed north from the State of Maine at Portland where cruising at its best really starts. Day sailing can really be enjoyed in a Lightning in these waters where you find excellent wind and good water. And it is amazing how many people even in New England would never have seen places like Marblehead and Rockport with their interesting sights, tradition and scenery were it not for Lightning competition.

And next year, a new experience for most—our first major regatta on Lake Champlain. Put this on your racing calendar for next summer.

We were more than pleased with the representation of our District at the Internationals and for the showing of Duncan McInnes made in the Championship series finishing fourth in one race.

The mid-winter meeting was held at Concord, N. H., on December 4, with a good turnout and representation of fleets. The 1961 schedule was drawn up and should be an interesting one. A suggestion was made to have the two first races of each regatta on the first afternoon allowing the morning to travel. This will make better use of the good afternoon winds and save on

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Our New England District Championship at Annisquam will have a special flavor in 1961, for Ben Smith, our District Champion, and newly appointed Senator from Massachusetts will leave out the red carpet.

State of Massachusetts Championships, Fleet 285, Gloucester, Mass. July 9-10, 1960. Winners: Lou Pocharski, Marblehead 189; Peter Hedblom, Annisquam 151; Frank Morse, Marblehead 189.

State of New Hampshire Championships, Lake Spofford, N. H. Fleet 145, July 16-17, 1960. Winners: Sam Stowell, Bomoseen 227; Len Pratt, 145; Gardiner Brown, Taylor Pond 101.

Marblehead Race Week, Marblehead, Mass. July 23-31, 1960. Winners: Ben Smith, Annisquam 151; John Abbott, Marblehead 189.

Ben Smith won the Milton Larson Trophy for the fourth straight year after a tie between he and John Abbott was decided by Smith having beaten John in two of three races sailed—thus becoming the winner of the Championship series.

Consolation Division: Winner: Paul Urien, Winnepesaukee 246; Frances and Bob McCarthy, 189.

Perliminaries: Odd Numbers: Louis Pocharski, 189; Even Numbers: John Abbott.

Junior Regatta: Alan Tucker, Marblehead, 189. NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, Marblehead, Mass. Fleet 189 host. August 5-7, 1960. Winners: Ben Smith, Annisquam 151; Lou Pocharski, Marblehead 189; Sam Stowell, Bomoseen 227.

State of Maine Championship, South Portland, Maine, Fleet 14, August 13-14, 1960. Winners: Duncan McInnes, Marblehead 189; Len Pratt, Spofford 145; Gardiner Brown, Taylor Pond 101.

Winnepesaukee Lightning Championship Regatta, Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H., Fleet 246, August 20-21, 1960. Winners: Lou Pocharski, Marblehead 189; Len Pratt, Spofford 145; Frank Morse, Marblehead 189.

State of Vermont Championship, Lake Bomoseen, Vt., Fleet 227, August 27-28. Winners: Sam Stowell, Bomoseen 227.

Massabesic Regatta, Manchester, N. H.; Fleet 273, September 17-18. Winners: Lou Pocharski, Marblehead 189; Len Pratt, Spofford 145; Duncan McInnes, Marblehead 189.



The crew gets loaded after the race.  
Mabel Coho with the wash and Al Coho Washing.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Fred J. Knauer

District Secretary: Mabel Coho

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay (102); Newport-Balboa Fleet (107); San Diego Bay (114); Southwestern Yacht Club (161); Mission Bay (194).

District Report: California District had a long, arduous and glorious sailing year. A dozen regattas kept trailers on the move. Friendship between the skippers and all our fleets continue to ripen.

First, we must express our pride in the fact that our District Representative, Carl Eichenlaub, of Mission Bay Yacht Club (194), came back with the coveted championship, having won it by brilliant sailing in five strenuous races at East Tawas, Michigan. And, we are happy at the thought that next year for the first time the National Championships will be held here on the West Coast. There is wonderful sailing here on the Pacific Ocean at beautiful San Diego, so strive to qualify in your districts and then make your motto "California, Here We Come". You will have the time of your life.

Never any need here in sunny California to wait til summer for sailing. The first event of 1960 was on January 17, at the Salton Sea in the desert. Carl Eichenlaub and Fred Knauer took the trophies.

The SYCA Midwinter held at Los Angeles in February brought out 13 boats. It was won by G. Noll, followed by Al Coho, Wendell Harte and Glen MacPhean.

Beautiful sailing weather attended the Easter Regatta at Balboa Yacht Club in April. Dave Shay, well known in Eastern Lightning circles, sailed his new "One Hoss Shay" in his first regatta since moving to California and joining Mission Bay Yacht Club, (194) and took all three races. Fred Knauer followed with three seconds.

The annual Ken Reynard Regatta at Coronado June 11-12 was featured by a spectacular duel between Carl Eichenlaub and Al Coho. After each had a first and second, Al won the final race and captured the series with Carl second, Dave Shay third and Warren Gross of Coronado fourth.

Carl reversed the tables a week later in the Small Boat Regatta at Coronado when the results were Eichenlaub, Coho and Shay.

On July 16-17, our District Championships were held in the ocean off Point Loma in fine weather with a good turnout of 21 boats. The Mission Bay Yacht Club (194) showed its ever increasing power by taking the first five places. Coho and Eichenlaub continued their friendly rivalry with Coho again winding up first, Carl second, Dave Shay third, Dave Wright (back in competition with his new 7600) fourth and Trever Lewis fifth. Only Carl went back east to the Internationals, with the very happy results already mentioned.

Real close competition featured the SCYA Midsummer Regatta at Balboa, won by Dave Shay with John Guinther second.

Al Coho and Wendell Harter trailed to Portland, Oregon for the Pacific Coast Championships and returned with second and third places respectively.

August 13-14, a turnout of 20 boats featured the John Bates Regatta, sponsored by Southwest Yacht Club in San Diego Bay. Mission Bay again showed dominance when Eichenlaub, Wright, Shay and Coho took the hardware followed by Dick Benner of Fleet 102.

There was a record turnout of 25 boats, the biggest west coast regatta in three years for Mission Bay's Stanley Andrews Regatta on August 27-28. The Baber twins, new members of Fleet 194, won the first race but unfortunately had to get back to army duty after that. The series results were: 1) Coho; 2) Shay; 3) Benner; 4) Noll and 5) Staniec.

October 1-2, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club sponsored its first "Hurricane Gulch" Regatta, as the outer Los Angeles harbor is termed. However, the nearest approach to a hurricane was the four boats from Mission Bay, which breezed around the corner, followed by the 12 boats from Fleet 102; Eichenlaub, Coho, Wright and Shay were then dubbed the "Fearsome Foursome".

At the Bob Hermann Regatta at Coronado October 29-30, again the leader was Eichenlaub followed by Coho and Wright. Monotonous isn't it?

The wind-up for the year was at the annual Thanksgiving Regatta at Coronado. Carl Eichenlaub finished 1st; Al Coho came in second and Warren Gross CYC had a third.

The year also featured a fine sail to Catalina Island by 11 Lightnings. Al Coho won the sail back.

We are happy to report that Fleets 102, 161 and 194 are building up substantially both in quality and quantity. Carl Eichenlaub is turning out fast Lightnings "like sausages", as Mr. K. would say: "Wright's 7600 and McKin's 7606 have already shown their speed; Knauer's 7787 "Now-or-Never" got its champagne bath November 6; Carson's 7788 a week later, and Brady's is almost ready for launching. Lowell North World Star Champion is getting one too."

Truly, the competition will be real fierce here next year. See you here at the National Championships!

## SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jim Vensel

Fleets: St. Petersburg, Fla. (109); Savannah, Ga. (12); Tampa, Fla. (168); Miami, Fla. (226); Augusta, Ga. (257).

District Report: The District Championship was held this year at the Florida Yacht Club on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Fla. Twelve Lightnings participated, three from Miami and nine from Savannah. All the boats were out and ready to go for the first race Saturday morning, June 17, but the wind just wasn't there. It wasn't there for the second race either, but the third that afternoon was fine. John McIntosh dominated the series with a 1, 1, 2, 1, 2 for the five races. Second place went to Oscar Nelson of Miami and third to Jack Price, also of Miami.

Commodore Ed Gay of the Florida put at our disposal the entire facilities of their wonderful club. At the District meeting Jim Vensel was elected Commodore and the responsibility of conducting the 1961 districts was given to the Miami Fleet.

The complete results are as follows:

Skipper	Number	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total Points	Final Standing
McIntosh	4872	1	1	2	1	2	58	1
Nelson	7406	2	2	1	4	4	52	2
Price	6919	3	5	3	8	1	45	3
Turner	6294	4	7	5	3	3	43	4
Arlley	4040	9	4	4	2	5	41	5
Gordon	5984	8	10	6	5	7	29	6
Aggett	6843	5	8	Dsq.	6	6	27	7
Trosdal	4670	7	3	11	12	9	23	8
Wood	4881	6	6	9	11	11	22	9
Lucas	5570	12	9	8	10	8	18	10
Weeks	6612	10	12	10	7	10	16	11
Cavanaugh	6969	11	11	7	9	DNS	14	12

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**Bob Bleasby—Commodore**

**Al Bernel—Sec.-Treasurer**

## LAKE ERIE DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Bob Bleasby, RCYC

District Secretary: Al Bernel, BCC

District Champion: Tom Allen, BCC

District Runner-up: Tom Fallon, BCC

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Jacket Club (19); Erie Yacht Club (24); Novice Yacht Club (Inactive) (28); Silver Lake Yacht Club (47); Niagara Sailing Club (59); Sandy Beach Yacht Club (78); Buffalo Yacht Club (81); Cuba Lake Fleet (115); Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (118); Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet (146); Conneaut Bay Lightning Fleet (180); Tower Yacht Club Fleet (198); LaSalle Yacht Club (221); Buffalo Sailing Club (Inactive) (258); Dunkirk Harbor Fleet (311); Burlington Yacht Club (315).

District Report: Our season started with the Buffalo Canoe Club Invitational Regatta. Heavy winds on Saturday forced postponement of the Saturday races. To keep the day from being wasted, everyone who was interested in a real wild sail was taken for a ride in a Tiger catamaran owned by Karl Smither and Al Bernel but skippered by such hot rods as Tom Allen, Harry Jerge and Stu Anderson. Finally on Sunday the winds decreased and three races were sailed. The first two races were sailed back to back. At the end of these two races Bill Hughes was in first place, Tom Allen in second, and Herm Nichols in third. The fleet of 37 boats started the third race in moderate winds and when the finish cannon was sounded, Tom Allen had won the race and the regatta with Bill Hughes second and Herm Nichols third. We hope Herm had a good time and passes the word along to other skippers that here is a regatta to really sharpen your sailing skill early in the sailing season.

The next district regatta was held at Niagara River Sailing Club. Winds were moderate to fresh for the first two races and light to very light in the third and final race. Allen Bernel, a new contender in the district, sailed well in the first two races and had two firsts but was closely challenged by Tom Fallon who had two seconds. Al Bernel acknowledges Tom Fallon as his coach and instructor. In the third and final race, Tom strived to teach Al a new trick by waiting at the windward mark for him in order to attempt to place boats between the coach and the student. Light winds and considerable discussion between the two boats finally resulted in Bernel finishing second and Fallon

finishing fifth resulting in the student defeating the old master by luck. Fallon finished second overall and Jack Swanson finished third. Swanson had hopes of picking up all the chips by sailing the last leg out in the river but the wind also got to the leaders in time to permit them to finish with Jack.

Buffalo Yacht Club celebrated its 100th anniversary in the year 1960 and as part of its extended sailing program, hosted the Lake Erie Lightning District Regatta. The Point Abino station of the Yacht Club was the scene of the five race series held on August 12, 13, and 14. All races held in near perfect weather were sailed around a 10 1/4-mile triangular course with the weather mark set by a course boat which went directly to windward of the starting line at the five-minute gun.

The starting gun was answered by a fleet of 37 contenders. Tom Allen, our perennial winner, showed the fleet the way by rounding the weather mark first and never was headed. He was followed by Tom Fallon, then Allen Bernel. The second race was perhaps the most critical race of the series for both Tom's, Allen and Fallon. Fallon had worked out a lead of 100 yards over Bernel, his closest competitor. The leg was a broad reach and Fallon headed Flare for a marker that was upwind from the actual buoy and doused his spinnaker. By the time the crew noted it was the wrong mark, and the spinnaker went back up again, Bernel's Foamy had moved into the lead. Tom Allen in the meantime had a poor start and had worked his way up from 13th spot. On the last weather leg, all boats but Bob Bleasby's went into shore on a port tack. Bleasby's long starboard tack out into the lake paid off and he finished first two boat lengths ahead of Bernel closely followed by Fallon and Allen. Allen's recovery in this race from 13th to 4th was desperately needed as the following races will show.

The third race was sailed in easy ten-mile wind and Al Bernel and his crew worked out a good lead in the first weather mark and never were contested finishing with a good 300-yard lead over Tom Allen. Tom Allen again worked up from 11th spot to finish 2nd followed by Butch Walker and then Tom Fallon. Prior to the fourth race, Bernel enjoyed a short lived first place overall position but a see-saw battle between Allen and Fallon with Fallon finally crossing the line just ahead of Allen and Bernel finishing 5th made the score stand Allen 9; Fallon 10, and Bernel 11. The other top finishers in this race were Bill Hughes 3rd and Karl Fahrner 4th.

The fifth and final race was sailed in puffy winds up to 18 miles. At the first weather mark, it was Bleasby followed by Allen, Bernel and Fallon. Tom Allen's skillful sailing technique then came into play and he finished first and again for the eighth time this twice National Lightning Champion had won the Lake Erie Districts. Yet, this time he was closely challenged by his club mate, Tom Fallon. The final standings were Allen 10, Fallon 12, Bernel 18, Walker 26, Bleasby 27. The balance of the top ten were Smither 6th, Stu Anderson 7th, Karl Fahrner 8th, Bob Birmingham 9th, Bill Hughes 10th.

Our district was elated over the fact that of the eight boats from our district that sailed in the elimination at Tawas, six qualified for the International fleet and the seventh boat would have also been in the top fleet if Bill Hughes had not broken his rudder in the second qualifying race.

Silver Lake Yacht Club held their annual regatta in the middle of September and high winds interfered with the normal races of the day. When the three races were completed, Rand Dilliot in Stu Anderson's Glockenspiel accumulated sufficient points to win the regatta. This regatta is gaining in popularity and Bill Van Arsdale is starting to worry whether they will be able to handle the crowd. Don't worry Bill, just continue to show them the good time you do and don't worry about the rest of the sailing.

Our district regattas came to a close in late September at the Sandy Beach Haul Out meet. Our districts are to be held at this club so we looked forward to the experience we would gain at this meet. The lines were set-up fairly but the lack of wind at the up-river mark made this mark a real hassle when the mark was rounded by a group of boats. Hope they have a fan blowing at this mark next year. The first two races were won by Al Bernel but his effort to round the up-river mark in first place in the final race resulted in a DSQ and lost the regatta for him. Stu Anderson by consistent sailing won the regatta with Tom Fallon second and Skinner Reynolds third.

Lake Erie District is advertising the various regattas of our district to be held during 1961. We extend a cordial invitation to all sailors to come and join us in fine sailing waters.



District Champion George Fisher with crew, Chris Mykrantz and Don Wilson.

## OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jay Limbaugh

District Secretary: Ralph D. Powless

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkey Foot (33); Pymatuning (36); Mentor Harbor (37); Toledo (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Port Clinton (136); Mansfield (150); Wawasee (154); Northeast (207); Atwood (212); Berlin (236); Indianapolis (270); Cowan Lake (303); Jolly Roger (313).

District Report: It seems that the Ohio-Indiana District sailors start their sailing season early as possible by leaving the ice locked northern waters and heading south. Our district is always well represented throughout the Southern Circuit. Mark Auer #6503, Bud Nelson #7480, The Davis Boys #6530, Jon Ruhlman #7320, The Limbaughs #5082, and Pinky Allen #5432 were the fortunate ones to enjoy the southern breeze last year.

Hitting the regatta trail in the Ohio-Indiana District can keep your trailer well used by attending the Great Lakes Invitational, Ohio Interclub, Hoosierland, Pymatuning, PowWow, District, Cleveland Yacht Club, Interlake, Harvest Moon, Snow Flurries and Snow Ball Regattas. For results of these regattas you can check individual fleet reports.

The two most noticeable things in the Ohio-Indiana District was the over-all lack of wind and the addition of a goodly number of new Lightnings.

The only breezes to be found the past season was four of the five races at the districts and three beautiful, howling, screaming airs at Pymatuning. The rest of the season tested the patience of all the skippers.

Some of the new boat skippers making their presence known were #7645, Mark Auer; 7688, Dave France; 7517, Bob Mann; 7649, Bob Williams and two former Brand X sailors John Ranft, 7515 and Sam Hayes 6503.

The nine boats making their way to the beautiful waters of Tawas Bay were our District Champion George Fisher, 4865; Runner-up Mark Auer, 7645; Chuck Maltbie, 6033; Bob Mann, 7517; Roy Knapp, 5048; Frank Hornby, 2706; John Ranft, 7515; Jim Davis, 6530; Jay Limbaugh, 5082.

George Fisher brought back the third place hardware in the President's Cup. Chuck Maltbie played the part of the sleeper and managed to capsize (to windward) in the qualifying races, thus bringing home the first place trophy in the Governor's Cup.

As a passing note I would like to give a vote of confidence from the Ohio-Indiana District to the new qualifying system for the Internationals. All of our members who were in attendance at Tawas commented very favorably to the qualifying series and to the fine way the regatta was handled. The latter reflects on the wonderful facilities and beautiful water of Tawas Bay Yacht Club.

One final fling by the die-hards from our district was the fabulous Quantic Regatta. John Schneider, a new sailor from Buckeye Lake Yacht Club and Jay Limbaugh trailed their boats to the Marine Base and from the same club Lightning skippers Sam Hays and George Fisher ended up on board crewing. This regatta was climaxed by all BLYC skippers being snow-bound on the return trip.

Our District Champion George Fisher was again elected a Vice President of the LCA. District Commodore Jay Limbaugh was given the job of Vice President of International Affairs. Jay was also presented with a life membership in the LCA for being editor of the 1958 Year Book.



1960 Snowball Regatta winner with crew. L. to r.: Dick Quinn, Genna Hamister, and skipper Mark Auer.

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### ITALIAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Enzo Di Lorenzo

District Secretary: Mario Cavallo

Honorary District Commodore: Lorenzo Daretto Adm.

Honorary Vice Commodores: Riccardo De Sangro Fondi and Franco Acton di Leporano

Fleets: Naples Fleet (191), Sorrento Fleet (223), Marivela Fleet (235), Castellammare Fleet (237), Anzio Fleet (278), Lega Navale Italiana Fleet (312), La Spezia Fleet (321), Roma Fleet.

District Report: The District has been active during this year although the Olympic games, which of course have directed the attention more on the Olympic boats.

Races have been held among the fleets, and more active have been the fleets Spezia and Anzio, organizing inter fleet races. For the first time at Anzio has been held the "Coppa Giovannetti" for young boys. The challenge has been given by Mr. Massimo Giovannetti, an old Yachtman.

The race has been held at Anzio and eight boats of Roma Fleet, Anzio Fleet, La Spezia Fleet entered the event.

Final standing:

- Caramba—Anzio Fleet
- Satanasso—Anzio Fleet
- Milky Way—La Spezia Fleet
- Ballerina—Anzio Fleet
- Mascherina—Lega Navale Italiana Fleet
- Micaela—Lega Navale Italiana Fleet
- Tevere—Roma Fleet
- Zenith—La Spezia Fleet

La Spezia Fleet organized many races. The season closed at Portovenere, delightful bay, near La Spezia, with the races for the challenge "San Venerio".

With strong wind from NW in the three races the final standings were as follows:

- Fandango—Sorrento Fleet
- Baleno—Marivela Fleet
- Azimuth—La Spezia Fleet
- Zenith—La Spezia Fleet
- Sakr el Bahr—La Spezia Fleet
- Milky Way—La Spezia Fleet

The District championship wasn't held in this season, but Italian boats entered the European Championship at Lucerne, Switzerland, and was won from the Italian boat Fandango skippered by Franco Cavallo with crew Franco Valentino and Mario Cavallo. Runner-up was the Swiss boat Garoupa skippered by C. Lambelet. Third was the Italian boat Posillipo skippered by Gaetano Pesce.

### DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore: Dr. James Gilbert

District Secretary: Mary Wilkinson

Fleets: Washington (50), Indian River (72), Sue Island (87), Northeast River (192), Susquehanna (253), Rehoboth (325), Severn River (329).

District Report: The Dixie District has had one of its most successful seasons. The annual meeting was held in March at the Sparrows Point Yacht Club, where plans for the year were made. It was decided to have the Championship races at Baltimore Yacht Club, the home of fleet #87.

Fifteen regattas were scheduled for the season, with most of them under the sponsorship of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association. The CBYRA championship was won by Barney Mead, with Carl Burrell as runner-up.

A good number of boats turned out on the circuit this year, making for close competition.

Twelve boats were at the Spring Regatta at Annapolis, and by the time of the Presidents Cup at Washington, 40 boats were on the starting line. This was the largest class represented in the event which had a total of 176 entries.

At our annual Quantico Regatta in November, there were 69 Lightnings with boats from as far away as Buffalo, New York and Ohio. We think this was the largest turnout of any one-design boat for any race except an International event. Tom Fallon was there and told us a little of the plans for next year. It goes without saying that the hospitality of the Marine Corps is beyond description. Our own Marbury Fox took home the first place trophy.

The Championship races were held the last of July in perfect weather. The breezes for the first three races were light but steady. For the last race, however, the breeze played all kinds of tricks—light but never from the same direction for any length of time.

Robert Tunnell, of Indian River, took first place; Marbury Fox, second; Barney Mead, third; Herm Henschen, fourth; and Carl Burrell was fifth. Dick Heald was winner of the Novice Trophy. Only .07 of a point separated Bob and Marbury, so you can see the closeness of the competition.

With two new fleets, the Rehoboth and the Severn River, added to our number, and with quite a few new boats and sailors, we are expecting even better things for the next year.

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### CONNECTICUT—RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.

District Secretary: David M. Peterson

Fleets: Housatonic (6); Black Rock (17); Columbia Lake (49); Branford (63); Candlewood Lake (82); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Western Narragansett Bay (119); Cedar Point (126); Madison Beach (129); Noroton (134); Pequot (153); Wadawanuck (183); Norwalk (230); Milford (238); Darien (255); Sachem's Head (269); Sheffield Island (302).

**District Report:** The Saint Pete regatta attracted three of our able sailors, Bud Olsen, Marty O'Meara and Walter Crump. However, Bud Olsen was the only one to compete in the newly created Southern Circuit. Upon their return to cold Connecticut (with their sun tans), they all stressed what the rest of us had missed by not going.

Our season got started early in May for the second year with Fleet 238, Milford Yacht Club, once again holding a tune up series. Bill Healy of Niantic proved to be the best in tune. This series stimulates the paint brush for those anxious to get their boats ready in time for the regatta.

Next among the activities of the District was the Early Bird Regatta at Niantic Bay, held June 25-26. Steve Bachman of the Pequot Yacht Club led the way at Niantic with Bud Olsen and Marty O'Meara following in that order.

The Pequot Invitational regatta was held July 9-10. Wally Lineburgh came out on top in his famous Zig Zaggar. Ricky Sharp was second with Wayne Brocker third.

Our District races were held on August 6-7 at the Housatonic Boat Club. A four race series was scheduled. However, the air was lazy, permitting only three races, and allowing five hours of boat hopping and swimming activities while skippers and crews awaited the wind on Long Island Sound. Our new champion, Wally Lineburgh, won a closely contested battle. Wally was down in the tank in the last race but came back nicely to fifth place to win the series by 4½ points over Wayne Brocker. The top ten in the Connecticut-Rhode Island District Championship Races were:

Position	Boat No.	Name	Club	Points
1	5841	Wally Lineburgh	Pequot	92¼
2	7249	Wayne Brockett	Branford	88
3	6849	Bill Healy	Niantic Bay	83½
4	7639	Ricky Sharp	Pequot	83
5	7019	Jimmy Crane	Noroton	79½
6	5985	Tom Munnell	Pequot	79
7	7520	Bud Olsen	Housatonic	74
8	6348	Steve Bachman	Pequot	72
9	7050	Jim Allen	Cedar Point	67
10	6346	Wally Crump	Noroton	66

It was our pleasure to have the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta held within our District this year. Fleet 238, at Milford Yacht Club, served as excellent hosts for this big event which took place August 13-14. The wind played a few tricks on us by dying out in the first race causing a few boats to anchor. The Long Island Sound current proved more powerful than the wind at this point. The race was completed, however, and the race committee revealed their stamina by starting another race later in the afternoon. It looked like another drifter, but shortly after the start a dark cloud packed with wind came upon the fleet providing a brisk wind for a fast race. The top ten positions were:

Position	Boat No.	Name	Points
1	6819	Dick Sykes	88
2	5988	Bizzie Monte-Santa	84½
3	5985	Tom Munnell	84
4	6348	Steve Bachman	82½
5	6927	Mike Grinnell	80
6	6567	Dave Peterson	77½
7	7128	Andy Connell	73
8	7520	Bud Olsen	71
9	6648	Lucy Sheldon	68
10	5841	Wally Lineburgh	66

No rest for the weary, as the Long Island Sound Championship regatta was held the following weekend, August 20-21, with fleet 134, Noroton, as host. Once again the air was light, but keen competition provided a good series. Freddie Hibberd of Rye, New York, came out on top of the 31 boat fleet. Standings were:

Position	Boat No.	Name	Points
1	6777	Freddie Hibberd	85½
2	5841	Wally Lineburgh	82½
3	6819	Dick Sykes	81½
4	7019	Bob Crane	78
5	6654	Carter Ford	70
6	7125	Walter Scott	62
7	6348	Steve Bachman	61
8	7337	Don McNair	60
9	6445	John Barton	59
10	7616	Skip Guillard	59

Twenty-one boats appeared at the Branford Yacht Club the following weekend, August 27-28, for participation in the Connecticut Governor's Cup regatta. This was the fourth straight weekend of regatta racing for a few of the boats, skippers, and crews—ambitious souls! Sleeping mornings, racing afternoons with the home fleet was one of those memories at this point in our 1960 season. Winds were medium to light and relatively steady. Wally Lineburgh tied on total points with Bill Healy, each having 59½ points. However, Wally had beaten Bill in two of the three races, and was declared the winner. Wayne Brockett, Commodore of the Branford Yacht Club, our hosts, was third. Only 4½ points separated the first four boats.

By this time some of our boats were in high gear and ready for the Internationals! At the end of the big battle at Tawas Bay, we were very happy to learn that Bud Olsen was third in the Internationals.

Fleet 238, Milford Yacht Club, held the Last Chance Regatta on September 24-25. Two races, one each day, gave plenty of time for participants to celebrate their victories or drown their sorrows. Bud Olsen held on to his Tawas Bay technique, winning the final race with a six-minute lead in heavy air to top the series. Bill Healy was second followed by Henry Ludlow. Henry is one of Wayne Brockett's crewmen. Wayne had quite a time at this regatta hopping over the centerboard trunk.

Thus the season ended as one of the finest yet. A common feature of almost all the regattas throughout the summer was an exchange of places at different points of each race. The choice of possible winners was much greater this year revealing keen competition and lots of fun.

The Connecticut-Rhode Island District has created a new position known as District Historian. Duties consist of keeping records of past events and submitting news articles to various boating magazines.

We are looking forward to the coming season.

## FINLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jukka Koskimies

District Secretary: Raimo Aromaa

Fleets: Helsinki (166); Kokkola (297); Kotka (298); Loviisa (299); Pori (306); Oulu (307); Raase (308); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328).

**District Report:** The 11th year of activity of Finland District started on October 28, 1959, when the annual meeting was held in Helsinki. The previous commodore Raimo-R. Nordstrom was succeeded by Jukka Koskimies, whereas the secretary-treasurer Raimo Aromaa was re-elected. Erik Suni, Stig Wikman and Esko Lindstrom were elected to hold other places of the district's administration. The annual meeting was followed by an informal session with films and a report by Raimo-R. Nordstrom and Raimo Aromaa about the participation in the European Championships at Anzio, Italy, on September 13 and 18.

During the sailing season the Lightning Class has shown great activity in many areas in Finland. Most fleets report of many races organized during the summer in their localities. Our District has also got one new fleet, No. 328, Jyväskylä Fleet, which sails at Päijänne lake. We have about 60,000 lakes in Finland; big and small, but this is the first Lightning fleet which has been established on the lake area. However, we believe, that the enthusiasm will spread quickly now that the start has been made.

The District Championship races were organized this year by yacht club ONS and Loviisa Fleet (299) on August 3 and 7. Nineteen Lightnings from four fleets entered the races, which were perfectly organized, like always in Loviisa. During the series of five starts the weather was fine, light to moderate winds and cloudless skies. The District Championship was captured by previous champ, Raimo-Ragnar Nordstrom, sailing his fine boat, Katrina, with wife Lila and Ilmari Elo crewing. Nordstrom's victory was really overwhelming, he was first over the finish line in all the five races and thus collected 76 points. Runner-up was Raimo's brother, Veli-Ragnar Nordstrom, with "Sill-da-Capo," also with fine series of three seconds and two fourth positions and 70 points. Third was Veikko Larmia with his "Pepita," 69

pts.; all these three are from Loviisa Fleet. Fourth became the best visiting boat, "Kesaheila," Raimo Aromaa skippering, from Helsinki Fleet, with 67 pts.; fifth Pentti Heliö (Cinderella) from Loviisa fleet and sixth was Markku Paloma, young skipper from Oulu Fleet with his fine "Kikka," who had made the longest trip to the races from almost the northern end of Gulf of Bothnia. Then followed: Stig Haglund (Hurricane); Urho Limmatta (Diwa); Urpo Kurki (Suit-Sait); Aimo Hanninen (Marina); Erik Suni (Piraya); Paavo Manninen (Evy-Ann); Jukka Koskimies (Tuttemuj); A. Hyrsky (Dinorah); K. Blomster (Riitta); E. Gustavson (Sea-Hawk); E. Lindstrom (Susanna); H. Wasenius (Pinocchio); and W. Mosaleff (Vesijehu).

Several interfleet events within the District included the great Helsinki Regatta on July 2 and 10. Raimo Aromaa, with "Kesaheila," won all the regatta's five open races, but B.O. Owren with his "Speed VI" took regatta's Rautavaara-Kacklund Trophy. Lightnings from Loviisa and Kotka Fleets participated in Eastern Finland Regatta where Veikko Larmia "Pepita" won the points prize.

Raimo-R. Nordstrom from Loviisa Fleet and Stig Wikman from Helsinki Fleet participated in the Lightning Class European Championships in Lucerne, Switzerland. Nordstrom trailed his boat "Katrina" all the way to Lucerne and finished the races in the fifth place, despite the very unsteady and strange, at least for him, weather conditions. Our other representative, Stig Wikman, who participated with a borrowed boat, wasn't so lucky; he finished the races 15th.

Finland District organized Lightning departments in the Boat Shows at Helsinki and other yachting centers during the last winter and spring. The shows were greatly successful for our fine class and gave much information about the Lightning to the people.

We are going to get at least 15-20 new Lightnings in our District for next season, and it seems that our fine yacht will be quite a popular sight in the races throughout the country after a few years.



Left to right: Thad Anderson, Millard Irion, and Francis Favalora.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: John "Buck" Ballatin

District Secretary: Gil Whitworth, Jr.

Fleets: Lake Pontchartrain (62); Mobile Bay Lightning Class (135); Shreveport Lightning Fleet (175); Pass Christian Lightning Fleet (179); New Orleans Lightning Fleet (209); Bay Waveland Lightning Fleet (211); Gulfport Yacht Club (235); Biloxi Lightning Fleet (239); Pensacola Lightning Fleet (324).

**District Report:** Amidst fog, protests, wholesale disqualifications and 20-25 mph. northerly winds, our sailing year began with the Sugar Bowl Regatta, January 2 & 3, 1960.

The story of the first race on Saturday, January 2, the race which didn't count, reads like a comedy. The Lightnings, one of 14 classes participating in the Sugar Bowl Regatta, sailed on New Orleans Yacht Club race course. The wind at the start was NE about eight mph. and visibility was less than a mile. Shortly after the start the fog closed in and visibility was less than 100 feet for the remainder of the race. All Lightnings overboard the first windward mark and spinnakers were hurriedly set for a run back towards the mark. All boats finally navigated (followed the preceding boat) around the first lap and began the second windward leg. This is where the real trouble began.

Tommy Allen in Ticonderoga navigated excellently and finished the round first, but he could not locate the committee boat at what should have been the finish line. Therefore, he anchored and set up a line and took the numbers and times of those Lightnings following him past the home buoy.

In the meantime, Lightnings were scattered for several miles in every direction. Some ended up near the Causeway (a 23 mile bridge across Lake Pontchartrain) which is west of NOYC's course; others ended up on Southern Yacht Club's race course which is east of the NOYC course.

The climax, however, was the predicament of the committee boat. It seems that after the first round the race committee weighed anchor in order to move from one side of the home buoy to the other in order to set up a finish line. In so doing the committee lost the buoy in the fog, never to find it again that day. Finally, they cancelled the race. Fog continued the remainder of Saturday so all afternoon races were cancelled.

Sunday morning, January 3, dawned clear and windy. As a result of the high wind and rough water a number of protests arose. Most occurred at the starting line with many skippers attempting to get windward at the gun. The first round spinnaker leg really provided a wild ride. However, the wind decreased during the second round to 15 mph. This resulted in excellent sailing conditions for the afternoon race. Bob Banck in Hi Yala, Francis Favaloro in Annie and Buck Ballatin in Shirley B, finished in three of the first four places but all were disqualified.

The entries and order of finish follows:

Ticonderoga	Tommy Allen	Annie	Francis Favaloro
Dutch	Gil Whitworth	Shirley B	Buck Ballatin
Black Jack	Kelly Kane	Stars & Bars	Horace Jacob
Pink Lady	Ronald Ripple	Shu Shu	Francis Manion
Nike	Erston Reich	Elda	Joe Young
Hi Yala	Bob Banck		

The Mardi Gras Regatta was sailed at the New Orleans Yacht Club on February 27 and 28. Throughout the series winds were light and the weather was warm; excellent weather for Lightning racing and Mardi Gras parades. For the first time Fleet 209 of NOYC swept the prizes with Buck Ballatin in Shirley B, Francis Favaloro in Annie and Gil Whitworth in Dutch finishing in that order.

The Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship was held at Pass Christian Yacht Club, June 18 and 19. The Eugene Taylor Perpetual Trophy is awarded at this regatta. The widow of the donor, Mrs. Eugene Taylor, attended the races in her yacht from Pensacola, Fla. In addition to presenting the trophies she provided the several cases of iced champagne required to fill the trophy. Needless to say all skippers and crews enjoyed themselves immensely. The contest in the regatta was for second place and on down the line. Ed Overton won all three races to win first prize easily. The order of finish follows:

Mauvillian	Ed Overton
Annie	Francis Favaloro
Black Jack	Jack Dane
Hi Yala	Bob Banck
Aeolus	Ralph Pringle

The district championship was sailed July 15, 16, & 17 at Fairhope Yacht Club. Light wind prevailed in four of the five races. The lead changed hands many times in most of the races but Ed Overton in Mauvillian was at the top of the fleet at the finish line. This is where the points are won and Mr. Ed easily led the fleet throughout the series. This is surely one of Mr. Ed's finest efforts in Lightning sailing against a fleet which included all the best skippers in the District.

The social events of the regatta included a cocktail party at Colonial Inn Saturday afternoon and a buffet and dance at the yacht club that night.

The entries and results of each race follows:

No.	Name	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	Pos.
7399	Mauvillian	Ed Overton	1	1	2	1	2	1
2363	Annie	F. Favaloro	4	2	7	3	4	2
7120	Spirit V	Alfred Brown	2	4	4	5	6	3
3498	Aeolus	Ralph Pringle	5	8	5	7	1	4
7282	Ticonderoga	Tommy Allen	FO	3	1	2	7	5
7122	Black Jack	Jack Dane	3	6	6	8	8	6
7121	Hi Yala	Bob Banck	6	9	8	6	5	7
6712	Shirley B	Buck Ballatin	9	5	3	9	9	8
6979	Dutch	Gil Whitworth	8	14	14	4	3	9
5799	Nauti Gal	Bob Kammer	12	7	9	10	10	10
5373	Asterepius	Beth Manion	11	10	10	13	13	11
7481	Geisha Gal	Kelly Kane	10	12	12	12	12	12
3802	Santa Maria	Manuel Antone	13	11	13	11	14	13
7501	Miss Cookie V	Stanley Butte	7	13	11	DNS	DNF	14
3651	Black Magic	Henry Yonkers	14	15	15	14	11	15

In New Orleans the racing Lightnings are dry-sailed from Eager Beaver Landing. This is an association formed jointly by members of Fleets 62 and 209, and its avowed purpose is to promote Lightnings and Lightning races. Each year the association sponsors two series. Eager Beaver Warm Up, sailed prior to race week on the Gulfport and Eager Beaver Championship, sailed prior to the respective fleet Championship. This year both the Warm-Up and the Championship series were sailed at SYC.

The Eager Beaver Championship was sailed in moderate air except for two legs of the final race when a wind squall hit with gusts approaching 40-50 mph. This resulted in quite a wild ride for all boats, even those few that dropped sails. You know the competition is heated when only a few boats douse sail in 40-50 mph gusts. The ability of the skippers and the condition of their boats cannot be praised too highly since no damage or difficulty resulted from this brief but severe wind squall. There were 18 entries in the Eager Beaver Championship series with Tommy Allen in Ticonderoga finishing first followed by Buck Ballatin in Shirley B, Francis Favaloro in Annie, Gil Whitworth in Dutch and Jack Dane in Black Jack.

The final regatta of our sailing year is the Frost-Bit sponsored by Pass Christian Yacht Club. It was sailed December 3 and 4. In addition to the usual trophies presented at this Regatta, a perpetual trophy in memory of John Curren was awarded. This trophy was purchased through contributions by the sailors of the entire Southern District.

Ten boats participated in 50° temperature on Saturday and 65° temperature on Sunday. The winds were ESE from 12-20 mph, Bob Banck of SYC in Hi Yala won first prize by his consistent sailing. He was followed by Erston Reich in Nike who sailed an excellent regatta. Third was Ed Overton who won two races and finished first in the third but he hit the home buoy and dropped out of the race. Francis Favaloro was fourth and Buck Ballatin fifth.

Gordon Bishop of PCYC handled the race committee and he did an excellent job. As usual the hospitality of PCYC cannot be praised too highly. It is always a pleasure to sail at their club.

Unfortunately this report must close on a sad note.

Ethan Allen of SYC, an avid Lightning sailor, died November 30, 1960. The Southern Lightning District, and the LCA lost a most enthusiastic member; a sailor who participated in Lightning activities with all the fervor of the rawest recruit, but who possessed the experience and ability to make a Lightning go that very few of us ever attain.

Ethan, together with his wife, Lydia, crewed for his son, Tommy, in Ticonderoga. He was President of Eager Beaver Landing, the home of racing Lightnings in New Orleans, for several years.

Ethan Allen was a fiery competitor. On difficult problems confronting the Lightning members his position was always presented clearly and fairly. He stood up and was counted on all issues, dry land problems of administration or racing protests.

The Lightning Class has gone ahead in our District through the years and Ethan Allen has played a most prominent part. We have lost a dedicated sailor.

We recommend Ethan to St. Peter as a spinnaker man of the finest quality.

One of the most consistent sailors in the Southern District is pictured together with his crew. Francis Favaloro is an electrical engineer employed by New Orleans Public Service and his crewmen, Thad Anderson and Millard Irion, are students at Louisiana State University.

For some years now Francis has been the Chief Measurer here in the New Orleans area for the Lightning Class. He built his boat, Annie 2363, more than a few years ago. So in addition to being an excellent sailor he is one of the few consistent winners that sail an old boat.

Francis Favaloro has some interesting ideas about the construction, tuning and rigging of Lightnings. Being Chief Measurer, he is adamant on the idea that all Lightnings are built so closely alike that boats, new or old, present much the same contour to the water. Hence, upkeep and maintenance, not age determine the boat's maximum hull speed. His thoughts on tuning seem quite different from many others. He believes that mast should be almost plumb; if the mast is raked it should be only so slight and it should be aft. The most important factor in boat speed is the setting of the sails. Francis has one suit of sails which he adjusts on the spars almost continuously by use of the out-haul and down-haul. His boat is rigged simply but soundly. Fittings are up-to-date but he does not experiment with any and all gadgets which appear on the market. He is sound in his sailing strategy, a hard competitor, and he is, above all, a fine yachtsman in the true sense of the word.