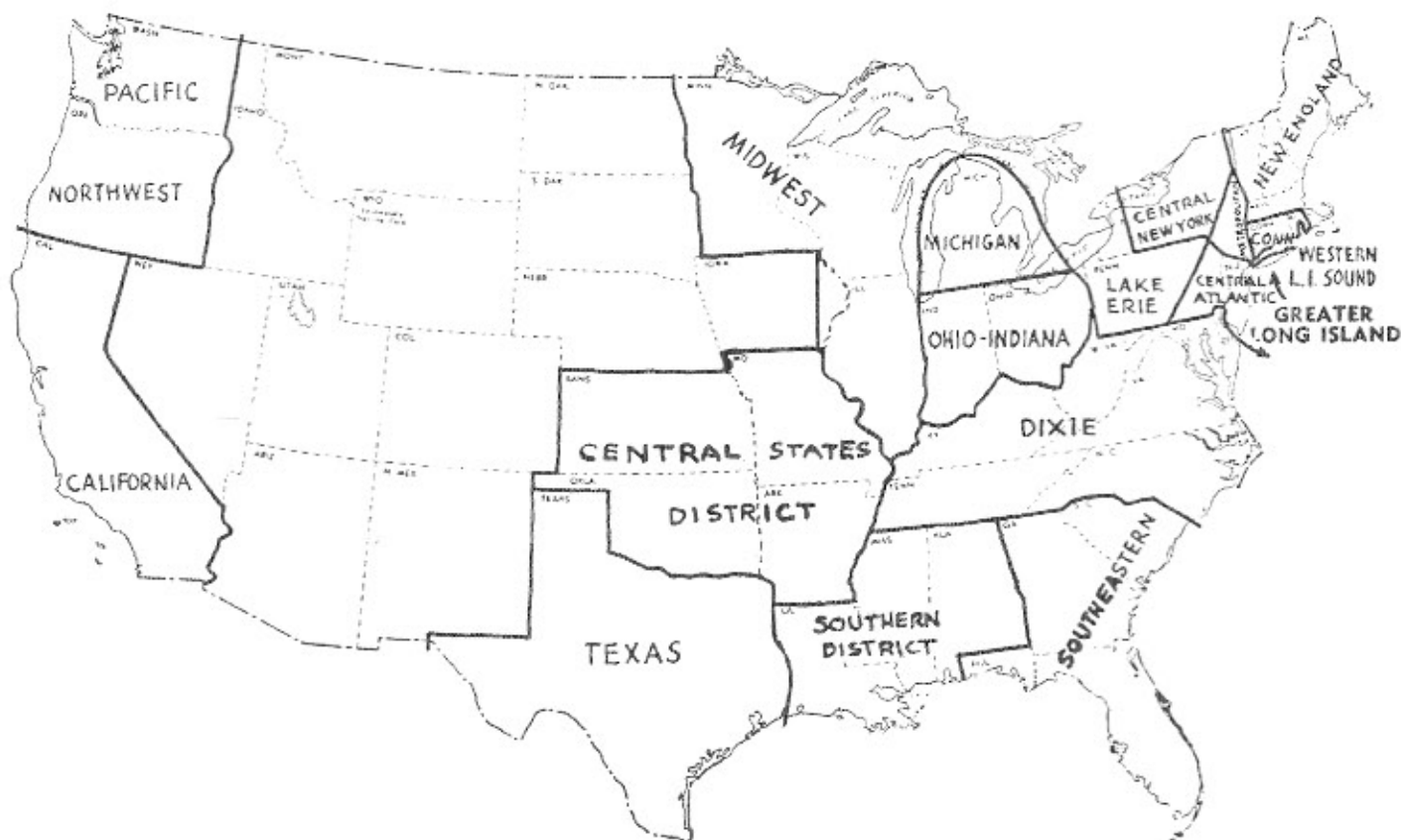


Lightning Districts



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.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Ted Staniec

District Secretary: DeWitt C. Cary, Jr.

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

District Report: The California District's first event was the SCYA Mid-Winter Regatta held at Cabrillo Yacht Club. It was won by Trevor Lewis who also took first place honors for this event the two preceding years.

It was during this time Carl Eichenlaub and his Basketball team, Al Ziegenfuss and De Cary trailered Bull to the Southern Circuit. 6,000 miles and 17 races later they returned with third place honors.

The Salton Sea Regatta was held on March 11 and 12. After racing three drifters, the results were Eichenlaub, Macken and Knauer.

The Annual Sail Around from Mission Bay Yacht Club to Southwestern Yacht Club was held June 3. Sailing the surf line inside the kelp beds, Al Coha won by a good margin followed by Paul Brady and Howard Macken. Commodore John Tanner of Southwestern presented the trophies. Al Coha traditionally filled the first place cup with friendship and a good time was had by all.

Trevor Lewis launched a new Eichenlaub Lightning for the Ken Renard Series held June 10 and 11 at Coronado Yacht Club. A good turnout of 14 top boats sailed the three race series in light to moderate aids. In the first race Warren Gross held the lead over most of the two laps, losing it to Eichenlaub's spinaker work on the last leeward leg. The second race started in moderate air and like the first, the off shore tack was best. Howard Macken, with a perfect start, led the way to the weather

mark with Eichenlaub working his way through the fleet to second. At the mark Macken over-stood a boat length to let Eichenlaub round first and led the rest of the way. Light airs and a fast incoming tide taxed the skill of the skippers in the last race. Eichenlaub and Coha exchanged leads with the ever-present Dave Wright close by. On the last weather leg with Eichenlaub in the lead, Wright made his move and took second place from Coha. The overall results were Eichenlaub, Lewis, Coha, Macken and Wright.

A week later the boats were back in the water for Coronado Yacht Club's Small Boat Regatta. The winds were very light for the entire series making it a real test in light air sailing. The overall results were Eichenlaub, Macken and Ballas. The trophy presentation took place in the Club House with Miss San Diego handing out the hardware. Carl Eichenlaub's straw hat was exchanged for a special Coronado Yacht Club Crown and a big kiss from Miss San Diego. Free beer is also served at this event and as always a good time was had by all.

On July 15-16 the District Championships were held in the ocean off Mission Bay, hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club. Twenty-two boats turned out in light to moderate air. During the third race the wind dropped so badly the course had to be shortened. Carl Eichenlaub won all five races. Bull was moving very well through those big ground swells.

The California District qualified 11 boats including champion Carl Eichenlaub for the North American. The first eleven and how they scored are as follows:

MBYC	Carl Eichenlaub	194	1
MBYC	Dave Shay	194	2
SWYC	Howard Macken	161	3
CBYC	Wendell Harter	102	4
MBYC	Lowell North	194	5
MBYC	Merit Barber	194	6

MBYC	Al Coha	194	7
MBYC	Paul Brady	194	8
MBYC	David Wright	194	9
MBYC	Fred Knauer	194	10
MBYC	Elton Ballas	194	11

Saturday night Mission Bay Yacht Club hosted a barbeque steak fry on the beach and afterwards the District Meeting was held. Paul Brady was elected District President and Trevor Lewis was elected District Secretary for 1962.

Southwestern Yacht Club hosted its annual John Bate Invitational Regatta on August 5-6. The course was set up in the ocean off Point Loma. The wind was a moderate, 8-10 mph with holes appearing in the late afternoons. This event was considered a good tune-up for the North Americans held later in the month. Carl Eichenlaub finished first, Trevor Lewis, second, and Dave Shay, third.

For the first time and we hope not the last time, the North American Championships were held in California. This event was held in the Pacific Ocean August 21-26. The overall winner was Tom Allen of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Winner of the President's Cup was a West Coast fellow, Wendell Harter of Santa Monica Bay Fleet (102). The California District and its members wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Tom Allen, the new Champ. Mission Bay Yacht Club with the help of other fleet members did an outstanding job of hosting this highlight of the year.

The second Annual Sail Around event, this time from Southwestern Yacht Club to Mission Bay Yacht Club was held September 9. Ten boats started and worked their way out of the bay on a moderate breeze. Don Tuttle of Southwestern got a poor start and was trailing badly when they got to the ocean. Seeing the fleet working their way up the coast outside the kelp he elected to work up the surf line. For the first time in the history of the event, Southwestern has the first place cup behind glass, thanks to a good piece of sailing by Don Tuttle and crew.

The Stanley Andrews Regatta was held at Mission Bay Yacht Club on September 16-17. With a moderate breeze, the fleet started at the Club House and raced a bay course. The winners of this event were Coha, Barber and McLaren, sailing North's boat.

Small Craft Warnings were up for the first race of the Bob Hermann Regatta at Coronado Yacht Club October 28-29. Twelve boats entered the event and it seemed like all of them rounded the weather mark at the same time. Due to Al Coha's perfect spinnaker work he had no trouble rounding the leeward mark well ahead of the fleet. Results were Al Coha first, Dave Wright second, and Warren Gross third.

The last event of the year was Coronado Yacht Club's Thanksgiving Regatta held November 25-26. With Small Craft Warnings flying, the Anemometer reading 25 in the lulls, 8 boats with everyone under foul-weather gear started. Carl Eichenlaub was skippering Sea Gar (8122), the latest Eichenlaub creation owned by Al Ziegenfuss. At the first mark North and Eichenlaub rounded together first. At the next mark North rounded clear and Lewis getting room, parted his gooseneck at the mark which gave North a good lead on the fleet. Eichenlaub on a wild spinnaker plane picked up two boats to finish behind North. In the second race Carl got the lead and finished well ahead of the fleet. Going into the third race with Eichenlaub and North tied, the fleet was to see some of the finest sailing ever witnessed. The new "Mark IV" hull with Carl driving, Al on the jib and Mike O'Brien on the spinnaker, out-performed every boat in the fleet. The results were Eichenlaub, North and the Barber Twins with three thirds.

This wound up the greatest year the California District has ever had. Fleets 102, 161 and 194 have had good growth and friendship between the skippers and fleets are at an all-time high.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Fred Slovak

Vice Commodore: Ralph Messersmith

District Secretary: Tom Coe

Treasurer: Bill Clausen

Measurer: Howard Mullen

Fleets: Barnegat Bay (3); Metedeconk River (34); Great Egg Harbor (99); Lavalette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Brigantine (217); Riverton (228); Barnegat Light (335); Ocean Gate (339).

District Report: Our season started early for Barnegat Bay with an "Early Bird" Series held at Surf City, starting on April 23rd and sailing on five consecutive Sundays. Perfect weather for all

races was enjoyed by thirteen Lightnings from four clubs. "Hot Shot" Gordon Busby was in top form, and walked off with the honors. Second place was taken by Jack Elfman, third Dale Allen, fourth Ed Lavery, and fifth by Tom Coe.

The Annual Meeting of the C.A.D. was held July 25th prior to the District Regatta at Metedeconk. Fleets 3, 34, 99, 104 and 228 were represented. The race committee was ratified and a discussion on the location of future districts regattas was discussed. Most of those present felt that this regatta could be held by any of the fleets presently belonging to the C.A.D. The election of officers was held and the slate as proposed by the nominating committee, listed at the start of this report, was unanimously accepted. The spinnaker raffle for the International Fund was won by Allen Stoneback.

The results of the C.A.D. Regatta were Jim Carson first, Marge Alexander second, and Bob Adams third.

The Governor's Cup Regatta at Riverton drew twelve boats, and was won by Marcy Lippincott, followed by Arnold Schwartz and Chuck Highsmith.

The New Jersey State Championship was held down-bay for the first time, with Surf City acting as host club. Howard Mullen, by sailing consistently, retained his title over twenty-six boats from ten fleets. In second place was R. Adams, followed by Tom Coe. Surf City also ran a very successful 13th Annual Fall Regatta, in which thirty-three boats participated. First R. Adams, second Marbury Fox, third H. Mullen, fourth Franz Schneider, fifth John Walton. This was another perfect weekend with wind, water and sunshine to suit all.

A new regatta was started by Riverton this year and proved to be very successful. Their "Lightning" Invitational was spotted between Surf City and Washington, D.C., Regattas. Again excellent weather prevailed and with twenty-two boats from eight fleets Arnold Schwartz won going away, with R. Adams second, Marcy Lippincott third, Jack Elfman fourth, and Phister fifth. It looks like this will be a regular annual affair.

Brant Beach Spring Regatta was won by Gordon Buzby, followed by Tom Coe, and Ralph Messersmith. Buzby came from behind on several occasions to be up front when it really counted.

Jack Elfman wrapped up the South Jersey Championship in grand style by beating Clausen who placed second.

Quantico proved to be the big Casino this year when a hundred Lightnings and nearly five hundred people converged on the Marine Corps School in Virginia for a weekend of racing in early November. Dick O'Donnell sailing Lars Olsen's new boat, which is a beauty, won by a scant margin. Four of the first five places were taken by C.A.D. boats, an excellent showing in such a tremendous fleet. This was another good-weather weekend which is very unusual for this one.

1962 is shaping up to be the most successful year ever for C.A.D. There will be many new boats, with two more active fleets at Barnegat Light and Ocean Gate, along with an increasing number of open Lightning regattas to keep us all busy throughout the extended seasons.

Following is a partial list of regattas for '62—plan now!

Early Bird	Brant Beach	4/62
Spring Regatta	Brant Beach	4/62
District Regatta	Lavalette	7/28 & 7/29
New Jersey State		6/62
South Jersey	Brigantine	
Little Egg	Beach Haven	8/62
Surf City Fall		9/62
Atlantic Coast	Bay Head	8/4 & 8/5
Riverton Governor's Cup		6/62
Riverton Invitation Lightning		9/62

Others will be announced along with definite dates. Here's to another successful season, good luck!

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REPORT

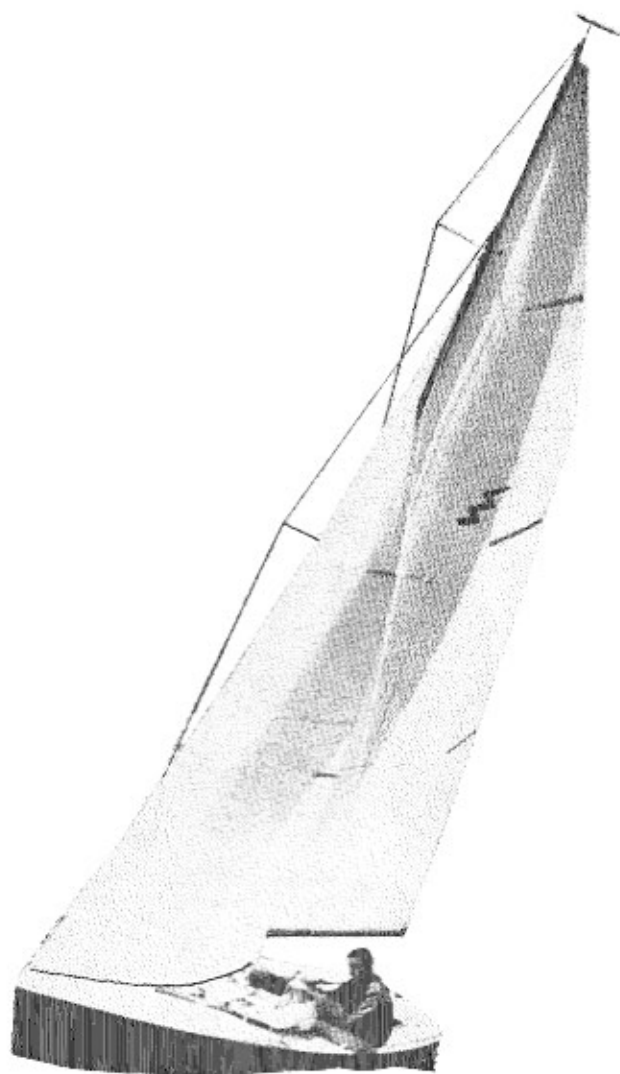
District Commodore J. Wesley Farrell

District Secretary Kenneth E. Crotty

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Onondaga Lake Fleet (10); Mayfield Y. C. (13); Canandaigua Y. C. (44); Newport Y. C. (77); Lewis Point Fleet (93); Great Sodus Bay Fleet (108); Red Jacket Fleet (125); Conesus Fleet (140); Genesee Y. C. (148); Owasco Y. C. (149); Cazenovia Fleet (164); Henderson Harbor Fleet (225); Keuka Lake (252); Brockport Y. C. (267); Galway Lake Lightning Fleet (338).

District Report: There were 30 registered entrants for the "Districts" representing 6 fleets; Newport (defending fleet), Skaneateles, Sodus, Conesus, Willowbank, and Red Jacket Yacht Clubs. The 1960 District Eliminations held at Sodus Bay was won by Dr. John McIntosh in his Blue Jacket II (4879) and the good Doctor

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was defending his championship in home waters at Newport Y. C. in 1961.

At the 1961 District Spring Meeting it was decided to run a 4 race series on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 & 13, wind and weather permitting. Thanks to wind and weather, the scheduled 4 were held on those dates.

Saturday, Aug. 12—first race started at 11 A.M. with winds extremely variable from N.E. to S.W.—2 to 7 M.P.H.—triangular buoys to Starboard.

Light and spotty winds placed a premium on patience and light air skills. Skipper Bob Woolman of Newport sailing "Trop Chere" (3836) made good use of such attributes to come home a sound first, followed by John Sprague of Sodus Bay sailing "Presto" (7535). Ace Finn of Skaneateles was third.

Second race, Saturday, Aug. 12 at 2:30 P.M.—weather and course the same. The 2nd race was a duplicate of the first, with Woolman in first place again, Sprague 2nd, and Charlie Hallagan of Sodus in 3rd place. Score after 2 races was:

1. Woolman	1—1—	60½ Points
2. Sprague	2—2—	58 Points
3. Hallagan	3—3—	51 Points

Third race, Sunday, Aug. 13 at 11:00 A.M.—wind S.E. 8 to 15 M.P.H.—triangular course. Everyone, including race committee, heartened by a strong and gusty S.E. wind unusual for this time of year. A good close start with most all boats over and away within 15 seconds after the starting gun, leaders closely crowded throughout the race. Charlie Doerflinger, of Conesus, was the first casualty, going over in a vicious blast of wind during a spectacular spinnaker run. Neither Woolman nor Sprague could maintain their previous hot pace, Woolman landing a discouraging eighth, but Sprague gaining a very helpful fifth place.

The second casualty of the third race was truly a heartbreaker. "Skinner" Reynolds of Fleet #1 Skaneateles, and former district champion was leading and when, beating up to the finish line, was "dumped", 300 yards short of success, by another tremendous gust of wind. Charlie Hallagan; Sodus, Dr. John McIntosh; Newport, and Dr. John Gentry; Skaneateles finished in that order. Score at the end of 3 races:

1. John Sprague	2—2—5	84 Points
2. Bob Woolman	1—1—8	83½ Points
3. Charlie Hallagan	8—3—1	81¼ Points

Fourth race, Sunday, Aug. 13—wind N.W. at 8 to 12 M.P.H. Triangular course. A fine steady wind provided a good race for everyone, with any of the first three in a good position to walk off with the trophy if the opposition faltered. A Newport sailor, Warren Duerr, in his new boat (7974) forged into an early lead and maintained it throughout the race. A bitter battle between Sprague and Woolman for 2nd position with Sprague taking the plumb and with it the pudding. Woolman, a grand competitor, saved the 3rd spot. Final scores for 4 races:

1. John Sprague	2—2—5—2	113 Points
2. Bob Woolman	1—1—8—3	111½ Points
3. Charles Hallagan	8—3—1—6	106¼ Points
4. Dr. John McIntosh	6—6—2—5	105 Points
5. Warren Duerr	5—11—9—1	98¼ Points

The Central New York District enjoyed a very active and successful season. With the "Districts" expected to be held at Skaneateles Country Club and the "Nationals" at Buffalo, a fine season and a year of keen competition is anticipated for 1962.

Here are the finishes for the principal Lightning Regattas in the Central New York District for 1961.

Skaneateles Invitational—26 boats—July 22-23 1st: Stu Anderson, Niagara; 2nd: Bob Woolman, Newport; 3rd: W. H. Ferris, Skaneateles.

CNYRA at Red Jacket, Cayuga Lake—36 boats—July 28-29-30.

1st: John Gentry, Skaneateles; 2nd: John Sprague, Sodus; 3rd: Bob Woolman, Newport.

Newport Silver Anniversary—21 boats—August 5-6.

1st: Bob Woolman, Newport; 2nd: John Gentry, Skaneateles; 3rd: John McIntosh, Newport.

Districts at Newport—29 boats—August 12-13.

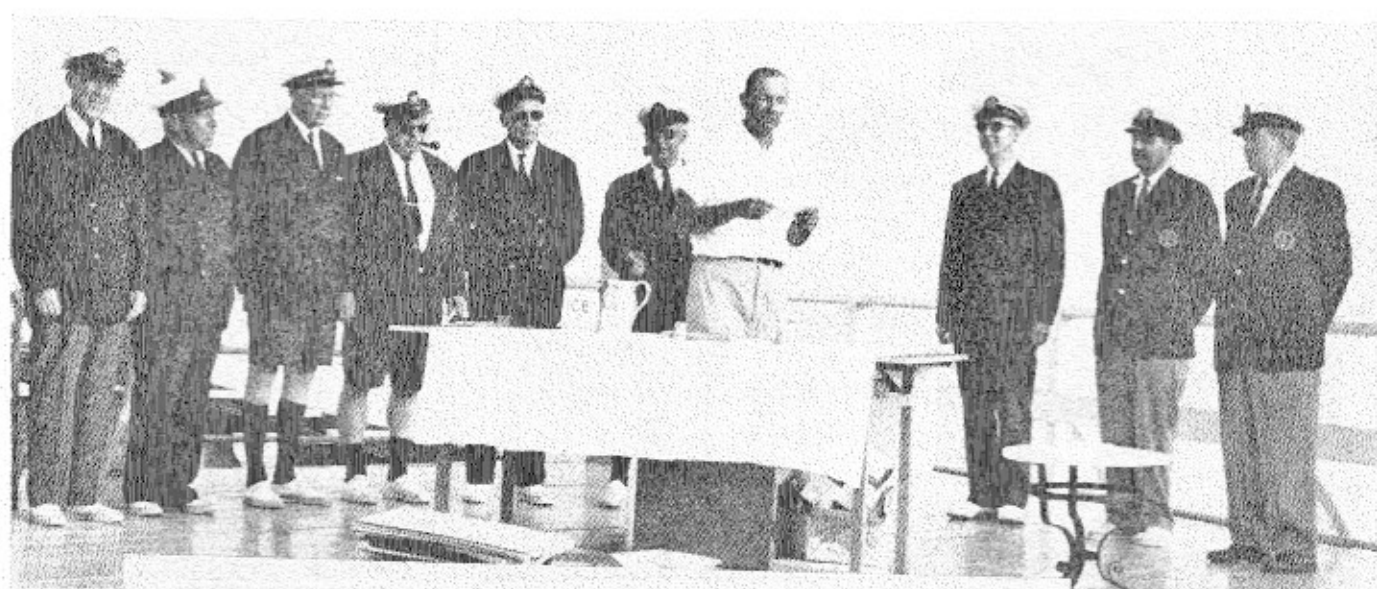
1st: John Sprague, Sodus; 2nd: Bob Woolman, Newport; 3rd: Charles Hallagan, Sodus.

Sodus Bay Invitational—18 boats—August 26-27.

1st: John Gentry, Skaneateles; 2nd: Skinner Reynolds, Skaneateles; 3rd: Dick Hallagan, Sodus.

Onondaga Lake Invitational—23 boats—September 9-10.

1st: Bob Woolman, Newport; 2nd: Hugh Dietz, Skaneateles; 3rd: Warren Duerr, Newport.



Marty O'Meara, Commodore of Conn-RI District, expresses thanks to the Black Rock Yacht Club and its excellent Race Committee preliminary to presenting trophies to the winners of the 1961 District championship

CONNECTICUT—RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT REPORT

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

District Secretary: Barbara Hadlow

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 1961 season opened with the "Tune Up" series, at the Milford Yacht Club. Eight races in three May week-ends with Wayne Brockett in first place, followed by Warren Hyde and Harrie Patrick. The regatta is open to all District members and gives those with new boats an opportunity to test them out before regular season events.

Niantic Bay was host to another "Early Bird" regatta on June 24-25. Wayne Brockett came in first with Bud Olsen second and Bill Healy third.

The Groton Long Point Fleet played host to their annual regatta on July 8-9. Light winds and tricky currents didn't bother Bill Healy as he topped first place with Ken Ireland second and John Barton third.

The "Districts" were held on July 22-23 at the Black Rock Yacht Club with Fleet 17 as host. Four races were held in light to medium airs. Bill Healy of Niantic Bay and Bob Crane of Noroton dominated the contest. Bob was eight points in front going into the final race. Both Bob and Bill made the series very interesting by tanking early in the final race. Bill was able to work up through for a last minute second. Bob got involved in a private dual with Wally Crump in the final two legs of the race and finished 15th behind Wally. Bill Healy, incidentally, was recalled in the second race and rounded the first mark dead last. He then passed all but one boat to leeward on the second leg spinnaker run and went on to win the race. He wouldn't reveal his secret and we still don't know whether it was a four leaf clover or a rabbit's foot. John Barton of the host club turned out a very fine third. The results were as follows:

Boat	Skipper	Race	Race	Race	Race	Position	Points
6849	B. Healy	2	1	9	2	1	
7019	R. Crane	1	2	1	15	2	89½
6445	J. Barton	6	5	8	5	3	84
5985	T. Munnell	10	11	4	1	4	82½
7914	D. Chanoux	12	6	5	4	5	81
7822	B. Olsen	3	8	15	6	6	76
6346	W. Crump	14	3	2	14	7	75
5986	L. Cunningham	4	17	6	9	8	72
7116	W. Hyde	11	12	3	12	9	70
5841	W. Lineburgh	7	14	12	7	10	68
5984	W. Hanson	20	4	7	13	11	64
7806	S. W. Sinclair	5	9	19	17	12	58

2682	L. Fitch	13	10	11	19	13	55
7170	M. O'Meara	8	15	16	21	14	48
7337	H. Sprague	15	16	WD	3	15	47
6364	L. Demarest	16	7	14	DSQ	16	44
5670	J. Nothnagle	23	13	13	16	17T	43
6567	D. Peterson	9	WD	18	11	17T	43
5989	L. Abberley	21	19	10	20	19	38
7017	K. Ireland	18	20	WD	8	20	35
5138	R. Purrrington	16	23	WD	10	21	31
7050	J. Allen	19	21	17	22	22	29
7520	H. Patrick	22	WD	21	18	23	20
4942	C. Hutchison	24	22	20	24	24	17
7267	L. Brundred, Jr.	24	18	WD	23	25	16
7339	R. Jones	WD	24	22	WD	26	8

The Connecticut Governor's Cup was held the weekend of August 26-27 at the Housatonic Boat Club. Wayne Brockett won the big thing (refer to the 1957 yearbook, page 91, for details) once again and was closely pursued by Dave Chanoux and Pim Epler, respectively.

Meanwhile, three of our boys were out in California at the North American Championship. Bob Crane borrowed a boat and brought it in second for the series. Bud Olsen placed 6th, making the second Connecticut qualified boat for the "World's" championship. Bill Healy couldn't find his way around the Pacific Ocean very well but had a good time anyway. It was most unfortunate that Bud Olsen was knocked out of the Milford affair when appendicitis paid him a visit. He loaned his boat to the Schmidt boys who placed third in the big regatta.

Another big event this season was the annual Long Island Sound Championship. Top boats from our District and the Western Long Island Sound District provide keen competition. The event took place at the Noroton Yacht Club. Twenty-nine boats were entered and statistics are as follows:

Boat	Skipper	Place	Points
7875	D. McNair	1	57½
7019	J. Crane	2	56½
7249	W. Brockett	3	51
7639	R. Sharp	4	50
5984	W. Hanson	5T	42
7925	R. Percoco	5T	42
7806	A. Widman	7	41
6777	V. Mayer	8	38
6346	W. Howe	9T	36
7128	A. Connell	9T	36

Our season ended once again with the "Last Chance" Regatta at the Milford Yacht Club. Private breezes played favorites as the boats scattered over the water hoping to run into one. Ken Ireland won the ice bucket this year, followed by Dave Peterson and Bill Healy.

The season was very competitive and enjoyable. Bob Crane, Bill Healy, Wayne Brockett, and John Barton appeared to have

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GREATER LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Mike Zwerling
District Secretary: Rose Granowitz
District Champion: Mike Zwerling
District Runner-Up: Bud Dailedouze

Fleets: Sheepshead 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 turn out for the annual meeting and championship race was a heartening one. Host club was the Miramar Yacht Club of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. The Sheepshead Bay Fleet #38. Spirits were high in anticipation of a fine weekend of racing, but unfortunately the weatherman was not cooperative. The original schedule called for two races on the fifteenth of July, a Saturday, and one race on Sunday the sixteenth.

The heavy rain encountered on Saturday only dampened spirits, it took pea soupish fog to kill them. It was necessary to cancel one race and postpone the other until the following day. The two races held on Sunday were sailed under fairly light wind conditions.

The District Commodore for 1962 was elected. Walter Burden of Gardiner & Peconic Bays Fleet #116 was installed and immediately thereafter he announced that the 1962 District Championship Races will be held in Fleet 116's home waters. The date to be made known later.

The final results of the championship races received fine coverage in the local press. They were as follows:

1. Mike Zwerling	6925	Fleet	38
2. Bud Dailedouze	6427		58
3. Mike Burden	7555		116
4. Sherman Leonard	7907		38
5. Tony Baroni	2070		58
6. Joseph J. Faraone	4018		38
7. Herb Walker	5697		300
8. Joe Saul	4503		300
9. Ray Harrington	7296		58

10. Robert David	7624	178
11. Earl Marvin	4863	300
12. James A. Browne, Jr.	6426	58
13. Peter Neyland	7232	58
14. Miss Olive Steckenreiter	2231	38
15. Mrs. Rose Granowitz	4112	38

GREEK DISTRICT REPORT

Honorary District Commodore: H.R.H. The Crown Prince Constantine of Greece

Honorary Vice Commodore: H.R.H. Princess Sophia of Greece

District Commodore: Andrew Sinopoulos

District Secretary: Platon Louloudis

Official Measurer: John Contocostas

Fleets: SALAMIS Piraeus Sailing Club (251); THESSALONIKI Salonica Sailing Club (256); PARTHENON Royal Yacht Club of Greece (286); DOLPHIN Royal Hellenic Naval Academy (287); ARGONAUTIS Volos Sailing Club (289); AEOLIAN Mitilini Yacht Club (336).

District Report: Racing in Greece never stops. Throughout the year Lightning sails can be seen at all sailing centers. A new Fleet 336 was chartered at Mytilene, one of the larger islands of the Eastern Aegean, better known as Lesbos. Another Fleet is in the making at the Naval Base of Skaramanga.

Among the major events was the European Championship at Corfu a description of which is given separately, the races in Salonica on the occasion of the Salonica International Fair organized by Fleet 256, where 22 Lightnings participated in September, the races in Volos known as the Papadiamandian Regatta organized by Fleet 289 and a race organized in Mytilene by young Fleet 336. Also races organized by Fleets 251, 286, 287 at Phaliron Bay.

The Royal Hellenic Navy contributed widely toward Lightning promotion by providing ships for the transportation of boats and crews and committee boats in most races and also by participating with their own Lightnings, the number of which is increasing continuously.

The Lightning is still by far the most popular class in Greece and in many areas is the only active racing class.

H.R.H. The Crown Prince is always interested in the class and its promotion, and His participation in major events largely helps in attracting the interest of yachtsmen. The Crown Prince did not limit his activity within Greece alone for the promotion of the Class but helped toward the International recognition when he attended the meeting of the I.Y.R.U. in November in London where he met V-President for Foreign Affairs, Jay Limbaugh.

The Prince has shown His intense interest in having the World's Championship held in Greece in 1963 and an official invitation has been already sent to Limbaugh to be discussed at the Mid-winter Regatta at St. Petersburg. The Greek District looks forward to being the host of this great event.

FINLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Esko Lindstrom

District Champion: Raimo-Ragnar Nordstrom

District Runner-Up: Terho Aromaa

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: In this season of 1960-61 Lightning activity has really soared up in Finland District. We have got about 20 new top-class Lightnings to make races hotter in many fleets and also older Lightnings have changed hands and have been bought by active racing skippers. Our skippers have also been able to participate in international races more than ever before, as three skippers went to the European Lightning Championships to Corfu, Greece, and even two of our members participated in the First World Championships in Lightning Class at Milford, Conn.

Our season began at October 25th 1960 with annual meeting in Helsinki, where were elected District Officials for the season. Previous Commodore Jukka Koskimies wanted to resign and Esko Lindstrom was elected as his successor in the District Commodore's post. Raimo Aromaa continued as District Secretary and Treasurer and other places of the administration were manned by Terho Aromaa, Erik J. Suni and Bjorn-Ole Owren.

During the sailing season, which lasts in Finland from beginning of June to mid-September, Lightning Class has shown quite a lot of activity in the racing circles. Highlights of this season have been of course District Championships and Yacht Club NJK's Centennial Regatta, which kept several hundred yachtsmen busy for two weeks.

The District Championships were organized this season by Yacht Club Merenkavijat and Helsinki Fleet (166) on July 2-5. Weather was during the races in a changing mood, so that everybody ought to have been satisfied, because there was almost storm force winds for those who wanted rough going, and almost total calm and sunny skies for "lazybodies". Raimo-R. Nordstrom from Loviisa Fleet, with Aarne Paukku and Pertti Leinonen crewing, took the Championship Trophy home again; third time already. (It begins to be really monotonous.)

Raimo's fine boat "Katrina" collected maximum points as she crossed the finishing line first in four races and seventh in one race. Terho Aromaa with his wife Hannele and Iipo Halva as crew took the runner-up Trophy with his brand-new boat "Masi" #7887. Third was Aimo Hanninen with his homemade beauty "Marina" #7177, fourth Bjorn-Ole Owren (Speed VI) fifth Paavo Manninen (Anonymus) sixth Raimo Aromaa (Tulatar). Fourteen Lightnings participated.

Eighteen Lightnings participated in the NJK's Centennial Regatta's several races. Best overall results were overwhelmingly caught by Terho Aromaa (Masi, 7887) who took home both Rautavaara-Kacklund Trophy and Regatta's Points Prize Trophy.

Stig Wikman, Aimo Hanninen and Bjorn-Ole Owren from Helsinki Fleet participated in the LCA European Championships in Corfu, Greece. Unfortunately, they couldn't take their own boats along and had to race with borrowed boats and didn't feel "at home" in them so that their placings in the prizelists weren't so good as could be expected. However, they had a nice time and learned quite a lot, and on top of that it was decided that the 1962 LCA European Championships will be held in Finland. Our participants wish to thank heartily their excellent hosts in Greece, and we all want to send a hearty WELCOME TO FINLAND for all Lightning sailors who want to participate in the next years European Championships.

Raimo-R. Nordstrom, our District Champion from Loviisa Fleet, and Paavo Manninen from Helsinki Fleet were able to participate in the first Lightning Class World Championships at Milford in September. We are quite proud of that, that our skippers got so good opportunity to match their skill against whole world's top Lightning skippers and especially Raimo Nordstrom showed that we here on the other side of Atlantic are not so far from the top in the Lightning Class racing.

We are going to get at least 15-20 new Lightnings and probably also two new fleets in our District for next season; and the European Championships on top of that, so the future for Lightnings seems quite bright here in Finland. We are looking forward to the coming season with great expectations.



Even "Herm" has a drink after the Potapskus Sailing Assn. Regatta. (Ref. Herm Henschen at extreme right)

DIXIE DISTRICT

Fleets: Washington (50), Indian River (72), Sue Island (87), Northeast River (192), Susquehanna (253), Rehoboth (325), Severn River (329), Sassafras River (314).

District Commodore: John McKenney

District Vice-Commodore: Mary Wilkinson

District Secretary: Franz Schneider

District Champion: Marbury Fox (Fleet 87)

District Runner-Up: Lou Borges (Fleet 50)

The year began with our midwinter meeting at the Naval Academy in Annapolis sponsored by our newest fleet #329. There was excellent attendance and a good time was had by all. After cocktails and dinner the business meeting was called to order by Dr. James Gilbert, the retiring Commodore. New officers were elected, Indian River was chosen as the site of the 1961 District Championship, and regular business was covered. Afterwards the group adjourned to the cocktail lounge for more social activity.

The regatta season began with the Annapolis Spring Series Regatta. This was won by Marbury Fox of the Baltimore Yacht Club. Close behind in second and third was Barney Mead and Bob Tunnell.

The Severn Sailing Association was the next club to sponsor a regatta. This time Barney Mead with his sons Biff & Jimmy was first. Second was Herman Henschen and third was Bob Tunnell.

The Glenmar Regatta was held as usual at the Baltimore Yacht Club and was sponsored by the Glenmar Sailing Association. The series was easily won by Bob Tunnell sailing in his Challenger. Second went to George Allison, back with his own boat after a long absence from the ranks of skipper. Third was Earl Engler sailing his "Slave Driver" with his two daughters as crew.

Most of the boats stayed over at Baltimore for the B.Y.C. Regatta which was held on the weekend after the Glenmar Regatta. Again Bob Tunnell was on top. But this time he was followed by Herm Henschen and Marbury Fox in that order.

Next on the calendar was the Annapolis Yacht Club Summer Regatta. This was sailed on their excellent course "J" which is out in the Chesapeake Bay. Out front with his son Jimmy and Bub Stevenson as crew was Marbury Fox. Herman Henschen was second. Third was Frank Mullins of the local Severn River Fleet.

The District Championship was held at the Indian River Yacht Club at Oak Orchard Delaware. This is the home club of 1960 Champion Robert Tunnell. On hand to run the races was Walter Collier, one of the best men for the job in the Dixie District. After four races Marbury Fox emerged the 1961 Champion. This being his fourth championship in five years. Second was Lou Borges of the Potomac River Fleet. Next in line was defending champion Robert Tunnell followed by Barney Mead and Franz Schneider.

The Potapskus Sailing Association is nestled down in a protected cove just off the Magothy River. Their Regatta is always a pleasure to attend and this year was no exception. First in this event was Herman Henschen followed by James Tunnell and Barney Mead in that order.

Miles River Regatta was the next event of the season. On top of this one was Frank Williams of the Potomac River Fleet.

The Corsica River Regatta is another very enjoyable event. It is held on the Chester River at Pioneer Point Farms. Accommodations are provided by the host club for visitors that travel from a distance. First in this series was Robert Tunnell followed by Marbury Fox and Franz Schneider in that order.

Somewhere our records were lost. However, the Indian River Invitational Regatta and the Presidents Cup Regatta were the two regattas which were held in September. They were both very well run and successful events.

In October the Annapolis Yacht Club held its Fall Series Regatta. First in line at this event was local sailor Frank Mullins of the Severn Sailing Association. In second spot was Marbury Fox followed by Herman Henschen both of the very hot Baltimore Yacht Club fleet.

Frigit Diger Regatta was held next. It was sponsored by the Baltimore Yacht Club based at Sue Island, Md. Al Bernel of the Buffalo Canoe Club was first followed by club mate Tom Fallon. Barney Mead was the first of the local boats as he finished third.

The Quantico Regatta closed the racing season. As usual it was an excellent and very pleasant event. This can be attested to by the 95 boats that crossed the starting line.

In general the Dixie District enjoyed a very successful season. But we still look forward to a better one next season. Lightnings are growing stronger in the Dixie District.

ITALIAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Enzo Di Lorenzo

District Secretary: Mario Cavallo

Honorary District Commodore: Lorenzo Darenti Adm.

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

Fleets: Naples Fleet (191), Sorrento Fleet (223), Marivela Fleet

(235), Castellammare Fleet (237), Roma Fleet (271), Anzio Fleet (278), Lega Navale Italiana Fleet (312), La Spezia Fleet (321).

District Champion: Pier Luigi Rampolla del Tindaro, Carlo Rampolla del Tindaro and Gino Giusti.

Runner-Up: Gaetano Pesce, Antonio Molteni and Renato Sinceri.

District Report: The District has been active during the year. The annual meeting was held at La Spezia, day before the first race of the Italian Championship; plans for the season, and generally of the races were discussed. Enzo Di Lorenzo and Mario Cavallo were elected as District Commodore and District Secretary.

Races were held at Naples, Castellammare, Anzio, and La Spezia. The Italian Championship was held at La Spezia, home fleet—La Spezia Fleet of the Circolo Velico La Spezia, which organized quite nice races particularly from the technical point of view. Nice hospitality in the club house, and friendship between the crews.

1—No. 8004—Herm Nickels	182 Points
2—No. 7676—Mack Goodwin	176 "
3—No. 7388—Bob Knop	164 "
4—No. 5180—Ed & Bill McKinley	158 "
5—No. 7877—Dave Nickels	157 "
6—No. 7911—Fred Coggan	153 "
7—No. 7899—Charles Grant	148 "
8—No. 7795—Jim Kohls	146 "
9—No. 7700—Phil Smith	145 "
10—No. 6280—Richard Drew	143 "
11—No. 6550—Chuck Ellery	142 "
12—No. 7818—Leo Wasserberger	140 "
13—No. 7360—John Seaton	140 "
14—No. 7272—Gerald Murphy	136 "
15—No. 7577—Andy Roualet	134 "
16—No. 6283—Herb Cox	127 "
17—No. 7060—Warren Jones	126 "
18—No. 7602—John Goldsmith	124 "

The Regatta was a social success with the Bay City Yacht Club and Saginaw Bay Yacht Club sharing the hosting. A fish fry Friday, and Saturday night dinner and dancing to the Michigan Barefoot Philharmonica was the frosting on the cake and another successful and happy Regatta was concluded.



First 10 winners 1961 Michigan District. Front row: Dave Nickels, Mack Goodwin, Herm Nickels, Bob Knop, Ed. McKinley. Back row: Fred Coggan, Charlie Grant, Jim Kohls, Phil Smith, Richard Drew and Bill McKinley.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Charles Ellery

District Secretary: Kenneth Kennedy

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); Grand Traverse Y. C. (326).

District Report: The season was kicked off to a good start with the mid-winter meeting at Bayview Yacht Club at Detroit. The meeting was well attended with good representation of fleets in the district. Regular district business was concluded and the meeting was followed with movies of the 1960 Internationals for which our own Buzz Morley was the commentator—a wonderful job. Buzz! The site of the 1961 district regatta was selected as Saginaw Bay with Fleet #216 as hosts.

The 1961 sailing season was active with 8 clubs having I.C.A. Regattas; the first June 17th at Crescent Sail Yacht Club, and the last at Detroit Bayview Yacht Club on October 7. These Regattas, along with sailing in the 15 Michigan Fleets, adds up to a lot of Lightning miles. Also, we want to mention that our District had a good representation at St. Pete for the mid-winter with Herm Nickels, Clarence Holman and Dr. Gerry Murphy finishing in the first 10.

We, in Michigan, are blessed with lots of sailing waters and our Saginaw Bay, the site of our 1961 District Regatta, is one of the best. The races went as scheduled with two races on July 28th, two on July 29th, and almost a final race on July 30th. However, the weather forced the committee to call it off before the finish as the small craft warnings were out straight. However, with four good races, the finishes were as follows for the first 18 which were qualified for the North America and President's Cup Regattas at Mission Bay:



Kneeling: Francis Favuloro, Tom Allen. Standing: Ed Overton, Champion Bob Kammer, and Alfred Brown.

MIDWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Al Berg

District Secretary: John Burke

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 mid-winter meeting of the Midwest District was once again held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on March 25th, with 7 fleets answering the roll call. Milwaukee Yacht Club's invitation to host the District Races was unanimously accepted. The season schedule was developed at this time, and films were shown of the 1960 International Races.

Kentucky Lake opened the season with the Governor's Cup Regatta held on May 26, 27, and 28th at Kentucky Lake.

Other regattas which the Midwest sailors participated in were the Shakedown Regatta at St. Joseph Yacht Club, Small Boat Regatta at Burnham Park, P & T Regatta at Milwaukee Yacht Club, Hoosierland Regatta at Michigan City, with Lake Wawasee Yacht Club and Indianapolis Sailing Club as co-sponsors, Hobelmann Regatta at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Sand Dunes Regatta at Michigan City Yacht Club, and as usual, to close the season, the Red Flannel Regatta at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club. Details of these regattas can be reviewed under fleet reports.

The Midwest District Championship Races were held at Milwaukee Yacht Club on July 23 and 24th with 58 boats registered. The host club did an excellent job measuring sails, and measuring and weighing the boats as they arrived on Friday.

Saturday morning's race was won by Bill Wingard with Al Berg second, Harry Spitz 3rd, Art Wong 4th, and Earl Ross 5th. The second race on Saturday was won by Bill Wingard again. Second place was Cully Cobb, third place Al Berg, fourth place Harry Spitz, and fifth place Bill Campbell.

Dean DeVries placed first in the Sunday morning race followed by Bill Wingard 2nd, John Burke 3rd, Gary Arnold 4th and Jim Burke 5th.

Al Berg came in first in the afternoon race with Hugo Long 2nd, Dean DeVries 3rd, Cully Cobb 4th and Bill Wingard 5th. Final standings were as follows: Bill Wingard 1st, Al Berg 2nd, Dean DeVries 3rd, Harry Spitz 4th and Cully Cobb 5th.

Election of officers for the new year 1962 were held at the annual meeting with Al Berg and John Burke of Fleet #5 being elected, District Commodore and Secretary respectively.

A new Lake Michigan Championship Circuit was established this year using low point average scoring from three out of four previously picked regattas.

The perpetual trophy, donated in memorial to John Primich by his friends from Gary and Michigan City, will be presented at the Winter Meeting to Bill Wingard, the 1961 Winner.

All in all we had a fine sailing year here in the Midwest District and are looking forward to a great 1962 season.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Dr. Louis J. Pocharski

District Secretary: John J. Collins

Fleets: Fleet #14, Centerboard Yacht Club; #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.

Fleets: Fleet #14, Centerboard Yacht Club; #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 first regatta held during the 1961 season was the State of Massachusetts Regatta held by Fleet 248 at Rockport, Massachusetts. It was a clean sweep for the Marblehead Fleet 189. The State of Massachusetts Champion for 1961 is Dr. Louis Pocharski in 7299. Dick Price in 7777 was second, and Ken Drewry in 6595 was third. Fleet 248 did an excellent job in running their first regatta.

On 15-16 July, the Lake Champlain Fleet 301 held the Combined New Hampshire-Vermont Regatta. Excellent winds were enjoyed by the contestants who came from all over the New England District and New York. The winner, after a close series, was Dunc McInnes, 7333 of Marblehead. Second was Len Pratt, 8008 of Spofford Lake. Len had just received this boat from the builder a couple of days before the regatta. Third was Sam Stowell, 7 of Lake Bomoseen.

The next regatta was the famous Marblehead Race Week held always the last full week in July. Keep this in mind when planning your summer schedule. Because there were so many Lightnings (45), they were started in two divisions. In the first three races the boats were split up on the basis of odd and even numbers. In the last four races the top halves of the odd and even divisions were brought together in the Championship Division. The remaining boats made up the Consolation Division. Good breezes were enjoyed during the first part of the week. Senator Ben Smith, 6343 came home from Washington to take the Odd Division. Second was Lou Pocharski in 7299. Third was Ken Drewry in 6595. The Even Division was won by the Caldwell Brothers in 6924. Second was Bill Gleason in 6336. Third was Georges Peter in 6288.

The wind really blew on Tuesday, the Junior Day. The wind came from the Northwest at thirty knots. The only Lightning

casualty was Georges Peter's 6288. He christened his brand-new red-topped spinnaker when the Mouette tipped over right on the starting line. The remainder of the Juniors came through a wet but upright with John Carlen in 7553 the winner.

The wind did an about face and softened for the remainder of the week. The Championship Division was won by Senator Ben Smith in 6343. Dr. Lou Pocharski was second and the Caldwell Brothers in 6924 were third. The Consolation Division was won by Len Pratt in 8008. Second was Al "Screwdriver" Hill in 2816. Third was Frank Columbo in 7777. This was the fifth straight year that Ben Smith has won the Milt Larson Trophy for the Championship Division.

The New England District Championships were held at the Annisquam Yacht Club on August 4-6. The wind was not too co-operative but this was more than made up for by the hospitality of the Annisquam Yacht Club. The racing was close all the way. At the end of four races Ben Smith had a four point lead on Pocharski. In the fifth race Pocharski led Smith at the last mark by a boat. Then the wind died, shifted, and picked up again with Pocharski on the right side of the shift. This put enough boats between him and Smith to win. Third place was taken by Jack Cunningham in 6655. This was the first District win for Pocharski after being the bridesmaid, never the bride for the past three years.

The annual meeting of the District was held Friday evening, August 4th at the Annisquam Yacht Club. Dr. Louis A. Pocharski of Fleet 189 was elected Commodore. John J. Collins of Fleet 189 was elected District Secretary. Everyone praised the Annisquam Yacht Club for the manner in which the races were run and the fine lunch on the water.

The State of Maine Championships were held at Portland on August 12-13. This was won by former "Mainiac," but now of Marblehead, Dunc McInnes in 7333. Second was Sam Stowell in 7. Third was Len Pratt in 8008. Fourth was Al Moore in 7004, the first Maine boat.

The Annual Winnepesaukee Championship was held on August 19-20. The luck of Dr. Lou Pocharski finally ran out this year. This year Pete Van Iderstine in 8008 was the winner. Second was Bill Gleason in 6336 by a quarter point. Third was Dave LaMarche in 7228. Some one of these days the wind will blow at Winnepesaukee. Next year must be it, so you'd better be there.

The final regatta of the season is the Massebecic Regatta. This year held on September 16-17. Bill Gleason in 6336 came through with a well deserved win. Second was Len Pratt in 6888. Third was Frank Husson in 3229.

Of special note is the fact that Commodore Len Pratt sailed in all the regattas of the New England District. Such a man is Len Pratt. This record will probably not be attained again until Len does it himself.

The season came to a close at the mid-winter meeting held on December 3, 1961, at Concord, New Hampshire. Here fifty-nine skippers and guests, representing nine of the thirteen fleets, met for the traditional social hour, banquet, business meeting, and movie. District Committees were appointed and a new schedule of events was drawn up.

The schedule for the 1962 season is:

State of Mass.—July 7-8 Fleet 189 Marblehead

District of Regatta—July 13-14-15 Fleet 301 Champlain

Marblehead Race Week—July 22-29

State of N.H. and Vermont—August 4-5 Fleet 145 Spofford

State of Maine—August 11-12 Fleet 14 Portland

Winnepesaukee Champ.—August 18-19 Fleet 248

Massabesic Regatta—September 22-23 Fleet 273

We of the New England District invite all to come and sail in the fine waters of the New England District.

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Ralph D. Powless

District Secretary: John W. Mueller

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 (263); Indianapolis (270); Cowan Lake (303); Jolly Roger (313).

District Report: The Ohio-Indiana District started the 1961 Regatta circuit early again this year as Jay Limbaugh, Bucky Powless, Bud Nelson, John Ruhlman and Pete Carlson trailed their boats to St. Pere.

A great deal of interest was aroused by the advent of several new boats into many of the Ohio-Indiana Fleets. Each of these boats created impressive records in their own clubs and it was with great anticipation that the owners met at the districts and the many regattas to follow.

A drama developed and grew as the season progressed. George Fisher, in his new Lippincott 7845, which won the Southern Circuit in 1961, moved from one regatta to the next, emerging from each victorious. George won every regatta in which he competed. It was conceded by all that George had the hottest boat in the District, which apparently wasn't enough because in November the boat along with five others and half of the Lippincott Boat Company in Columbus burned completely. At this time, it was without a doubt, the hottest boat in the entire realm of yachting. It is with great humility that we, as co-sailors, offer George our condolences. We understand George has a new boat and I am sure he will be equally formidable next year, proving it is not the boat but George, himself.

Boats burned were: 5010, Tim Fisher; 7515, John Ranft; 6930, Bob F. Lay; 7845, George Fisher. Also, two new hulls which had not as yet been numbered.

Regatta results were as follows: 1. George Fisher; 2. Dick Kraus; 3. Jay Limbaugh at Great Lakes, Toledo.

Ohio Inter Club at Mansfield: 1. Bucky Powless; 2. Russ Bartholemew; 3. Charles Lutes.

Ohio-Indiana Districts at Pymatuning: 1. George Fisher; 2. Jay Limbaugh; 3. Chuck Maltbie; 4. Bucky Powless; 5. Frank Hornby.

Pow Wow at Leatherlips: 1. Bucky Powless; 2. Jay Limbaugh; 3. John Snyder.

Buffalo Invitational: 1. George Fisher; 2. Karl Smithers; 3. Tom Allen.

Interlake at P.I.B.Y.C.: 1. Pinkie Allen; 2. Pete Carsten; 3. Frank Cavanaugh.

C.Y.C. Regatta: 1. Mark Auer; 2. Jay Limbaugh; 3. Bud Nelson.

Snow Flurries at Port Clinton: 1. George Fisher; 2. Jay Limbaugh; 3. John Ranft.

Snow Ball at B.L.Y.C.: 1. George Fisher; 2. Bob Lippincott; 3. Chuck Maltbie. *8002 belonging to Bucky Powless.

At the North American Championship Regatta, all Ohio-Indiana boats qualified for finals, and Jay Limbaugh won the 4th race. Jay Limbaugh and Bud Nelson qualified to attend the World's Jay could not attend so Bucky Powless went as alternate. Two of the 15 U.S. boats were from the Ohio-Indiana District.

This year the Sportsmanship Award went to the most deserving man in the Ohio-Indiana District, Fred Lange. Fred has been active in the Lightning Fleet at Pymatuning for many seasons. He is always called on and freely offers assistance to all fleets when help is needed. Congratulations, Fred, we are proud to have you in our district.

Sam Hayes is the new Lippincott representative. He has opened a boat repair shop and sales office in Columbus, Ohio. It is certainly good to know that we have available help this close to home.

Next year, the Ohio-Indiana District Regatta will be held at the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club. Two other big Lightning regattas for the Ohio-Indiana District will be the 4th of July at Pymatuning and the C.Y.C. Regatta at Cleveland. Let's all attend these regattas and make 1962 the biggest and most interesting for us all.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Thomas Jobs

District Secretary: Joseph Guthrie

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

District Report: The 1961 annual District meeting was attended by members of the following fleets, Lake Washington Fleet #132, Columbia River Basin Fleet #283 and Chinook Fleet #229. We were sorry Canada was not represented by one of their fleets. Seven boats made application for entry in the North American Championship.

The District Championship was hosted by Chinook Fleet #229 at the Eugene Yacht Club on Fern Ridge Lake in Eugene, Oregon.

Results were as follows:

	Fleet	Boat No.
1. Ken Brostrim	132	7030
2. Freddy Tauscher	283	6061
3. Tye Campbell	229	5041
4. Harry Braut	283	6999
5. Bob Clark	132	7975
6. Bill Jaquette	132	7713
7. Floyd Dickson	229	6211
8. William Davies	132	6792
9. Ted Marchner	229	3758
10. Dave Gosse	132	7458
11. Bark Slocum	229	7712
12. Jim Tysell	229	4815

13. Dr. Post	229	7525
14. Dave Lowe	229	6719
15. Bob Lacy	229	6657
16. Mike Strahon	229	7695
17. Joe Guthrie	132	3830
18. George Britton	229	5451
19. Cecil Armes	229	3317
20. Elfendahl	132	7665
21. Dr. McCallum	229	6583

The 1962 Northwest District races will be held in Seattle on Lake Washington. Be sure and come—you can't miss seeing the Century 21 being held in Seattle during '62.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

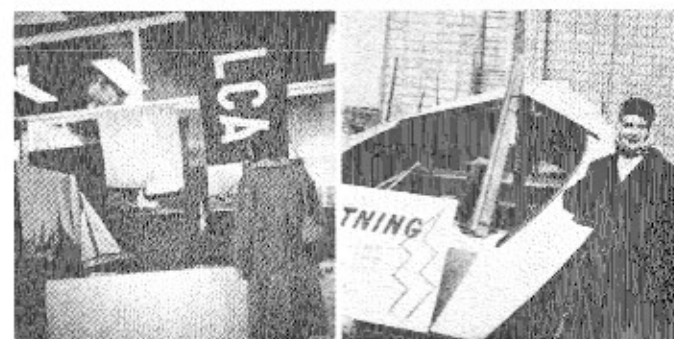
District Commodore: John E. Porter

District Secretary: S. Elmo Weeks

Fleets: St. Petersburg, Fla. (109); Savannah, Ga. (127); Tampa, Fla. (168); Miami, Fla. (226); Augusta, Ga. (257); Charleston, S.C. (288); West Palm Beach, Fla. (333).

District Report: District championship was held this year on June 24th and 25th at the Port St. Lucy Country Club on the Port St. Lucy River near Fort Pierce, Florida. Eight Lightnings participated. Five from Miami, two from Savannah and one from West Palm Beach. All five races were extremely close and points between the first and the fourth boat were very small. Port St. Lucy Country Club went all out to make this a successful regatta and entertained with a cocktail party prior to the district meeting which was held on June 24th. John Porter of Savannah was unanimously elected Commodore of the district for the coming year and Elmo Weeks of Savannah was elected district secretary.

Jack Price of Miami barely nosed out John McIntosh of Savannah for the district championship with Oscar Nelson of Miami a close third and Howard Foht, Miami, Jim Vensel, Miami, and Elmo Weeks, Savannah, following in that order.



D-6-1 col.—Finland District Report
Pictures taken of the Lightning departments in the Helsinki Boat Show. Finland District has participated in 6 Boat Shows all around the country during the spring 1961

SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Tom Allen

District Secretary: Jack Dane

Fleets: Southern Yacht Club (62); Mobile Bay Lightning Class (135); Shreveport Yacht Club (175); Pass Christian Lightning Fleet (179); New Orleans Lightning Fleet (209); Pensacola Lightning Fleet (324).

District Report: The 1961 season for the Southern Lightning District opened with the Annual Sugar Bowl Regatta held on New Years Week-end in New Orleans. Sailed on Lake Pontchartrain under the co-sponsorship of SYC-NOYC fleets, the winner with three straight first place finishes was the very capable Francis Favaloro sailing his Annie No. 2363 (oldest boat in the District). Over and over again throughout the years, Favaloro has demonstrated the importance of teamwork, good slick bottom, sails, and expert touch on the tiller in skippering an older, heavier (in excess of 800 pounds) Lightning to many victories over newer, lighter boats.

The important Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championships was held at the Pass Christian Yacht Club (Fleet 179) in July. Repeating as GYA Champion was the "Old Pro" from Fairhope Fleet 135, Ed Overton. With a total of 17 entries from five fleets, the following were the first five boats:

Skipper	Boat No.	District	Fleet	Total Pts.	Final Pos.
Overton, Ed	7399	Fairhope	135	57 1/4	1

Ballatin, John	6712	NOYC	209	51	2
Favaloro, F.	2363	NOYC	209	44	3
Kammer, Bob	5799	SYC	62	43	4
Whitworth, G.	6949	NOYC	209	40	5

The 1961 Southern District Championships were held on Lake Pontchartrain in June with the New Orleans Yacht Club (Fleet 209) as host. There were a total of twenty entries. With the exception of Ed Overton from Fairhope Fleet 135 and Harry Clark from PCYC Fleet 179, all other entries were New Orleans owned Lightnings.

As has been true for the last several years, the two most active Lightning fleets in the District have been SYC Fleet 62 and NOYC Fleet 209. Most discouraging to District Officers has been the lack of activity along the Gulf Coast area. Some hope for the future is generated by the reactivation during 1961 on the part of Pensacola Fleet 324. Other Fleets have one or more skippers who participate in special Regattas: District Championships, GYA sanctioned events, but few fleets have a season-long race schedule within their own fleet.

In an attempt to stimulate interest in past years, the District Championship was held at Fairhope, Alabama in 1960; at Southern Yacht Club in 1959; and Shreveport Yacht Club in 1958. As a further attempt, the 1962 District Championship will be held at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (Fleet 211) in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

The complete 1961 Southern District Championship results are as follows:

Skipper	Boat No.	Total Pts.	Final Pos.
Kammer, Robt. H. (SYC)	5799	91½	1
Allen, Thomas (SYC)	7282	83	2
Brown, Alfred (SYC)	7120	82	3
Favaloro, Francis (NOYC)	2363	82	4
Overton, E. B. (Fairhope)	7399	79¼	5
Dane, Jack (SYC)	7122	75	6
Banck, Robert (SYC)	7121	68	7
Ballatin, John (NOYC)	6712	56	8
Stockton, Maurice (SYC)	6799	51	9
Whitworth, Gil (NOYC)	6979	50	10
Jacob, Horace (NOYC)	3196	50	11
Bernius, C. A. (SYC)	5484	48	12
Mullally, J. P. (SYC)	5556	42	13
Kane, Kelly (NOYC)	7481	42	14
Clark, H. III (PSYC)	7357	33	15
Pendarvis, L. (NOYC)	5343	25	16
Ripple, R. E. (NOYC)	3647	23	17
Manion, Francis (SYC)	5373	19	18
Leeffe, Guy (NOYC)	7295	8	19
Hyatt, Arthur (NOYC)	7482	7	20

Sailing an older boat he practically rebuilt in his back yard, skipper Bob Kammer was the winner with consistent finishes of Third, Sixth, First, and First. Runner-up was Tom Allen with a Ninth, Second, Fourth, Fourth and Third. The remarkable Ed Overton was Fifth overall despite a disqualification in the fourth race.

Other Invitational Lightning events were hosted during the 1961 season by the Shreveport Yacht Club, Fairhope Yacht Club, and Pass Christian Yacht Club. It is hoped that 1962 will find more Inter-Fleet racing in each of these Clubs during the 1962 season.

At the Annual Meeting of the District, congratulations were extended to out-going Commodore John "Buck" Ballatin and Secretary Gil Whitworth for their exemplary leadership during the 1961 season.

TEXAS DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Samuel J. C. Townsend

District Secretary: Donald S. Marsh

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (35); Fort Worth (232); Lake Dallas (282); Chaparral L. F. (322)

District Report: The year began with a great idea from Captain C. B. Larrison to promote an inter-district regatta in conjunction with the Shreveport Regatta in early May. With much correspondence with Louis Griffith, the idea was brought into existence. The wind was excellent for the inter-district, and a dozen boats turned out for some hot competition on Cross Lake. Sam Townsend again went back to Dallas with the silver. It is rumored that for this event next year, more boats from the other districts will enjoy the inter-district event as well as the fine hospitality of the Shreveport Yacht Club. Ya'll come!

The next big week-end was July 15-16 for the Texas Districts at the Austin Sailing Club on Lake Travis. Chaparral Lightning Fleet 322 had looked forward to this event for almost a year and

was prepared for all comers. The day finally arrived and so did several boats, but the wind was light. Sam Townsend in his new Eichenlaub got an early lead in all three races and was never seen again except in the distance. The real competition was among the other four contenders: R. Giles, J. Jackson, J. Downes, D. Marsh, with C. Larrison entering but not able to compete due to duty with the Air Force. Each of the four participants above varied position in all races. The final standing was as follows, with the silver going back to Dallas from where it had come in Sam's car truck.

S. Townsend	7796
R. Giles	7496
J. Jackson	7972
J. Downes	6175
D. Marsh	5532
C. Larrison	7817

The district annual meeting was held following the presentation of the trophies. The following officers were elected for the Texas District: Commodore, Dr. Robert Giles, Dallas; Secretary, Capt. C. Larrison, Austin. At the meeting considerable discussion was given to a fiberglass lightning with Mr. C. Pat O'Neal giving his views on his new development. Also under discussion was how Lightnings could be promoted in each skipper's area. The inter-district regatta at Shreveport was a topic accepted with great enthusiasm. It was decided that next year's districts be held at Lake Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club (282).

It is the desire of the Commodore and all other officers of the Texas District that with full lakes and fine sailing conditions that all Lightning owners band together in a unit to attend as many regattas throughout the district in 1962 as can possibly be made by all skippers. The Texas District needs more Lightning skippers and keener competition so that we may send fine crews to the North Americans and Inter-nationals.

WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Edgar D. Perry

District Secretary: Willard Brown

Fleets: Western Connecticut (7); Larchmont (32); Little Neck Bay (55); Cold Spring Harbor (89); American Yacht Club (96); Northport Bay (98); Execution Rocks (106); Manhasset Bay (133); Hempstead (138); Eastchester Bay (163); Greenhaven (260); Rocky Point (291); Pirates Cove (323).

District Report: The Pirates Cove Fleet 323 became more active in its second year at Setauket, L.I., New York. Also, the Cold Spring Harbor Fleet 89 was reactivated through the efforts of David Storrs. The total number of paid-up boats in the district increased. All of which points to a healthy vital state of affairs.

Our District Championships had to be held three weeks early this year to enable qualifiers to make their plans for the long trip to San Diego for the North Americans. Our District Championships were held at Port Washington Yacht Club on July 29th and 30th. They were sailed on Manhasset Bay starting inside the bay and racing out and back in the bay to finish near the club moorings. There were 29 boats registered and the first race was started in with a whippy breeze of 4 or 5 knots, with a short weather lull south and then a run out of the harbor. Carter Ford hit the line on the weather end on the gun for one of the best starts of the race. He sheared off about 5 barging boats and was first all the way. After rounding the weather mark, the wind died and the boats just did keep steerage way. A rain dampened the rest of the race. After the wind came up a little, the committee wisely called the race at the second mark with Ford's Encore in first, Dick Syke's Dixie in second, and Andy Connell's Blue Cloud in third. The fleet was treated to a sumptuous buffet at Port Washington Yacht Club while waiting for the rain to cease and the breeze to come up.

The second race was started in a 6 knot southeast wind and produced about the same pattern as the first; four or five boats in the lead, then a pack of about 15 following in a long spinaker run. The boats beat all the way back and those favoring the eastern shore made out the best. Again it was Carter Ford in first, Dick Sykes in second, Andy Connell in third, followed by Art Buhr, Janet Lethen, Ed Perry and Don McNair.

Sunday morning dawned hot and absolutely breezeless. The committee waited for three hours and finally at the 2 p.m. deadline called off the third race. Therefore, the hardware was passed out on the basis of the two races. The top ten were:

Position	Skipper	Boat Number	Fleet
1	Carter Ford	6654	7
2	Dick Sykes	6819	133

MIDWEST DISTRICT REGATTAS

District Championships

July 29 - 30

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

* July 7-8

Small Boat Regatta

Burnham Park Yacht Club

* July 14-15

P & T Regatta

Milwaukee Yacht Club

August 4-5

Brotz Memorial Regatta

Sheboygan Yacht Club

August 18-19

Hobelman Regatta

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

* September 8-9

Sand Dunes Regatta

Michigan City Yacht Club

* September 15-16

Shakedown Regatta

St. Joseph Yacht Club

September 29-30

Red Flannel Regatta

Burnham Park Yacht Club

October 6-7

Watkins Regatta

Kentucky Lake Sailing Club

* Lake Michigan Championship

Participation in 3 Regattas
to qualify

3	Andy Connell	7128	133
4	Don McNair	7875	133
5	Art Buhr	7608	133
6	Pete Hannan	5366	138
7	Virginia Meyer	6777	96
8	Ed Perry	7203	98
9	Al Duryea	7675	55
10	Sue Gilbreath	6637	106

The Commodore's Cup was run off following the district boats, and had 9 contenders. The winner in the first race was Bob Sherwood sailing Maverick #4918, the oldest boat in either division. He finished about 12th among the district boats. He was followed by Kevin Garvey in Bloody Mary #7248. The second race positions were reversed, producing a tie. However, the committee decided for Maverick since he had beat more boats in the morning race. Third and fourth places were tied also; and solved in favor of Bill Marshall sailing Fantasy #7873 over Gene Northaker in Taurus #7259. It was a frustrating series, but Port Washington Yacht Club, and especially its race committee headed by Mr. Geoffrey Hazard, did the finest possible kind of job, and are to be commended. Next year at Riverside, Connecticut.

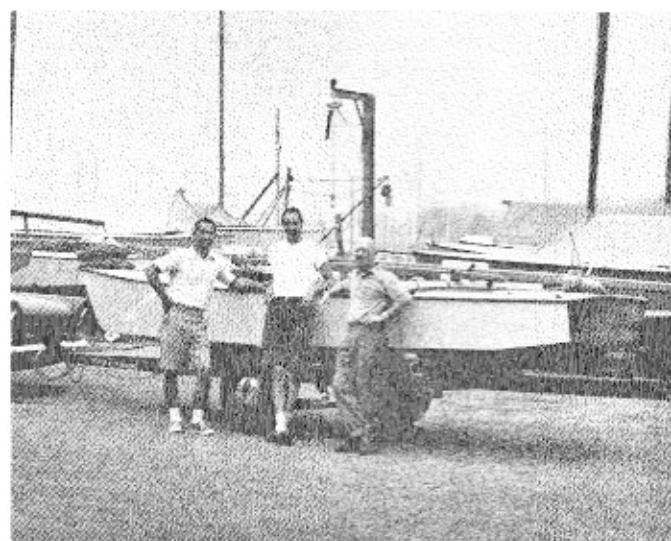
Manhasset Bay Yacht Club was host to the Atlantic Coast Championships, August 13th and 14th under similar conditions of the districts and very light airs. Only two races were run. The winner was Dick Sykes of our district, second place was Bob Adams from New Jersey, with Art Buhr of our district in third.

The third major regatta was the Long Island Sound Championships hosted by Noroton Yacht Club, on August 19th and 20th. Again only two races were completed due to light conditions. Results were 1st, Don McNair of our district, 2nd, Bob Crane of Noroton, Conn., 3rd, Wayne Brockett of Milford, Conn.

Western Long Island Sound District was represented at the North Americans by Carter Ford with his father, Hamilton Ford crewing for him. He finished 6-4-12-16-10 for a final position of 7th. David Storrs of this district finished 2nd in the Presidents Cup.

Our district participated in the World's Championships by providing the "Meeting, Greeting and Transportation Committee", which escorted many of the foreign sailors from New York to Milford, Connecticut. We also loaned several hot boats from our fleets. Ed Perry crewed for Hernando Auylo of Lima, Peru. Charlie and Michael Grinnell's Thunderbird sailed by Salas-Chavas of Argentina, placed 2nd in the World's. Ed Perry's Princess, sailed by Humberto Plaza of Ecuador, finished 9th. Don McNair and Andy Connell also loaned their boats, but placed out of the first ten. Carter Ford sailing Encore from our district finished 8th overall. It was an exciting regatta with 34 boats entered and the start of something outstanding for all Lightning sailors to shoot at. Milford Yacht Club is the epitome of a Sailor's Yacht Club and it has the members to match.

At this writing, our district is sending at least 8 boats to the regatta at Quantico, Virginia, and several of our members will be making the Southern Circuit in February. See you there.



Champion Mike Zwierling with crew Arthur Beecher and Frank Hahn