

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Metedeconk River, Metedeconk, N. J.

Fleet Captain	Charles E. Starkey
Fleet Secretary	James G. Carson
Fleet Champion	Charles Starkey
Runner-Up	James J. Daley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
178	Leilani	William C. Kainig
381	Flying Cloud III	W. Burke
3107	Daisy-Belle	W. B. Bradbury
3243	.....	August Segelke
3965	Sepp	William Mahler
4919	.....	Roy Huggins
5722	Jim Dandy	James Daley
5990	.....	Jerry O'Laughlin
6312	Vivid	John S. Hicks
6416	Brand X	Arthur Nichols
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol Hommer
6884	Trident	James G. Carson

Charlie Starkey and his all girl crew successfully defended their Metedeconk River Fleet Championship as they drove off repeated efforts by Jim Daley and Sam Hicks to wrest the title from them. In the "heavy" class periodic break-downs aboard Jerry O'Laughlin's new boat plus Herm Schmitz insistence upon abandoning racing in favor of adding to his already populous future all girl crew (four already) left Art Nichols with a runaway victory. Although after the first few races the season outcome was pretty well settled, the outcome of each individual race was always a scramble with positions changing suddenly and often. Behind Starkey, Jim Daley swapped places with last year's runner-up Sam Hicks, relegating the latter to third spot. Neither of these skippers can be taken lightly and with good crews and good equipment are a real threat.

Fleet 34 again hosted the Central Atlantic District Regattas and very impolitely walked off with the Championship in both events. Jim Carson made it three straight District Championships and for the second year in a row sailed "Trident" to a second and two firsts. Jerry O'Laughlin reached his peak for the season, held the boat together for three races, and won the Commodore's Cup Series, an event held in conjunction with the District Championship for the older and heavier boats in the area.

As usual our Fleet was active in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association series and fared well. Skipper Carson won the "A" Championship for an unprecedented fifth year in a row with Sam Hicks a fine second. In the "B" Division Art Nichols took a very creditable second.

Away from local waters Jim Carson once again was our only traveler, this year logging some 8,500 miles. Jim started off with a near miss at St. Petersburg in February losing only to the incomparable Henry Cawthra after leading him to the last race. Prosperity (or Southern hospitality) was too much for the following week in typical Barnegat Bay weather "Trident" only managed a 10th in Biscayne Bay. The two big ones, of course, were the North American and World's Championships where Skipper Jim took a tenth and eleventh.

Looking toward next year, we hope that more boats will grace our starting line (it is ample) and that we will be better represented at some of the regattas out of our local waters.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET (35)

Texas District

Based on White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	Dr. S. Roy Newman
Fleet Secretary	Carl Abbey
Fleet Champion	Dr. Sylvan R. Newman
Runner-Up	A. A. Treadway

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
535	Driftalong	Paul McElroy, Don Marquis and Tom Watson
1486	Ebb Tide	Carl Abbey
2147	.....	Irwin Grossman
3519	Dream Queen	Willis McQueen
3640	Scissor-Bill	K. Marshall Fagin
3909	.....	John Waskom, III

4653	.....	Harold F. Boss
4838	Golden Eagle	Fred C. Martens
4893	Boss Hoss	Edward D. Cobb
5142	Win Some	A. A. "Ted" Treadway
5152	.....	Harold B. Hall
5219	For-Sail	Dr. S. Roy Newman
5534	Ole	Robert B. Glatter
5656	Kaprice	Milton E. Price

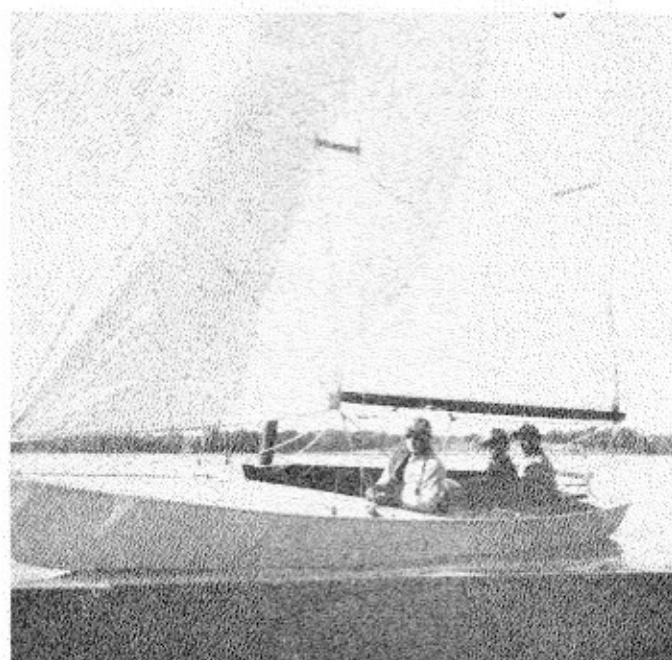
The 19th season of the Dallas Corinthian Lightning Fleet 35, found not a few of the old timers aground—their boats in for major overhauls. Out of a fleet of 14 boats only eight made the starting line during the summer race series. This year the Fleet decided on the longest Championship Series of its history with races scheduled from May 14 to October 8, for a total of four warm-up trials and 20 races. Our Fleet Captain, Dr. Sylvan R. Newman, was also Fleet Champion, sailing his newly overhauled FOR SAIL (5219) to victory. Runner-up was A. A. "Ted" Treadway, sailing WIN SOME (5142). Our youngest skipper, college age John Waskom, III, placed third in the season, sailing (3909).

A collapsing starting signal mast and cross-arm was erected early this summer by the club. Extending 18 feet skyward, it holds the three disappearing visual signals—colored balls. Various marked pennants gave skippers and crews information on course, laps, mark rounding procedure, etc.

Club members dreamed up an interesting highlight for the season—an after dark watermelon hunt with a full moon as the only source of illumination. A racing start initiated the hunt and the first crew to deposit a greased watermelon on the dock won an aneroid barometer. Naturally an iced watermelon feed followed for all participants.

Fleet 35 wishes to welcome two new members to its ranks—Bob Glatter, sailing OLE (5534), and Ted Treadway, sailing WIN SOME (5142).

Excellent Texas fall and winter weather has spurred some skippers into organizing some unofficial weekend races with other willing Lightning Fleet members.



Fleet Captain Sylvan R. Newman (on job) gives his crew a workout during an off season race. Turned into a drifting match.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB (36)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pa.

Fleet Captain	Frank Hornby
Fleet Secretary	Len Baker
Fleet Champion	Jon Ruhlman
Runner-Up	Chuck Maltbie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
183	.....	Joe Redding
528	Wayward Wind	Ray Hecht
561	.....	Bob Harrison
676	Timlin	Edgar Moran
677	Sengri-la	Ray Seng
1806	Tangerine	Bob Baumgardner
1919	Spray II	W. W. Legstrom
2545	Sugar	Dick Maras
2706	Fade	Frank Hornby
2805	Mistral	John Swartz
2885	Gale	Tom Sankey
2916	Hypo-Hattie	Ed Lininger
3845	Flap Happy	Donald Blasier
4282	.....	James Wagstaff
4357	Norma J.	William Loch
4652	.....	George Prince
4774	Hustler	Herbert Smith
5032	Betsy-Marie	J. A. Hutchison
5048	Kid-Nap	Paul Knapp
5110	Susanne	Horace Yates
5135	Sabra	Robert Hindson
5311	Spook	Eugene Harmon
5313	Mid-Rick	Richard Shannon
5323	Cigan II	Fred Lange
5338	Witch II	Len Baker
5580	Golden Girl	H. E. Johnson
5991	Poken	Kenneth Shatrets, M.D.
6033	Hot Canary II	C. H. Maltbie, D.D.S.
6053	Nana	Ed Zitnik
6505	Gael	Al Thompson
6530	Miss-Fit	Jim Davis
6555	Schuss	Robert McClaran
6651	Bebe	Robert Bowen
6661	Way-Wass-	.....
6682	I-Mo	B. F. Hawn
6969	Thisizit	Jack Simpson
7649	Debbie D.	Frank Cavanaugh
7649	Rebel	Dave Williams
7320	Ruler	Jon Ruhlman
7904	.....	John Willoughby

The 1961 Fleet 36 racing schedule was an unusually long one, consisting of 24 races beginning the last weekend in May and ending in September. In addition to this ambitious schedule, PYC hosted both the Thistle and Lightning District Championships which knocked out two complete weekends for regular series racing. Because of the near-perfect sailing conditions on Pymatuning Lake, however, only one series race during the entire season had to be cancelled.

Due to a cold and rainy spring in the Ohio-Pennsylvania area, a number of the regular racing skippers did not have their boats in the water for the first few races, but the competition was high-spirited from the outset! The scoring system is based on a two-thirds option system, allowing each skipper to score his best sixteen out of the total 24 races. Regatta scoring is used, total points for every race being based on the maximum number of participants in any one race during the series. Maximum possible point score under this system was 320 points for the series. A total of 32 boats participated in the 1961 Championship Series. The maximum number of boats in any one race was 20 and during the last half of the season we averaged 15 boats per race.

In his third season with Fleet 36, Jon Ruhlman won the Fleet Championship by staying consistently near the top throughout the entire season. Jon and his crew, Barb and Wendy Hawn, have moved up two places in the overall standings each year since they started sailing as a team together three seasons ago. Other PYC Juniors can be mighty proud of Barbara and Wendy, who have developed into one of the finest Lightning crews in the District and have become well-known, not only as two of the prettiest crew members around, but for their exceptionally skillful spinnaker handling in any kind of weather!

Starting after the season was well under way, Chuck Maltbie did an outstanding job and quickly moved up into the top scoring rank. With tenacious consistency on the weather legs and the experienced spinnaker work of jibman Bob Baumgardner, Chuck led the way or worked through the top echelon throughout the balance of the season to go down the wire with Ruhlman in the final standings. The last few series races between RULER and HOT CANARY had all the excitement of America's Cup match races with the last race deciding the final outcome and only two points separating the Champion and Runner-up.

The same type of close competition existed between Frank

Hornby and Paul Knapp, skipping FADE and KID-NAP respectively, for the third place position. Although Paul Knapp displayed his usual skill and knowledge of the tricky Pymatuning wind conditions, especially in light air, consistency under all weather conditions paid off for Frank Hornby, who squeezed into third place with a seven-point margin.

Bill Legstrom, with son Eric and wife Dorothy as crew, did a terrific job this year of concentrating on details, modernizing their rig, and working hard to stay in the top echelon throughout the season. Persistence paid off and SPRAY II ended up in the top five, moving up from eighth last season. Bill will be an even tougher contender next year with his beautiful new blue-and-gold Hard spinnaker. Bob Bowen also did a fine job of regularly moving up into the top rank, with "jibman" Eleanor Hawn applying spinnaker-handling secrets pried out of her daughters. BEBE would have been even higher in the standings had Skipper Bowen's business not kept him from participating in at least the minimum 16 races.

Although the top spots shifted around quite a bit compared with last year, it is interesting to note that every one of the top skippers improved his percentage performance this season. This testifies to the fierce competition which typified Fleet 36 racing this year and which, in turn, is responsible for more of our top skippers being regarded as potential threats in District and National Regattas.

Final standings for the 1961 season were:

Position	Boat Number	Skipper	Points
1	7320	Jon Ruhlman	311
2	6033	Chuck Maltbie	309
3	2706	Frank Hornby	302
4	5048	Paul Knapp	295
5	1919	Bill Legstrom	241
6	6651	Bob Bowen	222
7	6053	Ed Zitnik	204
8	5311	Gene Harmon	143
9	6505	Al Thomson	125
10	2805	John Schwartz	121

The last weekend in June saw PYC again playing host to the Ohio-Indiana Districts. There was a bit of grumbling about this at first, because it does put a strain on the home club, particularly the way we do it at PYC with everybody pitching in to help with the chores. Besides, the Thistle Districts were also scheduled to be held at PYC a couple of weeks hence. In the end, however, it all worked out fine. Chuck Maltbie, as chairman of Regatta, had everything organized to a tee, and when the boats started rolling in there was a man for every job and it must have looked easy to the visiting skippers. Co-chairman Frank Hornby claimed credit for arranging the wind which made life interesting for everyone, whether out in front or far behind! The spinnaker jibes were particularly interesting and colorful—for the spectators. The final leg of the third race turned into a real sprint for the finish line when the wind suddenly piped up to 35 mph direct from behind! As a result, everyone hung on for dear life and couldn't have taken down their chutes even if they had wanted to, which most of them did. This resulted in nothing more serious than a few capsizings, however, and it made splendid conversation afterwards over a few beers. The opinion of all concerned was that it was one of the best district series ever, and that made it all seem worthwhile for the home folks that did the work behind the scenes. One of the most outstanding of these loyal regulars was Fred Lange who, as chairman of the Race Committee, ably assisted by Ben Hawn, set the courses and conducted the races with great dispatch under the most trying rough weather conditions. BLYC's George Fisher won it again, of course—this is getting to be a habit that seems harder to break as time goes on. Jay Limbaugh gave him a run for his money, however, and our own Chuck Maltbie ended up in third. In fact, three out of the top seven boats were from the home fleet with Frank Hornby holding down fifth and Jon Ruhlman placing seventh.

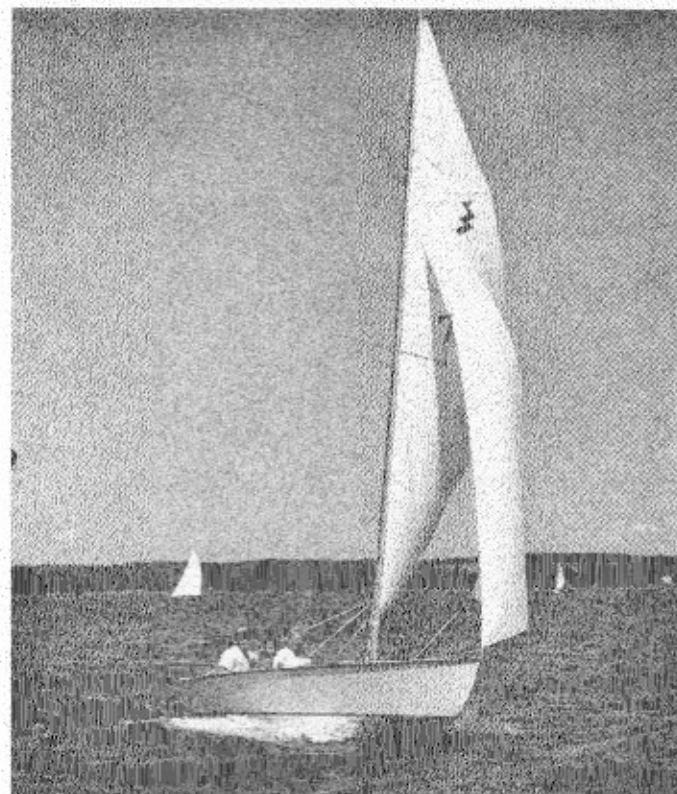
Although we reluctantly cancelled our annual PYC Fourth-of-July Regatta this year, since squeezing it in between the Lightning and Thistle Districts would have been a bit much, we made it a point to inform all visitors to both districts races to spread the word that the Fourth-of-July Regatta would be doing business again as usual next year.

For some reason, Fleet 36 Lightning skippers aren't traveling as much any more. Oh, Jon Ruhlman trailered RULER to St. Pete for the sixth year in a row and Maltbie, Ruhlman, Zitnik, and Cavanaugh took in the Snowball Regatta at Buckeye, (which none of us would ever miss if we could possibly help it) but

things are getting too hot at the home club to travel much during the regular season. It used to be that the top skippers in the fleet could get around to several of the fine regattas in the districts and never feel the pressure in the home standings—but not any more. There are just too many good skippers now waiting to move into those top positions. Whether or not such fever-pitch competition is good or bad has been the subject of many a dockside "discussion", but no one will deny that racing at PYC is becoming more and more interesting for skippers and spectators alike and that skill and knowledge of rules have sharpened up appreciably as a result.

The Club Championship Series, consisting of seven races at the end of the season, was sailed in Lightnings this year. The seven top skippers from the Lightning and Thistle fleets competed in this series, switching boats, sails, and equipment for each race. Fortunately, Chuck Maltbie won this one going away, taking over the Club Championship trophy from Jon Carriel of the Thistle Fleet who had won it last year. We would never have lived it down if a Thistle skipper had won this year sailing Lightnings!

At the annual Lightning Fleet meeting in September, all officers were re-elected for the coming season. Most of the meeting was taken up with a lively hassle over whether or not to try out a racing system next year whereby the fleet would be split into two divisions. There are many pros and cons on this, but Fleet 188 has done it and, reportedly, with good results. With a fleet as large as ours, it might have some merit, so we're going to give it a try and see what happens. Hitting the starting line at the same time, with each division flying identifying pennants from their side shrouds, it should at least provide some interesting situations. One thing is certain—it's bound to give the Race Committee some laughs keeping track of the divisional order at the finish line!



Fleet Champion Jon Ruhlman with crew, Barb and Wendy Hawn planning in Ruler II just before the start

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MENTOR HARBOR FLEET (37)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Erie, Mentor, Ohio

Fleet Captain (1962) Ted R. Luntz
Fleet Secretary (1962) L. S. Simon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1642	If-N-Wen	Ed Wahl
3462	Presto	Ted Luntz
4287	No Miss	L. S. Simon
4889	Touche	Reed Stava
5461	.....	Fred Walker, Jr.
6086	Miss Take	K. M. Blount-Lu Lazo

The number of boats in the fleet remained static. However, competition during our Sunday races improved as skippers became familiar with sailing points of the competitive boats and their skippers' tactics.

Sailing weather was excellent with few drifting matches. Damages sustained were chiefly in the rigging—in the stays and spreaders. More attention was given to tuning-up this year by the skippers with the result that better performance by the boats was noticeable.

In the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club Regatta, #4287, Stew Simon, skipper, took the first race, followed by #3462, Ted Luntz, and #6086, Ken Blount-Lu Lazo and then weather forced postponement and finally cancellation of the balance of races. A typical tackle-buster on the lake!

Our lady skippers raced for the Miss Take Trophy and crossed the finish with #6086, Pat Lazo; #4889, Eleanor Stava; and #4287, Barbara Simon, in that order. Our female crew members turned skipper present a serious threat to the reputation of the men during the season's series.

Resuming after a year's lapse, the Stava Trophy Race was sailed over a fifteen mile course, including the far outer marks. A workout in compass bearings, long beats in shifting wind condition including heavy and light air, brought the fleet across the line with #4287, Stew Simon, #3462, Ted Luntz and #4889, Reed Stava, followed by the rest.

Ted Luntz continues to thrill the fleet with his spinnaker tactics. His latest accomplishment is to sail his boat on its beam on a dead run. No capsize—so the question of whether to continue racing or commence rescue was never solved, but the patrol boats followed the Presto closely thereafter.

For the season overall, the No-Miss, with a family crew to suit the air—children for light winds, adults for heavier airs, performed consistently to take the Season Championship.

Results for the season series, beginning in May and ending in October, were:

Summer Series		Fall Series	
First: #3462—Ted Luntz		First: #4287—Stew Simon	
Second: #4287—Stew Simon		Second: #6086—Ken Blount-Lu Lazo	
Third: #6086—Ken Blount-Lu Lazo		Third: #3462—Ted Luntz	
Season Standings			
First: #4287—Stew Simon			
Second: #3462—Ted Luntz			
Third: #6086—Ken Blount-Lu Lazo			

SHEEPSHEAD BAY FLEET (38)

Greater Long Island Sound District

Based at Miramar Yacht Club in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Joseph J. Faraone
Fleet Secretary Ralph Granowitz
Fleet Champion Sherman Leonard
Runner-Up Joseph J. Faraone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1221	.....	Bob Levin
2231	Ollie Oops	Olive Steckenreiter
3506	.....	Al Fine
4018	Juniper	Joseph J. Faraone & Paul Moskowitz
4112	Putti-Tat	Ralph Granowitz
5358	.....	Sam Kadish
5696	Eclair	Jack Schwartz
6798	Touche	Lawrence Fretts
6925	Pippa II	Mike Zwerling
7156	Scamp	Paul Shomer
7359	Five Star	Jack Greenberg
7907	Joppa	Sherman Leonard

Six of the boats listed above were new to the fleet this year. The fleet's growth and rejuvenation was the result of the effort on the part of Mike Zwerling. Mike's drive and spark, both as a fleet member and as commodore of the Greater Long Island Sound District, made this season one of the most active and fun filled for 'Old 38' in many a year.

In addition to the many races undertaken, the fleet was host to the Greater Long Island Sound District Championship on its home waters at the Miramar Yacht Club. The Commodore's Corinthian ways were made plain when he announced early in the spring that he was going to work hard to make the fleets races and other activities successful but would not officially compete. The turn outs and participations in the many races far exceeded the original hopes that were expressed by the older sailors.

The first major competition of the season was the Eric Lobel Memorial Race. The race was held under clear skies and just enough breeze to move the boats about the course. It was a squeaker and was won by Art Beacher, a guest skipper, piloting Mike Zwerling's Pippa II. The second fleet race was almost the last one for the secretary of the club. Granowitz' Putti-Tat was being luffed beautifully by Jack Greenberg's Five Star while approaching the second mark. The Five Star gave the Putti-Tat a chance to think or swim. The Putti-Tat thunk and came in dead last.

In the District Championship, Mike Zwerling, the commodore waltzed off with first place.

In the race of July 30th, Doc Schwartz pulled a surprise. During the down wind leg of the race the wind suddenly died. Jack Schwartz, the sneak, had hidden aboard the Eclair an armful of tidal and current charts. He proceeded to sail by the books. Jack would have captured first place or at least a second if the winds had stayed dead, and if the tides didn't change, and if he or one of his crew just picked their heads up just once during the leg. Jack has truly learned the meaning of the old nautical expression 'Don't count your chickens unless you're a rooster'.

August 6th was the first Lightning race that the former Snipe skipper, Paul Shomer, participated in and it was not his last. With the exception of one race in which he placed a mere fourth, Paul placed no worse than third during the remainder of the racing season. This boy is going places, and he really owes it all to his crew . . . his kids.

On the 13th of August the Bachman Trophy Regatta was held. The skies were crystal clear, but the wind was brisk, gusty, puffy, variable and strong besides. It was felt by some that the only reason that Sherman Leonard won this particular race was that his boat was crewed by metal men . . . silver in their hair, gold in their teeth and lead where it did the most good this day. The Fretts, Lawrence Sr. and Junior aren't really that old.

The race of the 27th of August was one of sheer pleasure for all that participated. Gentleman Joe Faraone, the fleet captain, was the only one to have difficulties. He had to disqualify himself when he touched a mark while rounding too close. That clumsy galoot is all elbows.

Sherman Leonard, who is building a reputation this year as the hottest thing on water, had trouble in the September 10th race. Someone stole, he says, his crayons and coloring book just before the race and the tears in his eyes kept him from seeing the marks. We say that Jack Greenberg won this one fair and square and old Grand-Dad Leonard will just have to realize that he can't win them all. In the race of the next week-end he bounced right back to the winner's circle where he belongs. That race of the 17th saw Paul Shomer refusing to give way to Gentleman Joe Faraone when he should have. Gentleman Joe let it be known that he was protesting. A little later the situation was unavoidably reversed and Paul was doing the protesting. The decision to disqualify both of them was made after the committee heard both stories and it was only the fact that these two Corinthians were utter gentlemen, and I do mean utter, that kept that rumble out of the tabloids.

By the time the 24th of September rolled around for the last race of the season the Army Corps of Engineers had moved in. Our race was around, among and almost under their dredging equipage. Olive Steckenreiter and Sam Kadish are still smarting at the uncouth manner in which the Army shouted at them to get the hulls out of there.

The top four boats finished the season in the following order:

1. Sherman Leonard 1240 Points
2. Joseph J. Faraone 1027 Points
3. Jack Schwartz 1026 Points
4. Ralph Granowitz 922 Points



Fleet #38 Champion Sherman Leonard and crew Lawrence Fretts, Sr. and Jr.

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Carver C. Dumke
Fleet Secretary	Stanley J. Szabronski, Jr.
Fleet Champion	Carver C. Dumke
Runner-Up	Charles D. Nitchie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
821	Bantry	Edward P. Waters
1024	Static	Charles D. Nitchie
1083		Edward L. Hoe
1308		N. Phillip Randall
1495	Cougar	Marvin M. Schwab
1900		Henry J. Abreu
2808		Hugh N. Ross
5078	Sara E.	Stanley J. Szabronski, Jr.
5153		Walter R. Neidhardt
5193		George E. Turner
5356		Clinton Urey
5752		Edward G. Matthews
5919	Bitz Poof	Richard M. Armstrong
6932	Anesthesia	Carver C. Dumke

This was the second year of active racing at Chelsea in many years. Our fleet increased by 75% and with the promise of several new boats next season, we are looking forward to really big things.

Three series of four races each were held Sundays during June, July and August and were well attended and spirited. Our frost-bite series extended from Labor Day through October 15th and was successful in spite of variable winds.

Carver Dumke, an old hand at Lightning sailing at Chelsea, skippered his new boat "Anesthesia" to first place in all three regular series. Carver's crew, his wife Frances and eight year old son Carver Jr., deserve special recognition.

Carver also deserves special credit for introducing dry-sailing at Chelsea this season. Pouring concrete is a little out of a dentist's line, but he did a fine job of constructing a new pier with davit and electric chain hoist. This was a most welcome addition to our facilities.

Skip Nitchie took second for the season and gave Carver some close competition. Henry Abreu, always a threat, took third in the first two series. Dick Armstrong and Mary Schwab kept things spirited and showed promise of keener competition next season.

Chelsea played host to the Mid-Hudson Regatta. The weekend was a great success in spite of our friends from Nyack walking off with all the silverware. We hope to even the score at their club next season. This was our first regatta since the Atlantic Coast Championships in 1950. With the Metropolitan Districts scheduled for Chelsea next season we look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

Season's Result

1st Series

- 1) Carver C. Dumke
- 2) Charles D. Nitchie
- 3) Henry J. Abreu

2nd Series

- 1) Carver C. Dumke
- 2) Charles D. Nitchie
- 3) Henry J. Abreu and Richard M. Armstrong

3rd Series

- 1) Carver C. Dumke
- 2) Charles D. Nitchie
- 3) Stanley J. Szabronski, Jr.

HIGHTOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Walter Tripp
Fleet Secretary	George Bidler
Fleet Champion	Edward Ziemer and George Bidler
Runner-Up	Harold De Jager

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1222		Robert Winterbottom
1930	All-Right	Robert Wright
2817	Audebil	Harold De Jager
5916		George Bidler and Edward Ziemer
6005	Flame	Walter Tripp
7014	Teachers Pet	Gilbert Parker

The Hightor Fleet ran a full schedule of twelve races including its traditional Memorial Day and Labor Day Regattas, in 1961.

In addition, fleet members participated in the Mid Hudson Regatta at Chelsea, the July 4th Regatta at Nyack, and the Metropolitan District Races at Lake Mohawk. Although no one finished in the money, Walter Tripp provided some keen competition in individual races at Chelsea and Lake Mohawk.

Fleet 41 is looking forward to an even better season in 1962 with the expectation of adding some new and active members to its roster.

TOLEDO FLEET (42)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Maumee Bay, Toledo, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Frank H. Keller
Fleet Secretary	Richard Wachter
Fleet Champion	Frank H. Keller
Runner-Up	Richard Wachter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5678	Four-Deez	Frank H. Keller
6010	Allegro	Bill Stone
8040	Casper	Rick Wachter
8080	Lucky Buck	Bud Nelson

During the 1961 season, Fleet 42 was represented over quite a wide area. Rick Wachter took his spanking new fiberglass "Casper" on a vacation trip to Lake Champlain in New York State and happened to get into their Districts. He didn't win but they knew he was there.

Bud Nelson managed to miss most of the Toledo A.Y.C. races but started his traveling way back in the winter, making the Southern Circuit. Then he took in the Districts at Pymatuning, a regatta at Cleveland, Put-in-Bay Regatta, the Nationals, another regatta in Texas, the Internationals, Devils Lake, Buckeye Lake, and a couple of others away from home. Bud brought home some hardware and when he didn't, his competition found he was hard to edge out. He'll be tough to beat next season.

Keller stayed close to home and family with his "Four-Deez", venturing out twice, once to Sandusky where he placed second in a 17 mile long distance race and once to Port Clinton where John Mueller's son edged him out of a third. Anyway, he took enough firsts to earn an overall first in the eight A.Y.C. regattas in the Toledo area. This makes it three years in a row for A.Y.C. Lightning Champion.

If we could get Bill Stone and his "Allagro" to sail as good and as much as he and Daryl (his beautiful and talented wife) can dance, we could have National and International Champ in Toledo.

A note of interest to all Lightning skippers in the Great Lakes area, it is entirely possible that Fleet 42 may move its home to a new Yacht Club, just formed, which will be located at the north end of old Toledo Beach. This location will be comparable to Port Clinton sailing conditions. Open water, sandy beach, new club house and with present officers strictly interested in sailing. Commodore Walt Swindeman, Vice Comm. Dick Krauss and Rear Comm. Jim Bernard, all ardent sailors. We at Fleet 42 had a wonderful year of good sailing and we hope all the other skippers did as well.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Captain	John Ranft
Fleet Secretary	Judy Ballenger
Fleet Champion	George Fisher
Runner-Up	Jay Limbaugh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
721	Tweedy	Tommy Davis
5010	Columbus	
	Local	Tim Fisher
4865		Sam Hays
5559	Buck	John Schneider
6503		Joe Outhwaite
7147	Pride 'N Joy	
	II	Ed Ballenger
7515	Vagrant	John Ranft
7517	Little Audrey	
	II	Bob Mann
7845	My Gail	George Fisher
7940	Mort	Jay Limbaugh

The Lightnings at BLYC got off to a rousing start on the 29th of April with 10 boats in the water. Jay and Helen Limbaugh won the very first race in their new #7490 "Mort". George Fisher was also sailing a new boat #7465 named "My Gail". We held 3 Spring Series races with the results being: #1 Spring—1. Jay Limbaugh, 2. John Ranft, 3. John Schneider. #2 Spring—1. John Ranft, 2. Bob Mann, 3. George Fisher. #3 Spring—1. George Fisher, 2. John Ranft, 3. Jay Limbaugh and Bob Mann (tie).

After these warm up series we dug right into series racing that would count toward our Fleet Championships. Beginning was our Memorial Day Series with Geo and his 3 1/2 pts. taking 1st and Bob Mann with 8 pts. second, followed by John Schneider with 10 pts. The following weekend we began our Summer Series after a postponement due to light air. At the finish three leading boats were so close members on the porch of the club became a cheering section. Jay nosed out Tommy Davis for first place, leaving Tom a close second and George third. And, believe it or not at the end of the series Jay placed 1st, George second and Tom third. On the 4th of July we had another series with George winning 1st, Jay 2nd and John Ranft our Fleet Captain third. Our Fall Series wasn't real long, because of regattas, but George was 1st, Jay 2nd and Tom Davis 3rd (almost the same as our Summer!). Our Labor Day Series climaxed the completion of our Fleet Championship races. Honors went to George 1st, Bob Mann 2nd and Jay 3rd. The running was close but Fleet Champion went to George with Jay as Runner-Up.

BLYC really had its share of regattas. The 1st regatta we attended was the Great Lakes Championships at TYC. George came home the winner by racing 3 firsts and beating two former International Champions. Jay placed 3rd, right behind Dick Krauss and Tom Davis were 4th. John Ranft finished 6th with John Schneider 9th. Spirits were pretty high after these good results and they continued to stay this way, for at the Districts (at PYC) George placed 1st for the 5th consecutive year! Two points behind was Jay Limbaugh! Bob Mann and John Ranft also placed in the top 10. John Schneider and Tim Fisher had some bad luck during the regatta with a broken shroud and a broken boom. John Schneider made up for his bad luck at the Pow-Wow (LYC) by placing 2nd in the regatta. At the CYC Regatta Jay and John Schneider were among the top scorers—Jay placing 3rd and John 4th. Buffalo Canoe Club put on a special regatta for BLYC only to have George win the regatta over Karl Smithers and Tom Allen. This made 4 International

Champions George had beaten this season! Schneider took 4th place honors. BCC even held a special long-distance handicap race entered by Ravens, Keels and Cats from BCC and George took 1st and Jay 2nd. They were awarded handsome trophies.

At this time John Schneider's sailing was interrupted by a call from the Army Reserves. The Limbaughs had a farewell party in his honor and at this time he was presented our "most improved skipper of the season" trophy, usually reserved until trophy presentation at the end of the season.

Completing our sailing season we had the annual Snowball regatta at BLYC with 32 Lightnings attending. George plowed through with 3 firsts to take the trophy over Bob Lippincott. Third went to John Ranft. Jay suffered a back injury during the last race and had to be taken to the hospital, but luckily it wasn't very serious. Thank heavens we had our Snowball after the North American Championships! Jay took his wife Helen and Jeff Dumm along as crew to the NAC, and won 1 race and placed 16th in the finals, which qualified him for the World's Championships, held in Connecticut. Jay couldn't manage to get away for the races, but he and Helen had quite a bit to do with making the regatta a success!

Fleet 43 has been mighty proud this season of George Fisher too! Fifth time District Winner and you might note that every regatta George attended this season he won!

Like to mention that Tommy Davis got a new Lippincott 8100 "Tweedy Too" in time for the Snowball and placed 6th.

Sure hope to see more of you Lightning skippers at our Snowball in '62.



Silver Lake Yacht Club—Harvest Regatta

SILVER LAKE FLEET (47)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Captain	Barney Matteson
Fleet Secretary	Harold C. Parker
Fleet Champion	Bill Van Arsdale
Runner-Up	Harry Brown

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
392	Firebird I	Ted Gouinlock
398	Black Maria	Dick Coleman
410	Budget Buster	Dr. W. H. Humphrey
515	Impulse	Barney Matteson
829	Nereid	Ralph Traber
935	Were Here	Wales Wasson & George Somerhalder
1548	Hypo	Dr. Ken Bone
1616	Paget	W. J. Humphrey
2074	Tri Bar	Carl Lyons
2897	Folly	Jim Caldwell
3561	Jane	Charles L. Van Arsdale
4737	Ripple	Joe Elias
5147	Cirrus	J. Emens
6789	Shot Straight	William G. Van Arsdale
7584	Firebird II	Harry L. Brown
7949	Marcie K	John Willse

Commodore C. L. "Bud" Van Arsdale asked that each skipper comment on the 1961 season for the yearbook. Ted Gouinlock commented, not enough girls my age (21) in the club. Doc

Humphrey just keeps complaining about the algae in the water (makes the drink green). Ralph states Fred doesn't keep his eyes on the sails. Ed Wiltse only wished that John would let him sail once in a while. Wales reports good sailing with George in Attica. George reports too much demand for his motor boat towing in overturned fleet secretary. Ken Bone has trouble keeping his crew at home, they would rather sail with Harry. W. J. Humphrey is kept too busy auditing the club's books. Carl Lyons complains the lack of competition with his neighbor, and John is too strong on the rudder. Barney Matteson, Insubordination bordering on Mutiny. Carol Caldwell wishes to thank Mid for her help with the teen-age group. Commodore Bud states this is Jane's last year, promises a full naval burial in the middle of Silver Lake. J. Emens says he was only trying to see if his crew would hike and the blighters picked the wrong side. Where can you buy immersion suits? Shot Straight and Bill, our season champ, had trouble making enough local races to qualify for the fleet, and next season he says it will be worse. Firebird Harry is grateful for the younger crew, too young to demand rations. Dick Coleman, it's not that I expect to win every race, but I hate to be late to the after-race party. Joe Elias, best crew on the lake.

Our September Harvest Regatta gets bigger every year. See you all there in 1962.

COLUMBIA LAKE SAILING CLUB (49)

Connecticut District

Based on Columbia Lake, Columbia, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Ricky Molt
Fleet Secretary	Marcia Ferguson
Fleet Champion	F. C. Savage
Runner-Up	Paul Merrick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
518	Pirate	Dr. R. Molt, Jr.
562		George Pederson
690		Dr. R. Chenney
700		Mr. Jacobus
815		C. Randolph Forbes
832		Valentino Clementino
1000	Thunderbolt	Mr. & Mrs. R. Ferguson
2877	Reluctant Crew	F. C. Savage
6085		Norman Preuss
6618		Mr. Riquer
7410		Paul R. Merrick

The Columbia Lake Fleet raced nine seasonal races this summer with Mr. F. C. Savage the winner of the first place trophy and Paul Merrick runner-up.

Over the Labor Day Holidays only one Regatta Race could be raced because of poor weather conditions. Mr. F. C. Savage also won the regatta trophy.

WASHINGTON FLEET (50)

Dixie District

Based on Potomac River

Fleet Captain	Ken Lawyer
Fleet Secretary	Bill Marshall
Fleet Champion	Lou Borges
Runner-Up	Frank Williams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
116	Bit	Douglas Kjellson Jr.
133		Bob Hoppes
134		John E. Gray
185		Marshall P. Powell
192	Manana	Major Jack Rose
502		Charles D. Chickering
826		Lt. Bruce O. Paul & Don Olson
1174		Ed Lathan
1228	Lazy Days	Bob Youngquist & Frank Parker
1283	Seasaw	Bainbridge Crist
1389		Rod McNeil
1440		Kenneth & Rachel Sullivan
1887	Lively Lady	Joe C. Soraghan
2188	Storm Bird	Frank Becker (Sea Scouts)
2693		James B. McCurley
2764	Halcyon	Edgar Z. Steever
3129	Flying Scott	Arthur J. Holden
3145	Windward	George Mickum & Henry Ikenberry
3255		John C. Rubel

3343		John C. Hoban
3348	Whisper	Walter Posan & Bill Brubeck
3643	Country Girl	Walter H. Whilden, Jr.
3735		Major Bruce Meyers
3489		Robert Lundegard
4403	Rondinella	Ralph G. H. Siu
4430	Little Aggie	Kenneth J. Burkhardt
4968	Eight Ball	Thomas P. Flood
5284		Arthur & Ethie Dunstan
5835		George Pendleton
5918	Goofer	Norman H. Plummer
5964		William T. Peacock
6124		Sherwin Brady
6213	Cestsibon	Reo Duggan
6357	Intrepid	Frank M. Bunch
6401	Anon	Bob & Margery Ware
6428	Teachers Pet	James Dillard
6554	Rebel	Robert H. Orr
6614	Pegasus	Saul and Connie Serota
6807	Tot Ziens	Seymour R. Young
6868	Marquita	Comdr. W. C. Galvin
7235	Pipe Dreams	Robert C. Cassidy
7324	Blue Skies	Bill Marshall
7350	Flying Lady	
	III	Lou Borges
7373	Joyant	Dr. James B. Gilbert
7411		Rome C. Stahr
7417		Norman E. Moore
7421		Dr. William Pelon
7611	Lord Jim	Dr. James B. Gilbert
7880		James H. Burke
7944	Blue Skies II	Frank P. Williams, Jr.
8096		Vaughn Khoyan

With the close of another enjoyable sailing season we once again have the pleasure of recalling the year's events. The last statement in the 1960 annual was "Next year promises to be a banner one for our fleet." Banner year it was!

Before the season opened, several gatherings were held in Ken and Millie Lawyer's recreation room which served admirably as a club room in the absence of club facilities. The turnout at these meetings was very good and the interest—as indicated by the participation—ran high. During these meetings, the fleet adopted a new way to select the Fleet Champion and established a "B" Division championship trophy. Discussions led by fleet and guest experts on maintenance, racing rules, and tuning were informative as well as interesting.

With new-found interest in our area the fleet has grown to over fifty boats during the year—making "50" one of the largest in L.C.A.

The first race of the hotly contested season was sailed on April 23rd in light fluky air. Lou Borges captured first place in the race as well as finishing first in the series. Walter Galvin took second place in the series.

When summer arrived, the usual contingent left for the bluer waters of the Chesapeake. Among our notable accomplishments were Frank William's first place in the Saint Michael's regatta and Lou Borges' second place in the Dixie District championship. In the local races, Connie Serota won the first series followed by Bill Marshall. In the second series, Walter Galvin copped first honors followed by Margery Ware.

By the time the Fall Series arrived, the contest for Fleet Championship had been narrowed to Borges, Williams, and Galvin. Williams emerged the victor in the series by two tenths of a point.

At the season's end, a count of points showed who were the champs. Lou Borges' second in the Fall Series gained him enough points to win the Fleet Championship. Bill Peacock became "B" Division Champ. Jim Dillard was awarded the Novice trophy for the vast improvement accomplished during the season.

The honors were really spread around this year. We had a lot of winners.

High point of the year was the Quantico regatta which I am sure will be adequately covered elsewhere. We are proud of the fact that Lt. Colonel Montrief of the Quantico Marines started this series as an interfleet competition between Quantico and Fleet 50. Sixteen boats sailed the first race nine years ago. This year, over 100 sailed—the biggest Lightning regatta ever.

This year has been such a banner one that it seems too much to hope for a bigger and better one next year. But there is no reason why it should not be. Let's try!



"It appears 7964 is being back winded by the outboard!"

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

Michigan District

Based on Lake St. Clair,

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain	John M. Lesesne, M.D.
Fleet Secretary	George Grenzke
Fleet Champion	Dr. John Lesesne
Runner-Up	Robert Knop

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
886		Tom Small
3583		Daniel G. Lamet
3613		Ken Kurtz
4971		Allan Kass
5130	Mom's Mink	Richard G. Westerman
5131	Blue Dust	Arthur Rautenburg
5790		Jack Siekman
6006	Make Room	Jim Millies
6066	XL	Henry J. Cawthra
6280		Richard Drew
6425	Wooden Shoe	Healy Brothers
6550	Chipmates	Charles T. Ellery
6866		William Beardslee
6934		John Sherry
7388	Gringo	Robert Knop
7576	Scythe	George Grenzke
7614		William Tily
7716		Bob Dallas
7899	My Sally	Chuck Grant
7964	Corsair	John Lesesne

Hank Cawthra became Fleet 51's first winner of the 1961 season with his victory in the Midwinter Championships at St. Petersburg. Bob Knop next showed his heels in a wild Memorial Day Weekend, which combined the Detroit River Yachting Association's Centerboard Regatta with the Kendall Invitational for Lightnings. Despite conditions which varied from light air to 35 mph. winds and some of the roughest racing seen here in years, Knop managed to win both trophies.

The next big event of the early summer, the Detroit River Yachting Association Lightning Squadron Regatta, was won by

perennial champion, Cawthra. Hank continued his usual form to win the Kerr Trophy, given to the boat with the three best DRYA and three best Crescent Yacht Club races.

In our Crescent Sunday Series of the first-half season, winners were Lesesne, Knop, and Ellery, while the second-half winners were Cawthra, Drew, and Lesesne. In the Wednesday evening series Knop was first, followed by Lesesne and Drew.

The battle for fleet champion was tightly contested all summer with Lesesne finally beating Knop by one point.

In the DRYA season's standings, Lesesne again won by one point, with Cawthra finishing second.

Cawthra was unable to sail in the District Championships, but Knop sailed beautifully to finish third, while Grant, Drew, and Ellery were also among the qualifying boats.

This year Fleet 51 missed genial Don Fairchild who sat out the season in judges' boats. However, active newcomers such as Bob Dallas, (a transfer from Buffalo) and Bill Tily have increased the already keen competition in this fleet.

LAKE FENTON YACHT CLUB (53)

Michigan District

Based on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Robert H. Furey
Fleet Secretary	Robert H. Furey
Fleet Champion	Allen & Tomblinson
Runner-Up	Dr. David Friedman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
244	.....	Ray Kelly
387	Kildeer	Bates & Silers
798	.....	D. Beveridge
804	Knot Out's	Sea Scouts
1250	.....	Jerry Martin
1566	Worry Wart	Robert & William Furey
1654	.....	Leonard Lippincott
1918	.....	Christianson & Klingensmith
2123	.....	Bryant Baker
2776	Subtle Suds	Jack Rajala
2846	.....	David Walker
4090	.....	Charles Muller
4704	.....	General Motors Tech Sailors
5099	Mar-Dee	Dr. David Friedman
5885	Too Bad	Robert Miller
6402	.....	Dr. M. G. Fee
7136	Winddrift	Dr. Ed. Vaughan
7344	Go Blue	Don Allen & Jim Tomblinson
7877	Hustler	David Nickels
8004	Ol' Nick	Herman Nickels

Fleet 53 enjoyed a very good sailing season in 1961. The team of Allen & Tomblinson captured 1st place for the season with the rest of the fleet in hot pursuit with Dr. Dave Friedman taking 2nd.

Our fleet was well represented at the North American Regatta in San Diego by Herman Nickels, with son George and daughter Madelyn as crew. And David Nickels with David Furey and Ron Markby as crew. Herm finished 9th and Dave a very fine 13th for the 1st time ever sailing in such a regatta. After their long trip home, Herm, Dave and Madelyn again went traveling. This time to Conn. and the Internationals where Herm took 4th place honors.

We welcome a new Lightning owner this year, Jerry Martin, who purchased #1250 late in the season. We also have a new Lightning skipper this year, Dave Furey graduated from the Sailfish Class to the Lightning Class and was the winner in our newly inaugurated Wednesday Night Series.

We are sorry to report though, that the Sunshine State is calling one of our fine members. The Dave Friedman family will be leaving soon for Florida. Their new home will be Orlando—but they say—"See you in St. Pete!"

So with these little tid-bits of the going's-on here at Lake Fenton we wish every one an even better sailing season next year.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

Michigan District

Based on Cass Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Kenneth Bonnett
Fleet Secretary	Carl Marr
Fleet Champion	Dr. Leo Wasserberger
Runner-up	Phil Smith



Champion Dr. Leo Wasserberger and crew
tuning "Ptyghur" at St. Pete

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
703	Spindrift II	Richard Patterson
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
837	Cass Toff	C. J. Strang
838	Aqua Leta	Neil Wasserberger and Jack Ostrander
839	Catspaw	Richard Beaubien
841	Nautigal	Charles Callahan
857	Beachcomber	Anton & Eugene Bego
1082	So So	Ray Ransom
1315	Maggie Kate	Kenneth Willette
1565	C-Lark	Alex Clark
1790	Margaret-Ann	Enar West and Dr. Ralph Wigent
1816	Bob-Bet	Stephen Collier
1820	Whim	Donald Harrison
2884	Aftermath	J. A. Goulding
3433	Marlinda	Dave Barton
4947	Gizmo	Claude Bennett
5063	Woodwind	George Bery
5090	Can Do	Ralph Behler and Burt Bouwkamp
5266	Imp	Samuel L. Dibble
5299	.....	Earnest Scherer
5517	Goblet	Ken Bonnett
5518	Youngster	Donald Young
5665	Sabre	Kenneth Raymond
5770	Wood Work	Harold Dudley
5793	Sea Jay	Dr. James H. Van Doren
6132	Boat	Alton & Jerry Gray
6363	Bonbon	Bill Wiggins
6392	.....	Sheldon Kavieff
6611	Cro-Cus	Robert Plew
6966	Heymable	Dr. Kenneth Wood
7048	.....	Al Oberson
7204	Marlyn	Gene MacCracken
7300	Triagan	Dr. Floyd Arnold
7335	T Square	Carl Marr
7356	Polaris II	Phil Miller
7360	Mach II	John Seaton
7407	Susurrid	Paul Rich
7439	Buccaneer	Charles Buck
7502	Escape II	Robert Flack
7652	Si O2	Paul Goode

7663	Beats Me	Ralph Johnson
7676	Gusto	Mac Goodwin
7700	Veloz	Phil Smith
7818	Ptyghur	Dr. Leo Wasserberger
7878		Clarence Holman
7959	Flip	Les Huntwork

An average of 21 boats out for each race and almost six months of sailing—May 7th to October 22nd. That's Fleet 54's record for 1961. Fleet Captain Phil Smith and the Race Committee scheduled 45 races including a 16 race Sunday Series, a 12 race Wednesday Nite Owl Series, and a 6 race Snowball Series. Other club series and regattas completed the race schedule.

Fifteen Sunday Series races were sailed with 15 to 27 boats taking the starting gun for each race. Leo Wasserberger in his new boat "Ptyghur" (#7818) finished the series with the highest point average with Andy Roualet in second position and Phil Smith in third.

The top ten skippers in this series sailed for the Championship Cup in a 5 race series early in September. Leo really demonstrated his sailing know-how in this series and established himself as the 1961 Club Champion by winning the cup "going away"—Leo won the first four races and finished third in Race #5. Phil Smith and Andy Roualet reversed their order from the Sunday Series with Phil finishing as runner-up and Andy third. The other Championship Series skippers were: Paul Goode, 4th; Bob Flack, 5th; Les Huntwork, 6th; John Seaton, 7th; Fred Prince, 8th; Claude Bennett, 9th.

The second ten skippers in the Summer Series sailed 5 races for the Commodore's Cup. Ken Bonnett took top honors with Ralph Johnson second and Ralph Behler-Burt Bouwkamp third.

Those who did not qualify either by point standing or number of races for the Championship or Commodore Series competed for the Challenger Cup. Mack Goodwin, Jerry Gray, and Jim Van Doren were awarded the hardware for first, second, and third place finishes.

Twenty-one boats on the average hit the line for the 9 races in the Nite Owl Series. Mack Goodwin again took top honors with Dave Davies finishing second and Ralph Johnson third.

The PYC Interclub Regatta—a three race series held during the 4th of July holidays—was sewed up by Andy Roualet, John Seaton and Bob Flack for first, second, and third places.

The year's big event—big in quantity and quality—was the Pontiac Yacht Club Invitational Regatta held September 23rd and 24th. Twenty-one guest skippers brought the starting fleet to an impressive 46 boats. Sailing weather for the three races was good and at the conclusion trophies were awarded through all 46 places with silver cups going to the first five finishers. The top trophy went to Ken Lindsay, Traverse Bay Yacht Club, with George Nickels of Fenton second, Jim Coggins of Gull Lake third, Andy Roualet fourth, and Bud Nelson of Toledo fifth.

Twelve Fleet #54 skippers competed in the Michigan District Lightning Championship Regatta at Bay City July 28th-30th. Five finished high enough to qualify for going on to the North American Lightning Championship Regatta; however, the time and distance to San Diego precluded this.

These five and their positions were Mack Goodwin, second; Phil Smith, ninth; Leo Wasserberger, twelfth; John Seaton, thirteenth, and Andy Roualet, fifteenth.

The hardy sailors in Fleet #54 completed a five race Snowball Series in October with first place going to Mack Goodwin, second place to Claude Bennett and third place to Ken Raymond.

A measure of the keenness of the competition in Fleet #54 last year was the number of skippers and crews that went swimming unexpectedly. The skippers were Leo Wasserberger, Phil Smith, Bob Flack, Al Gray, Leo Huntwork, Ralph Behler, Paul Rich, Ken Wood, Sheldon Kaveiff and Claude Bennett. Club champion Leo Wasserberger and Ken Wood flipped twice.

The junior sailing program was very active again this year. In 15 races, Ken Bonnett, Jr., established himself as the junior club champion. Runners-up were Tom Van Doren and Dick Beaubien.

Well, that's it. Another grand sailing year. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Pontiac Invitational Regatta in 1962.

LITTLE NECK BAY FLEET (55)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Little Neck Bay, Long Island, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Joseph Leggiadro, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Lillian E. Clark
Fleet Champion	Albert J. (Skip) Duryea
Runner-Up	Norman Lipkins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1045	Tin-Guin	Jim Wright III
3037	Ciao	Brian Lea
3432	The Virus	Arthur & Joan Schwartz
4916	Blitzen	J. Huelstrunk
5195	Ex Nullo	Phil Keenan
5361	Anna	Joe Leggiadro, Jr.
5500	Guess Again	Edward J. McMullin
6329	Bijou	Branko Cerineo
6865	Rebel	Arnold Feinsilber
7153	Megs	George Ascherl
7444	Coriolis	Neal Diepeveen
7673	Chaos	Albert (Skip) Duryea
7872	Tiffin	Norman Lipkins

This fleet now has a total of 13 boats, of which 9 are definitely in our first division on the basis of present or past performance. Eight of them have distinguished themselves as Champions or Runners-Up in our fleet or neighboring fleets in recent years. It is fair to say that it is probable, under the best of conditions and handling, that any one of these 9 boats is a potential fleet winner for 1962. Let anyone who thinks he can sleep on his laurels of 1961 beware!

This is the kind of competition that is gradually whipping Fleet 55 into a group of formidable contenders.

As in past years, our racing season was divided into three series: the first comprising 10 races is designated the SHAKE-DOWN Series, the last two NO ALIBI and LAST CHANCE Series, of 11 races each. Trophies were awarded to the three top finishers of each Series, as well as to those of the season's total 32 races for the Season Championship. Trophy winners are as recorded below:

	Shakedown	No Alibi	Last Chance	Season Championship
1.	Coriolis	Chaos	Chaos	Chaos
2.	Chaos	Tiffin	Bijou	Tiffin
3.	Tiffin	Anna	Coriolis	Coriolis

Special awards were made to GUESS AGAIN'S skipper for post-season excellence and to Fani and Cliff Clark for "services to the fleet beyond the call of duty."

One of the most happy circumstances in this fleet is that no one in the first division has ever been able to leave his competitors far behind. Winners have the solid satisfaction of knowing that they have won against tough competition.

Examples—SHAKEDOWN ended with 1st and 2nd contenders separated by two points, 3rd and 4th separated by one point. NO ALIBI ended with 1st and 2nd separated by one point, 3rd and 4th separated by one point. In the LAST CHANCE Series, the winner had pulled ahead by 5 points, but again 2nd and 3rd were separated by but one point, as they were also at season's end.

The Champ, with a season total of 137, was only 11 points ahead of the Runner-Up, while Third, only one point behind Second, was breathing down the necks of both.

The season's seven top finishers had all been race winners during the contest.

So, come on, boys and girls, join the ranks of Fleet 55! It does something for those who love sailboats. We expect to help beginners. As usual there will be skull sessions this winter in preparation for next spring's sailing.



"Proud race committee members Angus Horton, Joe Pettit, Harris Howeler and George Hahn"

BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain	Bill Paine
Fleet Secretary	Joe Wesolowski
Fleet Champion	Art Wong
Runner-Up	Ronnie Blair

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
610	Paralus	Dave Haskin
1242	Tinker Bell	Dave Unger
2984	Shelst	Don Sheldon
3619	Sugar Baby	Joe Wesolowski
4341	Blixt	Edward Wright
4390	Rebound	Sam Zafros
5649	Harriet II	Dr. Joseph Krohn
6032	Petrel	Bob Logelin
6039	Mickie II	Dan & Frank Hubbell
6069	Skimmer	Paul Nieman
6225	Misty	Ray Teborek
6566	Dramamine	Dr. Hans Aronson
6775	Slow Poke	Ray Brady
6935	U 2nd	Jack Friedman
7327	Arleen	Art Sima and Art Wong
7504	Cookie III	Bill Paine
7630	Bon Bon	Ronald Blair
7701	Wong Number	Frank Day
7784	Dot-n-Line	Lincoln Maher
7846	Bowfin	Art Orlowski
7898	Sawbones	Dr. B. Yaffe
7903	Mal de Mere	Bob Erickson & Al Chilenskas
No Boat		Abe Jacobs
No Boat		Joe Ottenheimer

The 1961 season saw the commissioning of Burnham Park's new committee boat. Donated by Art Sima, the rusted 22 foot steel hull was stripped of all members, leaving only the plates, and Ralph Wenninger and his welding crew tacked in new structural throughout. Of the 773 or so holes burned through the thin plates in this process, not one leaked on launching day. Art Wong directed the work with fleet members and others putting in many hours of chipping, grinding, and finally finishing and outfitting.

The 110 horse inboard six was overhauled by mechanical minded skippers, reinstalled, and tuned up to push the boat at about 20 knots. Used in the late races this year, the boat will be refined next season by the addition of masts for the shapes, lockers for gear, and a windshield and canopy for protection.

Fleet 56 now has four fiberglass boats, three Nelsons and one built here by Art Wong. Linc Maher's Nelson took third in the Sand Dunes and second in the Red Flannels, and glass boats dominated the Wednesday night races. This revived series, very successful this year, found as many as twelve boats in some races, and although the records were lost, it was either Art Orlowski or Bill Paine, both in glass boats.

The regular series found Art Wong out in front of Ronnie Blair by an eyelash and the Erickson-Chilenskas combine in third place.

Because of the lost records, no official award for the most improved skipper was made, but it looked like Ray Teborek, Bill Paine, or Art Orlowski. Art, never in a sailboat before last year when he won a paddle for finishing last in every race at the Hoosier Regatta, took the Lyanne Handicap and several evening firsts this year.

Burnham Park offers some of the best racing facilities in the country, an excellent protected harbor, clean water, and the big lake with a challenge for every Lightning sailor.

HEWLETT POINT YACHT CLUB FLEET (58)

Greater Long Island Sound District

Based on Hewlett Bay, East Rockaway, Long Island

Fleet Captain	Anthony Baroni
Fleet Secretary	Raymond Harrington
Fleet Champion	Henry Dailedouze
Runner-Up	Raymond Harrington

Fleet 58 enjoyed an unusually active year having conducted 12 club races and some of its members having participated in several outside regattas.

The fleet championship was awarded to Henry Dailedouze, skipper of boat No. 6428; second place to Raymond Harrington, boat No. 7296 and third place to James Browne, boat No. 6427.

Several of our fleet members entered the annual invitational regatta at the Narrasketuck Yacht Club, Babylon, L. I., which was won by Raymond Harrington; Henry Dailedouze—second and James Browne—third. The next event outside of the club series entered by fleet members was the Greater Long Island District Regatta in which Henry Dailedouze finished second, the other fleet represented at the Atlantic Coast Championships held at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club in which, unfortunately, none of our representatives finished in a position worth reporting.

Plans have already been made for an active season in 1962 and the date of the District Regatta has already been fixed as July 14-15 at the Shelter Island Yacht Club. Our fleet has acquired one new boat since the close of the current season and we all look forward to a highly competitive season in 1962.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Niagara River, Grand Island, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Stuart Anderson
Fleet Secretary	Joseph P. Tries
Fleet Champion	Stuart Anderson
Runner-Up	Jack Swanson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
749	3 Winds	John W. Swanson
1489	Misty	Joseph Tries
1684	Whim	Kenneth R. Hennig, Jr.
1903	Glockenspiel	Stuart Anderson
1959	Jam	Edwin A. Murray
2346	Tillicum	George May
4185	Pogo	W. Richard Barlow
4402	Paisan	Tony De Loia
6316	Twildo	Fred Scharf
7398	Black Mariah	Richard C. Carrel
7604	Ginger	Calvin Schmiege
7948	Alert	Bernard F. Starck

The final Lightning standings at Niagara Sailing Club were decided on the gray, overcast 8th day of October. The die-hard, hungover Lightning skippers showed up in spite of threatening skies and light, for-the-river, air and practically drowned for their pains in the final race. This, after the Mission Bay, North American Championships, might seem anticlimactic for the ones who went, Jack Swanson and Stuart Anderson, but the races were sailed hard, and hotly contested. The final standings: Stu Anderson, Jack Swanson, Bob Starck. Niagara Sailing received excellent representation nationally through the efforts of the Fleet 59 members, Jack Swanson and Stuart Anderson, who traveled the breadth of the country to qualify for the 1st World's Championships and performed creditably in the World Regatta. Stu Anderson's Glockenspiel stole the show in New England in spite of the impressive array of "other" high priced hardware from the 4 corners of the globe.

Dick Carrel in his new Mariah placed first in Club Handicap races and third in the Niagara River Lightning Championships; a regatta which attracts all the hot boats from the Erie District and surrounding country.

We welcome to competitive Lightning sailing our new members Ken Hennig, skipper of Whim (#1684) and Joe Tries, skipper of Misty (#1489).



Members of Fleet 60