

JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

Central States District

Based on Lake Shawnee, Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain	Ralph Persson
Fleet Secretary	Wendell Ives
Fleet Champion	Chet Ebey
Runner-Up	Jack Worley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
906	Sea Deuce	John Gall
1063	Tac-Less	Robert Jones, Don Schnacke, Fritz Remmlee
1268	Lively Lady III	C. F. Ebey
1338	Wind Song	George Frye
1699	Gutshot	Frank W. Farrell
2661	Ricaboo	A. B. Boon
2904	Waha	Capt. Dick White
3236	Stormy Lea	Capt. Louis Roberts
4545	Wind Fall	Dr. Richard Greer & Gary Stearns
4713	Jezebel	Major Rosco "Red" Brooks
5465	Tri Again	Ed Morrill & A. H. Saville, Jr.
6779	Roseann	Wendell Ives
7001	Jayhawker	Jack Worley
7461	Prairie Nymph	Ralph Persson
7960	Jayhawker II	Bill Schwartz

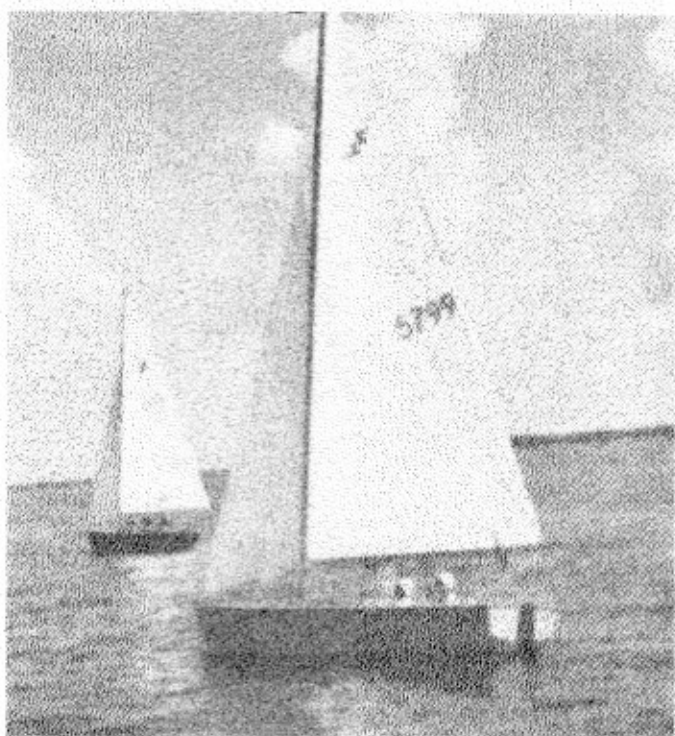
Our Fleet proudly announces the addition of three new boats during the 1961 season. George Frye purchased #1338 and is rebuilding her this winter. Captain Dick White joined us with #2904. Bill Schwartz sold his famous "Jayhawker" to Jack Worley and purchased a new Eichenlaub "Jayhawker II".

Our season opened on May 30 with one race scheduled each Sunday and two races scheduled for Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. The Holiday Series was won by Dr. Greer and Gary Stearns.

Three boats and crews participated in the Central States District Regatta at Lake Jackomo. Bill Schwartz finished the series in third place. Other regattas attended by the fleet members were the North American Championships, St. Louis, Kansas City, Kentucky Lake, and Tulsa.

Social affairs included the annual dinner dance last winter, and monthly moonlight sails that included a Hawaiian Luau Party in August.

The Annual Meeting was held December 4th and the present officers were re-elected for another year. A program and Race Schedule for the 1962 season was discussed and plans were made for a good fleet turnout at the Central States District Regatta June 20-24, Lake Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.



District Champion Bob Kammer at helm of his "Nauti-Gal" 5799

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET (62)

Southern District

Based on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La.

Fleet Captain	Robert H. Kammer, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Jack Dane
Fleet Champion	Tom Allen
Runner-Up	Alfred W. Brown

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3490	Cutty Sark	Thomas R. Swayze
3373	Asterperious	Francis E. Manion
5484	Miss Cookie, III	C. Armond Bernius
5556	Finale	James P. Mullally
5596	Nike	Jeffery, Erston, Jr. and Erston Reisch, Sr.
5799	Nautigal	Robert H. Kammer, Jr. & Fabian G. Fromherz
5895	Mary I	Louis M. Zervigon
6799	Moe Fun	Maurice Stockton, Jr.
6938	Dred Boat	Ed F. Spurl, III
7120	Spirit V	Alfred W. Brown, Jr.
7121	Hi Yala	Robert A. Banck
7122	Black Jack	Jack Dane and S. R. Barnett, Jr.
7282	Ticonderoga	Thomas S. Allen
7561	Harbinger	Albert P. Bush, III

Blessed with a climate that permits sailing the year round, SYC Fleet 62 commenced its 1961 Season by participation in the Sugar Bowl Regatta on New Years week-end. The regular Season schedule commenced on April 23 and closed on October 8.

As in past years, there were several Series sailed jointly with New Orleans Yacht Club Fleet 209. In most instances these Series saw in excess of 15 Lightning Entries from the two Fleets. In the Annual Team Race Series, SYC was the winner over NOYC.

Throughout the Season, the various week-end Series were won by many different Skippers. Among the more important Winners were:

Event	Skipper	Lightning No.
Crew Championship	Bob Stewart	7282
Stratton Memorial Series	Tom Allen	7282
Fleet Championship—Winner	Tom Allen	7282
Fleet Championship—Second	Alfred Brown	7120
Fleet Championship—Third	Bob Kammer	5799

Fleet 62 Skippers did particularly well in the 1961 Southern Lightning District Championship held on Lake Pontchartrain. Sweeping the first three places were Winner Bob Kammer sailing his Nauti-gal, followed by Tom Allen in his Ticonderoga and Alfred Brown in his Spirit V.

Unfortunately the 1961 Season also was one of sorrow and loss for the Fleet. In the fall of 1960, a fatal heart attack was suffered at home by Ethan Allen, father of Fleet Champion and Past District Champion Tom Allen. A true "Lightning Family", Ethan, wife Lydia and son Tom had sailed successfully as a team in many Regattas in the Southern District for many years. Following his death, Mrs. Allen and Tom dedicated the Ethan Allen Memorial Trophy to be awarded the Winner of the Annual Fleet Crew Championship.

Again a second time, Fate struck a heavy and saddening blow. Crewing for his daughter Karen in the first race of the Crew Championship for the Ethan Allen Trophy, Past Fleet Captain Bob Banck was stricken with a heart attack in the middle of the race course. Here also the Banck family with wife Isabelle, daughter Karen and son Robbie were active participants in Lightning events along the entire Gulf Coast. Thus in less than one year, the Fleet lost two of its most active and capable Leaders.

With young Skippers Alan Arnold, Payton Bush and Jack Bertel joining the Fleet in the latter part of the Season, and with District Champion and Fleet Captain Kammer purchasing a new Lightning after selling his No. 5799, SYC Fleet 62 is looking forward to a new and successful 1962 season.

BRANFORD YACHT CLUB (63)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, Branford, Conn.

Fleet Captain	(Sam) Barry Jennings, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	William G. Cogger
Fleet Champion	Al Kuehl, Jr.
Runner-Up	Mary Lou Briggs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
284	Betcha	George Male
2189		Mary Lou Briggs
2550	His Nibs	Bill Cogger
2928	Herring-Choker	Harris Anstey
3684	Mianbo	Barry Jennings, Jr.
4609	Rise'n Shine	Perry & Doug Curtiss
4802	Rascal	George Kennedy
6238		Mary & Francis McGuire
6385	Snow Flakes	Alfred Kuehl, Jr.
6610	Nordonam	Norman Schlink
7249	Keewaydin	Wayne Brockett

Fleet #63 met early in the Spring to plan its Summer schedule. It was decided to have two series of races—one called the "Regular Series" on the Sundays for which there were no Lightning regattas to which we were invited by other fleets, and one series called "At Home Series" for boats that were not representing us elsewhere.

In both series, the winner was Al Kuehl in Snow Flakes followed closely by Mary Lou Briggs and George Male.

Wayne Brockett in Keewaydin represented us in the First Chance Series in Milford (first) (in fact, 5 out of 6 races, first place); Early Bird Regatta at Niantic Bay (first); Long Island Sound Championship (third); and Governor's Cup Regatta at Housatonic Boat Club (first). He also worked on the management committee for the World's Championship Regatta at Milford.

We are especially pleased that Wayne brought the Governor's Trophy back to Branford. This gives us the opportunity to invite all of our district boats to compete for the Governors in Branford. It also gives us the opportunity to return the fine hospitality that has been extended to us by our neighboring fleets. We want to invite all who can possibly make it.

We were happy to have Norman Schlink and #6610 Nordonam as the newest member of our fleet. We hope some more will join us this year.

MILWAUKEE FLEET (69)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Wisc.

Fleet Captain	Gary Arnold
Fleet Secretary	Barbara Arnold
Fleet Champion	Dr. John Esser
Runner-Up	Jack Luthe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
964		John Pozorski
1299	Hey Daddy	Tom Lindemann
1701	Caprice	Betsy Morris
2530	La Vie	Dr. C. Hugh Hickey
2536	Firebird	John P. Boynton
2537	Chewink	Fred Becker
2564	Barb	Guy Scrivner
3350	Half Moon	John Penner
3495	Avec Souci	Wm. H. Brady
3610	Swizzle	Morgan Jackson & Lee Kaiser
4714	Rx Pillroller	Bill Ward
4853		Dr. Richard Darling
4999	Baby Doll	George & David Ashton
5123	Boat	Charles Ingwersen and Charles Drake III
5210	Sailbad the Sinner	Dan Mitchem
5707	Lady Luck	Jim Heidner
5764	Con Moto	Clifford G. Ward
5953	Scarlet	Jack Luthe
6034	Oat Bay	Gerald P. Caffery
6159	Tru Luff	Dr. Donald Franklin
7003	Last Penny	Len Gardenier
7074	But Good	Clyde Deavers
7505	Holy Smoke III	Rev. Ensworth Reisner
7523	Dot's Right	Floyd J. Cough
7900	San Souci II	Dr. John Esser
7920	Barby	Gary Arnold
	Sea Steps	Tony Stepanek
		Henry Jefferson and Bill Guerin

The 1961 Lightning sailing season opened at Milwaukee Yacht Club with a flurry of excitement as several Fleet 69 members launched new boats for their maiden sail. Dr. John Esser with a new Nimphus and Gary Arnold with a new Nickels & Holman were the proud new boat owners. New members added to the fleet were Fred Becker, Wm. H. Brady, Floyd Cough, Dr. Richard Darling, Clyde Deavers, Charles Drake III and Tony Stepanek.

Club series races were held every Saturday with only five races having to be made-up on Sunday. The seamanship of the fleet members was put to a severe test in one Saturday race when a sudden squall descended at the end of the race with gusts to 40 MPH and blinding rain. Sails were lowered, sea anchors rigged and everyone rode-out the storm safely.

The highlight of the season was hosting the Midwest District Regatta; and through the cooperation of every fleet member, wives and children included, it was—according to District Commodore Harry Spitz—a highly successful regatta. The entire City of Milwaukee extended their welcome to the Lightning sailors by emblazoning it across the face of the City Hall in 12 foot lighted letters (see photo above). The fleet's preparation for the event included sailing the P & T Regatta the previous weekend thus allowing many of the sailors to compete and tune their boats over the same race course the weekend preceding the District Regatta. At our invitation, many of the guest boats were left in the Club yard throughout the week between the P & T and the Midwest Regatta.

A cocktail party preceded a dinner-dance Saturday night after the first two races of the Midwest Regatta.

The superb sailing of Bill Wingard of Chicago Corinthian gave him an undisputed first place.

The season ended with two family picnics in which balloon fun races and treasure hunts were featured.

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RED BANK-ON-THE-SHREWSBURY (70)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Navisink River at Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	V. N. Vaughan, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Reid N. Dickerson
Fleet Champion	Irving Lewis, Jr.
Runner-Up	June Methot

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
41	Spider	Robert Bruce
675	Wind Song	Alfred Miller
860	Bam	V. N. Vaughan, Jr.
1239	Windward	Reid N. Dickerson
1481	High Hopes	Debra Scott
1938	Napentha	James J. Hickey
2620	Water Witch	John Spurdle, Jr.
2655	Banshee	Theodore Engberg
2765		Irving F. Dowd
3110	Merilee	Wm. Jacko
5241	Invader	John Hysko
5281	Magic	Marvin K. Broder
5380	Chantey	June Methot
6101	Avenger	Dr. Willis F. Sage
6527	Thespian	James P. Moloney
6549	Snoopy	D. S. Kelley
6735	Mischief	Harold Beck
6784	Dragon	Fred Marusi
7082	Valkyrie	Roy Knapp
7302	Bubbles	Robert Kuhnappel
7705	Ugliest	Arnold Schwartz
7786	Ranger	Irv Lewis, Jr.
7799	Spook	H. B. Vestal
	Honorary Life Member	Charles Allaire

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Erie, Cleveland Y.C., Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Paul Auer
Fleet Secretary	Pack Bleckrie
Fleet Champion	Pete Carsten
Runner-Up	Paul Auer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3459	Lucky Betts	Al Luckingham
3852	At Last	Clyde Jones
4732	Windswept	Harold Doolittle
4985		W. C. Covill
5265	Betty Co-Ed	Shiela Smith
5293	Beach Comber	Vince Hlavin
5558	Little Dipper	Dr. Wally Sellars
6493		Dwight Wait
6753	Vaquero	Pack Bleckrie
6931	Windbag	Paul McCulloch
7023	Penelope	Fred Bissinger
7645	Sarah Sue	Mark Auer
7865	Tickled Pink	John Mueller
7927	Fede	Paul Auer
7928		Bill Summers
7962	Lucky Star II	Carl (Pete) Carsten

Our fleet started the 61 season, perked-up by the presence of four brand-new boats, purchased by Paul Auer, Pete Carsten, Bill Summers and John Mueller. John's boat was bought in a semi-finished stage and he was seen heading for the starting line (one & thirty to go) fastening on various fittings, these modern crew-types insist on.

Mark Auer started off by signing on a permanent first-mate, Susan, by now well-known to all of us. She initiated her role in racing by winning Mark's boat from him in a Saturday afternoon gin-rummy game.

After they had established themselves in their new home, Mark went on to win many of the home and out-of-town races.

John Mueller after winning the steeplechase race over to the Put In Bay regattas, found himself in serious straits on the return voyage. A sudden intense storm, complete with hailstones beset them.

Sailing on jib alone, all seemed well, when suddenly a stay failed. A moment later, all three were in the water clinging to the capsized boat. After hanging on for better than an hour with lightning bolts boiling the water around them, a Coast Guard boat approached and fished them out.

Unfortunately the C. G. could not take the boat in tow as there were other boats in distress. At this point, John resigned himself to losing a new boat no more than a few months old. All took a turn for the better as the following day John's "Tickled Pink" was found in relatively good shape, washed up on a nearby island.

Two others who contended for the "Deep-Six" trophy were Bill Summers and Packey Bleckrie. Fortunate for both, our ever-present power fleet brought both in, embarrassed, wet and somewhat more respectful of spinnakers.

The fleet also sponsored a cocktail party for all out of town Lightnings attending our C.Y.C. regatta. Schedule withstanding, we hope to duplicate this to a larger extent next year.

We are now in the process of setting-up winter forums to better acquaint ourselves with racing rules. Upon numerous occasions all but the more experienced skippers found themselves in embarrassing situations. While nicked paint and bruised egos were generally the worst of these "goofs", we all feel briefing sessions are in order.

INDIAN RIVER YACHT CLUB (72)

Dixie District

Sailing on Indian River at Oak Orchard, Delaware

Fleet Captain	Ben Milliner
Fleet Secretary	Bob Purnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
298	Aurora	Ben Milliner
525	Rebel	Hill Purnell & Chuck Maillet
527	Bo-Bo II	Bob Purnell
1374	Four Seas	Bud Hanby
1525	Blitzen	Tom Mertes
6920	Sea Star	Jim Tunnell
7585	Challenger	Bob Tunnell
7592	Capricorn	Joe Corbi

The highlight of our sailing season was the holding of the Dixie District Championships at our club on July 22-23. The event was very well attended and the champ was Marb Fox of Baltimore. We felt very honored by having the well known Walt Collier serve as Race Chairman for this event. The weather was fine except for a slight lack of wind at times.

The wind for our regular Fall Regatta held Sept. 16-17 was a complete opposite from the Dixie winds. The two races Saturday were sailed in strong winds. Sunday morning produced winds up to at least 48 m.p.h. The fleet ventured out to start the race but most of them turned back when they passed Fraimes Point and got the full brunt of the wind. A small few did go on to the starting line but it was mostly on a plane. It was no problem at all to get a Lightning on a plane that day. Doc Jim Gilbert turned over and someone said that Herm Henschen spent more time in the water than he did out. The Race Committee came ashore and postponed the start till the wind eased a bit. It never did, in fact it kept right on blowing right through till after the hurricane had come and gone on the following Wednesday. We still had a right good time even though it was a little rough. Better luck in '62 we hope.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

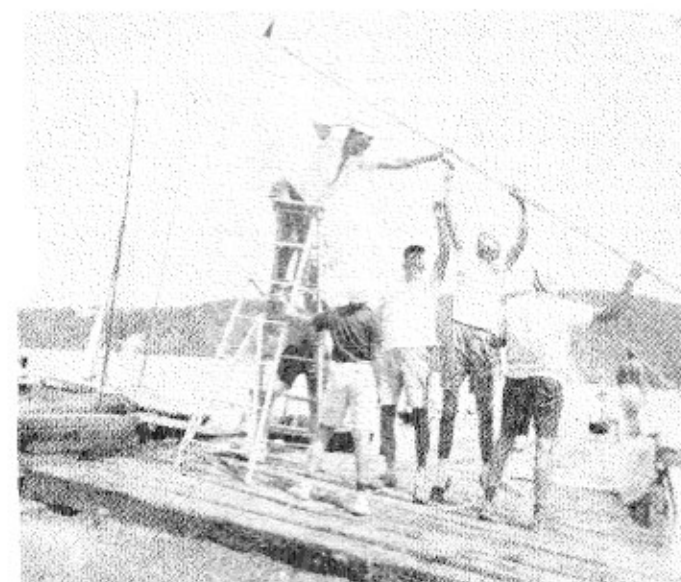
Fleet Captain	Roger L. Grohne
Fleet Secretary	Hawley Albright
Fleet Champion	Roger L. Grohne
Runner-Up	Jerry MacNab

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
214	Dangerous	H. W. Albright
297		Marshal Colburn
464	Dynamite	Fred Soneson
1447	Machushla	E. McConnell
2796		Peter Nell
2915		David Carr
3214	Pegasus	Dr. Herbert Fritz
3930	Aquarius	Parke Boyer
4678	Patience	Roger Grohne
6633	Dennis the Menace	Jerry MacNab
7465	Argo III	Welland Hause

It has been said that this country is on wheels and so is Fleet 74. In view of this fact of life, we must mention the moves of our sailors who will be greatly missed in next season's activities. The Rev. Bob Williams who owns 212 moved to Rock Island, Ill., and they now have a good sailor who may not always come in first place in racing but who is always first place in friendliness and good sportsmanship. Hawley Albright has recently moved to Fort Worth, Tex., but he sold his 214 to Paul White of 603 Cullom St., Bloomington, Ill., last spring and so was able to skipper his old boat all season and came in third in the fleet series. Now we hear that Paul is moving to Atlanta, Ga., in January of 1962. This is our chance to show the southern sailors what nice people we damyankees really are as Paul's family are true exponents of the original intention of Lightning design. They came fifty miles from Bloomington every weekend and Paul, his wife Pat and Bobby and Carol camped out overnight near the lake and must have almost worn out the bottom of 214 as they kept it moving so much. We feel very fortunate that we were able to know these "weekend warriors" even if only for one short summer.

But of those of us who remain there is much stirring of new things. Jerry MacNab, a young college student at Bloomington, has brightened up the lake with "Dennis the Menace" not to mention a real cute crew, Miss Judy Wissmiller, and though it's his first year sailing competitively he is doing a bang up job. We'll probably have to shorten our backstay some more and splice the main brace a little less to keep ahead of them next year. By the way—they came in 24th out of 48 boats at Chicago's Red Flannel Regatta which is not a bit bad for a beginner. Another good sign is that a couple of old boats that have been more or less just sitting around under wraps are now owned by eager young boys who seem anxious to remodel and get their boats going again which is great news to a small fleet such as ours.

Many of you know our roving Bob Buckles, who has sailed Lightnings by the name of Aeolus since the class was a pup, might be interested to know that since he had sold 6446 last year he crewed with Dr. Hause and gave us all fits. Then one of those things happened that are always supposed to happen to someone else: Bob had a heart flare-up—wonderfully it has seemed to be only slight to us who could but observe, hope and pray for him and now he is able to go again even though very gently. He's not allowed to race yet but he does have a fiberglass boat ordered and we are all anticipating a complete recovery health-wise and Lightning wise.



Lowering the main halyard on White Cap II the hardway

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Bob Jamison
Fleet Secretary	Gene Notz
Fleet Champion	Bob Jamison
Runner-Up	Bob Woolman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
79	Black Knight	Gerald Wunderlich
400	Asbestos	Ray Hebert
458	Quest	Ernie Hamilton
981	Hi-De-Ho	Ed A. Geier
1466	Rok-N-Rye	Frank L. Unbehaun and William Makie
1515	Carrousel	Glenn R. Rosenbauer
1583	Cordelia	Ray Mercier
2153	Rebel	Dr. Edward Riley
2772	Our Gal	Paul Jungjohann
2793	Restless	Ted Gunkler
3410	Miss Hannah	Allen Fields
3480	Calypso	Fred Darling
3541	Firecracker	Dr. L. H. Spector
3542	Doodle	Dr. Max Presberg
3608	Guppy	Ernest Butler
4724	George	Arnie Sals
4879	Blue Jacket II	Dr. John McIntosh
5201	Corsaire	Howard Gass
5584	Irish IV	Dick Doherty
5836	Trop Chere	Bob Woolman
5935	Kelpie	Allen Hamilton
6710	Seacall	Herbert Johnson
6803	JP	Dr. Thomas Morgan
7025	White Cap II	Dr. Robert Jamison
7632		Dr. Gene Notz
7974	Spindrift	Warren Duerr
8006	Windswept	Allen Berry

The 1961 season at Newport was highlighted by a most successful 25th Anniversary Regatta with over 75 boats competing. Bob Woolman took first place in "Trop Chere".

The Districts were held the following week at Newport and were won by John Sprague.

Our Championship Series of 16 races was a three way race that wasn't decided until the last. The final standings (with averages) were:

Bob Jamison	29.25
Bob Woolman	29.04
John McIntosh	28.97
Tom Morgan	27.03
Warren Duerr	26.73
Herb Johnson	26.71

Bob Woolman really got his boat moving near the end of the series and was practically unbeatable at the Club and consistently was on top at the District and Invitational Regattas. Bob is going to be tough to beat next year.

Several new boats joined the fleet with many new sails being purchased. We ought to see a real contest for Club Championship next year.

Tom Morgan showed considerable improvement this year, finishing 4th in the Championship Series to win the Gayas Trophy for the most improved boat.

The Ray Hebert Crew Series was won by Ray Schmidt in "Whitecap II" to make an impressive record for #7025.

The following were winners of the other series:

Burns Hanna Handicap Series—John McIntosh

Missac Trophy Handicap Series—Allen Fields

Summer Series—Allen Fields

Fall Series—John McIntosh

Gene Notz maintained his average this year by twice tipping over to easily outclass all opposition for the Unbehaun Tip-Over Trophy.

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

Lake Erie District

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

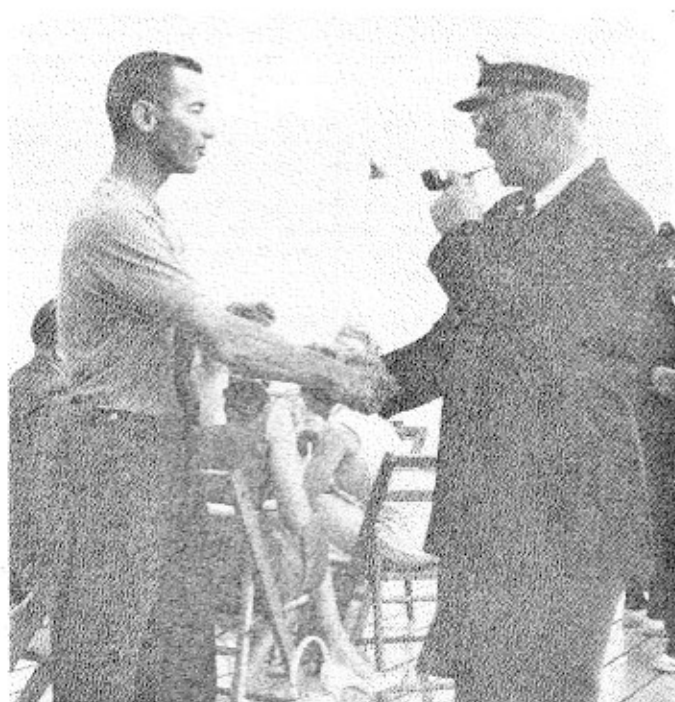
We have completed a very busy season at Sandy Beach Yacht Club, sailing five series, plus the Lightning Champion series.

Lightning Class Champion was Vic Peterson and runner-up was Jack Taggart.

In mid July Sandy Beach Yacht Club, Fleet #78, was host to the Great Lakes District. We had fine sailing weather and all races were completed on schedule.

Our annual Haul-Out Regatta held on Sept. 23rd and 24th sailed with fine weather favoring us and was won by our Rear Commodore Jack Sheehan.

Sandy Beach would like to invite all sailors to this annual Haul-Out Regatta held the last week end in September. I am sure you would enjoy Sandy Beach hospitality.



1961 Conn-RI District Champ, Dr. Bill Healy, receives congratulations from the Commodore of the Host Club, Black Rock Y.C.

NIANTIC BAY FLEET (85)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound,

Eastern Conn.

Fleet Captain	Martin J. O'Meara
Fleet Secretary	Bill Healy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
257		K. Albert Baronian
957		Dr. John A. Pierce
2248	Sassy	M. Belsky
5335		Ted Storrs
5611	Phoenix	Dave Kimball
6500	Baby II	M. O'Meara Jr. & Bud Rice
6849	Charlie Brown	Dr. Bill Healy
7170	Baby Makes III	Martin O'Meara Jr.
7358	Sassy II	Mike Shapiro
7599		William Widnall

NBYC Fleet #85 confined its activities entirely to inter-fleet regattas this season as a result of the temporary loss of our launching facilities and the availability of Lightning regattas along the Sound.

We again hosted the Early Bird Regatta on the last week-end of June. There were four races with all variety of conditions. Wayne Brockett of Branford finished first. Bud Olsen of Stratford second, and Billy Healy of Niantic third.

Groton Long Point sponsored a splendid Lightning Regatta on July 8th and 9th. Marty O'Meara and Bill Healy represented Niantic Bay; Billy sailed an excellent series to win first place. It is hoped that Groton Long Point will make this an annual affair.

Two week-ends later, Bill Healy's "Charlie Brown", with formidable crewing by Art Landry and Eddie Shapiro, won the Connecticut-Rhode Island District Championship in a four race series sailed at Black Rock Yacht Club, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Bill then flew to San Diego, California, for the North American Championships; he reports that the hospitality at Mission Bay was great and the competition tough.

Martin O'Meara did a wonderful job as a staff member at the World's Championship in September and Fleet 85 is proud of his re-election as Class Secretary and his appointment as Director of Publicity.

Several new boats with excellent skippers are joining our Fleet next year so we can look ahead to even better competition. A cordial invitation is extended to all eligible to attend the 1962 District Championships at Niantic Bay!!!

SUE ISLAND LIGHTNING FLEET (87)

Dixie District

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Middle River, Md.

Fleet Captain	Herman C. Henschen
Fleet Secretary	John A. Moore
Fleet Champion	Barney E. Mead
Runner-Up	Marbury B. Fox

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5409	Dolphin	David G. Bruce
6622	T.O.M.	George P. Allison
6956	Sand Man	John E. McKenney
7015	Sugar'n Spice	Herman C. Henschen
7222	Foot Loose	John A. Moore
7516	Slave Driver	Earl M. Engler
7840	Tally Ho	Marbury B. Fox
7942	Clancy	Barney E. Mead
8060		Harold L. Derrickson

Fleet 87's activities started in the middle of April with tune up races; serious racing for the Fleet Championship started on the first weekend in May. Competition was keen right from the start with each of the active members always in contention. By May 30 all eyes were on Earl Engler, the most improved sailor of the group. At this time Dave Bruce was having his troubles, but this wasn't to last forever. He soon became as much of a threat as anyone. Competition was so tough that even our famous Marb Fox wound up in last place in one of the races. In spite of this, Marb won the Spring Series with Barney second and Earl third.

In the Fall Series Marb and Herm shared firsts and seconds while Barney was in California. Upon his return, however, Barney was almost unbeatable in the light air races, occasionally punctuated by severe thunder squalls. The Fall Series also marked the appearance of another contender, Ben "Twist" Derrickson, in his new Lippincott (didn't Barney take gas when Ben passed him and left him round the windward mark last but then, "Clancy lowered the boom". After the smoke had cleared and scores added up, "Clancy" had won the Fleet Championship with "Tally Ho" runner-up.

After weeks of poor sailing weather, we were holding our breath for favorable winds during our Annual Frigid Ditch Regatta. The weatherman came through with shirtsleeve weather and favorable winds for our twenty-five boat fleet from all over the East Coast. Buffalo Canoe Club's Al Bernel and Tom Fallon walked away with top and runner-up honors. We hope more of you



"Clancy" rounding mark in North American Championships at California

will join us next year in the "Land of Pleasant Living" for our part of the "Fall Circuit".

COLD SPRING HARBOR FLEET (89)

Western Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Long Island Sound, Cold Spring Harbor

Fleet Captain David K. Storrs
Fleet Secretary David K. Storrs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2697	Cynthia	Mrs. Edward Pulling
5834	Tyger	Fred Heyes
6348	Vivo	David K. Storrs

We did not have any races because of the small number of boats.

VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B. C.

Fleet Captain Darrell D. Jones
Fleet Secretary Orrin Parsons
Fleet Champion Adrian Thomson
Runner-Up Geoff Ince
Member-at-Large Hart Long K.Y.C.
Member-at-Large John J. Fairly W.V.Y.C.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
626	Hard Tack	Don Black
1851	Vixen	Doug Jewett
2314	Loutre	Ken Austin
2382	Hyak	John J. Fairley
3253	Hawk	Tom Sturgess
3780	Yellow Jacket	J. T. Biller
3783	Pastime	Adrian Thomson
3812	Squall	B. L. Findlater
3936	Vectis II	Gerrard Farry
4414	Tiara	Jim Thompson
4474	Rania	Tom Lironi
4651	Moonraker	Gordon A. Smith
5513	Thunderbird	Geoff Ince
5567	Hi-Lo	Les Alfreds
6370	Spindrift II	J. E. G. Harrison
6780	Cat's Paw	Don Longley
6836	Ramada	Darrell D. Jones
6948	Haldora	P. Pangman
7031	Alados	John Swerdsfeger
7071	Fulmar	Peter Thomas
7475	Blitzen	Orrin Parsons
7089	Lola	Hart Long & John Lachance
7090	Bessie 2	Daniel R. Kirton
7536	Vela	George Gold
7581	Shandy	Gary Anderson and Derrick Hopwood
	Puff	J. Sandilands

The fleet grew in numbers again this year both through the acquisition of old boats and the building of new ones. Some of our members had to relinquish their sailing for business reasons (desperate) and several members were transferred to other parts of the country by their companies.

During the winter season the Lightning group was active with monthly meetings covering racing tactics, protesting procedures, olympic racing pictures, etc.

While many were sailing earlier in the year, official racing commenced on May 6 and continued through to the end of October.

Following the successful pattern of previous years, races were held on Saturday afternoons and mornings and afternoons of Sunday. Nine of these races count for Fleet Championships (three at each of three different yacht clubs, Kilsilano Yacht Club, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and West Vancouver Yacht Club). We use the Sprague-Cox system with the six best races counting for the averaging.)

In this series Adrian Thomson and his fine crew did it again. Runner up was Geoff Ince with a fine effort, in his Thunderbird. Third place in the series went to Orrin Parsons' Blitzen.

In addition to the Saturday and Sunday racing, races are held every Thursday evening. Also two long distance races are held around Passage Island. These all provide relaxing fun and interest.

Two series of races were held with Seattle's Yacht Club. No doubt the social activity and the keenness of competition will lead to more and more of these interchanges.

An interesting challenge was received from the South Okanagan Sailing Association to "Dare we old folk to race their jolly boats (pardon the word) using their boats with our crews against their crews in their boats." We sent three crews to the three-day regatta.

The winds were high, the boats were strange, and the course was unfamiliar, however, it is nice to know that the Lightning crews came first, second and third. Apart from this a good time was had by all.

No doubt, next year we will invite these brash Jolly Boaters to the coast for a series in our Lightnings. We will win again I suspect, but more important, we will make some more converts to the Lightning way of life.

AMERICAN YACHT CLUB (96)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Long Island Sound, Rye, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Catherine Kelly
Fleet Secretary Helen Lethen
Fleet Champion Janet Lethen
Runner-Up Winky Meyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
565	Nimbus	Arthur W. Kohler, Jr.
2217	Beebees	Woodward and Bell
2249	Pippin	William Smith
2315	Williewah	Laura Hunt
4104	Lark	Donald G. Ross
3276	Tara	Gene Reichert
4221	Lucinda	Charles Rice
5756	Blicksem	E. K. Van Horne, Jr.
6325	Susan	Arthur Langsdorf
6709	Scotch Caps	A.J.Y.C.
6777	Windy II	Virginia Meyer
6844	Joan B. II	Ed Kloth
7027	Eve	Ed Van Naerssen
7248	Fever	Tyler Keyes
7278	Lucky	Derek Miller
7279	Tein-Adhair	Donald MacDonald
7325	Hefalump	William W. Simmons
7552	Green Giant	O. S. Everett
7616	Hornet	Henry E. Gaillard, Jr.
7917	Restless	Janet Lethen

Six of last year's juniors in the fleet had jobs as sailing instructors this year in various clubs up and down Long Island Sound. This speaks well for their past training in the junior sailing program at the American Yacht Club. Their weekends were spent sailing on their own (a real busman's holiday) and comparing notes about their various jobs.

Fred Hibberd sold his "Flash", which was really greased lightning, to Winky Meyer, who proceeded to have a crackling season and ended up winning the Eastern Juniors. Jolly Everett in Greet Giant, took second in the same event.

Starting the season off at the New York Yacht Club Junior Day, Jolly Everett placed second, with Dale Keys third.

At Larchmont Race Week, Tyler Keys took first honors in his division, with Jolly Everett second. Winky Meyer lead her division home first in Larchmont Junior Day.

At Manhasset Junior Race Week, Jolly Everett pulled down second. At Manhasset Senior, Jolly again took second, with Derek Miller likewise second in his division. Dale Keys and Skip Gaillard took thirds in their respective divisions. Our fleet topped off the regatta when Dale Keys won top honors as Outstanding Girl Skipper for the week. Nor bad eh?

In the Girls Championships, Winky Meyer ran into a little tough luck in one of the qualifying races, but went on to win the Consolation Division.

Janet Lethen in her new Saybrook, wound up the season as Western Long Island Sound Y.R.A. champion, with Winky Meyer third. Some sailors, our gals.

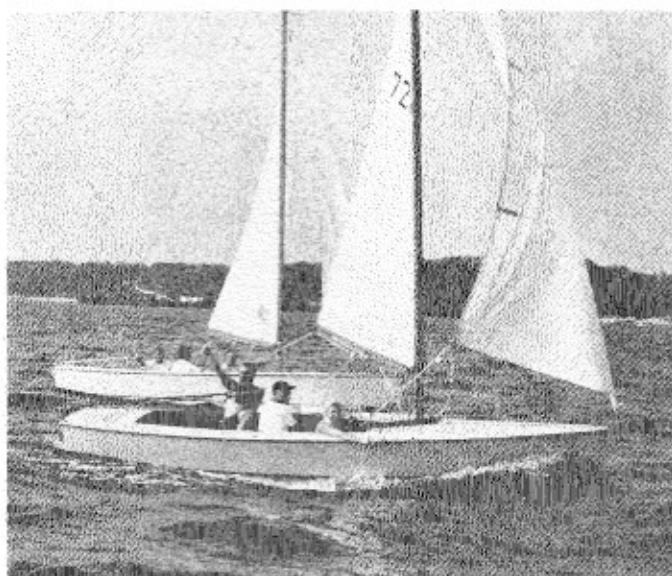
All in all, it was a fine season, but wouldn't it be nice if it blew 15 knots just about every day?

NORTHPORT BAY FLEET (98)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Northport & Huntington Bays, N. Y.

Fleet Captain John Porterfield
Fleet Secretary Mrs. Harold Sherwood
Fleet Champion Ed Perry
Runner-Up Bill Moss III



Fleet Champ 1961
7 1sts—1 5th—1 DNF

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2122	Marel	Tom Kane
2525	Marcy	Allen Davison, Jr.
3108	Bete Noir	Mike Chamberlain
3126	Blue Chip	Dr. Benidict Kurshan
3147	Holoson	Chuck Moss
3494	Celeste	Lou Haring
3604	Little Striker	John Caswell
4107		Ed Morrison
4152		John Hein
4250		Bill Jorch
4918		Bob Sherwood
5003	Hi	Harry Jurka
5005	Gooney Bird	Dave Chamberlain
5890	G-Whiz	John Greenacre
6059	Aeolus	Dave Gebhard
7091		Ken Grubbs
7198	Holomama	Bill Moss III
7203	Princess	Ed Perry
7210	Rebel	A. O. Powell
7827	Kittiwake	Jim Meehan
8118	Petticoat	John Porterfield
		Dick Crittenden

Fleet 98 continued active and healthy in 1961 with some boats changing hands, a few new faces, and only one loss from the active racing members, Dr. John Kelley moving up to a Luders 16. We welcomed Ed Morrison, Ken Grubbs, and Dick Crittenden and Chuck Moss moved from crewing to skippering. Since the end of the season Fleet Captain John Porterfield sold 4250 to Bill Jorch and is having a new Olsen built while Dick Crittenden is getting a new Nickels and Holman, so the competition in '62 should be fierce.

District Commodore Ed Perry regained his Fleet Championship after a lapse of two years and retired the bowl because this was his third win. In doing so he put together a remarkable string of seven straight victories before he capsized in an unguarded moment in mid-August. This mishap, while it didn't hurt his fleet standing due to our scoring the best 9 of 14 races, cost Ed the Tri-Club Championship of Centerport, Huntington, and Northport Yacht Clubs because at the end of their 12 races with no throw-outs young Bill Moss III was 1/10 of one percentage point ahead, thanks to his consistency in being in the upper part of the fleet.

Huntington Yacht Club's Memorial Day Regatta, May 27 and 28, the season's opener, was won by Jim Meehan in his new Kittiwake with Bob Sherwood second. Jim was the only Lightning to sail the first race because of cold, high wind, and driving rain and managed to stay upright until the finish line. Immediately thereafter, he capsized and washed up on the lee shore. Luckily no damage was done although the boat took a pounding and the race committee postponed the afternoon race, so he got back in the act on Sunday and walked off with the big prize deservedly.

On Memorial Day itself, the Fleet Handicap race was a beaut. A gusty Northwester, blowing better than 20 knots, had the five competitors who braved it planing, with or without spinnakers,

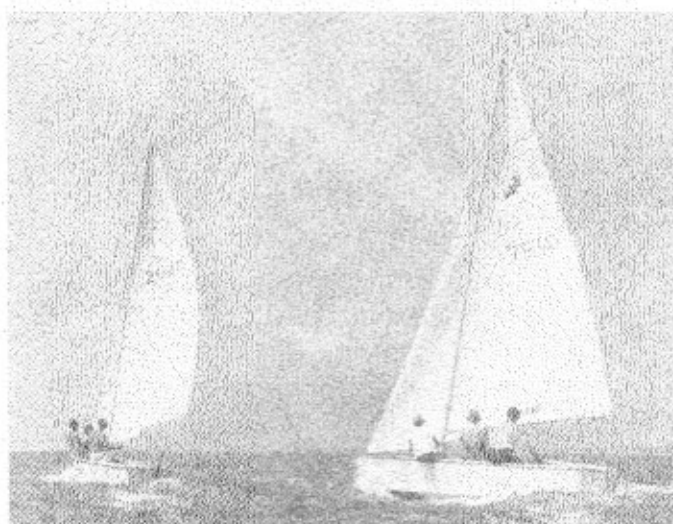
most of the way across both Huntington and Northport Bays for one of those fantastic rides that are just about the most thrilling in Lightning sailing. Meehan, planing along on a close spinnaker reach hot in pursuit of the two scratch boats, flipped for the second time in four days in a terrific gust and Harry Jurka was so intent on standing off John Porterfield at the finish that he carried his chute across the line which was set very close to the lee shore. As a result, after having gotten the gun, he had the choice of planing right up onto the beach or going over. Choosing the lesser evil, he flipped in full view of Dave Gebhard who shot the remarkable sequence pictures shown elsewhere in this issue. Porterfield was second and big Bill Moss third.

Then came regular Sunday races which Ed Perry won with disheartening consistency until mid-August, with Meehan, Bill Moss III, and Sherwood fighting it out pretty much for second in the fleet. Centerport Yacht Club's Fourth of July Regatta went to Ed with Sherwood second and Meehan third. Ladies Day was taken as usual by Ardith Perry (Yes, the Perrys are hard to beat) with Bonnie Byers second and Sue Sherwood third. Big Bill Moss finally won a special regatta after six years by taking the Northport Yacht Club's Labor Day Series with Perry second and A. O. Powell third. This wound up the regular season with Perry comfortably on top as Fleet Champion, Bill Moss III second, and Bob Sherwood, who closed fast, third. The "Under 5000" contest went to Sherwood with Porterfield second and our most persistent competitor, Al Davison, third. Chuck Moss took the fleet Transom Trophy with Holoson. Tri-Club honors went to Bill Moss III, Ed Perry, and Jim Meehan respectively.

District competition was not very successful for the fleet although Sherwood won the Commodore's Cup at Port Washington. Hurricane Esther put a damper on the Fleet 98 Fourth Annual Invitational September 16 and 17 by hitting the area during the week preceding with the result that only three outside boats competed and several of the local boats were laid up. However, those that competed had a good time and Perry won the Wally Ross Trophy again with Art Buhr of Fleet 133 second and Meehan third.

Ed and Ardith Perry put in a lot of work on the World's Championship at Milford acting as a welcoming committee for the overseas visitors and Ed loaned his boat and crewed in another so it was a busy week.

All in all it was a good season with close competition, good sportsmanship, and few protests. With new boats and new faces the 1962 season for Fleet 98 should be the best yet.



"Class B Champion Art Hartford 2639
Class A Champion Dr. Gordon Buzby 7518"

GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Great Egg Bay, Ocean City, N. J.

Fleet Captain	Dr. John A. Phister
Fleet Secretary	Bradford Linthicum
Fleet Champion	Dr. Gordon Buzby (class A)
	Art Hartford (class B)
Runner-Up	William P. Clausen (class A)
	Rick Galli (class B)

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
741	Magic Carpet	Robert Hutchinson
1723	Black Flash	Lester Asplundh
1885	Toddler	J. Scott Todd
2369	Lou Jim	James Bates
2630	Sunbeam	Art Hartford
2711	Driftin'	Jack MacCracken
2804	Coquina	Gene Wallace
3668	Allegro	Edward Walsh
4669	Octopus	Dr. John Pfister
4961	Bandit	Rick Galli
5522	White Cap	Leonard Hirsh
5538	Scamper	Amy & Janet VanGilder
5694	Good Grief	Bradford Linthicum
6001	Zorrita	Bill Fox
6293	Schuser	Ben Need
6694	Lady Rebel	Robert Wood
6957	Fiji	David Thurston
7195	The Willies	Bill Clausen
7318	Bee Hive	Dr. Gordon Buzby

Fleet 99 launched its 1961 season on the first weekend in July with a series of two tune-up races. Bill Clausen, 1960 Fleet Champion, sailed thru to win the Annual Linthicum Trophy for this series.

For the 1961 Championship Series, Fleet 99 continued to use a system of two classes; the "A" class for boats over \$5000 and the "B" class for boats under \$5000. This system proved very successful, and this was especially evident in the increased interest and competition in the "B" class. Fleet captain, John Pfister proved such a threat in his 4669, however, that he was moved up to the "A" class with a sigh of relief from the "B" class contenders.

As the series opened it was clear that there would be a nip and tuck duel between Bill Clausen and Dr. Buzby for the first place silver, and these two seemed to exchange firsts and seconds in nearly every race. As the season progressed, Dr. Buzby gradually pulled ahead, and with the competent crewing of Gail and Buzzy Buzby, he edged the Clausens for the first position. Another very close battle emerged between Dr. Pfister and Brad Linthicum. Their two boats seemed almost to be magnetically attracted, and wherever one finished, the other was certain to be close. Going into the final race, the two were exactly tied, but Dr. Pfister finally came from a mile behind to beat Linthicum in a frustrating drifter in strong tidal currents to take third place in class "A".

Thrills and close competition were not lacking in class "B" either, although Art Hartford, sailing his "Sunbeam", had first place well in hand from the start. The race for second place was a close one though, and again it was not until the last race of the 18 race series that Rick Galli came from behind to topple Jim Todd from the number two position. Jack MacCracken, a new face in Fleet 99, managed to finish fourth even though one day he lost his boat and crew in an effort to save his pants and his dignity. Janet VanGilder and her all-mermaid crew finished a commendable fifth, and also won the fortitude award.

Fleet 99 did some traveling too, and made excellent showings at the South Jersey Championships at Brigantine and also at the Ocean City Yacht Club Invitational Regatta.

The season was officially closed at our Annual Family Banquet where prizes were awarded and stories and memories were retold.

Dr. Buzby then entertained at a gala midnight swimming party where, as the host was unceremoniously dunked, the sails were lowered for another happy season.

SANTA MONICA BAY FLEET (102)

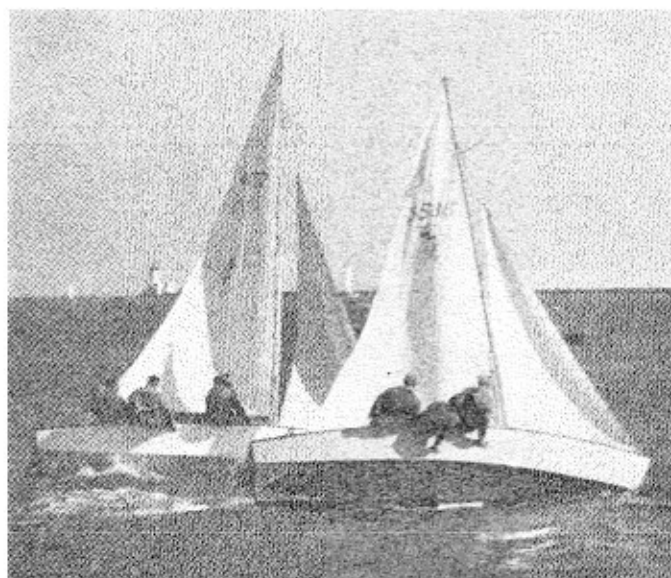
California District

Based on Santa Monica Bay, Calif.

Fleet Captain.....	Robert Young
Fleet Secretary.....	Jay A. Lynch
Fleet Champion.....	Richard Benner
Runner-up.....	Gerald Noll

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1609	Harv-Ho II	Gordon Harvey
2420	Ariel	Robert H. Young
2421	Follomi	Leon Gustadt
3138	ET-CETERA	Harry Hinkel

3586	Tern	Ted Staniec
4700	Security First	Bob Carlson and Frank Buccella
5508	Valkyrie	Jack Millikan and Emory Strumland
5960	Princess	R. A. Rowland
6543	Pambee	Thurman C. Wood
6638	Flamboyant	Gerold N. Noll
6650	Jamara	Jay A. Lynch
7450	Frolic	S. Lemesis
7788	Beezil	Wm. M. Carson
7869	Paddlin'	Madelyn II Wendell Harter
8021	Follomi II	Richard Benner



Dusty Going at Hurricane Gulch

The big event of the 1961 season was having the Lightning National Championships in the California District, and having Wendell Harter, sailing his new boat "Paddlin' Madelyn II" (#7869), win the President's Cup! Although most of the fleet members were sorry to see the National Championship once again return to the East, we of Fleet 102 are proud of Wendell Harter for bringing the President's Cup to the West Coast this year.

Richard Benner entered his new boat, Follomi II (#8021), in the California Districts, but was not able to qualify. It was no wonder because the boat was not yet tuned. In fact, Dick was still putting fittings on minutes before weighing in on race day.

Apparently, Follomi II was in trim shape one month later, for in the Nationals Bob Crane of Darien, Connecticut, chartered 8021 and with his wife and Dick as crew, came in second only to Tom Allen.

Not to be forgotten are the various fleet happenings for the 1961 season. During July, six of our fleet trailered to Mission Bay for the California Districts. Wendell Harter was the only qualifier, but in winning fifth place, he firmly established a berth for the Nationals.

Several fleet members were joined by three boats from Mission Bay for the Annual Catalina Cruise. This is always a great weekend of family sailing. We were not able to have our Second Annual Hurricane Gulch Regatta this season. The cancelling of this race was a disappointment to many, but we're looking forward to next year. Speaking of next year, most members are anxiously awaiting next season, and its first race—the Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta in February, 1962.

LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, N.J.

Fleet Captain.....	John J. Bonn
Fleet Secretary.....	Fred Slovak
Fleet Champion.....	John J. Bonn
Runner-Up.....	Fred Slovak

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
358	White Flash	J. Leslie White & Craig White
657	One Shot	Dr. E. A. Zybulowski
1378	Windaisy	Harold & Marie Chester
1635		Walter R. Lane
1725	Lazy One	Dr. Ira S. Ross
3241	Edmar	E. F. Scheer
4877	Sea Gwen	Dr. F. Parker Willey
5615	Jezebel	John J. Bonn
6881	Itchiban	Felix E. Matusky & Joe Tichansky
7073	Jodie Bee	Richard F. Maguire
7140	Star Dust Too	Fred & Marie Slovak

Lavallette Yacht Club series consisting of 10 races over the summer, were very hotly contested between John Bonn, Fred Slovak and Dick Maguire. The last race finally gave John Bonn the top honor with Fred Slovak finishing in the 2nd position.

In our Saturday regattas, held by the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, John Bonn and Fred Slovak decided to try the "A" division. After a hard season trying to keep up with Jim Carson, Marge Alexander and Bob Adams, Fred Slovak managed to finish in 3rd place.

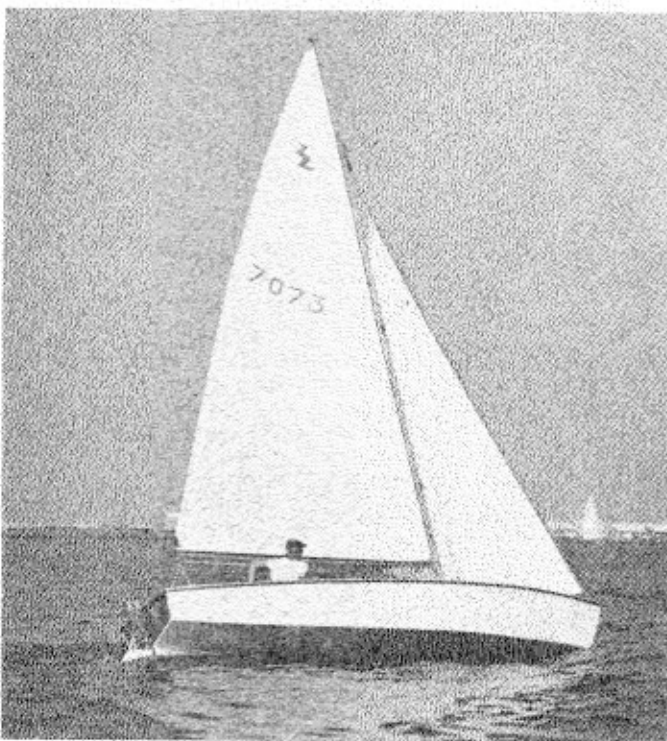
We managed to get the movies from Tawas Bay National Championship, and everyone enjoyed the exciting racing and also the good sound and background music.

During the last season Fleet 104 lost a few boats but has replaced them with some new members. Hope they will come out for our Sunday races and add to our competition next season.

On Labor Day week-end, John Bonn won the Sieder Trophy and the Commodore's Trophy.

John and Marion Bonn traveled to Red Bank for the Monmouth Boat Club Spring Series and did very well as they finished in the top ten.

We expect to be the host club for the Central Atlantic District Championship in 1962. We have wonderful facilities for parking, and our electric hoist is in a good position to handle all boats. Will sail all races on the Green Island course which is just a short sail from the club. We all extend an invitation to all Central Atlantic District Skippers to come out for this event, and enjoy our hospitality.



Dick Maguire Single Handing the JODIE-BEE.

GROTON LONG POINT FLEET (105)

Connecticut District

Based on Fisher's Island Sound,

Groton Long Point, Conn.

Fleet Captain	James Egan
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. Barbara Hadlow
Fleet Champion	Robert H. Purrington
Runner-up	James Egan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2130	Southerly	Skip Church
2408	Bugaboo II	Mr. & Mrs. David M. Hadlow, Jr.
2462	Puffin	Bob Murphy
2780	Murex IV	Andy Congdon
5138	Firefly	Robert Purrington
5655	Barefoot	Mr. Wilcox & Family
5737	Merriweather	Sue Colgrove
6814	Crewsader	Jim, Jack and Dick Egan
7635	Knotty Maid	Bonny Parizek
7637	Wee Spree	Bob Grugan

Groton Long Point had a terrific season with a wonderful regatta the first week after July 4th. Wayne Brockett, Bud Olsen, Marty O'Meara, Dr. Bill Healy and Dr. Dan Brown amongst others showing up to race in the strangest weather. We had a good preview of the strange tides to follow in August, queer winds and a wonderful time. The net result according to the Ireland's opinion was the G.L.P. Regattas are here to stay. So they are going to plan another this July, the week-end after the fourth, at G.L.P.

Our season Champions were Jim Egan, 1st; Dave Hadlow, 2nd; and Bob Grugan, 3rd. We had an exciting August with a first and a fourth in the EGYRA. Robert Purrington (racing only Saturdays) copped the EGYRA first when the Hadlows blew their first place with a bad tide bet. However, the Hadlows saved part of the three days by taking fourth in a tight protested series.

Our program for stimulating new interest worked well, with two new boats purchased and two contemplating. We ran a great program of new crew sails and afternoon cruises with prospective new boat owners.

Barbara Hadlow has been elected Connecticut-Rhode Island District Secretary and was down at the World's in Milford to watch her boat sailed by the Prince of Greece's emissary. They didn't do well but it was certainly exciting, what with the Princess's engagement in the middle of the events and the fabulous sailing, by Allen, the strange weather and our South American friends.

Looking forward to a great season and a great Regatta in '62.

GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

Central New York District

Sailing at Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	John Sprague
Fleet Champion	Dick Hallagan
Runner-Up	John Sprague

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2756	North Wind	Lawrence Morley
2792	Nancy Ann	Dr. Stephen R. Pope
2850	Wind Song	Bud Seymour
3274	High Tail	Hank Nesbitt
5230		Mark Buckman
5974	Polaris	Harry Fogarty
6693	Merry	Charles W. Hallagan
6698	Chaos	Dick Brown and Bob Bloomer
7087	Razzlefratz	Richard W. Hallagan
7535	Presto	John D. Sprague
7723	Little Toot	Al Hosford

This year there were two innovations in our fleet. We enjoyed the use of a new electric hoist that greatly facilitated the launching of those boats that dry sail, and we raced on adjacent Lake Ontario to try our hand at open water. We hope to do more racing on the lake next year as Fleet 108 is fortunate enough to have both open and protected water.

Although we lost an old and successful campaigner for the season in the Brown-Bloomer syndicate (who hope to race next year), we gained a new member when Bud Seymour bought #2850, and Al Hosford showed up with a new Emmons, #7723.

The fleet championship was again raced on Sunday, and although area regattas consumed the last half of July and most of August, we managed to get in eight races. This turned out to be another battle between Dick Hallagan and John Sprague with a virtual tie existing up to the last race which Dick won to take the championship. It is interesting to note that we have had five different fleet champions in as many years.

Our Sodus Bay Invitational was marred by fluke winds—apparently a common complaint this year. Our alibi was a standard one used everywhere—that we never usually have fluke winds! However, the winds didn't bother Dr. John Gentry of Skaneateles as he made his last regatta appearance before serving two years in India. He won easily, with three straight firsts, as he and his wife and son finished a very successful season in their new Emmons #7830. There were even rumors his trip was being financed by his many sailing victims this summer. Incidentally, rip-over honors in this regatta went to our veteran club mate Larry Morley who gave us an excellent demonstration of that old seafaring quotation "Don't give up the ship". Larry rode his capsized boat for more than an hour to the beach without so much as a bottle of beer to keep him company.

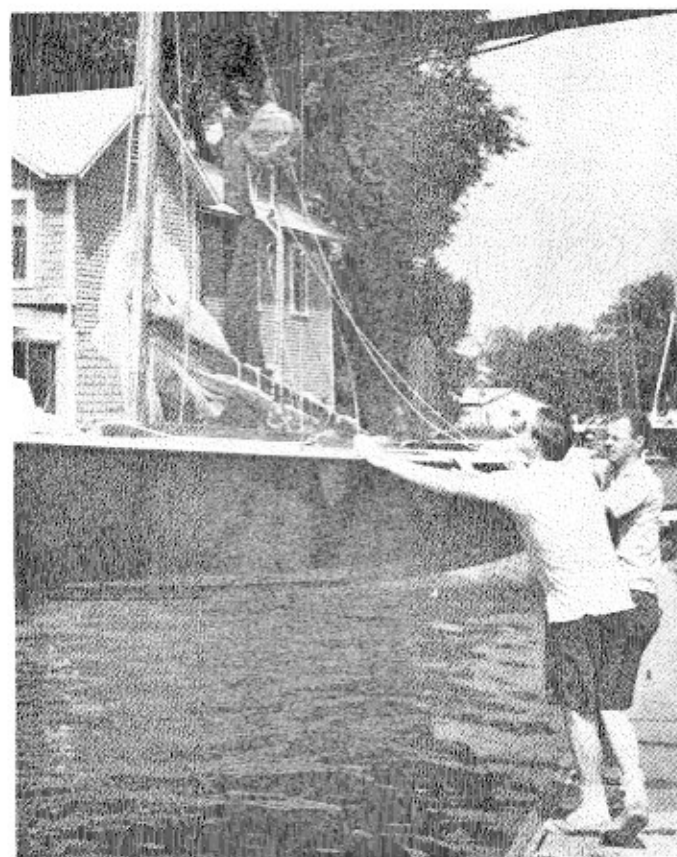
In area regattas, Sodus boats were well represented, with John Sprague and Dick Hallagan doing most of the road running. John Sprague won the Central New York Districts on Irondequoit Bay, was second at the Central New York Regatta on Cayuga Lake, and fourth at Newport Invitational. Dick Hallagan had a third at our Sodus Invitational, tied for fourth at Onondaga Lake, and had the Sandy Beach Invitational, Niagara River, within his grasp when disqualified. Harry Fogarty made fourth at Sodus, and Charlie Hallagan, third in the Districts.

We also attended regattas at Buffalo Canoe Club, Skaneateles, Silver Lake, and that fabulous Quantico meet where Sprague crewed for Hallagan among 100 boats, the weather was beautiful, the competition tremendous, and the racing superb.

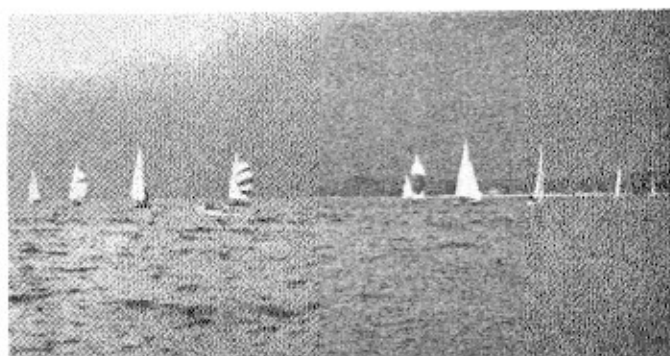
Following are the season's results:

Memorial Day Series	Saturday Series	Fleet Championship
1. John Sprague	1. Dick Hallagan	1. Dick Hallagan
2. Harry Fogarty	2. John Sprague	2. John Sprague
3. Dr. Steve Pope	3. Harry Fogarty	3. Harry Fogarty

Labor Day Series	Sodus Bay Invitational
1. Dick Hallagan	1. Dr. John Gentry, Skaneateles
2. John Sprague	2. Skinner Reynolds, Skaneateles
3. Dr. Steve Pope	3. Dick Hallagan, Sodus Bay
	4. Harry Fogarty, Sodus Bay
	5. Warren Duerr, Newport



Fleet champion, Dick Hallagan (right) and crew, use Fleet 108's new electric hoist to launch #7087 on Sodus Bay.



Around the pin and homeward bound. Oilskins on—thundershowers ahead!

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Based on Higgins Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain.....	Com. Michael Dow
Fleet Secretary.....	Pete Morley
Fleet Champion.....	Com. Michael Dow
Runner-Up.....	Pete Morley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
679	Hi Hi	Dr. H. I. Clark
1847	The Jermy	Bob Jermstad
2460	.....	Bob Bush
2844	.....	Ted Caldwell
2933	White Cap	A. B. Brand
2944	Wah-hine	Armond Barstow
4214	.....	Bob Thompson
4338	.....	Jim Redman
4808	.....	Rickey Swinhart
4809	Flame IV	Dr. Don Brasie
5049	Ho-Hum	Glenn Osgood
5254	.....	Bob Klintworth
6281	.....	Tom Brennan
6400	What's Buzzin	Pete Morley
6687	Sugarbeet	Art Buhl, Jr.
7010	Glengarry	Alex Carlin
7300	Triagan	Doc Arnold
7309	Serendipity	Mike Dow

The summer of Sixty One saw Fleet 110 maintain its weekend sailing battles in hopes for a bit of hardware at season's end. Not only was it a battle between skippers and boats, but with an added challenge tossed in by Old Man Weather, adding fast riding thunder storms, big wind shifts and plenty of heavy air. This brought out the best in skipper and crew, with swimming lessons for a few who didn't jump fast enough.

Alex Carlin, Higgins' top sailor, was busy training his kids in the role of crew. This put Alex out of top running. But with a little more training under their belt and the ability his young crew possess, watch out! They will be tough again this year. Dick Arnold skippered Doc Arnold's boat this season. Starting slow, at season's end he was mighty tough to beat.

On August 12th and 13th Fleet 110 held its Tenth Invitational Lightning Regatta. Some of Michigan's top skippers were on hand for a weekend of friendly competition. Three good races were held in moderate winds. The second race featured a strong rain squall on the last leg which added plenty of excitement and shifted boat standings markedly. Saturday night the famed Michigan District Barefoot Philharmonic played Jazz. Jazz lost!

Michigan District champion, Hermy Nickels, skippered Lightning 6400, a borrowed boat, and took three firsts. Guess this proves you don't have to have a new boat to win those firsts. Mike Dow sailed extremely well to come in second with Alex Carlin third. This is the best showing yet by HLBG sailors in this event.

Seasons Race Results:

Lightning Cup—Mike Dow winner, Pete Morley runner-up
 Cal Barry Trophy—Mike Dow winner, Don Brasie runner-up
 Lightning Cruising Trophy—Bob Barstow winner, Bob Bush runner-up