



Fleet Champion and Sheboygan Regatta Winner—Jim Hopkins and crew

GREEN BAY FLEET (112)

Midwest District

Based on Green Bay, Wisc.

Fleet Captain	Jack Haanen
Fleet Secretary	James B. Gagnon
Fleet Champion	James L. Hopkins
Runner-Up	Gagnon/Bielefeldt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
730	Tips	Jack Haanen
1259		Mary Campbell
1578	Four Belles	Fred Cross
2326		Don McDonald
2503	Geo. Claire, Jr.	Geo. Burridge
2505	Baby	Carl Witteborg, Jr.
2533	Ginny Lee	Arnold Biebel
2534	Push Me	J. Gagnon & Geo. Bielefeldt
2561	Marbo	Robert Shade
3777	Pat-Sue	Ken Mathys
5952	Scrambler	Carl Manns, Jr.
6200	San Sea II	Fran J. LeClerc
7144	Misty	James L. Hopkins
7375	Snafu II	R. G. Evans
8025	Black Jack	Quin Adamski
		James Fond

A banquet held in April during which last year's winners received their trophies became the kick-off affair for our '61 season. The running account of the 1960 year narrated by our very able master of ceremonies, Ken Mathys, interspersed by the awarding of prizes, was the hilarious highlight of the evening.

Our season was divided into three series: Spring, Summer and Fall. Fleet Championship and runner-up determined by best overall showing in the three series. We are proud of the fact that we had the best turnout in years. Ten to twelve boats consistently hit each start and it made for a very interesting and competitive year.

At the final bell we found that we had seen the stern of "Misty" quite often and James Hopkins became 1961 Fleet Champion. Gagnon/Bielefeldt edged out "Snafu II" skippered by R. G. Evans and family to take runner-up.

Hopkins in "Misty" and Adamski in "Black Jack" competed in the Midwest District Regatta, taking 13th and 20th respectively.

Many of us were guests of the Sheboygan Yacht Club for their annual "Bratwurst" regatta. In between Bratwurst and beer parties we sailed an excellently run 3 race series. Jim Hopkins took 1st place, Quin Adamski 5th, Carl Manns 8th, Mary Campbell 13th.

Our Walter Masse Memorial Trophy Race climaxed the season. Jack Haanen, our Fleet Captain, took time out from his duties of running our club to sail his best race of the year to take first place. Phil Meyer sailing "Scrambler" for Carl Manns, Jr., was second, and Ken La Fond was third.

ST. JOSEPH HARBOR FLEET (113)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at St. Joseph, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Jim Stock
Fleet Secretary	Jim Taylor
Fleet Champion	Hank Handy
Runner-Up	Bud Crow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4674	Nite Cap	Kent Hughes
5967	Droopy II	Dean DeVries
6036	Wanderer	Phil Ryan
6378		St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
6379	Javelin	Bud Crow
6662		St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
7310	Suzie Q	Jim Stock
7313	Handy's Shell	Hank Handy
7578	Sea Smoke	Jim Taylor
7579	Donnie	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
7966	Ibis	Joe Stueland
7979	Zamboanga	Bill Campbell

Our sailing season was officially opened with our Shakedown Regatta on June 24 and 25. Harry Spitz of Michigan City won all three races to win this event for the third straight year. Bob DeVries and Joe Stueland from the local fleet won second and third, respectively. Thus the Sand Bowl Trophy was returned to Michigan City.

The Fourth of July weekend series was won by Dean DeVries, second place went to Jim Taylor and third place to Jim Stock. Gary Long, a Junior Foundation instructor, did well over this weekend by placing fifth in the Burnham Park Small Boat Regatta.

On July 15 and 16 Joe Stueland and Bob DeVries traveled to Milwaukee for the P & T Regatta. Joe won the regatta and Bob placed second.

The following weekend Dean DeVries placed third in the Midwest Districts held in Milwaukee. Dean then traveled to the International Trade Fair Regatta at Burnham Park and took third place.

Traveling to Michigan City for the Hoosierland Regatta on August 5 and 6, Bill Campbell won the regatta. Bill tied with Joe Stueland for first place in the Sand Dunes Regatta at Michigan City on September 9 and 10.

Donning their foul weather gear, Bill Campbell and Joe Stueland entered the Red Flannel Regatta at the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club and finished third and fourth respectively.

While all our "hot shots" were doing very well at the out-of-town regattas, the ever popular Hank Handy walked away with the fleet championship.

It is hoped that some of the Chicago sailors will visit us September 15 and 16, 1962, for our Knockdown Regatta. Some of the best competition in the Midwest will be found at this regatta.

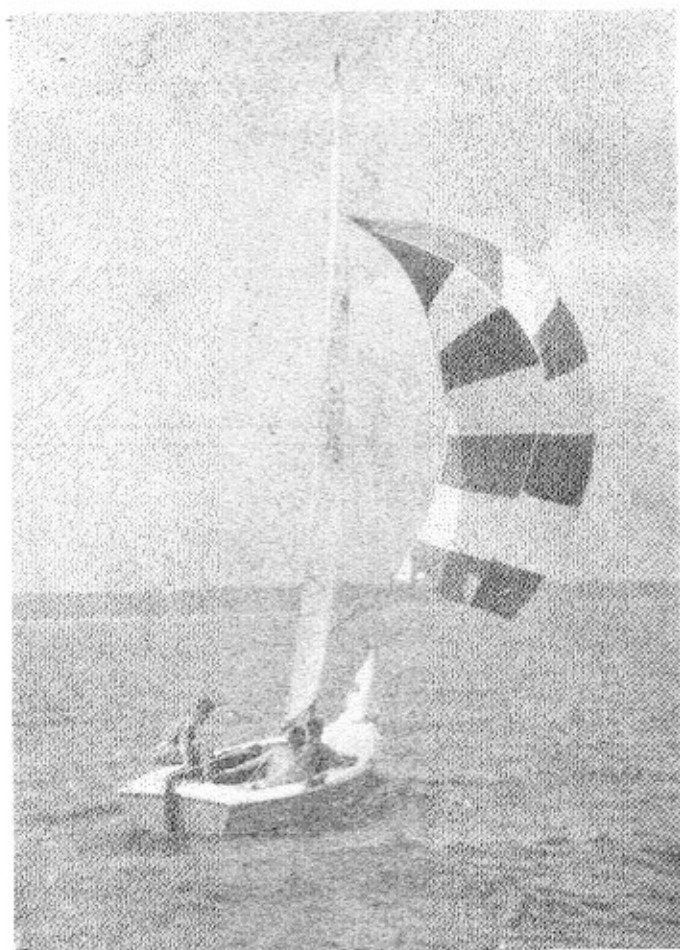
GARDINERS & PECONIC BAYS FLEET (116)

Greater Long Island District

Based at Greenport, L.I., N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Arthur VanDeWater
Fleet Secretary	Walter H. Burden Jr.
Fleet Champion	Larry Dorman
Runner-Up	Mike Burden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
856	Falcon	Robert O'Connor
1057	Erro	Dr. Hugh Luddecke
1879	Little Hope 4th	Herbert Evans
2394		Linda M. Ward
2739	Bon Ami	Robert Urz
3380	P	Peter Zecher
3594	Riptide	Leroy Raush
3938	Bluebird	Warren Vail
4246		Raymond Golder
4608	Blitzen	Peter Dinkel
5029	Lollipop	Lorette Prime
5075	Jolly Roger	Arthur Vandewater
5085	Upset	Jim Holmes
5136	Galatea	Carol Hansel
5344	Mint Julep	Gary Kohut
5780	Sallie Ho	Sallie Krusen
6982	Sakey	Mary V. Wilkinson
7098	Morning Star	O. W. Jaeger, Jr.
7555	Tiki	Mike Burden
7915	Rebel	Lawrence Dorman
7971		Dr. Robert Popkin



Fleet #116—"Concentration"

Lightning sailors in this area had ample opportunity for enjoyable sailing and racing this past summer. Unfortunately the season is a short one, but good winds and beautiful weather enabled the various Clubs to complete their schedules with practically no cancellations.

Our Fleet Championship was determined by the results of the four race Eastern Long Island Racing Association Regatta Series held late in July. Larry Dorman sailing his new Rebel ably proved that you can step from a BlueJay to a Lightning and continue your winning ways by sailing four consistent races to the Championship spot. Mike Burden was runner up with just a one point advantage over Mary Wilkinson.

The Club Champions and runner-up are summarized:
Orient Yacht Club—Larry Dorman, Mike Burden
Shelter Island Yacht Club—Mary Wilkinson, Lolli Prime
Southold Yacht Club—Mike Burden, Gary Kohut

Special events gathered various portions of the Fleet together at odd times for example the Chinese Yacht Club revived their Wednesday evening series again after a lapse of many years. At the conclusion of the ten races, Larry Dorman was first, Mike Burden second, and Jim Holmes third. Southold Yacht Club sailed for the first time, what will be an annual event on open invitation basis, a long distance race around Shelter Island. This is a 26 mile, no holds barred, interesting course for wind and tide conditions vary considerably while the race is in progress. Mary Wilkinson did a fine job and led the Fleet in with Gary Kohut runner up on this initial try at this course. The Southold Yacht Club annual Labor Day Regatta was called off for lack of wind but the Fleet gathered the following day and found ample wind. When the smoke cleared Mike Burden was first, Gary Kohut, second, Linda Ward, third.

We have good promise for a banner year in 1962. A number of people indicate they will have Lightnings for next year; several boats have changed hands and it would not be surprising if Fleet membership almost doubled. In addition, the Greater Long Island Districts are set for the weekend of July 14th-15th with the Shelter Island Yacht Club as host. This is a wonderful location for an

event of this type with a race committee well versed in handling the details. Coupled with our usual busy season, this should make 1962 quite a Lightning year in this area.

ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (118)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Hamilton Bay, at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	Frank Hewitt
Fleet Secretary	Bob Jocelyn
Fleet Champion	Donald M. Allen
Runner-up	Bob Jocelyn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
471	Akela	Doug Budd
1845	Auld Cloutie	Frank Inrig
3482	Bob Cat	Alec Hache
3548	Tempest	Tom Robertson
3654	Just Us	Stan Chambers
4017	Zephyr	Frank Hewitt
4233		John Howard
4762	Skol	Fred Doty
5833	Bob-Ed II	Bob Jocelyn
6412		Allan Green
6851		Bill Lightfoot
7142		Tom Robertson
7441		Reg & Ken Ormerod
7472	Adelia IV	George Hampson
7780	Apache	Bill Smith
7791	It's No Six	Don & Marg. Allen

The year 1961 saw Royal Hamilton obtain a new electric hoist for the dry sailing of its Lightnings. The Fleet acquired two new boats and skippers and obtained the average of ten boats per race.

Bill Smith sold 3654 to Stan Chambers, a new skipper, and purchased a new boat, calling it 'Apache'. Apache did very well, placing third overall for the season's racing. Don Allen left the International 6-metre Class and had a new Lightning built naming it 'It's No Six'. Bob Jocelyn, this year's fleet runner-up took the opportunity of selling his boat to Toronto and expects to have a new boat built for the 1962 season.

This year, RHYC was again represented at many regattas by several boats. The experience gained by these boats saw them place 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the Club standings.

The season opened at RHYC the first of June with a matched challenge race between Bob Ed and It's No Six; the prize consisting of 6 bottles of 26 oz. BOOZE! It's No Six won and one of the largest parties of the season was held in the sail loft. The next day the entire fleet started racing and many large heads were observed.

The season went fast and racing was close. In summing up, next year will be strong as Pete Hampson who raced only occasionally but led the fleet home 50% of these races, promises to race steadily next year and again we will see two new boats joining the fleet.

Winners of Championships were:
Championship Series—It's No Six—Don Allen
Tuesday Nite Series—It's No Six—Don Allen
Thursday Nite Series—It's No Six—Don Allen
Crew Series—It's No Six—Jerry Lynch & Marg. Allen
Crawford Trophy—It's No Six—Pete Hampson & Don Allen
Round the Bay Series—Zephyr—Bill Hunter
Winner of Club Annual Regatta—It's No Six

NARRAGANSETT BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (119)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island

Fleet Captain	W. Edwin Stevens
Fleet Secretary	Herman Ganz
Fleet Champion	W. Edwin Stevens
Runner-Up	Don Bruce

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
69	C'est Si Bon	Chris Sovet
512	Sh-Boom	Doug Wetherell
1058	Tern	Dr. Russ Hager
1577	Kitonuck	Bill Mecomber
1798	Thirty Five	Henry Behar
2338	Cutshausha	Dr. Sam Rouslin
2408	Bugaboo	Don McCann
3189	Symbol	John Hefler
3289	Gismo	Herm Ganz

3387	Zig Zag	Vin Iacono
3434	Sea Hawk	Don Bruce
3463	Windward 2	Allen Howland
3595	Little Dipper	Mike Iacono
3970	Fleetwing 2	Henry Eldridge
4228	.....	Phil Lenz, Jr.
4998	Flame	Roger Greenlees
5628	Corisco	Anthony Souza
5978	Cimba	Ed Leeds
6193	Baay Hoon	John Newcombe
6802	.....	Linc Mossop
7447	Skidoo 2	Ed Stevens
7671	Adventurer	Dr. Arthur Phillips

Fleet #119 had its usual successful summer of racing, although it again had threats and a visit from a hurricane. A call to service will drop Bob Anderson from competition next year but we welcome Harv Potter the new owner of Blitzen. This year our new potential was 31 Lightnings attached to the Narragansett Bay area with an average of 11 per regatta for the season.

Narragansett Bay Yachting Association Lightning Champion was Ed Stevens skipper of his new Skidoo 2 #7447; second, Don McCann with Bugaboo #2408 who showed us his wake on his first year of Lightning competition; third, Don Bruce with Sea Hawk #3434 our "Old Faithful".

Don Bruce was winner of our Wednesday Night series with Ed Stevens second and Bob Anderson with a third in Blitzen #5889.

We have several new boats under construction this year and should be ready for 1962. Our new season should see us with several new skippers, many veterans and with plenty of competition from all.

RED JACKET LIGHTNING FLEET (125)

Central New York District

Sailing on Cayuga Lake at Sececa Falls

Fleet Captain	Bob Longtin
Fleet Secretary	Barney Smith
Fleet Champion	Barney Smith
Runner-Up	Bob Longtin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
522	Bar	H. A. Batty
2784	Wild Goose	E. Adler
6806	Thor	W. B. Smith
7013	.....	W. H. Lamb
7058	.....	R. J. Longtin

Our sailing season opened in May with the cold, icy waters of Cayuga Lake. After the season opened, we lost one of our ardent Lightning skippers, but our loss was a gain to the fleet in Buenos Aires, Argentina; however, the Wild Goose stayed with the fleet and the Adlers are really out for our scalp. The Red Jacket sailors stayed at home this year except for our annual trip to the Districts held in Rochester.

We are using many junior crew members in all fleets at the club this year and it appears that this will enlarge the fleets. The final race for Junior crew members was held in Lightning with Carl Feltus (Lightning crew) taking top honors. The second and third place of the finals were taken by Rhodes Bantum. The crew's enthusiasm of the club will carry this program for many years with the Smiths providing the trophy.

The weather conditions permitted us to have an additional series this year through the end of September.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Westport, Conn.

Fleet Captain	L. L. Brundred, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Robert L. Ficks, Jr.
Fleet Champion	(tie) Henry B. Sprague and Robert L. Ficks, Jr.
Runner-Up	James R. Allen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
78	Sad Sam	E. P. DaRif
1061	Woo	Wm. Vierling
2979	.....	Sam Reich
3036	Smike	George Jennings
3160	Syndicate	Everett Witzel
4885	Skylark	John Honey
5438	.....	John Clarke
5822	Ta'Aora	Paul Stuntz
6004	Little Ho	G. W. Hobbs

6070	Driftwood	Dr. Earle Brauer
6383	Sarcelle	Gordon Malm
7006	Mouette	Dr. Paul Brauer
7050	Lil' Dude	James R. Allen
7267	Panby	L. L. Brundred
7268	Lord Jeff II	R. O. Shealor
7269	Gay-Sha Girl	G. V. Land
7337	Whiskaway	H. B. Sprague & R. L. Ficks, Jr.
7853	.....	A. A. Raymond, Jr.

The 1961 season was by far the most active and successful for Fleet 126 to date. Our roster, which saw 3 boats added in 1960, was increased by 5 more this year; so we now have a total of 18 Lightnings, most of which were in active competition this season.

Pre-season activity began in the late Spring with a series of four clinics devoted to racing tactics, rules and "go-fast" tips. This skill practice was conducted by Ted Fontelieu, nationally known one-design skipper, and while open to owners and skippers of all classes was directed to and heavily attended by our fleet members.

Competition began officially Decoration Day weekend with the Vice Commodore's Cup Regatta which was appropriately won in three straight firsts by Vice Commodore H. B. Sprague. Weekly races were held each Saturday and Sunday until Labor Day with the Sunday event held jointly with our neighbors, Fleet 153 of Pequot Yacht Club, Southport, Conn. Our July 4th weekend Commodore's Cup Regatta was won by Bob Jicks by a narrow 1/4 point margin over Gay Land. The Labor Day three race regatta for the Rear Commodore's Cup was taken by H. B. "Banny" Sprague.

Season's championship honors went jointly to Sprague and Ficks, co-owners and skippers of #7337 "Whiskaway," who sailed her alternately and were consistently up front. A close second for season award went to Jim Allen in #7050 "Lil' Dude."

September 16th and 17th, Fleet 126 held its second annual Lightning Invitational. Right on the heels of the World's Championship at Milford came some of the finest sailing weather of the year and we played host to nearly 30 boats from both sides of Long Island Sound. Winner was Don McNair of Manhasset, followed by Dave Sinclair of Noroton and Walter Hansen of Noroton. Up to the last race our local honor was being upheld by Bob Ficks who had a first, fifth, and second in "Whiskaway" but was disqualified in the closing race on a barging foul. Our entry list was double the size of the previous year and we look for an even bigger turnout in 1962 when we don't have to compete with a World's Championship.

In November, three of our skippers risked life, limb and rigging to compete in the 96 boat free-for-all at Quantico. Banny Sprague in "Whiskaway" managed a 23rd, a 9th and a 5th for eight place overall in the series. (Imagine coming home to report you beat 88 boats and still wound up in 8th place!) Jim Allen in "Lil' Dude" and Larry Brundred in "Panby" also made the trip but had hard luck by way of gear breakdown and a collision with the rule book.

Frost-bite racing began at Cedar Point in mid-November, and a number of our Lightning skippers are keeping their hands in and polishing their tactics. Next season, with indications of several more additions to the fleet and a high enthusiasm and interest, promises to be Fleet 126's best yet.

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Based on Wilmington River, Bradley Port, Savannah, Ga.

Fleet Captain	William Lucas
Fleet Secretary	Roy L. Gordon, Jr.
Fleet Champion	John McIntosh
Runner-Up	Charles Kilpatrick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8	Pink Lady	Lee Thompson
68	Hurricane	James F. McIntosh
3132	.....	Bogardis Werth
3515	Yes Dear	James L. Daniell
4040	Merrihel	James Artley
4670	Red Witch	Eihar Trosdal
4872	Rabbitt	John M. McIntosh
4881	Pequod	John Porter
5098	Peg	David T. Johnson
5570	Damn Yankee	William E. Lucas
6612	Sealawag	Elmo S. Weeks
6843	Frandafl	J. W. Aggett
7342	.....	Frederick Wessels III
7530	Uglier	Roy L. Gordon, Jr.

7642 Suzi-Q Charles Kilpatrick
7745 Charles F. Wood

Lightning Fleet 127 is justly proud to report one of the most outstanding racing seasons in its history.

The leadoff event for the 1961 season was the annual Deep South Regatta in February which is obviously increasing in popularity. Our Fleet was host to forty-three boats and their crews from fourteen states. Those who have attended recognize the importance of racing in Savannah as a prelude to the Southern Circuit with our dependable wind, tricky currents and sunny weather.

Playing host to the Deep South has had an important effect on our local fleet by encouraging members to get their boats in racing trim earlier in the year. This has contributed to a successful spring series running in April and May. John McIntosh and Wally Aggett copped top honors in that series this year sailing under very favorable Spring conditions.

John McIntosh again came away with the top honors in the thirteen race summer series. A closely contested second place was taken by Charles Kilpatrick in Suzi-Q, demonstrating the variety of the challenge.

Also during the summer the fleet took to the road, usually returning with the laurels. John McIntosh handily brought the Championship of the South Atlantic to Fleet 127. Wally Aggett took second place in that event sailed in Charleston, S. C.

Our fleet again matched the Miami fleet for top honors in the Lightning Southeastern Districts, held in Port St. Lucie. John McIntosh was narrowly edged out of the top spot by Jack Price of Miami.

Our season of racing culminates with a group of races running in September, October and November. In contrast to the snow in the Midwest we sailed in temperate weather and moderate winds. Charles Kilpatrick piloted the Suzi-Q to a first place followed by Roy Gordon, Jr. in the Uglier.

Our fleet and our club was extremely proud to welcome for the second time the Presidency of Lightning Class Association. John McIntosh has been a motivating influence in our fleet for many years and we know that he brings talent and initiative to the International Organization.

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129) Connecticut District Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Robert H. Higgons
Fleet Secretary James R. Bayliss
Fleet Champion Mary Lou Stearns
Runner-Up James R. Bayliss

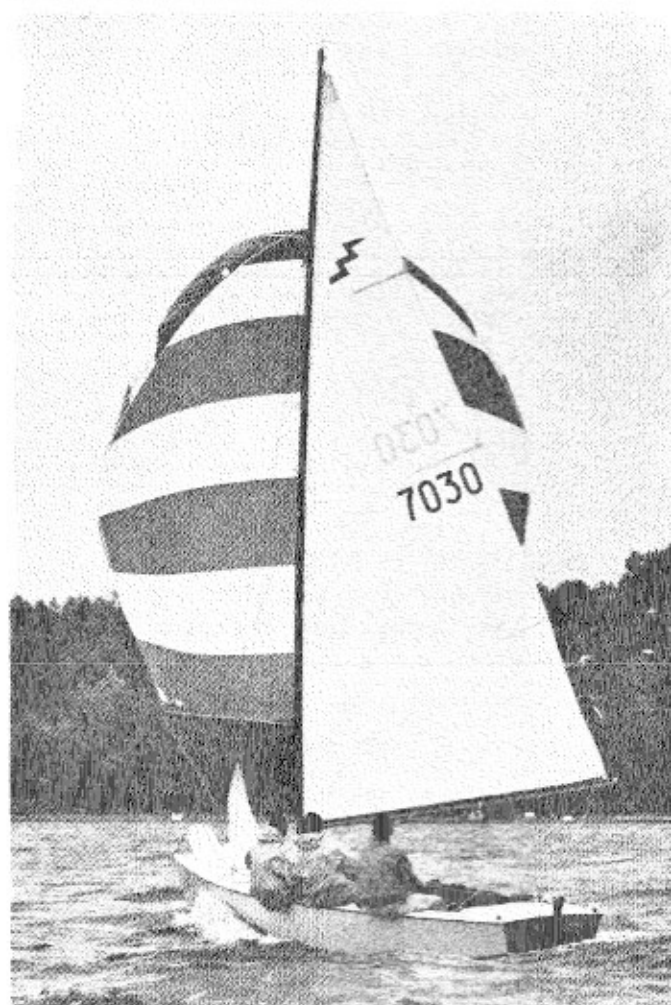
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2110	Madison Beach Club	
2407	Cinnabar	Ward Knowles
3064		Robert Cairns
3283		Edward H. LaFarge
4767		W. H. Palmer
5214	Half Tide II	Hayden N. Smith
5947		De Witt Barlow, Jr.
5950		Henry Bakewell
6500	Me Too	Robert S. Littell
6585	Splash	James Bayliss
6731	Sea Muffin	Howard Ketcham
6852		Robert Higgons
6883		Marie Birnbaum
7368	Blitzen	Robert Thorndyke
7702	Talley Ho	Franz Talley
7913		C. O. Davidson
7916		Lewelen M. Stearns

Some people complain that Race Committees just get worse, but in Madison they get better and aided by good winds and fleets, we had a fine summer of racing. Competition was as close as ever with Mary Lou Stearns and Bob Bayliss tied for first for the series. Based on more seconds Mary Lou was the champion. Toby Littell was just $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point from the two leaders. In July C. A. Bakewell took first place while Toby Littell was first in August. Peter Smith was second in July and Bob Bayliss was second in August. Mary Lou Stearns was third in both series and consistently good sailing throughout the season earned the championship. The Roger Pape Memorial was won by Peter Smith and the Fisher Memorial was won by Bob Bayliss.

Our juniors also enjoyed good sailing with Ted Bayliss winning for the season and in July. Witty Barlow won in August while Muffie Ketcham was second in all three events. Witty Barlow finished third for the season.

During the season we ventured next door to Sachems Head to team race against our friends there. Although we were second (out of two) both times, team racing was a great success and we look forward to bettering our position next year.

Lou Pettit, our Commodore for the past two years, has retired and we all give him our thanks for the wonderful job he has done for sailing and racing in Madison.



"Ken Brostrom in 'TSCHITAI' Fleet Champion Lake Washington 2nd consecutive year."

LAKE WASHINGTON FLEET (132)

Pacific-Northwest District

Sailing on Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain James F. Smith
Fleet Secretary Charles W. Hitzroth
Fleet Champion Ken Brostrom
Runner-Up Cappy Clarke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1543	Zeta	Cappy Clarke
1871	Harpoon	Herman Voss
2274	Finesse	Lloyd Dohrman
2279		Wm. Cairns
2358	Marlin	Al Kartess
2994		Allan Taylor
3167	Loligo	Chas. Hitzroth
3168	Escape	Dave Blattner
3385		Crellin Pauling
3791	Cloud 9	Eric Denton
3830	Mandy	Joe Guthrie
4064	Blue J	Tom Jobs
4397	Galaxie	John Franks

4746	Dondalee	Ray Strohm
6724		Roland Anderson
6792	Habel	Bill Davies
6847		Joseph Whitlow
7030	Tschitah	Ken Brostrom
7290		Iay Robinson
7458	Flash	Dave Gosse
7665	My Pet	Bill Elfendahl
7711	Thunder'n	
	Lightning	Floyd Miller
7713		Dr. Wm. Jaquette
7975		Bob Clark
		Colin Campbell
		Dr. Phil Church
		Dave Merrick
		Leo Bolanes
		Ed Kennedy

Our fleet has enjoyed another season of fine racing. In fact, for some of our more avid members the season is not over even yet. Frostbusting on Sunday afternoons continues into December.

The boating season opened in Seattle on the morning of April 29th with a parade of boats through the ship channel from Portage Bay to Lake Washington. That afternoon the first sailing races were held and from then on through the 32 scheduled races competition among Lightning sailors was extremely keen with 15 to 20 boats competing in each race. Ken Brostrom and Cappy Clarke again made it a close race for Fleet Overall Champion. Each had the same number of firsts, seconds, thirds, fourths, sixths and ninths. It was a DNF and a DNS of Cappy's which gave Ken the edge.

The Spring and Summer series of races on Wednesday evenings were again very popular with Ken and Cappy splitting the honours in characteristic fashion—Cappy placing first in the Spring series and Ken in the Summer. Other Corinthian Yacht Club races, Fleet Championships and Fall series were won by Cappy Clarke and Bill Davies respectively. Our Predistrict series was won by Rae Ellen Ramey sailing Bob Clark's #7975. Bill Elfendahl was the recipient of our new perpetual "Transom Trophy". This is awarded to the boat finishing last most often and is appropriately labeled "Ascend".

Trailering was popular this year with many boats attending out of town regattas. Trips to Eugene, Oregon were made on two occasions—for the Memorial Day Regatta and the Northwest Districts. District Champion this year is Ken Brostrom. Dave and Jean Gosse journeyed to San Diego and took part in the President's Cup race. Bob and Coral Clark were on hand to see the performance of their fiberglass boat #7975 skippered by Jack Swanson. It placed 16th in the North American Championships. Clarke fiberglass boats now number five in our fleet. An October weekend in Vancouver, sailing with Fleet 90 was the highlight of our out of town races. Adrian Thomson took the first position for Vancouver and Bill Davies saved the honour of fleet 132 by capturing third.

Under the direction of Marge and Joe Guthrie, the fleet sponsored sailing classes for teenagers. Lessons were initiated on a small scale with a Mariner Scout Troop. The girls proved to be very enthusiastic and eager sailors and the experiment was considered a success. We expect to continue the courses next year.

A salt water cruise, picnic with round robin racing and several dinner parties were all part of the year's activities. The fleet continues to grow and we look forward to next year with eagerness.

NOROTON FLEET (134)

Connecticut District

Based on Central Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Eric R. Hansen
Fleet Secretary	Walter E. Hanson
Fleet Champion	#6346—Crump/Howe
Runner-Up	#7806—Sinclair/Widmann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1665		John E. Massengale
3391	Larq	Gerard Larocque
3973	Sadie	Peter Hazen
4108	Schmoo	John H. Pierpont
4717	Mystery	Stuart Fillmore
5172	Swivet	A. L. Putnam
5405		Richard Biddle
5984	November	Walter E. & Frances B. Hanson
5989	Ca'va	John J. & Lester S. Abberley

6346	Caprice	Bill Howe & Wally Crump
6347	Grand Slam	T. J., Jr., Andre & Stephanie Ross
6869	Wizard II	Samuel R. Dorrance
7008	Painted Lady	Felix Noblet
7012	Stymie III	W. A., Jr., Trey & Kerry Kipp
7019	Jimlin IV	Bob, Patricia & James R. Crane
7202		E. J., Jr. & Virginia Zimmer
7225	El Rayo	Richard S. McCurdy
7598	Coquina	Eric R. Hansen
7661	Cinderella	Noroton Junior Yacht Club
7703	Perkalong	Edward O. King
7806	Spitfire	Anthony Widmann and David M. & Susan Sinclair
7810	Black Jack	John E. Hammel

The 1961 season was dominated by the joint owner boats. Our fleet championship was won by Wally Crump and Bill Howe, the skipper/owners of Caprice #6346. The runner-up boat, Spitfire #7806, was skippered by Dave Sinclair, his wife Sue, and Sue's brother, Tony Widmann. In third place was a father and son team, Bob and Jim Crane, in Jimlin IV. Regardless of the wind conditions or which skipper was at the helm, these three boats were right at the top of the fleet in every race.

To add to the interest and competition, we broke the season into three series with each series roughly comparable to the calendar months of June, July, and August. Thirty-one races were held in all, including the three "Commodore" races which did not count in the season's standings.

The June series of ten races was won by Bob and Jim Crane with the Sinclair/Widmann boat second and Crump/Howe third. The July series of nine races was captured by Sinclair/Widmann with Crump/Howe second, and Walter Hanson third. It was the August series of nine races that decided the season championship. Wally Crump and Bill Howe dominated this series and in so doing, picked up enough points to edge the Sinclair/Widmann boat for the season championship. These two boats were in a virtual tie going into the last race. Each needed only to beat the other to gain the championship. The rest of the fleet looked forward to a terrific match race, and nearly the entire fleet was on hand to watch. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't cooperate, and the drifting match that ensued proved to be a disappointment to all but the winner.

Last year's prediction that the Noroton Junior Yacht Club would be an important factor in Long Island racing in 1961 was well founded. The Noroton Juniors dominated every regatta they entered. Jimmy Crane won the junior Lightning competition at Larchmont Race Week. He accomplished this even though he skipped the last race so that he could sail with his father in the Connecticut-Rhode Island Districts. Incidentally, Jimmy and his father proceeded to take second place in the Districts!!! Lester Abberley was the Noroton representative in the Sears Cup competition for the North American Junior Championship. Lester and his crew of Ted King and Harold Scott had no serious trouble with the eliminations which were sailed in Lightnings and went into the finish at Fort Lauderdale hoping to follow in the footsteps of Kevin Jaffe who won the Sears trophy for Noroton in 1958. The adjustment from Lightnings to Thistles proved to be a difficult one, and they were unable to achieve their objective. Regardless of the outcome, Noroton was extremely proud to have again placed a candidate in the eight boat Sears final. Kare Morgan proved that the girls were a factor to be reckoned with by coming within one half point of winning the Long Island Junior Girls Championship.

Noroton was again host to the Long Island Sound Championship and placed each of its four qualifiers in the top ten. Jimmy Crane finished second, Walt Hanson fifth, Tony Widmann seventh, and Bill Howe ninth in a fleet of thirty top boats. In other "outside" competition, Noroton did equally well. In the Cedar Point Invitational, Dave Sinclair took second place one point behind the winner, with Walt Hanson taking a close third. Bob Crane further distinguished himself by placing second in the North American Lightning Championship at Mission Bay, California.

As we look forward to next summer, we see even tougher competition, with the return of Bob Bavier and the prospect of several new boats.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)

Southern District

Based on Mobile Bay, Fairhope, Alabama

Fleet Captain	Robert Murray
Fleet Secretary	Dick Murray

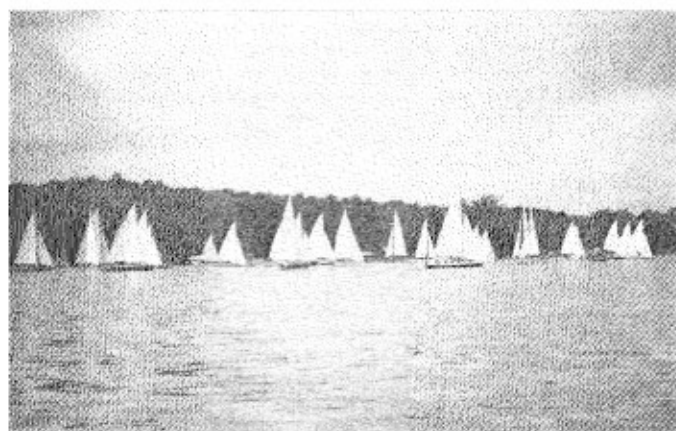
Fleet Champion Ed Overton
 Runner-Up Robert Murray

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2492	.....	Grand Hotel
3642	.....	Grand Hotel
3680	Second Mate	Richard Murray, Jr.
3802	Santa Rita	Girl Scouts
4690	Sweet Lady	H. C. Slaton
6158	Wicked Witch	R. S. Murray
7399	Mauvillian	Ed Overton
7748	Fast Last	Richard Murray

Fleet 135 had a successful season and participated in all the important regattas on the Gulf Coast besides holding two of its own.

As usual Ed Overton is the Gulf Yachting Association Champion.

The Fleet was augmented this year by a new boat owned by Dick Murray and there are prospects for two or three new ones for next year.



Who drifted in first?

GULL LAKE FLEET (137)

Michigan District

Based on Gull Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain Bruce Murphy
 Fleet Secretary Art Bates
 Fleet Champion Jim Coggan
 Runner-Up Jim Harrison

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1070	Kilat	Richard Strube
2343	Brigadoon II	Lester L. Coleman
2542	.....	Wesley Cromie
2562	.....	Elizabeth Flinchbaugh
2941	.....	Alex Borden
2945	.....	Homer Elwell
2947	Mattling	Ralph Matthews
3133	Trade Wind	Clayton Cole
3436	Bluejacket	Daniel E. Chappell
3528	.....	Art Bates
4410	Rover Boy	Wm. Kriebel
4666	.....	Henry Hawk
4729	.....	Neil A. McClean
4742	.....	Malcolm Brooks
4744	.....	Paul Ponitz
4911	.....	Carl J. Engels
5040	Weary Too	Gerald Reynolds
5050	.....	John C. Kauffman
5187	.....	R. Butcher
5533	.....	Bruce Murphy
5602	My Buddy	Walter Tholen
5765	.....	Leo Shields
6046	.....	Cliff Bielsfeld
6895	Pink Lady	Sam Stearns
7234	Whitey	Thomas Crookston
7580	Yankee	James W. Harrison
7878	.....	Duane Jamieson
7911	.....	Fred Coggan
7977	.....	Ron Macduff

The Gull Lake Fleet had a good year both for sailing and growth. The weather was, as usual, changeable. We had every-

thing from blinding rain to dead calm and all the variations between.

The annual picnic breakfast was a little cool, but a good attendance and hot food improved everyone's disposition. The wind at the sail-over was rather lacking, but the return trip was a little more exciting. Starting off dead into the wind was a little difficult for some of us less experienced sailors. The beach buoys didn't help either.

Jim Coggan, our 1961 Fleet Champion, made the trip to the west coast towing 7911 and from all reports had a hilarious time. Jim Harrison is runner-up for 1961 and he and Jim C. had quite a time most Sundays trying to beat each other.

The handicap races for all boats were well attended even if the Labor Day Race was called off. A complete lack of cooperation from the wind led to a rather large power boat section leading the fleet home. Even shortening the race to 1/2 of one lap didn't help. It was a nice day though.

Dick Strube finally lost the Transom Trophy to Les Coleman. As you have to sail nine races to qualify, some of us dubs managed to stay out of the running for this by only making 7 or 8.

At the November meeting the fleet voted to have a regatta in August and are looking forward to renewing old acquaintances with some of the other fleets at this time.



Walt Scott's Spook sailed by his wife Marilyn

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR FLEET (138)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Hempstead Harbor, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Ted Henning
 Fleet Secretary Polly Kolkebeck
 Fleet Champion Walter Scott
 Runner-Up Peter Hannan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
761	Calebe	Wesley Bailey
2116	Elb	William Renz
2204	Sferic	Dudley Saunders
5366	Bo-Peep	Peter Hannan

5771	Bubbles	Dick Field
5924	Red Ink	George S. Kelley
6009	Presto	Ed Hine Jr.
6434	Kachina Doll	William Smith
6501	Kuldip	Frank Hollister
6928	Nina	Charles Randall
7125	Spook	Walter and Marilyn Scott
7155	Vamp	Warren Kolkebeck
7156	Scamp	Michael Ryan
7622	Decibel II	Walter Grosselinger
7656	Playmate	Al Gagliano
7941	Schuss Puss	Ted Henning
7961	Cirrus	Spencer Kellogg

In spite of having four boats severely damaged and five totally destroyed in September, 1960's Hurricane Donna, Lightning Fleet 138 bounced back to a busy, successful 1961 season.

Thirty boats entered our Annual Invitational Regatta June 24th and 25th. We were blessed with fair winds and had three rousing races with Jim Sykes of Manhasset Bay taking top honors. Our hats off to Dick Field, our Regatta Chairman, for a job well done, and at the same time, our sympathies—Dick's Lightning was dismasted on the first leg of the third race!

Our Commodore Series ended in a tie between our two top skippers, etc Hannan and Walt Scott. With the flip of a coin, Pete claimed first place silver.

Wednesday night informal races again brought out some of our enthusiastic novices, and the Crew Race Series proved we have at least five budding skippers among our Junior Crew Members. That final crew race was sailed in weather that would make a hardened skipper consider remaining at his mooring—ask Bill Renz, whose centerboard trunk loosened, boom broke free, and cross seats sprung loose while daughter Enid hung onto the tiller!

The much-coveted Peter Hannan Perpetual Improvement Trophy was earned by George Kelley skippering "Red Ink". George's 1961 qualifying percentage showed the most improvement over his 1960 average.

Our Champion, Walt Scott, brought additional honor to Fleet 138 by becoming 1962 Commodore of the Western Long Island Sound District.

In 1962 Warren Kolkebeck takes over as Fleet Captain and Ed Hine becomes our Fleet Secretary. With these two stalwarts at the helm, we're looking forward this year to the best competition, most fun and greatest sailing ever in Hempstead Harbor.

CONESUS FLEET (140)

Central New York District

Based on Conesus Lake, Lakeville, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Chuck Doerflinger
Fleet Secretary	Frank Gottschalk
Fleet Champion	Chuck Doerflinger
Runner-Up	Frank Gottschalk

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
196	Carita	Roy H. Hendrickson
413	Decoy	Robert L. Henderson
791		Herbert J. LePage
5331	Jeff	Frank Gottschalk
5601	Susan B	Nelson F. Bruce
5875	Trio II	Glenn A. Poyzer
8033	Lamb Chop	Charles Doerflinger

We got off to a slow start this year after a small tornado ripped up the west shore and practically demolished our small fleet. Three boats were lifted right out of their hoists and upended. One had its mast driven three feet into the bottom and then snapped off.

After we recovered, we had a fine series with other boats joining in now and then to add more fun. We again had our two summer spectacles, the 4th of July and Labor Day handicap races open to all boats on the lake, both of which drew a large number of entries.

We expect to have a real challenger for honors in the district from our small fleet next year when our champion, Chuck Doerflinger gets his brand new Lippincott moving.

HAWAII FLEET (143)

Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii

Fleet Captain	Bill Hole
Fleet Secretary	Richard Holmes
Fleet Champion	Albert Hyde
Runner-Up	Mitchell Todd

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1622	Xtabay	Richard Holmes
2008	Rosell	Lawrence McDermott
2069	Victoria	Priscilla Fisk
2425	Marie	Kurt Modero
3154	Nubbin	Bobby Edmondson
3261	Babaho	William Hole
3262	Kuuipo	Bill Matthews
3305	Mahape	Ray Buisseret
3825	Mikihala	Robert Wagner
3910	Wiki Wiki	James Wriston
4529	Boltov	Tom Kiakona
5198	Mary T.	Robert Stevenson
5199	Capri	Ray Cox
5661		Richard McCool
5662	Way	Robert Edmondson
6063	Jini Maru	Dr. Carl Johnson
6907	Lulu Belle	Albert Hyde
7029	Ekela	Robert Wuest
7035		Thomas Tracy
7056	Hornet	Mitchell Todd
7151	COSSEE	Joe Ebeling
7484	Frolic	Roy Bennett

During the past year, one of our old-timers, Kurt Modero, passed away. Our heart-felt sympathies were with his family during their time of bereavement. We hope that we shall see his family from time to time at the Yacht Club.

The past season was pointedly dominated by Gregg Gillette, who has now deserted us for the Star Fleet. We hope he does as well with his Star as he did with his Lightning! He will have the stiff competition of his father who is a good Star skipper.

We seemed to have had more wind this past year than we have had in the past. One day it registered a blustery 40 knots; this day our fleet captain, Bill Hole, went over spinnaker and all.

The Fleet Championship series was, without a doubt, the most exciting series we have had in a long time or ever had. At one point, 4 boats were tied for 1st place and all four boats, at one time or another, were disqualified. This made the last race a real dog-eat-dog affair with Al Hyde coming out on top.

Bill Hole and Bobby Edmondson went to San Diego for the Nationals. Although they didn't make the big race, they did sail in the President's Race finishing quite respectably. Both felt the experience gained will help them next year here in Hawaii and in the future. Bill Hole also went to Milford, Conn. But unfortunately got a bad case of food poisoning, so the results there were not significant.

We had the opportunity to meet 3 Italian Lightning sailors and 1 Canadian skipper during the Trans-Pac Race. In this race, crewmen and women are invited to race in the class boats that they sail at home. The Italian sailors from the yacht Cosaro did very well with 2 skippering and one crewing. Adrian Thompson from the yacht Troubadour out of Vancouver didn't do as well but swears that he will return and justify his ability. If any of you are planning to sail in the next Trans-Pac, please let us know and we shall try to meet you and see that you enjoy your Hawaiian visit and sail our Lightnings here.

We are still looking forward to hosting the 1963 World Championship Series here in Kaneohe Bay. 'Tis the best sailing in the world!!!!

Aloha from Fleet 143.

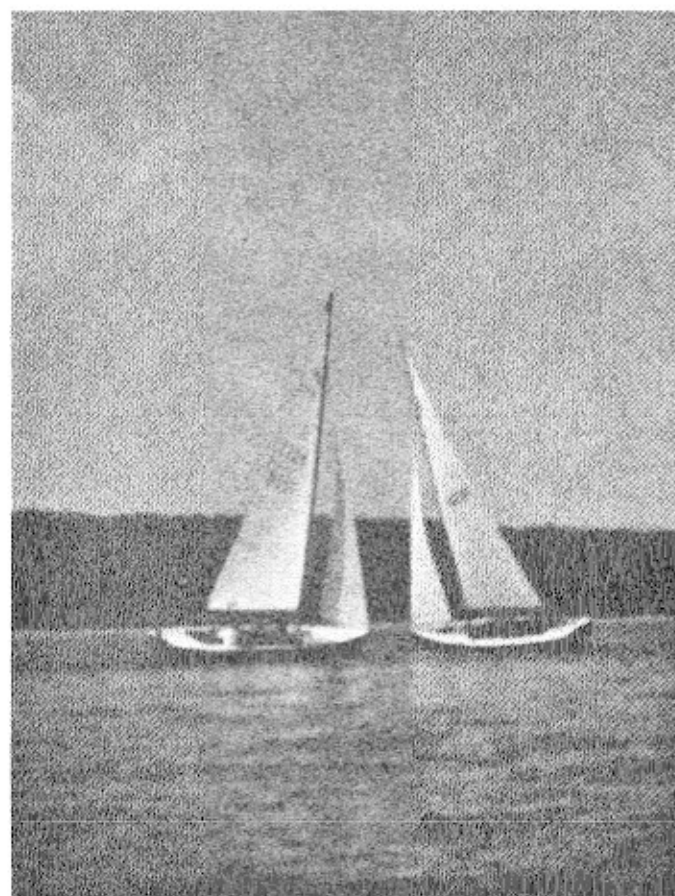
SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Based on Spofford Lake, N.H.

Fleet Captain	Peter VanInderstine
Fleet Secretary	David LaMarche
Fleet Champion	Leonard Pratt
Runner-Up	Peter VanInderstine

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Gail	Fred Hamblett
3422	Susy Q	George Holbrook
3446	Skipper	Wade Carruthers
5417	Sallio-Pet	James C. Gillespie
5654	Pa Ga Ka	Walter Tolman
6888	Bon Joy	Leonard Pratt
7228		David LaMarche
7537	Sandy-Kay	Fred H. Harris
8008	Tiger	Peter VanInderstine



7228 D. Lamarche—8008 P. VanInderstine

The competitive spirit was off to a fast start on Spofford's opening day, May 28th and a busy summer racing schedule to follow. With new boats adding to the growing fleet many of the standing skippers found themselves polishing their bottoms and brushing up on tricks of the trade.

Our Summer Series, extending from May to July brought Bud Hamblet sailing "Gail" his first series win. Runner-up and following very closely was Jim Gillespie in "Sallie Pet." Third place was awarded to one of our new-comers, Dave LaMarche and his #7228. Dave, in his first year of skippering, won opening day and became one of our active traveling skippers.

The Championship Series held during August was won by Len Pratt skippering "Bon Joy" but only following a close enthusiastic series with runner-up Pete VanInderstine and his new black Saybrook, "Tiger" and Dave LaMarche in #7228.

Apart from the active Spofford series many of our skippers were guests at hosting fleet regattas. Len Pratt and Pete VanInderstine, co-owners in the "Tiger" competed at Lake Champlain for the Vermont-New Hampshire Championship and finished second. With the varnish hardly dry, these were the very first races for the "Tiger." Bud Hamblet also attended and finished in a tie for third place. Again the combined talents of Pratt and VanInderstine took four firsts in the Marblehead Race Week Consolation Series and also finished fifth in the New England Championship held in Annisquam, Mass.

Returning to the lakes, Leonard Pratt sailing the "Bon Joy" placed second at Portland, Maine, in the Maine Championship and second at Massabesic Lake, N. H. Len also competed at Rock Port, Mass., where he finished fifth. Pete VanInderstine with the "Tiger" won the Winnepesaukee Lake Regatta and Dave LaMarche in #7228 took third place in the same regatta. Others who raced away from home were: Bud Hamblet, "Gail," Lake Champlain, Winnepesaukee and Massabesic. George Holbrook, "Susy Q," Winnepesaukee.

All members of the fleet deeply regretted the loss of our fleet founder and truly great competitor Fred H. Harris. Fred and the "Sandy Kay" brought to Spofford Lake several regatta trophies including the New England Championship during his fifteen years of racing.

Our Fall Meeting elected George Holbrook of Keene, N. H., to fleet captain and Bill Francis, also of Keene, to fleet secretary.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain.....	Dr. Rod Ross
Fleet Secretary.....	Dave Millyard
Fleet Champion.....	Jack Swann
Runner-Up.....	Dave Millyard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2375	Swoose	B. Beale
3534	.....	S. Bookman
3877	Zorro	Les Arnoldi
4043	Romar	Joel Lewis
4748	.....	Bob Reid
4831	Skylark	Bob Graham
4859	Black Sheep	Kent Richardson
5223	Seabiscuit	Ed Hearn
5234	Cosmos	Dave Millyard
5303	Karen	Gordon Russell
5381	.....	Sandy St. Clair
5471	Sun Shine	A. Williams
5833	.....	Ted Welsh
5897	Tarpon	Pete Sulman
5927	Lilise	Herb Olson
6047	Eureka	J. Weakley
6168	Hebe	Sylvia McLaughlin
6239	Jezebel	J. Dryer
7054	Can-Can	Jim Lowe
7061	.....	John Harvey
7070	Cygnat	J. W. Swann
7079	.....	L. Smith
7100	.....	W. Cohen
7286	Cats Eye	Rod Ross
7390	.....	D. G. Woodside
7396	Cindy	Fred Woodall
7423	Snarfy	Bill Kennedy
7650	Serendipity	Bob Bleasby
7674	Sea Ren	George Crane
7850	.....	L. Crocker
7951	.....	A. Thompson & James Dugas
7965	.....	Ron Neville

Our 1961 season began with a three-race series on June 10 and 11 for the Trade Fair Trophy. This was captured by Bob Bleasby in "Serendipity" with Gord Russell and Rod Ross finishing second and third respectively.

The Fleet Championship series produced keen competition, particularly for the first six places. This is based on the Open Regattas of the various Clubs in the Toronto Area, plus the C.N.E. Races. "Cygnat" sailed by Jack Swann won the Championship, finishing in the first three in every one of the races! The others in the first six were Dave Millyard, Gord Russell, Ed Hearn, Bob Bleasby and Herb Olson, respectively.

Winners of other local events were:

Lou Marsh Trophy—Bob Bleasby, 7650 "Serendipity"

Fleet Captain's Race—Jack Swann, 7070 "Cygnat"

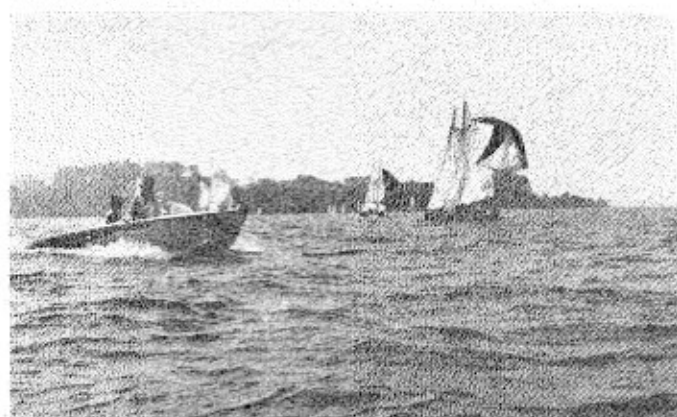
Gorman Team Race Trophy—Queen City Yacht Club

A feature of this season was the increased participation in out of town events by a growing number of our skippers. The highlight was the Canadian Open Regatta, which was held at the Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa. The members of the host club did a magnificent job in entertaining the visitors and in running the series of races. There was added interest in the outcome this year as the first two boats would qualify to represent Canada in the World Championship at Milford. Six of the eighteen entries were from our fleet. A very close and exciting series developed, as indicated by the fact that only a quarter point separated the first three boats at the end of the second race. The final results were—Bob Bleasby 1st, Jack Swann 2nd, and Dave Millyard 3rd—all from Fleet 146. As Jack Swann was not able to go to Milford, Canada was represented by Bob Bleasby and Dave Millyard in the World Championship.

Bob Bleasby and Herb Olson sailed in the Lake Erie Districts at Sandy Beach. Gord Russell re-captured the Rhodes Cup in the National Capital Regatta. Jack Swann, Gord Russell and Dave Millyard entered the L.Y.R.A. Regatta at Belleville. Dave Millyard and Gord Russell finished first and second respectively, retaining the Skaneateles Trophy in our fleet. The final event of a most successful season was participation in the Sandy Beach Haul Out by several of our boats.

Interest in our fleet is growing rapidly, as evidenced by the fact that nine of the boats listed at the beginning of this report

are new to the fleet this year. There have also been four changes of ownership within the fleet in the past year. A lot of the activity occurred late in the year, so we are looking forward to an even better season in 1962.



"Must the Spinnaker go round the Buoy Too?"

SAO PAULO (147)

Brazil District

Sailing on Guarapiranga Reservoir, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain	Stephen Frank
Fleet Secretary	Stephen Frank
Fleet Champion	Reinaldo Conrad
Runner-Up	Rupe Beckman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1774	Peregrino	O. Wekerle
4930	Pisco	B. Cleaver
5091	Turuna	S. Frank
6632	Kiko	A. C. Almeida
6634	Guga 4	B. Levi
7264	Bambina	E. F. Schaeffer
7565	Urucubaca	A. Pilnik & A. Beeby
7664	Foam	E. Racy, A. Whiting & H. Holland
7797	Abacaxi	T. Sumner

Guarapiranga reservoir, situated 10 miles from Sao Paulo city center, is some 15 miles in length with a maximum width of about 3 miles. Five clubs participate actively in well organized racing events throughout the season (March to December), under the auspices of the Sao Paulo Yachting Federation.

We have a full Olympic racing course, for championship races, and 13 Lightnings competed for the 1961 event. Reinaldo Conrad put up an outstanding performance by winning every race. It was interesting to observe that Conrad consolidated most of his leads by faultless and speedy spinnaker work.

In addition to the championship series, we are kept busy with races most weekends during the season. Conrad won most, if not all, of the 1961 events but closely followed by Benedity Levy in Guga 4.

Unfortunately our champ was unable to participate in the 6th Brazilian Lightning Championship, held this year in Porto Alegre (Brazil's deep South). The writer travelled some 1200 miles to take part in the series and would like to record appreciation for first class hospitality, sportsmanship and draught beer, layed on in quantity by the "Gauchos".

MANSFIELD LIGHTNING FLEET (150)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Clearfork Lake at Mansfield, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Woodie Armstrong
Fleet Secretary	Charles H. Huston
Fleet Champion	Thomas McDermott
Runner-Up	Charles H. Huston

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
340	Sturdy Beggar	Stan Kime
830		Paul L. Steinhour
1136		Dr. Donald Dewald and Lee Smaltz
1225		Vince Phelon
1269	Hoome	Howard L. Robinson
2016	Gin-Jo-Ka	Kathryn & Johnson Smith

2018	Black Perl	Glenn Macy
2725	Firefly	David Ott & Louis J. Ott
2854	Meg	John Hammer
3612		Robert A. Bonham
4239	St. Elmo's Fire	Thomas McDermott
4447	Colleen	Harry Warne
5167	Thunderbird	Charles & Mabel Huston
5456	Busy B's	Jim Bierly
5485	Gal Sal	Sally, Pete & Pat Seigenthaler
6944	Toby	Walter Stevens
6945	Timbueto	Tim Stevens
7422		August Grotegut
7761		Dr. Al Barbone
7783		Woodie Armstrong

Fleet 150 got off to an early start this year when our Fleet Captain Woodie Armstrong and Dr. Barbone each purchased new "glass" Lightnings. This year we built new docks and set out new moorings which along with our normal boat maintenance kept us quite busy. However, by the 20th of May we were already to go when the first race of the season was started.

This year we split our championship series into two parts with twelve races in each part. We also had a six race series on Wednesday evenings during the summer. On Sunday mornings we held a three race series, each race being one lap of a short (one mile) course and start both the Lightnings and the Flying Scotts at the same time. This gives our newer skippers experience in starting, rounding marks and sailing in a large fleet.

Fleet 150 led by Tom McDermott was well represented at quite a few out-of-town regattas including the OICYA, Districts, Berlin and Buckeye Lake. Among those traveling were Harry Warne, Jim Bierly, Paul Steinhour and Charles Huston.

Our season was officially climaxed on the 11th of November with our annual Trophy Dinner. Taking home the "hardware" for the season were:

CHAMPION SERIES

First Half	Second Half
1. Tom McDermott	Tom McDermott
2. Charles Huston	Harry Warne
3. Harry Warne	Jim Bierly
Morning Series	Wednesday
1. Tom McDermott, Jr.	Evening Series
2. Charles Huston	Tom McDermott, Jr.
3. Harry Warne	Glenn Macy
	Jim Bierly

Next year we are looking forward to a big season. Several of our skippers are looking for new boats and sails so that the "old timers" will have to look out.

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)

Michigan District

Sailing on Tawas Bay, Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Charles Schreck
Fleet Secretary	Edward McKinley
Fleet Champion	Ed & Bill McKinley
Runner-Up	Charlie Schreck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5180	Humbog III	Ed & Bill McKinley
6222	Relampago	Dewey King
6283	Trio	Herb Cox
6688	Merri Mac II	Ladd McKay
7272	B.	Dr. Gerald Murphy
7615	War Paint III	Charles Schreck
7855	Deuces Wild	Nik Schulwitz
8004	Joker	Herman O. Nickels

The sailing at Tawas began late in June with a number of tune-up races. Herm Nickels had just completed his new boat and was ready to test it out. How competition can sharpen a fleet!

By July 22, Herm Nickels was really moving and captured first place in the annual July Regatta. Second place went to his son, Dave, while third place went to the McKinleys.

Cox, Schreck, Murphy, Nickels, and the McKinleys trailed their boats to Bay City for the Michigan District. Nickels placed first while the McKinleys took fourth in this series.

Tawas Fleet members attended the Pontiac, Higgins, Toledo, Traverse City and Bay City Regattas. Charles Schreck took first place at Traverse City and Herb Cox placed second at Bay City. The fleet was also represented in the Southern Circuit by Schreck, Murphy, and Nickels. Nickels also sailed in the North American and World Championships. Dr. Murphy was on the Race Committee for the North American Championship. Ladd McKay participated in an ocean race from California to Hawaii.

The fleet gained a very enthusiastic new sailor when Nik Schulwitz completed a kit Lightning and christened it, "Deuces Wild." We are very happy to have Nik sailing regularly with our fleet.

In the fleet championship, the McKinley brothers finished first in a very close series. Charlie Schreck took second place while Herb Cox was close behind in third place.

The coming summer promises to be another busy one at Tawas. The club will be host for the National One-Design's, "Great Lakes Championship" the Raven's, "International" as well as the Lightning's "Michigan District."

We would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to the 1962 July Regatta. This will be a good tune-up for the District. We have good competition and lots of fun. Our mooring slips and clubhouse were expanded for the 1960 Lightning International so that we now have excellent facilities. The regatta dates will be published in "Flashes."

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain.....	John Nixon
Fleet Secretary.....	Paul O. Penn
Fleet Champion.....	Bruce Baiden
Runner-Up.....	Larry Lorentson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2539		Sogi Soder
2559	Scud	Paul O. Penn
4750	Duckling	Berkley Duck
4764	C-Winn	George Wright
4810	Suki	Larry Lorentson
5259	Jibbo II	Dr. J. S. Wellington
6133	Kathy II	Bruce Baiden
6902		John Nixon
7033	C-Winn II	Carl Winnebold
7574		Paul Knauer

Wawasee Yacht Club members enjoyed better than usual sailing during 1961. Almost every race day brought shifty breezes which resulted in candidates for the dunkers' cup. Competition was keen with several skippers challenging Bruce Baiden in every contest.

The end of the season found Baiden the winner, Lorentson second, Knauer third, Dick Penn fourth, and Wellington fifth. The Labor Day Series standings were Baiden, Lorentson, Penn, Wellington and Knauer in that order.

Our hard working efficient Race Committee Chairman, Ed Dodez has a new boat. Mr. Eli Lilly presented us with a large float so it is expected that Ed will have adequate assistance next year. Except in the larger fleets, what Race Committee Chairman can offer such comforts as deck chairs, shade and ice water.

Paul Knauer and his committee invited all the owners of Sailfish, Porpoise and similar sailboats to participate in a race. The announcement included basic rules and instructions. Over 30 boats competed and after the race, came to our dock where trophies were presented. We intend to continue this program believing some of these people will buy Lightnings and compete.

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB (161)

Sailing on San Diego Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain.....	Thomas Macken
Fleet Secretary.....	Thomas Macken
Fleet Champion.....	Howard W. Macken
Runner-up.....	Donald T. Tuttle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5627		Charles Spitzer
5773	Balderdash	Dr. Richard Disraeli
6000	Six Grand	Dr. James Gourley
6240	Ramona	Bailey Brandt
6242	Tut-Tut	Don Tuttle
6260	Scamper	Alan Raffee
6483	Hornet	George Hendry
6597	Charmer	SYWC (Dewitt Cary)
7606	Ponique	Tom Macken
8122	Sea Gar	Al Ziegenfuss

This year has been especially interesting for Lightning skippers on the West Coast, with the North American Championships providing the pleasant and stimulating opportunity to meet and race with Lightning members from east of the Rockies.

Starting with the Fiore Series in January and ending with the Round Robin in November, Fleet 161 enjoyed an excellent year of sailing activity. We have maintained our fleet strength of 10 boats although skippers and boats have changed. Much time and effort has been spent by Dewitt Cary and George Hendry in modifying their boats to "measure in" and generally improve their performance, all of which promises still more interesting racing.

Three new members were welcomed to the fleet. Alan Raffee purchased "Scamper" and at the same time developed a serious case of Lightning fever (with occasional spinnaker convulsions). Al Ziegenfuss sold "Fanci" and recently launched his latest Eichenlaub creation "Sea Gar" which was skippered by Carl with Al as jib man to first place on her maiden voyage in the Thanksgiving Regatta at Coronado Y.C. With a start like this we will expect some real trouble from Al next season.

The California District Championship held in July and hosted by Mission Bay Y.C. was sailed in the ocean with 22 boats in contention. Our fleet was represented by Alan Raffee and Howard Macken, a junior, who in his first year as a Lightning skipper captured third place and subsequently qualified for the North American Championships.

On the 17 mile Point Loma sail-around from Mission Bay Y.C. to Southwestern Y.C. in June, the traditional lead of MBYC was narrowed by Howard Macken placing third in a confused and almost photo finish with Al Cohe and Paul Brady of MBYC. In the September sail-around from Southwestern Y.C. to Mission Bay Y.C., the curse was broken when Don Tuttle sailed a brilliant tactical race (mostly in the surf) to win the trophy for Fleet 161 for the first time in history.

14 boats turned out for the annual John Bate Regatta held in the ocean off Point Loma, top honors going to the Mission Bay Fleet. In addition to our ten regular club series, several of our skippers entered regattas at Coronado, Salton Sea and Mission Bay including a sail to Catalina Island 25 miles off the coast. We regret we were unable to host the Pacific Coast Championships this year because of the heavy district schedule.

We are looking forward to another exciting season in 1962 under Al Ziegenfuss, our newly elected fleet captain.



Howard Macken and crew in "Panique" leaving dock for start of race

EASTCHESTER BAY FLEET (163)

Western Long Island Sound District

Based on Eastchester Bay, City Island, New York

Fleet Captain.....	Jim Curtin
Fleet Secretary.....	Elly Curtin
Fleet Champion.....	Pat Mule
Runner-up.....	Rudy Weisenbach



Alan Gilbert's Opus II, Wildcat of Fleet #163

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3575	Abba-Dabba-Doo	Larry Fahey
4105	Opus II	Jack & Alan Gilbert
4251	Minitaca	Sam Cohen
4278	Gurami	Pat Mule
5578	Elly II	Jim & Billy Curtin
5736	Falcon II	Rudy & Bob Weisenbach
5752	Fascination	Walter Moser

The 1960 Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association Award Presentation night at the Morris Yacht Club was an all around success as always. Lightning Fleet Presentations were artistically done by Jim Curtin—right hand more powerful than ever! Ray Kaufman EBYRA Secretary-Treasurer, M.C., champion Snipe skipper and ocean racer, presented 1st honors to Jim Curtin. Runner up was Pat Mule who also captured the long distance "Young" Trophy.

1961—the year of the unexpected. One skipper lost, two gained; a pre-season knockdown, a stove in hull, a full schedule, some outside competition, a long distance trophy race, and as an ironic sequel to last year's three dismastings . . . one boat lost to hurricane "Esther".

Our 1961 Fleet schedule was again raced under the committees of the Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association, an organization which also boasts the best Star fleet in the East. Where the Association's schedule permitted, the fleet participated in a number of Long Island Sound events with a measure of success. Walt Moser, one of our more capable skippers, deserted us in favor of a two-sticker, which apparently held more fascination for him than "Fascination" 5752 (which had the rest of the fleet double timing all of 1960.) But the loss of a competitive boat doesn't necessarily mean doing without the glow of a sparkling personality—and more comfortable committee accommodations.

Larry Fahey and Alan Gilbert, our two new bachelor aqua-fearnaughts, have proven themselves admirable. But Larry could

have improved more if he'd put as much effort into sailing tactics as into the phobia that demanded the acquisition of two beautiful female crewmen each time he bent sail.

CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164) Central New York District Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Salle Griffiths
Fleet Secretary	Dr. Jeff Penfield
Fleet Champion	Dr. Sanford
Runner-Up	Gerry Young

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
182	Red In	Nelson L. Neidhart
768	Mad Cap	James E. Shepard
1350		A. Gordon Wheeler
1795	Two G's	John H. Griffiths Sr.
1960	Swizzle	Lawrence Carpenter
2814		Linwood R. Chandler
3449		Orren Broberg
4605		Raymond Miller
4687		Jesse Silverman
4902		Russell D. Holt
5712		Barney Shoninger
5892	Pinion	Donald W. Diefendorf
5893	Flip	Donald & Philip Hart
5894		Robert Levitt
6077	Shamrock	Gerard F. Keane
6223	Two G's, Jr.	John H. Griffiths, Jr.
6491	McCorkle	Dr. A. J. Penfield
6492		Douglas Richie
6640	Mary Jane	Dr. J. E. Delmonico
6804		Drs. Hans Bruns
7214	Rae	Dr. Louis Alkoff
7273	Doregasa	Dr. Donald B. Sanford
7549	Rainbow	Gerald Young

A full season of racing was enjoyed by ten to twenty Lightnings in almost every race, with only one cancellation because of rain. Four newcomers to our fleet were welcomed this summer: John Dickerson, Bob Levitt, Ray Miller, and Gerry Young; and one old-timer, Orren Broberg, back again in #3449 to show us some fine tactics.

John Dickerson had the misfortune to break a mast early in the season, but returned undaunted to sail well in the remainder of the races. Don Diefendorf showed his usual brilliance and daring in high wind spinnaker work, but must have been dragging a few weeds on some of the lighter days. During a July storm with 55 mile an hour gusts, Gerry Keane and Jeff Penfield decided the wisest way to ease the strain on the rigging was to capsize and rinse the sails a bit. Lou Alkoff, on the other hand, merely piles in with eight others to challenge any passing hurricane. Gerry Young put in some of the finest close-hauled sailing we have ever seen; and in spite of numerous downhaul mishaps, finished the season as runner-up in the 1st division.

Our light-weather wizard, Don Sanford, against keen competition from the rank and file, again won the championship convincingly.

Our fleet is happy to report representatives at the following regattas; Skaneateles Invitational, Central New York Lightning Districts at Irondequoit, Sodus Bay Invitational, and Onondaga Invitational.

HELSINKI FLEET (166) Finland District

Fleet Captain	Raimo Aromaa
Fleet Secretary	Sig Wikman
Fleet Champion	Bjorn-Ole Owren
Runner-Up	Terho Aromaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3923	Tuulikki	T. Ahlfelt & P. Kuntola
3847	Ghost	H. Isomeri
3934	Wiyyl	Jorma Lehtonen
4009	Sotka	O. Enbom
4011	Villervalla	S. Ulvinen
4013	Donna	Pekka Taiminen
4014	Chiquita II	Matti Henriksson
4052	Pajazzo	Heikki Ristola
4127	Compass	Kaj Sjöberg
4133	Angelique	Ilpo Hanninen

4134	Iron	P. Strand
4139	Dinorah	C.M. Lax
4141	Evy-Ann	O. Pasanen
4142	Susanna	E. Lindstrom
4300	Speed VI	B. O. Owren
4313	Annica	Erkki Lojander
4329	Mimi	Kalervo Rinne
4331	Albatross	K. Baarman & P. Kauppila
4333	.....	E. Sevaki
5054	Tiwa	Waldemar Walli
5056	Caballero	Ins. Hindren
5543	Hey Day	Marianne Erola
5545	Chianti	H. Harju
5548	Lotina	R. Roitto
6832	Sea-Hawk	Eugen Kalenius
6836	Hurricane	L. & S. Haglund
7162	Binita	Erkki Ayras
7163	Delphine	Antti Hohi
7177	Marina	A. Hanninen
7182	.....	Pertti Lohirinne
7183	Annina	Urho Liimatta
7881	Go-Go	Mikael & Kaj Nuorivaara
7887	Masi	Terho Aromaa
7888	Tuuletär	Raimo Aromaa
7890	.....	Esko Lindstrom
7894	Anonymus	Paavo Manninen
7895	Piraya II	Erik J. Suni

We had this sailing season a good start as our Lightning sailors purchased 7 brand new boats. We now have 37 boats in our fleet, the largest number of boats in the fleet's history. Of those 37 Lightnings have 21 taken part in the many official—and training—races, which were held in Helsinki area.

The biggest race this season was the 100-years regatta of yacht club NJK in which participants from countries around the world took part. At this time here in Helsinki were 500 boats of different classes. Also the best boat in the world; "Lightning" was represented at this regatta. Eighteen boat of our fleet took part in mentioned regatta. Terho Aromaa with "Masi" was the best boat in all races together.

The best boat through this season has been "Masi" Terho Aromaa with crew Hannele Aromaa and Ilpo Halva. Also "Tuuletär", Raimo Aromaa and "Speed VI", B-O Owren have placed well.

The fleet championships were held again in two classes: A and B. After a hard fight between B-O Owren and Terho Aromaa took B-O Owren the trophy home. You will find the final results enclosed.

District champions were organized this year by yacht club "Merenkavijat" in Helsinki. Terho Aromaa with "Masi" of our fleet finished in this races as second and Aimo Hanninen "Marina" as third and B-O Owren as fourth.

Three crews of our fleet took the trip to Corfu in Greece, to take part in the European championships 1961. They had a wonderful time there and met many old and new sailor friends. All Finnish crew took part with loaned boats. Stig Wikman with Pia Wikman and Heikki Karvonen as crew finished as nineteenth, Bjorn-Ole Owren with Leif and Stig Haglund as crew, twenty-second and Aimo Hanninen with Vesa Nurmi and Olle Relander as twenty-fifth of 36 boats. Of the many sailor friends they will specially remember Mr. Philip Joannides who did a big work for this championships.

Paavo Manninen with crew Pertti Kauppila and Kurt Barman took part in the World's Championship in Milford. They had bad luck in the races, as they finished as last, but anyway they will always remember the wonderful time they had "over there".

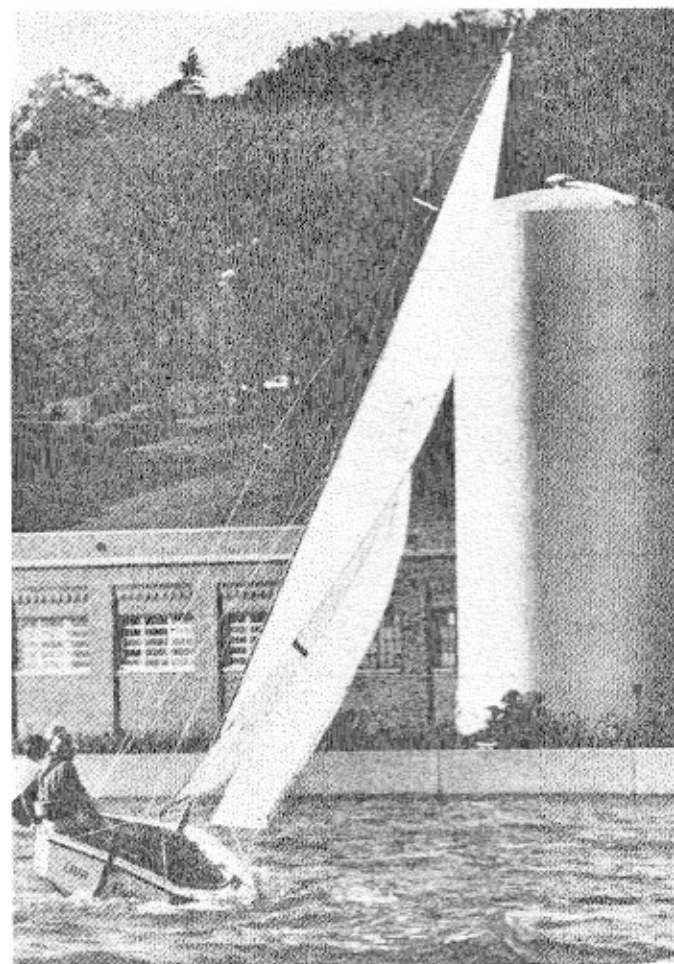
We are now looking forward to the season 1962 when we will organize the European Championships 1962 together with yacht club "Merenkavijat" in Helsinki. We will already now invite all Lightning sailors to these races. YOU ARE WELCOME EVERYONE.

Results of the Helsinki Lightning Fleet (166) Championships 1961.

Group A, active racing skippers:

1. and Fleet Champion				
Bjorn-Ole Owren	4300	Speed VI	2-1-1	32
2. Terho Aromaa	7887	Masi	1-2-4	29
3. Aimo Hanninen	7177	Marina	3-3-3	27
4. Leif Haglund	6836	Hurricane	5-4-2	25
5. Raimo Aromaa	7888	Tuuletär	4-5-5	22
6. Urho Liimatta	7183	Annina	7-6-7	16
7. Esko Lindstrom	4142	Susanna	8-10-6	12
8. Erik J. Suni	7895	Piraya II	6-7-DSQ	11
9. Pentti Eila	7894	Anonymus	9-8-9	10

10. Ilpo Hanninen	4133	Angelique	10-9-8	9
11. Eugen Kalenius	6832	Sea-Hawk	11-11-DNS	2
Group B, beginners (without spinnakers):				
1. and B-group Trophy				
Osmo Pasanen	4141	Evy-Ann	1-1-1	9
2. M. & K. Nuorivaara	7881	Go-Go	2-2-2	6
3. Rauno Roitto	5548	Lotina	3-3-3	3



"Our Buddy" sailed by Gene Hollen

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Fleet Captain	E. H. Hollen
Fleet Secretary	C. E. Ebert
Fleet Champion	Gene Hollen
Runner-Up	Jon Wardell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
107	Puffin	Clayton Ebert
212	Twilight	Rev. R. O. Williams
615	.....	Eric M. Peterson, M.D.
691	.....	L. Kohler
2036	Old Iron	Marshall Smith
3312	Ye Olde Soak	Harry Pelton
4666	Our Buddy II	E. H. Hollen
5955	.....	Dave Wardell
6701	Wulu	I. H. Anton
7391	Tiki II	Jon B. Wardell
7954	.....	L. B. Williams, M.D.
8028	Gouley-Sip	Dick C. Duley

We began this season at our new location. Hours of planning and labor, plus generous contributions, have produced excellent facilities. Three electric hoists permit our entire fleet to dry-sail. Interest in sailing is increasing in our area, as witness the growth of our fleet, with the welcome addition of Rev. Bob Williams, Drs. Eric Peterson and Larry Williams, Larry Kohler, Marshall Smith and crew—Dick Cooper, and Ivan Anton. We hope to see this trend continue.

Our Summer Series began May 28 with two races on that day and following alternate Sundays thru August 20. During the Series, Hollen, Duley and Jon Wardell acquired new boats and Dave Wardell became the new owner and skipper of 5955. Final standings: Hollen—Fleet Champion, Jon Wardell—Runner-Up, Duley—Third. In our Fall Series of seven races, ending October 15, Duley was Champion of the "A" group and Dave Wardell, "B" group Champion.

Regatta activity began with a trip to Alton, Ill. for Fleet 266's First Annual Invitational Regatta. Three boats attended, enjoyed Valley's marvelous hospitality, but won no hardware. Duley also trailed to Alton October 14 and 15 to the Missouri Governor's Cup Regatta. We held our own "Beer-Barrel Regatta" Labor Day weekend. It was a success socially but had weather cancelled racing. On Sept. 9 and 10, six of our boats traveled to Michigan City for Fleet 20's Sand Dunes Regatta, to experience Lake Michigan sailing, but ran into a series of drifters. We hope to try again next year. We closed our racing season with our First Annual Polar Bear Regatta on Oct. 28 and 29, won by Duley in the "A" group, with Hollen second, and Ebert third. Dave Wardell won the "B" group, followed by Cooper and Anton. We hope to see more visitors next year, on October 13 and 14.

Our annual dinner was held at the Saddle Club Barn on November 4 with awarding of trophies and election of new LDSC officers. All agreed this was our best racing season, thanks to the unstinting efforts of the Harbormaster and helpers, plus the Race Committee and the Judges.



Fleet #173 preparing launching facilities for their Lightnings.

BRANT BEACH FLEET (173)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Thompson W. Coe
Fleet Secretary	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
Fleet Champion	Thompson W. Coe
Runner-Up	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
580	Petrel	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
1157	Oneita	Dr. Thomas R. Hedges, Jr.
4206	Jade	Bruce & Meredith Galloway
5077	Riptide	D. F. & Mary Anne Schmit
5346	No Name	Doss Struse
5378	No Name	Daniel Redmond
5425	Shamrock	Jack, Tom & Bill Kelly
5837	Barracuda	Richard Powell
6026	Circe	Dr. Lindley Winston and Dr. Manley Brunt
6297	Lucky Starr	Robert Roth
6962	Leprechaun	Donn and Nan O'Brien
7206	Cohere	Thompson W. Coe

LOVE LETTER TO FLEET 173

Dear Fellow Sailors:

In leaving the fleet after eight years, I am going to miss so many things that, if I asked a Univac to count them up, it would probably blow its tubes.

This has been a good fleet to sail in. If I were trying to get another skipper to join the fleet, I'd say, "Of course you want competition. Everybody who races Lightnings is out for blood, not just for a pleasant sail. You can get all you want in Fleet 173. If you're hot, you can yell for buoy room from our fleet champion, Tom Coe, one of the finest small-boat skippers in the country. If you're just getting started, we have other new skippers, and you'll spend all summer reading the names on their transoms unless you sail as hard as they do."

"But competition is the easiest thing to get in small-boat racing. You ought to hope for friendship, and for a helping hand and advice if you need it. Fleet 173 is a friendly bunch, for all its hard racing. I can't remember any periods of bickering. There hasn't been a boat-against-boat protest in years; when a foul happens, the offending skipper drops out and notifies the Race Committee. Other skippers will give you all the help you want, sometimes to their sorrow. I remember giving young Tom Kelly some tactical advice once, and in the next race found him clamped onto me like a pilot fish, practicing the lesson. Last season Tom Coe found me a little harder to handle after giving me a tip on the setting of my single-sheet jib leads."

"You ought to look for a growing fleet, and 173 is growing. Eleven boats raced in 1961, a jump of three from the previous year. Next year at least two more boats will join the fleet."

"There's something else you can get out of racing with any good Lightning Fleet. Lightning racing here has been good for the men and women and boys and girls who took part in it. It has helped turn boys into men. It has knit families closer. It has helped smooth out business cares, and sent men back to work with renewed spirit and energy."

"These are the things Fleet 173 can offer you."

The records for the past season show that there is reason to congratulate every skipper. Tom Coe won the championship for the fifth straight year, placed second in our Spring Regatta, third in the New Jersey State Championship, first in our Fourth of July and Labor Day Races, second in the Sunday Series, and led our fleet to its first interclub victory over Surf City. Joe Serrill climaxed his long love affair with old 580 by sailing it to runner-up for the title, and then bought your scribe's 5837, "Barracuda," to sail next season. "Barracuda" was third for the title, first in the Sunday Series, and second in the two trophy races.

The Coe-Serrill-Powell trio that dominated fleet racing in recent years would be in danger next year even if your scribe weren't leaving. Anybody who saw the grin on Bob Roth's face, as he swept across the line third in the Labor Day race, would realize that changes are coming. The Galloway boys placed well several times. And Doss Struse, in his first year at a Lightning tiller, beat every skipper in the fleet at least once. The Schmits keep on improving. It gave this old salt a thrill to see Don and Nan O'Brien flying their spinnaker last season for the first time, and to see the Kelly boat out again with that masterly Jack Kelly touch on the tiller. Look out for Doctor Hedges next year; in his first race, on Labor Day, he beat two boats. And, of course, keep an eye on John Hay, who will return to Lightning racing next season after buying Joe Serrill's 580. I remember the battles I had with him when he raced the "Bandir", four seasons ago.

As I say, I'll miss all of you, and when I get up north next summer, I'll hardly know who to cheer for. Meanwhile shed a tear for me, racing in Florida's Fort Myers in a fleet that has no Lightnings. I guarantee to get another Lightning and help start a Fort Myers fleet if some of you will move down.

Your friend and admirer,
Richard Powell