

7897	Red Raider	Ernest Hubbell
7935	.....	Jack C. Mankin
8142	.....	Dr. Richard H. Kiene



Gordon F. Reabe—Rutchen II—Fleet Champion

Another big Lightning year on Lake Jacomo came to an end December 1st. With a full schedule of racing and social activities behind us, all agree it was a big success.

Since we are blessed with a long season—April 1st to December 1st—we were able to have a Spring and Fall series of eight races each, counting the best five of these eight, and still have every third Sunday off for day sailing. The overall total of both these series determined the fleet championship. A close contest for first developed between Gordon Reabe and Paul Vardeman with only a few seconds separating most of their finishes.

SPRING SERIES RESULTS	FALL SERIES RESULTS
1st place—Paul Vardeman	1st place—Gordon Reabe
2nd place—Gordon Reabe	2nd place—Paul Vardeman
3rd place—Jim Nicol	3rd place—Don Skouse

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS	
1st place—Gordon Reabe	132 points
2nd place—Paul Vardeman	130 points
3rd place—Jim Nicol	101 points

Our enthusiastic racers participated in as many other events and regattas as could be worked in. The first big event of the season was the District Championship Series sailed for the first time on our home lake. Top honors went to out of town entries.

The annual Jacomo Sailing Club Invitational Regatta was held over the Labor Day week-end with a good Lightning representation. Again we played the perfect host and gave first place to our guests, but this time kept second for the home fleet—thanks to Gordon Reabe.

The "old" skippers keep a weather eye out for the winner of the Sportsman's Award—a cup given to the top first year racing skipper. With the fleet expanding so rapidly, the past two years have produced large groups of contenders. Since last years winner of this award finished third in the fleet this year, you can be

certain that this years winner, Bill Mullens, has the healthy respect of us all.

With understandable reluctance to surrender to winter, a three race home fleet regatta was born October 28th-29th, named the Last Mark Regatta, and established as an annual tradition.

- 1st place—Gordon Reabe
- 2nd place—Don Skouse
- 3rd place—Bill Mullens
- 4th place—Christine Preston

The year was finally concluded with a trophy dinner held with the Jacomo Sailing Club—providing the perfect opportunity for testing past season excuses and next seasons threats.

The boats are being snugged down for the winter now as the first snow is flying. Everyone can relax, but remember—we launch in four months!

KOKKOLA FLEET (297) Finland District

Fleet Captain	Leopold Ronnholm
Fleet Secretary	Ingmar Bjorndahl
Fleet Champion	Leif Moller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7159	Hula	Leopold Ronnholm
7161	Flamingo	Leif Moller
7174	Kajava	Bobi Casen

Activity in Kokkola Fleet has decreased greatly during two last years. Our fleet has now only three boats left of those 9 in 1959. However these three have raced very actively in home waters and have also visited successfully in other racing centres in Gulf of Bothnia.

Leif Moller with his "Flamingo" won the Fleet Championship and has taken almost all other silverware, too. Leopold Ronnholm's "Hula" won the Kokkola Yacht Club's Annual Regatta, and has made the races "hot" for Moller in many other races.

Fleets boats visited in the Gulf of Bothnia Regatta in Oulu and for our pride and delight "Flamingo" brought home the regatta's points prize, catching it from under the noses of Oulu Fleet's hot racers "Kikka" and "Pohjantahti II". Our fleet participated also in Pietarsaari Yacht Club's Annual Race and winner again, you can guess, "Flamingo".

KOTKA FLEET (298) Finland District

Fleet Captain	Urpo Kurki
Fleet Secretary	Keijo Vesa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5058	Santa Clara	Martti Dromberg
5541	Sacramento	Reijo Rusi
6837	Suit Sait	Urpo Kurki
7175	.....	Johannes Lehtonen

Kotka Fleet has not so much to report this year, due to the fact that we suffer yet lack of boats. One of our Lightnings didn't get to water at all last summer and one other was in other town, so that there was only two Lightnings sailing and racing together. We had about 10 races during the season.

LOVIISA FLEET (299) Finland District

Sailing in the Gulf of Finland

Fleet Captain	Veikko Larmia
Fleet Secretary	Raimo R. Nordstrom
Fleet Champion	Raimo R. Nordstrom
Runner-Up	Kari Airaksinen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4308	Cinderella	Mauri Soininen
4334	Pinocchio	H. Wasenius
6831	Riita	K. Blomster
6833	Sill-da Capo	V. R. Nordstrom
6838	Katrina	R. R. Nordstrom

Last year we were sorry not to be able to report any new build-ings. This year the situation was even worse because in the spring before the season had started we lost four boats from our fleet due to the fact that a big company, which actually owned the boats and had had them for their employees, decided to sell all their boats and not to buy new ones. So fortunately the loss is not due to less interest in our waters.

The District Championships which are at the same time Finnish Championships were held this time in Helsinki. Our fleet was represented by three boats of which Katrina, skippered by Raimo R. Nordstrom won the series with maximum points. After the Championships a team race between Helsinki and Loviisa fleets was arranged, which race was won by Loviisa team, showing that the quality is still there although we suffer from loss of boats.

Our boats also participated in the Eastern Finland Regatta as usual, and a couple of inter-fleet regattas were arranged during the season. This series of the "Tuesday Cup" could, however, not be arranged this season due to lack of boats regularly in the home waters.

Our fleet was also represented in the first World Championships at Milford, Connecticut by Raimo R. Nordstrom, who placed 14th. Nationalwise Finland was fifth of 12 nations.



WBYC Champion Earl Marvin and crew

WOODMERE BAY YACHT CLUB (300)

Greater Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Hewlett Bay, East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.

Fleet Captain.....Herb Walker
Fleet Secretary.....Norris D. Konheim
Fleet Champion.....Earl Marvin
Runner-Up.....Joe Saul

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2115	Mrs.	Samuel Sternberg
2195	Sandwich	Max Meyer
2329	Ariel	Henry Braverman
2350	Lollypop	Everett Ruskay
2396	Flash	Norris Konheim
2761	Alaking	Mel King
3660	Foxfire	William Fox
3808	Trujay	Bernard Small
3964	Kalm	Irving Kaimanoff
4863	Flamingo	Earl Marvin
5403	Hi-Life	Joseph Saul
5697	Blue Bird	Herbert Walker
5880	Random	Louis Singer

Fleet 300 of the Woodmere Bay Yacht Club had a banner year in 1961 sharing, as we do, the rather restricted waters of Hewlett Bay with the Hewlett Point Yacht Club (Fleet 58). The Race Committee, under the able direction of Herb Walker, set up a full season of racing that was well coordinated with our neighbors on the Bay. In total, the boats of our fleet sailed in 10 races (including a special 3-race 4th of July Series), the first 5 of which were strictly intra-Club races, while the last 5 included 3 sponsored either by ourselves or the Hewlett Point Yacht Club, with boats of both clubs participating.

This year for the second time we ran special races for the ladies in addition to the regular club races, and are pleased to report a better turn-out than last year. The way it looks, one of these days the men will have to look to their laurels!

We are also happy to report an increased interest this year on the part of youngsters in the Club with one new boat added to our fleet and sailed by our Fleet Secretary's daughter, Nancy Konheim, and another boat in our fleet coming into more active competition with Peter King at the tiller.

In order to foster closer and more even competition, our intra-Club races and the scoring of all races in which our fleet participated were on a basis of 2 flights of boats. Awards were given to the winner and runner-up in both flights for the best three out of the first 5 races as well as for the best three out of the second series of 5 races. Awards were also made to the winner and runner-up in the 3-race 4th of July Series.

The season's results are as follows:

INTRA-CLUB SERIES—

Flight #1 Winner—Earl Marvin sailing Flamingo (#4863)
Runner-up—Joe Saul sailing Hi-Life (#5403)
Flight #2 Winner—Sam Sternberg sailing Mrs. (#2115)
Runner-up—Irving Kaimanoff sailing Kalm (#3964)

JULY 4 REGATTA—

Flight #1 Winner—Herb Walker sailing Blue Bird (#5697)
Runner-up—Earl Marvin sailing Flamingo (#4863)
Flight #2 Winner—Sam Sternberg sailing Mrs. (#2115)
Runner-up—Irving Kaimanoff sailing Kalm (#3964)

INTER-CLUB SERIES (Results based on position of Woodmere Bay Yacht Club Fleet only)

Flight #1 Winner—Earl Marvin sailing Flamingo (#4863)
Runner-up—Joe Saul sailing Hi-Life (#5403)
Flight #2 Winner—Everett Ruskay sailing Lollypop (#2350)
Runner-up—Richard Braverman sailing Ariel (#2329)

LADIES SERIES

Winner—Marion Walker sailing Blue Bird (#5697)
Runner-up—Norma Saul sailing Hi-Life (#5403)

CHAMPLAIN FLEET (301)

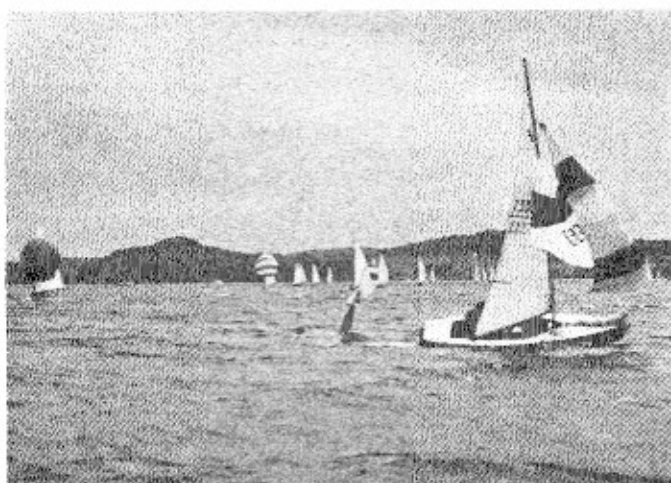
Sailing on Lake Champlain, Burlington, Vt.

Fleet Captain.....R. G. Sidle
Fleet Secretary.....Vernon Emerson
Fleet Champion.....R. G. Sidle
Runner-up.....Vernon Emerson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
582	Bali Hi	Stuart Hall
1312	.....	Harry Donahue, Jr.
2821	Gypsy	Harvey Butterfield
3245	Mach One	Vernon Emerson
6021	Spitfire	Fred Koerner
6459	Duchess	R. G. Sidle
7088	Sa La V	Eben Sutton
7112	.....	J. Dean Clewley
7216	.....	J. Warren McClure

Our regular scheduled weekend racing series this past season showed some improvement over the year before. We still have not recovered from our loss of membership and are having some trouble getting all the boats together for the weekend races. However, things are looking up. It looks like we are going to have two new boats this coming season with the possibility of two others. We are looking forward to a great improvement in membership and race participation.

One thing that stirred up the enthusiasm for the coming season was the Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta held on Lake Champlain on July 15 and 16, with Fleet 301 as host. There were twenty-nine Lightnings started for the first race on the afternoon of the first day. Two races were held on Saturday afternoon July 15 and the third race was held on Sunday morning July 16. McInnes of the Marblehead Fleet (189) in boat #7333 went home with top honors. Leonard Pratt, Spofford Lake Fleet (145) was second and Sam Stowell of the Bomoseen Fleet (227) took third. The winds were great and from all reports everyone had



Duncan McInnes jibes his spinnaker in the Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta

a good time. This was the first Regatta of this size in this area and we are hoping for many more to come.

Our regular Waterama race was held at Burlington again this past year. Seven boats participated. The winds left much to be desired; but the race went on. The course was once around an approximate six mile triangle. It was a bad start, but the odd winds had things evened up at the first mark. Despite the light winds it turned out to be a close race to the finish line. Dick Hubbard of Middlebury, Vermont in boat #7829 took first place. Vern Emerson in boat #3245 was second and Bob Sidle in boat #6459 was third.

At the Malletts Bay Boat Club Race Week the winds were back to normal. Seven boats started in the Lightning Class three race series. There were some tense moments which made the series a big success. The finishing order for the series was Bob Sidle #6459, Vern Emerson #3245 and Deam Clewley #7112.

In July of this year Fleet 301 will be host to the New England District Regatta. With the success and enthusiasm shown in the Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta this past year we feel this will be an even greater race series. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly make it.

The above picture shows McInnes as he jibes his spinnaker at the second mark of the first race in the Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta.

COWAN LAKE FLEET (303)

Sailing on Cowan Lake, Wilmington, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Truman P. Young
Fleet Secretary	Charles Richter
Fleet Champion	Frank H. Pfefferle
Runner-Up	Truman P. Young

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
330		Walter P. Johnston
352		Sea Scout Ship #6
1925		Clifford O. Schwandner
2243		Richard G. Fogg
2344	Duet	Justin E. Gale
4575	Windammer	James K. Lewis
5069	Quick Decision	F. W. Mesloh
5222	Blue Bird	Frank H. Pfefferle
5504	Rebecca	George Leugers
5575	Mud Hen	Truman P. Young
5645		George Colville
5761	Whyknot	Charles Richter, Robert Goebel and John W. Millard
5900	Decision II	Dr. John F. Sanker
7512		Richard L. Schenck

The fourth yachting season for Cowan Lake Fleet #303 showed 16 active skippers and crews. The fleet was about evenly divided between those dedicated to competition and the cruising sailors. While it would seem ideal to have all the boats hit the starting line every race—the rewards of just day sailing are also recognized in this fleet.

Our only skipper to venture away from Cowan Lake to a regatta this year was Frank Pfefferle who trailed #5222 "Blue-bird" to the annual Snowball Regatta at Lake Pymatuning.

One of Fleet 303's charterites, Charles Beedle, has moved to Coral Gables, Florida, and will sail his new fiberglass Lightning in southern waters.

We anticipate the 1962 season will see 14 or more active Lightnings on Cowan Lake, with really intense racing competition plus all the other joys of inland lake yachting.

Visiting Lightning skippers are always welcome to come and race or sail with us.

PORI FLEET (306)

Finland District

Sailing at Por, Finland

Fleet Captain	Viljo-Pekka Mehtonen
Fleet Secretary	Viljo-Pekka Mehtonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4050	Samba	Simo Valli
4330	Kaje	Vainan Vartiatar (Boy Scouts)
5061	Leena	Heikki Vanharkartano
5546	Lokki	Sulo Aarnisalo
5547	Ticca	Timo Lohikoski
7886		Viljo-Pekka Mehtonen

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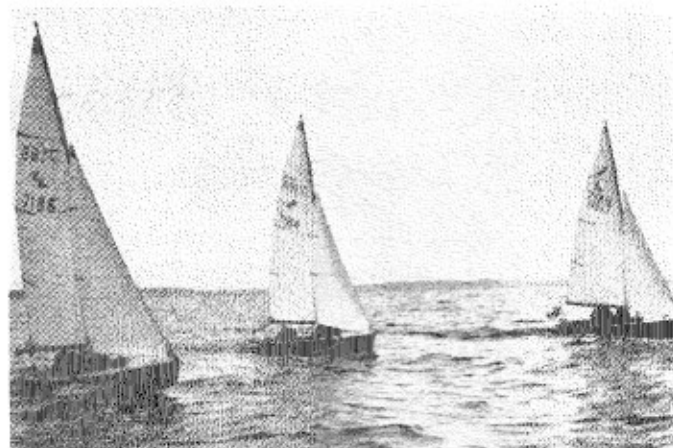
OULU FLEET (307)

Finland District

Sailing at Oulu, Finland

Fleet Captain	Nils Hammar
Fleet Secretary	Nils Hammar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4304	Pohjantahri I	Junior Section of Oulu Yachting Club
4305	Ramona	Asa Inkala
5552	Kikka	Yrjo & Markku Paloma
7184	Thalatta	Hans Andersen
7185	Onnetar	Lasse Hammar
7186	Pohjantahri II	Harry Hammar



Beautiful day of sailing at the Gulf of Bothnia with our new lightnings "Onnetar," "Thalatta" and "Pohjantahri II"

The activity of the Fleet of Oulu has been very lively during this season. In September 1960 our Fleet ordered three mahogany Lightnings from Lovisa Shipyard. This meant an addition of 100% to our fleet and was very inspiring event. The first of these new boats No. 7185 was ready in May and in possession of Oulu Yachting Club it was taken to Boat Exhibition to be a prize in lottery. The boat was won by a non-sailor and sold to Lasse Hammar, to sail under name "Onnetar" (Lucky Lady).

The second one of the new boats No. 7184, owner Hans Andersen, is sailing under the name of "Thalatta". The third one No. 7186, bought by Harry Hammar, was "baptized" "Pohjantahri II" (North Star II). Harry's boat No. 4304, "Pohjantahri I" was bought to be a junior training boat of Oulu Yachting Club.

The Regatta of Gulf of Bothnia 1961 was arranged by the three yachting clubs of Oulu together in July 14th-16th marking the celebration of the 80th Birthday of Oulu Yachting Club. Among the participating 56 boats there were 9 Lightnings. There were

two boats from Kokkola Fleet and one from Raahé. The first race was won by our "Kikka", while the second and third day were won by "Flamingo" from Kokkola, getting now first hold of "The Lightning Challenge Cup" and "The Ship Broker's Cup" prizes. Kikka won in the sailing for members of Oulu Yachting Club "The Unica Record Cup".

"Pohjantahti II" won in July 23rd The Year Day Race of Kemi Yachting Club. In this race there were 5 participating boats. After this "Pohjantahti II" sailed through Gulf of Bothnia to Lulea, Sweden and back home.

"Kikka" participated in Kokkola Seagoers' 15th Anniversary Jubilee Race in July 22nd and in Gamlskarleby Yachting Clubs' The Year Day Race in July 23rd in Kokkola and winning both races.

"The Electric Cup II" Race August 8th-9th was won by "Pohjantahti II". In addition boats of our Fleet took even in races for the members of Oulu Yachting Club and Oulu Seagoers' Club.

We are happy to report that the summer has been full of action and the sailors have been enthusiastically with us. We are delighted of the good co-operation with the Fleets of Kokkola and Raahé. The Fleet of Kemi is now in possession of three new Lightnings and this will promise, we hope, a good competition summer next year.

RAAHE FLEET (308)

Finland District

Sailing at Raahé, Finland

Fleet Captain.....Aaro Heikkilä
Fleet Secretary.....Aaro Heikkilä

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5542	Kousa	Arvo Heikkilä
6834	Tavi	Alpo Lukkarinen
6835	Lippa	Esko Roihu

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LAKE GREIFENSEE FLEET (309)

Swiss District

Sailing on the Lake of Greifensee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain.....Werner Uster
Fleet Secretary.....Dr. Fred Zobrist
Fleet Champion.....Werner Uster
Runner-Up.....Paul Pfenniger, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5993	Pluto	W. Oerli
5994	Zibo	Dr. F. Zobrist
6321	Monika	H. Schafer
6736	Wega	M. Denzler
7241	Margy	F. Aregger
7352	Koralle	E. Beyer
7353	Sibajak	W. Uster
7590	Mascotte	H. Himmel
		E. Fullemann
		H. Zobrist
		P. Pfenniger Jr.

Starting with 4 Lightnings in 1958 our fleet 309 had in this year already 8 boats. The Season was slow in getting started, gained some momentum with several inter-lake races, and slowed down again due to the fleet's activity at other regattas. Some of us were kept busy with the organization of the Swiss District Championship. We were proud to be hosts of this National Regatta, but had been disappointed; only 5 boats from other Swiss lakes joined this meeting and had the same bad luck as our 8 own crews—no wind! In spite of this, skippers and crews were glad and spent a peaceful summer weekend at the lovely Greifensee.

Due to the small distances on the lake, our skippers show little knowledge in handling the spinnaker and we will have to spend many hours in exercising. Excellent racing boats, such as Pluto, Koralle and Sibajak, will only be successful in regattas when skippered by crews with sufficient experience.

We are looking ahead with anticipation to a good season in '62 with the addition already of a new member. Lightnings have won many admirers here in Zurich area, and we are expecting new boats and members to our fleet.

KEMI FLEET (310)

"THE NORTHEAST LIGHTNING FLEET IN THE WORLD"

Sailing at Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi and Tornio, Finland

Finland District

Fleet Captain.....Aarne Hedberg
Fleet Secretary.....Pentti Lehto
Fleet Champion.....Pentti Lehto
Runner-Up.....Juhani Hedberg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4012	Leena	Lars Hansen
4136		K. & A. Naykki
4324	Vire	O. & N. Nylander
4326	Lokki	Teemu Ulen
4325	Maryana	Pekka Siilakka, Kim Koponen & Risto Keranen
4328	Irene	P. & J. Hedberg
50262	Rose-Marie II	Pentti Lehto
7891	Viri	Arvo Perkkio
7892	Leila	Helge Ruohonen
7893	Ilsa	Paavo Rantasuo

Dear Yearbook readers, did you notice that slogan under our fleets name. We have read the Atlas and have noticed that Kemi Lightning Fleet must be "The Northeast in the World", because Kemi sitsuate only about 100 miles South from the Arctic Circle, and we have not noticed that there were any Lightning Fleets in Alaska or Canada's Hudson Strait which are about as far North as Kemi.

Our fleet's activities started this year in June with plenty of wind. In the first 2 races there was only two Lightnings participating and winner in both was "Irene", skipper Pentti Hedberg.

Kemi Yacht Club Annual Race was held in a light wind, which even calmed totally in one time during the race, but increased again at the end. Our fleets new boats showed their speed, being much lighter than older ones. There was also a visitor from Oulu Fleet, and she (Pohjantahti II, 7186, skipper Harry Hammar) took the winners gun. Next were our fleets "Viri" 7891, and "Ilsa" 7893. Could be maybe mentioned that Lightnings were the quickest boats in whole regatta which consisted several boat classes.

In our fleets championships the Lightnings were drawn by lot and changed between every start so that the skippers could never race with his own boat. This was done so that could be seen which was the best skipper, and not the best boat, because our fleets boats are very different in qualities. Pentti Lehto took the Fleet Championship title already third time, runner-up position went to Juhani Hedberg and third was Lars Hansen.

Next "specialty" in our fleets sailing program was "The Crew Race" where the crew members skippered the Lightnings and skippers looked from the beach with "cold hearts" how the crews handled their boats in the brisk breeze. Best "crew-skippers" were A. Naykki first, J. Ikaheimonen second, and E. Haggstrom third.

We are expecting at least one or two more Lightnings next season.

DUNKIRK HARBOR FLEET (311)

Based on Southeast shore of Lake Erie, New York

Fleet Captain.....John Wm. King, Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....Sherry Foster
Fleet Champion.....John King (Mystic)
Runner-Up.....John Foster (Madam Zaji)

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
613	Gull	Jerry Lewis
748		Phil Ellian
1823		Donald Greve
1910	Mme Zaji	John Foster
2759	Windwisp	Al Schilz
2801	Mystic	John W. King
2858		Ted R. Carlson
3574	Onaire	John Baran

The 1961 season was an eventful one. We acquired three new skippers, and much better competition. The boats were really worked on last winter, and some new sails were bought. John King acquired new "Hards", and won the first race—June 25th. John Foster with a "Hard" spinnaker won the second place. Jerry Lewis scrubbed his old nylon sails and won the third race. By the middle of the summer Phil Ellian in 748 won a race. Al "Tubby" Schilz was a close contender with his cotton sails and his constant crew—his wife, JoAnn, and "Nick" Palmer, the local architect.

We were plagued by tremendous winds, rains, and cold weather, and many races were postponed. By August, when the weather had calmed to normal, we were holding races in the evenings, and sometimes 2 on Sundays.

John King went to the Districts on the river at Sandy Beach with his boat "Mystic". Almost every other sailor went to SBYC to observe, and were very enthusiastic.

John Foster took his "Madam Zaji" (the spirit of jazz) to the Sandy Beach Haulout Regatta to compete with 30 boats. As Fleet 311 says—his was the first boat from the fleet to go to another regatta and not come in last. He had his regular crew of his wife, Sherry, and son Jonathan.

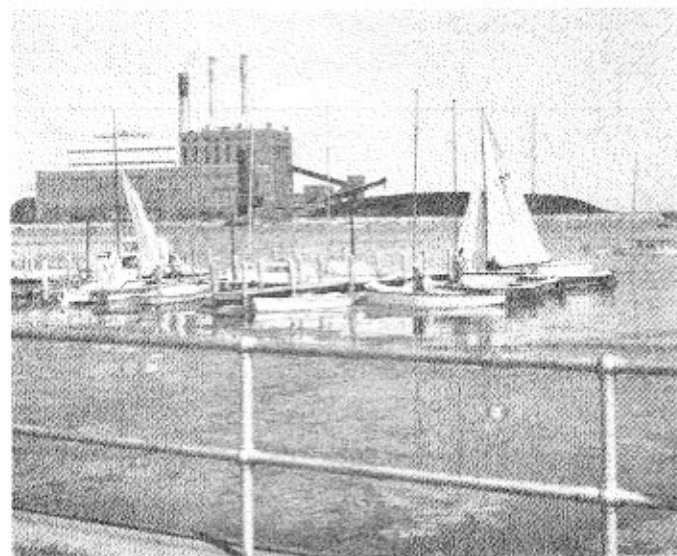
Many of the fleet members had their wives crew for them. In addition to the Fosters and the Schilz's, Lois King crewed with her husband John, and Mary Ellen Lewis crewed on "Gull" with Jerry. Sometimes Dorothy Carlson crewed for Ted, and Meg Greve crewed for "Cork".

Since so many races were postponed, the individual series were lost in the shuffle. John King emerged as overall fleet champion; John Foster was runner-up. Third and fourth overall were Jerry Lewis and Phil Ellian separated by 1/4 point. Al Schilz was fifth. This was the first year of racing and skippering for both Ellian and Schilz, and the second year for Lewis. All should be congratulated for their efforts.

Phil Ellian and Al Schilz went to Milford, Conn. in Ellian's T-Bird, to observe the Internationals, and returned full of ideas.

Now for 1962—Jerry Lewis has sold his "Gull" to Eric Lawson, and will get another Lightning. John Foster has sold his "Madam Zaji" (don't pronounce that too fast!) to Graydon Smith, and he plans a new Lightning.

Our yearly thanks go to Lester Graf of "Zoler III" and his able crew of "Jux" Weinberg, and "Fat" Burns—our race committee.



This is typical of before race activity

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LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA FLEET (312)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Alberto Costa
Fleet Secretary Maurizio Di Segni

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5419	Strale	Alberto Costa
5435	Alcione	G. Gariazzo
6810	Mascherina	Sandro Di Segni
7238	Strale II	Maurizio Di Segni

The fleet was represented during the season in all the most important events.

Boat Strale 2nd, skippered by Maurizio di Segni took the second place in the Epiphany Cup, and the first place in the selection for the Italian Championship. In the final standing of the Italian Championship finished at the 7th place, and boat Mascherina finished 8th, skippered by Sandro Di Segni.

Boat Strale 2nd finished first in an important event for Juniors, the Giovannetti Cup, and was once more first in the Great Bear Cup.

Boat Strale 2nd entered the European Championship at Corfu, Greece and took the first place in the fifth race, and was fifth in the final standing.

Many other events were entered by Strale 1st, Alcione, and Mascherina, the last one represented the fleet in many young boys races.



"Strale II" with her crew: M. Di Segni; S. Di Segni; Miss Claudia Andriani

JOLLY ROGER SAILING CLUB (313)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Ottawa River, Toledo, Ohio

Fleet Captain William A. Beckham
Fleet Secretary Lawrence A. Haigh
Fleet Champion William (Bill) A. Beckham
Runner-Up Walter Mueller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1651	Gayle	Glen W. Green
1658	Marcia B.	John H. Beddoes
1661	.....	Lawrence A. Haigh
1815	Ballerina	Alice Sayen
3765	Por of Gold	William A. Beckham
3179	.....	David M. Torok
7715	Little Toot	Walter Mueller

Sailing activities got under way by the middle of May with the first of the weekly Thursday night series on May 24th.

Bill Beckham carried the colors in the greater portion of the Associated Yacht Club events. Bill was overall point winner of our fleet, he also placed first in the club series.

Next year should see much more activity as there are almost twice as many boats registered and the new owners have been able to get the feel of their boats. Dave Torok and Walt Mueller will be giving Bill Beckham some better competition this coming year. We are most happy to have the new members with us.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)

Dixie District

Based on Sassafras River, Md.

Fleet Captain R. Duke Miller
Fleet Secretary "Doc" Walbert
Fleet Champion "Doc" Walbert
Runner-Up Gordon Short

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
89	Scalawag	Paul Krajewski
545	Tar Baby	R. Duke Miller
590	Care Free	Robert Mast
2187	4 Queen's	Gordon Short
2737	Marion Rose	W. L. "Doc" Walbert
3338	.....	George Smith

2453 Silver Bill IV John Grenoble
5977 Blue Angel Jesse Matlack
6160 Bing Bortel



Fleet 314 started the season July 1st with a First Series of 2 races each Saturday for four weeks.

The K. P. S. C. Start from 12-15 boats handicap each race, and give trophies for 3 places each series. Doc Walbert, #2737 won first place, Dr. Myers, K.P.S.C. won second, and Jesse Matlack, #5977 won third place.

Chesapeake Bay Trophy, July 29th

25 mile and better wind—9½ mile course.

Duke Miller, Nancy Lewis, Kromer Pierson in the "Tar-baby" #545—"The Winner".

Nine yachts started, six braved the heavy wind and finished, three yachts turned back for fear of swamping.

Arms ached from main sheet pull, you dare not clear down, if you wished to stay in the race.

Skippers were busy picking themselves off the floor, from wet, slippery decks.

Duke, the only one brave enough to fly his spinnaker, in the lead all the way, finishing 58 seconds ahead of Doc's Marion Rose, whose crew was rather light for that heavy wind.

Second Series — August 5th

Bob Short—Handicap K.P.S.C. won 1st place

Dr. Myers—Scratch K.P.S.C. won 2nd place

J. Matlack—Scratch #5977 won 3rd place

To keep the records straight and give credit to those Lightning skippers that get out there and sail in every race this report scores total points for the two series of 16 races as they are posted on the club bulletin board, and gives the fleet championship to the yacht with the highest No. of points, "and use a 20 yacht scoring system."

First Five Positions			Points	Place
2737	Marion Rose	Doc Walbert	282	1
2187	4 Queens	Gordon Short	260½	2
545	Tar Baby	Duke Miller	246	3
5977	Blue Angel	J. Matlack	237	4
590	Care Free	R. Mast	156	5
2453	Silver Bill IV	J. Grenoble	Races 3 times only	
3338	.....	G. Smith	D.N.S.	
6160	.....	Bing Bortel	D.N.S.	
89	Scalawag	P. Krajewski	Dry Dock	

The fleet will keep their eyes peeled for #89. Her new owner Paul Krajewski is giving her a good rub-down and smooth-up job. She will be like a young colt pulling on the bit, raring to go comes sailing time.

Kentmore Park Annual Regatta, August 27th

For members only of the Civic body. Free-for-all handicap 5 mile race.

This race is for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd trophy. First place is the "Matlack Trophy"—a beautiful trophy donated by Mr. Matlack, owner of the Blue Angel #5977. You must win the trophy 3 times straight to keep. Its purpose to promote interest in sailing for members of the Civic body, the sail boat club and Lightning Fleet 314, and induce the art of sailing on this day of competitive sports, relaxation and fun in beautiful Kentmore Park.

Nancy Lewis wins 3rd place trophy—leads the Lightning Fleet across finish line.

Nancy Lewis	— 2737 —	Marion Rose	1st
Robert Mast	— 590 —	Care Free	2nd
Gordon Short	— 2187 —	4 Queens	3rd
Kitt Digs	— 545 —	Tar Baby	D.N.F.
F. Schuller	— 5977 —	Blue Angel	D.N.F.

Nancy sailing with Duke Miller as crew this season has everything; youth, looks, curves, a lovely disposition, and above all, "That Lightning Touch" that a yacht cannot resist, and gives it all, with Nancy at the helm.

September 2, 1961 — The K.P.S.C., desiring to make it more interesting for their Junior members, although they are glad to work as crew, yet never had the privilege of skipping a yacht in a race. Having this in mind, the Sailboat Club set aside two days and offered their yachts, large or small, of which the Junior Skipper must be a member, and the crew must be a Junior, no adults allowed. The contest consisted of 7-9 yachts in 3 races over a 2 mile course, with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd trophy to skipper, and a medal to crew each race.

The yacht owners give the count-down at start, the time of finish, and hoped, joked and cheered the little young skippers in. The Mothers chewed finger nails, but all to no avail, be it boy or girl, those little skippers sailed their yachts like old salts and tacked around marks without foul, protest, or incident.

Scoring of 3 races

Larry Matlack	5977	Blue Angel	1st—3rd—4th
Tommy Buck	2737	Marion Rose	3rd—4th—4th
Nancy Lewis	545	Tar Baby	1 race only—5th

Result of this event paid off big. It doubled the Junior membership of the club.

Fleet 314 "Walbert—perpetual Trophy"

September 3rd—Temp. 96—Start-Light Air—Finish 70 MPH

Two mile beat around mark, two mile spinnaker, run to finish line, inviting all boats that wished to sail, scoring Lightnings only. Radio controlled start was near perfect, with George Smith's 3338 leading the fleet up to the first mark, when Doc Walbert's 2737 slips around ahead of him. Up went the spinnakers of Walbert, Smith, and Miller and the others as they rounded the mark. Skipper Doc, out front, cast one eye back—"Beautiful"—the spinnaker and sail color against a dark black cloud that had raised its ugly head directly behind the fleet, within 100 yards of the finish line. It hit in all its fury, Doc dropped sails in water, slipped through the line and hit the beach, 5 boats capsized, including Miller and Short in wind reported at 70 MPH; spinnaker poles broke and bottoms flew from sails like feathers from a bird. Duke was 2nd through the line, but wrong side up. Leave it to Duke to get across that line one way or another. After some debate, they made the trophy perpetual, and placed Doc's name on it for 1961.

Fleet 314 enjoyed a free-for-all moonlight race: The first yacht in received a supply of beer, Dr. Myers being the first to say "over", then Doc Walbert, Duke Miller, Gordon Short and the rest something on that order. However, Gordon wished to know when Duke passed him—"You must have cut the mark?"—"What Mark?" "I have yet to see a mark!" replied Duke. "Who bought the beer?" "Why, Duke, of course!" By the way, the mark happened to be a channel flasher. Really it was lots of fun, and they want more moonlights.

All Lightnings sailing in our area are invited to race with us. We enjoyed having Murray Schwartz, #6318 race two races with us, although he circled the marks twice and beat us in going away. It was nice having you join us, Murray—join us anytime . . . Sundays at 2 P.M.—we will try to make it more interesting next time.

ROYAL LAKE OF THE WOODS Y. C. FLEET (320)

Mid-West District

Based on Lake of the Woods at Kenora, Ontario

Fleet Captain	Tim Furgale
Fleet Secretary	Doug Latter
Fleet Champion	Hugh McDonald
Runner-Up	Bob Richards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
309	.....	E. B. Osler
4387	.....	T. C. "Cam" Weir
5633	.....	Jack W. Dangerfield
7506	Sandpiper	Doug Latter and Bill Palk
7507	Lazy Loon	Bob Richards
7508	Diane's Mink	Hugh McDonald
7509	Elinor	Tim Furgale

7510 Larry Johnson
7513 Lady Kitty III Don Paterson

On Sunday, August 6th, the Invitational Regatta was held and consisted of two races; the first, to determine the winner of the Kenora Cup, with the individual points added to the points gained in the second race to resolve the overall Lightning Class winner. The first and second races were on a handicap basis to accommodate an assortment of some thirty-five yachts, such as our own Lightnings, those from Clearwater Bay, Fleet No. 277, Thunder Bay Fleet No. 279, various Dinghys, X-Boats, Y-Flyers, and 20' and 28' Scows.

Quite a strong breeze was blowing and excitement was heightened by the aggressive jockeying of skippers for a preferred position at the starting line. Before the course was half completed it was evident that the Thunder Bay skippers were well prepared with beautifully trimmed and finished hulls. The finish was as follows:

- (1) Bob Prettie in "Chinook" from Fleet No. 279
- (2) Dr. David Burnford in "Vixen" from Fleet No. 279
- (3) Don McInnes in "Wa-Konda" from Fleet No. 277

Bob Prettie took possession of the Kenora Cup Trophy.

A Buffet luncheon was then held—which was missed by many skippers who were busy repairing broken fittings and drying out spinnakers.

The second race was around the same course, and ended as follows:

- (1) Bob Prettie
- (2) Keith Campbell in "Typhoon II" from Fleet No. 277
- (3) Dr. David Burnford

On August 12th and 13th some of our Fleet attended the Clearwater Bay Yacht Club Regatta where a series of three Lightning races were held, with the second race to be for the Bonnycastle Trophy.

Twenty-six Lightnings were in attendance, with nineteen assorted Scows, Y-Flyers, Arrowheads, Dinghys, Albacores, and a "Windmill" from Malta, Montana.

Points were given to each boat finishing each race, with the overall winner of the series being the yacht with the most total points for possession of the Harris Trophy.

The Bonnycastle Trophy, open to all classes, on a handicap basis, was won by Graham Lount of Caddy Lake.

Last year's champion, Keith Campbell in Typhoon II, outpaced all comers to amass the most points, thus retaining the Harris Trophy for another year.

LA SPEZIA FLEET (321)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Enrico Bertera
Fleet Secretary Giulio Pasquali

7188 Zenith Enrico Bertera
7190 Azimuth Nino Carozzo
7191 Sakr el Bahr Maurizio Del Santo

The fleet organized the Italian Championship which was a big success though the very rough weather, particularly in the first race, finished only from 3 boats on the 14 started.

Many other races were organized from the fleet which has been very active during the year, also with young crews.

CHAPARRAL LIGHTNING FLEET (322)

Texas District

Sailing on Lake Travis, at Austin, Texas

Fleet Captain Donald S. Marsh
Fleet Secretary Charles B. Larrison Jr.
Fleet Champion Not Determined

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5532	Jou Jou	Donald S. Marsh
6175		Jack Downs
7817	Au Jus	Charles B. Larrison
7938		C. P. O'Neal
7972	Brand X	Jack C. Jackson

The sun is very bright on Lake Travis, and so is the potential of Fleet 322; however, this didn't seem to be the year for it. Our members were unable to get together for enough races to determine a fleet champion due to the fact that vacation time seemed to interfere with avocation time, for one member or another at the time of our scheduled races.

In November our promoter and fleet secretary, Captain C. B. Larrison was transferred by the Air Force to Michigan. Chuck was a friend of all the lightnings in the area and did much for the fleet as well as the district. We hope that he may return to Texas to sail with us again.

On the brighter side of Fleet 322's year, we have a member, C. P. O'Neal, who is developing a new fiberglass Lightning of non-sandwich variety that, we hope, will help put more Lightnings in the water not only in Texas, but all over the country. That should be good news for all. Yes, we too have been fighting fiberglass competition!

At this writing, all our boats are out of the water for the season but will be back in by early March for the spring winds and early regattas. A new perpetual trophy, the "Travis Mug," was donated to the fleet by one of its members in the hope that by passing it from one member to another during the winter months that come spring, all will be in readiness for a good year of competition to win the trophy and go to out-of-town regattas to win other silver.

Chaparral Lightning Fleet 322 was host to the Texas District this year. The event was held with great enthusiasm and some degree of success. The wind was light but the party high, and a good time was had by all who attended. (Results in Texas District Report.)

With our hopes high and several new Lightnings and skippers on the horizons, particularly the new fiberglass design, we are looking forward to a fine year of good winds and fair sailing.

SETAUKET YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (323)

Western Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Port Jefferson, N. Y.

Fleet Captain Holland Redfield
Fleet Secretary Charles C. Rice
Fleet Champion Holland Redfield
Runner-Up Charles C. Rice

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2088	4F	Richard Forshay
3049	Huzzah	George Mutchler
3199	Four Bits	Tom Burke
3362	Shennagin	Chas. Rice
3573	Thunderbird	
	II	Mrs. H. V. Kaltenborn
4672	Blue Chip	Al Nazarek
5755	Mellissa	James Peters
7168	P D Q	Holland Redfield

The sailing season for Fleet 323, our second, was a real success—with a total of 9 races sailed in two series. Charlie Rice won the first series coming in first in each of the four races. Jim Peters was second in the series.

Mrs. Kaltenborn certainly gets an "E" for effort this year and almost without fail could be seen with her boat upended on shore alongside the jetties, scrubbing the bottom down just before race time. Mrs. K made every race but the last and bets are that she'll have a new boat under her next year. Tom Burke and Dick Forshay seemed to have a battle between themselves all summer and to heck with the rest of the fleet. Al Nazarek lost his boat in the hurricane but has big plans for next year. George Mutchler seemed to have a little trouble getting to the starting line on the few occasions he could race.

In the second series Charlie Rice only showed up for two races due to obligations to his airline so the honors went to Dutch Redfield who with this obstacle removed had a clear wind for a change. Second place went to Jim Peters. Tom Burke on the last race of the summer showed us all how to get to the first mark in a real drifter.

There is reason to believe that there will be some evidence next year of some real efforts at bottom smoothing and tuning as there was some conclusive proof by a dark horse that it can pay off.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

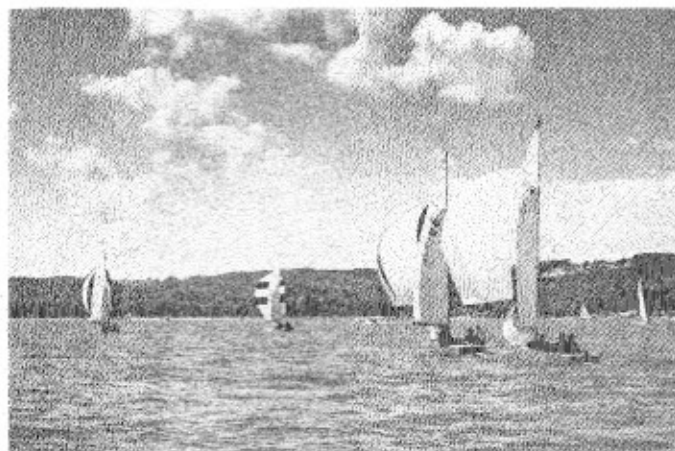
Michigan District

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Mich.

Fleet Captain Chuck Van Horn
Fleet Secretary Gordon Cornwell
Fleet Champion Ken Lindsay
Runner-Up Gordon Cornwell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
119	Ten-4	Wm. Van Epps
643	Hebat	Bud Sweeney
2120	Gladto-Meacha	Chuck Meach
3346	Wretched	
	Eagle	Warren Cline
3386		Paul Hazelton
4391		Al Perrault
6499		Gordon Cornwell
6593	Bar-Bet	Bill Novak

7065	Tag-Along	Dick Thirby
7227	Pip	Ken Lindsay
8001	Charge	Chuck Van Horn



Regatta fun on Grand Traverse Bay.

Fleet 326 has been growing steadily since it organized in 1960. The 1961 season had a good start with ten Lightnings participating. The old hands were on deck however to give real competition to the newcomers and help make the Grand Traverse Yacht Club's first year a complete success.

The first annual Oyster Stag Night was held April 2, 1961 as a get-acquainted party with guests and new members. An entire barrel of oysters were consumed along with other necessities. The 1960 Lightning National Championship films were viewed, gaining the approval of all attending. (We hope the 1961 Nationals will be as thrilling).

The regular scheduled races were held as usual with a high degree of enthusiasm. Among the highlights of the season was the first annual George Smith Memorial Regatta on August 19-20. Charlie Shreck of East Tawas walked off with top honors and Mark Goodwin and Jim Snider taking second and third respectively. Everyone had such an outstanding time that plans are already in progress for the 1962 regatta, with more enthusiasm than ever. With two years experience hosting the regatta it is hoped and contemplated that Grand Traverse Bay will see the Districts for 1963. We hope a big turnout will share with us the best sailing water in the state.

The final standings in Fleet 326 saw Ken Lindsay with wife Alice and son Ken cop the Fleet Championship. Gordon Cornwell with sons Gordie and Steve placed second, and the third spot was shared by Van Horn with his crew Derril Shantz and Bob Brammer. But this is not the end of the story. It appears that the not so fortunate remainder are already scheming toward the 1962 season with the ordering of new boats and plans for better performance from their existing crews.

We of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club sincerely hope that we can meet some new faces this year by extending a warm welcome to all to take part in our 1962 regatta, remembering that it might be well to get some experience on Grand Traverse Bay before attending the Districts here in 1963.

FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNINGS DO JANGADEIROS (327)

Brazilian District

Sailing on Guaiba River, Porto Alegre, Brazil

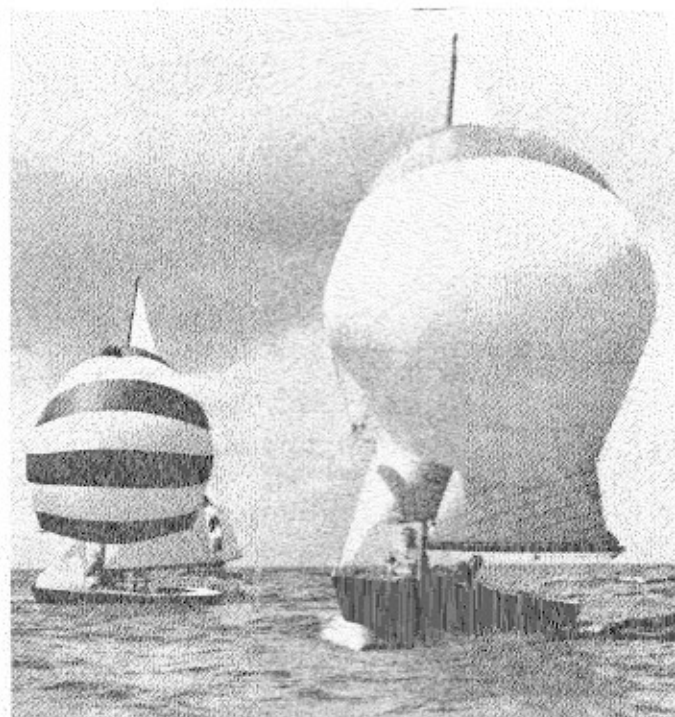
Fleet Captain	Frederico Linck Neto
Fleet Secretary	Kurt Egon Keller
Fleet Champion	Gabriel Gonzales

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6591	Corisco	Frederico Linck Neto
8088	Patinho Feio	Gonzales, Keller & Hennig
8089	Tupi III	Ruben Goidanich
8090	Mercur	Hugo F. Hoffmann
8092	Loreley	Erwin Wailand
8095	Carina	Joao Fernando Krahe

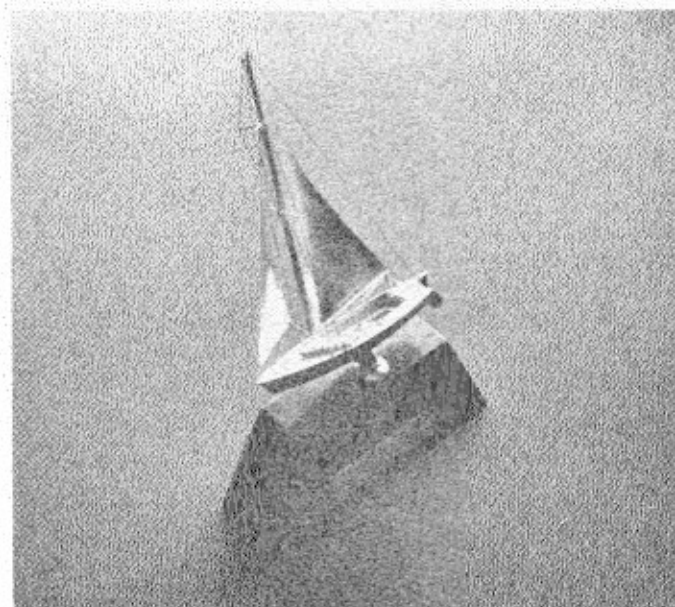
In its first year of life, fleet 327 lost two boats by transference but gained 5 brand-new ones by construction, so that our stand is now up to 6 "Sea-Hawks". We have the feeling that our number of Lightning sailors tends to increase, due to the perfect conditions that this class offers in our rough waters and another contribution to the interest and development of the class was the VI Brazilian Championship, which were held at the Clube dos Jangadeiros, our harbor, by appointment of the District of Brazil.

This fleet's champions, Gabriel Gonzales, Kurt Keller and Paulo Hennig to be brought out specially, because they made first place in all races, in spite of the use of an old cotton-sail, while all other competitors used synthetic-fiber sails.

This makes us proud and happy and our Baía da Tristeza, which literally translated means SAD-BAY has to change its name into HAPPY-BAY.



Patinho feio (Ugly duck) the front boat with cotton sails. Fleet 327's "Schoolmaster"



Jyvaskylä Fleets Championship trophy: "Silver Lightning" whole boat made of silver

JYVASKYLAN LIGHTNING LAIVUE (328)

Finland District

Sailing at Lake Päijänne, Jyvaskyla, Finland

Fleet Captain	Urho Brusi
Fleet Secretary	Matti Nurminen
Fleet Champion	Matti Nurminen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3924	Pluto	Vaino Vaili
4310	Heta	Juhani Ahonen
4335	OK	Osmo Konkola
5059	Pepe	Martti Rusi
7161	Flamingo	Raimo Vikstrom
7173	Meritahti	Urho Brusi
7179	Sami	Veikko Miettinen
7180	Mary	Erkki O. Jussila
7884	PPS	Paijanteen Purjehdusseura
7885	Mona-Lisa	Risto Hamalainen

This season has proved right our charter members bright ideas when they asked last year Fleet Charter for Jyväskylä Fleet. Our fleet has grown to ten boats in the second year of activity in Jyväskylä area, and future seems even brighter, because 6 new boats have been ordered from boatyards for next season, and most of them are coming to active racing skippers.

Last summer our fleet and Yacht Club organized 18 races. In every race there was at least 6 Lightnings in the starting line. Matti Nurminen took the Fleet Championship with a perfect series, winning all three races. Previous years champion Veikko Miettinen followed keenly getting two second places and one third. Matti Nurminen with his "Mary" took also the honours in the Serie Cup followed by Veikko Miettinen with "Sami" and Urho Brusi with "Meritahti".

In the Spring our fleet organized Lightning Department in a Boat Show held in Jyväskylä. Fleet exhibited in a great hall a Lightning in a sailing condition, with sails on and all gear aboard. The success was tremendous and made magnificent propaganda for our class and boat.



Mark and Mike discuss racing tactics at the Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis.

SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329)

Dixie District

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, Md.

Fleet Captain	Frank Mullins
Fleet Secretary	Franz Schneider
Fleet Champion	Franz Schneider
Runner-Up	Frank Mullins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
286	Rover	Donald Hatchard
663	Nudnick	Joseph G. Caplan
788		E. A. Lankford
2172	So-wester	John Searles
2971	Wynken	Morgan H. Baldwin Jr.
3087		Dr. Charles H. Bondurant
3088	Diastole	Dr. Richard S. Ross
3352		William H. Daiger
3509	Valkyrie	Col. Donald H. Heaton
3659		Kenneth Cooper
3966	Arib	Frank J. Hughes
4835		Joseph O. Danko, Jr.
5079	Woozle	Sheila & Franz Schneider Jr.
5641	Sandbur	Annetta Durken
5786	Jills	Lt. Col. Ira McMann
5791	Blinken	Morgan H. Baldwin Jr.
6523	Aldebran	Frank G. Mullins Jr.
6860		Dr. Robert Boudreau

Fleet 329 had an active initial season. Our boats participated in eight away regattas, twelve club races and five local regattas sailed on the Severn River.

Our Fleet Championship went to Woozle, sailed alternately by Franz Schneider and his wife Sheila. Runner up position went to Aldebran skippered by Frank Mullins. Next was Dr. Robert Boudreau. A comet sailor in his bachelor days, Bob does quite well on the wind and should become a real threat as he and his family crew master spinnaker work.

The club racing at the Severn Sailing Association as broken up into a number of short series. The races that go into making up these series are held on Sunday afternoon. There are two races to an afternoon. The spring series saw Jimmy Burke and commander Galvin of the Washington fleet sailing with us as guests. After six races the Schneiders sailing their Woozle emerged on top to collect the silver trophy.

Our Fourth of July events saw Jimmy Burke and Commander Galvin emerge in a first place tie after two races. For lack of a draft card Jimmy was forced to give way to Commander Galvin who was awarded the prize, a bottle of bourbon. Third was Franz Schneider.

Unfortunately vacations reduced participation in our summer series and we were only able to race in two of the events. After these Franz Schneider was again in the lead followed by Jimmy Burke, Frank Mullins and Bob Boudreau.

The Fall series closed our season as Frank Mullins registered a clean sweep of the three race series. Second was Franz Schneider followed by Bob Boudreau.

In the regatta circuit, Frank Mullins with his regular crew of Charlie Reed and Dean Ferus brought home the bacon by winning the A.Y.C. Fall Series Regatta and placing third in the A.Y.C. Summer Regatta. While not doing quite as well, the team sailing Woozle did a good job too. Franz Schneider brought her home fifth in the Dixie District Championships, third at the Spray Beach Regatta, third at the Corsica River Regatta and fourth at the Surf City Regatta. Johnny Veltman, Woozle's hard working spinnaker man, showed that he could skipper too as he won the Indian Landing Regatta. His crew for the event was his sister, Julie and Sheila Schneider.

Our local Regattas had a fine turnout averaging fifteen boats each. Marbury Fox of the Baltimore Yacht Club fleet won the A.Y.C. spring series sailed in the river. At the Severn Sailing Association Regatta Barney Mead and his sons led the fleet. The Summer A.Y.C. Regatta was held out in the bay on their course "J". Again Dixie District Champion Marb Fox took first. Up river at the Indian Landing Regatta, Johnny Veltman won a close series over second place Harriet Steigman and Lee Brown.

Indeed our first season as an official fleet was successful. Next season we are looking forward to more boats and more good sailing. We are taking steps to encourage more club sailing and expect some of our new people to take a more active part in our program.

CRAB ORCHARD FLEET (330)

Midwest District

Sailing on Crab Orchard Lake, Carbondale, Illinois

Fleet Captain	W. R. Scott
Fleet Secretary	Donald Shoemaker
Fleet Champion	Ernie Limpus

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2210	ID	Donald Shoemaker
5217	Ziggity	Ernest Heyworth
	Zailor	
5226	Manta Sea	Ernie Limpus
8091	Sasi II	Wilson R. Scott, M.D.

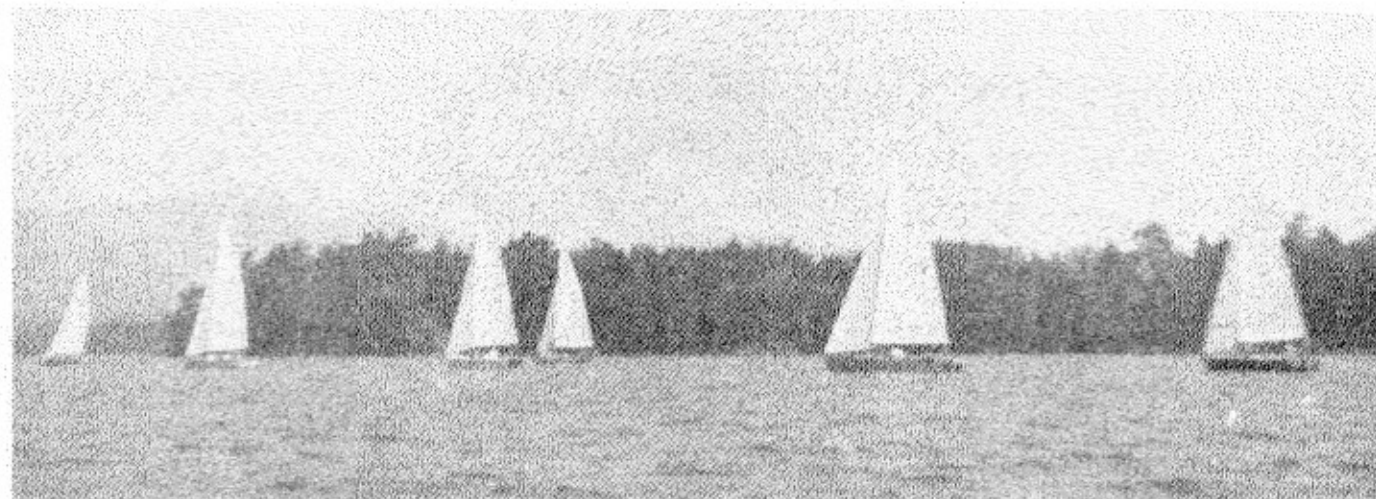
Lightning fleet 330 has been in an active state of reorganization during the past season, practically all Lightnings have changed hands during this year except for Ernie Limpus and his Manta Sea, which carried him to fleet championship for the year. Dr. Scott's fiberglass Lightning, which has been on order for a year, was finally delivered in time for the fall haul-out so that Scottie had very little Lightning competition during the year. Our fleet welcomes Ernest Heyworth, whose previous sailing affiliation was on the East coast. He came to our fleet with Ted East's Lightning and Ernie in his enthusiasm has done very well. He attended the Kentucky Lake Watkin's Cup Regatta where he learned many tricks of the trade. Don Shoemaker, who was looking for a good family boat and good racing competition, purchased Daniel Cook's. Dan is going to Europe to study. Dr. Scott, who built a Y-Flyer through the winter months, took in a multitude of regattas and brought a trophy back from each. He

attributes this record to the fact that he is a Lightning sailor. In spite of being a die hard for the Lightning Class, he does give some recognition to the sporty yet tender Y-Flyer.

The fourth annual Egyptian Cup Regatta was held on the second week-end of June with an excellent turn out of Lightnings from St. Louis, Memphis, Nashville, and Kentucky Lake. Bob Llevett of the Nashville Sailing Association, copped first place, "Augie" Paoli of St. Louis, second and "Mitch" Bohenkamp from St. Louis, third.

Through much of the push of the Lightning Fleet 330 and its fleet captain, many sailing club improvements were made, electricity was obtained and the installation of an electric hoist for the dry sailors was initiated and will be completed by spring. 200 feet of dock space will be available for the spring regatta, planned for June 8, 9, and 10th, 1962.

At a recent club meeting of fleet 330, officers were elected and Wilson R. Scott was reappointed Fleet Captain. Donald Shoemaker was elected to the office of Fleet Secretary.



Members of Fleet 332 having a "close one" on beautiful Squam Lake

SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)

New England District

Sailing on Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Champion Howard O. Wood
Runner-Up Robert Wherland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1721	Avenger	Robert Custance
3220	Havoc	Howard Wood
3279	Typon	Richardson Blair
6668	Turnbuckle	Watson A. Rand
7022	Galaxy	L. B. Flint
7820	Cream Puff	Robert Wherland

The first season of fleet racing on Squam Lake provided good experience and close competition for all the skippers. The season series was not decided until the last race, with Bob Wherland in his new "Cream Puff" taking first; Howdy Wood, second; and Bert Flint, third. The Championship Series, held over the long Labor Day Weekend, brought out all six boats for three days of perfect racing. The first two races were easily taken by Bob Wherland, with Howdy Wood second in each. On the last leg of the third race Bob had a commanding lead; but his wife flipped overboard when a hiking strap broke. Then arose the big question on Squam Lake: Was Bob really not able to get his wife back on board or did he enjoy the peace and quiet of sailing without her? Seriously, the weather was such that Bob was unable to get her back on board, and was disqualified. (A powerboat following the race made a quick rescue.)

The Championship was won by Howdy Wood, with Bob Wherland second, and Watt Rand third.

Howdy Wood took his "Havoc" up to the N.H.-VT. Series at Burlington, the "Districts" at Annisquam and was joined by Watt Rand, Bob Custance and Bob Wherland for the Winnepesaukee Regatta. Bob Wherland ended up the season at the Massabesic Regatta.

With a full season on home waters and representatives at four District Regattas, fleet 332 can look back and classify its first year as tremendously successful.

PALM BEACH FLEET (333)

Southeastern District

Sailing at Palm Beach, Fla. on Lake Worth

Fleet Captain Eugene H. Carpenter
Committee Chairman Robert D. Tylander
Fleet Champion Eugene H. Carpenter
(Spring Series)
Fleet Champion William B. Cudahy
(Fall Series)

393	Old Lightning	Graham-Eckes School
1155	Salty	Marjorie Tylander Willes
3437	Leprechaun	Graham-Eckes School
4499	Blue Lightning	Graham-Eckes School
5081	Helen Hywater	Eugene H. & Dr. Eugene W. Carpenter
6615	Joint Venture	Robert L. Warfield & Harold G. Maass
6667	New Lightning	Graham-Eckes School
7808	Ellie Sue	Robert A. Brown
8063	C. Sharp	William B. Cudahy

Fleet 333 started its second year of racing with a bang and ended with a blast. Palm Beach sent two boats to the Miami Yacht Club Sunshine Regatta. Bill "The Fox" Cudahy and "Ruthless" Robert Tylander collaborating in Ellie Sue placed second while "Wildman" Carpenter in Helen Hywater managed a fifth place. Next came St. Pete with Tylander and Cudahy again representing Palm Beach.

The George Washington Regatta sponsored by the City of West Palm Beach was the first local regatta of the year. Lots of wine, wind and wonderful spinnaker runs provided plenty of action. Bill Cudahy, with a lovely all girl crew, placed first while a dazzled Bob Tylander and a frazzled Gene Carpenter struggled in second and third. Who said age before beauty? The Spring Series produced four photo finishes between Gene Carpenter in Helen Hywater and Bill Cudahy in Ellie Sue. Going into the seventh and final race these two crews were tied for first. The final gun went to Carpenter and with it the Spring Championship.

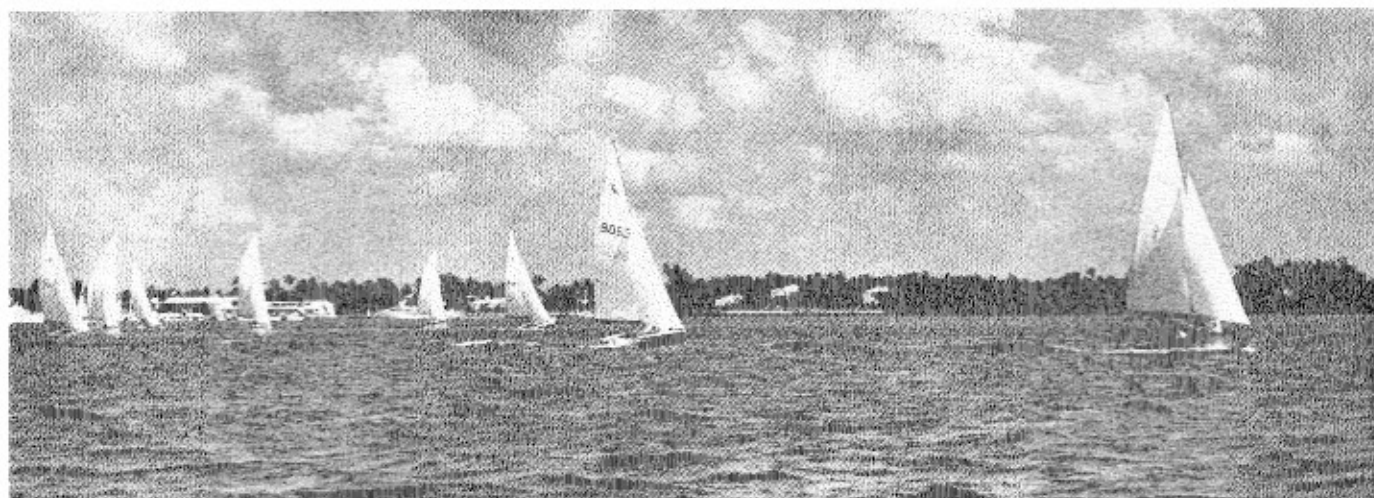
Palm Beach was represented in the Southeastern District at Port St. Lucie by "Tricky" Tylander and "Crafty" Carpenter. While our representatives left some room for improvement, a good time was had by all and WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR! Summer brought a number of short fun series ending with the Sailfish Club's Labor Day races.

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The Fall Series was completed December 9th. This hotly contested series marked the arrival of Harold Maass and Bob Warfield to our sailing fraternity. Bill Cudahy returned from vacation with a beautiful new Lightning, C. Sharp. Bob Tylander acquired the use of the Ellie Sue and with "Dunking" Doug Wendel and "Querulous" Quint Vrooman became the scourge of Lake Worth. It was not until the final race that our Fall Champion was determined with Bill Cudahy first, followed closely by Tylander, Carpenter and Maass-Warfield. This final two races of this series were sailed with eye lids at half mast as the result of festivities in connection with the Miami-Palm Beach Ocean Race. Yes, we ended our season with a BLAST. Had it not been

for Alex Carlin bringing his boat up from Miami and verifying the location of marks and shoals we might have had serious casualties.

The Palm Beach Lightning Fleet is most indebted to Bob Tylander, our Club Sailing Committee Chairman, our very capable race committee and to the Graham-Eckes School for our fun filled 1961 Sailing Year. Plans are in progress for a bigger and better year of sailing in 1962. We plan a New Year's Holiday Series and will have a special Lightning Regatta following the 1962 Miami-Palm Beach Ocean Race. Fleet 333 is fortunate to be located in the land of year-round sailing. We are eagerly looking forward to the 1962 Racing Season.



Fleet 333 on a sunny December afternoon in Palm Beach, Florida

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB (335)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay at Harvey Cedars, N.J.

Fleet Captain.....	S. C. Streep
Fleet Secretary.....	Mary Ann Steitz
Fleet Champion.....	S. C. Streep
Runner-Up.....	Howard Adelstein

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
263	.....	F. J. Lipka
3026	Fireball	S. C. Streep
5450	Sea Hawk	Dr. J. A. Steitz
6215	Good Grief	Howard Adelstein
6714	Southern Cross	Joseph B. Krug
81??	Vimabesa	S. C. Streep

Our new and small fleet is an outgrowth of the BLYC handicap races of prior years. In 1960 we had three Lightnings, but did not race separately. That was a banner year for breaking masts, as Art Steitz challenged a beacon, Howard Adelstein jibed his main over to help his spinnaker and Sam Streep trimmed his mast with a Christmas-tree hardware arrangement.

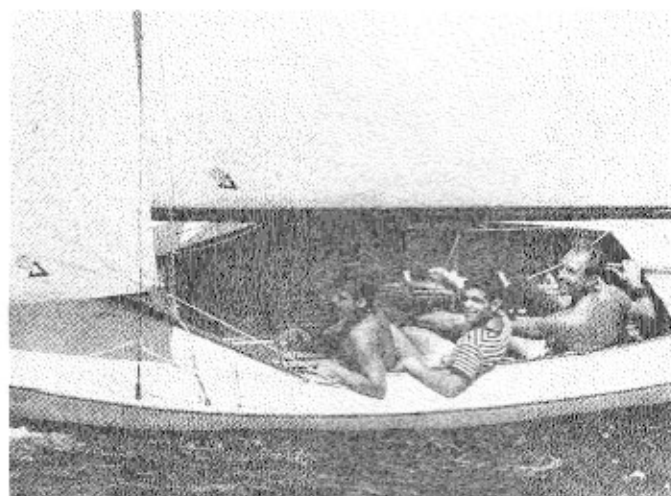
The 1961 season started auspiciously with Streep and crew (daughter Sally and Commodore Dr. Bill Leute of BLYC) joining the "Bottoms-Up Club" in the first race. Vivian Streep joined the crew at this point and ole Doc (age 39+) retired to his rocking chair. We flew our spinnakers gingerly for a few weeks after that and had several skull sessions with the sterns of the boats tied to the Club dock.

Our annual regatta was a howling success. In the first race we managed to beat several of the Flying Dutchmen who had started earlier. In the last race, sailed in 35-knot winds, Adelstein nosed out Streep by planing gloriously down the channel on the broad reach. The eminently well prepared Dr. Steitz remedied a split mainsail by simply hauling her down and hoisting his spare. We found he was also good at hoisting jibs on spinnaker halyards whenever his jib halyard went up the mast (twice).

There is espionage within our fleet. Howard Adelstein won a race by heeding John Streep, age 11, his stand-by crew, who predicted his father would go aground before reaching the finish line. Joe Krug shanghaied Connie Steitz aboard the "Southern Cross" as jib gal, much to the improvement of his racing record. The rumor is that Mary Ann Steitz is mighty Bligh-like toward her crew (parents).

We sailed each Saturday and Sunday during the summer. Streep was the victor in the season's races and Adelstein, aided by a new suit of sails and a skilled spinnaker gal, his wife Clarice, runner-up. Enthusiasm runs high in Fleet 335. We have some young people who are really learning to sail and several crew members give evidence of wanting to buy boats and become captains (so they can shout too).

Our sincere thanks go to Race Committee Chairman Beau Freeman and his committee and to all the nice crashboaters who dragged us in occasionally.



"Awa", Skipper Nikos Couclis, crew George Repanelis and George Hatzargiridis after finishing 3rd at Salonica, 3rd Race.

AEOLIAN (336)

Greek District

Based at Mitilini Yacht Club, Lesbos Island

Fleet Captain.....	Manolis Mallidis
Fleet Secretary.....	Nikos Couclis
Fleet Champion.....	Nikos Couclis
Runner-Up.....	George Repanelis

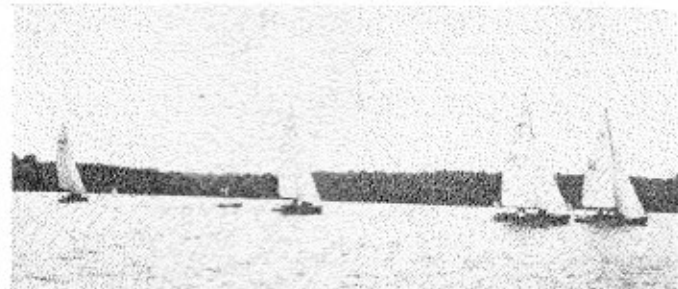
Boat No.	Boat Name	Owned by
4952	Synthia	Mitilini Y.C., Lesbos Island
5495	Sappho	Mitilini Y.C., Lesbos Island
5731	Avra	Mitilini Y.C., Lesbos Island

Fleet 336 was formed at the Yacht Club of Mitilini, Lesbos Island, one year ago and started immediately its activities. Facilities were completed and a crane was installed in the Club's small private port. The Fleet participated with its boat "Avra", No. 5731—skipper, Nikos Couclelis, Crew George Repanelis and George Hatzigargidu—to the European Championship in Corfu Island, placing 17th among 36 contestants, to the District Championship, placing 10th among 24 contestants, and also to the races which took place in Salonica on the occasion of the International Fair.

To reach Corfu and Salonica, "Avra" had to be ferried over 1,000 miles on various steamers and also on Hellenic Royal Navy destroyers and landing crafts and was transhipped twelve times without the slightest damage.

The Fleet organized in its home waters long distance races and also races for junior crews. Our junior champion, among 25 enthusiastic competitors, is 16 years old Panagiotis Papastefanis.

The Fleet will most probably acquire a new boat during next year.



Fleet #338

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

Central New York District

Sailing on Galway Lake, Galway, N. Y.

Fleet Captain.....	Robert W. Race
Fleet Secretary.....	Robert W. Race
Fleet Champion.....	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster
Runner-Up.....	Robert W. Race

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
316		Dale H. Brown
1272	Rambler	Everett S. Holden
2632	Nite-Mare	Robert W. Race
3455	Chinook	James Dickson
7809		Kenneth E. Buhrmaster

Fleet 338 was organized in August with four boats in the water and one, Dale Brown's, undergoing revitalization. We were able to get in eight (8) races before Labor Day which marked the end of our season although we sailed informally into October. Our champion, Ken Buhrmaster, proved that the combination of a top-notch skipper in a new boat is really tough to beat. The rest of us are to scratching our heads as to how we'll beat (or at least catch) him next year.

Our presentation of awards at the annual Galway Lake Sailing Club Banquet aroused interest among the 200 sailing enthusiasts present and we hope to see this interest result in an enlarged Lightning Fleet next summer.

PENTWATER YACHT CLUB FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Pentwater Lake at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....	George E. Tubich
Fleet Secretary.....	Harry V. Wilkinson
Fleet Champion.....	Dr. W. G. Robinson
Runner-Up.....	Eugene L. Todd

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2516	Mischief	Harry V. Wilkinson
2735	Miss T	George E. Tubich
3066	Nereus	Mike Todd
4945	Trilogy	Dr. John Olwin
5650	Lazy Squaw	Eugene L. Todd
7714	Therapy	Dr. Jack Graettinger

For several years we have been growing from a few Lightnings until today when we have six. Now we have become a fleet which makes us very happy.

A very successful sailing season has passed. It was very pleasing to have as many as eleven Lightnings in a Sunday race which made for stiff competition and sailing skill.

Dr. Robinson has left for missionary work in India and has sold his Fiberglass Lightning #7714 to Dr. Jack Graettinger as his Lightning #314 was severely damaged when it got loose in a storm so our Championship boat is still in the fleet. Dr. John Olwin, in co-ownership, has purchased Lightning #4945 and we are looking forward to having him in competition with us next year.

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