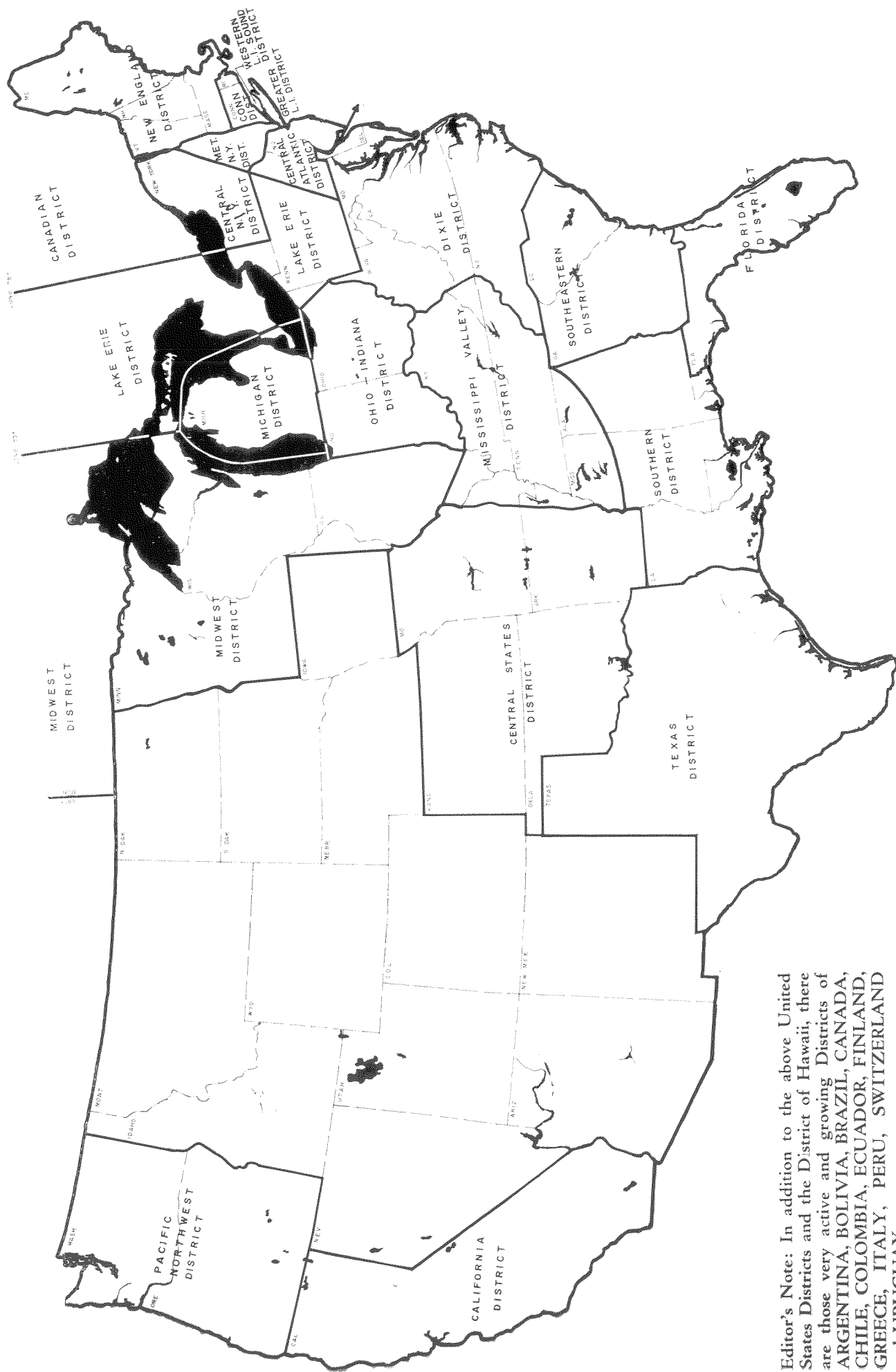


Lightning Districts



Editor's Note: In addition to the above United States Districts and the District of Hawaii, there are those very active and growing Districts of ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, FINLAND, GREECE, ITALY, PERU, SWITZERLAND and URUGUAY.

Lightning Districts

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Ralph Messersmith

Vice Commodore: Dale Allen

District Secretary: Nelson Hoffman

District Treasurer: Bill Dunbar

Publicity Director: Ed Hance

District Champion: Marcy Lippincott

District Runner-up: Bob Seidelmann

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

District Report: A very successful season was inaugurated by the Early Bird Series held at Brant Beach Yacht Club on consecutive Sundays from April 29 through May 27. Bill Clausen III got his newly refinished WILLIES off to a fast start in the first race and continued his winning ways to win the series with finishes of 1-1-1-2. Dr. Gordon Buzby finished second and Tom Coe third in widely varied winds and temperatures. The wonderful work by the Race Committee consisting of Mrs. Peg Buzby and Tom Coe was appreciated by all!!

Central Atlantic District sailors participating in the 1st Annual Long John Regatta sponsored by Monmouth Boat Club on April 28 and 29 fared very well in a 27 boat fleet. Bob Lippincott finished 1st, Marcy Lippincott 2nd, Jim Carson 4th, Marge Alexander 6th, and Howard Mullin 7th. The three race series was sailed in moderate-to-heavy air with seven boats capsizing in the first race, and two others in the second.

Eleven Lightnings sailed in the Governor's Cup Regatta at Riverton Yacht Club on June 30-July 1. Weather was excellent. Bob Adams finished first, Arnold Schwartz second, and Dale Allen third.

Bob Seidelmann won the New Jersey State Lightning Championship on June 16-17 at Brant Beach Yacht Club with 27 Lightnings competing.

Seventeen boats sailed in the South Jersey State Lightning Championship at Brigantine Yacht Club on July 21-22. The weather was heavy and stormy for Saturday's races but turned clear and balmy with 8-10 MPH winds for the final race on Sunday. Bob Adams displayed excellent heavy weather ability taking first place honors with finishes of 1-1-2. Bob's sister, Marge Alexander, kept most of the prizes in the family capturing second with finishes of 1-3-4. Arnold Schwartz was third with a 5-2-2 series. The original prizes consisted of Lightning plaques done in the actual colors of the winning boats.

The District Championship was sailed on Barnegat Bay at Lavalette Yacht Club on July 27-28. All three races were sailed under overcast skies with a choppy sea. Wind velocities were 30 MPH during the first race and 15 to 20 MPH in the second and third. Marcy Lippincott emerged victorious with two first place finishes. Bob Seidelmann finished second and John Walton third in "old 1726". A total of 26 Lightnings turned out for the Championship Regatta.

The Atlantic Coast Lightning Championship was also sailed on Barnegat Bay, from Bay Head Yacht Club, the weekend following the District Championships. Jim Carson sailed "Trident" to 3-2-5 finishes to beat Carter Ford of Riverside, Conn. Marcy Lippincott finished third 1/2 point behind Ford. Although skies were cloudy the regatta was favored by fresh breezes.

Twenty Lightnings sailed in the Little Egg Harbor Invitational Regatta at Beach Haven on August 18-19. Marge Alexander placed first, with Bob Seidelmann second, and Ralph Messersmith third.

The Annual Surf City Invitational Regatta was held on Sept. 8-9 with 22 Lightnings sailing. Dr. Gordon Buzby sailed consistently well to capture the regatta with finishes of 2-1-1. John Sullivan took the second place trophy and Dale Allen was third.

The District regatta season was closed on Sept. 15-16 by the 2nd Annual Riverton Yacht Club Lightning Invitational Regatta.

A fleet of 24 boats representing 10 fleets participated. Bob Adams took first place honors with 1st and 4th place finishes in light—to-moderate air. John Walton and Bob Seidelmann finished second and third. The third race was halted by the time limit as the first boat rounded the final leeward mark in light air.

Five Central Atlantic District sailors journeyed to Buffalo for the North American Championship on August 27 through September 1. We were well represented by Bob Seidelmann who finished third. In order to keep close watch on the tactics of our competitors from other areas we also managed to successfully nail down the final position in the President's Cup.

This year the C.A.D. constitution was reprinted and distributed to all members. The District Championships are now held on a rotating basis giving all fleets an equal opportunity to sponsor and participate in the championships. The constitution has also been amended so that new officers take office on the 1st of the year giving the previous group time to wind up the season's business. A new office of publicity director has been added to assure the best possible coverage for C.A.D. activities.

We are looking forward to another successful season in 1963 with still better participation in District activities. Let's have a record turnout at the Early Bird Series starting April 21 at Surf City Yacht Club—good sailing!

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Kenneth E. Crotty

District Secretary-Treasurer: Gerald W. Young

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

The "Districts" were held at the Skaneateles Country Club Aug. 4-5. A fleet of 29 Lightnings registered, representing 7 out of the 16 fleets. Represented were: Sodus (defending fleet), Skaneateles, Newport, Cazenovia, Mayfield, Conesus, and Red Jacket. A four-race series was planned but the race committee had to cancel the fourth race because of no wind.

Now the first race was started Saturday morning. Winds were 8-12 mph, triangular course, buoys to starboard, twice around, each leg 1 1/2 miles. The first race was won by Charlie Halligan (Sodus) with Charlie Doerflinger (Conesus) second and Jack Griffiths (Cazenovia) third.

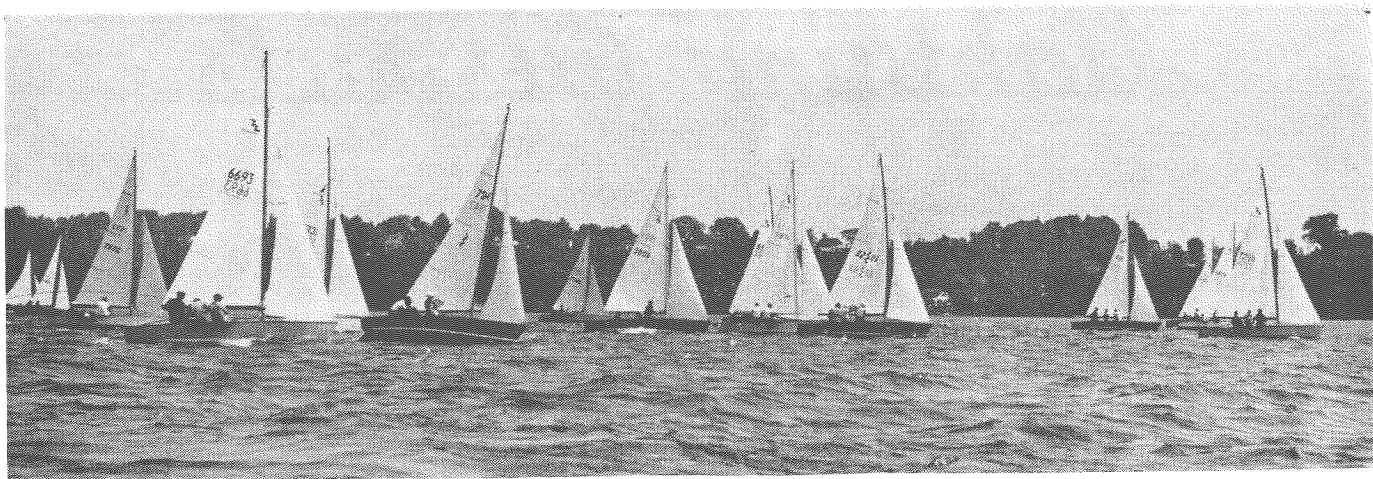
The second race Saturday afternoon was the same course but winds had increased to 12-20 mph. John Sprague (Sodus) won the race, Hugh Dietz (Skaneateles) was second and Skinner Reynolds (also Skaneateles) was third. At the end of the two races the standings were very close:

Standing	Skipper	Finish	Points
1	John Sprague	6-1	51 1/4
2	Charlie Halligan	1-8	49 1/4
3	Jack Griffiths	3-6	49
3	Bob Woolman	4-5	49

The third race Sunday morning started in a 15mph breeze. John Sprague broke his rudder just before the start and was unable to compete. Midway the wind died down and the race ended in a drifting match with a shortened course. Lead positions changed several times during the last leg spinnaker run with light fresh wind streaks favoring the center of the lake. Bob Jamison, by superior spinnaker adjustment in light shift air, won the third race and the series. Ed Dean (Mayfield) was second and Bob Woolman (Newport) third. The final standings were:

Standing	Skipper	Finish	Points	Fleet
1	Bob Jamison	7- 4- 1	75 1/4	Newport
2	Bob Woolman	4- 5- 3	75	Newport
3	Jack Griffiths	3- 6- 6	72	Cazenovia
4	Charlie Halligan ..	1- 8-12	66 1/4	Sodus
5	Warren Duerr	5-12- 4	66	Newport

The race committee, host club facilities and entertainment



Shortly after the start of the Central New York Districts

were well organized and smoothly operated.

The 1963 Districts are scheduled for August at the Willow Bank Yacht Club on Cazenovia Lake about fifteen miles east of Syracuse. We hope to see you there.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jack Worley

District Secretary: Ralph Persson

Fleets: Jayhawk (60); Tulsa Sailing Club (205); Ouachita Fleet (284); Fort Gibson Sailing Club (293); Oddwinds (296); Oklahoma City Boat Club (343).

The Central States District had a very active and successful year under the able leadership of Commodore Stanley Brander of Tulsa.

The district officers invited Allen Bernel of the Buffalo Canoe Club to share with us his expert knowledge of sails and racing technique. The meeting was so successful that those attending suggested that a similar winter event be an annual district function.

The 1962 District Regatta was sailed in Oklahoma at Lake Fort Gibson with Western Hills Lodge as headquarters. Twenty-six boats were registered for the event. They sailed five individual races on an official Lightning course.

The first race was sailed Friday, June 22. A fine breeze provided ample wind to fill spinnakers and dampen the crew. Results of the first race were: Bob Lennart, first; Bob Gierow, second; and Skip Ligon, third. Due to the excellent breeze, two races were sailed, back-to-back, Friday afternoon. The first race of the afternoon again found Bob Lennart, first; Bob Gierow was second, and Gordon Reabe was third. Bob Lennart made it three in-a-row by winning the second race of the afternoon. He was followed by Dick Wootton, second and Stanley Brander third.

Saturday morning, skippers found a beautiful sunny day, but no wind. Races were postponed until 1:30 p.m. Skippers and crew felt quite relieved when the breeze returned about 1:00 p.m. Two races were sailed, back-to-back. Results for the first race were: First, Gordon Reabe; second, Bob Lennart; third, Jones, Schwartz. The results for the second race were: Harris Squire, first; Dean Arnold, second; Gaines Houston, third.

In the fifth race of the series, Skipper Lennart was protested for his maneuver in rounding a buoy on the port tack. The race committee ruled in favor of the protest and Lennart's final standing was lowered. However, Lennart's appeal to the National Lightning Association caused the decision to be reversed and Bob Lennart was declared Champion of the Central States District for 1962.

Saturday evening an awards banquet was held in the lodge. Winners were congratulated and trophies were awarded.

Sunday morning the annual district meeting was held with representatives from all fleets present. Jack Worley of Topeka, Kansas was elected District Commodore for the 1963 season. Commodore Worley appointed Ralph Persson, also of Topeka, as district secretary. It was the decision of the skippers to hold the 1963 regatta at Lake Fort Gibson the third weekend in June.

Central States District Final Standings 1962

Skipper	Boat No.	Fleet	Position
Bob Lennart	7831	205	1
Gordon Reabe	7551	296	2
Stanley Brander	7832	205	3
Jack Worley	7001	60	4

Gaines Houston	7655	284	5
Dick Wootton	5855	284	6
Harris Squire	6901	205	7
Bob Gierow	6300	284	8
Jones-Schwartz	7960	60	9
Tommy Flanagan	7283	205	10

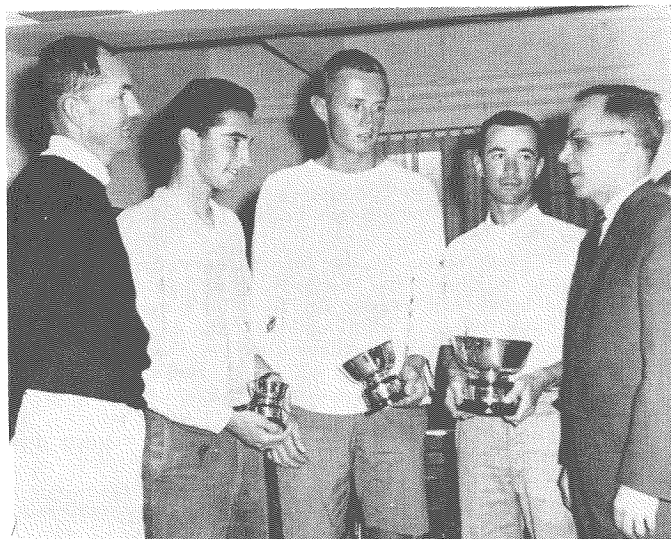
CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: James R. Allen

District Secretary: Barbara Hadlow (Mrs. David M. Jr.)

District Treasurer: John Ireland

District Measurer: Bud Olsen



Connecticut-Rhode Island District winners Dave Chanoux, Steve Bachman and Bill Healy with I.C.A. Pres. Marty O'Meara, Jr. and Connecticut Lt. Governor Armantano.

Fleets: Housatonic (6); Black Rock (17); Columbia Lake (49); Branford (63); Candlewood Lake (82); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Western Narragansett Bay (119); Cedar Point (126); Madison Beach (129); Noroton (134); Pequot (153); Wadawanuck (183); Norwalk (230); Milford (238); Darien (255); Sachem's Head (269); Sheffield Island (302); Pettipaug Fleet (344).

The Connecticut and Rhode Island District of the Lightning Association had a long, varied and successful season. From the First Chance Series in May at the Milford Yacht Club to the September election of our District Commodore Martin J. O'Meara, Jr. as National President of the Lightning Association the season was full of sailing that was good and events that were exciting.

Our new Commodore James R. Allen had been working on a Constitution and By-Laws when he was elected. This project is being completed as of this printing, and will be a truly difficult



AT CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YC SEPTEMBER 28TH AND 29TH

task well done by the time you read this. These will cover revised rules for the Districts as well as job analysis for officers and so on.

Just to hit the high spots of our racing season, in May we went to Milford where we had between 28 and 32 boats for three weekends straight. It was an interesting start with much discussion about the new sails everyone seemed to have. Bob Bavier christened his new boat there, and the trophies were won by Olsens, Brockett, and Peterson. From there we went to the Early Bird at Niantic Bay. This was a lovely weekend highlighted by champagne toasts for Bud Olsen's daughter and Ted Merritt, Bud's crew, who were being married the next Friday but were sailing anyway. Next there was Groton Long Point's third annual invitational. In three years this club has gone from four old boats to a fleet of nine, six of them new. ECYRA was at Sachem's Head the same weekend as the Long Island Sound Championship was at Riverside Yacht Club in Bay Head, New Jersey. As always the former was good, and the latter, we are told, was good sailing and good fun.

The Conn.-R.I. Districts were held at Niantic Bay August 11th & 12th and were absolutely cursed with bad weather. Saturday was a very light day, so miserable and fluky and with such erratic wind directions that, combined with the failure of the communications system with the stake boats, it was impossible to have a morning race at all. In the afternoon the wind, such as it was, lasted just long enough to get us to the starting line area, about a mile out, before it disappeared. Frustrated sailors and race committee finally called it a day about 4:30 and strung up for row to the club. Sunday morning was clear and lovely but Dame Fortune was not in Niantic, as the morning race had to be shortened after two long periods of becalm began to threaten the afternoon racing time. Everyone was first and last in that race at least once. Everyone dropped anchor for lunch on their boat, the wind picked up and we had an interesting second race which was plagued by tide on two legs. The wind continued to shift and we think everyone had at least one new experience with water and wind. When the results were in and the points tallied the eight boats qualifying for the North Americans were: Bill Healy, 66 points; Steve Bachman, 62; Dave Chanoux, 60; Henry Sprague, 58; Lee Demarest, 55; Bud Olsen, 54; Dave Peterson, 52; Bob Bavier, 51. Ken Ireland with 47 and Bob Shealor with 43 were substitutes. However, they were not needed as the one who qualified went to Buffalo with bells on. We were thrilled and delighted to have the Lt. Governor of the State of Connecticut to award the trophies. Lt. Governor Armantano was very interested in the proceedings and said it was the first time he had ever had the opportunity to make this sort of award.

A really interested sailor never lets a weekend go by and the next weekend found us at Milford's Tri-Club Regatta, which was followed by the Governor's Cup at Branford, won again by Wayne Brockett. The following weeks saw the North Americans and the Cedar Point Invitational followed by the Last Chance at Milford and the really fabulous Quantico Regatta hosted by the Marines. By the time the district had finished at Quantico the weather had finished with us, there being naught to do but haul her out and start to plan for this season.

With the addition of a newly chartered Fleet at Pettipaug, Essex, Conn., our district has nineteen fleets of which thirteen are active. We would all like to join together and wish you the best sailing ever in 1963, and hope you'll have the opportunity to sail in the Connecticut-Rhode Island District.

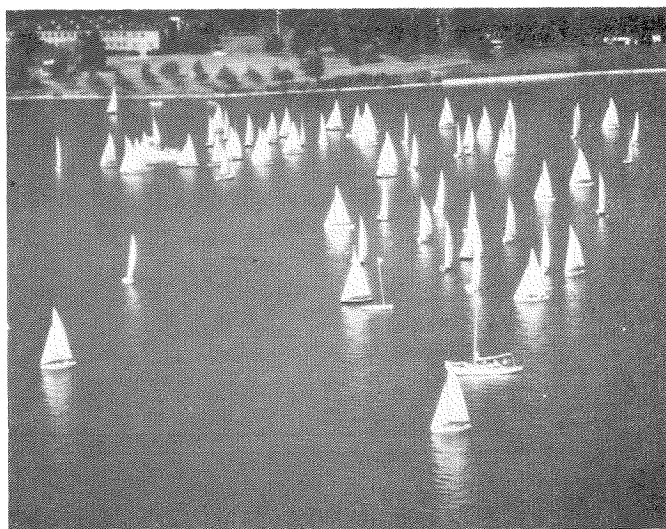
DIXIE DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Mary Wilkinson
District Vice-Commodore: Franz K. Schneider
District Secretary: John A. Moore
District Champion: Marbury B. Fox, Jr.
District Runner-Up: Robert W. Tunnell

Fleets: Washington (50); Indian River (72); Sue Island (87); Northeast River (192); Susquehanna (253); Rehoboth (325); Sassafras River (314); Severn River (329); Marine Corps Schools (354).

District Report: The annual mid-winter District meeting held in Wilmington, Delaware, was the first activity for the 1962 season. Well-attended by representatives from all fleets in the District, it proved to be the start of a very busy season. After cocktails and dinner, new officers for the year were installed. Various items of business were discussed and acted upon. After the close of the meeting, the members adjourned to the lounge for never-ending stories which prevail in groups who have this great common interest.

The District Championships were held at the Baltimore Yacht Club, home club of Fleet 87 and the 1961 Champion, Marbury



Quantico 1962—Before the race and only another 30 boats to show

Fox, on June 9 and 10, which was the earliest we have ever held this event. It proved to be a perfect weekend with beautiful weather and wind that would fill any sailor's dream.

After five races in which the winds were never under 15 MPH, Marbury Fox had sailed his "Tally-Ho" to victory for the second year in a row. Placing second was Robert Tunnell; third, Herman Henschen; fourth, James Burke; fifth, Barney Mead; sixth, Frank Williams. These skippers represented the Dixie District at the North American Championships.

Other activities were regattas held throughout the District, fourteen in all. These were sponsored by the Annapolis Yacht Club, Baltimore Yacht Club, Severn Sailing Association, Glen Mar Sailing Association, Miles River Yacht Club, Indian River Yacht Club, Corsica River Yacht Club, Potapskut Sailing Association, Susquehanna Yacht Club, Washington Sailing Association, and the Marine Corps Schools.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Marine Corps Schools Fleet 354 to the District. Again this year we saw another tremendous turn-out for their Frost-Bite Regatta, which has become so well-known throughout the Lightning Class.

The racing season was concluded at the Baltimore Yacht Club's Frigid Digit Regatta sponsored by Fleet 87 on October 28 and 29. This event was won by Stu Anderson of the Niagara Sailing Club. This was the second consecutive year the Regatta was won by a Lake Erie District skipper, Tom Fallon of Buffalo Canoe Club being the first.

Now that the season is over many individual and District plans are being made ready for the new season.

FINLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Esko Lindstrom

District Secretary: Raimo Aromaa

District Champion: Aimo Hanninen

District Runner-Up: Raimo-Ragnar Nordstrom

Fleet: Helsinki (166); Kokkola (297); Kotka (298); Loviisa (299); Pori (306); Oulu (307); Raahe (308); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Lahti (349).

District Report: Lightning Class activity has continued its growth steadily in Finland this season. Several fleets have new boats to make races "hotter", and we have also established one more fleet in the Finland District, Lahti Lightning Fleet, 349, which is the second fleet in our lake area. As many readers of this book have probably heard, we have here in Finland about 60,000 (that's true—sixty thousand) lakes, but there has been very little sailing activity on those lakes. Now it seems that our dear Lightning has begun to convert those numerous lakes to yachting, as Lahti Fleet is the second lake fleet in two years in our district.

Finland district's season began with the annual meeting in September in Helsinki, where District officials were elected for the season. Esko Lindstrom was re-elected as Commodore, also all the other officers of the district were re-elected.

The highlight of this season was, of course, the Lightning Class European Championships, which were organized this year by the Finland District. Championships were held in Helsinki in July. Yacht club Merenkavijat, which is the second greatest in Finland,

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The Michigan District congratulates Tawas Bay Yacht Club on its selection as the site for the 1963 North American Lightning Championships—we take great pride that this regatta will be in our district.

MICHIGAN LCA REGATTA SCHEDULE:

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB INVITATIONAL (51) — JUNE 15, 16
SAGINAW BAY Y.C. (216) — JUNE 29, 30
CRESCENT SAIL Y.C. (51) MICH. DIST. CHAMPS — JULY 19, 20, 21
HIGGINS LAKE B.C. (110) — JULY 27, 28
GRAND TRAVERSE Y.C. (326) — AUG. 3, 4
LELAND Y.C. (184) — AUG. 10, 11
TAWAS BAY Y.C. (152) NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS —
SEPT. 2-7
DEVIL'S LAKE Y.C. (31) — SEPT. 14, 15
PONTIAC Y.C. (54) — SEPT. 21, 22
GULL LAKE Y.C. (137) — JULY 6, 7

organized the races and Helsinki Fleet acted as host for the participants. A fleet of 23 Lightnings from three countries participated in the races and Maurizio di Segni from Italy was the best of them and won the European Championship for 1962. Best Finnish boats were Aimo Hanninen's "Marina" which finished fifth, and Paavo Manninen's "Anonymus" sixth; each of them won one race. Details of the Championships can be read in another part of this book.

The District Championships were held this year for the first time in the "drinking water", at Lake Paijanne. New Jyväskylä Fleet and yacht club Paijanteen Purseura organized the championships splendidly, and we salt-water sailors had to agree that "one can sail on the lakes too". Races were very hot, even when the weather was not. It rained and blew every day, and the top skippers of the district had really tight competition as can be seen from the small point differences in the final results. Raimo R. Nordstrom was within two points and the next ones weren't so far from them either. Altogether 18 boats from five fleets participated.

Results of the Finland District Championships:

Place	Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Points
I	Aimo Hanninen	MARINA (7177)	Fleet 166	70
II	Raimo R. Nordstrom	KATRINA (6838)	Fleet 299	68
III	Raimo Aromaa	TUULETAR (7888)	Fleet 166	65
IV	Paavo Manninen	ANONYMUS (7894)	Fleet 166	64
V	Kaj Liljeblad	MATTAWUNGA (7980)	Fleet 349	58
VI	Stig Haglund	ARIANA (8218)	Fleet 166	54
VII	Esko Lindstrom	VENLA (7890)	Fleet 166	49
VIII	Juhani Pirttilä	VIP (7889)	Fleet 349	46
IX	Matti Nurminen	MARY-ANN (8212)	Fleet 328	45
X	Urho Brusi	MERITAHTI (7173)	Fleet 328	34

Seventeen Lightnings, three of which were from Italy, participated in the yacht club Merenkavijats great anniversary regatta. "Marina", Aimo Hanninen skippering, took the regatta's Lightning Class trophy, "Flash Cup", home. Helsinki Regatta was also quite an important event this season. Thirteen Lightnings participated and Terho Aromaa with his "Masi" 7887 won the regatta's "Rautavaara-Kacklund" trophy.

Finland District is looking forward to the future with confidence. We are getting quite a lot of new boats for next season and most of our fleets are very active. We are also working steadily to get Skandinavian countries interested in our class, and if IYRU will finally accept Lightning's international status, we are sure that our class will spread to Skandinavian countries too.



Finland District's information department at the Helsinki Boat Show



Finland District Champion Aimo Hanninen (at right) entering quay after a successful race

GREEK DISTRICT REPORT

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

Honorary Vice-Commodore: H.R.H. Princes Sophia of Greece

District Commodore: Andrew Sinopoulos

District Secretary: Platon Louloudis

Chief Measurer: John Contokostas

Fleets: Salamis Piraeus Sailing Club (251); Thessaloniki Salonika Sailing Club (256); Parthenon Royal Yacht Club Greece (286); Dolphin Royal Hellenic Naval Academy (287); Argonafis Volosa Sailing Club (289); Aeolia Mitili Sailing Club (336).

The news of the recognition of the Lightning Class Association by IYRA long expected in our country was received by all sailors with a great enthusiasm. It will definitely help our sailors keep the same interest in sailing and promoting the Class. It also will encourage more Clubs to build new boats. The Piraeus Sailing Club, the club that introduced Lightnings in Greece, continues to be very active sailing Lightnings, organizing and participating in all races. All of our fleets for that matter show every sign of increasing interest and activity. Series of races were organized in Salonica on the occasion of the liberation of the town and also in Rhodes Island.

There have been two brand new boats imported from Italy, one by Stelios Bonas, who is one of our best skippers, and the other by John Goulondris, a devoted Lightning friend who is always interested in the promotion of the Class in Greece.

We expect to have some new boats built in Rhodes Island this year where a new fleet will be organized; also in Evia Island where two boats are already in construction.

We hope to participate in the European Championship this year in Naples with a good number of boats and the best skippers.

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ITALIAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Enzo Di Lorenzo

District Secretary: Mario Cavallo

Honorary District Commodore: Lorenzo Daretto Adm.

Honorary Vice Commodores: Riccardo De Sangro Fondi & Franco Acton di Leporano

Fleets: Naples Fleet (191); Sorrento Fleet (223); Marivela Fleet (235); Castellammare Fleet (237); Roma Fleet (271); Anzio Fleet (278); Lega Navale Italiana Fleet (312); La Spezia Fleet (321); Flotta degli Estensi Fleet (355).

District Report: Several new boats have been built during the year, and a new fleet has applied for a Fleet Charter—the Flotta degli Estensi Fleet.

Activities of the District

National Races in Naples—Christmas 1961 Winner—Russo—Boccia—Paglia. Runner-up—Pallavicini—Christofori—Roselli.

District Championship (Italian Championship) Winner—STRALE 2nd—Lega Navale Italiana—M. Di Segni—S. De Segni—A. Gianni. Runner-up—HIDALGO—Circolo Vela di Roma—P. Rampolla—C. Rampolla—Ceralli Irelli.

The District participated with four boats in the European Championship in Finland at Helsinki and took the first 4 places in the final standings:

Winner: 7238 STRALE 2nd. Lega Navale Italiana—Anzio

Runner-up: 7212 FANDANGO 2nd—Circolo Nautico Posillipo—Naples

3rd C. Postiglione—A. Molfini—F. Galante

7792 ALICONE 3rd—Yacht Club Cannottieri Savoia Naples

4th F. Maddalena—F. Lupi—F. R. Russo

6689 CARAMBA—Circolo della Vela di Roma—Anzio

M. Mainini—R. Baviera—G. Franceschetti

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jack Taggart, NSC

District Secretary: Bob Clark, TYC

District Champion: Tom Allen, BCC

District Runner-Up: Jack Swanson, NSC

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Jockey Club (19); Erie Yacht Club (24); Novice Yacht Club (Inactive) (28); Silver Lake Yacht Club (47); Niagara Sailing Club (59); Sandy Beach Yacht Club (78); Buffalo Yacht Club (81); Cuba Lake Fleet (115); Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (118); Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet (146); Conneaut Bay Lightning Fleet (180); Tower Yacht Club Fleet (198); LaSalle Yacht Club (221); Buffalo Sailing Club (Inactive) (258); Dunkirk Harbor Fleet (311); Burlington Yacht Club (315).

The 1962 lightning season got underway at the Buffalo Canoe Club's Invitational Regatta, Saturday, June 23rd. Tom Fallon, in *Flair II*, on a calm sea with very light winds, placed second and first in Saturday's openers. Sunday's final saw Stu Anderson's *Glockenspiel* responding to 20 mph winds and a choppy sea. Fallon's fourth place on Sunday did not deny him overall winner. George Fisher from Buckeye Lake Yacht Club at Columbus, Ohio took second place. Tom Allen of the host club, third.

The Niagara River Lightning Championship Regatta was held on July 21st & 22nd at Niagara Sailing Club. Fifteen mile west-

erlies cast a favored spell over Jack Swanson's *Sabrina* which took two firsts. On Sunday, in the third and final test, clubmate Stu Anderson took top honors. Sunday's light winds proved disastrous for Swanson, placing him fourteenth, third overall. Dick Carrel in *Black Maria* and Jeff Bernel in *Spectator* were so engrossed in a late luffing match at the end of the third race that the *Glockenspiel* pulled neatly ahead by three feet to win. Final standing were Anderson, Carrel, Swanson, Jeff Bernel and Bob Starck.

The Lake Erie District Championship Regatta was sailed over Lake Chautauqua waters on August 10th, 11th and 12th. The shoreline of this lake is very irregular, mottled with hills and trees at the southern end where the Chautauqua Yacht Club is located. This causes some fickle winds which require tactics a bit different from those usually employed by the Lake Erie and Niagara River sailors—not really too different, however, because Tom Allen of Buffalo Canoe Club in *Atom II* came through with four firsts and a second. Top ten;

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| 1. Tom Allen, BCC | 6. Charles Obersheimer, BCC |
| 2. Jack Swanson, NSC | 7. Stu Anderson, NSC |
| 3. Tom Fallon, BCC | 8. Dick Ferrick, BCC |
| 4. Bob Blesby, RCYC | 9. Don Allen, RHYC |
| 5. Karl Smithers, BCC | 10. Bill VanArsdale, SLYC |

We should like to thank the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club for their wonderful hospitality and, especially, Bob Walkerman and his committee. Fifty-three lightnings answered the starting gun at this regatta, and I'm sure that all skippers and crews are looking forward to a return visit.

The season's wind-up was the annual haul-out at Sandy Beach Yacht Club on Niagara River on the 22nd and 23rd of September. Tom Allen finished first in Saturday's opener. Light winds, fading to a whisper, necessitated cancellation of the afternoon race. Two races were held on Sunday, and Tom Allen repeated Saturday's exhibition with two firsts. In the final race, Allen was forced to restart but, in true championship form, worked his way through the entire fleet for the final cannon. Final standings: Allen, Anderson, and Fallon.

Our district champion, Tom Allen, bestowed still another honor on the Lake Erie District this past year by winning the North American Championship, held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. Good luck, Tom, in the World's Championship.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT REPORT

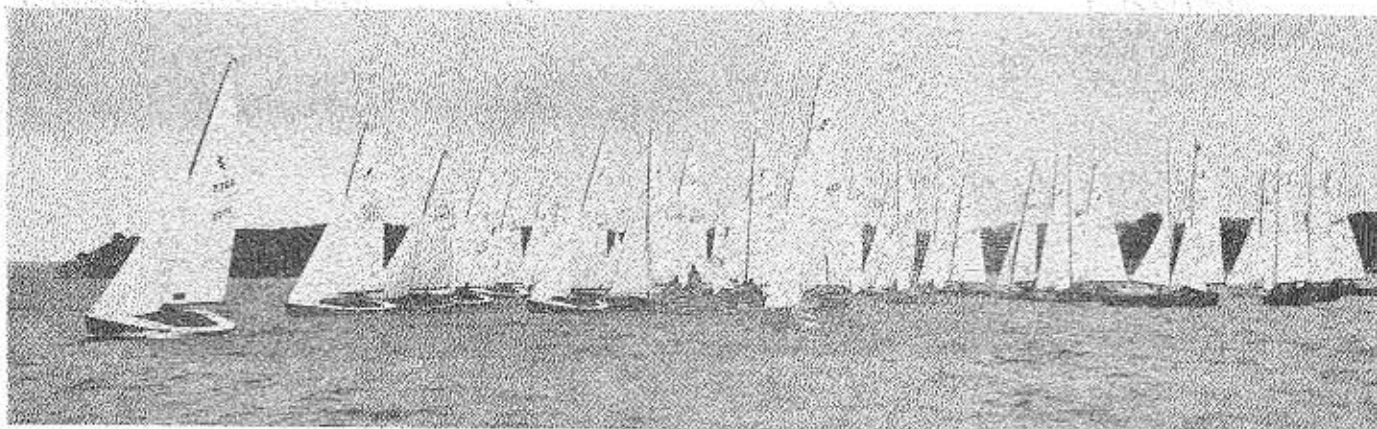
District Commodore: Carver C. Dumke

District Secretary: Stanley J. Szabronski, Jr.

Fleets: Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Red Bank (70); Nyack (75); and the newly formed fleet at Harvey's Lake, Pa. (350).

District Report: District fleets participated in several interclub regattas this summer. The season started with the Red Bank Invitational in April followed by the Nyack Spring Open in May, the Shattemuc Open, and the Mid-Hudson's at Minisceongo in August, and the Chelsea Open in September.

The highlight of the season was the District Championship held the last weekend in July at the Chelsea Yacht Club on the Hudson River. Thirty Lightnings participated, two from Lake Mohawk Yacht Club, three from Minisceongo Yacht Club, six from the Monmouth Boat Club, ten from the Nyack Boat Club, and nine from Chelsea. Fair winds prevailed for Saturday's races. The first race was won by Oliver Filippi with Reid Dickerson second and Arnold Schwartz third. The next race saw Filippi



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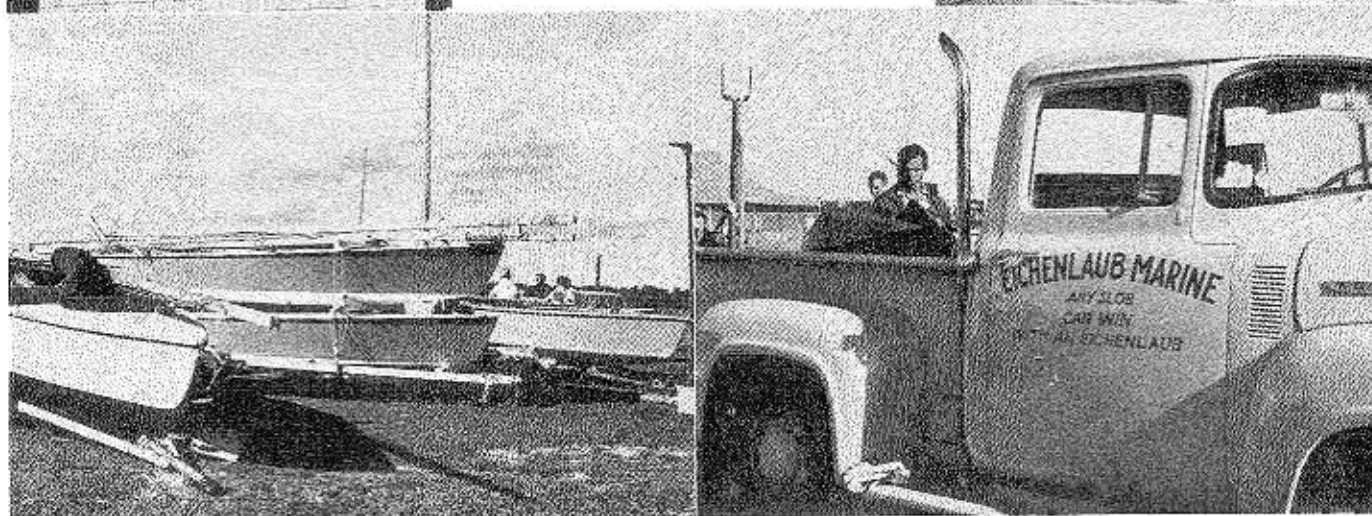
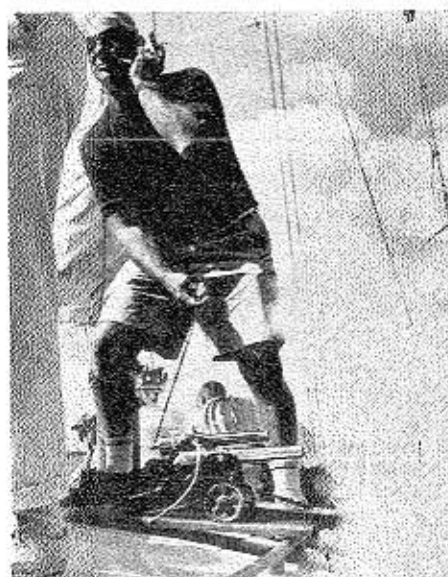
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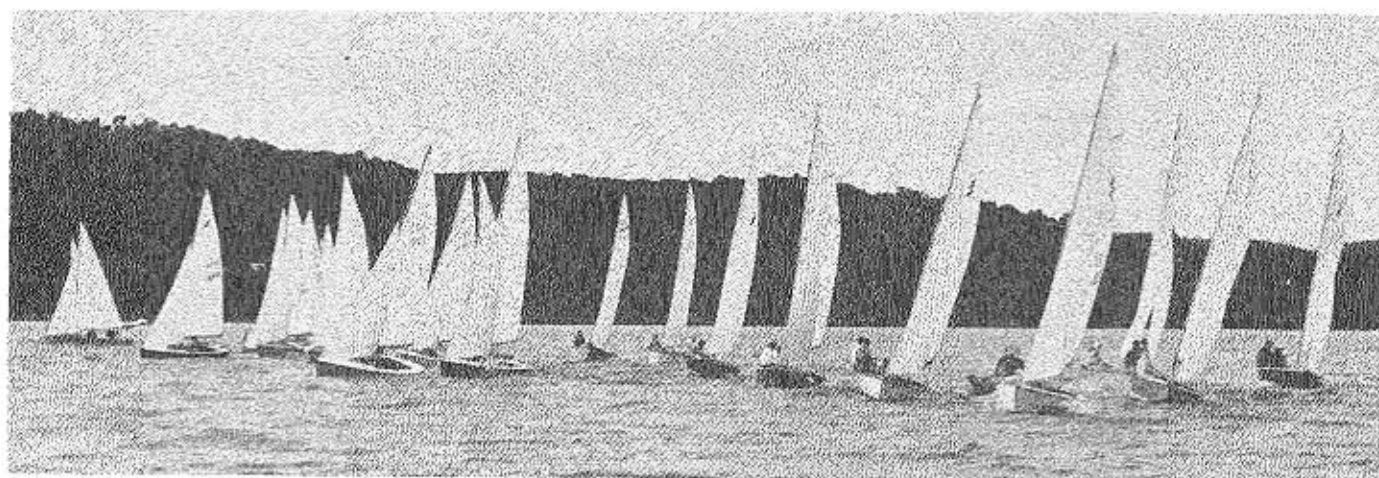
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Buzz Morley on cannon

Below (left) — Boats arriving
double-decked.

Below (right) — Eichenlaub
and his pick-up.



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Start of second race, Metropolitan District Championship

again score with Joe Hoffee taking second and Schwartz again third. The final on Sunday was Karl Gleeson's, with Skip Nitchie second and Hoffee third. The overall point totals gave Oliver Filippi the Championship with Joe Hoffee beating out Reid Dickerson in the tie for second 5-2-3 over 2-4-4. The complete results are as follows:

Skipper	Boat	1st Race	2nd	3rd	Total	Standing
		Pts	Race	Race	Pts	
Filippi	6898	30 1/4	29 1/4	24	83 1/2	1
Hoffee	3716	26	28	26	80	2
Dickerson	8201	29	26	25	80	3
Schwartz	8301	28	27	20	75	4
DeStasio	5959	27	23	13	63	5
Methot	5380	21	21	21	63	6
Gleeson	7852	15	19	28 1/4	62 1/4	7
Garrecht	7545	23	22	15	60	8
Mullin	7511	24	25	10	59	9
Nitchie	1024	17	14	27	58	10
Lewis	7786	19	24	14	57	11
Hennessey	7922	18	20	19	57	12
Armstrong	5919	16	16	22	54	13
Ziemer	5916	20	15	18	53	14
Shuris	2357	22	DNF	17	35	15
Brandau	5339	14	12	12	38	16
Dumke	6932	12	DNF	23	35	17
Vaughan	860	8	18	9	35	18
Mathews	7705	9	13	8	30	19
Huntsman	8101	DSQ	17	11	28	20
Vanderploeg	6549	11	10	4	25	21
Szabronski	5078	10	8	7	25	22
Tripp	6005	25	DNF	DNS	25	23
Jernstrom	5617	7	DNF	16	23	24
Graff	4680	6	11	6	23	25
Chiovarou	8262	5	7	5	17	26
Schwab	1495	4	9	3	16	27
DeJager	2817	13	DNS	DNS	13	28
Waters	831	3	6	2	11	29
Ross	2808	DSQ	5	1	6	30

Since Joe Hoffee, Tom DeStasio, June Methot and George Garrecht were unable to go to the North American's in Buffalo because of other commitments, the Metropolitan District was represented by the following, who did very nicely: Championship—Oliver Filippi 28th; President's Cup—Reid Dickerson 22nd; Karl Gleeson 30th and Howard Mullin 31st; Governor's Cup—Arnold Schwartz 14th.

Next year the Miniseco Yacht Club will host the Districts under the guidance of the new District Commodore George Bitler and District Secretary Robert Winterbottom.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Kenneth Kennedy

District Secretary: Charles Schreck

Fleets: South Haven (30); Devils Lake Y.C. (31); Crescent Sail Y. C. (51); Lake Fenton Y. C. (53); Pontiac Y. C. (54); Grosse Isle Y. C. (68); Bayview Y. C. (83); Higgins Lake (110); Gull Lake (137); Tawas Bay Y. C. (152); Watkins Lake Y. C. (155); Omena Traverse (174); Leland (184); Northport Point (202); Macatawa Bay (204); Saginaw Bay (216); Ford Y. C. (233); Burr Lake (254); Saugatuck (294); Muskegon (316);

Grand Traverse Bay (326); Pentwater (340).

The annual Mid-Winter meeting of the Michigan District was held at Bayview Y. C. in Detroit in December and at this meeting Tawas Bay Y. C. was selected as the site of the 1962 District Championship Regatta. After some 18 months of discussion and a mail vote of the District membership it was finally voted to split the fleet at this Regatta should 44 or more boats register. A pre-determined method of shuffling the boats to provide two different fleets for each of five races would be used. Regatta dates were established by fleet representatives as follows—with the ultimate winners' names.

D. Y. C. Kendall Series—Grosse Pointe Y. C., May 26, 27.

Winner—Hank Cawthra

Crescent Sail Y. C. Invitational, June 16, 17

Winner—Hank Cawthra

Michigan District Championship, Tawas Bay Y.C., July 20, 21, 22.

Winner—Hank Cawthra

Bay City Y. C. Invitational—July 28, 29th

Winner—Jim Ault

Higgins Lake B. C. Invitational—August 4, 5

Winner—Phil Smith

Grand Traverse Y. C. Invitational—August 11, 12

Winner—Leo Wasserberger

Gull Lake Y. C. Invitational—August 18, 19

Winner—Jim Harrison

Devils Lake Y. C. Invitational—Sept. 15, 16

Winner—Bruce Goldsmith

Pontiac Y. C. Invitational—Sept. 22, 23

Winner—Herm Nickels

Bayview Y. C. Invitational—October

Winner—Herm Nickels

Stories of these regattas will appear with the individual fleet reports.

The District Regatta was sailed at Tawas Bay under a variety of conditions. Tawas Bay Y. C.'s Race Chairman Ladd McKay conducted a good series of races, setting good starting lines—and re-setting the course for each race, using the official Lightning Course, twice around a 1 1/2 mile leg triangle with an extra weather leg.

Inasmuch as 50 boats registered, the fleet was split into two 25 boat sections for each race. After what amounts to 10 races (for the race committee) and some wonderful bookkeeping (again by the race committee)—some familiar names, as well as a few new ones, appeared as the 10 qualifiers for the North American Championship at Buffalo. 1. Hank Cawthra, 2. Chuck Grant, 3. Herman Nickels, 4. Leo Wasserberger, 5. Jim Kohls, 6. Jim Coggan, 7. Bob Knop, 8. Ed and Bill McKinley, 9. Chuck Ellery, 10. David Nickels.

Some wonderful entertainment was provided by our Michigan District Barefoot Philharmonic orchestra led by that old Twister, Dr. Gerald Murphy.

From our 10 qualifying boats, Wasserberger, Nickels, and Cawthra placed 12th, 15th and 23rd respectively in the North Americans. Grant, David Nickels and Kohls placed 7th, 11th and 12th in the President's Cup and Jim Coggan won a close one to finish first in the Governor's Cup while Ellery was 16th and Knop 17th in this series.

Three boats were trailed to Washington for the Quantico Regatta in the Fall. Warren Jones, Herman Nickels and Don

Then came the famous Marblehead Race Week, always the last full week in July. A variety of wind is always assured and this year was no exception. For the first three races the boats are divided into odd and even numbered divisions. The winner in the odd division was Lou Pocharski. Second was Ben Smith. Dunc McInnes was third. The even division was taken by Georges Peter. Bill Caldwell and the Morse Boys were second and third respectively. For the last four races the top half and bottom half of each of the above divisions are combined. The championship division was won along with the Larson Trophy for the first time in six years by Lou Pocharski. Ben Smith was second and the Morse boys were third. The second division was won by Dr. Frank Colombo. Second was Bill "The Fox" Cudahy, up from Palm Beach, Fla. Andy Kauders was third. A total of thirty-five Lightnings competed.

Then came the combined New Hampshire-Vermont Regatta held at Lake Spofford. There was a strong breeze which resulted in three capsizes. The winner was Len Pratt. Second were Dick Price and Helen Harris. Duncan McInnes was third.

The State of Maine Regatta, the oldest state regatta in the LCA came next. All of the winners were originally Mainiacs, but two of them now live in Massachusetts. The winner again this year was Dunc McInnes. Jack Burwell was second and Gardner Brown was third.

Then came the Annual Winnepesaukee Championship. This was the year that the wind blew just as I said it would last year. Walt Estes tried to make like a submarine. Len Pratt found the wind to his liking and won after a tight battle with Dick Price. Third was taken by Frank Husson.

The last regatta was held on Lake Massabesic. Len Pratt continued his winning ways. I don't think his wife will mind polishing all the silver that Len has won this year. Second was taken by Ed Michaels. Flip Hamblet was third.

The season came to a close at the mid-winter meeting held on December 2 at Concord, New Hampshire. Here forty-four skippers and guests, representing eight of the fourteen fleets, met for the traditional social hour, banquet, business meeting and movie. District committees were appointed and a new schedule of events was drawn up.

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

The 1963 Schedule is:

Spofford Race Week, 18-23 June Fleet 145

State of Mass. Regatta, 6-7 July, Fleet 151, Annisquam

New England Districts, 12-14 July, Fleet 189

Marblehead Race Week, 20-27 July

N.H.-Vermont Regatta, 3-4 August, Fleet 227, Lake Bomoseen

Wellfleet Regatta, 10-11 August, Fleet 280

Lake Winnepesaukee Regatta, 17-18 August, Fleet 246

State of Maine Regatta, 24-25 August, Fleet 14, S. Portland

Massabesic Regatta, 7-8 September, Fleet 273

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: John W. Mueller.

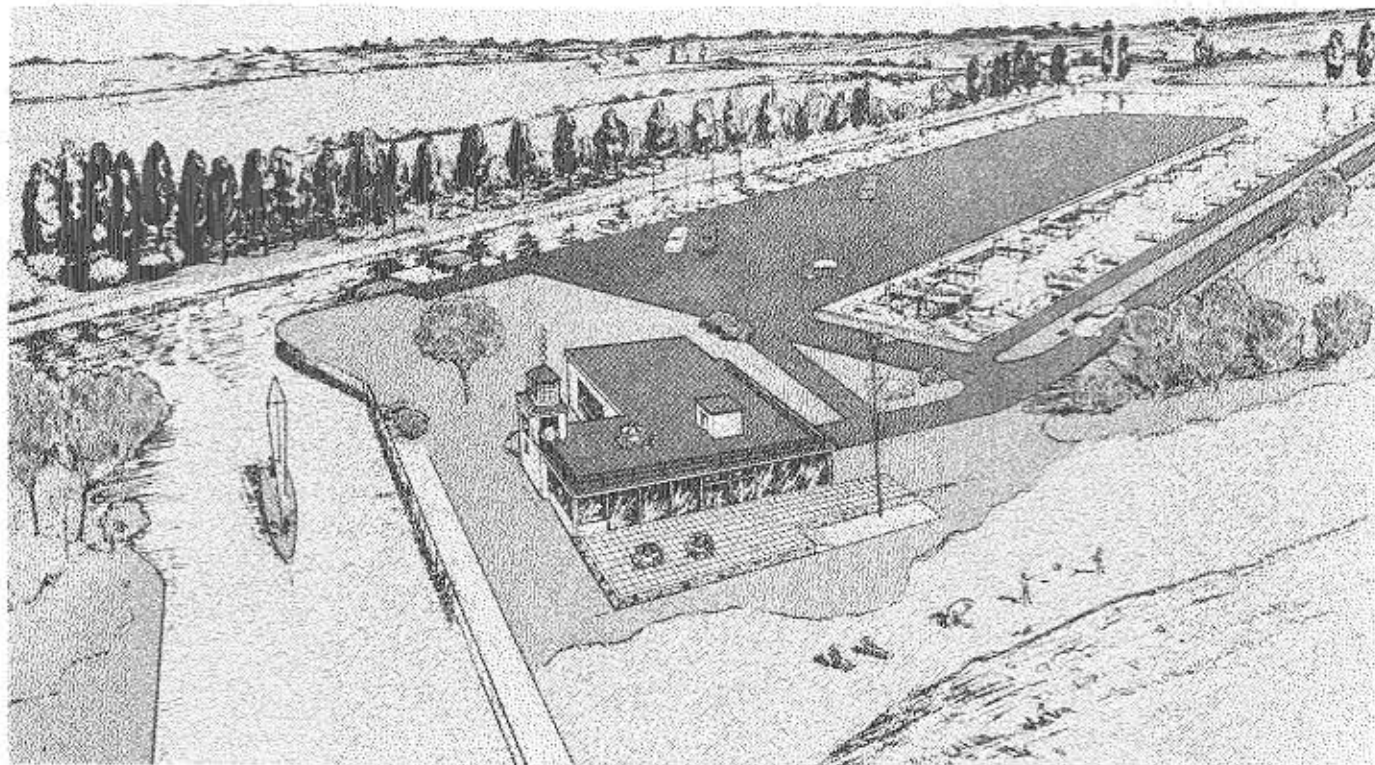
District Secretary: Jon R. Ruhlman

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkey Foot (33); Pymatuning (36); Mentor Harbor (37); North Cape (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Port Clinton (136); Mansfield (150); Wawasee (154); Northeast (207); Atwood (212); Berlin (263); Indianapolis (270); Cowan Lake (303); Jolly Roger (313); Hoover Reservoir (353).

District Report: In an effort to increase the number of suitable locations for Championship competition, the Ohio-Indiana District experimented this year with sponsoring the five race series on a co-operative basis. Put-In-Bay Yacht Club extended an official invitation to hold the Ohio-Indiana District Championship regatta, but had no home Lightning fleet to host the event. In accepting the invitation, therefore, it was decided to assign committee responsibilities for arrangements to various fleets in the district. Boat measuring was handled for the most part by local measurers prior to arrival at the Bay. Fleet 42's Bud Nelson got stuck with sail-measuring chores and seemed to enjoy it. BLYC's George and Marty Fisher handled housing arrangements and entertainment plans were delegated to the Leatherlips fleet. Fleet 212 of Atwood Lake arranged docking—(?). CYC's Fleet 71 took on the job of registration committee. District Commodore Ralph Powless handled food arrangements in addition to overseeing all other committee responsibilities. Race Committee duties were astutely directed by Zane Sherman with follow-up by Protest Committee Chairman Bob Mann of BLYC. Patrol boats were manned by local volunteers at the Bay.

Surprisingly enough to all concerned, the end result was one of the finest District regattas ever held, much to the credit of Bucky Powless and Johnny Mueller for their deft handling of this difficult job of coordination.

Since details of the 1962 O-I District Championship races have already been recorded for posterity in the *Flashes*, it is sufficient here to say that the variations in weather from howling to drifting resulted in some interesting shake ups in standings throughout the series. Not satisfied with having successfully coordinated all the



North Cape Yacht Club—New home of Fleet 42 and site of the 1963 O-I District Championship

arrangements for a fine regatta, Bucky Powless added his personal contribution to group entertainment by nosing into a spectacular flip-over to weather during a screaming spinnaker reach in the first race! Some guys will do anything for attention!

Attesting to the close competition, BLYC's Tom Davis and newcomer, (to the O-I District), Jim Schudel were tied in points for first place with perennial champion George Fisher only one point behind at the end of four races. With no intention of relinquishing the title, however, George decisively won the fifth and final race to walk off with his sixth consecutive District Championship. The balance of the nine qualifiers for the North American Championship were Schudel, Davis, John Mueller, Frank Hornby, John Ranft, Charles Maltbie, Bud Nelson, and Sam Hays, in that order. All nine subsequently trailered their boats to Abino Bay and seven of the nine survived the eliminations for the North American Championship series. Closest of the O-I District sailors to the top in this national competition were George Fisher and Chuck Maltbie, taking seventh and eighth place respectively.

At the annual summer meeting held at Put-In-Bay, John Mueller was elected District Commodore and Jon Ruhlman District Secretary, for the coming season. At this same meeting the Sportsmanship Award, given each year to the most deserving Lightning sailor in the district, was presented to Dr. Charles Maltbie of Pymatuning Yacht Club. This was felt by all to be a very appropriate selection since Chuck has long labored enthusiastically in the interest of good sailing competition, and through hard work and keen personal participation, has set an example for all would-be Lightning champions to emulate.

As always, the 1962 season was replete with enough outstanding regattas throughout the district to keep an eager Lightning sailor traveling on practically every weekend. To conserve space and avoid duplication, your attention is directed to the individual fleet reports for the results of these fine get-togethers at Indian Lake, Pymatuning, Rocky River, Port Clinton, Atwood Lake, North Cape, and Buckeye Lake. Not included in the fleet reports are the results of the annual Inter-Lake Yachting Association Regatta at Put-In-Bay which saw the Lightning event won by Jackie Mueller of Rocky River, with Pinky Allen of Port Clinton second and CYC's Pete Carson third. It is also worthy of note that Fleet 42's Bud Nelson outclassed a mixed handicap fleet of eighty boats at the 1962 Kentucky Lake Regatta to win the Governor's Cup in his new fiberglass Lightning.

At the Fall District meeting, held as usual in conjunction with the Snow Ball Regatta at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, the primary subject for discussion was the selection of the site for the 1963 District Championships. Commodore John Mueller presented a letter of invitation from the board of directors of the Cleveland Yacht Club and Bud Nelson, representing Fleet 42, verbally transmitted a formal invitation from North Cape Yacht Club to host the 1963 District Championships. After much deliberation, during which the excellence of past regattas at CYC was unanimously acknowledged, it was decided to accede to the appeal of the North Cape Fleet in the interest of cultivating additional waters suitable for the stringent requirements of district championship competition.

North Cape Yacht Club, the new home of Fleet 42 (formerly based at Toledo Yacht Club), was completed at the start of the past season and is located just off the Detroit-Toledo Expressway, approximately ten minutes from Toledo, Ohio and Monroe, Michigan. North Cape boasts excellent moorage, parking, and club facilities, with an open-water race course only minutes away from the docking area and in full view of spectators on the club veranda and sandy beach. Possibly the highest recommendation that can be made for North Cape is that it was conceived and constructed under the inspiration and guidance of Walt Swindeman, whose genius in Lightning competition is legendary among O-I district sailors. Walt, by the way, is also the first commodore of North Cape and was undoubtedly behind the wholesale "pirating" of Fleet 42 from TYC. With this combination of facilities and host-fleet enthusiasm, it is easy to predict that the 1963 Districts will be one of this area's best and most well-attended regattas in recent years. So plan now to get your reservations in early. The dates set for this event are July 19, 20 and 21.

A final item of interest is the formation of a new Lightning fleet at Hoover Reservoir near Delaware, Ohio. Welcome to the Ohio-Indiana District and we'll be looking for big things from Fleet 353.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Tom Jobs
Secretary-Treasurer: Joe Guthrie
District Champion: Roger Sahlin, Fleet 132
Runner-Up: Cappy Clarke, Fleet 132
Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Vancouver (90); Lake Washington (132); Chinook (229); Columbia (283).

The climax of Northwest District Lightning activity for 1962 was during the week of July 21 through 25, 1962. The Northwest District Championship was held on Lake Washington, in Seattle, Washington, and hosted by Fleet 132. Twenty-two boats from Canada, Oregon, and Washington participated in the District on July 21 and 22. Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, was the scene of the Awards Banquet and the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest District. At the business portion of the annual meeting, Fleet 90 members Adrian Thomson and Tom Sturgess were elected District Commodore and District Secretary-Treasurer. The 1963 Northwest District Championship Regatta will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Final standings were:

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	Final Pos.
3785	Vixen	R. Sahlin, Bellingham	1	1	2	1
1543	Zeta	C. Clarke, Seattle	3	3	3	2
7869	Paddlin'	A. Thomson, Vancouver, B. C.	4	2	8	3
6792	Habel	W. Davies, Seattle	2	4	9	4
6061	Sassy	F. Tauscher, Portland	8	5	4	5
8115	Moonshine	R. Clark, Seattle	10	8	1	6
7713	(No name)	W. Jaquette, Seattle	6	9	5	7
3253	Hawk	A. Sturgess, Vancouver, B. C.	5	7	10	8
5041	(No name)	B. Slocum, Eugene	7	10	13	9
7458	Flash	J. Gosse, Seattle	17	13	6	10
7030	Tschitah	K. Brostrom, Seattle	DSQ	6	7	11
3168	Escape	D. Blattner, Seattle	9	15	15	12
8024	(No name)	R. Smith, Seattle	11	14	16	13
3830	Mandy	J. Guthrie, Seattle	20	12	11	14
4064	Blue Jay	T. Jobs, Seattle	15	19	12	15
2274	Finesse	L. Dohrman, Seattle	13	17	17	16
7711	Thunder'n	J. Smith, Seattle	14	16	18	17
4815	Jet	J. Tysell, Eugene	18	11	19	18
7665	My Pet	W. Elfendahl, Seattle	12	18	20	19
6724	Fascination	R. Anderson, Seattle	21	20	14	20
7290	(No name)	J. Robinson, Seattle	16	DNS	DNS	21
3167	Loligo	C. Hitzroth, Seattle	19	DNF	DNS	22

On July 23, 24 and 25 The Pacific Coast Championship Regatta on Lake Washington was sponsored by Fleet 132 and Corinthian Yacht Club. Twenty-one yachts from nine active fleets registered for the five-race series, and sailors arrived from Coronado Bay, Mission Bay, San Diego Bay and Manhattan Beach, California; Portland and Eugene, Oregon; Vancouver, B. C., Canada; and Seattle and Bellingham, Washington. Fine summer sunshine and moderate winds prevailed, the fleet sailed Gold Cup and Triangular courses, and competition between skipper was keen.

Final standings follow:

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	4th Race	5th Race	Final Pos.
7030	Tschitah	Ken Brostrom, Seattle	1	8	3	10	1	1
7869	Paddlin'	Wendell Harter, Madelyn, Manhattan Beach	6	1	5	1	11	2
3253	Hawk	Al Sturgess, Vancouver, B.C.	5	2	7	3	12	3
7713	(No name)	Wm. Jaquette, Seattle	4	7	8	6	4	4
6792	Habel	Bill Davies, Seattle	13	6	2	4	9	5
8143	May Day	Elton Ballas, Mission Bay	8	13	4	9	2	6
6061	Sassy	F. Tauscher, Portland	2	3	12	16	5	7
7833	Blitzen	W. Gross, Coronado	7	4	15	14	3	8

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1962 Pacific Coast Champion sails toward the finish line and Fleet 132's "home" moorings

7600	Wright-one II	D. Wright, Mission Bay	3	DSQ	1	8	10	9
3785	Vixen	R. Sahlin, Bellingham, Wn.	10	14	6	2	13	10
8115	Moonshine	R. Clark, Seattle	9	11	10	11	8	11
4815	Jet	J. Tysell, Eugene	15	5	16	15	6	12
3783	Pastime	A. Thomson, Vancouver, B.C.	11	15	9	17	7	13
3830	Mandy	J. Guthrie, Seattle	14	10	20	5	14	14
7711	Thunder'n	Smith/Miller, Seattle	18	12	11	13	17	15
7090	Bessie II	D. Kirton, Vancouver, B. C.	16	16	13	12	18	16
7990	Neverready	T. Lewis, Mission Bay	12	9	14	DNS	DNS	17
7665	My Pet	W. Ellendahl, Seattle	19	19	19	18	15	18
4064	Blue Jay	Tom Jobs, Seattle	20	17	21	7	19	19
8024	(No name)	R. Smith, Seattle	17	20	17	19	16	20
2274	Finesse	L. Dohrman, Seattle	DNF	18	18	DNF	DNS	21

Wendell Harter, winner of the 1961 President's Cup, with his lovely wife, Madelyn, and son, Gordon, were winners of the John E. Tysell Family Trophy, a new trophy donated this year for the first boat to finish with an all-family crew. Trophies to the five leading boats, the Family Trophy, and pennants for all registered skippers and crews were presented at an authentic South Pacific Luau held at the Lake Washington home of Dr.

& Mrs. Wm. Jaquette the evening of July 25. Memories of Tahitian dancers, pig-roasted pig, and rum punch will long remain. This was an extremely successful regatta.

There is no doubt that the Pacific Northwest is the best place in the world for small boat sailing, and during 1962 the "Traveling Lightnings" of the district carried on their tradition by participating in the following five district-wide annual regattas held throughout the season:

Memorial Day Regatta, Eugene, Oregon, Chinook Fleet 229 host.

PIYA Regatta, Seattle, June 30 thru July 2, Seattle Yacht Club host.

Labor Day Regatta, Maple Bay, Duncan, B.C., Maple Bay Lightning Fleet 64 host.

Fall Harvest Regatta, Eugene, Oregon, Chinook Fleet 229 host, Sept. 15.

International Invitational Series, Seattle, Wn., Lake Wash. Lightning Fleet 132 host, Oct. 6 & 7.

We are pleased to report renewed interest in the Lightning Class at Bellingham, Washington, and the addition of new boats in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: S. Elmo Weeks

District Secretary: J. W. (Ted) Kelker

Official Measurers: R. G. Allen, R. A. Dietz

Fleets: Savannah, Ga. (127); Augusta, Ga. (257); Charleston, S. C. (288); Columbia, S. C.; Lake Lanier, Ga. (348).

District Report: The District Championship Regatta was held on beautiful Clark Hill Reservoir on May 19 and 20. Representatives from all fleets of the district were present. Fourteen contenders got under way in a fair North wind. The three-mile triangular course was to be sailed twice around plus a windward leg. Ted Kelker got the start but was soon overhauled by John McIntosh who held the lead around three marks. The wind then died to less than a whisper and virtually dead calm conditions existed. The race committee shortened the course to four legs, and waited for the finish. The lead boats who took the shortest course up the center of the lake became sitting ducks. The boats that took the long course up the west shore moved past the fleet. The first boat across the finish line after fourteen minutes and four hours of sailing was Gil Klemann, followed by Ted Kelker and Elmo Weeks. The temperature was over 100 degrees in the hot sun and without a breeze it was pot-roast conditions. During the race John McIntosh initiated an abandon ship procedure which quickly spread throughout the fleet.

The second race was started in the late afternoon using a shortened triangular course two and one-half miles long. This featured a short windward leg into the club cove, then down to the dam, and a reach to the finish line. John McIntosh got a good start by some very fancy maneuvering from above the line. He virtually stole the lead and kept it in the dying evening breeze. Roy Gordon, in second place, stove off the onslaught to the first mark, and followed by Ross Allen, finished in that order.

The first race Sunday was sailed in a fair Northeasterly breeze. In an effort to get three races in on Sunday, this was once around a short triangular course approximately two and one-half miles long. The reaching start was taken by Tobin on the windward end of the line and Kelker on the leeward. Spinnakers were immediately thrown by those on the windward end. The wind shifted slightly and the spinnakers were doused. Tobin led the fleet down the spinnaker leg, followed by Kelker and Arley. At the finish line, Arley out maneuvered Kelker and the finish was Tobin, Arley, and Kelker.

The second race Sunday was a triangular course taking the buoys to starboard. The slight breeze that existed was dying and it appeared that Saturday's conditions were returning. John McIntosh scampered out in front like a rabbit and had no competition in the dwindling wind. He crossed the finish line followed by Allen and Arley.

With disappointing wind conditions, it was unanimously decided to end the Southeastern District Championship, rather than drift out a fifth race.

District Championship Race results were as follows:

Skipper	Boat No.	Race				Place
		1	2	3	4	
John McIntosh	4872	7	1	5	1	1
John Tobin	7595	6	4	1	6	2
Gil Klemann	2381	1	5	8	5	3
Ross Allen	5570	9	3	6	2	4
Ted Kelker	2619	2	8	3	7	4
Elmo Weeks	6612	3	7	9	4	6

Roy Gordon	7530	10	2	7	8	7
Jim Arley	4040	DNF	11	2	3	7
Hugh Gilbert	1013	5	6	11	10	9
Jim Daniell	3515	DNF	10	4	9	10
Ray Dietz	1731	4	9	10	12	11
Stu Turner	7992	8	12	12	11	12
Hugh Connolly	3882	DNF	13	DNS	DNS	13
Tom McCutcheon	7728	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	14

This year saw the formation of two new fleets (Columbia and Lake Lanier) and with them a reorganization of the Southeastern District.

A new Official Measurer was appointed from our district—R. A. Dietz.

An interdistrict invitational regatta was instigated by Ross Allen of the Lake Lanier Fleet. This event promises to be a yearly highlight in the future. This year the event was held in conjunction with the Carlings Regatta. Cully Cobb of the Midwest District took the "ole jug" interdistrict trophy home with him. This regatta was such a success that next year there is some question as to whether beautiful Lake Lanier will be big enough to hold all the Lightnings from the Southeastern District who will be there to recover the "ole jug". It has been rumored that the Southern and Dixie Districts are also making plans to obtain the "old jug".

SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: James Krippes

District Secretary: Richard Murray



Mr. Ed Overton (third from left) being presented trophy representing Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship

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

The Southern District had a very enjoyable year in 1962, with the principal racing honors going to Mr. Ed Overton, who won both the Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship, and the Southern District Championship.

The sailing year gets off to a prompt start in the Southern District with the annual Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans sailed during the New Year holidays, followed shortly after by the Mardi Gras Regatta held also in New Orleans during the Carnival season.

The Mobile Bay and Pensacola fleets participated in the annual Dauphin Island Long Distance Race on Mobile Bay, held this year on May 5 after the race was postponed one week because of bad weather. The Coast Guard had urged the postponement of the race the week before because of stormy weather moving in from the Gulf. While many protested the decision at the time, it proved to be wise as the weather grew worse as the day wore on and about noon a small twister passed over the Fairhope Yacht Club harbor, turning over and damaging several Lightnings. The race the following Saturday was very pleasant with a light north breeze making a spinnaker run over most of the twenty mile course. The first Lightning to finish was Ed Overton's with Jim Krippes of Pensacola coming in second.

The Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship was hosted by the Pass Christian Yacht Club on June 16 and 17. The three-race series was won by Ed Overton with Tom Allen second and Buck Ballatin third.

The Southern District Championship was sailed over the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club course on Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, July 13, 14, and 15. This regatta will be remembered by all who participated as being characterized by continually changing winds, both in direction and velocity. On several occasions, some boats were observed flying spinnakers on the same leg with other boats sailing close hauled. Ed Overton won this five race regatta with a 1st, 11th, 1st, 2nd and 2nd, followed closely by Tom Allen with a 2nd, 6th, 2nd, 3rd and 3th. The sixteen boats taking part finished as shown below.

Skipper	Boat #	Boat Name	Points
Ed Overton	7399	Mauvillian	68 1/2
Tommy Allen	7282	Ticonderoga	67
Francis Favalora	2363	Annie	63
Jim Krippes	7349	Scallop	75 1/4
Bob Kammer	8186	Voodoo	49 1/4
G. Whitworth	6979	Dutch	49
T. Dreyfos	8187		47 1/4
A. Arnold	7121	Hi Yala	47
C. A. Bernius	5484	Miss Cookie	44
B. Ballatin	6712	Shirley B.	37
H. Jacob	3196	Stars N Bars	30
R. Pringle	3498	Aeolus	25
J. Mullally	5556	Finale	22
D. Murray	7748	Fast Last	21
H. Thompson	3962	Disturbance	16
J. Mahler	7910	Tootsie	1

The Mobile and Pensacola fleets met again in the Fiesta of Five Flags Regatta sailed on Pensacola Bay the latter part of August. Again Ed Overton was the winner and our District Commodore, Jim Krippes second.

The annual Overton Lightning Regatta held by the Fairhope Yacht Club was sailed this year on the first week-end in October. The three-race series was won by Francis Favalora of New Orleans. Francis skippered his boat Annie (#2363) to two 1st place finishes and one 3rd place finish to win the series.

Lightning skippers in the Southern District are now looking forward to the Frost Bite Regatta held at the Pass Christian Yacht Club on Dec. 1 and 2, and then to start the new year of racing one month later at the 1963 Sugar Bowl Regatta.

SWISS DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Claude Lambeler

District Secretary: Boris Sjostedi

District Champion: As de Carreau IV (skipper J. P. Luthey)

Runner-Up: Quand-Même (skipper Hans A. Luthey)



Double-decking in Switzerland, Garoupa and As de Carreau IV ready to leave after the Swiss District Championship

Fleets: des lacs de Neuchâtel et Morat (169); Zurichsee (219); Sempachersee (250); de la Borde de Tribord (268); Vierwaldstattersee (281); Greifensee (309).

District Report: The great event of this year has been the extraordinary increase in the number of Lightnings in Switzerland, thanks to the development of fleet 219 from the lake of Zurich.

after a few "recessing" years. This fleet actually organized the District Championship, without, of course, being able to regulate the very changing winds. Nevertheless, the regattas were run from the first to the last with the fairest combativeness. Final standings were:

District Champion: 8192 As de Carreau IV
 Runner-Up: 5181 Quand-meme
 Third: 6396 Falcon
 Fourth: 7467 Garoupa

For the first time in Switzerland, an experience of double-decking has been tried for bringing boats of fleet 169 to Zurich. This first expedition with two Lightnings on a trailer has been very successful, and we are sure that other Lightning sailors will follow this example for future races.

Our dynamic vice-president, Hans A. Luthy, accompanied by his charming wife, who also acts as crew, went to Finland to race in the European Championship of 1962. They met again old friends and greatly enjoyed the regatta, with a borrowed Finnish Lightning so much the more. This was their first experience on the sea. The result foreseen has not quite become the exact reality, but be careful, Quand-meme will be surprising the next time!

We may say that the development of the Lightning Class is very encouraging when we think of the invasion on our lakes of other new classes. The fact that the IYRU finally recognized our class will undoubtedly be very profitable for the future of the Lightnings.

This report has unfortunately to end with a very sad note. Our district lost one of its best friends on the 29th of July in Langenthal. Paul Zurlinden, 42, skipper and owner of Chrabli II, 7586, died after a few months severe illness. We'll never forget the strong personality of Paul who always crystallized altogether the sportsman, the perfect chief of his family and the true expression of the happy life. Our thoughts still remain with Marianne and his children.

TEXAS DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Bob Giles
 District Secretary: Pat O'Neal
 District Champion: Bob Giles
 Runner-Up: A. B. Patterson
 Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (351); Fort Worth (352); Lake Dallas (282); Chaparral Lightning Fleet (322)

District Report: This year organized Lightning activity centered in the Dallas-Fort Worth area with no participation from the Austin Chaparral Fleet. The arrival of several new Lightnings sparked quite a bit of interest. The results of the hotly contested Texas Championships sailed July 7-8 were:

1. Robert E. Giles, Jr.
2. A. B. Patterson
3. Jack Perkins
4. M. Fagin
5. Arthur Nazro
6. D. Kamperman
7. K. Fagin
8. E. Lehn

The Tri-district Regatta at Shreveport was as usual well-organized and pleasantly hosted. The idea of Lightning participation is to encourage competition between the Central States, Southern, and Texas Districts Lightning Skippers; but the event is open to all comers. Dates are unsettled for next year, but generally it is in May. Results of this year's Tri-District sailed May 13, 12 and 13 were:

1. A. Nazro—Dallas
2. G. Griffith—Shreveport
3. B. Lawton—Shreveport

Each year the races are racier and the fun is funnier (or vice versa), so come on down to the land of year round sailing.

Texas has a number of Lightning skippers that are showing the usual Texas independence. As an example, there are, at last report, 10 Lightnings sailing on Lake Sabine at Port Arthur. Considering conditions there, they are probably some of the best skippers around; but they have/will not organize a fleet. Maybe they will attend the Mid-Winters held in Houston in February. It's only 80 miles men. For some shallow bay sailing under astounding conditions, the Mid-Winters is recommended.

If Texas, with its year round sailing, will organize inter-fleet communication and competition, I would like to suggest Corpus Christi Bay, or Lake Travis, or Lake Texoma as the scene of the 1964 North American Championship.

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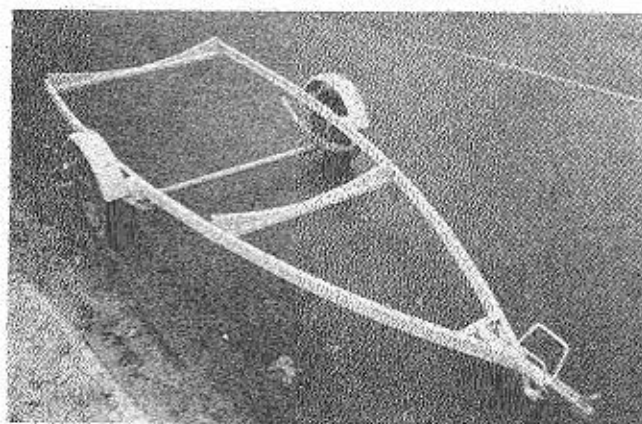
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WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Walter Scott, Jr.
 District Secretary: Hugh E. Brown
 Fleets: Western Connecticut (7); Larchmont (32); Little Neck Bay (55); American Yacht Club (96); Northport Bay (98); Execution Rocks (106); Manhasset Bay (133); Hempstead Harbor (138); Eastchester Bay (163); Pirates Cove (323); Cold Spring Harbor (89).

It is my sad duty to report a fall-off in the number of fleets in our District from 13 to 11 and a fall-off of paid up members of from over 200 to 147. Some of this is probably due to the entry of new fiberglass classes in the area. It is hoped that, through the diligent efforts of class members and their officers, this sad state of affairs will be overcome.

The Lightning in our District is largely a boat for Junior activities and some of the results for the 1962 season follow:

Major Qualifying Events

Long Island Sound Championships—Riverside, Conn.
 Race Committee Chairman—Mr. Wm. Culman
 July 28th-29th—40 boats—3 races
 Race Course—Lightning Class Right Triangle
 Top ten from WLIS District:
 3rd—Elliott Oldak—Sly Fly—Knickerbocker YC
 4th—Carter Ford—Encore II—Riverside YC
 7th—Tyner Corning—Whisper—Larchmont YC
 8th—Michael Grinnel—Thunderbird—Port Washington
 9th—Judy Waterman—Orangutang—Indian Harbor Y.C.
 10th—Don McNair—Fascination—Manhasset Bay
 11th—Ed Perry—Princess—Centerport
 13th—Skip Gaillard—Hornet—American YC
 15th—Kevin Keogh—Bonheur—Belle Haven B.C.
 21st—C. Townsend Corning—Fire—Larchmont YC

Atlantic Coast Championships—Bay Head, N. J.

August 5th—26 boats—3 races
 From Top 5—Carter Ford—2nd—Fleet 7

WLIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS—Riverside Yacht Club

Race Committee Chairman—Mr. Wm. Culman

August 11th, 12th—26 boats—3 races

Top Ten . . . Elliott Oldak, District Champion

Carter Ford, District Runner-up

Elliott Oldak . . . Sly Fly . . . Knickerbocker Y.C. (2-1-2)

Carter Ford	Encore II	Riverside Y.C. (1-5-6)
Walter Scott	Spook	Sea Cliff Y.C. (6-9-4)
Peter Gonzales	El Diablo	Manhasset Bay Y.C. (4-6-10)
Michael Grinnel	Thunderbird	Port Washington Y.C. (14-3-7)
Virginia Meyer	Windy II	American Y.C. (23-2-1)
Kevin Keogh	Bonheur	Belle Haven B.C. (8-17-3)
Skip Gaillard	Hornet	American Y.C. (10-10-9)
Peter Hannan	Bo-Peep	Sea Cliff Y.C. (11-7-12)
Robert Sleght	Toy Yot	Manhasset Bay (5-8-17)

Junior Events

Sea Cliff Junior YRA of LIS—July 23—20 Boats—No record of results

L. I. Sound Junior Championships—July 30, 31, Aug. 1.

17 Clubs from LIS represented—5 Races

Kathy Keogh placed 4th from Belle Haven B. C.

L. I. Sound Junior Sailing Championships—August 6, 7, 8.

19 Clubs from LIS represented—5 Races

From top 5—Bill Barton—American Y.C.—3rd

Elliott Oldak—Knickerbocker Y.C.—5th

Manhasset Bay Junior Race Week—Aug. 13, 14, 15—27 boats—3 races—No record of results

Major Regattas Open To All

Sea Cliff Regatta—June 23, 24—30 boats—3 races—No record of results

Larchmont Race Week—July 14 thru 21st—5 races

Odd numbered boats—23 boats

Of top six—4—Bill Barton—American Y. C.

6—Kevin Keogh—Belle Haven B.C.

Even numbered boats—19

Of top six—1—D. Pryor—Manhasset Bay Y.C.

4—J. Everett—American Y.C.

5—E. Oldak—Knickerbocker Y.C.

6—J. Waterman—Indian Harbor Y.C.

Manhasset Bay Race Week—Week beginning Aug. 1st—6 races

Odd numbered—1st Richard M. Sykes—Manhasset Bay

2nd Dr. Richard D. Field—Hempstead Harbor

3rd Bill Marshall—Manhasset

Even Numbered—1st David Storrs—Cold Spring Harbor

2nd Judy Waterman—Indian Harbor Y.C.

Northport Regatta—Sept. 16 & 17th—No record of results

After totting the above and then checking out our six boats in the North American Championships, all I can say is we may not be very fearsome but we sure do a lot of sailing.

North American Championships

Championship Series—No entries

President's Cup Regatta—1st Carter Ford—Riverside Y.C.

5th Elliott Oldak—Knickerbocker Y.C.

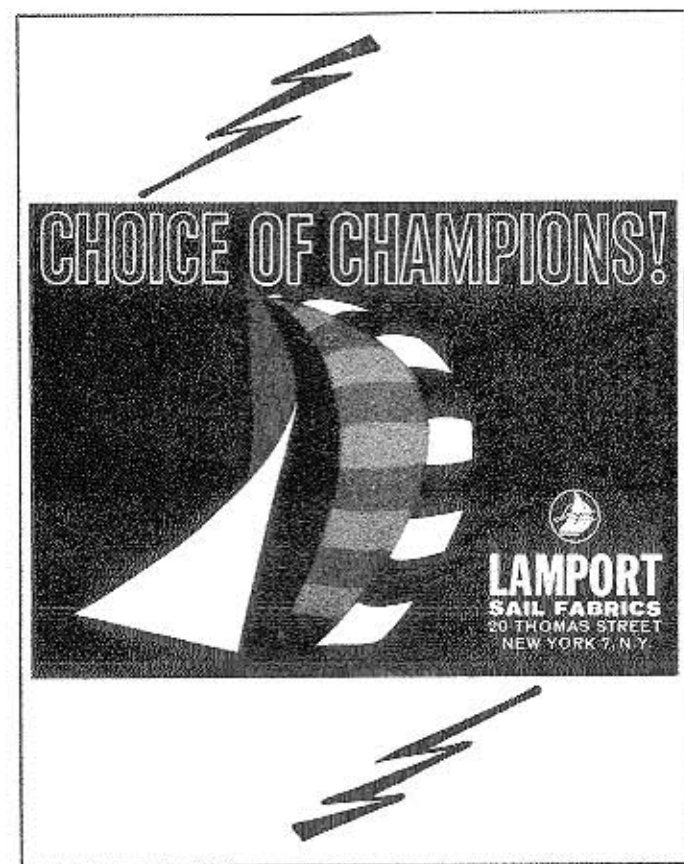
17th Michael Grinnel—Manhasset Bay

20th Virginia Meyer—American Y.C.

23rd Kevin Keogh—Belle Haven B.C.

Governor's Cup—5th Peter Gonzalez—Manhasset Bay

Ah well—next year is next year, and there will be new boats, new races and for sure new results. My complaint is that as I improve a bit everyone around me improves also—why don't they just relax?



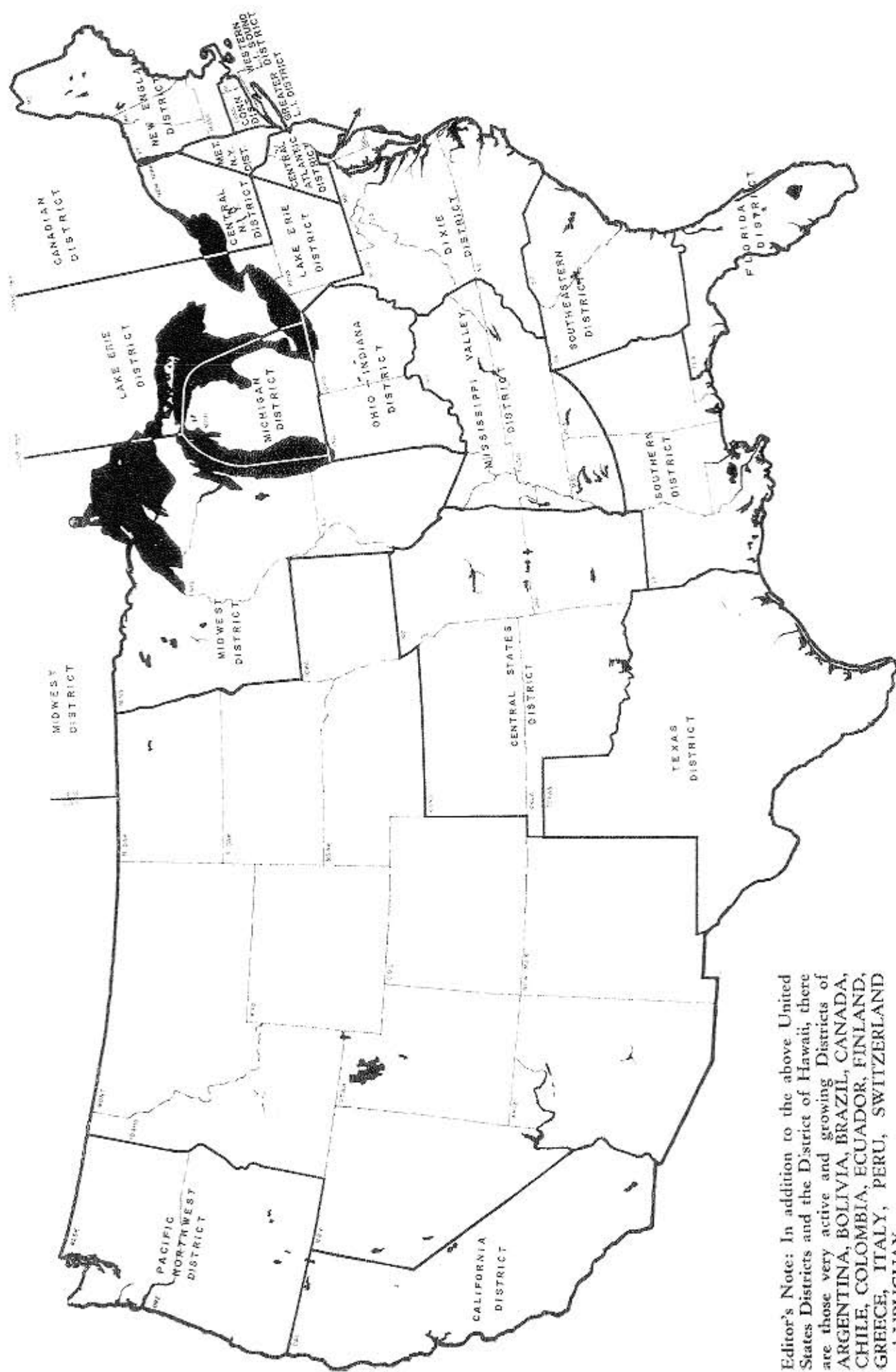
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Lightning Districts

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Ralph Messersmith
 Vice Commodore: Dale Allen
 District Secretary: Nelson Hoffman
 District Treasurer: Bill Dunbar
 Publicity Director: Ed Hance
 District Champion: Marcy Lippincott
 District Runner-up: Bob Seidelmann

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

District Report: A very successful season was inaugurated by the Early Bird Series held at Brant Beach Yacht Club on consecutive Sundays from April 29 through May 27. Bill Clausen III got his newly refinished WILLIES off to a fast start in the first race and continued his winning ways to win the series with finishes of 1-1-2. Dr. Gordon Buzby finished second and Tom Coe third in widely varied winds and temperatures. The wonderful work by the Race Committee consisting of Mrs. Peg Buzby and Tom Coe was appreciated by all!

Central Atlantic District sailors participating in the 1st Annual Long John Regatta sponsored by Monmouth Boat Club on April 28 and 29 fared very well in a 27 boat fleet. Bob Lippincott finished 1st, Marcy Lippincott 2nd, Jim Carson 4th, Marge Alexander 6th, and Howard Mullin 7th. The three race series was sailed in moderate-to-heavy air with seven boats capsizing in the first race, and two others in the second.

Eleven Lightnings sailed in the Governor's Cup Regatta at Riverton Yacht Club on June 30-July 1. Weather was excellent. Bob Adams finished first, Arnold Schwartz second, and Dale Allen third.

Bob Seidelmann won the New Jersey State Lightning Championship on June 16-17 at Brant Beach Yacht Club with 27 Lightnings competing.

Seventeen boats sailed in the South Jersey State Lightning Championship at Brigantine Yacht Club on July 21-22. The weather was heavy and stormy for Saturday's races but turned clear and balmy with 8-10 MPH winds for the final race on Sunday. Bob Adams displayed excellent heavy weather ability taking first place honors with finishes of 1-1-2. Bob's sister, Marge Alexander, kept most of the prizes in the family capturing second with finishes of 1-3-4. Arnold Schwartz was third with a 5-2-2 series. The original prizes consisted of Lightning plaques done in the actual colors of the winning boats.

The District Championship was sailed on Barnegat Bay at Lavalite Yacht Club on July 27-28. All three races were sailed under overcast skies with a choppy sea. Wind velocities were 30 MPH during the first race and 15 to 20 MPH in the second and third. Marcy Lippincott emerged victorious with two first place finishes. Bob Seidelmann finished second and John Walton third in "old 1726". A total of 26 Lightnings turned out for the Championship Regatta.

The Atlantic Coast Lightning Championship was also sailed on Barnegat Bay, from Bay Head Yacht Club, the weekend following the District Championships. Jim Carson sailed "Trident" to 3-2-5 finishes to beat Carter Ford of Riverside, Conn. Marcy Lippincott finished third 1/2 point behind Ford. Although skies were cloudy the regatta was favored by fresh breezes.

Twenty Lightnings sailed in the Little Egg Harbor Invitational Regatta at Beach Haven on August 18-19. Marge Alexander placed first, with Bob Seidelmann second, and Ralph Messersmith third.

The Annual Surf City Invitational Regatta was held on Sept. 8-9 with 22 Lightnings sailing. Dr. Gordon Buzby sailed consistently well to capture the regatta with finishes of 2-1-1. John Sullivan took the second place trophy and Dale Allen was third.

The District regatta season was closed on Sept. 15-16 by the 2nd Annual Riverton Yacht Club Lightning Invitational Regatta.

A fleet of 24 boats representing 10 fleets participated. Bob Adams took first place honors with 1st and 4th place finishes in light-to-moderate air. John Walton and Bob Seidelmann finished second and third. The third race was halted by the time limit as the first boat rounded the final leeward mark in light air.

Five Central Atlantic District sailors journeyed to Buffalo for the North American Championship on August 27 through September 1. We were well represented by Bob Seidelmann who finished third. In order to keep close watch on the tactics of our competitors from other areas we also managed to successfully nail down the final position in the President's Cup.

This year the C.A.D. constitution was reprinted and distributed to all members. The District Championships are now held on a rotating basis giving all fleets an equal opportunity to sponsor and participate in the championships. The constitution has also been amended so that new officers take office on the 1st of the year giving the previous group time to wind up the season's business. A new office of publicity director has been added to assure the best possible coverage for C.A.D. activities.

We are looking forward to another successful season in 1963 with still better participation in District activities. Let's have a record turnout at the Early Bird Series starting April 21 at Surf City Yacht Club—good sailing!

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Kenneth E. Croy
 District Secretary-Treasurer: Gerald W. Young

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Canandaigua Y.C. (44); Newport Y.C. (77); Lewis Point (93); Great Sodus Bay (108); Red Jacket (123); Conesus (140); Genesee Y.C. (148); Owasco Y.C. (149); Cazenovia (164); Henderson Harbor (225); Keuka Lake (252); Brockport Y.C. (267); Galway Lake (338).

The "Districts" were held at the Skaneateles Country Club Aug. 4-5. A fleet of 29 Lightnings registered, representing 7 out of the 16 fleets. Represented were: Sodus (defending fleet), Skaneateles, Newport, Cazenovia, Mayfield, Conesus, and Red Jacket. A four-race series was planned but the race committee had to cancel the fourth race because of no wind.

Now the first race was started Saturday morning. Winds were 8-12 mph, triangular course, buoys to starboard, twice around, each leg 1 1/2 miles. The first race was won by Charlie Halligan (Sodus) with Charlie Doerflinger (Conesus) second and Jack Griffiths (Cazenovia) third.

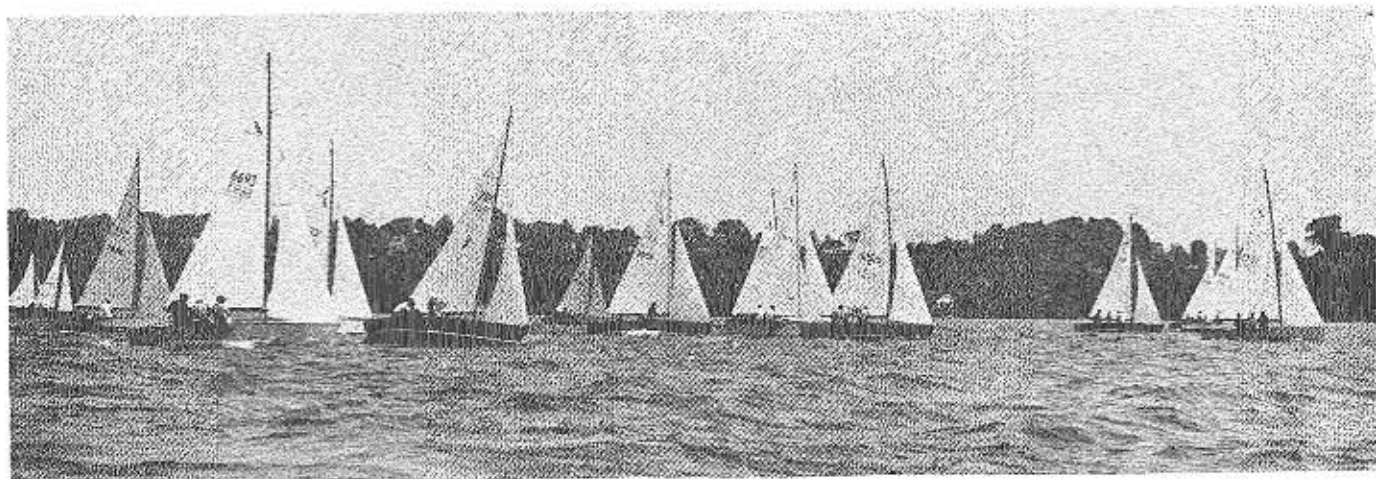
The second race Saturday afternoon was the same course but winds had increased to 12-20 mph. John Sprague (Sodus) won the race, Hugh Dietz (Skaneateles) was second and Skinner Reynolds (also Skaneateles) was third. At the end of the two races the standings were very close:

Standing	Skipper	Finish	Points
1	John Sprague	6-1	51 1/4
2	Charlie Halligan	1-8	49 1/2
3	Jack Griffiths	3-6	49
3	Bob Woolman	4-5	49

The third race Sunday morning started in a 15mph breeze. John Sprague broke his rudder just before the start and was unable to compete. Midway the wind died down and the race ended in a drifting match with a shortened course. Lead positions changed several times during the last leg spinnaker run with light fresh wind streaks favoring the center of the lake. Bob Jamison, by superior spinnaker adjustment in light shifty air, won the third race and the series. Ed Dean (Mayfield) was second and Bob Woolman (Newport) third. The final standings were:

Standing	Skipper	Finish	Points	Fleet
1	Bob Jamison	7-4-1	75 1/4	Newport
2	Bob Woolman	4-5-3	75	Newport
3	Jack Griffiths	3-6-6	72	Cazenovia
4	Charlie Halligan	1-8-12	66 1/4	Sodus
5	Warren Duerr	5-12-4	66	Newport

The race committee, host club facilities and entertainment



Shortly after the start of the Central New York Districts

were well organized and smoothly operated.

The 1963 Districts are scheduled for August at the Willow Bank Yacht Club on Cazenovia Lake about fifteen miles east of Syracuse. We hope to see you there.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jack Worley

District Secretary: Ralph Persson

Fleets: Jayhawk (60); Tulsa Sailing Club (205); Ouachita Fleer (284); Fort Gibson Sailing Club (293); Oddwinds (296); Oklahoma City Boat Club (343).

The Central States District had a very active and successful year under the able leadership of Commodore Stanley Brander of Tulsa.

The district officers invited Allen Bernel of the Buffalo Canoe Club to share with us his expert knowledge of sails and racing technique. The meeting was so successful that those attending suggested that a similar winter event be an annual district function.

The 1962 District Regatta was sailed in Oklahoma at Lake Fort Gibson with Western Hills Lodge as headquarters. Twenty-six boats were registered for the event. They sailed five individual races on an official Lightning course.

The first race was sailed Friday, June 22. A fine breeze provided ample wind to fill spinnakers and dampen the crew. Results of the first race were: Bob Lennart, first; Bob Gierow, second; and Skip Ligon, third. Due to the excellent breeze, two races were sailed, back-to-back, Friday afternoon. The first race of the afternoon again found Bob Lennart, first; Bob Gierow was second, and Gordon Reabe was third. Bob Lennart made it three in-a-row by winning the second race of the afternoon. He was followed by Dick Wootton, second and Stanley Brander third.

Saturday morning, skippers found a beautiful sunny day, but no wind. Races were postponed until 1:30 p.m. Skippers and crew felt quite relieved when the breeze returned about 1:00 p.m. Two races were sailed, back-to-back. Results for the first race were: First, Gordon Reabe; second, Bob Lennart; third, Jones, Schwartz. The results for the second race were: Harris Squire, first; Dean Arnold, second; Gaines Houston, third.

In the fifth race of the series, Skipper Lennart was protested for his maneuver in rounding a buoy on the port tack. The race committee ruled in favor of the protest and Lennart's final standing was lowered. However, Lennart's appeal to the National Lightning Association caused the decision to be reversed and Bob Lennart was declared Champion of the Central States District for 1962.

Saturday evening an awards banquet was held in the lodge. Winners were congratulated and trophies were awarded.

Sunday morning the annual district meeting was held with representatives from all fleets present. Jack Worley of Topeka, Kansas was elected District Commodore for the 1963 season. Commodore Worley appointed Ralph Persson, also of Topeka, as district secretary. It was the decision of the skippers to hold the 1963 regatta at Lake Fort Gibson the third weekend in June.

Central States District Final Standings 1962

Skipper	Boat No.	Fleet	Position
Bob Lennart	7831	205	1
Gordon Reabe	7551	296	2
Stanley Brander	7832	205	3
Jack Worley	7001	60	4

Gaines Houston	7655	284	5
Dick Wootton	5855	284	6
Harris Squire	6901	205	7
Bob Gierow	6300	284	8
Jones-Schwartz	7960	60	9
Tommy Flanagan	7283	205	10

CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: James R. Allen

District Secretary: Barbara Hadlow (Mrs. David M. Jr.)

District Treasurer: John Ireland

District Measurer: Bud Olsen



Connecticut-Rhode Island District winners Dave Chanoux, Steve Buchanan and Bill Healy with I.C.A. Pres. Marty O'Meara, Jr. and Connecticut Lt. Governor Armantano.

Fleets: Housatonic (6); Black Rock (17); Columbia Lake (49); Branford (63); Candlewood Lake (82); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Western Narragansett Bay (119); Cedar Point (126); Madison Beach (129); Noroton (134); Pequot (155); Wadawanuck (183); Norwalk (230); Milford (238); Darien (255); Sachem's Head (269); Sheffield Island (302); Pettipaug Fleet (344).

The Connecticut and Rhode Island District of the Lightning Association had a long, varied and successful season. From the First Chance Series in May at the Milford Yacht Club to the September election of our District Commodore Martin J. O'Meara, Jr. as National President of the Lightning Association the season was full of sailing that was good and events that were exciting.

Our new Commodore James R. Allen had been working on a Constitution and By-Laws when he was elected. This project is being completed as of this printing, and will be a truly difficult



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task well done by the time you read this. These will cover revised rules for the Districts as well as job analysis for officers and so on.

Just to hit the high spots of our racing season, in May we went to Milford where we had between 28 and 32 boats for three weekends straight. It was an interesting start with much discussion about the new sails everyone seemed to have. Bob Bavier christened his new boat there, and the trophies were won by Olsens, Brockert, and Peterson. From there we went to the Early Bird at Niantic Bay. This was a lovely weekend highlighted by champagne toasts for Bud Olsen's daughter and Ted Merrier, Bud's crew, who were being married the next Friday but were sailing anyway. Next there was Groton Long Point's third annual invitational. In three years this club has gone from four old boats to a fleet of nine, six of them new. ECYRA was at Sachem's Head the same weekend as the Long Island Sound Championship was at Riverside Yacht Club in Bay Head, New Jersey. As always the former was good, and the latter, we are told, was good sailing and good fun.

The Conn.-R.I. Districts were held at Niantic Bay August 11th & 12th and were absolutely cursed with bad weather. Saturday was a very light day, so miserable and fluky and with such erratic wind directions that, combined with the failure of the communications system with the stake boats, it was impossible to have a morning race at all. In the afternoon the wind, such as it was, lasted just long enough to get us to the starting line area, about a mile out, before it disappeared. Frustrated sailors and race committee finally called it a day about 4:30 and strung up for rows to the club. Sunday morning was clear and lovely but Dame Fortune was not in Niantic, as the morning race had to be shortened after two long periods of becalm began to threaten the afternoon racing time. Everyone was first and last in that race at least once. Everyone dropped anchor for lunch on their boat, the wind picked up and we had an interesting second race which was plagued by tide on two legs. The wind continued to shift and we think everyone had at least one new experience with water and wind. When the results were in and the points tallied the eight boats qualifying for the North Americans were: Bill Healy, 66 points; Steve Bachman, 62; Dave Chamoux, 60; Henry Sprague, 58; Lee Demarest, 55; Bud Olsen, 54; Dave Peterson, 52; Bob Bavier, 51. Ken Ireland with 47 and Bob Shealor with 43 were substitutes. However, they were not needed as the eight who qualified went to Buffalo with bells on. We were thrilled and delighted to have the Lt. Governor of the State of Connecticut to award the trophies. Lt. Governor Armatano was very interested in the proceedings and said it was the first time he had ever had the opportunity to make this sort of award.

A really interested sailor never lets a weekend go by and the next weekend found us at Milford's Tri-Club Regatta, which was followed by the Governor's Cup at Branford, won again by Wayne Brackett. The following weeks saw the North Americans and the Cedar Point Invitational followed by the Last Chance at Milford and the really fabulous Quantico Regatta hosted by the Marines. By the time the district had finished at Quantico the weather had finished with us, there being naught to do but haul her out and start to plan for this season.

With the addition of a newly chartered Fleet at Petripaug, Essex, Conn., our district has nineteen fleets of which thirteen are active. We would all like to join together and wish you the best sailing ever in 1963, and hope you'll have the opportunity to sail in the Connecticut-Rhode Island District.

DIXIE DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Mary Wilkinson
District Vice-Commodore: Franz K. Schneider
District Secretary: John A. Moore
District Champion: Marbury B. Fox, Jr.
District Runner-Up: Robert W. Tunnell
Fleets: Washington (50); Indian River (72); Sue Island (87); Northeast River (192); Susquehanna (253); Rehoboth (325); Sassafras River (314); Severn River (329); Marine Corps Schools (354).

District Report: The annual mid-winter District meeting held in Wilmington, Delaware, was the first activity for the 1962 season. Well-attended by representatives from all fleets in the District, it proved to be the start of a very busy season. After cocktails and dinner, new officers for the year were installed. Various items of business were discussed and acted upon. After the close of the meeting, the members adjourned to the lounge for never-ending stories which prevail in groups who have this great common interest.

The District Championships were held at the Baltimore Yacht Club, home club of Fleet 87 and the 1961 Champion, Marbury



Quantico 1962—Before the race and only another 30 boats to show

Fox, on June 9 and 10, which was the earliest we have ever held this event. It proved to be a perfect weekend with beautiful weather and wind that would fill any sailor's dream.

After five races in which the winds were never under 15 MPH, Marbury Fox had sailed his "Tally-Ho" to victory for the second year in a row. Placing second was Robert Tunnell; third, Herman Henschen; fourth, James Burke; fifth, Barney Mead; sixth, Frank Williams. These skippers represented the Dixie District at the North American Championships.

Other activities were regattas held throughout the District, fourteen in all. These were sponsored by the Annapolis Yacht Club, Baltimore Yacht Club, Severn Sailing Association, Glen Mar Sailing Association, Miles River Yacht Club, Indian River Yacht Club, Corsica River Yacht Club, Potapscott Sailing Association, Susquehanna Yacht Club, Washington Sailing Association, and the Marine Corps Schools.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Marine Corps Schools Fleet 354 to the District. Again this year we saw another tremendous turn-out for their Frost-Bite Regatta, which has become so well-known throughout the Lightning Class.

The racing season was concluded at the Baltimore Yacht Club's Frigid Digit Regatta sponsored by Fleet 87 on October 28 and 29. This event was won by Stu Anderson of the Niagara Sailing Club. This was the second consecutive year the Regatta was won by a Lake Erie District skipper, Tom Fallon of Buffalo Canoe Club being the first.

Now that the season is over many individual and District plans are being made ready for the new season.

FINLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Esko Lindstrom
District Secretary: Raimo Aromaa
District Champion: Aimo Hanninen
District Runner-Up: Raimo-Ragnar Nordstrom
Fleet: Helsinki (166); Kokkola (297); Kotka (298); Loviisa (299); Pori (306); Oulu (307); Raase (308); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Lahti (349).

District Report: Lightning Class activity has continued its growth steadily in Finland this season. Several fleets have new boats to make races "hotter", and we have also established one more fleet in the Finland District, Lahti Lightning Fleet, 349, which is the second fleet in our lake area. As many readers of this book have probably heard, we have here in Finland about 60,000 (that's true—sixty thousand) lakes, but there has been very little sailing activity on those lakes. Now it seems that our dear Lightning has begun to convert those numerous lakes to yachting, as Lahti Fleet is the second lake fleet in two years in our district.

Finland district's season began with the annual meeting in September in Helsinki, where District officials were elected for the season. Esko Lindstrom was re-elected as Commodore, also all the other officers of the district were re-elected.

The highlight of this season was, of course, the Lightning Class European Championships, which were organized this year by the Finland District. Championships were held in Helsinki in July. Yacht club Merenkavijat, which is the second greatest in Finland,

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MICHIGAN LCA REGATTA SCHEDULE:

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB INVITATIONAL (51) — JUNE 15, 16
SAGINAW BAY Y.C. (216) — JUNE 29, 30
CRESCENT SAIL Y.C. (51) MICH. DIST. CHAMPS — JULY 19, 20, 21
HIGGINS LAKE B.C. (110) — JULY 27, 28
GRAND TRAVERSE Y.C. (326) — AUG. 3, 4
LELAND Y.C. (184) — AUG. 10, 11
TAWAS BAY Y.C. (152) NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS —
SEPT. 2-7
DEVIL'S LAKE Y.C. (31) — SEPT. 14, 15
PONTIAC Y.C. (54) — SEPT. 21, 22
GULL LAKE Y.C. (137) — JULY 6, 7

organized the races and Helsinki Fleet acted as host for the participants. A fleet of 23 Lightnings from three countries participated in the races and Maurizio di Segni from Italy was the best of them and won the European Championship for 1962. Best Finnish boats were Aimo Hanninen's "Marina" which finished fifth, and Paavo Manninen's "Anonymus" sixth; each of them won one race. Details of the Championships can be read in another part of this book.

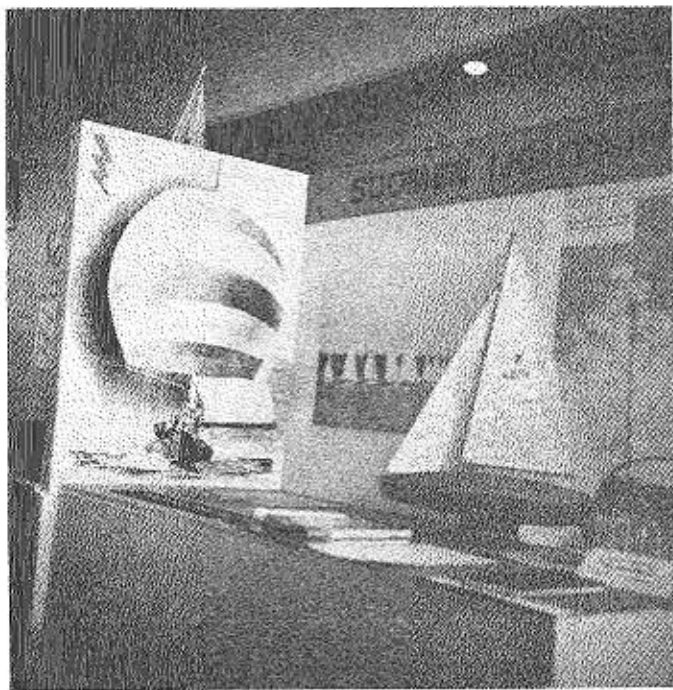
The District Championships were held this year for the first time in the "drinking water", at Lake Pajanne. New Jyväskylä Fleet and yacht club Pajanteen Purseura organized the championships splendidly, and we salt-water sailors had to agree that "one can sail on the lakes too". Races were very hot, even when the weather was not. It rained and blew every day, and the top skippers of the district had really tight competition as can be seen from the small point differences in the final results. Raimo R. Nordstrom was within two points and the next ones weren't so far from them either. Altogether 18 boats from five fleets participated.

Results of the Finland District Championships:

Place	Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Points
I	Aimo Hanninen	MARINA (7177)	Fleet 166	70
II	Raimo R. Nordstrom	KATRINA (6838)	Fleet 299	68
III	Raimo Aromaa	TUULETAR (7888)	Fleet 166	65
IV	Paavo Manninen	ANONYMUS (7894)	Fleet 166	64
V	Kaj Liljeblad	MATTAWUNGA (7980)	Fleet 349	58
VI	Stig Haglund	ARIANA (8218)	Fleet 166	54
VII	Esko Lindstrom	VENIA (7890)	Fleet 166	49
VIII	Juhani Pirttilä	VIP (7889)	Fleet 349	46
IX	Matti Naumenen	MARY-ANN (8212)	Fleet 328	45
X	Orho Brust	MERTTAHTI (7173)	Fleet 328	34

Seventeen Lightnings, three of which were from Italy, participated in the yacht club Meronkavijats great anniversary regatta "Marina". Aimo Hanninen skippering, took the regatta's Lightning Class trophy, "Flash Cup", home. Helsinki Regatta was also quite an important event this season. Thirteen Lightnings participated and Terho Aromaa with his "Masi" 7887 won the regatta's "Raoravaara-Kacklund" trophy.

Finland District is looking forward to the future with confidence. We are getting quite a lot of new boats for next season and most of our fleets are very active. We are also working steadily to get Scandinavian countries interested in our class, and if IYRU will finally accept Lightning's international status, we are sure that our class will spread to Scandinavian countries too.



Finland District's information department at the Helsinki Boat Show



Finland District Champion Aimo Hanninen (at right) entering quays after a successful race

GREEK DISTRICT REPORT

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

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

District Commodore: Andrew Sinopoulos

District Secretary: Platon Louloudis

Chief Measurer: John Contokostas

Fleets: Salamis Piraeus Sailing Club (251); Thessaloniki Salonika Sailing Club (256); Parthenon Royal Yacht Club Greece (286); Dolphin Royal Hellenic Naval Academy (287); Argonafis Volos Sailing Club (289); Aeolia Mitili Sailing Club (336).

The news of the recognition of the Lightning Class Association by IYRU long expected in our country was received by all sailors with a great enthusiasm. It will definitely help our sailors keep the same interest in sailing and promoting the Class. It also will encourage more Clubs to build new boats. The Piraeus Sailing Club, the club that introduced Lightnings in Greece, continues to be very active sailing Lightnings, organizing and participating in all races. All of our fleets for that matter show every sign of increasing interest and activity. Series of races were organized in Salonica on the occasion of the liberation of the town and also in Rhodes Island.

There have been two brand new boats imported from Italy, one by Stelios Bonas, who is one of our best skippers, and the other by John Goulondris, a devoted Lightning friend who is always interested in the promotion of the Class in Greece.

We expect to have some new boats built in Rhodes Island this year where a new fleet will be organized; also in Evia Island where two boats are already in construction.

We hope to participate in the European Championship this year in Naples with a good number of boats and the best skippers.

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