

AEOLIAN (336)**Greek District****Based at Mitilini Yacht Club, Lesbos Island**

Fleet Captain	Manolis Mallidis
Fleet Secretary	Nikos Couclelis
Fleet Champion	Sofoklis Bambouris
Runner-Up	Panagiotis Papastefanis

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

The 1962 season was an active one for Fleet 336.

Eight three-race series were organized, four of them with crews changing boats in every race to give everyone equal chances. To make things even more honest, every boat in the fleet capsized once during the season.

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

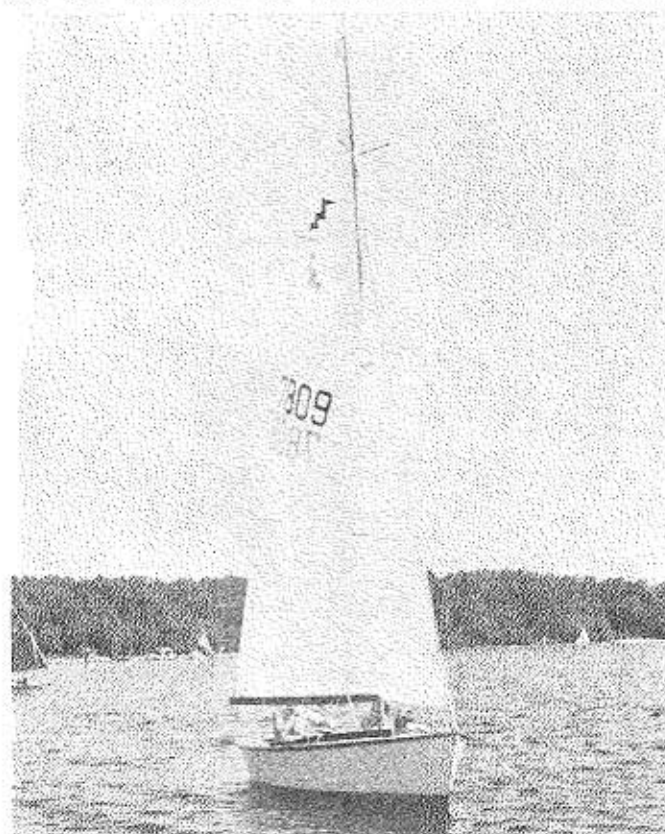
AVRA, skippered by Nikos Couclelis with a crew consisting of Panagiotis Papastefanis, George Protoulis, and Panagiotis Mathielis, took the third place in the International Fair of Salonica Cup, and fifth place in the Greek Championship.

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)**Central New York District****Sailing on Galway Lake, Galway, N. Y.**

Fleet Captain	Everett S. Holden
Fleet Secretary	Everett S. Holden
Fleet Champion	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster
Runner-Up	Everett S. Holden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
316	Wich-One	Dale H. Brown
1272	Rambler	Everett S. Holden
2632	Nite-Mare	Robert W. Race
2690	Eleanor C.	Dr. William Seymour
3455	Chinook	James Dickson
7809		Kenneth E. Buhrmaster

What is the surest way to disturb the peace and tranquility of your Race Committee? Try showing late at the starting line.



Fleet 338 Champ Ken Buhrmaster feeling out a drifter

Regrettably, we of "Good Ole 338" are champions of the art of late starts. For some reason, we just could not get together on time, and as a result have been "sentenced" to serve on the committee next year. Despite all this, our season was successful. The overall results were very close, perhaps due to a few drifters which seemed to match boats and skippers a little closer.

Our small lake is usually blessed with a 10 to 15 knot westerly at race time but this past season we were not on that list. The wind shifted to the south most of the time and due to high hills down that-a-way, we usually end up with a drifter. Despite the unpredictable winds we did manage to initiate our first dunkers when Dale Brown and his Mrs. turned turtle in one of the club's handicap events. Our Lightnings fared well in the handicap events with 1272 placing third overall against such performers as Highlanders, Flying Dutchmen, etc., which goes to show that old Lightnings never die, they just sail on, on, and on.

We were privileged to welcome aboard Dr. William Seymour and #2690. Bill is a very fine gentleman who found his first year at the helm a very relaxing and enjoyable experience.

Our future growth as an active Lightning Fleet has excellent prospects. With an active club membership of close to 70, it is very easy to count 45 to 50 sails at one time during our racing events. A keen interest is always shown in the Lightning and we like to think we have a potential of at least 1 new boat per year.

Since viewing the very fine film of the 1961 Worlds, all members have been bitten by the Spinnaker bug. This can only mean that '63 will be known as the year of the "Kite" here on Galway Lake.

We all look forward to, and wish you all, a very successful season for '63. See you next year.

PENTWATER YACHT CLUB FLEET (340)**Michigan District****Sailing on Pentwater Lake at Pentwater, Michigan**

Fleet Captain	George E. Tubich
Fleet Secretary	Silas Cartland IV
Fleet Champion	Donald N. Basler & Peter B. Northrup
Runner-Up	Mrs. C. Ray Taylor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1287	Miss Pent	Mrs. C. Ray Taylor
2516	Mischief	Harry V. Wilkinson
2529	French Town	Silas Cartland IV
2735	Miss T	George E. Tubich
3066	Nereus	Walter Hallenbeck
4392	Wasp	Mary Ann Bates
4945	Trilogy	Dr. John Olwin
5650	Lazy Squaw	Eugene L. Todd
6384	Alethia	Donald N. Basler & Peter B. Northrup
7714	Therapy	Dr. Jack Graettinger

The Alethia, a new member of the PYC but an old sight on the lake, was the season winner of the trophy. The Baslers also won the August Cmdr's Trophy. The Taylors' "Miss Pent" won the Wm. Hewett Trophy for July. There is a double winner for the Taylor Sportsmanship Trophy. Mr. Todd's "Lazy Squaw" was announced the winner but declined in favor of his crew member of long standing Mr. Hallenbeck. 'Twas a good season.

OKLAHOMA CITY LIGHTNING FLEET (343)**Central States District****Sailing on Lake Hefner, Oklahoma City, Okla.**

Fleet Captain	Victor Cole
Fleet Secretary	Don R. Courtney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
231		Eugene Kendall
689		John N. Paschal
4749		Harry S. Boyd
6163		Victor Cole
6470		Don R. Courtney
7760		O. S. Anderson

Our fleet received its charter in September of 1962. This was accomplished almost entirely through the efforts of Oscar Anderson, our first Fleet Secretary. Prior to this year, while several Lightnings have called Lake Hefner "home port", no successful effort had been made to organize a fleet.

The summer's racing was confined to "free-for-alls" with other members of the Oklahoma City Boat Club who mustered at least ten different combinations of canvas and planking for these events — everything from Beetle Cat to Rocket!

With the addition of new members, this fleet plans to make a concerted effort to schedule a formal race series this coming season.

PETTIPAUG YACHT CLUB (344)
Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Sailing on Conn. River, Essex, Conn.

Fleet Captain.....		Charles Wind
Fleet Secretary.....		Wesley R. Jensen
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
20	Old Glory	Charles Wind
374	Rosie V	John P. Vann
3530	Blue Belle	Neal Johnson
3946	Whisper	Elbert H. Hawkins
6750	Arthur Finkleday
6885	Chances R	Wesley G. Jensen
7263	High Voltage	Alex Girtanner



Can you top this one? Boat #20, Old Glory, has a good racing record and still all wood, no glass

This year proved to be a most successful season for the Pettipaugh Yacht Club members, with the Lightning Class being the devoted and dedicated group of sailors that they are. Although we may be small in number of Lightnings sailing in comparison to other Yacht Clubs, we are most encouraged by the tremendous spirit, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, loyalty and fellowship displayed here at Pettipaugh. We believe we have one of the finest sailing groups one could find anywhere. With this we look forward to another season and know we will have additional Lightning members soon.

Our sailing season began late in May and ended in mid-October. Throughout the season we held series of races, etc., which were very competitive and a challenge to all. In our midst we feel quite elated to have some well-experienced skippers that keep us all on the alert by trying to measure up to them. Alex Girtanner, our Fleet Captain of 1962, has been an outstanding skipper and a challenge to all of us, plus the fact that he has put in a great deal of time organizing and informing our Fleet on what is happening in the Lightning Association. We at the club are most grateful to him. Alex also represented Pettipaugh at the District Races held at Niantic Yacht Club, Niantic, Conn. in August. Alex did us proud by finishing in the upper half of the fleet.

In our series of races Mrs. Charles Wind skippered "Old Glory" to victory over all other boats. This was quite a feat and everyone was delighted to see her go over the finish line first. Even the well-experienced, seasoned gentlemen skippers were aghast.

To vary our interest, we as a group take our Lightnings on planned sailing parties to different islands on the Sound. These excursions are all-day affairs and real fun. Also many picnics and outdoor cooks are held with leisurely sailing following. All this has been made possible through the efforts and inspiration of one of our beloved former Commodores, Mr. Elbert Hawkins, owner of boat "Whisper".

To close the season a farewell party was held October 14th, Decommissioning Day of the Yacht Club. A well-attended affair, (heavy hearts), but all members looking forward to spring and getting their boats back into the water.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)
Mid-West District

Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Fleet Commodore.....		Robert Heimann
Fleet Secretary.....		Joann O'Neill
Fleet Champion.....		Donald Akerley
Runner-Up.....		William Zack
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
608	Dragon	Robert Heimann & Don Hendricks
1004	Warrent Eggert
4390	Rebound	Sam Zafros
4557	Zephyr	Larry Schramm
5047	Robert Peterson
6936	Robby	Ray Robinson
7630	Sparky	William Zack
8171	Red Witch II	Mel Boyington
8172	Vim	William Newman
8174	Frank Huml, Jr.
8175	Valiant	Val Ochenschlager
8266	Rebel II	Fred Beitter
8286	Dauntless	Donald Akerley



Fleet 345 Champion: Donald Akerley, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

The 1962 season was the 1st for the Lake Geneva Sailing Club as Lightning Fleet 345. In past years the club was active as a mixed fleet sailing under a handicap basis.

The fleet had a very ambitious schedule of two Saturday series of seven races each and two Sunday series of seven races each. The fleet champion was determined by a three race run-off of the winners of both the Saturday and Sunday series. Mel Boyington, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in his Red Witch II, Bill Zack, Northbrook, Illinois in Sparky and Don Akerley, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in Dauntless II competed in the three-race championship run-off with Don Akerley in Dauntless II, after three races of close competition, being declared the winner. Don's wife, Marilyn, and son, Brent, served as crew of the Dauntless II.

Fleet 345 also sailed two eighteen mile long races during the season. One on July 4th and one on Labor Day. The Illinois Trophy was awarded to the winner of the July 4th race and the Cobb Memorial Trophy was presented to the Labor Day winner.

Another activity in which Fleet 345 was indirectly involved was the Frances Adams trophy races, held on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to determine the best all-female Lightning skipper and crew in the country. Five skippers of Fleet 345 volunteered the use of their Lightnings to the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, host club for the Mid-West semi-finals of this competition.

The fleet's racing season ended on a social note with trophy presentations at the annual awards banquet. LCA films were shown at the banquet.

Newly elected 1963 season officers are Chase Hess, fleet commodore and Joann O'Neill re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Fleet 345 has a membership roster of 56.

All members of the club are anxiously awaiting the 1963 season when several new Lightnings are expected to join the fleet.

PICHIDANGUI BAY FLEET (346)

Chile District

Sailing on Pacific Ocean, Pichidangui, Chile, South America

Fleet Captain..... Franco Giangrandi
Fleet Secretary..... Hellmuth S. Gumpertz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7432	Marianella	Franco Giangrandi
7486	Lorelei	Gustavo Valenzuela
7707	Belle	Hellmuth S. Gumpertz



Pichidangui, Chile, South America—Inner Bay with Yacht Club in foreground

It was during Easter week that in accordance with the Chilean Yachting Federation, the National Lightning races took place in Pichidangui Bay (135 miles north of Santiago) on the Pacific Coast.

Thirteen Lightnings from different parts of the country participated, even one crew from Valdivia, which had to make a 500 mile trip for this purpose.

Conditions were ideal, inasmuch as we had, during the three days, wind which varied from force five to a flat calm, making the time of the races vary from 45 minutes to 3 hours. Only in some of the races the spinnaker could be used.

Unfortunately in one race Isidoro Melero, the Chilean Champion, turned over and broke his mast, as he was not accustomed to Pichidangui wind at its best, but he was able to replace it for the following races; two other Lightnings had similar mishaps.

On the whole it was the most successful and enthusiastic competition and the weather was certainly most cooperative.

For the coming year yachting activities have been programmed on a larger scale and we have good hopes to increase our membership during the season.

LONDON LIGHTNING FLEET (347)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Fanshawe Lake, London, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain..... Ron Neville
Fleet Secretary..... Joseph B. Martin
Fleet Champion..... Ross Hirschleber
Runner-Up..... Joseph B. Martin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
471	Thor	J. B. Martin
2273	Frída	F. E. Simmonds
5309	Redhead	A. D. Hosack
5540	Denny	L. M. Agranove
5983	Triton	D. R. Stevens
7462	Off Beat	A. Pearson
7965	Didja	R. Neville
8097	Calypso	R. Hirschleber
8130	Chinook	F. E. Roberts

The 1962 season on Fanshawe saw the formation of Fleet 347 with a membership of nine boats.

There were two series of eight races, the first being held in June and July, with Ross Hirschleber and Crew, Paul Steinhoff, holding first place and Joe Martin and Crew, Steven and Wayne Martin, taking runner-up position. The second series was held in August, September and October with Joe Martin and crew holding first place, and Ross Hirschleber taking over second position.

The Lightning Fleet Championship races, a series of five, were held on the Labor Day weekend with Ross Hirschleber standing first, Joe Martin second, and Fred Roberts third.

The first summer for this fleet provided a good many thrills with one man overboard and one boat rammed.

With the expected addition of two to three new racing enthusiasts next year and the introduction of the use of spinnakers to this fleet, the 1963 season promises an even greater variety of spills, thrills and chills.

LAHTI LIGHTNING FLEET (349)

Finland District

Sailing on Lakes Päijänne and Vesijärvi, Finland

Fleet Captain..... Erik Liljeblad
Fleet Secretary..... Timo Rauske
Fleet Champion..... Erik Liljeblad

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4131	Sill-i-Dill	Arto Helemaa
4302	L.P.S.	Lahden Purjehdusseura (Lahti Yacht Club)
7160	Delfin	Lahden Partiosissit (Boy Scouts)
7176	Harskiri	Paavo Boman
7889	VIP	Juhani Piirttilä
7980	Mattawunga	Erik Liljeblad & Reijo Salo

The Lahti fleet was "born" this spring, and we can say that the newborn was quite a baby, as it already consisted of six boats. Four of the boats had played on previous summers on the waves of Vesijärvi Lake, but "VIP" and "Mattawunga" got water under their keels for the first time this spring.

We have had a dozen races in the home waters. Besides these, three of our boats participated in the District Championships in Jyväskylä. Their results weren't too bad either. Kaj Liljeblad with "Mattawunga" finished fifth, Juhani Piirttilä in "VIP" was eighth and Arto Helemaa with old and heavy "Sill-i-Dill" finished twenty-second.

We haven't had time to hold official fleet championships, but "Mattawunga" has been the best of us in every race.

Our report for the first time is quite short, but let's hope that more Lightnings are going to flash in our waters next year, so that we will have more to tell.

HARVEYS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (350)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Harveys Lake, Harveys Lake, Pa.

Fleet Captain..... Robert L. Casselberry
Fleet Secretary..... Paul A. Priebe
Fleet Champion..... Paul A. Priebe
Runner-Up..... Peter A. Laidlaw

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
819		Peter Laidlaw
5836		Archer Mohr
5920	Sly Vixen	Robert Casselberry
6318	Flash	Paul Priebe

Fleet 350 organized in May with but three boats. With confidence and great expectations, thirty-one races were scheduled. However, weather conditions, vacations and absenteeism reduced the schedule to eighteen races.

Lightning Fleet 350 races were under the auspices of the Harveys Lake Boat Club and the watchful eye of Race Fleet Captain John Curtis (former Lightning skipper and holder of numerous North American Snipe trophies) and his able assistant Howard Wiley. We thank them for their efforts and patience with us. Sailing with the H.L.B.C. Comet and Mohjack Fleets added the



#6318 returning from Labor Day drifter on stiffest breeze of the day

challenge of sharp tactics (and fouls) for keener competition. "Captain Bob" with wife Marge and their revolving "third men" Arch Mohr and Dick Demmy started the season as the boat to catch, taking the first race by 1 minute 17 seconds. "Skipper Priebe" alternating his children, Janice, Donna and Paul, Jr. as crew, took the next race by ten seconds.

"Admiral Pete" with wife Betty and Ed Roman began to make their presence known by mid-June. Using the "Pride of the Navy", the prestige of a "GITMO Yacht Club Membership Card" and a weekly supply of pain pills, "Slipped-Disc Pete" slipped into contention by early July, and the Battle of Harveys Lake was on.

Our Holiday races were filled with frustration by the lack of wind. The July 4th Race was called due to a four hour time limit. Two of the Labor Day Week-end series suffered the same fate. A forty minute swim was enjoyed by some of the skippers and crew on one occasion, and we never lost a boat.

Of favorable interest toward tuning our boats for next season is the statistic that two races were won by one second and five by 15 seconds or less. Eye sighting and plumb-hobbing competitors' masts may have been a factor in these close races, as we are equally experienced (?) skippers.

Casselberry lost crewman Arch Mohr for next season . . . he got the Lightning-bug, buying his own boat #5836, which carries a very impressive racing record. So . . . the fleet is growing and we are hopeful of adding still another boat before the 1963 season starts.

Three valuable lessons were learned this season, which will be discussed at length during the winter months. They are listed alphabetically to eliminate claims of favoritism:

- 1—Casselberry; port tack Lightnings are not permitted to ram starboard tack Jollyboats. RESULT—one damaged Lightning stem.
- 2—Laidlaw; capsized Lightnings hold a h--- of a lot of water when righted. RESULT—DNF (damp near full).
- 3—Priebe; port tack Lightnings are not permitted to clobber defenseless starboard tack Comers. RESULT—an insurance check for a Comer mainsail.

Our final season standings had Priebe taking home the "Inland Marine Trophy," (it doubles as a martini pitcher). There are no retoolers in the fleet, Sooo, wait till '65.

- 1962 Final Standings
- 1—Priebe
 - 2—Laidlaw
 - 3—Casselberry

NITEROI FLEET (351)

Brazil District

Sailing on Sao Francisco Bay

Fleet Captain	Benjamin Sodre, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Jose Guimaraes
Fleet Champion	Erik Schmidt
Runner-Up	Luiz Felipe Lima

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1771	Rompevento	Jose Cruz da Costa Biana
4512	Goofy	Phactuel Machado Rego
6558	Week-End	Jose Guimaraes
6793	Eala	Stuart Leishman
6939	Psiu	Peter Conrad Oehrling
7468	Playboy IV	Oscar Mattoso Maia
7495	Caravelle	Luiz Felipe Lima
7541	Dordao	Renato Matta
7682	Fragata II	Benjamin Sodre, Jr.
7866	Mixurucu	Dsalma Ferreira
8233	Osprey VIII	Erik Schmidt

At last the Lightning owners that live in Niteroi got together and decided to found a new fleet which is already turning our clubs of Niteroi into sailing associations again. People will soon be watching for the racing activities of Fleet 351 and it is expected that pretty soon they will be joining us.

On August 11, 1962, Fleet 351's opening race took place. It was open to all fleets of Guanabara Bay; our Renato Matta won the first place and Alexandre Levi, from Fleet 84 was second.

After a series of 3 races, on August 25th and a last one on September 8, we promoted the fleet contest that provided the selection of the Fleet 351 participants in the Brazilian championship of the class; the results were as follows:

1st—Osprey VIII	Erik Schmidt	8233
2nd—Caravelle	L. Felipe Lima	7495
3rd—Mixurucu	D. Ferreira	7866
4th—Week-End	Jose Guimaraes	6558
5th—Dordao	Renato Matta	7541
6th—Fragata II	B. Sodre Filho	7682
7th—Rompevento	Jose C. Biana	1771
8th—Playboy IV	Luiz E. Gomes	7468

Fleet 351 displayed good racing performance in our last Nationals. Erik Schmidt was first with his new boat that also proved to be faster for various reasons. Renato Matta was not so lucky and in one of the races he had a shroud broken but even so he pulled out a nice third place. Luiz Felipe was fifth and Jose Guimaraes sixth.

Scheduled for the second half of January 1963, there are the elimination races to select the Fleet 351 participants in the National Championship of 1963, taking place in Sao Paulo, next year.

All our endeavours are being conducted to have all the boats of the fleet measured before the end of 1962.



Start of the first race organized by the newest fleet in Brazil

HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET (353)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Hoover Dam, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... William F. Kail

Fleet Secretary..... Philip C. Benedict

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
721		Allan L. Richey
989	Donny Brook	Harry A. Murray
1289		Albert B. Snyder
1485	Horn Pipe	William F. Kail
1803		James S. Glasgow
2826	Mariha's Leprechaun	David P. Sweeney
3766		Philip C. Benedict
4865	Pooh	Alan Fischlowitz

5082 Darwin K. Phelps

6769 Kurt Kleinmann

Fleet 353 was organized in the fall of 1962 with Phil Benedict, Harry Murray and Bill Kail the charter members. Our parent organization, The Hoover Yacht Club, was organized earlier in the year so we were all very busy getting the HYC in shape. Unfortunately we were not able to hold any official races during the 1962 season.

1963 promises to be an active season for the Lightning skippers. We anticipate a fleet of at least twelve boats which should provide for some keen competition.

During the winter months we are planning a series of classes to help us better understand racing rules and tactics and to help us know our boats. We want to be prepared in 1963 to race against the "old pros."



Junior Regatta, Southern Yacht Club, Fleet 62, New Orleans. Skipper, Beth Manion

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