

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2072		Edward Harding
5838	Some Kid	Ferris Thomsen
6668	Turnbuckle	Watson A. Rand
7022	Galaxy	L. B. Flint
7329	Surf II	Robert Custance
7639	Tern	John Bennett
7944	Typhon	Richardson Blair
8241	Go-Mo-Shun	David Closson
8352	Spindrift	Arthur Unsworth
8512	Vigilante	Howard & Peter Wood
9089	G & T	Robert Wherland

During the past summer, Squam Lake was full of sails. Our Fleet grew to 11 boats, enthusiasm and competition reached new highs and the season was climaxed by our hosting the New Hampshire-Vermont Regatta, which drew 27 entries, the largest regatta in the New England District this summer.

Our racing program consisted of 16 races. "Vigilante", skip-

pered alternately by Howdy Wood and his son Peter, showed up at the finish line ahead of the pack ten times, which earned for her the series trophy and the "Pitcher", a Paul Revere replica, emblematic of the Fleet Champion. With five firsts and no finish worse than third (when you tipped over, Dave, you didn't finish) Dave Closson was runner-up. By consistently finishing well up in the fleet, Bob Wherland earned third place in his new 'G & T'. Bob Custance and Bert Flint were dueling right up to the last race for 4th and 5th place. By the thinnest of whiskers, Bob gained the edge. Our "Philadelphia Lawyer", Dick Blair, tried everything, cracking his mast, losing his rudder, tipping over, but could never find the right combination to get his boat going. In his first summer of sailing a Lightning, John Bennett showed that he will have to be reckoned with by the rest of the Fleet in years to come. Next summer we hope to see much more of Art, Ted, Watt, and Camp Deerwood out on the race course.

We again made use of our courses in the three different areas of the Lake and ended up the season on Labor Day with an 'around the Lake' cruise, with many of the boats being skippered by Juniors who spent the summer taking orders as crew.

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore: John R. Ruhlman

District Secretary: Gerald R. Garinger

District Champion: Charles H. Maltbie

District Runner-Up: Jay Limbaugh

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Menton Harbor (37); Toledo (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Warasee (154); Northeast-Cleveland (207); Atwood Lake (212); Berlin (263); Indianapolis (270); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover Dam (353).

Indianapolis started District regatta competition with the Indiana Open Lightning Championship May 9 and 10. Jim Schudel, Cowan Lake Ohio, won this one with Bud Crow and Joe Stueland, both from St. Joseph, Michigan, getting second and third. This was the second running of this regatta and not unlike last year's, was replete with capsizees because of fiendish winds. Indian Lake held their Spring Shakedown Regatta on May 16 and 17. Veteran Charlie Lutes took three firsts to lead the way with Frank Pfeifferle of Cincinnati second and Tom Wilkins third.

Menton Harbor Yacht Club and Berlin Yacht Club had their invitationals during June. Pymatuning's Fourth of July blast and District warmup found Jay Limbaugh leading Charles Maltbie and John Ranft to the trophy table. Pymatuning also hosted the District Championship. This was won by Dr. Maltbie followed in order by Limbaugh, Fisher (District champion for the previous seven years), Mueller Sr., Schudel, Powless, Ranft, Mann, Auer and Mueller, Jr.

Northeast Yacht Club and Cleveland Yacht Club held July invitationals.

District participants in the North American Championship were Jay Limbaugh, the Muellers, Jon Ruhlman and Charlie Lutes. Imperturbable John Mueller, Sr. skillfully maneuvered an overall fifth in the big show. For an old St. Bernard fancier this was tremendous—and he qualified in thirtieth position! Jon Ruhlman with shapely decoys Barbara and Wendy Hawn finished tenth in the Governor's Cup.

Late season regattas were hosted by Port Clinton and Buckeye Lake.

The Fall meeting of the Ohio-Indiana District was held at Buckeye Lake on October 9, 1964.

The 1965 Ohio-Indiana District Regatta will be held at Cleveland Yacht Club on July 8-9-10-11.

In summary it was an extremely active and interesting sailing year. Next year should be a real dandy as "Tiger Ted" Siferd returns to battle with a new boat after an approximate eighteen year layoff. Welcome back, Ted! Maybe your return will lure Doc Barnes out of retirement.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain James B. Malcolm
Fleet Secretary John Shinn
Fleet Champion Charles Lutes
Runner-Up Lester Young

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
197		Allen Jeffrey
1231	Pink Lady	James Klopfer
2982	Polka Dot	Dr. Robert Stafford
5103	Bounding Betsy III	Lou J. Zerbe
5371	South-Wind II	Robert Heys
5410	Stet	Alex Kaye
5511	Receivership	Edward Davidson
5829	Mimmi II	Richard Kretschmer
6209	Lightning Bug	Geo. Laug
6276	Seven-Up	John Shinn
6602	Bunion Too	Dr. Robert Gill
7118	Rag Race II	Ray Stotts

7424	Raven	Robert Stempel
7502	Escape II	William Hartzell
8147	Chuck-L	Charles Lutes
9120	Jean II	Ted Siferd
9201		Charles St. Clair
9274		Lester Young
9286		James B. Malcolm
9287	If	Tom Wilkins

We have had a very fine sailing year at Indian Lake. Racing competition is getting tougher with lots of our boats traveling to regattas. Three boats participated in the Districts and Charlie Lutes represented us at the Nationals in California. We had six entries in the Snowball at Buckeye Lake and eight traveled to Devil's Lake, Michigan.

Our fleet is growing with fifteen of the twenty Lightnings racing every weekend. We are building a new sea wall on the island and adding additional lift dock facilities for the new Lightning sailors we know will be joining us. At least three of our Lightnings will be going to the Southern Circuit this year.

We are looking forward to a very competitive year in 1965. With new boats, new sails and more experience we are sure the season series will be decided, at it was in 1964, by the last race.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

Sailing on Scioto River, O'Shaughnessy Reservoir,
Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Doug Sandbo
Fleet Secretary	Bill Snowman
Fleet Champion	"Bucky" Powless
Runner-Up	Ed Marlowe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
638		Dave Wheeler
1229		Fred Lawson
1232	Star Dust	Frank Rose
1982		Rollin J. McCrory
2662		H. George Seiple
2823	Driftwood	Don S. Cameron
3379		Bob Cooper
3895		Bob Platt
4890	Frosty	Bill Snowman
6503	Sand Boat	Douglas R. Sandbo
7147		Dick Johnson
7466		Chuck Schindler
7688		Warren Wildrick
8234	Won-One-Once	Ernie Hirschfeld
8235	Tender Trap	Ed Marlowe
8522	Touch and Go	Bucky Powless
8656		John Skotch
8932		Jim Hughes
9338		Bill Brown

With the inspiration of a lobster cookout meeting, Fleet 27 had a record turnout for the Spring Series. The winner was John Skotch with Ernie Hirschfeld taking second place. In the Memorial Day Series, "Bucky" Powless and Ed Marlowe set the pace that established them later in the year as fleet champion and runner-up. The Labor Day Series was won by Ed Marlowe with Ernie Hirschfeld a close second. The fall series saw the last year Fleet Champion, Ernie Hirschfeld, coming in first with John Skotch in second place. John Skotch took second place in the Spinnaker Division of the All-Club Saturday Handicap Series.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake, Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Clem Shriver
Fleet Secretary	Dale S. Burkhardt
Fleet Champion	Clem Shriver
Runner-Up	Lynn Nye

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
123	Red II	Clem Shriver
554	Frances III	Tom Hutchings
570	Caper	Bob Castle
591		Roger Judy
1956	Jamac	J. W. McCleaster
2395	Duckie	Edwin Duckworth
3435	Dana	Dale S. Burkhardt
3461	Miss Blue	Lynn Nye
8276		Louis Konstan
8637		Tom Daugherty

The 1964 season was the most active and closely contested that Fleet 33 has experienced in many years. Clem Shriver in #123 jumped off to an early lead with a series of first places and it seemed that he would run away from the rest of the fleet. However, as the season progressed, Ed Duckworth in 2395 and Lynn Nye in 3461 began to whittle away at this big lead until, by the last day of the season, it was possible for any one of the three boats to claim the championship. On the final day's racing there was a light wind out of the south that was especially shifty at the finish line. By keeping to his usual policy of steady sailing and staying out of trouble, Clem consistently finished near the top of the fleet and so won the championship.

Clem made a clean sweep this year by winning the Bob Castle Lightning Trophy for the fall series of racing and the Handicap Trophy, signifying the champion of all the classes in the club based on a comparison of corrected times of each one-design boat

in the season's races. This is the second year in a row that a Lightning has won the trophy.

This year a Lightning "B" fleet was originated, comprised of the less active and new or inexperienced skippers. The idea behind it is to have the newer skippers compete with other skippers of comparable caliber so that they don't become discouraged by being consistently near the tail end of the fleet for the first few years. The winner of the "B" trophy must compete with the "A" fleet the following year. This season's winner was Tom Daugherty in 8637 and he was closely followed by a new sailor, Roger Judy, sailing an almost completely rebuilt boat, 591. We hope that the "B" fleet will give the newer sailors and even the less active skippers an incentive to get out and do more racing so that they can eventually be competitive with the top skippers in the club.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pa.

Fleet Captain	George Prince
Fleet Secretary	Ken Finnie, Sr.
Fleet Champion	Chuck Maltbie
Runner-Up	Frank Hornby

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
183	Rummage Sail	Joe Redding
273	#1 Heel	Bob Graham
677	Seng-ri-la	Ray Seng
1806	Venture	Ken Finnie
1919	Spray II	W. W. Legstrom
2706	Fade	Frank Hornby
2805	Mistral	John Swartz
3402		Chuck Henderson
3845	Slap Happy	Don B'asier
4282	The Wag	Jim Wagstaff
4357	Norma J.	William Loch
5032	Betsy-Marie	I. A. Hutcheson
5048	Kid-Nap	Paul Knapp
5110	Susanne	Horace Yates
5311	Spook	Eugene Harmon
5313	Mid-Rick	Richard Shannon
5323	Gigan II	Fred Lange
5338	Witch II	Len Baker
5580	Golden Girl	H. E. Johnson
6053		Leonard Pepkowitz
6530	Miss-Fit	Jim Davis
6661	Way-Wass-I-Mo	B. F. Hawn
6682	Thisizit	Barb Simpson
7904	Tilt II	John Willoughby
8125		Betty Baumgardner
8330	Hot Canary III	Chuck Maltbie
8520	Ruler III	Jon Ruhlman
8635	Twister	Bob Hindson
9040		George Prince
9080	Shannah	Ed Friedman
9081	Moby Jack	Bob Harrison

July 1964 was The Month for Pymatuning Yacht Club.

Our own Chuck Maltbie won the Ohio-Indiana Lightning District Championship held at P.Y.C. The same weekend P.Y.C. Thistle stalwart John Proctor traveled to Erie Yacht Club to capture the Thistle District Championship. The following week saw our Juniors at Cleveland Yacht Club where they soundly trounced the C.Y.C. Junior 26 to 10. The month closed with P.Y.C. Junior Skipper Niles Dailey sailing a Rebel Class sloop to victory in the Inter-Lake Yachting Association's Junior Race Week at Put-in-Bay.

P.Y.C. congratulates her champions!

The 1964 Season opened with a good percentage of the active Fleet 36 skippers on the starting line. Serious skippers such as Chuck Maltbie, Jon Ruhlman, Frank Hornby, John Swartz and others gave much of their time to less experienced skippers, in helping to rig and tune their boats.

The Fleet sailed in two divisions as it did last year. Our Fleet Champion in the experienced Red Division is Dr. C. H. "Chuck" Maltbie, whose butter yellow Hot Canary III flew home with a perfect score for the series with regular crew members Dick Maras and Ken Finnie, Sr., clinging to her with bruised knuckles and bloody fingers. Frank Hornby sailed his well tuned Fade, crewed by son, Peter, and friend, George Pearsall, to second place while Jon Ruhlman's Ruler III captured third place. Jon and his

Pepsi Generation crew, Barbara and Wendy Hawn also attended the North American Lightning Championship at Mission Bay, California, where Jon took 10th in the Governor's Cup Race.

Fleet Captain George Price had his new Tuxedo Blue boat delivered to the Club and did well with it, taking fourth in the Fleet Championship. George will prove to be a tough contender next season.

The Green Fleet bowed to the helmsmanship of Ken Finnie, Jr., who in his first year of fleet racing and with a wide variety of crew members, urged his aging Venture into first place and kept her there. Divinity student Chuck Henderson and his altar boy crew skillfully maneuvered their Bible Blue Lightning into second place just a prayer ahead of Don Blasier and his boys in Flap Happy.

Henderson is a new member of the fleet who earned his bread and wine during the summer preaching at a camping area near the club. Chuck's boat was often observed slipping out of the camping area cove and beating to the starting line accompanied by the final strains of Nearer My God to Thee.

Jay Limbaugh of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club carried away first place honors at the Pymatuning Yacht Club Annual Fourth of July Regatta. C. H. Maltbie of P.Y.C. was second and Johnny Ranft, another of Buckeye Lake's avid skippers was third.

Many of the visiting skippers left their boats at the Club and returned the following weekend to sail in the Ohio-Indiana Lightning District Championship Regatta, which was brilliantly highlighted by the stellar performance of first place winner, Chuck Maltbie. Jay Limbaugh of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club took second place with George Fisher also of Buckeye Lake in third place.

In winning this five race event, Chuck Maltbie became the third skipper in the sixteen year history of the event to hold the championship title. George Fisher of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club was the winner for the past seven years while prior to that Walt Sindeman of Toledo Yacht Club held the title for eight years. We congratulate Chuck Maltbie and it is our wish that he continue the tradition of his predecessors. Good luck, Chuck!

The Leckemby Series was won by Frank Hornby at the tiller of Fade. Sue Yates took second place using Harrison's Moby Jack with Ken Finnie, Jr. third in the Friedman Shannah.

The Crew Race this year was won by Dick Maras in Chuck Maltbie's Hot Canary III. Dick recovered from a poor start to be third at the weather mark and finished with no other boat in close contention.

Bob Harrison introduced a new Lightning to P.Y.C. Bob's gleaming hull, christened the "Moby Jack" in an impressive champagne ceremony, racked up an enviable record. Unfortunately, good natured Bob was often among the spectators or on board as a crew and thus the Moby Jack's record cannot be entered as official.

Another new boat to join Fleet 36 is Shannah, owned by the Friedman brothers. The boys are new members, fierce competitors and a welcome addition to this fine Fleet.

We also welcome new sailor, Bob Graham and his wife, Betty, to Fleet 36. Betty has held up marvelously through a season of down wind landings, picnic outings in the driving rain, and an attempt to fly the spinnaker in a gale. Next year will be easier Betty. Glad to have you both aboard.

P.Y.C. Junior Skipper Niles Dailey, along with his hot crew, Miss Sue Yates, Ken Finnie, Jr., and brother, Robin Dailey, showed the way home to junior skippers at the Interlake Yachting Association's Junior Race Week at Put-in-Bay. The P.Y.C. Juniors met defeat however at Chicago's Belmont Harbor where they sailed to sixth place in a six boat fleet.

My reason for mentioning the foregoing in a Lightning Fleet report is that our Junior Program is under the direction of Chuck Maltbie, who not only gives freely of his time to teach our young people to sail but personally took them to Put-in-Bay and on to Chicago and promised the trip to the Sears Cup Eliminations in Texas if they qualified. Chuck sets a fine example for our youth and we in Fleet 36 are proud of our association with him.

Fleet 36 closes this sailing season with reluctance. Boats are stored, sails have been folded and gear is stowed. We have many pleasant memories, however, to spark and warm the long winter months until next Spring and the new season.

MENTOR HARBOR FLEET (37)

Sailing on Lake Erie at Mentor, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....Rafe Royle
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Hickey



"HOT CANARY III with skipper Chuck Maltbie and crew Dick Maras and Ken Finnie."

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1642	If-N-Wen	Edward Wahl
3336	Greased Lightning	James Hickey
3462	Andale	Gordon Doble
3607	Folly	Rafe Royle
4548	Serendipity	Don Fribourg
4889	Touche	Reid Stava
5461	Nonpareil	Fred Walker
New Boat	Naughty Lass	Ted Luntz
New Boat		Ed Wahl, Jr.

Mentor Fleet enjoyed continued growth in 1964 along with an unprecedented racing spirit throughout the season. From May 3rd through October 25th an average of seven Lightnings bolted over the starting line and finished the longest organized racing season on Lake Erie.

A sail-race dinner in November marked the finish of a grand summer, with the following standings:

Summer Series

1. Folly	Rafe Royle
2. Greased Lightning	Jim Hickey
3. Andale	Gordon Doble

Fall Series

1. Greased Lightning	Jim Hickey
2. Andale	Gordon Doble
3. Naughty Lass	Ted Luntz

Season Championship

1. Greased Lightning	Jim Hickey
2. Folly	Rafe Royle
3. Andale	Gordon Doble

Stava Trophy Race

1. Touche	Reid Stava
2. Folly	Rafe Royle
3. Andale	Gordon Doble

Hickey Trophy Race

1. Greased Lightning	Dolores Hickey
2. Folly	Marianne Royle
3. Serendipity	Janet Fribourg

Fish and Iron

1. Greased Lightning	Jim Hickey
2. Touche	Reid Stava
3. Serendipity	Don Fribourg

Magnum Trophy Race

1. Folly

Rafe Royle

The 1964 season was marked by only one mishap. Ted Luntz tried a new racing tactic to cinch the Regatta and wound up sailing with his spar dragging the bottom of Lake Erie. (Result: a broken spar and a split centerboard trunk.) On the plus side of the ledger is the addition of two spanking new boats to be delivered this spring! Congratulations to Ed Wahl and Ted Luntz.

Plans are afoot for many improvements in facilities for our fleet as well as visiting fleets in 1965. Three electric hoists are now available for dry sailing and launching. An additional cushioned berth will be added to the present rigging area along with a new five-foot boardwalk adjacent to our slips.

The Mentor Fleet was very proud to host the first combined meeting of all Lightning Fleets in the Greater Cleveland Area; namely, Cleveland Y.C., Forest City Y.C., Northeast Y.C. and Mentor Harbor Y.C.

The prime purpose for creating the Greater Cleveland Lightning Association is to stimulate Lightning interest in this area. We unanimously decided to sponsor a Lightning booth at the Mid-America Boat Show in Cleveland, held January 29th through February 7th. Two new Lightnings and one used one will be featured. Secondly we decided to sponsor an Invitational Regatta which will be called the Greater Cleveland Lightning Championship. The Regatta will be held once each year and will be rotated among the four clubs. The first Regatta will be held at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club on June 26th and 27th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

GREATER CLEVELAND LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

JUNE 26 AND 27, 1965

MENTOR HARBOR YACHT CLUB
MENTOR, OHIO

The Regatta will feature a grand array of trophies and pennants donated by The Carling Brewing Company. All fleets will be invited to attend our Invitational Regatta. Mentor Harbor Yachting Club has excellent facilities to accommodate visiting boats and fleets. Further information will follow in the mail, so DON'T MISS THIS COMING REGATTA! It's a winner and should become one of the top Regattas in the Ohio-Indiana District.

TOLEDO FLEET (42)

Based on Lake Erie, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Richard Wachter
Fleet Secretary	Coe H. Dickey
Fleet Champion	Coe H. Dickey
Runner-Up	Richard Wachter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1273	.....	Ed Stowell
5678	Four Dees	Frank Keller
6010	.....	Jim Simonds
7308	.....	Bill Rea
7715	Little-toot	Walt Mueller
7847	Drip Dry	Coe H. Dickey
8040	.....	Richard Wachter
9180	.....	Ellas Robinson

Fleet 42 report has been missing from these pages for the last two years for the very good reason that we have been going through the pangs and problems that come from moving and building a new yacht club. Our charter now rests at North Cape Yacht Club. The Fleet held 13 races this season. We had everything in the way of weather and conditions. We had winds from zero to thirty-five knots. We had seas from "Mill pond" to "Tempest". We had capsizes, we had break downs, we had protests, we had sun, we had rain, we had Fun!! I think this last best summarizes our season; we had fun. What we lacked by not having large organized fleet racing we more than made up by having close friendly competition. We are all learning from each other, which is the way it's supposed to be.

Our season's "big one" was the wind up for the year. It was our home club's "Indian Summer Regatta". It was sure misnamed this year. When we arrived at the club we were greeted by 18 out of town skippers, gale winds and waves that looked like meringue topping on a pie. The regatta was postponed for two weeks. When the appointed time arrived, we had clear skies. Our starting fleet was smaller than the first one, but the competition was "Hot" which was good because the weather was cold. At the start of the first race it was 39° but it warmed all the way up to 42° for the

second. When all the noise of the skippers shouting at their crews had died away, George Sipel, Jr. from Fleet 31 had walked away with the top hardware. He had a perfect weekend with 3 straight firsts. For those skippers who were not able to return we hope we will see you under fair skies next year.

Be sure to watch this space for bigger and better things.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Captain	George V. Fisher
Fleet Permanent	
Corresponding Secretary	Helen Limbaugh
Fleet Champion	George Fisher
Runner-Up	Jay Limbaugh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1992	Ticker Tape	James McLain
6906	.....	Lloyd Filer
7940	Mort	Jay Limbaugh
8100	Tweedy Too	Jack & Tom Davis
8105	Misty	Sam Hays
8121	Alibi	Tim Fisher
8250	Lightning Bug	Marty Headlee
8315	Vagrant	John J. Ranft
8345	Mauya	George V. Fisher
8700	Little Audrey	Bob Mann
	III	
9303	Jet	Tim Fisher
9360		Jim Dressel



"Proud members of Fleet #43 display their seasons Trophies".

After the end of the 1963 sailing season Fleet 43 undertook a major project. Our fleet held two classes on rules and tactics from November through April, one a basic class, and the other an advanced class. The classes were open to all sailors in the area. The attendance was exceptionally good, and the nominal charge per individual also increased our fleet treasury. There are plans for continuing the classes during the next winter months.

At the start of the 1964 Racing Season our Fleet was minus two of our members. Tom Davis was doing his hitch in the Service and John Schneider had moved to Washington, D.C. We missed these two hot shots! But at least there was another Davis to step in—Tom's brother Jack took over the tiller of Tweedy Two, but rumor has it that Jack prefers crewing to skippering.

The year was an important one to our Fleet, having had one I.L.C.A. President in 1957, Bob Mann, we again had a fleet representative in this chair, Jay Limbaugh. I admit to being prejudiced, but I think Jay was an outstanding President of I.L.C.A.

Our Spring Tune-Up Series was won by George Fisher, with Bob Mann second and Marty Headlee third, and then the regular Spring Championship Series was won by Jay Limbaugh with John Ranft tied on points, but when the tie was broken Jay was first, John second and Bob Mann third.

In early May the first trail to a Regatta was made by Jay who, with Ron Brady and I as crew, went to Indianapolis for their Indiana Open Championship. Heavy, gusty air on both days

made this an exciting and wet Regatta. Two weeks later we trailed to Kentucky Lake for their Governor's Cup Regatta, good weather with a little of everything in the way of wind and miles and miles of close spinnaker reaches. At home the fleet couldn't race because of the heavy air. Memorial Day we raced in a Long Distance Handicap Series for the Gail Fisher and Earl Williams trophies. Appropriately enough, George won his daughter's trophy.

Many of you will know that George has had the same crew for a number of years, but last year Chris Mykrantz moved to Detroit and Don Wilson had other obligations and although they were on board for the Districts, the rest of the season George was breaking in a new crew, Tim McClain and either Gregg or Matt his eight and ten year old sons, who alternated races.

In mid June our Fleet went enmasse to Crescent for their Regatta—John Ranft, George Fisher, Bob Mann, Marty Headlee and Jay Limbaugh. Out of the group, trophies were won by Marty (second) and John (third). During the rest of June, we were racing our Summer Championship Series at home, Jay won this. George 2nd and John 3rd. Fourth of July we were all up at Pymatuning for their Regatta, Jay won this one. Then the next week end we were back there to race in our District Championship. Best our fleet did was Jay in 2nd place. At the annual District Meeting the Sportsmanship Award was presented to George Fisher. One of the social highlights of the fleet activities was an all day outing at John and Jane Ranft's Country Club—golfing, swimming and a fabulous dinner topped off by dozens of Grasshoppers.

During August, Tom Davis was back and Lloyd Filer began to do better in our races. We wondered if the night sailing Lloyd was doing was paying off. Jay was the only one from our fleet who made the trip to California for the North Americans. The Labor Day Series was won by George, Marty Headlee second and Bob Mann third. Marty certainly became a constant threat during the latter part of the season. He is serving on the Board of Governors of BLYC and doing a fine job with the Juniors. Another Long Distance Race in early September for the Ted Eaton and Harold Miller trophies was won by George. Then in the Master's Cup Championship (all fleets) George was 1st and Bob 2nd.

The Fall Championship Series was also won by George, Marty Headlee second and Bob Mann third. Our season wound up with our Snowball Regatta—54 Lightnings on Buckeye Lake is a sight to see. We welcomed the "Regulars" from our own immediate area who help us make the Snowball a success every year, and we all enjoyed having those who came so far to compete in our Snowball—the Andersons, Blakes, Delormes and Loretta Mann, Hughes family, Bud Nelsons, Kohls family, Scotts, Spitzes, Sproles and Tom Allen, Al Berg, Dennis Burke, Jay Doty, Bill Ellery, Bob Knop, Karl Leland, Marcy Lippincott, Ron Pinder, Pryors, John Schneider and Jack Swanson. Our own Buckeye Lake skippers took top honors though—George Fisher won. Marty Headlee was second—quite an accomplishment against such competition. Rumor has it that the Snowball Regatta will be held on two different week-ends next year, one for Lightnings only. This will ease our haul-out and mooring situations and make our sailing conditions better. The Friday and Saturday night parties will not change though!

Our season was a success, we all had our share of good races. Any series could have been won by any one of us, and it looks like another good year ahead. Tim Fisher has a new boat. Jim Dressel, who hasn't had a Lightning for 5 to 6 years (while in college and Service) has ordered a new boat and will be racing with us once more. Bob Spitz has moved to Worthington and we hope will join B.L.Y.C.

Travel is definitely in the year ahead as it was last year. The George Fishers, Earl Fishers, Davis family, Manns and Limbaughs made the trip to Lima. Now the Earl Fishers, Davises, Manns, Filers, Dressels and Limbaughs are looking forward to going on the trip to Italy. A few of us got to St. Pete last year and hope to in '65. Quantico is again on the schedule and as many Regattas as our time and money will permit!

Good luck and good sailing.

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

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

Fleet Captain	Walter Sellars
Fleet Secretary	Mark Auer
Fleet Champion	John Mueller
Runner-Up	Mark Auer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3852	At Last	Clyde Jones

5265	Seedy	Carlos Smith
5293	Beach Comber	Vince Hlavin
6493	Can't Wait	Dwight Wait
6753	Vaquero	Evans
7645	Diaper Pail	Mark Auer
7865	Tickled Pink	John Mueller
7927	Fede	Paul Auer
7928	Bonnie Lass	W. M. Summers
7962	Lucky Star II	Carl (Pete) Carsten
8650	Saguna	Walter Sellars
8675	Pickled Tink	Jack Mueller
8686	.....	R. Corbin

The year 1964 was a real success for Lightning Fleet #71. The weather cooperated and we were able to sail all our races. The ladies really made the social activities a success and one of our members was able to place in the North American Championship.

John Mueller and son Jack travelled their pink boats to San Diego. John sailed to win and he finished 5th in the North American Championship. Son Jack had to settle for 11th place in the President's Cup Regatta. John was our most travelled skipper this year. He competed in the World's Championship in Peru. He then had his boat dropped off in Savannah and sailed in the Southern Circuit. In between times he crewed for son Jack at Quantico and was second.

John continued his winning ways at the Club by winning the fleet championship and the Pettibone Trophy. We tried to deflate his ego by beating him but he was too good for us.

This year something new was tried at CYC. The non-sailing activities at the regatta were moved to another week-end. This will make it more convenient for visiting Lightnings to compete in our regatta. We are really expecting a big turnout this year with the added incentive of a new club house.

Fleet #71 will also host the Ohio-Indiana District in July.

In the prize category, Mark Auer led with 7 of the new pewter mugs. He was followed closely by Paul Auer and Pete Carsten with 5 each and John Mueller had 5.

MANSFIELD LIGHTNING FLEET (150)

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Mansfield, Ohio

Fleet Secretary	Charles H. Huston
Fleet Champion	Charles Huston

Boat. No.	Boat Name	Skipper
340	Sturdy Begger	Stan Kime
830	.....	Jack Davies
2016	Gin-Jo-Ka	Kathryn & Johnson Smith
2018	.....	Tom Bates
2725	Firefly	David Ott
2854	Meg	John Hammer
4239	.....	John Yoakam
4447	Colleen	Thomas McDermott
5167	Patience	Alvin Bales
5456	Busy B's	Jim Bierly
5485	In A Jam	Jack Mintz
6944	Toby	Walter Stevens
6945	.....	Howard Robinson
7400	Huff & Puff	Everett Huffman
7422	.....	August Grotegut
7761	.....	Dr. Al Barbone
7783	.....	Vince Phelan
8625	.....	Charles Huston
8639	.....	Harry Warne
9081	.....	Thomas McDermott

The opening of the 1964 season saw one new boat on the water. Everett Huffman traded his old 1269 for a slightly used Number 7400. His success prompted a similar move this fall when the old master Tom McDermott acquired a new boat, No. 9081. Tom has not had a chance to try her out against the local talent but from all indications she should return him to the winner's circle. During the year Tom Ross sold his boat to Tom Bates who has joined the fleet and Bob Bonham sold his boat and plans to take delivery on a new one next year.

The Fleet's Championship series of 24 races was divided into two halves together with more than 30 Sunday morning races and a ten race Wednesday evening series gave us a lot of sailing. The results of the season were:

CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST HALF

1. Charles Huston
2. Tom McDermott
3. Harry Warne

SECOND HALF

1. Charles Huston
2. Everett Huffman
3. Harry Warne

*Skipper's son.

Several of our skippers took to the regatta circuit with Tom McDermott and Charles Huston bringing home some of that well earned hardware. Others who were not so successful included Jack Davies, John Hammer and Harry Warne.

All in all it was a successful season and we are looking forward to next year.

SUNDAY MORNING

1. Tom McDermott*
2. Harry Warne
3. Dick Huffman*

WEDNESDAY EVENING

1. Dick Huffman*
2. Tom McDermott*
3. Jack Davies

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)

Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain	Paul Knauer
Fleet Secretary	George Wright
Fleet Champion	Paul Penn, Jr.
Runner-Up	John Nixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2539	O'Din	Sogi Soder
2559	Scud	Paul O. Penn
4750	Duckling	Berkley Duck
4764	Tiki	George Wright
4810	Tag Along II	John Nixon
4910	Dusty Star II	Gordon Medlock
5259	Jibojo	Dr. J. S. Wellington
6133		Bob Swearingen
6902	Tag Along	John Nixon
7033	C-Win	Carl Winnebald
7574	Wind Whistle	Paul Knauer

Paul Penn, Jr., Indianapolis, took an iron grip on first place in the summer racing series in the fifth race and never relinquished it despite hard fighting and close challenges all the way to the 13th race.

Normally by the 3-race Labor Day series the season's leader is 100 or so average points ahead of the number two skipper. This year found Penn going into the series only 8.9 points ahead of John Nixon, Peru, Ind., and 11.2 points ahead of Commodore Paul Knauer, Fort Wayne. Nixon blew the first race with a 6th. Knauer won it to put him less than two average points out of 1,543 behind Penn and in No. 2 slot for the season.

In the second race Penn wrapped Nixon and Knauer up into a neat package to sew up the ball game. Penn was first; Nixon, sixth; and Knauer hit a marker.

In the final race it was Nixon, first; Knauer, third; and Penn, fourth.

In the season's standings it was Penn, Nixon, and Knauer in the top three slots. Others placing were Jim Wellington, Goshen, Ind., fourth; George Wright, Fort Wayne, fifth; Bob Swearingen, Fort Wayne, sixth; Berkley Duck, Jr., Indianapolis, seventh; Gordon Medlock, South Bend, eighth; Sogi Soder, Fort Wayne, ninth; and Denny Miller, Nappanee, Ind., tenth.

Nineteen sixty-five will see an innovation—an Early Bird series of races to be run from Memorial Day each week until the July 4 weekend.

Another successful Sailfish-Sunfish 5 Race Series open to the public was run off by the club of Lightning sailors. This too will be run off in 1965.

New officers for 1965 are Captain, Gordon Medlock; Vice Commodore, Paul Penn, Goshen; Rear Commodore, Paul Knauer; Treasurer, George Wright; Secretary, John Nixon; and directors, Carl Winnebald, Goshen and Bruce Baiden, Fort Wayne.

NORTHEAST YACHT CLUB FLEET (207)

Based on Lake Erie at Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain	E. A. Capadona
Fleet Secretary	Al Hoegler
Fleet Champion	Lud Lekson
Runner-Up	E. A. Capadona

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1291		Marie E. Pulaski
1601	Shaxpur	Jay & Julie Stewart
1674		Dr. Willard Schmidt
2852	Coot II	Constance M. Price
5887	Cayne Mutiny	Harvey Cayne
6012	Black Cloud	Phil Schloss
6013	Handicap	E. A. Capadona
6014	La Biche	Lekson-Hoegler Syndicate

Fleet 207 changes since our last report are as follows: Ken Rehor #418 MISS STRESS—now sailing a Tiger Cat Catamaran—Universal; Karl Burkert #559 INGE sailing a Dragon, in a fleet of four at NEYC; Tom Reel #2252 no name, relocated and should be sailing in the Port Clinton Area. NEW MEMBERS to Fleet 207 are Jay and Julie Stewart #1601 SHAXPUR, Connie Price #2852 COOT II and Harvey Cayne #5887 CAYNE MUTINY. Welcome aboard and good sailing.

Dry sailing has caught on with over 95% of our center-board craft now out of the water. Some of the advantages—less chance of storm damage, reduce maintenance costs, a lighter and better boat, encourage togetherness and finally the first year of dry sailing, the fee is for free. Dry sailing has been so well accepted that a new and larger area has been set aside, with two electric hoists, etc., for all dry land sailors. Some work will have to be done by the sail group, so set aside some of your time to help complete the project.

The NEYC Regatta turned out to be a two race series. High winds and boisterous seas on Sunday, brought our Regatta to an early close. Final races for the sailing classes were cancelled. The standings were as follows: 1st, LA BICHE; 2nd., HANDICAP, E. A. Capadona; 3rd, RAGTIME, David Barret, Forest City Yacht Club.

The annual Long Distance Race (approx. 20 miles) was won by HANDICAP sailed by E. A. Capadona and his very efficient son and daughter crew, James and Clare. Nice going Cappy. Finishing second, LA BICHE and third, BLACK CLOUD sailed by the Hively-Wagner-Schloss Combo.

Other highlights of the season were member participation in the Forest City Yacht Club Regatta, the Mentor Yacht Club Regatta and the Pymatunjing Yacht Club Regatta. All Regattas were well organized and well handled.

Most improved skipper and crew for the season are Jay and Julie Stewart, finishing the season with much experience. We all will be looking forward to your competition in the 1965 season.

The Hively-Wagner-Schloss Combo, the dark horse of the fleet will have to be reckoned with. A fine combination of talent. More participation will put the BLACK CLOUD in hardware.

We hope to see more participation by Don Schmidt, Marie Pulaski and Connie Price. The sail schedule is 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. on Sundays. Hope to see you all on the starting line. Refreshments are available after each Wednesday sail critique. Sailing tips from the Pros are for the asking, only on Wednesday nights.

Our Sunday series this year was cancelled due to inclement weather, other Regattas and poor attendance. Let's get together and see if we can't have a better Sunday series for the 1965 season.

The Wednesday Evening Series as per usual are a great success. I wonder why? The social aspects could not be any better. Also a salute to Nick Thomas and Joe Matjasic, who are responsible for the social and entertainment doings on Wednesday evenings as well as all other affairs. Sail Craft participation is better than 80%.

The standings for the 1964 Wednesday Evening Series are as follows: First, LA BICHE; second, HANDICAP, E. A. Capadona and third, BLACK CLOUD, Hively-Wagner-Schloss Combo.

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ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)

Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....	Robert Hobson
Fleet Secretary.....	Mary Hobson
Fleet Champion.....	Tom McCain
Runner-Up.....	Karl Rollius

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
844	Black Blitz	John Rundt
1646	Blue Chips	Robert Hobson
1668	Bare Bodkin	Howard E. Whisler
1983	Nereid	Paul Chenot
2727	Snifter	Henry Partridge
3431	Jo-An	Joseph Streb
3666	Ruth	D. B. Dutton
3752	Fancy Free	Victor Free
4370	The Bug	Clifford Whitson
4444	North Star	Karl Rollius
4766	Resolute	Cal Friar
5314	Siren	Merle Spring
5431	Buttercup	Dr. R. F. Deetz
5700	Four Winds IV	Tom McCain
6886	Tammy	Carl Hummer
7307	Glassy	H. J. Deal and Harry Zimmer
8380	Penny Wise	Kenneth Smith
8586	Blew Bird	Veryl Lord

Our fleet started the 1964 season with an "Ice-breaker" party at the home of Cal and Marge Friar. The party was a terrific success and gave everyone a chance to renew friendships and to discuss and plan for the coming season.

Sailing started on May 3, and continued to October 18, with better-than-average winds in the spring and fall, and only "fair" air in the summer. We sailed a three series race schedule, and counting the Commodore Series and the Championship Series Races, we had a total of 24 scheduled races!

We had a paid registration of 17 boats, with nine (9) boats active in racing most of the season. We had only one "dunk" (Harry Zimmer) despite many days of heavy air.

Three of our Fleet Boats were "Turned Over" to new owners: Merle Spring sold No. 5314 to Bob Manard; Cliff Whitson sold No. 4370 to Herb Jestel; Howard Whisler sold No. 1668 to Richard Brautigan. No. 4370 and No. 5314 will remain at Atwood. We are happy to welcome "Bob" and "Herb" into our Fleet "Family".

Sadly, we must report the passing away of one of our most popular and competitive skippers, Kenneth E. Smith. He suffered an apparent heart attack during a race on May 17, 1964. Our deepest sympathy to Emily and Carl Smith.

We had a very pleasant summer party, with a covered dish, "Beer Bust" and surprise wedding shower for Susan Rollius, daughter of our Club Commodore, Karl Rollius.

The "Harvest Moon" Regatta was sailed in the best air we've had for the event in three years. The winds were better than average with perfect weather. Chuck Huston of Fleet 150 (Mansfield) won first prize, and Tom McCain and Karl Rollius, of our fleet, took second and third prize.

The racing season was notable in that there was a greater distribution of awards to participating skippers. Our Fleet Champion, Tom McCain, voluntarily dropped out of many races in order to sail as crew with less experienced skippers. His help, as well as that of Karl Rollius and Dave Dutton, was very much appreciated by the skippers who were fortunate enough to have such sailors for a crew.

Spring Series	Fall Series	Crew Race
1. Harry Zimmer	1. Tom McCain	1. Susan R. Turner
2. Cliff Whitson	2. Joe Streb	2. Mickey Wilson
3. Karl Rollius	3. Bob Hobson	3. Tony Welsh
Summer Series	Commodore's Race	Class Championship
1. Tom McCain	1. Harry Zimmer	1. Tom McCain
2. Karl Rollius	2. Howard Whisler	2. Karl Rollius
3. Harry Zimmer	3. Cliff Whitson	3. Harry Zimmer

The season closed officially with the Sailor's Banquet at Atwood Yacht Club on November 7, 1964. The awards for the year were given out. Our own Joe Streb received the award for "MOST IMPROVED SAILOR FOR 1964". Fleet elections were held, with Cal Friar selected for Fleet Captain, and Marge Friar as Fleet Secretary.



Joe Streb (most improved sailor) Fleet #212

BERLIN LIGHTNING FLEET (263)

Based on Berlin Reservoir, North Benton, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....	Richard Zuber
Fleet Secretary.....	Francis Henry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3616	Dilly-Dally	Britton Day
4115	.....	Jos. V. Boone
5312	Lucille II	Francis Henry
7040	.....	Richard Zuber
.....	.....	Robert Murphy

Our Fleet enjoyed several regattas this year such as the Fourth of July Regatta at Pymatuning and the Harvest Moon at Atwood Lake and extend our sincere thanks to our gracious hosts whose hospitality is unsurpassed.

We regret that there will only be a few Lightnings left at Berlin Yacht Club for the 1965 season. Let us hope someone will gain interest to rebuild our diminishing fleet.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)

Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain.....	Bob Swain
Fleet Secretary.....	Everett Roach
Fleet Champion.....	Shelley Rian
Runner-Up.....	Steve Simpson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
402	Mohini	Burl Harmon
1335	The Zombie	Fred Clark
1754	.....	Ron Scherrer
1903	Glockenspiel	Bob Swain
2527	Cindy-Jay	Bill Deger
2867	Tyche	Dewayne Wallace

3228	Se Bas	Garvin Bastian
3471	Mary A	Howard Young
4657	Populi Edisor	Jim Petty
4659	Te-Pa-Co	Warren Johnson
5175	Lady McDuff	Ed McLaren & Duff Sadler
6231	Ginger	Bob Zaiser
6366	Binge	Tom Hendrickson
6566	Dramamine	Marv Simpson
6880	Small Fry	George Small, Jr.
7223		Austin Gardner
8522	Fireball	Everett Roach
8543	Polly Esther	Paul Vos & Walt Tinsley
9019		Ken Wood

Strong westerly winds greeted our early bird skippers on Geist this spring. On May 9th and 10th, the Annual Indiana Open Lightning Championship was held with high winds gusting up to 35 MPH, permitting only 3 of the 5 scheduled races to be held. A total of 18 boats from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana participated. To some extent, this regatta was a survival contest since over half of the skippers had a DNF in one or more races. Saturday evening a Luau was held at the Mud Creek Barn for our guests and all had a spirited time.

Trophies were awarded to:

1st	Schudel	Cowan Lake
2nd	Crow	St. Joseph
3rd	Campbell	St. Joseph
4th	Zaiser	ISC
5th	Stueland	St. Joseph

Brian Littlefield will be the chairman of the 1965 Annual Indiana Open Championship to be held in mid-May.

At the District meeting, Jerry Garinger was elected to serve as District Secretary. He is emphasizing the Racing Rules requirement that each boat carry 3 vest-type life jackets. His falling overboard at the Districts at Pymatuning helps him attest to their safety value.

In the Spring, 10 new dry sailing rigs with their adjustable dollies were installed. These rigs, designed for a long maintenance-free life, proved to be an instant success. They provided easy launching and means for adjusting to the dropping water level. All Skippers agreed that increased sailing was encouraged. Several more rigs are to be added for the 1965 season.

New skippers welcomed into the fleet were Austin Gardner, Burl Harmon, and Everett Roach. These people all added to the rapidly growing Lightning Fleet interest at Geist.

Typical of the many formal and informal social events was the June box supper auction at the club which provided a good money-maker with the holdouts paying top dollar to eat. This was followed by a moonlight sail in which over 10 boats tied up in the middle of the lake and there was much boat-hopping to partake of the varied chow and refreshments.

This year saw the jelling of a real competitive spirit among all the skippers with six percentage points separating the top six boats of the fleet. More of our skippers ventured forth to regattas with Ken Wood, Steve Simpson, Bob Swain and Jerry Garinger heading the list. Ken Wood's regatta experience started to pay off as his new boat was really "bombing" at the end of the season.

At a wonderful fall party at Bob and Virginia Zaisers, annual awards were presented to Fleet Champion, Shelley Rian, Runner-Up Steve Simpson, Spring Champion Shelley Rian, Summer Champion Ken Wood and Fall Champion Bob Swain.

COWAN LAKE FLEET (303)

Sailing on Cowan Lake, Wilmington, Ohio

Fleet Captain	R. S. Goebel
Fleet Secretary	John W. Millard
Fleet Champion	Frank H. Pfefferle
Runner-Up	Dick Pugh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2344	Duet	Justin E. Gale
4575	Windammer	James K. Lewis
5222	Confusion	William H. Pugh
5504	Rebecca	George Leugers
5575	Mud Hen	Truman P. Young
5645		George Colville
5761	Whyknot	Charles Richter, Robert Goebel and John W. Millard
5900	Decision II	Dr. John F. Sanker
6161	Itch	James Schudel

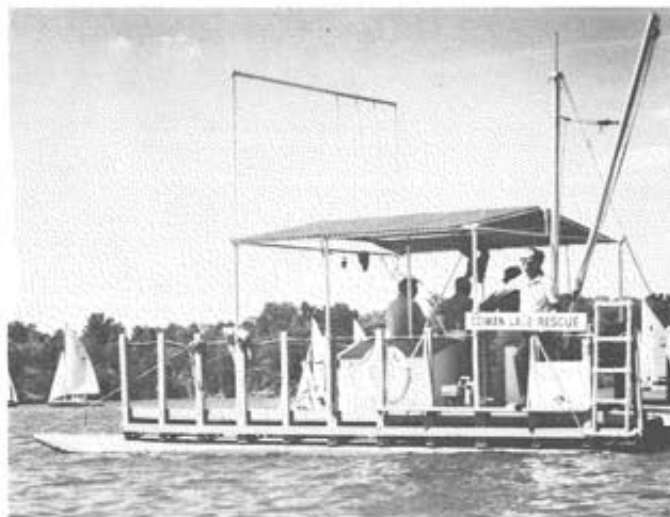
6505		Thomas W. Kemp
7512		F. W. Mesloh
8002	Ruby	Frank H. Pfefferle
		Dr. William P. Barnes

Fleet #303 enjoyed an active season of racing during 1964. The skippers were a little slower than normal in getting their boats into the water in the spring, and the fall series was cut short by early lowering of the lake, so we had to make up for it in the middle of the season. The fleet racing on Cowan Lake included twenty-seven races, grouped into three long series and three short, holiday series. The various fleets take turns serving as race committee for the day. The inter-fleet championship race at the end of the season was sailed in Snipes this year, and since the Lightning champion was out of the country, our fleet was represented by Dick Pugh with his brother Bob as crew. They placed in the three-race series.

The Lightnings had their share of knocks in the club races. One of the top contenders was unlucky enough to capsize three times during the season, once with the skipper's wife on board. Another crew wished they had capsized instead of tangling with a Flying Scot on a very windy day. It took them over a month to get back in shape. In one race four Lightnings started. One capsized, one broke a shroud and two finished.

As in past seasons, Fleet #303 was ably represented at various regattas by Jim Schudel and Frank Pfefferle. Jim with his wife Betty as crew in the ITCH placed first in the Indiana Open Lightning Championship at Indianapolis. They got wet on a spinnaker ride at Lake Pymatuning, but came back at the Districts a week later and finished fifth. They took a fourth at the Cleveland Yacht Club Regatta, and crewed for John Mueller who placed first at the Port Clinton Regatta. Frank Pfefferle trailed his RUBY to Indian Lake with Lloyd Grant as crew and placed second. They took third at Port Clinton, twelfth at Detroit and also sailed in the Districts at Pymatuning. They were "weathered out" late in the season at Toledo. The Pugh family crew, Bill, Dick, and Bob trailed their CONFUSION to Buckeye Lake for the Snowball Regatta and enjoyed a chilly weekend of sailing with fifty-five other Lightnings.

At the annual Fleet meeting several members discussed "upgrading" their racing capabilities by acquiring later model boats, so that prospects for competition in the coming year are encouraging.



"Fleet #303 rescue craft 'The Pinklady' used to assist sailors on Cowan Lake."

HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET (353)

Sailing on Hoover Dam, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Philip C. Benedict
Fleet Secretary	Harry A. Murray
Fleet Champion	Philip C. Benedict
Runner-Up	Michael E. Mickelson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
721		Allan L. Richey
989	Donny Brook	Harry A. Murray

1230	Noel's Ark	Noel R. Wardwell
1261		Kenneth D. Johnson
1289	Hazel	Albert B. Snyder
1485	Horn Pipe	William F. Kail
1658		Caldwell B. Richeson, Jr.
2826	Martha's Leprechaun	David P. Sweeney
2827		John B. Haist
3379		Paul W. Kellam
3766		William H. Rogge
5082		Darwin K. Phelps
5208		John D. Casson
5520		Harold E. Deis
5824		Michael E. Mickelson
6769		Kurt Kleinmann
7930		William R. Bennett
8393	Lagniappe	Philip C. Benedict

Fleet 353 started the season, as did other sailors at Hoover Yacht Club, by hoping for rain. In March, rains finally came, restoring the reservoir to flood level in a matter of days, and our sailing was excellent throughout the season.

After a tune-up series in May, serious racing got underway in June with a new series each month through September plus a Holiday series. The results of these series were: June: Benedict, Snyder. July: Benedict, Mickelson. August: Benedict, Rogge. September: Mickelson, Benedict. Holiday: Mickelson, Snyder. Murray and Richeson both picked up thirds in these series and individual races were won by various skippers although dominated by Benedict. Several boats were trailed to at least one regatta and we look forward to more regattas next year. With at least one new boat as well as improvements to the older boats we look forward to a fine season next year.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore: John Benedetti
 Secretary-Treasurer: Fredi Tauscher
 District Champion: Don Clark, Fleet 132
 District Runner-Up: Dick Blickle
 Fleets: Vancouver (90); Lake Washington (132); Chinook (229); Columbia (283); Okanagan (368); Rogue Valley (370).

The Pacific Northwest District which stretches all the way from British Columbia to Southern Oregon has completed its most active season, and welcomes a new Fleet (370) our friends from the sunny southern Oregon area.

District cohesiveness was achieved with the institution of a semi-annual, intra-district team race series. This event which will be held in the spring and fall of the year involves each Fleet sending a team to a host fleet area who furnishes the Lightnings. Fleet #132 in Seattle hosted the event in March and was also the eventual winner, second: Fleet #283 Columbia, third: Fleet #90 Vancouver. Late in October Fleet #283 hosted the event with Fleet #132 keeping their hold on the trophy. We are looking forward to team racing on English Bay in the spring.

In July, the Columbia Fleet #283 held the Northwest District Championship on the Columbia River and the annual district meeting. The Championship was marked by good weather and wind which provided interesting sailing for those who were unaccustomed to the river current, eddies, jetties, etc. A scenic picture was presented when multicolored spinnakers were set flying with snowy Mt. Hood as a background. Our very able Publicity Chairman managed to get a front page picture of the activity in the Sunday paper.

Final standings are listed below:

Pos.	Boat No.	Skipper
1	9205	Don Clark
2	7111	Dick Blickle
3	6584	Neil Axelson
4	7859	Ben Renegar
5	5481	John Benedetti
6	8962	Bob Clark
7	6061	Fredi Tauscher
8	5513	Geoff Ince
9	8497	Bob Gould
10	7106	Don Marshall
11	5457	Duncan McLaughlan
12	4815	John Tysell
13	7665	Bill Elfendahl
14	6442	Don Meeker
15	6999	Don Case
16	6716	Chuck Hoskins
17	8383	Ted Allen
18	8961	Steve Calvert

The Pacific Northwest District annual Meeting was held at a Riverside restaurant preceded by a social hour and dinner. Our new District Commodore: Mr. Bill Elfendahl and Secretary-Treasurer: Coral Clark were elected by a unanimous vote of the membership. They are members of Fleet #132 who will host the 1965 Pacific Northwest Districts.

The following week members of our district traveled to Eugene, Oregon for the Pacific Coast Championship hosted by Fleet #229. We had average winds of 25 miles per hour and bright sunny weather. Five boats arrived from California also making a 24 boat fleet for this regatta. The hospitality, friendship and excellent sailing conditions made this series one of the most memorable of the year.

Pos.	Boat No.	Skipper
1	8529	Alan Raffee
2	8528	Manning Barber
3	7606	Howard Machen
4	9205	Don Clark
5	9172	Warren Gross
6	7859	Ben Renegar
7	8962	Bob Clark
8	6061	Fredi Tauscher
9	9237	Dave Wright
10	8965	Al Coho



"Celebrating Champion and crew of Pacific Northwest District."

VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B. C.

Fleet Captain	Hart Long
Fleet Secretary	Gordon Kerr
Fleet Champion	Dr. Don G. Marshall
Runner-Up	Geoff Ince

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
626	Hardtack	Eric Blair
3253	Hawk	Tom Sturgess
3780	Yellow Jacket	J. T. Biller
3812	Squall	W. Triggs
5513	Thunderbird	Geoff Ince
5567	Hi-Lo	Les Alfreds
6370	Spindrift II	J. E. G. Harrison
6780	Cats Paw	Dan Dolphin
7031	Alados	Gordon Kerr
7071	Fulmar	Peter M. Thornton
7076	Devon Maid	Dr. J. Sandilands
7089	Lola	Hart Long
7106	Haietlik	Dr. Don G. Marshall
7475	Blitzen	Orrin Parsons
8066	Suka	Dr. Tom Acheson
8337	Olympia	Lou Lanser
8465	Ipsus	Bas Cobanli
8605	Pomali	Ivar Stubson

Enthusiasm for the 1964 sailing season was sparked early in the year with the holding of a four lecture series at Kitsilano Yacht Club on the theme, "Racing Tactics for Winning Skippers." Although organized by Fleet 90, all interested in the art of racing were made welcome and, as a result, the Club was filled to capacity for each of those most enjoyable evenings.

It was therefore not surprising that a team of four crews was in action as early as March 21st and 22nd in Seattle trying their skills in the Pacific Northwest District's newly inaugurated four-way Team Race Series. Although not successful, those who made the journey voted it a most enjoyable experience. It was unfortunate that owing to another conflicting series, we could not participate in the Fall leg of this competition at Portland.

Racing on English Bay got under way on May 2nd and 3rd with the Spring Series—and, if somewhat cool for the local sunbathers the winds for these and the other races in May were ideal. In the Passage Island race the breeze came up light south-westerly at the start but it picked up to 20 knots as it veered and Geoff Ince led the fleet home in record time to win an excellent race. Ivar Stubson in POMALI enjoying his first full season with the fleet lost a possible first place to a broken hiking strap and an A.W.O.L. crew two hundred yards from the line.

The English Bay Invitational Series hosted by Royal Vancouver Yacht Club June 13th and 14th ended tied up on points between Don Marshall and Geoff Ince, Don taking first place on wins. Perhaps, however, the most enjoyable series during June was our annual team race at Vancouver with three crews from the South Okanagan Sailing Association competing against our top three crews. After changing boats on completion of each of the six races both sides had three wins apiece, Fleet 90 taking the close and exciting series on points.

During the year members of the fleet travelled farther afield and more often. In addition to the March visit to Seattle, skippers and crews travelled to the P.I.Y.A. Regatta at Bellingham at the end of June, the Pacific Northwest District Championship in Portland in mid-July as well as other nearby regattas such as West Howe Sound and Maple Bay, all of which were voted well worth while by those who took part.

The most nomadic skipper was Jim Harrison. He was unable to resist the tempting pictures painted by the organizers of the 1964 Canadian Open Lightning Championship, the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. In borrowed boat with borrowed crew Jim took a very creditable 23rd place in a fleet of 36 boats. Besides bringing back an excellent account of the racing activities he returned full of admiration and praise for the hospitality and excellent arrangements laid on by Royal Hamilton—Fleet 118.

For a change this year it was decided to confine the Fleet Championship to the best five of six races, held on the third and fourth weekends in September. All agreed that this was a successful move. Although we had a complete cross section of conditions it made no difference to our very worthy Fleet Champion, Don Marshall, sailing HAIETLIK who strung together four firsts and a fourth to take the Championship and the Vogel Trophy for the second year in a row.

One of the disappointments of the season was the complete absence of wind during our visit to Seattle for the annual International Invitational Series in October. The boats remained on the trailers all weekend but even that failed to affect the spirit of the wonderful barbeque party at the spacious home of the Bob Colyers on Saturday evening.

During the first weekend in October a Crew Series, Lady Skippers Race and a "Scramble" were tried for the first time and enjoyed by all in spite of the wild weather experienced. We plan to repeat these events again next year when it is expected Vancouver Fleet 90 will increase to twenty active boats.



"Dr. Don Marshall in 'Haietlik' during Fleet 90 Championship Series."

LAKE WASHINGTON FLEET (132)

Sailing on Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain	Ken Brostrom
Fleet Secretary	Louise Smith
Fleet Champion	Bob Clark
Runner-Up	Bill Davies

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
751	Schuss	Ken Youngman
949	Rambler	Bruce Morgan
2274	Cracka	Chester Patten
2994	.....	Allan Taylor
3385	.....	Coleman Hall
	.....	John Hall
3830	Mandy	Joe Guthrie
4064	Blue J	Bob Sexauer and Robert Willard
4397	Valentine	Bob Colyer
6792	Habel	Bill Davies
6816	Whitecap	Manson Harlan
6998	.....	Bernard Brunson
7030	Tschitah	Ken Brostrom
7458	Flash	Dave Gosse
7643	.....	Gary Tarbox
7665	My Pet	Bill Elfendahl
7673	.....	Paul Somm
7859	Shamrock	Ben Renegar
8024	Bob-a-lu	Bob Smith
8244	Windance	Jim Beebe
8382	Dondalee	Ray Strohm
8496	Tom-Tom	Tom Jobs
.....	.....	Roger Anderson
.....	.....	Curt Wieners
8578	Korja	Ole Olsen
8962	Moonshine III	Bob Clark
9084	.....	George Weldin
9085	.....	Martin Bloxham
9205	Magic	Don Clark
.....	.....	Dave Blattner
.....	.....	Major Elfendahl
.....	.....	Chuck Hennig
.....	.....	Chuck Hitzroth
.....	.....	Dr. William Jaquette
.....	.....	Tom Larsen
.....	.....	John Donovan

May 2nd, opening day of yachting season in the Northwest, saw many of the boats of Lake Washington Lightning Fleet 132 well tuned and ready to go, as they had already completed a six race Spring Frostbite Series. The Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day Series was the first of an eighty-five race season on Lake Washington sponsored by the fleet, Corinthian Yacht Club and Seattle Yacht Club. Thirty-one boats participated in racing on the lake this season.

The fleet championship was determined using 85% of 31 selected races. At the completion of the season we had a tie and the championship was not determined until a sail-off was held. In the sail-off Bob Clark emerged Fleet Champion with Bill Davies as runner-up.

Team racing was introduced by Fleet 132 and a perpetual trophy was donated to the Pacific-Northwest District in order to develop district camaraderie and promote participation in district activities. The regatta, in order to attract the fleets which are as

much as 480 miles away, is organized so that the host fleet supplies the boats. Each fleet then sends a team consisting of 4 boat crews to sail in a double elimination series of races. Two of these regattas were held this past year (see your May, 1964 Flash for more details). The first was sailed on Lake Washington in March and the second was sailed on the Columbia River in Portland in November. Fleet 132's team came out the victor in both regattas.

Inspired by the success of the progress races last year, the fleet set aside Monday nights once again for the series. This is a series principally for the novice skippers and the crewmen with the yen to show their skippers how it is done. The series provides a stepping stone into the arena with the more experienced gladiators. Twenty different skippers took part in the thirteen race series. Ken Youngman, winner of the Ascend Trophy in 1963, won the Progress Trophy for the most improved skipper. The series was very capably run by Coral Clark.

In the spring the fleet held a Hawaiian Beer and Pizza party complete with exotic dancer. In the course of events during the evening the fleet became the owner of 3/4 of a pair of feathered gourds. The fleet, always on the lookout for new races and parties, established the Uli-Uli as a perpetual trophy for a novelty race. This year the race involved the skipper drawing boat numbers and crew names out of a hat. The race was followed by a spaghetti dinner which was warmly received—not to mention the fact that the Lightnings now own the most colorful trophy in Corinthian Yacht Club. The success of the fleet's Beer and Pizza party inspired the undertaking of one for the 400 plus membership of the whole yacht club. Again, it was a smashing success and is talked of being made an annual event.

In October, Fleet 90 of Vancouver, B.C. came to Seattle for the annual International Series. After traveling 110 miles the Vancouver boats never even got wet. There was no wind that weekend. However, the Canadians claimed that the outdoor party on Saturday night more than made the trip worthwhile. The Blast featured beer by the keg, grilled "Plank" steaks served on pine planks and corn on the cob.

Fleet members again took to the road as in years past trailing to the Memorial Day Regatta in Eugene, the Pacific International Yachting Association Regatta in Bellingham, the Pacific-Northwest District Regatta in Portland, and the West Coast Lightning Championship in Eugene. Three boats—Moonshine III, Magic and Shamrock—hitched up and travelled to San Diego for the North Americans.

The past year saw Fleet 132, guided by our fleet captain Ken Brostrom, attempt to become more closely aligned with our sponsoring organization, Corinthian Yacht Club. The Lightning Fleet has led the way in showing appreciation of the home club by undertaking projects which fill a need of the yacht club. The highlight of these projects has been to provide the club with a set of white vinyl window shades with the emblems of the active fleets. Several fleet members held key offices in the Corinthian Yacht Club: Tom Jobs was Commodore, Miki Brostrom was Secretary, and Bill Elfendahl was Assistant Fleet Captain for Lake Washington.

With the sailing running from March to December we realize that there is not much time left for resailing past races or for winter maintenance; particularly since we each know that the competition is already plotting for next year.



"Opening Day Fleet #132"

CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229)

Based at Eugene Yacht Club, Eugene, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Francis W. Kelley, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Ellis A. Jones
Fleet Champion	Jim Tysell
Runner-Up	Nancy Dickeson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
49	Sally Ho	J. Hobart Wilson
2169	Prowler	Page Walton
3266	Zephyr	Lynn L. Moore
3317	Windago	Cecil Armes
3318		James C. Howland
3758	Valiant	H. C. Auld, Jr.
4359	Snooper	Ralph Batchelor
4815	Jet	Dr. John E. Tysell
5121	T-Ketl	Thomas E. Engles
5557	Jolly Dodger	Wally Jones
6211	Nancy Lee	Charles E. Sikes
6404	Dix	John W. Alltucker
6484	Westward	Wilson Jewett, Jr.
6583	Gale	Dr. Gene D. McCallum
6657		Frank R. Lacey
6719	Windjammer	G. David Lowe
6725	Bye Bye	Vansel Graville
7042		Dean Wentworth
7361		Bruce Starker
7525		Dr. William Post
7680	Sharon-Lee	Francis W. Kelley, Jr.
7695	Es' Prit'	Michael Strahan
8163		Robert A. Farrand

Top event for our club was the West Coast Lightning Championship hosted on the grounds of the Eugene Yacht Club with our Dr. John Tysell doing a fine job as Regatta Chairman. Wind and sun on Fern Ridge Reservoir were all that could be desired. Our Memorial Day Regatta was the largest yet with Dr. Emil Furrer ably handling the Race Committee Chairmanship. Our scheduled 12 series competition was cut to 8 due to low water in the Reservoir which necessitated cancelling the last four races including our Fall Harvest Regatta. This regatta will be back on the schedule next year and we invite competitors both to it and to our Memorial Day Regatta.

COLUMBIA FLEET (283)

Sailing on Columbia River, Portland, Ore.

Fleet Captain	Dick Blickle
Fleet Secretary	Earl Bradfish
Fleet Champion	Dick Blickle
Runner-Up	John Benedetti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1021		Bruce Evans
2426		Werner Bittner
2635		Wes Stainbrook
5457	Cathy Ann	Duncan A. McLaughlin
5481	Araab	John De Benedetti
5593		Paul Fischer
5728		Palmer Torvand
5938	Willy Willy	Earl Bradfish
6061	Sassy	Fredi Tauscher & Bob Wallin
6442	Jaunty	Frank Meeker
6488		Rod Anderson
6584	Why Not	Day Hilborn
6592	Perky	Joe Vergeer
6716	Blitzen	Charles S. Hoskins
6999	Spook	Don Case
7049	Magic	Wes Priskey
7083		Richard S. Foster
7111		Richard Blickle
7905		Clifford Soderbach
8084	Overture	George Clarke
8349		Neil Axelsson
8383	Black Magic	Ted Allen
8497		Robert Gould
8532	Aeril	George Fry
9227	Bossa Nova	Gordon Badgley
		Paul Stern
		Bob Wallin, Measurer



"Dick Blickle, Fleet #283 Champion."

The Columbia Lightning Fleet #283 had its most active season in '64. We could issue forth with many euphemistic generalities about blah-blah, but we would rather say rah-rah-zip-boom-bah. We had more races than any other year and our Fleet Champion, Dick Blickle sure monopolized the first place position with a first in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series. John Benedetti won the Rose City Regatta and Fredi Tauscher the Barber Series.

Our fleet in conjunction with Rose City Yacht Club hosted the Pacific Northwest District Championship and the Inter-District Team races in the fall. We are indebted to so many wonderful people it would be impossible to thank them all for all the work and cooperation.

Now for anecdotes—water sports are great, especially when a crewman falls overboard jibing a spinnaker and the sheriff gives the skipper a citation for letting him fall overboard, or you get a ticket for letting the boat heel too far (unsafe handling). We hope to improve our public relations with the local sheriff next year.

Our year will end with our annual Christmas party and we will all be looking forward to an even bigger and better year in 1965.

OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)

Sailing on Okanagan Lake, B.C.

Fleet Secretary	George Kirkwood
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1964 was a very successful year for our Fleet. The number of boats continued to grow, and there are now 9 Lightnings in our area. Those who have not yet officially joined our Fleet, will undoubtedly do so in 1965. In addition to these boats, we have 3 more under construction, all of which should be ready for next season.

Our racing schedule was very successful, with an excellent turn out at all races.

The highlights of the season were undoubtedly the Regattas held at various points throughout the Okanagan Valley, and at all of these, the Lightning Class was well represented.

Team races were held towards the end of the summer, and proved very popular. It is intended to organize a larger number of such events next year, and extend our participation to team racing with other Fleets in the North-west District.

Fleet Championship Races were not sailed, however, it was generally agreed that top honours should be awarded to No. 7090 (Tricia and George Kirkwood), who won all of the Regatta events, and all but 2 of the regularly scheduled races.

During the summer season, we had many visiting sailors call with us, and join our races. We hope that they will return again next year, and would like to extend a warming invitation to all of you who will be in this area.

ROGUE YACHT CLUB FLEET (370) **Sailing on Howard Prairie Lake, Oregon**

Fleet Captain	Bob Farrand
Fleet Secretary	Bob Farrand
Fleet Champion	Steven Calvert
Runner-Up	Wayne Struble

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1409	Draggin' Lady	Bob Schmidt
5182	Emgee	Al Schrieber
5451	Modoc	Wayne Struble
8163	Jetty Bean Too	Bob Farrand
8961	The Seven C's	Steven Calvert
9226		Jim Vanderlip

Our fleet is unique, we think. All six boats are sailed by family crews, yet we are among the most avid racers in the club.

We race on Howard Prairie Lake, a "dam" lake about twenty miles up the mountain from Ashland via Dead Indian Road. This means we **trailer**, as the property around the reservoir has been ruled public domain, and is not available to build a club house. Although this "shakes up" the newcomers, we are accustomed to the job, and have become proficient at stepping masts, rigging, bending on sails, launching and also loading and making ready for travel. The Farrands are the "launching champs", having driven up to the ramp and had the boat sailing in thirteen minutes. They are trying to organize an annual race starting with all boats on trailers with the mast down and ending the same way—no takers yet! Howard Prairie does have a very beautiful concession building with store, restaurant and docks. Several club members leave their boats there on a trailer or at a mooring. This makes it less hectic getting to races on time.

Fleet 370 really started in the fall of 1961, when the Farrands of Grants Pass began lofting the lines of a Blue Jay, and decided that it was **much** too small. In Feb. 1962 a Lightning Kit was delivered, from which #8163 was finally launched on July 5, 1963. Launched—after eighteen months, thousands of measurements, fifty dollars worth of long distance telephone calls and heaven only knows how much gasoline used to "find out how" from the boats of the Eugene fleet. During the latter days of construction, the second boat of the fleet-to-be arrived.

The Strubles of Medford bought #5451 from George Britton of Eugene's Fleet 229 in March 1963. What fun! Then, in Feb. 1964 the Calverts of Grants Pass sold their Lido and bought a new boat, #8961, with all the goodies. The three of us then applied for a fleet charter. In June 1964 Al Schrieber of Klamath Falls, #5182 joined our fleet. In July 1964 James Vanderlip of Ashland bought a new boat, #9226, and joined our fleet. In August Bob Schmidt of Central Point refinished an ole Marine Corps boat from Klamath Falls, #1409, to round out our fleet at six boats this year.

The first traveling of the season was by the Calverts in #8961. They went to the Eugene Yacht Club's (Fleet 229) Memorial Day Regatta where they spent most of their time in calm spots. In late June Calverts #8961 went to the Klamath Falls Yacht Club Regatta. Calverts won that one with four straight firsts—beautiful sailing!

The Calverts also trailered to Portland for the Northwest Districts, where they had a fine time. They reported that Columbia River currents added a new dimension to sailing and quite a challenge. The rest of us hope to get to the N.W. Districts next season.

In August we held our own Rogue Yacht Club Regatta on Howard Prairie. This was a two-race one-day regatta, since we have no club grounds. Farrands won that with a first and a second.

The last regatta of the season was the Coos Bay Yacht Club's Labor Day Regatta. Strubles and Farrands represented Fleet 370 and got the surprise of their lives. Don Long of CBYC in his new boat won, hands down, with a 1-1-3 record. He had been practicing! Last year we cleaned him, but this year he really sailed a series! Oh well, next year Don! Strubles took the second place trophy home for the second year in a row. The Coos Bay people then threw a salmon barbecue to end all salmon barbecues as a fitting end to another perfect regatta.

This ended our official racing season, but there has been lots of pleasure sailing in the wind and sunshine of our beautiful Southern Oregon fall. The fall winds on these mountain lakes are a real thrill for heavy air sailors. Bob Farrand Jr. had #8163 on a plane for most of one Sunday afternoon—without a spinnaker!

Fleet 370 is looking forward to good racing in '65 and invites anyone with a yen for camping to "come sail with us" on Howard Prairie Lake.



"Some of Fleet #370 on Sunday sail on Howard Prairie Lake, altitude 5000 feet"

**SOME DISTRICTS HAD 100%
 OF THEIR FLEET REPORTS IN
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