

Club in Flying Terns on Dow's Lake and in Lightnings on Lake Deschene.

A most successful National Capital Regatta was held on July 18 and 19 with Mike Buckley the triumphant skipper and the Lightnings congratulated on the best starts of all the fleets taking part. Ward Gowland dumped but the T.V. cameras missed it.

The Evans, Gowlands, and Whittings had a good time at the Canadian Open Championships in Hamilton, and a number of boats went to the Rideau Lakes for a camping-sailing August holiday weekend.

The Gowlands collected most of the silverware for up-river races, including the Constance Bay and Armitage Races. For those who survived the squall with alleged 45-50 m.p.h. winds, the Armitage Race was most exciting. The Whittings dumped in that one.

John Reiffenstein won the first championship series and Peter Whiting the second, (it was Peter this year, not Bill) and then sailed off for Peter to become our very worthy Fleet Champion.

In September the Queen's Park Race was also won by Peter Whiting but heavy winds cancelled the Evans & Kert "Frostbite" Series which was scheduled for October 3rd and 4th.

## ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET (215)

### Sailing on Lake St. Louis, Dorval, Quebec

Fleet Captain	Russ Scrim
Fleet Secretary	Ted Wilson
Fleet Champion	W. Clark
Runner-Up	Ted Wilson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1620		N. M. Twist
2327	Jane Ann	A. E. (Ted) Wilson
3083	Jo-Anne	John Perry
3325	Zeus	J. Brown
4193		M. K. Santo
4628	Alcala	Dr. D. Calder
5277	Thunder	W. Clark
5389	Godiva	M. Rowe
5976	Kerrymick	F. Lowe
6412	St. Louis Blues	G. Nickerson
7775	Skye	B. Lamont
7862	Mioh	R. Hamilton
8297	Sheila III	R. Scrim
8549	Wren II	C. A. Spencer
8723	Blitzen	G. Copping
9206	Escapade	M. Parent
9272		J. Mignault

Lightning interest continues to grow at our Club, and this year provided better participation in competitive events. During the year three new hulls joined the Fleet and the owners look forward to showing their skill next season. Although competition was keen, a not-so-old skipper by consistent improvement over the past few years, managed to corral most of the awards this year. Bill Clark, in THUNDER got an early start on the Fleet and there was no holding him. He became Class Champion, nosing out Ted Wilson for the honour, and also took first place in most of the local regattas. He repeated this performance in the Area Lightning Championship. However, wait till next year! Other winners were Russ Scrim in the Fall Series and Hudson Regatta, Ted Wilson close to Champion Bill Clark, Doug Lamont and father Bruce in "SKYE".

Clark, Scrim and Nickerson journeyed to Hamilton for the successful Canadian Lightning Championship. Results were average but many lessons learned. The C.L.A. re-elected Ted Wilson as President for a second term. Russ Scrim, our Fleet Captain, completed a successful term as Sailing Committee Chairman, R.S.L.Y.C. Mike Rowe new owner of GODIVA hopes to revive her past glories, copping in his canary hull and Bob Hamilton in MIOH have started to challenge all comers, so let's wait and see. We shall miss Pat Bowle-Evans and Frank May, recently moved to other parts.

Choice of Lightnings for the Pan Ams will mean a boost in growth of Lightnings in Canada and should attract some top skippers presently sailing in other classes.

Our sailing area could use some deeper water, but being sailors, we know we cannot control the weather. Good sailing for 1965.



*The Wilson family showing off their new home built DRAGOON III.*

# CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore: Nelson Hoffman  
 Vice Commodore: William Dunbar III  
 District Secretary: Samuel C. Streep  
 District Treasurer: Robert R. Adams  
 District Champion: Robert Seidelmann  
 District Runner-Up: A. Marcy Lippincott

Fleets: Barnegat Bay (3); Little Egg Harbor (26); Metedeconk River (34); Shore Acres (86); Toms River (92); Great Egg Harbor (99); Lavalette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Brigantine (217); Riverton (228); Red Dragon (357); Normandy Beach (366).

The District Early Bird Regatta at Brant Beach, sailed on successive Sundays from April 25 to May 23, 1964, was an outstanding success, with 23 boats participating. Dr. Gordon Busby made an almost complete sweep, winning three of four races, followed by Tom Coe, Dale Allen, Dr. John Pfister and Sam Streep. The series was sailed in the heavy dew of North Little Egg Harbor in moderately strong winds and temperatures that seemed only a bit above freezing. One race was cancelled because of 40-knot winds that deterred even these intrepid stalwarts.

While you will have already noted that our District Champion and skillful sailor, Bob Seidelmann, won the North Americans at San Diego, it would only be good advertising for our District to commend Bob again here. Others from our stellar district are also to be commended: Bob Adams, number three man in our District Championship, and our district chancellor of the exchequer, was fourth in the North Americans, and is a brand spanking new ILCA vice president to boot. Runner-up in the Districts, held July 18-19 on the Green Island Course, and hosted by Fleet 3 and Bay Head YC, was Marcy Lippincott. Dave Siddons was fourth and Jim Carson fifth. The first two races were something of a howler, but there were few mishaps.

Our past-commodore John Walton inaugurated a very fine District "Fashes" of our own during 1964 that we hope may be continued during succeeding years. John published five issues of these one-page shots in the arm which were distributed to all skippers. The CAD Fashes kept us posted on district and fleet events and served as an effective means of communication on such matters as measurements, dues, schedule changes and the like. We are indebted to John for an outstanding job as editor as well as an exceptional and devoted performance as our commodore.

Each of our fleets sponsored the usual regattas in addition to their home race series. It seems that in an effort to commend our fleets, we end up stealing their stuff in the district report. Thus, with a few exceptions, we shall mention these regattas only. Bay Head was host to the usual spring tune-up, in addition to the Districts. Brant Beach had a successful spring invitational June 27-28. Riverton sponsored two regattas in late June and late September, the latter an usually fine affair. Island Heights hosted the New Jersey State Championship on July 11-12, and Brigantine the South Jersey Lightning Championship August 1-2. The Ocean City Invitational on August 22-23 and the Surf City Regatta September 12-13 were well attended and successful.

As Franz Schneider who won the regatta says, in the deep waters of Little Egg Harbor, off Spray Beach, we had a wonderful regatta August 1-2. Topper Slack was second and Ed Lampman third. This affair, hosted by Spray Beach YC, is an annual event that we hope will develop into a bigger and better regatta for Lightnings.

The Red Dragon Canoe Club (357) held its annual regatta on Labor Day week end, attracting 14 boats. George Rhawn took the big silver, with Franz Schneider second and Nelson Hoffman third. The regatta was followed by a cook-out and cocktail party combination in the dragon's lair. The Dragons are one of CAD's newer fleets that are really doing themselves proud.

Just south of Spray Beach, also on Little Egg Harbor, the LEHYC sponsored their annual regatta August 15-16, drawing 27 Lightnings, and over 250 boats. Franz took this one too, with Topper Slack second, Howard Mullin third, Ed Lampman fourth and Ralph Messersmith fifth. Little Egg will host the North Americans next summer, and despite what you have heard, the water is deep, the girls are pretty and Long Beach Island, New Jersey is looking forward to an invasion by the ILCA in August. Bring your zoot suits, though, Little Egg Harbor is no mill pond.

## BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

### Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, N.J.

Fleet Captain	Kenneth Winter
Fleet Secretary	Cindy Dunbar
Fleet Champion	Ken Winter
Runner-Up	Corby Day

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tarpor	BHYC
513	Misbehave	John C. Cattus
1744	Adios	Corby Day
2674	Dun-It-Again	W. K. Dunbar, III
3587	Midnight	Samuel D. Wyman
3768	NBAA	Ned Benedict
4176	Red Herring	James Kellogue
6784	Dragon	Wm. K. Dunbar III
8016	Whirlwind	Mr. & Mrs. Knight Alexander
8608	Marauder	John Orelup
8738	BHYC	BHYC
8958	Vagabond	Robert Adams
8990	Thunderbolt	Kenneth Winter

On the weekend of June 20 and 21st the Bay Head Yacht Club's Fleet #3 officially opened its 1964 sailing season with the annual Lightning-Comet Tune-up Regatta. Out of a twenty three boat fleet, Jim Carson of Metedeconk River placed first, followed by Bob Seidelmann of Little Egg Harbor, and Bob Adams of Bay Head.

The summer series at Bay Head found two additions to the dry fleet. Ken Winter struck first place in his new THUNDERBOLT #8990, John Orelup was second, and Bill Dunbar's newer boat 6784 merited third. In the wet boat series Corby Day won the blue ribbon, Mrs. Miller was second, followed by Ned Benedict.

The high point of July came on the 25th and 26th when we were host for approximately thirty boats participating in the Central Atlantic District Regatta. This three race series was won by Bob Seidelmann. Marcy Lippincott was second, and third, by only one point, was Bob Adams. Skippers and crews spent Saturday night dining and dancing with such enthusiasm that quite a few were late in catching the tow Sunday morning!

On Saturday of Labor Day weekend, almost all of Fleet #3's skippers and crews participated in the second annual Ocean Race sponsored by the BHYC for larger sailing auxiliaries. This was tremendous fun and gave us all another unforgettable experience in deep water sailing.



"Bay Head to Mission Bay for Bob Adams and five other boats."

Our Yacht Club was represented at many outside regattas and series. Bob Adams placed second out of 45 boats in the Atlantic Coast Regatta at Indian River, Delaware. Surf City Invitational brought first place to John Orelup. At Quantico, Bob Adams placed first out of forty—the largest fleet in the twelve year history of this regatta. Some of our fleet sailed at St. Petersburg, Miami, and Island Heights for the New Jersey State Championship.

As for outside series, John Orelup brought us a flag for placing third in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Assoc. series. Bob Adams, Ken Winter and John Orelup sailed in the Monmouth Boat Club Spring Series in which John again placed third. Fleet #104's fall series—sailed in knee-deep, cabbage-patch water and in the most blustery northeastern of the fall—was won by Bill Dunbar in his Dragon.

The Bay Head Yacht Club as well as fleet #3 were extremely proud to see Bob Adams win fourth place in the North American Lightning Championship held at Mission Bay. Credit must go also to his crew: Tay his wife, and Wally Crump.

All in all, it has been a successful and satisfying season.

New Officers of Fleet #3 are:

Corby Day	Fleet Captain
Ned Benedict	Secretary

## LITTLE EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB FLEET (26)

### Based at Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Richard O'Donnell  
Fleet Secretary ..... J. Edward Lampman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5424	Seductress	John Teigland
8530	November	J. Edward Lampman
8959	Obesus	Robert Seidelmann

The Little Egg Fleet is in the process of revival after disbanding in 1958. While there was no fleet racing, we had an outstanding Invitational Regatta August 16-17, with a turnout of 27 Lightnings from 11 clubs.

We are tremendously proud of Bob Seidelmann. He completed a grand slam this summer by winning the Jersey State Championship, District Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship, and North American Championship. An outstanding performance!

Ed Lampman resumed Lightning competition this summer and placed 2nd. at Surf City Invitational, 3rd. at Spray Beach, tied for 3rd. at Little Egg, 9th. at the Districts, also ran at St. Pete.

Next summer we hope to resume active fleet sailing with the return of former International Champ John Teigland, Dick O'Donnell (both of whom plan new boats) and Franz Schneider.

If, as we hope, the club is host to the 1965 North Americans, we expect to have a resurgence in Lightning sailing at Little Egg.

## METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

### Based on Metedeconk River at Ocean County, N. J.

Fleet Captain ..... Charles E. Starkey  
Fleet Secretary ..... James G. Carson  
Fleet Champion ..... Robert S. Armstrong, Jr.  
Runner-Up ..... James J. Daley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
178	Leilani	William C. Kalning
578	.....	George Rusk
1446	.....	Z. Jas. Pandak
3394	.....	Thos. N. Snyder
4919	.....	Roy Huggins
5722	Jim Dandy	James Daley
5990	.....	Jerry O'Laughlin
6416	Brand X	Arthur Nichols
8484	Trident II	James G. Carson

Keyed by a \$50,000 building program of the Metedeconk River Yacht Club and spurred by several new and eager Lightning owners, there are indications that Fleet 34 may once again rise as one of the most active Fleets in the District. The past few years have been dim but the future appears bright.

Once again in 1964 Jim Carson's TRIDENT II this time sailed by Bob Armstrong, defeated Jim Daley for the Fleet Championship in a Constellation-Sovereign type duel when 20 knot winds and foul weather kept the newer, less experienced members ashore. Balmier breezes and more experience will provide these two long standing rivals with much needed local competition in the future.

Outside local waters, Jim Carson made the usual tour of the regatta circuit winning the Central Atlantic Spring Tuneup from Seidelmann and for the 7th straight year winning the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship.

## GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)

### Based on Great Egg Bay, Ocean City, N. J.

Fleet Captain ..... William P. Clausen III  
Fleet Secretary ..... Jack MacCracken  
Fleet Co-Champions ..... William Clausen & Dr. Gordon Buzby (Class A)  
Fleet Champion ..... Jack MacCracken (Class B)  
Runner-Up ..... Arthur Hartford (Class B)

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
386	.....	G. Garcia
1340	.....	F. L. Abbott
1723	Black Flash	Lester Asplundh
1885	Toddler	J. Scott Todd
2369	Lou Jim	James Bates
2630	Sunbeam	Art Hartford
2711	Phoenix	Jack MacCracken
2804	Coquina	Gene Wallace

3668	Allegro	Edward Walsh
4220	Felicity	Armando J. DeFelice
4691	Bandit	Robert Brasler
5072	.....	James Steelman
5522	White Cap	Jim Hirsh
5538	Scamper	Amy & Janet VanGilder
5694	Good Grief	Bradford Linthicum
6001	Zorrita	Bill Fox
6293	Shusher	Ben Need
6694	Lady Rebel	Robert Wood
6957	Peaches	Mrs. Lillian Glen
7195	Willies	Bill Clausen
7341	Honey Bee	Gordon Buzby, Jr.
7518	Bee Hive	Dr. Gordon Buzby
8181	The Dean	Dr. William Robinson
9249	Minnums	Dr. John Pfister



"Prize winners of Fleet #99 (see text)".

The official Fleet 99 season opened with Fleet Captain Clausen once again winning the Linthicum Cup Tuneup Series. Other fleet members, however, had already begun racing earlier in the traditional Central Atlantic District Early Bird Series. Ed. Walsh, and Drs. Buzby and Pfister competed, with Dr. Buzby winning the event.

Regular season racing included a Saturday and a Sunday series in both A and B (older boats) divisions. Bill Clausen and Dr. Buzby won the Saturday and Sunday "A" Fleet Series respectively with each taking second in the series won by the other. Brad Linthicum staved off a stretch drive late in the season by Dr. Pfister to take both third places. In the "B" Fleet the lead switched hands from weekend to weekend, but the final standings for both series were Jack MacCracken first, Art Hartford second, and Ed. Walsh third. Through the season both the Phoenix and the Allegro experienced spinnakers dropping prematurely from broken halyards, but the chute on the Sunbeam made up for this one day, by refusing to come down at all.

Traveling to regattas, Fleet 99 members earned enviable records. Drs. Buzby and Pfister took first and third places respectively in the Brigantine South Jersey Championship. Dr. Pfister's showing was in keeping with his past performances, but was remarkable in that he was still just getting the feel of his newly delivered "Minnums". At the Ocean City Invitational Regatta, to which Fleet 99 makes an annual excursion, the members took a clean sweep of all the prizes in their division—a most remarkable feat considering this year's regatta was the largest in South Jersey history and was sailed in strange waters to Fleet 99 sailors. Bill Clausen was first, Jack MacCracken second, and Dr. Gordon Buzby third. The twenty mile an hour winds saw the leaders in the Lightning Class sailing through the body of the Thistles which had started five minutes before. In one race, Clausen even managed to pass all twenty-odd Thistles and finish up with the next class ahead of them, the International 110's. Post season racing saw Ed. Walsh, Dr. John Pfister, Dr. W. Robinson and Dr. George Glen compete at various regattas. All four were present at Quantico to see Dr. Pfister score a fifteenth in the first one hundred boat drifting match. Bill Clausen saw crew duty with Marcy Lippincott in both the Jersey State Championships and the Central Atlantic Championships.



This year's addition of A. DeFelice and Dr. William Robinson to the Fleet, coupled with the rumored new boats for next year, should give our able race committee of George Lejeune and Dr. Herbert Linthicum even more vigorous competition to oversee.

Showing off their prizes with the prize-winning regular series helmsmen in the above picture are Gail Buzby, first; Kathy Pfister, second; Betty Hartford, third; Peggy McCarraher, fourth; and Tina Fox, fifth. The Girls' Series was a four race event in which the regular helmsmen turned over their tillers to their female crews, daughters, wives, and girl friends.

## LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104)

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, N.J.

Fleet Captain	Nels Sorenson
Fleet Secretary	Chris Larsen
Fleet Champion	Edmund Zybulewski
Runner-Up	Dick Maguire

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
358	White Flash	J. Leslie White
657	One Shot	Dr. E. A. Zybulewski
1365		Walter R. Lane
1378	Windaisy	Harold Chester
1725	Lazy One	Dr. Ira S. Ross
2067	Julip	Chris Larsen
2455	Cloud IX	Gerald Cabot
4110		Nels Sorenson
4877	Sea Gwen	Dr. F. Parker Willey
5615	Jezebel	John J. Bonn
7073	Jodie Bee	Richard F. Maguire
7140	Star Dust Too	Fred & Marie Slovak

Tight finishes are becoming a way of life in Fleet 104. Again in 1964 the Fleet Championship was not decided until the final race of the series. The summer sailing season was one of high winds and good racing. "Doc" Zybulewski in "One Shot" worked out an early series lead and managed to defend it through the entire season. Going into the last race it was possible for Dick Maguire in "Jodi Bee" or Fred Slovak in "Stardust Too" to move into first place if "Doc" could be decisively defeated. The race started as a frustrating drifter with a very light breeze picking up after an hour's drifting match. John Bonn in "Jezebel II" drifted out a lead and defended for the balance of the race winning the "Cedar Cup" and Rooster for first place in the last series race with Dick Maguire, Fred Slovak, and Doc Zybulewski in that order. When the series results were totaled "Doc" Zybulewski had won the Fleet Championship, closely followed by Dick Maguire and Fred Slovak in second and third spots. Our newer skippers "Doc" Ross, Chris Larsen and Nels Sorenson have continued to improve, frequently moving into the top three finishes during the series racing.

Fleet 104 continued its policy of developing Barnegat Bay racing by continuing its Fall Series for Lightnings. Invitations were sent to BBYRA Lightning fleets to join in the racing. Bill Dunbar, District Vice Commodore, and Jim Davis, Shore Acres YC Vice Commodore, brought their boats over and joined the fun. The Fall Series was sailed in exceedingly high winds, several races in winds of 30 miles per hour and one at 42 miles per hour. The last named race was sailed only because we had guests and did not know the wind velocity. The race was two long rugged beats and four long screaming planes. Since the water was choppy with two and three foot waves, the boats planed from wave top to wave top, never getting down in the troughs. The Race Committee and Patrol Boats could not keep up with the Lightnings on these reaches. After the race we checked the area Coast Guard Station and they reported winds steady 42 miles per hour with higher gusts. It's common knowledge that Lightnings can't race in such high winds and had we known the velocities we would have stayed home. Not knowing this, we went out and sailed the most exciting race of the season. This type of racing is not recommended for novices as well trained crews were taxed to keep the boats under control. "Doc" Ross in "Lazy One" sailed his finest race of the season in the next to last race when Nels Sorenson joined his crew for the day. "Doc" Ross found the right combination of wind and course and worked out a big lead over the other Lavallette boats. Bill Dunbar in "Dragon" got off to a good start and stayed just ahead of "Doc" to finally win with "Doc" Ross pushing right down to the finish in second place, the rest of the Lavallette boats embarrassingly far behind. The

Committee Boat gave "Doc" a rousing welcome with horns and whistles as he crossed the line, showing his transom to the rest of the fleet.

When the trophies were awarded, Bill Dunbar from Bayhead Yacht Club walked off with the "Big Mug", followed by Dick Maguire, always a bridesmaid never a bride, and Chris Larsen with third place trophy.

In two series the prizes went to five different boats, indicative of the competition developing in the Fleet. With Jerry Cabot in "Cloud IX" joining the racing next year, Fleet 104 is looking forward to a bigger and better season. The interest in the Fall Series, the only one in BBYRA, is rising as Lightnings are growing in popularity. All LCA members are invited to join in racing at 104, just stop by and join the fun.



Chris Larsen in JULIP approaching a lee shore mark.

## BRANT BEACH FLEET (173)

Based on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Thomas R. Hedges
Fleet Secretary	Samuel C. Streep
Fleet Champion	Dr. Thomas S. Slack
Runner-Up	Thompson W. Coe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
580	Bounty	John H. Hay
4204	Simpatia	C. H. Twining, Jr.
4206	Jade	Bruce and Meredith Galloway
5077	Riptide	John P. Schmit
5346		Doss Struse
5559	Spindrift	Dr. Thomas R. Hedges
5837	Barracuda	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
5959	Pan	Dr. Wm. A. Phillips & Thomas M. Hyndman, Jr.
6026	Circe	Dr. Manley Brunt
6297	Lucky Star	Robert B. Roth
6962	Leprechaun	Donn H. O'Brien
7015	Ladybug	Robert Hesse, Jr.
7206	Cohere	Thompson W. Coe
8104		William P. Sullivan
8184	Vimabesa	Samuel C. Streep
9107		Dr. Thomas S. Slack
9127	Flutterby	Wilbur T. Duncan, Jr.

Fleet 173 had a most active and satisfactory year in 1964, starting with the Central Atlantic District Early Bird Series at Brant Beach and ending with the Surf City weekend regatta in mid-September.

We were delighted to welcome several new boats and sailors this year, including two spanking-new glass boats sailed by Tim and Topper Slack (9107) and Wilbur Duncan (9127). Others are Dr. Bill Phillips and Tom Hyndman in "Pan" 5959 and Bob Hesse (experienced sailor and fleet member, but new boat) in 7105, and former Blue Jay sailor Bill Sullivan who became the proud new owner of 8104.

We distinguished ourselves in the Early Bird Series, Tom Coe taking second and Sam Streep fifth, in a group of fur-lined "hot" sailors from CAD, including our old pal Dr. Gordon Buzby of Ocean City who garnered the "big silver" (first).

Fleet 173 eked out a win in the inter-club series with Fleet 196 of Surf City by a microscopic margin over our good friends who sail up north (three miles). The four-race series was split two-and-two, but BBYC had the edge on points. One of these fiercely contested races was sailed in a howler with gusts up to 40 knots, and another in a flat calm where rounding a mark was a real accomplishment.

The Slack lads, with Dave Coward in the middle, and coached by Dad, Dr. Tom Slack, took the club championship series handily, with Tom Coe second, and Joe Serrill third. In the "B" group Dr. Tom Hedges showed the way with an unusually fine performance, frequently finishing ahead of some of the better "A" boats. He may be our leader, but next year he's to be in the championship "A" group. He's getting too good!

The fleet, to the mild displeasure of the local rocking chair fleet sailed in several "foreign" regattas. The Slacks shone resplendently, taking seconds at Spray Beach and Little Egg Harbor, and doing well at the New Jersey State's until equipment problems put them out of the running.

We think the ILCA should know about our "crew Chiefs" and how effective and interesting they are! If our readers are unaware of the exact terminology, a crew chief is the gal or guy who is really in charge, but who seldom or never actually gets in the boat. For example, there is Barbara Serrill, a good Lightning sailor in her own right, who is reputed to have spurred on her crew by suggesting that if they expected that Barracuda to bite, best file his teeth. The next week, Joe, Wally Levering and Hank Chestnutt were observed installing cam cleats and such like mad, and for several weeks, all we saw of Joe Serrill was his transom.

Then there is Dr. Tom Slack, crew chief of our fleet champ. Tom is a terrific sailor and has the tarnished silverware to prove it, but he really shines as a crew chief. To see him with his level at work on the mast, his micrometer measurements of jib leads and his terse admonitions (at the dock) to his three stalwarts to "get that laundry on the line as you go around the weather mark," is a real education.

And, there is the union of pretty lady crew chiefs (don't cross 'em, they're organized) including Ann Hedges, Ginny Coe, Edith Duncan, Becky Hesse, Pat Roth, Mary Hyndman (she sails in the "Pan" and even in a sailfish, cabin cruisers don't dismay her). Betty Streep and Barbara Serrill, who is a member of this executive society also. They get results by suggestion, such as, "You let them beat you. . . . I'll cook you a turkey dinner whenever you beat him. . . . You can't win with the pinnaker under the deck. . . . It's not just the sails that were too tight. . . . My goodness, don't you ever check the rudder for sea grass? . . . Well, get new sails! . . . If you didn't shout so much. . . . Well, it's not really any of my business, but if I were on that tiller. . . ." That's what we mean by crew chiefs.

Next year is going to be better. It will rain a little more, and the north end of Little Egg Harbor will get deeper. Fleet 173 will host the Early Bird again next year, on April 25, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, Sundays at 1300. We hope you will come to our Spring Regatta on June 26-27. If we can help you when you come to the North Americans at Beach Haven, please let us know. We don't want to steal any of the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club thunder, but we are near-neighbors only four miles away, and we do want to be hospitable.

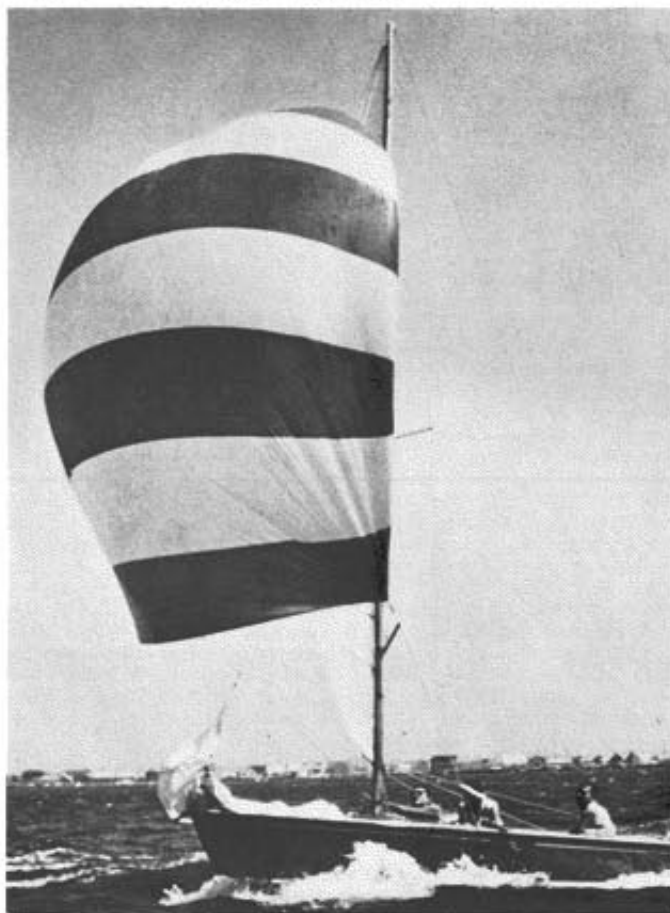
We especially want to thank the BBYC Race Committee for their fine work, the Pickle Boaters who hauled us in occasionally, Donn O'Brien for his outstanding job as Early Bird R. C. Chairman. Read Commodore Coe who handled grounds, markers and such, and Commodore Harry Fritz and the club treasury who provided and dispensed that wonderful cubic yard of silverware for our charming ladies to polish and dust.

## SURF CITY FLEET (196)

### Sailing on Barnegat Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Jack Elfman  
Fleet Secretary ..... Helen Sullivan  
Fleet Champion ..... Howard J. Mullin  
Runner-Up ..... Ralph E. Messersmith

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
780	Sea Nymph	Fred Lorenz
5754	Hurricane	Robert Freeman
5943	Scotch-Irish	Jack Elfman
6899	Alleluia	John Sullivan
6918	Impulse	Alan Stoneback
7020	ME 109	Ralph Messersmith
7511	Tackless	Howard Mullin
7800	G. P.	Claude Sullivan
8323	Roaring 20's	Alec Lawson
8344	Spectator Boat	Fran Temme
6035	.....	Carl Berg



"Howard Mullin showing his championship form."

This season started with a shuffling of boats and skippers. Our '63 fleet champion Newt Wattis "went off" to Spain on a new assignment but "Spectator Boat" was purchased by Fran Temme who became one of our new skippers. Alec Lawson relinquished his Comet to his son Jeff and joined the fleet with his "Roaring 20's." Howard Mullin was a welcome return after a season at Nyack and a newcomer to sailing, Carl Berg, rounded out the changes in our fleet. We were sorry to lose Al Serwazi and Tom Sweeney and their "Sinnerella" and we wish Al luck with his new Comet.

The Saturday and Sunday Summer Series started on the Fourth of July week end with three races. Plaques were awarded for the Fourth of July Series to Howard Mullin for first place, Ralph Messersmith for second place and Jack Elfman for third place. Howard Mullin went on to win both the Claude Sullivan Memorial Trophy for the Saturday Series and the Julius Christian Hensen Memorial Trophy for the Sunday Series Fleet Champion.



ship. Fran Temme finished second with Ralph Messersmith third in the Saturday Series. In the Sunday Series, Ralph Messersmith nosed out Jack Elfman for second place with Jack finishing third. The Labor Day Series saw Howard Mullin again on top with Ralph Messersmith second and Tom Temme (taking over for his brother) finishing third.

Sunshine and steady breezes prevailed throughout the season but some unexpected puffs sent Lawson, Temme, and Del Costello to early showers while Jack Elfman broke his mast at the end of the season. The good weather abandoned Surf City for our 16th Annual Invitational Regatta and strong winds and showers entered the picture as 30 Lightnings hit the starting line. With the Sunday race "blown out", Bay Head's John Orelup finished first, Ed Lampman finished second, and Howard Mullin third. The Interclub Series with Brant Beach was again a "squeaker." Brant Beach retained the trophy by a margin of only a few points. One of the highlights of the series was a spectacular spinnaker jibe which unfortunately sent John Sullivan to the bottom of the bay (3 feet deep). John, John Jr. and daughter, Mary Jane righted the boat, bailed out, and still finished the race ahead of several boats. In our own club series, John was a contender for one of the top three trophies but had to cut short his racing season due to Irma's illness. Irma is now on the road to recovery and we're looking forward to the Sullivan family coming back in '65.

"Hawaiian Holiday" was the theme of the Annual Lightning Dance hosted by Ralph and Janet Messersmith. Hawaiian leis, hula dancing by various fleet members and club members, exotic pamphlets, pineapples and palm trees provided the Hawaiian atmosphere. The highlight of the evening was Hawaiian dancing presented by Mrs. Georgia Dickson who also arranged to have 1,000 Orchids flown in from Hawaii by her husband Lt. George Dickson. Orchids and success are often associated and that's exactly what the Lightning Dance was—a huge success.

SURF CITY was well represented on the regatta circuit this year. S.C.Y.C. skippers sailed in the LONG JOHN REGATTA in Red Bank, THE JERSEY STATES in Island Heights, LITTLE EGG HARBOR REGATTA: CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICTS in Bay Head, The RIVERTON REGATTA, the FRIGID-DIGIT REGATTA in Baltimore and the ANNUAL FROSTBITE REGATTA in Quantico. CONGRATULATIONS to all our skippers for a good job in keeping SURF CITY up with the best.

The scene of the annual Awards Dinner for S.C.Y.C. was the Chart Room of the Villa Hotel on Long Beach Island. Outside it was a very cold, windy evening but there was a warm glow inside the Chart Room. The evening started with a delightful cocktail party at the yacht club with everyone reminiscing about their lost races and planning their strategy for '65. After a hearty meal, everyone settled back for the trophy presentation. You could see the smiles on the various skippers' faces who were about to receive their hard earned hardware. The sparkle of silver and brass lit the room as the big moment arrived. The Saturday Series trophies, ship's bells mounted on wooden plaques, added a nautical charm to the trophies which all yacht clubs might consider. Large silver cups were awarded to the Sunday Series winners. Several appreciation awards were presented by the Commodore, Dr. Claude Sullivan, Jr. to his committee for their good work in '64. Throughout the evening you could hear the clanging of bells and see the glow on many faces. Following the awards dinner, a dance was held at the yacht club ending the Sailing Season of '64 and fostering great expectations for '65.

The Lightning Fleet wishes to express its gratitude to Helen Sullivan for her efforts and contributions during the past four years. Also the fleet extends its gratitude to the Commodore, Claude Sullivan and the S.C.Y.C. Race Committee headed by Fred Todt for their hard work, cooperation and patience in helping to make '64 the successful season that it was.

## BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB (217)

### Central Atlantic District

#### Sailing on Brigantine Bay, adjacent to Brigantine, N. J.

Fleet Captain..... John G. Walton  
Fleet Secretary..... Sir Robert Bray

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1726	Starlight	John G. Walton
2443	La Duchessa	John J. Lawler
7679	Thunderbird	Edwin W. Hance

Lightning activity in 1964 hit a modern time low with the Annual South Jersey Lightning Championship Regatta the only racing activity of the season. This was, however, a banner event. Three races were sailed under beautiful conditions. Winner was Gordon Buzby of Fleet #99 sailing BEEHIVE #7518. Runner-up was 16-year-old Robert Bray, one of Bob Seidelmann's crew members at the World's in Peru last year. Bobby sailed John Walton's STARLIGHT #1726. In third place was Dr. John Pfister who arrived with a beautiful new boat.

John Walton attended several regattas and did not ever get going. There are those who claim getting married in May and building his new home sabotaged his racing. Ed Hance, Sales Manager of an automobile agency was busy expanding the enterprise into an empire and barely got his boat wet.

This report cannot end on an optimistic note when we look toward 1965. With the absence of all competition last year, John Walton will surely be sailing with another fleet and the prospects of attracting new blood are nominal.

## RIVERTON YACHT CLUB (228)

### Based on Delaware River, Riverton, N.J.

Fleet Captain..... David Johnson  
Fleet Secretary..... Betty Allen  
Fleet Champion..... C. Dale Allen  
Runner-Up..... Jay Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
861	.....	Jack Young
4088	Mirage	Howard Bintliff
5046	.....	Carl Clasen
5074	Dead Eye	Richard Prewitt
6540	Balderdash	Norman Alperin
7085	.....	Allan Crew
7220	Quo Vadis	David Johnson
7564	Lollipop 2nd	John Parker
7660	Roy's Rig	Roy Doerre
7826	Gamma	Dale & Betty Allen
7989	.....	Nelson Hoffman
8501	Jackaroo	Richard Fredrick
8595	Prism	Hank & Joan Meinecke
.....	.....	Marcy Lippincott
.....	.....	Robert Lippincott
8684	Clover	Russ Pickens
8699	.....	Wayne Deaves
8894	Eddy B	Ed Borawsky

Starting the end of April nine boats from Fleet 228 drove each Sunday to Brant Beach to participate in their Early Bird Series.

The season officially opened at our club on May 31st with seven boats in the first race.

The Annual Governor's Cup Regatta was held on June 27 and 28. A total of 87 boats, representing six classes, sailed in a drifter and a rain squall. With seventeen Lightnings sailing, Bob Seidelmann took top honors and won the perpetual Sidney Lopatin trophy. He also took home the Governor's Cup, a large silver reveré bowl donated by Governor Driscoll, which is awarded to the winner of the class with the highest overall performance during the regatta. This is the first year the Lightning class has ever won the Governor's Cup. Dale Allen was second and Nelson Hoffman was third in this three race series.

On Sunday, August 23, eight Lightnings sailed up the river laden with family, crews, friends and food, found a nice little beach on the Jersey shore and had a cook-out. Because of the breezy weather some families with small children drove up and met us there. A good time was had by all.

At our Fourth Annual Fall Regatta we had a total of 34 boats representing ten fleets sailing with us. Saturday's races were sailed in light and very light air, but Sunday's race had winds of 25 with gusts to 35. By the end of the race eight boats had capsized and the patrol boats were hard at work. Marcy Lippincott won the regatta with Richard Lippincott second and Bob Adams third.

Our Fleet was represented at regattas held at Brant Beach, Brigantine, Bay Head, Little Egg, Red Dragon, Surf City, Quantico and the North Americans.

The Lightning Class is the largest fleet of boats in the Club. In addition to being avid racing enthusiasts our fleet members share the administrative load of the Riverton Yacht Club with Dave Johnson as Rear Commodore, Russ Pickens as Treasurer and Allan Crew and Dale Allen on the Board of Directors.

Results of the season:

### WEDNESDAY

SPRING SERIES	EVENING SERIES	SUMMER SERIES
1st—Dale Allen	1st—Jay Johnson	1st—Dale Allen
2nd—Russ Pickens	2nd—Dale Allen	2nd—Jay Johnson
3rd—Jay Johnson	3rd—Nels. Hoffman	3rd—Russ Pickens

Remembrances of the season—

Johnson's capsizing to windward with a spinnaker up and pulling.

Jack Dearing leaping overboard in shallow water to retrieve an anchor line and losing his glasses. Found them too!

Carl Clasen's splintered mast when he returned from the Districts.

Dick Frederick sporting a huge gaping hole in his starboard bow during the Governor's Cup.

Russ Pickens and Nelson Hoffman fighting it out for the third and fourth place in the overall standings.

Norman Alperin and Howard Bintliff persistent newcomers who were out there trying in every race.

Wayne Deaves learning everyone's secrets by crewing on other boats on weekends and building himself a new one in his garage during the week. Watch out for him next year.

Fleet Captain Johnson hosted a cookout and covered dish dinner November 21. The evening was spent resailing the season's races, electing next year's officers and planning next year's activities.

Fleet 228 feels it had a very successful year but is looking forward to an even better one next year. In 1965 the Riverton Yacht Club is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and many activities and sailing events had been planned to make this a gala year. We will be hosting an Early Series starting the middle of April and sailing on Sunday afternoons through the month of May. In July we plan to have the District Regatta here and the Annual Fall Regatta in September as usual. Hope everyone will plan to come and share the fun with us.

## RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB (357)

Sailing on The Delaware River at Edgewater Park.  
New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....	George Rhawn, Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Fleet Champion.....	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Runner-Up.....	Martin Gennett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1477	Jackie	Armond R. Tomassetti
4774	Hustler	Martin Gennett
5092	Whistling Wings	Robert S. Malcomson
6577	Twenty-Twenty	Edward Weiss
6929		George Rhawn, Jr.
7278	Hi & Dri	Hy Winitzky
8379	Ta'Aroa	Franz & Sheila Schneider
8782	Mamma's Mink	Bob Wolcott

The Lightning Fleet at the Red Dragon Canoe Club enjoyed an active season this year with its boats participating in some fourteen regattas and twelve fleet races. This program was laid out with a well dispersed system of fleet races among the regatta listings, thereby allowing the more enthusiastic and the stay at homers a chance to participate to the full extent of their available time.

Putting out the boat pier and float is a big occasion at our club with all of the able bodied turning out. While the younger fellows pull and tug, the old guard cook a shad dinner in the side yard. This year was no exception with our Lightning Fleet Captain, George Rhawn, in charge of the program.

Our racing program began a little late this year. The Boyer Cup races were held on May 23rd and 24th. This series unfortunately was won by a Penguin with the Lightning sailors showing up rather poorly.

By June 14th we had four more fleet races. Among the more notable results were the number of capsizes. Marty Gennett managed a 50% record of upsets, while Franz Schneider and Bob Wolcott each chalked up one. Russ O'Brien, Franz Schneider's crew and a Penguin skipper thought that Lightnings just couldn't. But he soon learned!

Franz Schneider represented us at the Bayhead Spring Tune-Up Regatta while the balance of the fleet raced at home. Riverton's

regatta a week later was well supported. Bob Tomassetti won the race back up river to the dragon's lair Sunday afternoon.

After the Central Atlantic District Championship, August was a full month of regattas. Spray Beach, Little Egg Harbor, Oxford, Corsica River, Indian Landing, and the Atlantic Coast were on the schedule. Participating in these were George Rhawn, Mary Gennett, Ed Weiss and Franz Schneider. Franz Schneider got "Ta'Aroa" moving for three of these to win at Spray Beach, Little Egg Harbor and Corsica River. At the Atlantic Coast, our team of Russ O'Brien, Bob Tomassetti and Franz Schneider showed the fleet the results of our early season "turning over drills" as they upset in grand style while plaining down the next to last leg with their spinnaker flying. Unfortunately, they were leading the race for a third place in the regatta at this point.

September saw activity pick up on the river again. Our Labor Day Regatta was well attended. George Rhawn found his home waters to his liking and took first place while Franz Schneider took second just ahead of Riverton's Nelson Hoffman. We are hopeful that next year there will be an even bigger turnout for this event.

There were two fleet races at Red Dragon prior to the Riverton Lightning Regatta on the 26th and 27th of September. Franz Schneider beat Bob Malcomson on the race to Riverton while Bob Tomassetti was the only one to brave the weather and sail back to Red Dragon.

On October third the club held its annual Burlington Island Race followed by a lobster dinner in the evening. As usual this all day marathon had an excellent turnout. Bob Tomassetti was the only boat to traverse the course clockwise, but he still could not beat the team of Franz, Sheila and Mark Schneider for the first Lightning to finish spot.

There were two more fleet races before our season closed with the Frigid Digit Regatta at Baltimore and the hauling out of the club float. Quantico had been a scheduled event, however their last minute date change brought several conflicts.

In addition to our active racing program, our club and fleet also held several interesting social activities, some of which have been mentioned already. These were all held on our club property which was, in days gone by, a spacious old river front estate.

As to the future, the prospects for good fleet growth seem to be brighter. Our tricky winds and water are an excellent training grounds for turning out good sailors as is proven by the outstanding record of our people over the years in the Star, Comet, Thistle, Penguin, Duster, and Celebrity classes.



"Alan Ruiter #8103 demonstrates his winning spinnaker form in heavy weather."



## NORMANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (366)

### Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Normandy Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	William D. Walker
Fleet Secretary	Edward N. Schwalje
Fleet Champion	David S. Ruiter
Runner-Up	Edward N. Schwalje

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12		Richard Pilloni
270	Static	Edward N. Schwalje
4137	Hangover	Hewitt "Pete" Wing
6578	Mirage	Leighton P. Miller
6884	Trident	George G. Stier
8103	Sam	David S. Ruiter
8488		Albert P. Luscombe
8622	Puff	Marcia D. Walker

With a membership comprising of only summer residents from far and wide our sailing season runs hot and furious from late June till Labor Day. The summer series which was run each Sunday under the very able sponsorship of our club racing committee enjoyed excellent participation by our fleet as well as by guest Lightning sailors.

For our hot skippers like George Stiers and our two sailing masters Bill Schwalje and Alan Ruiter, the Saturday interclub regattas sponsored by the Barnegat Bay Y.R.A. offered a much greater challenge. Getting to and from the races at times was an even greater challenge with often 12 miles or so each way of unfavorable going competing with impatient weekend traffic. A lack of competition in the heavy "B Lightning Fleet" (775 lbs. and up) forced the heavy boats to compete against the "A Fleet". Although our fleet didn't bring home the racing "bacon" for the season, we were honored in having Alan Ruiter awarded the annual "George Roth Powell, Jr. Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding Junior Skipper on Barnegat Bay for Character and American Sportsmanship". We are sure that this most cherished award will inspire Alan to greater accomplishments this next season.

A new one ton electric hoist was added to the club facilities this spring and is a welcome addition for all Lightning sailors, especially our dry boat sailors, who can now conserve their energy for racing. It is rumored that some of our members have as much fun operating the hoist as they do sailing!

With an enthusiastic new group of Lightning sailors itching to get into the racing program, we expect to expand our fleet and have a bright and active season in 1965.

## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore: Barney Smith  
District Secretary: Jeff Penfield  
District Champion: Jeff Penfield  
Runner-Up: Chuck Doerflinger

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Onondaga Yacht Club (10); Mayfield Yacht Club (13); Newport Yacht Club (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Red Jacket (125); Conesus (140); Owasco (149); Cazenovia (164); Henderson Harbor (225); Keuka (252); Brockport (267); Galway Lake (338).

Competitive sailing in our District continues to improve with more new boats and sails each year.

We would like to welcome into our district a reactivated fleet #44 at Canandagua Lake.

Seven local regattas during this season attracted Lightning sailors not only from our own district, but from neighboring districts. These seven were as follows: Lake Shore Lightning Squadron regatta sailed at Sodus Bay this year in the open lake (Ontario) June 27-28; Invitational Regatta, Newport, July 18-19; Central New York Regatta, Seneca Lake, July 24-26; District Regatta, Newport, Aug. 1-2; Invitational Regatta, Skaneateles Lake, Aug. 15-16; Invitational Regatta, Sodus Bay, Aug. 29-30; and Invitational Regatta, Onondaga, Sept. 12-13.

Twenty-six Lightnings competed at the District regatta sailed at Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, August 1-2. Winds were light to moderate and sufficiently shifty to challenge a very talented race committee, consisting of Wes Farrell and Herb Milocrane and associates. The challenge was to outfox the windshifts and to prevent the fleet from charging across the starting line on a dead run with spinnakers flying. The first leg was perfect in each race. From then on the course was full of surprises. Carrying sportsmanship to an extreme, the three top contenders, Dietz, Hallagan, and Woolman, all disqualified themselves in interesting maneuvers during the third race. The fourth race and the regatta were won by Penfield of Willow Bank Yacht Club, Cazenovia.

Two or three of our local sailors have done quite well outside of the important district regattas. Bob Woolman of Rochester placed 5th out of 48 boats at the Silver Lake Regatta, in Silver Lake, New York. Bob Bloomer of Sodus Bay took 1st in the 1st race of this regatta. Dick Hallagan of Sodus Bay placed 3rd at Silver Lake overall, 4th at the Dunkirk Regatta out of 23 boats, and 5th out of 98 boats at Quantico, Virginia.

We were proud to have Hugh and Michael Dietz of Skaneateles represent our District at the North American Championship in San Diego. Their final standing was 14th in the top division which qualifies them for the World Championship in Rome next year.

## SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB, INC. (1)

### Based on Skaneateles Lake, New York

Fleet Captain	Robert Serfass
Fleet Secretary	Peter Paullin
Fleet Champion	W. Howell Finn
Runner-Up	Whiton Powell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4975	Hu-Hu	Robert Serfass
5905	Gotcha	Pete Paullin
6808	My Fair Lady	K. E. Crotty
7086	Hootnanny	W. Howell Finn
7419	Oh Lady	Whiton Powell
7830	L.T.B.	Dr. J. T. Gentry
7947	Wild Goose III	S. G. Reynolds, Jr.
8555	Anticipation	David W. White
9105		Hugh Dietz

## FLEET RACE RESULTS

1st Saturday Series	2nd Saturday Series	Sunday Series
1. John Gentry	1. Whiton Powell	1. Ace Finn
2. Ace Finn	2. Ken Crotty	2. Whiton Powell
3. Whiton Powell	3. Ace Finn	3. Ken Crotty

### All Lake Regatta

1. Ace Finn (overall winner).

### Fourth of July Long Distance Race

1. Hugh Dietz
2. Ace Finn
3. Ken Crotty

### Labor Day Long Distance Race

1. Gerry Dietz
2. Pete Dowley
3. Ace Finn

Due to circumstances of extra curricula to sailing Fleet 1's active racing boats were down in number from recent past years. However, all local series were sailed as scheduled and the Skaneateles groups performed very well on foreign waters.



At the onset of the season we lost Dave White to the service. Dave proceeded to take his boat to Georgia and raced most successfully out of his home base, Fort Benning. Dick Del Costello returned to New Jersey for the summer. And on the eve of launching his Lightning for the year's first race Pete Paullin was involved in a severe auto crash that precluded his racing this season. Later John Abbott skipped Peter's boat.

The Dietz boys, Chugger and Mike, did a terrific job with their new boat. The highlight being to trail to California for the North Americans where they proceeded to place 11th in the Championship flight. They have now qualified for the World's in Italy and we at home sure hope they go.

Winter developments show us losing Dr. John Gentry to a new job at the Medical School of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. We are going to miss John's solid performances but in consolation it will permit the rest of us to all move up one notch in the fleet standings. Skinner Reynolds has already ordered his new boat and John Abbott, Ace Finn and Ken Crotty are all talking new boats for '65.

With construction already under way we are really at long last on the threshold of having a stupendous hoist installation at the club. Local sailors as well as regatta victors will sure appreciate this welcomed improvement. With this facility the success of the centrals on Skaneateles Lake in 1965 is practically assured.

Regatta wise, John Gentry won the Skaneateles Invitational and placed 2nd in the Central. Chugger Dietz had three 2nds in the Skaneateles Invitational, L.S.L.S. and Onondaga. Skinner Reynolds had a 3rd at Onondaga.

### MAYFIELD YACHT CLUB MEET (13)

#### Sailing on Sacandaga Reservoir at Mayfield, New York

Fleet Captain	Ed Dean	
Fleet Secretary	Stephan Mithoff	
Fleet Champion	Ed Dean	
Runner-Up	Ed Kruszona	
<b>Boat No.</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Skipper</b>
76	Imp	Clyde Oberist
1187	Adam's Rib	Stephan Mithoff
1381		D. Sayers
2393	Scamp	Max Swietlik
2624	Blue Streak	W. E. Moore & D. Selengut
3692		Paul Abbey
5138	Firefly	L. T. Jester, Jr.
7333	Hekate	W. D. Bellamy
8203	Roulette	E. K. Dean
8494	Loki	Will Merritt
8591	Smoke	Ed Horstkotte
8899	Escape	Ed Kruszona

The first good piece of luck for Fleet 13 began in the Spring of 1964 when Ed Kruszona's father very pleasantly agreed to return to the racing scene as our Racing Committee starter for the 1964 season. Blessed with his patience and reasonably good winds throughout the season, Fleet 13 enjoyed another summer of pleasant racing activities. Unfortunately, the average participation of boats in 1964 was not as large as in previous years. A number of our former good members left the Fleet for various reasons, which reduced the average to about 8 boats per race. In spite of this, good competition existed all the way down the line throughout the season.

The July Series started on June 7, and after the best six of eight races were scored, Ed Dean wound up as winner with six points, followed by Ed Kruszona with 10 points. Third place spot was won by Dr. Bellamy with 20 points.

On July 26, the August Series began and by the time the scoring of the best six races was completed on Labor Day, Ed Dean just emerged the winner with 10 points after being hotly pursued by Ed Kruszona with 11 points. Third place spot was won by Will Merritt with 14 points.

The Fleet Championship based on the best 13 races of both series went to Ed Dean with 18 points. Runner-up position was taken by Ed Kruszona with 24 points. Third place position was won by Will Merritt with 44 points.

In an effort to stimulate interest among those boats whose numbers were less than 5000, the Fleet decided to award two trophies in a Class B category, the winners of such trophies to be based on the final standings of the Fleet Championship. When the final tabulation was made at the end of the season, Paul Abbey was the winner with 70 points, followed by Max Swietlik in runner-up position with 78 points.

Inter-fleet activities found Ed Dean and crew representing Fleet 13 at the Districts held at Newport Yacht Club on August 1 and 2. As the result of their winning 4th place in this Regatta, the Fleet hopes that it will be awarded the honor of holding the 1965 Districts on beautiful Sacandaga Reservoir.

The Annual Lake Winnepesaukee Regatta saw Paul Abbey, Ed Kruszona and Ed Dean in attendance, where everyone had a "soaking" good time. (Rained both days!)

The Fleet, assisted by club members, scored a "first" when it sponsored a very successful and entertaining Cocktail Party in August. The proceeds of this affair greatly assisted the Fleet's treasury for the season.

Our Fleet's activities were concluded on November 13 when its Annual Awards Dinner was held at the Niskayuna Club in Schenectady. Approximately 50 members and friends attended this enjoyable affair, highlighted by the showing of the 1962 America's Cup races.

### NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

#### Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Bill Craver
Fleet Secretary	Denny O'Kane
Fleet Champion	John McIntosh
Runner-Up	Bob Woolman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
79	Black Knight	Thomas Hafner
400	Asbestos	Ray Hebert
458	Quest	Ernie Hamilton
808		Norm Thayer
1515	Carrousel	Victor Guzauski
1583	Presto	Dom DeVasto
3194	Anwyl	Russell Morton
3410	Miss Hannah	Allen Fields
3467	Noah	Jacob Schaechter
3480	Chasse'	Fred Darling
3542	Eye-Aye-Ei	Max Presberg
3608	Guppy	Ernest Butler
4724	George	Arnie Sahs
5935	Kelpie	Allen Hamilton
6201		Roland Paul
6803	Islander	Dr. Wm. Craver
7528	Esperanto	Dick Andrews
7535	Cordelia	Ray Mercier
7632	Eagle	Jack Miller
7974	Spindrift	Warren Duerr
8006	Windswept	Allan Perry
8322	Whitecap III	Bob Jamison
8536	Trop Chere II	Robert Woolman
8755	Blue Jacket IV	John McIntosh



"Fleet Champion Ed Dean in ROULETTE proving that skippers hike when the water isn't too rough."



"Hard water work!"

This year's activities began with last year's fall work party when we hauled out one of our docks. During February and March, with the bay frozen to a good fourteen inches and the Saturday temperatures ranging in the thirties, the fleet rebuilt the dock while the children had weekly skating parties. Included in the winter's activities were three sailing seminars with guest speakers Wally Ross and Stu Anderson.

New Lightning skippers this year are Jack Miller, Norm Thayer, Dom Di Vasto and Roland Paul. Ray Mercier, who won the Most Improved Skipper Award, sailed a newer Cordelia, and Bob Woolman went to the semi-finals for the Mallory Cup and took a second.

Sailing season began with the Burns Hanna Handicap Series. Dr. John McIntosh showed the fleet the transom of his new Blue Jacket IV, and allowed us to admire it all season long. He won the Fleet Championship, the Spring Series, the Summer Series, and the Fall Series. The Spring Series was a tight contest between Doc and Commodore Bob Woolman. Their averages at the end were 1.7500. Low point scoring with  $\frac{1}{4}$  points for first to prevent ties was used. Doc beat Bob three times and Bob beat Doc three times, but since Doc won five of the ten races, and Bob only three, the series went to Dr. McIntosh.

On the 4th of July we had a fun race, a Balloon Race, and there was almost a protest meeting concerning one skipper who used a fish net to retrieve balloons. However, when the balloons were counted, Steve Jarrison was found to be the winner—of a free swim in the bay. During this weekend Bob Woolman won the Round-Robin Joe Ochs Trophy.

Nineteen boats challenged Dr. McIntosh during the Summer Series, but to no avail. Doc was first in seven out of ten starts. The eighth race was one of high winds and casualties. The Morton's "Anwyll" was dismasted and Tom Hafner earned the Tipover Trophy.

On July 18th and 19th the Annual Newport Invitational Regatta was held with 87 boats in five classes participating. McIntosh and Woolman took home the pickle dishes. Fleet 77 had the honor of hosting the Central New York Districts this year, tired winds notwithstanding. After following the committee boat all over the bay—looking for the course and just a bit of wind—the third and fourth races were sailed back to back. We left the clubhouse around 10:30 in the morning and it was five 1-o-n-g hours later when we stepped ashore again. District Secretary Jeff Penfield took the District Championship, followed by Chuck Doerflinger from Conesus and Bob Jamison of Newport. The services of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who patrolled our three major regattas, were greatly appreciated.

The Late Summer Series was won by Al Fields who sailed thirty-six of the thirty-eight races scheduled this season. Rear Commodore Dick Andrews and Ernie Butler were runners-up for the series.

Over Labor Day weekend we sailed the Missal Handicap Series, won by Bob Jamison, and the Annual Brown Jug race. Bob Woolman was our class winner in "The Jug".

The return of Fall brought about the return of the wind, and in the last race of the season the life jacket was flown from the committee boat. It was the day for heavy weather crew and foul weather gear—and the availability of spare parts. Warren Duerr lost the back third of his rudder on this "quiet, sheltered Iron-dequoit Bay".

## GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

Sailing at Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, N. Y.

Fleet Captain..... R. W. Hallagan  
Fleet Champion..... Al Hosford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2756	North Wind	Lawrence Morley
2792	.....	John Beisad
5084	.....	Chuck Townsend
5230	.....	Mark Buckman
6693	Merry	Charles W. Hallagan
6698	Chaos	Dick Brown and Bob Bloomer
7723	Little Toot	Al Hosford
9239	Razzlefratz III	Dick Hallagan

The Sodus Bay Yacht Club held the "Lake Shore Lightning Squadron Regatta" in June, which featured sailing on Lake Ontario. Pete Bone of Silver Lake won this series. Dick Hallagan with his new Lightning, won the CNYRA Regatta in July held at Geneva, New York. Al Hosford took top honors in the local sailing of the season.

The Yacht Club held its annual Invitational Regatta the week end before Labor Day and Bill Hughes of the Buffalo Canoe Club came down and walked off with that trophy. In the fall, Bob Bloomer tied for first at Onondaga.

We are hoping for more sailing next season.

## CONESUS FLEET (140)

Based on Conesus Lake, Lakeville, N.Y.

Fleet Captain..... Charles Doerflinger  
Fleet Secretary..... Nelson Bruce  
Fleet Champion..... Charles Doerflinger  
Runner-Up..... Frank Gottshalk

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
196	Carita	Roy H. Hendrickson
413	Decoy	R. L. Henderson
5200	Mo-Lasses	Clinton F. Ballard
5331	Jeff	Frank Gottshalk
5601	B.E.S.—I	Bruce Weller
8033	Lamb Chop	Charles Doerflinger

Fleet 140 had a good racing season and again the same champion and runner-up. Our fleet was well represented at a number of regattas. Doerflinger, Gottshalk and Weller raced in the District Elimination and Sodus Bay Invitational. Gottshalk and Weller also went to Silver Lake and Skaneateles. Invitationals. The only hardware brought home was by Doerflinger who got a second over all at the Eliminations. We had a free for all at Conesus Lake on the Fourth and also on Labor Day.

## CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164)

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, N.Y.

Fleet Captain..... Dr. Donald B. Sanford  
Fleet Secretary..... Gerry Keane  
Fleet Champion..... Dr. A. J. Penfield  
Runner-Up..... John H. Griffiths, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
87	.....	Ralph Resnick
182	Red IV	Nelson Neidhardt
356	.....	David Ridings
373	Meri Kris	Richard Dower
768	Mad Cap	Hugh Auchincloss
1350	.....	A. Gordon Wheler
1905	.....	Wm. Gulick
1960	Nervous	Lawrence Carpenter
2172	.....	John Searles
3412	.....	Gordon Phillips
4605	Belladonna	M. H. Pindell
4687	.....	Jesse Silverman
4902	.....	Robert E. Lee
5892	Pinion	Donald W. Diefendorf
5893	Flip	Donald Hart
5894	.....	Jerry Weiss
5974	Polaris	Harry Fogarty



6077	Shamrock	Don Jaquith
6491	McCorkle	Dr. A. J. Penfield
6640	Mary Jane	Dr. Ernest Delmonico
6804		Gerry Keane
7087	Belladonna II	Ray Miller
7214	Rae	Dr. Louis Alkoff & Bernard Shoninger
7244	Foamy	John Griffiths, Jr.
7273	Doregasa	Dr. Donald B. Sanford
7549	Rainbow	Victor Cole
		Hume Laidman
8055		Dr. Edward Dunn

Last year's champion, Dr. A. J. (Jeff) Penfield, withstood a stiff challenge from Jack Griffiths, Jr., Peter Dieffendorf and newcomer Harry Fogarty, a salty transfer from Sodus Bay Y.C., to repeat as the 1964 club champion. In addition "Jeff" walked off with the District Championship this year. Some new boats and several newcomers combined to increase the size of the fleet and the calibre of the competition. An average of 10 to 12 boats competed in each of 25 point races in addition to a "Fun For All" Wednesday evening series. Several picnics, two steak fries and a moonlight race held in conjunction with the evening series promoted camaraderie. Mrs. D. B. (Red) Sanford won the annual crewettes race and her husband was an efficient, capable, hard-working Fleet Captain. It was originally planned to divide the fleet in two sections but competition was so keen that no such division was feasible.

For the first time in years a Junior Lightning fleet of 5 to 6 boats raced on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The champion for the 15 race schedule was Chris Schulz sailing the Sanford boat with Terry Pindell as runner-up in 4605.

Several of our members competed in various regattas at Skaneateles, Sodus Bay, Onondaga, Silver Lake, Quantico and the Districts.

Continued growth of the fleet and enthusiasm for racing seems assured for 1965.



"Four seconds after the start. Starboard!!!!"

#### KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

##### Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain	Bob Lowry
Fleet Secretary	Helen Lowry
Fleet Champion	George Kalinich
Runner-Up	Hank Young

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
501	Zipper	Hank Young
695	Gee-Jay	George Kalinich
1236	Jamp	Dr. R. Patrizio
3361	More Trouble	Larry Korner
4904	Kim	Bill Brown
7058		Bob Lowry

The 1964 Lightning Racing season at Keuka Lake got off to a good start with the July 4th series. Although George Kalinich led in the first two races, rudder trouble in the third race eliminated his chance for winning. A wild battle between Lowry, Brown and Young then developed with Skipper Lowry in his sleek #7058 emerging champion of July 4th.

Last year's season champion, Hank Young, somewhat taken with the topless bathing suit fad, started the season with a bottomless boat. As the rules do not permit this, Hank eventually purchased Tad Daddow's Zipper and after considerable tuning and pumping managed to finish the season in a very respectable second place.

Broken tillers seem to be a chronic problem on Lightnings. Bill Brown has finally solved this problem by whittling one out of a 2"x6" ash board.

There were no capsize during this season. Only mishap was Wade Sapp's overzealous hiking which landed him in the lake when his foot missed the strap. Skipper Lowry merely stretched a bit and retrieved Wade aboard without even straining. There are certainly advantages to being a tall skipper.

The season trophy was captured by George Kalinich and his nephews, Harold and Mike, a very able bodied crew. They amassed a perfect score, coming in first in the best of ten. To top this record, they also captured the Labor Day cup.

Drifters were few and parties were many. 1964 was a good year on Keuka Lake. Only one complaint—SUMMERS ARE TOO DARNED SHORT!

#### GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

##### Sailing on Galway Lake, Galway, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	Dale H. Brown
Fleet Secretary	Everett S. Holden
Fleet Champion	Richard B. Millard
Runner-Up	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
316	Wich-One	Dale H. Brown
394	Mamma's Mink	Robert H. Denham
1272	Rambler	Everett S. Holden
2690	Eleanor C	Dr. William Seymour
3455		Harry J. Baldwin
5155	Five Belles	James Dickson
6515	Restless	Richard B. Millard
7809		Kenneth E. Buhrmaster



"Fleet #338 Champ Dick Millard and sons in RESTLESS".

**WIND:** Any movement of air, usually restricted to natural, horizontal movements; air in motion with any degree of velocity.

If any person or persons reading this report has experienced the above phenomena during the past sailing season, please notify Fleet 338 immediately so that we might be assured that it still exists and may in fact even return to our pretty lake here in the foot hills of the Adirondack Mountains.

We are sorry to report that we have suffered a lack of wind all summer long. With the exception of 3 good days of about 15 to 20 MPH winds plus one of 35, we suffered thru a long hot dry summer.

In spite of the dismal showing by the elements there certainly was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of Fleet members. Every scheduled Fleet race was attended by at least 7 of our 8 boats, and Club handicap racing also found all Lightnings very active.

Of course the wind always arrives on the scene after the race is called. On these occasions everyone heads for a spinnaker leg to get all the practice they can.

Our Dunkers Club accepted one new member (the 4th thus far) when Bill Seymour went over because of a rules breaking Snipe from another race.

Although we have not added any boats to the Fleet this year, our prospects are good and we may have 1 or 2 new members before we start the season next year. We are growing, have lots of get up and go, and intend to keep it that way with or without wind.

So ends this season with this reminder, send us a bag of wind so that we may hold it in reserve for next year, just in case. If this devastating eastern drought does not end soon we could find use for a few million gallons of water also. See you next year.

## CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Bruce Brand  
 District Secretary: Bill Mullens  
 District Champion: Jack Zink  
 District Runner-up: Gordon Reabe  
 Fleets: Jayhawk (60); Tulsa Sailing Club (205); Quachita (284); Fort Gibson (293); Odd Winds (296); Oklahoma City (343); Springfield (363).

Activity in the Central States District has increased in the past year with quite a few new and faster lightnings being present in all of our fleets. The old boats are being up dated and are more competitive.

The District had a very active and successful year under Commodore Dick Wootton and Secretary Gaines Houston. Early last spring Lightning Fleet 296 invited Bruce Goldsmith to Kansas City to give a two day program on the second International Lightning Class World Championship in Lima, Peru, and some information particularly concentrated on the proper setting of sails. Members from all the fleets in our district attended this meeting.

Once again the 1964 District Regatta was sailed at Lake Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, with the Western Hills Lodge our base of operations. Twenty-six boats registered and sailed in the five-race regatta. As in 1963, the tune up race held on Thursday afternoon was a drifter. Gaines Houston won this as he has in the past. The first race Friday morning was sailed in a fairly good breeze. It was Brander 1st, Zink 2nd, and Gierow 3rd.

After a break for lunch, it was back to the race course where a super-drifter was endured for one time around. Brander was 1st, Zink 2nd, and Lennert 3rd.

After a rousing Friday evening party, the sun came up Saturday morning with no wind at all. The boats were all towed out to the race course Saturday morning, but because of no wind the race was canceled. Everybody went in for lunch and sat around waiting.

About 1:30 in the afternoon a little breeze sprung up and it was decided to start. The breeze held steady for the rest of the afternoon and three races were sailed back-to-back with moaning and groaning by the participants. The third race was won by Schwartz, St. Clair 2nd, Zink 3rd. The fourth race was again won by Schwartz, Brander 2nd, Reabe 3rd. The fifth race which was sailed in almost twilight, was won by Lennert, with Reabe 2nd, and Brand 3rd.

The annual business meeting was held at noon Saturday while we were waiting for the wind to spring up. Bruce Brand of Kansas City, Missouri was elected District Commodore for 1964. Brand appointed Bill Mullens the District Secretary. It was the decision of the skippers to hold the 1965 regatta for the fourth year in a row at Lake Ft. Gibson in June 1965. Fleet 296 of Kansas City, Missouri, sailing on Lake Jacomo will be the host fleet.

Pos.	Boat No.	Fleet	Points
1.	Jack Zink	8667	205
2.	Gordon Reabe	7551	296
3.	Stan Brander	9060	205
4.	Charles St. Clair	9201	296
5.	Charles Cannon	6245	296

### JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

Based on Shawnee Lake at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain..... Bob Jones  
 Fleet Secretary..... Gary R. Stearns  
 Fleet Champion..... Bob Jones  
 Runner-Up..... Ralph Persson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
772	Ishmael	Don Ayers
906	Sea Duce	John Gall
1063	Tac-Less	Arthur Cherry, Fritz Remmele, and Don Schnacke
1268	Lively Lady III	Chet Eby
1301	Sea Scouts	Roy Hatke, Ship 49
1699	L-2	Roswell Cofran III
2661	Ricaboo	Byron Boon
2904	Waha	R. A. E. (Dick) White
4545	Windfall	Gary R. Stearns & Richard Greer
5228	Rubric	Edward Turner
6779	Nellie Mae	Wendell Ives
7001	Jayhawker	Bob Jones
7461	Prairie Nymph	Ralph Persson
7960	Jayhawker II	Bill Schwartz

8368 Rose Behr John Behrmann  
 8761 Coby Hamilton  
 9025 Caro Bob Sommers



"Annual meeting of Fleet #60. Back row: Byron Boon, John Gall, Bob Sommers, Chet Eby, and Ralph Persson. Front row: Ros Cofran, Bob Jones, Gary Stearns, Coby Hamilton, Don Ayers and Wendell Ives."



Fleet 60 put up for grabs four major trophies this past season, Holiday, Challenge, Annual SYC Invitational, and Season.

In an effort to increase interest among all skippers we started a roving challenge trophy. All boats were assigned handicaps of varying degrees, depending on tabulations of the first three races. The winner held the trophy for a week or as long as he was able to maintain a point lead considering all handicaps. The skipper that held the trophy the most number of weeks was awarded permanent possession. He was Bob Sommers.

Fleet 60 held its Annual Invitational Regatta on August 9th with Bill Schwartz faring the best, capturing third place.

To win the Holiday trophy consisting of two races Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Fourth of July, each skipper was allowed to use his four best finishes. Ralph Persson won this honor.

The fourth and final trophy is for the complete season's racing on Lake Shawnee. To qualify, each skipper must participate in 60% of the races. Bob Jones won first, Ralph Persson second, and Bob Sommers third.

Officers for the 1965 racing season are Fleet Capt. Coby Hamilton and Secretary, Wendell Ives.

### TULSA SAILING CLUB (205)

#### Sailing on Lake Yahola, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fleet Captain	Stan Brander
Fleet Secretary	Velma Romeis
Fleet Champion	Harris Squire
Runner-Up	Bob Lennart

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
30		Roy E. Thomas
120	Gail	Eugene Hunt
439		Dick Liebendorfer
616	Lady Spray	Jim Boyd
836	Windswept	Bob Huff
1704	Impromptu	Joe Lennart
3931	Sea Lamb	Velma Romeis
4275	Mrs. E.	Harry Ellis
7045	Sugarfoot	Art Murphy
7115	Shoo	George Groom
7402	Robert y Leigh	Cleve Spillers
7747	Alice BEE	Virgil Berry
7831	Impromptu	R. P. Lennart
	Too	
7832	Kate Too	Frank Ziegler
7901	Dorothy's	Irving Lang
7999	leach	Russell Howard
8258	Sprightly Lady	Dave Lhevine
8332	Tally Ho II	Charles Westgate
8373	KayJee IV	Cleve Spillers
8667		Jack Zink
8975	Porcelain Bull	Harris Squire
9060	Kay-Jee V	Stan Brander
9242	Lady Spray II	James Boyd

The Tulsa Sailing Club started the 1964 season under some trying conditions. The Fleet, plus two new boats, was launched for the Tune-Up Series in exceptionally high winds. Due to the wind velocity the series was cancelled, however several skippers were determined to try their new tune and rigging. We were fortunate that no major damage occurred, but due to some bent spreaders several masts came quite close to snapping.

Our first trophy race for the Reisher Memorial Trophy saw Bob Lennart holding off all Club boats for first place, followed by Frank Ziegler in the sister boat to Bob's, and Cleve Spillers holding third position.

In late June we trailed to the Districts on Lake Fort Gibson with nine boats, and returned to Tulsa three days later with first and third place trophies. Jack Zink had 8667 flying with finishes of 2, 2, 3, 15, and 5 to take the big money with Brander holding third place.

On Labor Day we sailed our annual Handicap Series where boats start individually, based on a handicap allowance formulated from the performance of each boat earlier in the season. Joe Lennart (it looks like it runs in the family) saved his time on the Fleet in all three races to win quite convincingly. Cleve Spillers again appeared in the winner's circle for second place hardware, with Charley Westgate taking third.

Our Fall Series contained two three race series for the Standard Magnesium and Ziegler Trophies. Zink again had his boat tuned well, and outsailed all competitors for first place in both series.

Brander found a second place in the Standard Magnesium Series, followed by Bob Lennart; and Bob took second in the Ziegler Trophy Series, followed by Harris Squire.

Our season was officially closed after the last race of the Ziegler Series, however a team race was quickly scheduled and proved to be the perfect closing event.

Nineteen sixty-four saw us add Roy Thomas, Irving Lang and Dick Liebendorfer to our roster. We sailed 24 of our scheduled 30 races. Overall finishes for the Spring, Summer and Fall Series saw the following results: SPRING: 1. Squire, 2. Bob Lennart, 3. Spillers. SUMMER: 1. Squire, 2. Zink, 3. Bob Lennart. FALL: 1. Zink, 2. Bob Lennart, 3. Harris Squire. Harris Squire was welcomed back into the fold of active skippers when he bought 8975, Porcelain Bull. It became obvious that the boat and skipper complemented each other since Harris is once again our Fleet Champion.

Our boats made several invitational regattas, and one boat made the long trail to San Diego for the North Americans. We feel that the calibre of our sailing is constantly improving. We anxiously look forward to a fun and hotly contested 1965 season.

### FORT GIBSON SAILING CLUB (293)

#### Sailing on Fort Gibson Lake, at Wagoner, Oklahoma

Fleet Captain	Bob Parkhurst
Fleet Secretary	John W. Howard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
180	Call Me	Lee Bentley, Jr.
	Madam	
2481	Second Chance	Ken Damon
3458	Rotsa-Ruck	Bob Parkhurst
4342	Between the	Dan Toll
	Sheets II	
5775		John Howard

The most concentrated fleet effort this year came in the 2nd Annual Tulsa Tribune Relay Races with four Fleet skippers competing in relays representing ten different classes. John Howard sailed the class to a berth on the winning relay team and Dan Toll sailed his Lightning to a spot on the winning team as (of all things)—a "C-Scow," Dan having offered to pinch hit for a missing scow. Best looking "C-Scow" we ever saw!

Non-sailing activities precluded Lee Bentley from launching his craft this season but he plans to be active next year. The Fleet welcomed a new member, Ken Damon, who hails from the East Coast.

A quiet Fleet year in a season which saw the Club expand its activities to embrace some 17 classes and step up its racing activity. Next year should be interesting.

### ODD WINDS FLEET (296)

#### Based on Lake Jacomo near Kansas City, Missouri

Fleet Captain	Dean F. Arnold
Fleet Secretary	William Spann, Jr.
Fleet Champion	Gordon Reabe
Runner-Up	Jack Couchman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
191	North Star	Robert Trefz, Jacques DeLaurier & Keith D. Zimmerman
1270	Chon Coune	Robinson Douglas
1338	Wind Song	David J. Rielly, Jr.
1787	Work Pau	Robert M. Hoover & Wm. F. Hoover
1801	Carma III	Don Mnookin
2246	Gee Gee	Earl Stone
2514	Sinbad	Charles Faulconer
2715	Alibi	C. W. Arnold
2883	Sans Souci	Iim S. Darr
2888	Lonnie	H. L. Baughn
2949	Miss Sue	Robert McMillen
3339	Black Duck	George H. Gurley
3457		Howard Hill
3479	Misconduct	Wesley Briant
3718		Ken W. Hamilton
3764	Yare	Lynn Baier
3975	Blaze	Bill Moore
4002	Hope	Lynn V. Bowman
4125	Regina	Stan Bernhardt

4477	Apache	Willie Davis
4483	Brenda J	Dr. Charles E. Nickson, Jr.
5083	Firecracker	Dr. Albert Preston
5124	The Ole Miss	William C. Branton
5203	Fede	William Hunter
5426	Shamrock	Donald Eubanks
5465	Pabu	Ralph I. Passman
5472	G Whiz	James Nicol
5705	Mobile	Ted Raymond
6060	Home Wrecker	William C. Unger, Jr.
6408	Burley	Carrol C. Kennett
6464	Escape	Van & S. Preston Williams
6555	Luffer Boy, Jr.	William Collet
6608	Able Annie	William Mullens
6706	Relda	Milton Adler
6950	Heartlee	Richard O. Joslyn
7043	Sunbeam	Lloyd R. Swearingin
7060	On The Rocks	Karl Schmidt
7481	Geisha Girl	Wood Matthews
7482	Jeanie B.	Robert Morgenthaler
7551	Rutchen II	Gordon F. Reabe
7626	Hustler	Clayton Marker
7740	Toujours Gay	Don Haggemann
7897	Red Raider	Ernest Hubbell
7935	Brand	Bruce Brand
8142	Sea Fever II	Dr. Richard H. Kiene
8404	Miss T. Kupp	Cecile & Mitch Kuppinger
8428	Merry Gale	Dean & Mark Arnold
8568	Willie G.	Paul Allin
8643	Reef Raft	Jack Couchman
8843	Widgeon II	Charles Dallman
9196	Hindsight	Robert Cunningham
9202	Camar II	William Spann, Jr.
9203	Hi Hopes	Donald G. Skouse

In our spring series of eight races, seven different skippers took first place. Our champion of former years, Gordon Reabe sailing No. 7551, late in the series worked up a 3 point lead to win. Couchman was second and Collet third. However, it was only the final race that determined the second, third and fourth place finishes.

In the fall series Reabe greatly lengthened his lead and won first place in the Blue fleet by six points over his nearest competitor. Again, the scramble was for second, third and fourth. The final standing was not determined until the final race, and only one point separated these places. The outcome was Reabe, first; Skouse, second; and Arnold, third.

For the season Reabe was first with 15 points, Couchman second with 25 points, and Arnold third with 26 points.

In the Gold fleet for the spring series, Raymond, sailing in his second season, took first with three firsts, a second and a sixth. Joslyn took second with three firsts and two fifths. Third place went to young Kipp Kuppinger who came home from college to win four seconds and a fourth.

The 1964 season was one of close competition. It opened with the newly arranged Mo-Kan Regatta, a team competition in which the Kansas Raiders defeated the Missouri Vigilantes. We then had two series of 8 races each, the season standings to be determined from both series.

With a fleet of over fifty boats and with, proportionately, a large number of inexperienced skippers, we sought some means to stimulate competition. To do this, at the start of the season the fleet divided on a voluntary basis into the Blue fleet and into the Gold fleet. At the end of each season the first three finishers in the Gold fleet would be expected to compete in the Blue fleet the following season.

Even in the Blue fleet this arrangement stimulated competition. In the fall series of the Gold fleet, Spann took first with three firsts, a second and a third. Right behind him was Matthews sailing "Geisha" with two firsts, two seconds and a third. Joslyn was third with two seconds, two thirds and a sixth.

Only 2 points separated the season finishes in the Gold fleet. Overall, Joslyn was first, Raymond second, and Matthews third.

With more experienced sailors, we look forward to an even stronger season in 1965. Several boats are now changing hands, and we are getting new members. Whether we maintain our 2 fleet system, or return to one fleet competition, will be decided when we count noses next spring. In any event, the year 1965 should be eventful!



"Some 'pretty' hiking by Odd Winds Fleet 296."

#### OKLAHOMA CITY LIGHTNING FLEET (343) Sailing on Lake Hefner, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Fleet Captain	C. W. McClure
Fleet Secretary	Perk Walker
Fleet Champion	C. W. McClure
Runner-Up	Frank Bunch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
231	.....	Eugene Kendall
689	.....	John N. Paschal
3427	.....	Joe M. Sears
6165	.....	Perk Walker
6357	Intrepid	Frank M. Bunch
6470	.....	Al. Dorr
6901	.....	Dr. Fred Summers
7760	.....	C. W. McClure
8260	.....	Don Courtney
8680	.....	O. S. Anderson

The local racing scene was marked by blooming spinnakers for the first time this season.

A "Gentleman's Agreement" and crew problems previously had kept them bagged.

Thus far, our group has raced mostly on home waters, but next year, Buddha willing, we expect to sweep the District.

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# CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore: James R. Allen, Jr.  
 District Vice-Commodore: David Peterson  
 District Secretary: Barbara Hadlow  
 District Treasurer: Ken Ireland  
 District Measurer: Edward "Bud" Olsen  
 District Champion: David Peterson  
 District Runner-Up: Bill Chantland

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

Commodore Jim Allen and his able District Officers completed their first full season under the District's new constitution and a successful season it was. In addition to full weekend schedules in each of our local fleets, there were open regattas throughout the District plus the District Championship at Milford Yacht Club. A name that repeats over and over again in our winners' circle is, Dave Peterson who won the Championship and went on to take a big second place in the North Americans. Of the six boats that we sent to San Diego, four sailed in the North American Championships. Our entrants were Dave Peterson, Steve Bachman, Bud Olsen, Bill Healy, Jim Allen and Hal Patrick.

Giving a very big hand to Jim Allen in running the District Championship were John Cordes, Commodore of the Milford Yacht Club, and Don Spengler Chairman of the Race Committee. The first ten finishers of the thirty-one qualifiers were:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Dave Peterson  | Housatonic Boat Club |
| 2. Bill Chantland | Cedar Point          |
| 3. Banny Sprague  | Cedar Point          |
| 4. Bob Crane      | Noroton              |
| 5. Pete Wilson    | Noroton              |
| 6. Steve Bachman  | Pequot               |
| 7. Ken Ireland    | Milford              |
| 8. Walter Hanson  | Noroton              |
| 9. Sue Sinclair   | Noroton              |
| 10. Bill Healy    | Niantic              |

Beginning with Milford's First Chance Regatta, the results of our district schedule were:

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|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| May          | First Chance Regatta    | Milford Yacht Club       |
|              | 1. Dave Peterson        | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 2. Jim Allen            | Cedar Point Yacht Club   |
| June 27-28   | Lightning Invitational  | Black Rock Yacht Club    |
|              | 1. Ty Hack              | Pequot Yacht Club        |
|              | 2. Bud Olsen            | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 3. Dave Peterson        | Housatonic Boat Club     |
| July 11-12   | Invitational            | Groton Long Point        |
|              | 1. Ken Ireland          | Milford Yacht Club       |
|              | 2. Martin O'Meara       | Niantic Yacht Club       |
| July 25-26   | E.C.Y.R.A.              | Madison Beach Yacht Club |
|              | 1. Lou Petter           | Madison Beach Yacht Club |
|              | 2. Dave Hadlow          | Groton Point             |
|              | 3. Jimmy Ireland        | Milford Yacht Club       |
| August 1-2   | District Championship   | Milford Yacht Club       |
|              | 1. Dave Peterson        | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 2. Bill Chantland       | Cedar Point Yacht Club   |
|              | 3. Banny Sprague        | Cedar Point Yacht Club   |
| August 8-9   | Black Rock Invitational | Black Rock Yacht Club    |
|              | 1. Dave Peterson        | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 2. Bill Healy           | Niantic Yacht Club       |
|              | 3. Bud Olsen            | Housatonic Boat Club     |
| August 22-23 | Tri Club Regatta        | Milford Yacht Club       |
|              | 1. Russ Applegate       | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 2. Cliff Hutchinson     | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 3. Ken Ireland          | Milford Yacht Club       |
| Sept. 12-13  | Lightning Invitational  | Cedar Point Yacht Club   |
|              | 1. Bud Olsen            | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 2. Walter Hanson        | Noroton Yacht Club       |
|              | 3. Richard Brown        | Housatonic Boat Club     |
| Sept. 19-20  | Lightning Invitational  | Noroton Yacht Club       |
|              | 1. Elliott Oldak        | Manhasset Bay            |
|              | 2. Walter Hanson        | Noroton Yacht Club       |
|              | 3. Jim Allen            | Cedar Point Yacht Club   |
| Sept. 19-20  | Lightning Invitational  | Western Narragansett Bay |
|              | 1. Len Pratt            | Narragansett Bay         |
|              | 2. Bud Olsen            | Housatonic Boat Club     |
|              | 3. Fred Hamblet         | Keene, New Hampshire     |

Both the Lightning Invitionals at Noroton Yacht Club and at Western Narragansett Bay were additions. Considering the weather conditions on the weekend of September 19 and 20, both Clubs were lucky to turn out their twelve starters. The weather was so poor at Noroton, that they were able to start only one of their three scheduled races. Noroton, with the largest fleet in our district, can look forward to a much larger turnout next September, since they have a reputation of putting on excellent racing series. At the northern end of our district we welcome Western Narragansett Bay's Invitational which will move back to August in our 1965 calendar.

By far the most successful event of the season was Cedar Point's September 12 and 13 Invitational. With uncanny good fortune weatherwise, forty-four starters turned out for this very popular event. Fleet Captain Arnie Berke and his hard working committee put on their usual good show which has grown by ten starters a year since its inception four years ago. This post season event draws an excellent representation of skippers from all over Long Island Sound and the weather through the years has been excellent.

There is an organized effort by Noroton, Pequot and Cedar Point to create interest in group purchase of hulls. This idea has generated considerable interest. There has been one meeting as of this date. From the amount of talk going around, we should also be well represented in Italy at the 1965 Worlds.

Our annual mid-winter meeting was a very well attended affair. We covered the usual items of business, plus reports of the racing on the Southern circuit and the film of our 1963 North Americans.

The 1965 Season promises to be another full one, since Fleet #119 will be hosting the Atlantic Coast Championship at Western Narragansett Bay.



"Left to right John Cordes, Commodore of Milford Y. C., Race Committee Chairman Don Spengler and Jim Allen, Commodore of Conn. R. I. District."



"District Champion Dave Peterson with his crew (l. to r.) Marty O'Meara, wife Ann and Dick Hayes."

## HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB (6)

Based on Long Island Sound, at Stratford, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Dr. Richard Brown
Fleet Secretary	Cliff Hutchison
Fleet Champion	Dave Chanoux
Runner-Up	Dave Peterson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
476	Tackaway	Robert E. Franz
1324	Gambol	Wesley Clarke
1588	Poseidon II	Douglas Waterhouse
1600	Sea Fever	Harry B. Wignall
1638	Lori	Mathew Castelor
1730	Seagull	Eric Begg
1929	Crash	Gilbert Williams
2467	Lemon Peel	Del Smith
2920	Alibi	Philip E. Olson
3044	Venture	John Hein
3576	Driftwood	Paul A. King
4459	Snapper	Wilbur Davie
4523	Minerve	Frederick F. Fagul
4933	Caprice	Joseph W. Venables
5670	Jefudy	William Nothnagle
5941	Judy Too II	Rudolph H. Smith
5963	Anne Lee	Robert E. Trevethan
7366	Blue Chip	Robert G. Thorpe
7636	Thank You	George C. Lay
7638	Gung Ho	William B. Knapp, Jr.
7924	Thunderer	Russell C. Applegate, Jr.
8242	Aquanut	Richard Brown, Jr.
8616	Enterprise	Clifford N. Hutchison
8688	Sponger	Charles P. Canevari
8823	Faux Pas	George W. Pooley
9022	Pa-da-lin	Edward R. Olsen
9074	Tattle-tale	Theodore Chanoux
9110	Hyper-tension	David Peterson

## RACING RESULTS

### Fleet Championship

1st—Dave Chanoux
2nd—Dave Peterson
3rd—Hugh Hutchison

### Saturday Series

1st—Robert Applegate
2nd—Bruce Knapp
3rd—Dave Peterson

### River Series

1st—Andy Knapp
2nd—Dave Chanoux
3rd—Hugh Hutchison

### Powder Puff Series

1st—Maggie Hurley
2nd—Mary Hurley
3rd—Sara Hutchison

### Commodore Plaque Race

Winner—Dave Peterson

### Second Division Championship

1st—Bob Thorpe
2nd—Charlie Canevari
3rd—Paul King

### Sunday Series

1st—Dave Peterson
2nd—Dave Chanoux
3rd—Bud Olsen

### Frost-Bite Series

1st—Dave Peterson
2nd—Keith Hutchison
3rd—Bill Knapp

### Junior Championship

1st—Bruce Knapp
2nd—Bob Applegate
3rd—Keith Hutchison

Fleet #6 boats led by Dave Peterson's Hyper-Tension recorded another successful racing season by winning seven of the eight area regattas in which they participated. Along with the major prizes, several second and third place trophies were picked up.

Dave Chanoux started the season by winning the Milford First Chance and continued on winning the Governor's Cup, the "Districts", the Black Rock Invitational and the Milford Last Chance. In between Bob Applegate's Thunderer won the Milford Tri-Club and Bud Olsen's Pa-da-lin was first in the Cedar Point Invitational.

Five Fleet #6 boats qualified in the Districts for the North American Championship at San Diego. Dave Peterson, Bud Olsen, Dave Chanoux, Bob Applegate and Hugh Hutchison were all eligible to go but because of the distance and time only the first two were able to send their boats across the country. Dave Chanoux and Hugh Hutchison got some extra big time sailing experience by going along as crew members.

The Championship ended with Hyper-Tension in second place and Pa-da-lin in tenth position. Both Dave and Bud are now

planning to go on to the "Internationals" in Italy.

Some veteran members of the Lightning fleet are planning to drop out of the class and form a cruising group but the future of the fleet is assured by an active group of juniors. The 1964 sailing class presented certificates to 20 members. The highlight of their season was the Junior Championship 3 Race Series which was sailed for the first time out on the waters of Long Island Sound.

The Housatonic Boat Club ended the season with its annual dinner meeting. A planning Committee was instructed to prepare a five-year program for improvement of club facilities including additional parking space, moorings, provisions for dry sailing and possibly a swimming pool. While not directly related to the Lightning Fleet, the plans will help to stimulate interest in sailing and provide support for the racing program.

## BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB (17)

Based on Long Island Sound, Bridgeport, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Herbert M. Appleton
Fleet Secretary	Henry Hobart Corwin
Fleet Champion	Russell Jones
Runner-Up	Allen Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
519	Albatross	H. Wilson Bonnett
3502	Chota Peg	David H. Hutchinson
6007	Pippin	Herbert Appleton
6008	Pad-a-lin IV	Theodore H. Meyer
6307	Little Savage	Henry H. Corwin
6445	Quick Trick	John S. Barton
7929	Demon	Christopher Strong
8270	Maggie	Allen Jones
8275	Sudara III	Ralph B. Sperry, Jr.
9093	Charade	Russell Jones
9095	Ketch Up III	Arnold (Skip) Brown

Russ Jones, our fleet champ, had many anxious moments this season when his kid brother, Allen was breathing down his transom. Allen was skippering for his first season and sailing his brother's old boat.

### FLEET RESULTS

Championship		4th of July	
Champion	Russell Jones	1	Russ Jones
Runner-Up	Allen Jones	2	Skip Brown
Third	John Barton	3	Ralph Sperry, Sr.
First Series		Labor Day	
1	Russ Jones	1	Russ Jones
2	John Barton	2	Ralph Sperry, Jr.
3	Allen Jones	3	Allen Jones
Second Series			
1	Russ Jones		
2	Allen Jones		
3	John Barton		

The two Jones boys and John Barton went to the Districts, while Allen Jones, Ralph Sperry and Chris Strong went to the Long Island Sound Championship. Unfortunately nobody finished in the Silver this year.

Black Rock held its first Lightning Invitational late in June with 40 boats from seven fleets in the Long Island Sound area. The winners were:

1. Eugene (Ty) Hack, Pequot Y. C., "Rip Rap"
2. Edward (Bud) Olsen, Housatonic Y. C., "Padalin"
3. Dave Peterson, Housatonic Y. C., "Hypertension"
4. Dave Chanoux, Housatonic Y. C., "Tattle Tale"
5. Steve Bachman, Pequot Y. C., "Dump Truck"

The weekend of August 8th saw over a hundred boats at the Black Rock Regatta. Of these over thirty were Lightnings. The top five were as follows:

1. Dave Peterson, Housatonic Y. C., "Hypertension"
2. Bill Healy, Niantic Bay Y. C., "Charlie Brown"
3. Bud Olsen, Housatonic Y. C., "Padalin"
4. Ken Ireland, Milford Y. C., "Ambergris III"
5. Wally Lineburgh, Pequot Y. C., "Zig Zaggar"

This regatta also determined the Eastern Connecticut Championship of the Yacht Racing Assn. of Long Island Sound. Trophies were awarded to Dave Peterson of Housatonic Boat Club, and to Bud Olsen also from Housatonic.

Black Rock was disappointed that none of its own boats placed in any of these wonderful regattas, but our sailors still have the spirit and the will to compete. Next season will see a young lady, Leslie Pfriem, joining the fleet with her new boat.

## BRANFORD YACHT CLUB FLEET (63)

Based on Long Island Sound at Branford, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Alfred E. Kuehl, Jr.
Fleet Champion	Alfred E. Kuehl, Jr.
Runner-Up	Perry Curtiss, Jr.

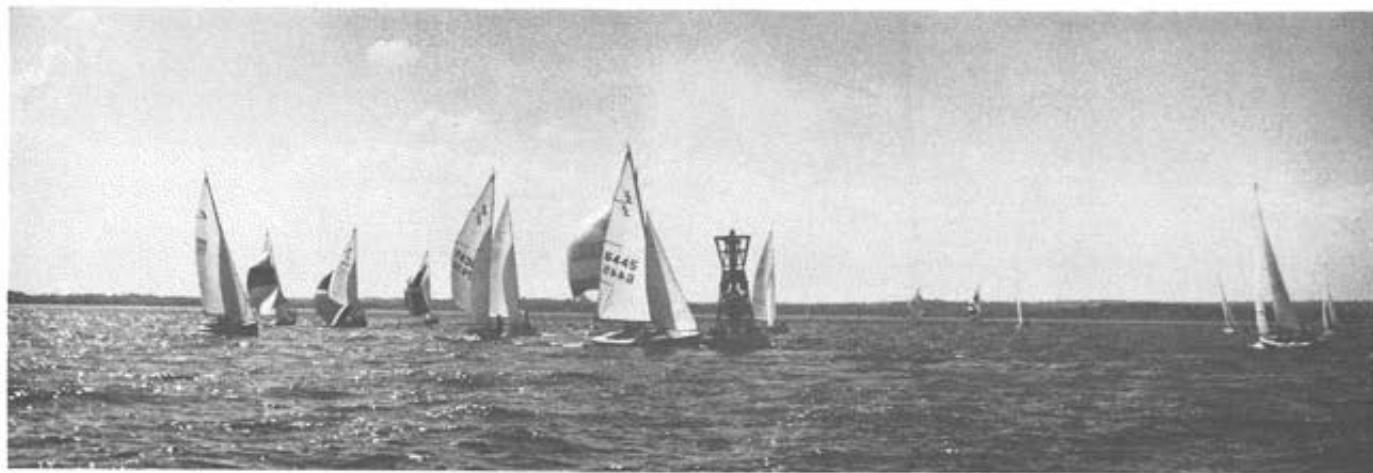
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
284		Herbert White
1721		Merwin Bailey
2176		John Loeb
2189		Cy Venter
2927		Harris Anstey
3375		Lawrence Beecher
5827		Raymond D. Leoni
6385		Alfred E. Kuehl, Jr.
6750		Dr. Harvey Kaetz and Dr. Levy
7916		Perry Curtiss

It is a pleasure to be able to report the reactivation of Branford Yacht Club Lightning Fleet after a couple of years of inactivity. We have seen many new owners come into our area who met and voted to resume racing on our fine local sailing waters.

Alfred Kuehl, #6385 had the best of the early part of the summer's series of races, but the second half of the season saw Perry Curtiss, Jr. and Cy Venter winning some races and really putting the pressure on. These two latter skippers are young sailors who are really beginning to come into their own.

Mary Lou Briggs, skippering #2189, won the Lightning Class Trophy in the Branford Yacht Club Invitational Regatta.

We hope that representatives of our fleet will once again polish their skill in racing and become active participants in Connecticut District activities.



"John Barton rounds the downhill mark during Black Rock Regatta".



## NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85)

Fleet Captain ..... Martin J. O'Meara  
Fleet Secretary ..... J. Wm. Healy

Members of our fleet had a very active season highlighted by competition with other fleets both far and near. Bill Healy's "Charlie Brown" tied for 1st place in the Long Island Sound Championship and also the Black Rock Regatta but lost out on the basis of best placings in two out of the three races. Marty O'Meara and Dave Gill placed second in the Groton Long Point Invitational.

We sent a crew to San Diego for the North American Championship in August. Bill Healy, his mighty sister Sharon and Marty O'Meara gave it a good try in a borrowed boat and managed to make the top flight, but that is about all.

After many years of absence, Dave Gill, veteran Lightning sailor, reappeared upon the waters of Niantic Bay and we're hoping he'll have another boat in 1965.

## GROTON LONG POINT YACHT CLUB FLEET (105)

Sailing on Fisher's Island Sound, Groton Long Point, Connecticut

Fleet Captain ..... Frank Reed  
Fleet Secretary ..... John Holstein  
Fleet Champion ..... David Hadlow  
Runner-Up ..... Frank Reed

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3323	Sanderling	Doctor H. Williams
7358		John Stone
7637	Once Over	John Drakos
7912	Victoria	David Hadlow
7919	Blue Flash	John Holstein
8271		Charles Hayes
8273	All Stars	The Starrs
8615	Squall	Frank Reed
9148	The Seven Seas	Jeff Cashman
	Jezebel	The Conrads
	BareFoot	Bill Eastwood



"Fleet #105 Champion David Hadlow and crew."

Fleet 105 experienced a very enjoyable season. Our Fleet of Lightnings is growing as a result of skippers graduating from the popular Blue Jay Class.

We sail our races on the tricky waters of Fisher's Island Sound where conditions are quite variable. This provides a thorough test for amateur and veteran alike. Two such tests are the night race and the long distance race which were both won by John Holstein.

Other special races are the Commodore's Cup and the Turnabout, both won by Frank Reed, and the Vice Commodore's Cup won by Dave Hadlow.

We also have Saturday and Wednesday series racing. The Saturday series is for the season and was won by Dave Hadlow. The July, Wednesday series was won by John Holstein, and the August Wednesday series was won by Pep Reed.

On the humorous side we had a Groton Long Point first. One member tried to start with a ketch-rigged Lightning. Since the Race Committee took a dim view of this entry the plan was abandoned. Please note enclosed photo of Ketch? Yawl? or Whatsit?

Our Annual Regatta was held in July and we had visiting members from nearby clubs compete in the two day event. The final result of the three race event showed the overall winner to be Ken Ireland of Fleet No. 238 who sailed consistently throughout the Regatta.

Our Fleet was represented at various regattas. Most successful was David Hadlow who placed second in the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association.

## NARRAGANSETT BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (119)

Sailing on Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island

Fleet Captain ..... Harvey Potter  
Fleet Secretary ..... Joseph Resch  
Fleet Champion ..... W. Edwin Stevens  
Runner-Up ..... Patricia Heeley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
512	Sh-Boom	Douglas Wetherall
1058	Tern	Dr. Russell Hager
1577	Kitonuck	William Macomber
2408	Forego	Chris Bowes
3039	Brand X	Theodore Goodchild
3289	Gismo	Herman Ganz
3463	Windward II	Allen Howland
3970	Fleetwing II	Henry Eldredge
4917		Robert McNaught
5792	Hope	Charles E. Collins, Jr.
5889	Blitzen	Harvey Potter
5978	Cimba	Edmund I. Leeds
6339	Thunderbird	Robert Ricci
6802	Elite	W. Lincoln Mossup, Jr.
7447	Skidoo II	Joseph Resch
7917	Restless	Patricia Heeley
8694	Kuramaru	John Wilcox
8695	Stormy	Edwin Stevens
8921	Dewlap	Dr. Samuel Rouslin
	Mountaineer	Dr. Arthur Phillips
	Widgeon	Eric Smith

This year, for the first time, Fleet 119 held an invitation weekend for all New England Lightnings. Ed and Virginia Stevens headed up all arrangements, including meals, trophies and race committee. Good weather prevailed and fair winds blew on Saturday, while Sunday had very light air. Winners were:

1st—Leonard Pratt, Spofford Lake, N.H.

2nd—Bud Ohlson, Stratford, Conn.

3rd—Ken Hammet, Spofford Lake, N.H.

Our boats participated in 17 Narragansett Bay Regattas. Winners were:

1st—Edwin Stevens "Stormy".

2nd—Patricia Heeley "Restless".

3rd—Dr. Arthur Phillips "Mountaineer".

At our annual dinner, Ed Stevens was honored for his many years of promoting Lightning activity. Ed has held just about every position in the fleet. He was a Charter Member of our fleet in 1948. He has been fleet champion many times. He has continuously aided the other skippers and made suggestions for their improved racing. At the presentation of a gold Lightning pin, a standing ovation was given Ed.

Dr. Phillips brought his new boat "Mountaineer" and made a real good showing. Dr. Sam Rouslin brought in a new boat. He won the East Greenwich Yacht Club's Wednesday night series.

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## MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)

Based on Long Island Sound at Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Peter N. Smith
Fleet Secretary	J. Robert Baylis
Fleet Champion	Ted Baylis
Runner-Up	C. O. Davidson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2110	Afterall	Madison Beach Club
3283	.....	Edward H. LaFarge
4767	.....	W. H. Palmer
5214	Half Tide II	Hayden N. Smith
5737	Merriweather	Edward Cole
5946	Empiricist	Madison Beach Club
5947	.....	De Witt Barlow, Jr.
5950	Puff	E. Corning Rawle
6585	Splash	Ted Baylis
6883	.....	Marie Birnbaum
7368	Blitzen	Robert Thorndyke
7913	.....	C. O. Davidson

The racing season for Lightning Fleet #129 at the Madison Beach Club began the last Saturday in June and ended, as usual, on Labor Day. It was a generally good season with winds predominantly on the light side but fortunately, very few really flat days.

Ted Baylis, sailing SPLASH, took first place for the season as well as the two individual monthly series. Corning Rawle, with PUFF, finished second in July while Pete Davidson was second in the August series and for the season. The Roger Pape Memorial Race, in which each skipper sails a boat other than his own, was won by Ellen Davidson sailing SPLASH, with Ted Baylis second in EMPIRICIST. The closing event of our season is the George B. Fisher Trophy race, and this was won by Corning Rawle with Pete Davidson second in one of the best sailing breezes of the season.

This year Madison was the host club for the ECYRA regatta, which is a three race series, Friday through Sunday, on the last weekend of July. We were proud to see Lou Pettit of our club take first place in the Lightnings against some strong competition. He sailed ENVY which he had chartered for the regatta.

In the Junior series Ted Baylis took first place in July and for the season while Witt Barlow won the monthly series in August.

## NOROTON FLEET (134)

Based on Long Island Sound

Fleet Captain	David M. Sinclair
Fleet Secretary	Frederick Scholtz
Fleet Champion	Walter E. Hanson #8984

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3391	Larq	Gerard Larocque
4717	Mystery	Harvey L. Thomas, Jr.
5172	Skye	A. L. Putnam and Peter N. Dana
5322	Ghost	Daniel R. Cooney
5923	Thunder	M. T. Birmingham
5989	Outlaw	Joel I. Brooke
6346	Caprice	Bill Howe
6347	Grand Slam	T. J. Ross, Jr.
6394	Comotion	William M. Thomson
6647	Touche	David S. Maclay
6845	Plimsoll Mark	Alec F. Leonhardt
6869	Wizard II	Samuel R. Dorrance
7012	Symie III	W. A. Kipp, Jr.
7202	Charge	E. J. Zimmer, Jr.
7225	El Rayo	Richard C. McCurdy
7420	Bull II	Peter Wilson
7598	Moose	Darwin W. Heath
7661	Cinderella	Noroton Junior Yacht Club
7703	Slalom	Edward O. King
7806	Spitfire	David M. Sinclair & D. Bruce Falconer
7810	Black Jack	John E. Hammel
8222	Spider	Robert N. Bavie, Jr.
8236	Cygnat	Stuart Fillmore
8355	Rhythm	John J. Abberley
8666	Jimlin	Robert B. Crane
8687	Ole'	Bruce C. Conklin
8689	Traveler	Virginia Kemball-Cook

8718	Hex	Frederick Scholtz
8915	Bald Eagle	Robert B. Polhemus
8916	January	Robert E. Smith
8917	.....	Robert R. Edmundson
8952	.....	John E. Massengale & John H. Pierpont
8984	Tiger	Walter E. Hanson

The America's Cup competition certainly must be recorded as the highlight of the 1964 season with two Noroton skippers vying to meet the British challenge. As most know, early in the summer the trials developed into a class contest between Bill Cox (two-time Lightning Class champ) skippering "American Eagle", and Bob Bavie (#8222), helmsman of "Constellation". Bob's ultimate victory and decisive showing against Sovereign are now part of a 113 year Cup tradition, and a proud event for Fleet #134.

Noroton was also well represented in the "Little America's Cup" with Bob Smith (#8916) skipper of the Catamaran "Sealion", carrying the ensign abroad to the Thames Estuary in an impressive although unsuccessful attempt to lift the International Catamaran Challenge Trophy from the British.

In local waters, our Fleet continued to grow with perhaps a new high-mark of competition spurred by the advent of dry-sailing. A major bulkhead, dredge and fill undertaking was completed this year which produced an efficient installation capable of handling 50 boats.

Fleet racing was somewhat curtailed by the construction, but we managed three hotly contested series with an average of 15 starters and the following results:

	June	July	August	Season
1. Hex	.908	Tiger .909	Tiger .951	Tiger .905
2. Spitfire	.867	Bull II .884	Ole' .929	Spitfire .878
3. Cygnat	.866	Spitfire .874	Spitfire .882	Bull II .855

The season's championship was won by Walter Hanson in "Tiger" who "cranked" up as the season progressed and headed all competition. "Spitfire", sailed alternately by Susan and Dave Sinclair and Sandy and Bruce Falconer, placed second with Peter Wilson in "Bull II" third.

Our representatives in the Districts were Bob Crane, Peter Wilson, Walt Hanson, Sue Sinclair, Stu Fillmore and Fred Scholtz, with the first four mentioned placing fourth, fifth, eighth and ninth, respectively. Unfortunately, none could attend the North Americans.

The same boats represented the Fleet at the Long Island Sound Championship in Riverside. Peter Wilson showed consistently excellent sailing to capture the championship, with Hanson third, and Bob Crane and Dave Sinclair tied for ninth.

In the special races held by our club, which do not count in the regular standings but draw fleets up to 25 boats, the winners were as follows:

Commodore's Trophy	Fred Scholtz
Vice Commodore's Trophy	Walt Hanson
Rear Commodore's Trophy	Bob Crane
Widman Trophy (for gals 8 to 80)	Kate Morgan

The first Annual Noroton Invitational ended the Season with winds gusting over 30 knots. Elliott Oldak of Manhasset Bay in #8170 handled the survival conditions expertly for first place followed by Walt Hanson of Noroton, and Jim Allen of Cedar Point, third.

Sue Sinclair's Ladies' Day Sailing Classes have generated such enthusiasm that no less than 50 gals have indicated interest for next season. Our very active Sailing Program for youngsters has produced a large number of junior members who have displayed real talent, and the younger set should represent a substantial challenge to the old salts next year. In all, we look forward to an excellent season in 1965 with a number of new boats and substantial competition from all sides.

## PEQUOT YACHT CLUB (153)

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Southport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Stephen Bachman
Fleet Secretary	Wallace Lineburgh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9	.....	Eugene W. Stetson, Jr. & Rick Wallbridge
255	.....	Lawrence Moore
4074	.....	Charles O'Neill
4415	.....	Pequot Junior Yacht Club
4524	.....	Lete Doty
5362	.....	Robert Hilgendorf
7126	.....	Stephen Backman

7914	Wm. Smith & Saybrook Yacht Yard
8268	Dana Smith
8290	Eugene Hack, Jr.
8717	Wallace Lineburgh
8989	Ricky Sharp
9114	Peter W. Floeckher
9122	Eugene Moore, Jr.
9124	Richard & Robert Miller
9220	Robert Lansing & Saybrook Yacht Yard



"Wally Lineburgh and crew prior to Cedar Point Yacht Club Regatta."

#### MILFORD YACHT CLUB (238)

##### Sailing on Long Island Sound, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Hal Patrick
Fleet Secretary	Elen Ireland
Fleet Champion	Ken Ireland, Jr.
Runner-Up	Hal Patrick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3445	Sea Cook	G. Cook
6263	Libertine	J. Reynders
6673	Frisky	P. Crowley
7116	Ambergis III	K. Ireland
7168	PDQ	J. Russo
7249	Keewaydin	D. Antinozzi
7520	Padalin	Harrie C. Patrick

7925	Flavonius	H. Griefzu
8242	Aquanut	R. Brown
8580	"2"	J. Ireland

As usual, the Milford Yacht Club Lightning Fleet opened the season with the First Chance Regatta held each weekend in May. There were from 15 to 20 boats on the starting line each weekend. Dave Peterson went home with the well-earned first place trophy.

Milford's Fleet #238 Early Series was won by Hal Patrick. Two points behind was Ken Ireland Jr. in second place and John Ireland finished third.

In the Late Series, Rich Brown moved up to first. Second again was Ken Ireland and John Ireland was third.

Milford Yacht Club holds three inter-club regattas each year: the Memorial Day Series, the 4th of July Series, and the Labor Day Series.

In the Memorial Day Series, Hal Patrick was first, John Ireland was second and Mark Antinozzi was a very close third. In the Fourth of July Series, Ken Ireland was the winner with Rich Brown second, and Jack Greifzu third. The Labor Day Series saw Mark Antinozzi win his first regatta with Rich Brown second, and Ken Ireland, Sr., third.

Ken Ireland finally took the overall fleet championship after a close race with Hal Patrick.

Milford also hosted two of Connecticut's major Lightning Regattas this year: the Conn. Governor's Cup and the Conn. R.I. Districts. About 38 boats turned out for the Governor's Cup. The wind, as it had been all year, was shifty, making it anyone's regatta. Dave Peterson managed, as usual, to make it his. Second was Bill Chantland and Banny Sprague took third.

In the Districts, there was enough wind for everyone at one time or another. Dave Peterson won two races with Ken Ireland and Pete Wilson winning the other two. Dave Peterson was the final winner by a wide margin. From Milford, Ken Ireland was in seventh place, and Hal Patrick was 11th, out of a field of 34 boats.

In the North Americans, Hal Patrick came in 9th in the Governor's Cup at San Diego. In other outside Regattas Ken Ireland won the Groton Long Point annual Regatta and he came in sixth in the Long Island Sound Championship at Riverside, Connecticut. Rich Brown came in third in the Cedar Point Regatta which had 44 entries, the largest in our area.

Our fleet will be tuned up early next spring with the prospect of the North Americans being on the East Coast again for the first time in many years.

#### SHEFFIELD ISLAND FLEET (302)

##### Sailing on Sheffield Harbor at Norwalk, Connecticut

Fleet Secretary		Roger Willcox
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1177	Seazor	Robert Pick
2936	Typhoon	Richard L. Seidman
3059	Seabird	Robert & Ann Seidman
3125	Jibe	Roger Willcox

Fleet #302 is dormant. Four boats in the water. Parents and grandparents are not racing; children are too young, by and large.

## DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore: George P. Allison  
 District Vice-Commodore: Jack Moore  
 District Secretary: Rod McNeil  
 District Champion: B. Parke  
 District Runner-Up: H. Henschen

Fleets: Washington (50); Indian River (72); Sue Island (87);  
 Northeast River (192); Susquehanna (253); Rehobeth (325);  
 Sassafras River (314); Severn River (329); Marine Corps  
 School (354); Smith Mountain Lake (377).

The sailors in the Dixie District Lightning Fleets enjoyed another fine summer of racing and sailing with several specials to mark 1964. The Indian River Fleet hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship which was a most enjoyable weekend for all. The Baltimore Yacht Club held the District Championship for which we all were most appreciative as they were not the 1963 winners. The big event of the year was the forming of a new fleet, number 377, on Smith Mountain Lake near Roanoke, Virginia. We are all looking forward to meeting these mountain sailors next year and hope they will be able to find time to participate in some of the District races on the Bay.

The Marine Corps School, Quantico, Virginia again hosted their annual Frostbite Regatta with 98 boats crossing the starting line. The winds were again variable, and Bob Adams of Bay Head, New Jersey Yacht Club won the Regatta which everyone else enjoyed. It is understood that several normally orthodox sailors have become strong advocates of a port tack start. The inhabitants of some of the northern lakes had better beware of these new tricky travelers.