

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore: Don Allen, R.H.Y.C.

District Secretary: Jerry Blake, N.S.C.

District Champion: Tom Allen, B.C.C.

District Runner-Up: Jack Swanson, N.S.C.

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Lake Y.C. (19); Silver Lake Y.C. (47); Niagara Sailing Club (59); Sandy Beach Y.C. (78); Buffalo Y.C. (81); Cuba Lake (115); Royal Hamilton Y.C. (118); Toronto Bay (146); Conneaut Bay (180); Chautauqua (198); LaSalle Y.C. (221); Dunkirk Harbor (311); London (347); Georgian (362).

As the 1964 season loomed into contention, the memory of the Second World Championship in Peru the previous December was still fresh in our minds. Peru was delightful. Indeed our District can be proud that of the 18 North Americans participating, 7 were from our District. And back came the World Title with Tom Allen. Stu Anderson was 4th, Tom Fallon 8th, Karl Smither 10th, Bob Bleasby 11th, Don Allen 15th, and Jack Swanson 23rd. It looks like the same seven are going to Italy in 1965.

Our Commodore, Bill Hughes, held a meeting in the Spring and 125 sailors turned out to view the pictures and hear the Southern Circuit report. Here again our District can be proud of Stu Anderson for his heady sailing, shaky starts and being crowned Southern Circuit Champion.

Well, sailing got under way in May at the Buffalo Canoe Club with the Eby Series.—It blew—and it blew—Karl Smither and Stu Anderson looked like the winners in this series.

Dunkirk Fleet held their first regatta the first week in June, and it was a tremendous success. Approximately thirty boats attended. There was fair sailing for the first two races, but fog on Sunday. With two races, Stu Anderson and Jack Swanson were tied for first. Don Allen was third.

The Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club was next with about 45 boats participating. Saturday, the wind was good, about 20 m.p.h. Sunday, 0 to nothing. Winners were: 1. Paul Stievater — BCC

2. Jack Swanson — NSC

3. Chas. Obersheimer — BCC

Tom Allen and Stu Anderson were in the throes of competing for the Olympics in a Flying Dutchman, and did not race. In Toronto, Fleet 146 lays claim to 72 boats and the largest Fleet in the World.

At the Niagara River Championship there were moderate hiking winds. Don Allen first, Jack Swanson second, Hugh Dietz of Sodus third.

Then came our Districts. Can you ever remember winds being so perfect for five races, and also the work of the race committee? The comments were the same from everyone—"What a splendid series."

Tom Allen went into the last race, 7 points down to Don Allen, 5 down to Jack Swanson. Swanson was having a great series sailing very hard with top boat speed. Well, Tom Allen wound up his boat, pushed Don Allen over the line early, then went on to win the race and the Districts for the 9th time. The winner Tom Allen, second Jack Swanson, third Stu Anderson, fourth, Don Allen, fifth Carl Smither.

The Canadian Open was next hosted by R. H. Y. C. with entries from Finland, Baltimore, Sodus Bay and British Columbia. Winners: Don Allen R.C.Y.C., 2nd Bob Bleasby R.C.Y.C., third Charlie Obersheimer B.C.C., fourth Don Delorme from Baltimore.

The L.Y.R.A. was sailed in Toronto, hosted by Queen City Y.C. Bob Bleasby was first, Karl Smither second and Don Allen third.

The new fleet, Georgian Harbour, Owen Sound, hosted their annual regatta for the second time. The McGruer Trophy was won by Don Allen, second George Wootten, third Bob Jocelyn.

Previous to this, the L.S.S.A. was held in Toronto. Bob Bleasby cleaned the Fleet with three firsts.

Chautauqua Lake's Cornball Regatta was next with a real change of pace. First race, the wind gusts went to 42 mph and only 17 out of 33 starters finished. Second race was postponed and two races were sailed on Sunday, back to back in puffy & shift winds. First was Herm Nelson C.L.Y.C., second Jack Swanson N.S.C. and third was Stu Anderson N.S.C.

Silver Lake's Harvest Regatta began with light & flukey winds which built up to heavy conditions by the time Sunday's race got off. Tom Fallon B.C.C. got his first win in Bull II followed by Bill Hughes also of B.C.C. and Dick Halligan of Sodus Bay Y.C.

The Sandy Beach Haul Out Regatta brought down the curtain on local sailing with two good races Saturday and Sunday's race canceled because of high winds. Stu Anderson of N.S.C. won with two Buffalo Canoe Clubbers, Bill Hughes and Karl Smither, second and third.

The North Americans in California saw one of the rare times that the District has not brought home a major trophy. Our representatives were good, but maybe they missed the Eastern winds and water.

The District is very proud of Jack Swanson's and Bob Bleasby's election to the Executive Board. Jack has been a Vice-President since 1959 and is our new Chief Measurer. Bob is Vice-President in charge of International Affairs.

To close out the season, a fall meeting in the form of a seminar was held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. We were fortunate to have Tom Allen and Bruce Goldsmith speak to us on mast bending and sail setting; and Doug Hooper and Bob Haefner made the rules a little clearer. Attendance was great, and, if the enthusiasm shown is any indication, 1965 should be a tremendous year.

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)

Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie, Pt. Abino, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain	Dick Ferrick
Fleet Secretary	Joe Bergantz
Fleet Champion	Karl Smither
Runner-Up	Ed Roseberry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
32		Dr. James A. English
354		Vaughn Pierce
521	Breeze	Arthur A. Ward
523	Puff	Ali Hansen
529	Meer Maid	Charles L. Abell
573	Pastime	Howard Hirschmiller
693	Off-Call	Dr. Murray S. Howland

746	Dauntless	Wm. C. O'Hern, Carl J. Kolb
749	Co-Motion	Dennis Doyle-Wyndham Eaton
750	Show-Off	C. B. Johnson
1245	Fun	William H. Merrill, Jr.
1278	Crack Time	Chas. M. Curtiss
1473	Princess Pat	Andrew R. Miller, Jr.
1603	Charley Brown	Alan E. Dewey
2921	Southern Comfort	R. Fischer
4600	Yodeler	James R. How
4811	Little Sister	C. Obersheimer
4862	Five C's	W. Russell Crawford
5000	Thermis 5 M's	Roswell & Oliver Buck
5148	Sea Tease	C. Townsend Wilson
5455		Bud Hoffman
5750		Ross Hall
6351		Wells E. Knibloe
6683		James Ehret

6800	Linament II	J. Y. Sloan
6926	Marja	Bob Adams
7000	Njord II	David Sprague
7046	Jelly	Bonnie Jehle
7548	Pawnee	Paul C. Stievater
7631	Sham	Dr. John P. Hylant
7815	The Berry	Ed Roseberry, Jr.
7819	Cajun	William A. Heausler
8299	Orangeate	D. Ferrick
8390	Bull II	Thomas D. Fallon
8498	Foamy II	Allen Bernel
8510	Swag	Bill Bergantz
8598	Venture	Mike Eagan
8670	Boomerang	Joseph Bergantz
8840	Suzy IV	Robert C. Montgomery
9000	.....	Karl Smither
9077	Restless	William Hughes
9111	.....	Thomas G. Allen III
9125	Banana Boat	Donald S. Schen
9136	.....	David B. Thomas
9182	Dragon	Peter C. Schmitt, Jr.

There are 45 Lightnings at the Buffalo Canoe Club, and over half of them were entered in one or more of the fourteen series of races and regattas during 1964.

Karl Smith won top honors both in the Championship series and in the overall accounting of the Summer's Lightning races, but in order to win, he had to engage in a full summer of competition in B.C.C. fleets ranging from nine to twenty boats.

May, which started warm and calm, turned blustery, and less than half of the races in the Eby and Coleman series were sailed. However, more compatible summer breezes came in June, July, August, and September, and most of the races during these months were sailed as scheduled. Nonetheless, high winds were still prevalent as the Niagara Frontier Invitational was started in mid-June, and the rescue missions were busy with numerous broken masts and capsize occurring.

New owners of Lightnings included David Sprague, who acquired and re-named Thermis VII. Joe Bergantz, who acquired and re-named Suzy III, and Tom Fallon, who bought Bull II from the 1963 North American Champion Carl Eichenlaub. Owners of new Lightnings were Bob Montgomery, Karl Smither, Bill Hughes, Don Scheu, Dave Thomas, and Peter Schmitt, Jr.

Besides David Sprague, Don Scheu, Dave Thomas, and Peter Schmitt of the above group, we also welcome as new competitive members of the fleet, Alan Dewey, Bud Huffman, Ross Hall, and Jim Ehret. We are sorry to lose Bill Heausler and George McDougall to other localities, but we wish them well in their new surroundings.

Besides Karl Smither, individual series champions included Tom Fallon, Bill Bergantz, Ed Roseberry, Towney Wilson, Bob Montgomery, Dave Sprague, Bob Dobmeier, Marilee Hylant, Ron Crawford and Mike Eagan. Detailed results are given below. Paul Stievater upheld the honor of the B.C.C. in the Lightning Class of the Niagara Frontier Invitational by placing first, and Tom Allen sailed to win in home waters in the Lake Erie District Championship. In both these series, Karl Smither was second among the Canoe Clubbers.

Series	First Three Places
Eley	Smith, Anderson (Fleet 59), P. Stievater
Coleman	Fallon, Smither, Obersheimer
Viking	Smither, Fallon, R. Montgomery
Franclemont-Roseberry	A: Roseberry, J. Bernel, Fallon B: Wilson, R. Stievater, D. Schen R. Montgomery, G. Bergantz, Ward
Myers Memorial	Smither, Roseberry, W. Bergantz
Championship	C: Sprague, Thomas, Sloan
Thermis C & D	D: Dobmeier, Ehret, Huffman
Fleet 12	Roseberry, Smither, P. Stievater
Maccubbin	W. Bergantz, P. Stievater, R. Montgomery
Tom Franclemont	W. Bergantz, C. Montgomery,
Memorial (Jr.)	J. Eagan
Junior Championship	W. Bergantz, C. Montgomery,
Mather Carey	D. Schen Marilee Hylant, Sue Ferrick, Linda Ehret

ERIE YACHT CLUB FLEET (24)

Based on Presque Isle Bay at Erie, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	Richard J. Bailey	
Fleet Champion	Scott Kuebler	
Runner-Up	Richard J. Bailey	
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
21	Bailiwick	Richard J. Bailey
459	.....	Herbert F. Heidt
651	.....	Donald F. Aldrich
655	.....	Thomas L. Kuebler
1394	Jolly Roger	Jeam M. Sullivan
2156	Rainmaker	Jack McNab
2881	.....	William L. Anderson
2882	.....	Robert D. Kubeja
4880	.....	William K. Boice

The Lightning Fleet at the Erie Yacht Club has not been too active in the past year or two, and 1964 was devoted to renewing the interest in Lightning racing on Presque Isle Bay.

The Fleet has nine boats, mostly owned by relatively inexperienced sailors. Those of us participating in the active small boat racing at the Erie Yacht Club feel that by the end of the season the fleet will contain four semi-experienced boats. We are looking forward to developing a more active program and interesting other boats in our racing schedule.

In the past year, there were forty-two small boat races scheduled of which thirty-six were actually raced. In these thirty-six races, from two to five Lightnings started and in about half the races there were sufficient Lightnings out to warrant a separate start.

Our racing program starts with six warm-up races in the Spring before starting our regularly scheduled races about June 1st carrying on through the end of September. The high point of our summer was the Erie Open Regatta which invites one-of-a-kind boats in both mono and multi hull, as well as a class for Thistles, Bantams, Stars, and next year, Lightnings. This is held in early June.

The 1964 Club Championship series of five races was won by Scott Kuebler in #655. Both Freddy Heidt and the author provided Scott with close competition. Freddy lost a rudder in one race and the writer disqualified himself in another. Other than those two incidents, it was a real horse race in every case with no more than 100 feet separating the three boats almost every leg.

SILVER LAKE FLEET (47)

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Captain	Bill Van Arsdale	
Fleet Secretary	Jean Shepard	
Fleet Champion	Bud Van Arsdale	
Runner-Up	Carl Lyons	
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
515	Impulse	Barney Matteson
829	Nereid	Ralph Traber
935	We're Here	Wales Wasson
2759	.....	Matt Bryant
2897	Folly II	Jim & Carol Caldwell
4737	Ripple II	Joe & Bob Elias
6789	Barbara II	Dick Hauxwell
7398	Gladd II	Gordon Soderholm
7584	Firebird II	Harry L. Brown
7949	Bye-Bye	Ed & John Willse
8004	Cirrus II	Jay & John Emens
8182	A-OK	Dr. Ken & Peter Bone
8200	Jane II	Charles L. Van Arsdale
8545	Sea Serpent	Bill Van Arsdale
8766	All R's	Dick Williams
9002	Black Magic	Jack Grinder
9066	CKG II	Carl Lyons
9119	Page II	Bud Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster II	Dr. W. M. Humphrey

Organized racing for 1964 opened with a three race regatta over Memorial Day weekend. Bud Van Arsdale took the Gouinlock Trophy by one-fourth point from his brother Bill. Third place went to Jay Emens.

The Neal Memorial Regatta on Fourth of July weekend, also a three race regatta, looked like easy sailing with Pete Bone in the winning spot in each race. Bud Van Arsdale was second and Carl Lyons third.

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The Caldwell Bucket fun race on August 29th was won by John Willse. Labor Day weekend another three race regatta with the Benedict Trophy was at stake. Carl Lyons won this with Jay Emens second and Pete Bone third.

Our annual three race Swap Day was interesting and found Ralph Traber to be the best skipper. Bill Van Arsdale was second and Jack Grinder and Bill Neal tied for third position.

Forty-seven boats from fourteen different fleets were guests at the Annual Harvest Regatta held September 18, 19 and 20th. Silver Lake lived up to its reputation as the freak winds disconcerted many visiting skippers. The first five over all skippers and their home fleet:

1. Tom Fallon, 2-2-1; 4 1/4 points Buffalo Canoe Club
2. Bill Hughes, 7-1-2; 9 1/4 points Buffalo Canoe Club
3. Dick Hallagan, 3-5-5; 13 pts. Great Sodus Bay Lightning Fleet
4. Bob Woolman, 9-10-3; 22 points Newport Yacht Club
5. Bill Van Arsdale, 5-11-6; 22 points Silver Lake Yacht Club

Many of our sailors attended regattas away from home. They participated at Quantico, Southern Circuit, Dunkirk Ice Breaker and Canadian Open in which Peter Bone came home with a fifth place. Newport, Skaneateles, Niagara Sailing, Sandy Beach, Cornball Regatta at Chautauqua, Buffalo Canoe Club and Great Sodus Bay where Pete Bone won first.

The younger generation is doing all right. Bill Neal crewed for Stu Anderson of Niagara Sailing Club in the Southern Circuit which they won. Pete Bone, his brother Larry and Bill Neal qualified in the championship flight race at the North American Lightning Championship at San Diego Bay, California. Five local skippers participated in the Lake Erie District Regatta at Pt. Abino in preparation for the North American. Socially, the fleet was also active. A Christmas party was hosted by Vice-Commodore Jack Grinder and Ann. We had three moonlight sails with a social hour before and after. One sailor's supper.

We hear that several new boats are on order and that a few new skippers will be with us. We anticipate an active and interesting 1965 season.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

Sailing on the Niagara River, Grand Island, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Stu Anderson
Fleet Secretary	Cal Schmiede
Fleet Champion	Jack Swanson
Runner-Up	Joe Starck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
752	Yankee	Bill Buckley
1489	Misty	Joe Tries
1616	Sweet Sixteen	Bill Wagner
1684	Whim	Kenneth Hennig, Jr.
2930	Pegasus	Mary McConnell
4185	Pogo	Dick Barlow
6345	Sabrina	Jack & Jean Swanson
7948	Alert IV	Bob Starck
8141	The Elk	Ken Rebman
8318	Pokey II	Bernie Walczak
8503	Glockenspiel II	Stu Anderson
8583	Blue Jean	Bob Aschenbach
8678	Ginger II	Cal Schmiede

The year 1964 got under way with Stu Anderson representing our club on the Southern Circuit and bringing home the championship.

Sailing in our own waters began on Memorial Day and continued through September with races scheduled every weekend. Doug Hooper ran the show in his usual capable way. The Club Championship went to Jack Swanson again with Joe Starck second and Bob Aschenbach a close third. The Wardell Lightning Series was won by Bob Aschenbach with Jack Swanson second and Bob Starck third.

The Niagara River Lightning Championship Regatta was sailed on the 11th and 12th of July. Don Allen of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club won the event with Swanson second and Bill Hughes of Buffalo Canoe Club third. Hugh Dietz of Skaneateles had 1-2 finishes on Saturday but took one wrong tack in the Sunday finale and finished sixth overall. We hope to see everyone back again in 1965.

Three of our skippers, Stu Anderson, Jack Swanson and Cal Schmiede made the long trip to San Diego for the North American Championship and we are proud to say that all three qualified for the North American Championship series. We wish we could say that one of them had won the championship.

We are proud too of the tremendous job Jack Swanson is doing as Chief Measurer of ILCA. Jerry Blake and Bob Haefner of NSC are also contributing much time and effort to the work of the measurement committee.

We welcome Bill Buckley, Bill Wagner, and Bernie Walczak to competitive sailing and will miss Dick Carrel and his Black Mariah. We expect Dick will be back with a new boat as soon as he has cornered the hamburger market for this section of the country.

Bernie Starck has finally and irrevocably retired to his 32 foot cruiser and turned the helm of his Lightning over to sons Bob and Joe. Joe Tries has only one foot left in his boat since he started crewing for his daughter, Wendy. Ken Rebman won the NSC Swimming Championship by capsizing twice in one day at the Sandy Beach Haulout Regatta, thus adding to his string of unscheduled swims.

We look forward to another year of good sailing and good times in 1965.

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

Based on Niagara River, Grand Island, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Jack Taggart
Fleet Secretary	Howard W. Compson
Fleet Champions	Jack Sheehan & Jack Taggart
Runner-Up	Howie Compson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1472	Scheherazade	Jim Tiffany
2935	Escape	Tom Lafferty
3333	Wilawa	John Heine
4032	Trident	Jack Sheehan & Jack Taggart
4870	Debby-J	Dick Robinson
6217	Lee Buoy	Victor Peterson
6309	Geronimo	Hank Henry
7950	Tar-Baby	Jack Taggart
9064	Hi-Ball IV	Howie Compson

The 1964 Fleet Championship at SBYC was won by "Trident", ably skippered in a joint effort by both Jack Sheehan and Jack Taggart. When one Jack wasn't at the helm, he enthusiastically issued maneuvering directions to the skipper of the moment from his position in the crew. Despite this conflict in ideas, they were able to capture the Fleet Championship trophy. If this dual control continues in 1965, the fleet insists that they adopt an alias such as "S and T" to conserve on the expense of engraving all the trophies they hope to win.

The skipper of Hi-Ball IV, a bright and shiny "Bikini Blue" hulled craft fresh off the assembly line, found that it takes a little time to learn the proper adjustments to all the gadgets on present day racing craft and had to settle for an "also ran" runner-up position.

With "Tar-Baby" sitting idly on the for sale block and a few of our other Lightning skippers not "choosing to run", our racing fleet was supplemented by a Thistle and a Finn which proved to be real competition and ably won some of the trophies enumerated below. "Tar-Baby" has now been sold to one of our former Lightning skippers and we expect to again see this familiar black phantom gracing the waters of the Niagara. Otherwise, Fleet 78 had a usual interesting and successful season and hopes to gain a few more boats next season.

The initial event of the 1964 season was the Decoration Day weekend Handicap and Scratch Series for the Chester Bates Memorial and Georgia Bates Trophies respectively, which were both won by the "S and T" combination. Second and third places in these events were split by Howie Compson and Bill Hope, in his Finn.

The skipper and crew of Hi-Ball IV figured out a few minor adjustments and won the Arthur Little Tune-up Series, the Law Trophy and edged out "S and T" for the Compson Trophy, the Scratch Series award for the Compson-Duchscherer Labor Day Weekend Series. Wilson Boothroyd, in his white hulled Thistle walked away with the Duchscherer Trophy, awarded on a handicap basis, followed by Tom Lafferty and Elmer Henry. Henry's "Geronimo" also scored third place in the Lightning Championship Series and the C & D Labor Day weekend event.

Tom Lafferty, sailing "Escape", demonstrated the real meaning of "will to win" in his first year of spinnaker work and was awarded the Commodore's Trophy based on handicap rating on races throughout the season. He was also the proud recipient of the Grand Island Marine Trophy awarded to the most improved skipper of the year.

Sailing in all these home events as well as attending the half dozen regattas at neighboring yacht clubs kept the Sandy Beach skippers well occupied on the weekends. We suffered through some drifters, secured from drifting over the falls by our trusty anchors, held on for dear life in the blows, especially in the "light breezes" of our annual "Haul-Out" regatta which closed our season Sept. 26 and 27. Since this event was fully covered in the November 1964 issue of FLASHES, we will skip the details here. Best wishes to you all for good sailing in '65 and we hope to see some of you on the starting line.

BUFFALO YACHT CLUB (81)

Sailing on Lake Erie

Fleet Captain.....	John E. Somers
Fleet Secretary.....	Norman J. Kantowski
Fleet Champion.....	Norman J. Kantowski
Runner-Up.....	John E. Somers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
397	.....	Dr. Colin Grant
398	Image II	Norman J. Kantowski
469	Pet Two	Milton S. Perrott
1453	Maser	Louis G. Roess
1683	Jabberwock	Richard K. Koegler
2074	Jolly Roger	Ronald O'Mara & Richard Grainger
2151	Sudsbucket	Alan Coho
2988	Njord	Dr. Lawrence Beahan
	.....	J. Richard Dangle
3561	Double K	Donald Gregory
3629	Liki Tiki	Ray W. Ames, Jr.
3650	Mama's Mink	Cliff R. Delbridge
4644	Mojobe II	John Somers
5300	Villian	Dr. Francis O'Donnell
5676	Barbann	Arthur Raszman
6270	Seacry	William E. Secor
7622	Decibel	Stanley A. Tirrell
8318	Pokey	Bernard G. Walczak

Fleet 81 enjoyed one of its most successful sailing seasons in recent years. Excellent weather made for some real competitive racing. Three series were sailed with the fleet championship decided by the total amount of races counted for each series. The fleet champion was not decided until the last race of the season with Korky Kantowski, sailing "Image II", taking the crown. The championship crew consisted of Camille LaFond and Ollie Hazard. John Somers, in "Majobe II", was runner-up.

In the Spring Series, Image II took the opener. The second race was won by "Majobe II", leaving a tie going into the last race. "Image II" took the final, giving Korky Kantowski the series. John Somers' "Majobe II" was second and Al Coho in "Sudsbucket" was third.

The Summer Series was sailed under all weather conditions. Six races were sailed with the best four counting. Korky Kantowski took two races in "Image II". Al Coho did the same in "Sudsbucket" and Stan Terrell in "Decibel" and John Somers in Majobe II crossed the line first in the other two contests. "Image II" came out on top after it was all over. Al Coho's "Sudsbucket" was runner-up, John Somers took third place. His "Majobe II" had the distinction of winning the last race of the series 45 minutes ahead of the second place boat, "Sudsbucket". Who can figure this game out?

The Fall Series was the most interesting and by all means, the most frustrating. In the three race series, the winds never got over 4 miles an hour, and often closer to nil. Coho in "Sudsbucket" took a commanding lead in the first race only to be victimized by the wind. Kantowski in "Image II" took the lead in the last leg to finish first with Somers in "Majobe II" second. The second race saw the tables turned with Kantowski being outdone by Al Coho finishing first and John Somers finishing second. This situation presented a three-way tie for the series. The final race saw Korky Kantowski leading the first time around, Coho and Somers were in hot pursuit. Kantowski tried to get an extra leg out of his spinnaker as did Somers. Coho, in "Sudsbucket" realizing it was too close a reach, doused and put up his jib. He was right. He took the lead and Somers going in shore, got some fresh winds. In a close one, Al Coho in "Sudsbucket" finished first to take the series, with John Somers in "Majobe II" close behind. Korky Kantowski in "Image II" took third. The series finished in that order.

The '64 season saw an average of 11 boats per race, and the

competition continues to get better. Our fleet was always well represented at the various local regattas. We're looking forward to season '65.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET (115)

Sailing on Cuba Lake, New York

Fleet Captain.....	Karl Fahrner
Fleet Secretary.....	Bob Gliniski
Fleet Champion.....	Ward Wilday
Runner-Up.....	Karl Fahrner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
876	3 J'S	Jim Meermans
1548	Vigah	Bob Gliniski
2987	.....	D. Vincent
5851	.....	Dr. L. Older
6274	.....	Dave Boyd
6296	Sweet Genevieve	Ward Wilday
6969	.....	Paul Branch
6983	See-Adler	Karl Fahrner
8183	.....	Robert Spears
8893	.....	Dr. J. Godfrey

The 1964 season at Cuba Lake was again quite successful with only two drifters and one cancelled race. We had very good winds for the majority of the season as is evident from the loss of two masts—both broken in three places.

Four of our boats entered the District "Cornball" Regatta at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club which was cancelled due to high winds (we had a hard time living this down with the Snipe Fleet). Sounded like they had their hands full . . . also their boats, clothes, etc.

We had two boats enter the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake. They both finished well within the upper half of the field of 45 boats. This isn't bad considering this district is the home of such people as Stu Anderson, Tom Allen, Tom Fallon, etc.

With new additional docking facilities being completed this fall at the Yacht Club, we expect an increase in the size of the Lightning Fleet next year.

This year the races, from first boat to last, were a lot closer than in previous years, which must be indicative of something or other. Better watch out next year, Ward.



"Ward Wilday, Fleet #115 Champion on Cuba Lake."

ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (118)

Sailing on Hamilton Bay, at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain.....	Robert Jocelyn
Fleet Secretary.....	Mrs. Pat Boyce
Fleet Champion.....	Don Allen
Runner-Up.....	Tom Robertson & Wayne Bates

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3482	Bobcat	Doug Todd
3654	Just Us	A. MacDonald
4017	Zephyr	Frank Hewitt
6542	.....	Jack Hazelton
6851	Baleno	Harold Boyce
7441	Notus	Tom Robertson & Wayne Bates
8097	Palyass	Ross Hirschleber
8300	Who Dat?	R. Jocelyn
8633	Endeavor	D. Allen
8722	Abracadabra	Deane Morgan
8891	Gee Gee	Tom Graham
.....	.....	Ron Barr

The year 1964 has to be called our most exciting. We hosted the Canadian Open and our own Don Allen and crew won the event. Of interest is the fact that Don hauled his boat by car a total of 12,000 miles this year to attend regattas. Other members attended a large number of events and brought honors to our Fleet.

This year we held a fall series of races on Sundays in October through to November 15th. We attracted boats from Toronto, Buffalo, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Sandy Beach.

We now have a constitution for the Fleet and a very active organization. There is every reason to believe that we will have seventeen Lightnings racing regularly in '65 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and in our seven Round-the-Bay Saturday series—whereas in '64 we had ten boats.

Fleet 118 has also planned a busy winter program in the interests of passing on knowledge to the newer Lightning boat owners and their crews. The program is such that it will attract sailors in other classes as well. We hope we may interest them in switching to Lightnings.

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club has a very active Junior Sailing program. This year 87 boys and girls between the ages of ten and seventeen participated. They are exceedingly well trained and consequently make excellent crews. We encourage these people to sail with us and no doubt some will decide on Lightnings when they eventually get their own boats. We therefore look forward to Fleet 118 growing rapidly in the ensuing years.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	Hartley Robins
Fleet Secretary	George Wooten
Fleet Champion	George Wooten
Runner-Up	Pete Sulman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
28	Friskey	F. Hollingshead
2171	.....	R. Wheeler
2310	.....	B. Collison
2367	Nebbis	I. Himel
2433	Banshee	G. Cushing
3832	.....	Geo. Lugsden
3877	Zorro	Les Arnoldi
4043	Romar	J. Moles
4081	Stinky	A. D. Jackson
4629	Brandy	D. Burke
4630	Mirel	M. Torno
4748	.....	Bob Reid
4762	.....	F. L. Doty
4831	Skylark	Bob Graham
4859	Black Sheep	Kent Richardson
5223	Seabiscuit	Ed Hearn
5234	Cosmos	B. MacGowan
5303	Karen	E. Filby
5381	Ditto	Sandy St. Clair
5471	Sun Shine	A. Williams
5833	Flame II	W. H. Johnston
5897	Madonna	J. L. Musson
5927	Shelia II	G. W. Styan
6047	El Viento	J. Weakley
6168	Hot Foot	B. G. Zelonka
6239	.....	R. Hinton
7054	Can-Can	Jim Lowe
7061	.....	John Harvey
7069	.....	J. Kamichaitis & L. Knox
7070	Cygnat	H. Thompson
7079	Alibi	Gary Bomza
7100	Nancy	W. Cohen

7286	Cats Eye	Rod Ross
7390	Tweet	Dr. Don Woodside
7396	Cindy	Fred Woodall
7423	Snarfy	Bill Kennedy
7650	Serendipity	Bob Bleasby
7674	Sea Ren	George Crane
7780	Apache	W. Wethers
7850	Dub Sam	Les Crocker
7951	Jim Dandy	A. Thompson
7985	.....	R. Dyett
8102	.....	J. Oggy
8152	.....	C. Van Wonderen
8230	Cambria	G.H.D. Evans
8248	Kahona	Hartley Robins
8281	Marin VIII	M. Cowan
8312	.....	B. Lewis
8321	Hubris	Ken I. McIntosh
8357	.....	Geo. & John Will
8388	.....	K. Craig
8489	.....	E. J. Napier
8579	Passe Partout	V. H. Olson
8630	Ne plus Ultra	Geo. Wooten
8633	Endeavor	D. M. Allen
8859	.....	W. Kennedy
8886	.....	B. McGavin
8947	Summer Storm	G. A. Russell
9043	.....	V. Booth
9090	.....	R. Cochrane
9091	Skol	K. Inglis
9400	.....	P. Sulman
New Boat	.....	M. Millyard
New Boat	.....	R. Beale



"George Wooten #8630 Fleet Champion 1964."

Toronto Bay Lightning Fleet once again had a very successful year in 1964. The Fleet continued to grow in membership and we now have, in the seven Yacht Clubs which comprise the Fleet, over sixty boats. This makes for terrific competition at the Fleet Regattas, which occur every Saturday from late May to the end of October, and also creates competition within each of the local Yacht Clubs at their own Club races. This past season we had an average of twenty-eight boats at each Fleet Regatta.

The Regattas in the Toronto area are run by all the local Yacht Clubs and there are approximately 160 centreboard boats on one course and 190 keel yachts on a larger course each Saturday. Our Lightning Fleet also has many of its own special Regattas, as well as the Lake Erie District Championship Regatta and the Canadian Championship.

During the winter we again had very successful meetings once a month at the National Yacht Club, at which an average of forty-five members attended. We had a guest speaker for each of these meetings and had very lively discussions. At our last meeting Tommy Fallon came over from Buffalo to speak, and a crowd of sixty-five attended. This year we have planned several very interesting meetings and Tom Allen and Karl Smither have already consented to come to speak to our members.

We also decided last year with the assistance of the I.L.C.A., to have a display at the Canadian Boat Show held in Toronto in early February. Our members all pitched in and erected a booth and Les Crocker donated his boat for display. We had an automatic slide projector showing slides of Lightnings in action as well as building plans, brochures and pictures on display. The booth was manned by members of our Fleet and the Boat Show has advised us that it was one of the most successful displays in the whole Show. We are planning to have the display repeated again this year and we hope to have even greater success.

The 1964 Sailing Season started very early with George Wooten taking his boat to the Southern Circuit. Hartley Robins and Dennis Smith crewed for George and although they were not too successful in the Southern Circuit, they certainly learned a lot, and George, studying his notes very hard, came home to win our Fleet Championship. The Fleet Championship is decided by the best score in eight out of the twelve designated Regattas and George nosed out Pete Sulman for the championship.

We split our Fleet into two divisions two years ago and have found that this has worked extremely well. More boats are attending all our Regattas and the competition is very keen among the "B" Skippers as well as the "A" Skippers. All boats race together but there are separate points and prizes for each division. If a "B" boat wins three Regattas in one year, he moves into "A" class.

The more important series for our Fleet during the year are the Trade Fair trophy, the Lou Marsh trophy, and the Gorman Team trophy. The Trade Fair trophy was won by Don Allen, a member of our Fleet as well as the Royal Hamilton Fleet, with Bob Bleasby, V.P. of the I.L.C.A. second. George Wooten was third. The Lou Marsh trophy again saw Don Allen nosing out Bob Bleasby with Ron Cochrane, a newcomer to Lightnings, placing third. A highlight of the season was the Gorman Team trophy race with teams from the Yacht Clubs within Fleet 146 racing. The finals narrowed down to the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and National Yacht Club, proved very exciting. Royal Canadian Yacht Club edged out National by one and a half points on the very last race. This series proved so successful, we plan on having more team racing in the coming sailing season.

The Lake Skiff Sailing Association held its Annual Regatta in Toronto and because of very heavy winds the last day the series was shortened to four races. The Tom Taylor trophy was won by Bob Bleasby and Ken Inglis together with George Wooten tied for second. Also the Lake Yacht Racing Association held its Annual Regatta in Toronto this past season and several boats from Buffalo and Hamilton attended. Bob Bleasby won the famed Skaneateles trophy with Karl Smithers of Buffalo second.

Our boats travelled to many Regattas through the Lake Erie district and Donny Allen and Bob Bleasby were quite successful in these Regattas. Don Allen was leading the Lake Erie Districts until the final race when his rudder broke and he ended up fourth overall. Eight of our boats attended the Lake Erie Districts and four qualified for the North American, however, because of the distance involved they did not make the trip to San Diego. The Canadian Open was held in Hamilton and Donny Allen again nosed out Bob Bleasby for the championship. This event will be reported elsewhere in the Yearbook.

The Hyland Sportsmanship trophy was won this year by Ed Hearn who really deserved this coveted award. Ed has been a member of our Fleet for many many years and is always ready to help the other members of the fleet. He's out at every race and won the Fleet Captain's Trophy this year as well.

Our Fleet has been awarded the 1967 World Championship and we are already organizing for it. The Pan-American games will be held in Winnipeg that year and we are arranging to have the World's just after the Pan-Ams. so the South American contestants will be able to come right to Toronto for the races. We're hosting the Lake Erie Districts this year and expect 70-75 boats to attend. The dates are July 30th, 31st and August 1st. All I.L.C.A. members are invited to attend. Good sailing to you all in '65.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Trade Fair Trophy	Don Allen—8633
2nd	Bob Bleasby—7650
3rd	George Wooten—8630

Lou Marsh Trophy	Don Allen—8633
2nd	Bob Bleasby—7650
3rd	Ron Cochrane—9090
Gorman Team Trophy	Royal Canadian Yacht Club
Fall Series "A" Class	Les Crocker—7850
2nd	George Wooten—8630
3rd	Dave Millyard—5234
"B" Class	Bob Beale—2375
2nd	Ken McIntosh—8321
3rd	John Kamichaitis—7069

CONNEAUT LAKE FLEET (180)

Based on Conneaut Lake, Conneaut, Pa.

Fleet Captain	Wayne Titzel
Fleet Secretary	Nona Esenbies
Fleet Champion	Gary Titzel
Runner-Up	Franklin Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2886		Bill Johnson
3402		Charles Henderson
3404	Shu-Fly	Charles Berry
5022	Confusion IV	Dr. John Hanek
5070		Gary Titzel
6996	Tsk-Tsk-Tsk	Franklin M. Miller
7171	Hied-a-Weigh	Dr. R. D. Good
7193		C. A. Waldschmidt
7998	Jan-Bee	H. G. Heineman
8261		Dr. R. J. Ralston
9088	Tee Hee	Eddie Shaeffer

The Conneaut Lake Fleet continues to grow each year and now numbers eleven boats with the prospect of three more for the coming year.

Competition was keen and good weather prevailed for the Sunday Series although the Labor Day Series ended with a drifter and was called after spending an hour trying to reach the first mark.

Most of the races were close this year and I think attest to the increasing ability of crews and skippers. Proceedings were enlivened occasionally with a collision (no one hurt), a knock-down on the finish line, and one race that found seven boats finishing within about 30 seconds time.

The standings for 1964:

Sunday Series

1st, Gary Titzel
2nd, Franklin Miller
3rd, Henry Heineman

Labor Day Series

1st, Gary Titzel
2nd, Eddie Shaeffer

Gary Titzel also won the Commodore's Trophy this year.



"Fleet #180 jockies for position at start of race on Conneaut Lake."

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)

Based on Lake Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain	Jim Patton
Fleet Champion	James S. Patton
Runner-Up	George P. Reading

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2758	Tarde Venit	J. Campbell Brandon
2923	Raven	Dr. Robert W. Nickerson
3579	Tina	J. P. Jones
6207	Kitty	Dick Karslake
6333	Lee	Bob Birmingham
6660	Black Jack	Jack McCredie
6670	The Doll	Becky & Tilda Sample
6931	Windlass II	Art Wade
7143	El Waga	Walter Shaw
7604	Ginger	Herbert Varnum
7755	High Voltage	John Tim
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
7828	Dem SOBS	A. J. Paddock
8263	Sweet Lehigh	Robert Clark
9055	Gold Bolt	James S. Patton

The summer of 1964 has come and gone, but the memories of camaraderie, wind, rain, and sun live on. No sooner had the eagerly anticipated first race been completed, than the members of Fleet 198 were gathered for the presentation of the season's trophies. No one in the fleet would trade the hours spent tuning and racing on beautiful Chautauqua Lake; the hours spent working on their boats; the hours spent helping others gain a better knowledge of the sport; or the hours spent at regattas and championship series.

Each of us remember the drifters, the heavy winds, the rains, and the "just great for racing" days. We had the good with the bad. Fleet Champion Jim Patton and crew, Mike Patton and John Varnum, can easily recollect the thrill of winning a fleet race (eight first places in the thirteen race championship series), but they will not forget the frustration of capsizing 50 yards from the finish line in the Cornball Regatta. Fleet Runner-Up George "Doc" Reading will long remember his many breakdowns in the District Championship, but he can also recall the thrill of placing fourth in the Cornball Regatta. Third placer Dick Jones can vividly recall his all blonde crew (it must have been strategy to distract the gay young blades), and the race he lost his rudder. All the members of our fleet could easily compete with the top three for memories of the 1964 season. After all they helped create these memories; and the whole fleet lends a hand in creating the winners.

From all the blood, sweat, and tears which go in to making these memories emerges a vision; a vision of the future. Next summer will find Fleet 198 searching for more memories with the knowledge and experience gained from the creation of those of the past.

DUNKIRK HARBOR FLEET (311)

Based on Lake Erie at Dunkirk, New York

Fleet Captain	A. J. Van Poortvliet
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. Lois King
Fleet Champion	John W. King
Runner-Up	A. J. Van Poortvliet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
968	Hot Flash	Warren McPherson
1823	Sally 4th	Neal and Dan Cudney
1910		Ernest Sommitz
2858	Svenska Flicka	Ted R. Carlson
7744	Flame	Al Schilz
8150	Zajj	John Foster
8318	Gypsy	Phil Ellian
9050	Dutch Treat	A. J. Van Poortvliet
9082		John Baran
9123	Apache	Casimer Zielinski
9211	Obsession	John W. King
9330	Fiddlers Three	Graydon Smith

1964 was a year of growth and much activity for Fleet 311. After a winter of planning, and as the date for our first annual "Ice Breaker" regatta drew near, it was decided to erect an electric boat hoist to overcome the low water problem and assure the satisfactory launching of our guests' boats.

The regatta, held June 6th & 7th was a success with 24 Lightnings competing. Due to fog on Sunday, we were held to a two-race series with Stu Anderson and Jack Swanson sharing the honors for first place. Don Allen of Hamilton was second and Dick Hallager from Sodus Bay was third. Thanks to the many people from our own and the Buffalo area who gave us assistance and advice to get our first effort successfully off the ground.

Fleet racing got off to a good start with John Foster taking the June Tune-Up Series and A. J. Van Poortvliet's brand new #9050, "DUTCH TREAT," the 4th of July event.

The first race of the Championship saw another new boat in the fleet. It was John King's #9211, "OBSESSION". She won her first race and went on to take the Championship.

The "gypsies" were on the move again as Foster and Van took in the Districts at B.C.C. Five boats from our fleet went to the Chautauqua Lake Y.C. "Cornball" regatta and three boats traveled to Silver Lake for a really great weekend in September.

Meanwhile back at D.Y.C. more new boats were appearing. Cas Zielinski launched his #9123 and John Baran came on the scene with #9082. At the close of the season, Graydon Smith sold #1910 to Ernie Sommitz and ordered a new boat. Phil Ellian acquired #8318 for a fleet total of twelve boats.

Midway during the summer it was decided to try splitting the fleet into "A" and "B" sections to encourage the skippers of older boats. It was most successful with Phil Ellian victorious in that division. In the same vein, a handicap series saw Ted Carlson the winner.

In spite of some poor weather we managed two Wednesday evening series with Graydon Smith and Van Poortvliet the winners. Van also took the Labor Day event. It should be mentioned that Al Schilz sailed consistently very well and was runner-up in four different series.

Our Junior Sailing program directed by Sherry Foster was a huge success with about 50 children participating. Many inter-club regattas were held and some of the youngsters began crewing on a regular basis on the Lightnings.

Work has begun on next year's "Ice breaker" regatta at which time we hope to see an even larger turnout. We are also planning meetings to become more familiar with the rule book and investigating the possibilities of a permanent race course. Under Fleet Captain Van Poortvliet, 1965 promises to be a busy and rewarding season.



"Fleet #311's new hoist in use at first annual "Ice Breaker" Regatta.

LONDON LIGHTNING FLEET (347)

Sailing on Fanshawe Lake, London, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain	J. B. Martlin
Fleet Secretary	H. Goldt
Fleet Champion	J. B. Martlin
Runner-Up	H. Goldt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
471	Thor	J. B. Martlin
2273	Jolly Rodgers	A. Rodgers
5309	Redhead	A. D. Hosack
6659	Dyna	D. Dyna
8130	Chinook	F. E. Roberts
8148	Goldi III	H. G. Goldt

The Annual Junebug Regatta saw two boats in from Hamilton to make a fleet of five Lightnings for this event. First place went to Bob Jocelyn of Hamilton, Second to Joe Martlin of London and Third to Ross Hirschleber of Hamilton.

This was followed by two Lightning Class Series Races, one for the first half of the season and another for the second half.

First place for the early season series was taken by A. Rodgers and crew in 2273 with the second series being taken by J. Martlin and sons Steven and Wayne in #471.

The Fleet Championship was based on the full season's series of 28 races, the best of 7 of each boat to count. This was taken by Joe, Steven and Wayne Martlin in THOR followed by Herman, Ingrid and Richi Goldt in GOLDI.

Herman Goldt reports most enthusiastically (with the odd commercial added) on the wonderful holiday he spent, between series, cruising with his family on Parry Sound Bay. The experience and confidence gained on this cruise undoubtedly contributed to Herman and family's excellent showing in the last half of the season.

This season again had its exciting moments with two boats joining the, "upside down club" and one losing its stick at a most inconvenient time, the starting line.

The club championship, based on the Labour Day Regatta weekend competition, was taken by the Martlins in 471, with the Goldts to place in 2273 and the Rodgers in 8148 to show.

Percentage wise we enjoyed a nice increase in our ratio of participating to total eligible Lightnings in 1964 over 1963. In 1963 we had 22% participation, and in 1964 some 33%. With the addition of one more racing boat to the fleet in 1965 we expect to have a cool 40% participation.

One of the highlights of the season's activities for the racing sailors was the sailing invitation to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club's wonderful sailing and yacht club facilities in which three of our boats and crews participated. Many thanks are extended to our Hamilton friends for the effort put into this most successful weekend.

THE GEORGIAN YACHT CLUB FLEET (362) Sailing at Owen Sound on the Georgian Bay

Fleet Captain.....	Dr. W. Lumsden
Fleet Secretary.....	Ewing F. McGruer
Fleet Champion—1st Series.....	Don Crowhurst
Fleet Champion—2nd Series.....	Mac McGruer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7952	B. MacLean
8162	E. Gaviller
8296	W. Lumsden
8366	D. Crowhurst
8895	E. McTavish & W. Hawkins
9043	E. F. McGruer

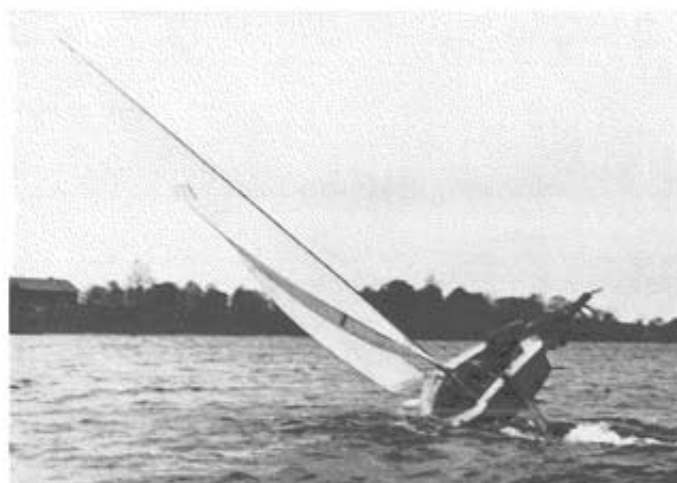
The summer of 1964 was a coming of age year for Fleet 362. Our Lightning sailors had their first taste of International Competition when we took part in the Canadian Open Championships. Our measurer's facial expressions when he found himself in the middle of a fleet of 36 yelling helmsmen, at the start of the first race, was something to behold! Wally Lumsden came through with the best record, although McGruer's effort was tops in consistency.

August 8th and 9th saw our first attempt of organizing a major event when we had 16 Lightnings on the line in a Three Race Regatta for the McGruer Trophy. Gustly westerlies, two capsizes and a lost mark were interesting enough, but took second place to the performance of some of our visitors. Don Allen won the trophy with George Wootten second and Herb Jocelyn third.

Fleet Championships were decided in two series sailed on Sundays throughout the summer. Don Crowhurst took the first series—Mac McGruer the second.

Our numbers are still small, however, and until we can race under conditions similar to those existing in larger centres, where keen competition brings out a high standard of sailing, we cannot hope to show to advantage in major events.

One major event which we are really interested in is the 1965 Canadian Open—having invited the C.L.A. to hold the Championship in our waters next year. We are hoping for a large fleet of visitors—watch for the date and try to be here.



"Fleet Captain J. B. Martin—can he swim?"

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Arnold Schwartz
District Secretary: Bill Hills
District Champion: Arnold Schwartz
District Runner-up: Joe Hoffee
Fleets: Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Red Bank (70); Nyack (75); Awosting (95); Raritan Bay (185); Richmond County (295); Harvey's Lake (350).

Many sailing activities were enjoyed in the Metropolitan District thru the summer, spring and fall. They started with the Long John Regatta at Red Bank in April, with others almost one at every club in the district including Nyack, Richmond County and Raritan Bay.

The District Championship was held at Monmouth Boat Club (Fleet 70) in late July. The chairman was Arnold Schwartz of the boat club. Twenty-seven boats started and were scored, with 11 qualifying for the North American Championship and 5 receiving the silverware. It was a well run regatta with lots of air to almost none at all. The first race was sailed in strong winds and a long course that allowed plenty of windward work. June Methot, Arnold Schwartz and Oliver Filippi staged a good battle until Oliver fouled Schwartz and withdrew. The race took 3½ hours with Methot winning out with Schwartz 2nd and Hoffee 3rd. The second race started with a medium breeze and ended with almost no air at all. This was a ding-dong battle between Schwartz, DeStasio, and Filippi with Schwartz winning, followed by Filippi, with DeStasio third, Huntsman fourth and Garrecht fifth. Sunday started out sunny and clouded up with not much air. As with many light air races, positions changed many times, but overall positions remained the same. Oliver Filippi won this race, followed by Schwartz, Hoffee, Garrecht, Huntsman and Methot. Arnold Schwartz, with an extremely consistent (2,1,2) won the championship. Runner-up was Joe Hoffee (3,7,3), and June Methot was third. Finishing out the exclusive circle was Tom DeStasio, and George Garrecht. It is interesting to note that Filippi had a (Wd,2,1), but that's yatching. Filippi and Schwartz made the trip to the wonderful West Coast, with Schwartz coming in second in the Governor's Cup, and Filippi gaining 4th in the President's Cup.

1. A. Schwartz	MBC	(2,1,2)	5 pts.	6. W. Hills	MBC	(7,12,9)	28 pts.
2. J. Hoffee	Nyack	(3,7,3)	13 pts.	7. O. Filippi	Nyack	(wd,2,1)	30 pts.
3. J. Methot	MBC	(1,6,7)	14 pts.	8. W. Brandan	Nyack	(12,9,13)	34 pts.
4. T. DeStasio	Nyack	(6,3,6)	15 pts.	9. S. Huntsman	MBC	(wd,4,5)	36 pts.
5. G. Garrecht	Nyack	(9,5,4)	18 pts.	10. T. Daddow	RCYC	(13,8,17)	38 pts.

PAUPACK FLEET (16)

Based on Lake Wallenpaupack,
at Paupack, Penna.

Fleet Captain	Graham Hamilton
Fleet Secretary	Eugenia Hamilton
Fleet Champion	Henry Fretz
Runner-Up	Graham Hamilton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
735		Kenneth C. Forham and Jim Johnson
4148	Vivace	S. Graham Hamilton
4900	Bounty	Sheldon Evans
5640	P D Q	Herbert H. Axford
5931	Schu-Fly	Wm. H. Schumacker
5980	Enchantress	John Giles
6903	Marimbo II	Bob Katz
7298	Cloud Nine	David Ludlow
7840	Mist II	John D. Folwell
7931	Little Women	Bill Sitterley
8663	Lucky Pierre II	Dr. Richard Porter
8691	Lil Sis	Ricky Heffner
9030	Cleopatra	Henry Fretz

Fleet 16 enjoyed another season of fine sailing—perhaps a bit breezier than usual—and good competition. Henry Fretz sailed his new boat, CLEOPATRA, to a resounding victory for the season and won the Fleet Championship. For three years running, former champ Fretz had been tied for first place with Graham Hamilton with only the last day's racing to complete, then lost by the slimmest possible margin. There was no question this year: Henry took the lead early in the season and held it all the way. Graham Hamilton, sailing the venerable VIVACE was second. John Giles with ENCHANTRESS took a well-earned third, while John Folwell kept MIST II footing for fourth place.

The season's races are also scored as several short series of five or six races. John Folwell took home the great silver punch-bowl for winning the George E. Miller Series. The Ericsson Series was won by Henry Fretz, and Graham Hamilton captured the Hub Axford Series trophy. Dick Porter was winner of the Bill Robbins Handicap Series. The Achievement Trophy for dedication and improved performance was awarded to sixteen-year-old Rick Heffner who sailed LIL SIS to fifth place for the season and seems headed for a top spot in the near future.

Ken Fordham and Jim Johnson, sailing #735, were a welcome addition to our roster. With all the interest in Lightnings expressed around the club, we expect there will be more new names next year.

We were fortunate to have Harold Compton and Ruhl Heffner serving as Race Committee this year. They persevered even with such annoyances as a disappearing windward mark. One Saturday, after a nice start for the second race, the fleet was tacking toward the first mark. The boats sailed on and on and on, crews stood up and peered about, and skippers bawled "Find the mark!" No mark. So the race was called and rerun. The mystery was solved when a well-meaning powerboater brought in the mark he had picked up after the first race because he thought we were through for the day and that we had forgotten to retrieve our mark!

The sailing season on the lake closed with an invitational "Just-for-Fun" regatta in mid-September. September on Lake Wallenpaupack almost always brings lovely weather with good wind, and we hope to make these post-season races an annual affair. But don't wait for Fall—come race with us any Saturday after June 26th at Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club, Paupack, Pa., on the largest lake in the Poconos.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Lee Chiovarou
Fleet Champion	Lee Chiovarou
Runner-Up	Gilbert Jernstrom

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
770	Paar Avion	Steve Kohler
1942	Tarfu	Dr. Charles MacDonough
2909		John Sakowski
2910		Eric Hauschild & Paul Schroeder
4601		George P. Bauman
4941		Gordon Smith

5154	Imp II	Robert T. Crane
5380	Chantey	Heinz Kornmann
5617	Bali Hai	Gilbert Jernstrom
8262	Lucky Lady	Lee Chiovarou

On June 14, the 1964 season of Lake Mohawk's Lightning Fleet began. The active members of Fleet 25 decreased slightly over last year, but this did not affect the active season of racing.

This year brought the addition of a new and very promising skipper. Heinz Kornmann, sailing 5380 came out to give Lake Mohawk a challenging season. Sailing Lightnings for the first time, Heinz got off to a slow start. However he soon learned the tricks of Lightning sailing and began giving the fleet a few rough races.

Traveling to Monmouth Boat Club for the Districts this year were Gilbert Jernstrom and Lee Chiovarou. With more experience Lake Mohawk looked as if it would share at least one position among the top boats. With half of the first race sailed, 8262 was among the top eight boats, however, during the last downwind leg of the first race a shifty wind grabbed her spinnaker. Unexpectedly the crew and skipper got a taste of the Navesink River. Also in the first race, 5617, after placing sixth, was protested and received a D. S. Q. The regatta, which once had looked like a good showing for Fleet 25, finished with Mohawk badly revealing the results of the first race.

At home, Fleet 25 placed well in this season's regattas. On July fourth, Bob Webster, first crew of BALI HAI, sailed a magnificent race to place second in the Marine Base Trophy Regatta. The Mariner's Trophy Regatta ended with Gil Jernstrom, Lee Chiovarou and Heinz Kornmann finishing second, third and fifth respectively. Labor Day brought the Commodore's Cup Regatta with Lee Chiovarou third and Heinz Kornmann fifth.

The end of the season found Lee Chiovarou winning the first place trophy. Gil Jernstrom took second and Heinz Kornmann placed a well earned third. The Lake Mohawk Yacht Club formally closed the 1964 season with its annual Fall Awards Dinner in October. The display of silverware at the dinner made the skippers and crews of Fleet 25 eager for the first gun of Lake Mohawk's 1965 season.

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Walter R. Neidhardt
Fleet Secretary	Richard M. Armstrong
Fleet Champion	Charles D. Nitchie
Runner-Up	Richard M. Armstrong

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
821	Bantry	Edward P. Waters
1024	Static	Charles D. Nitchie
1083	L'Eclair	William Heaney
1308	Tumbleweed	N. Phillip Randall
1495	Cougar	Marvin H. Schwab
1900	Fiesta II	Henry J. Abreu
2049		Francis E. Boldt
2808	Mist	Hugh N. Ross
5078	Sara E	Stanley J. Szabronski
5153		Walter R. Neidhardt
5193		George E. Turner
5356	Wink	Clinton Urey
5752	Grace's Mink	Gordon L. Kerr
5834	Steffi	Wesley S. Pfrman
5919	Old Thunder	Richard M. Armstrong
6454		William S. Graff
6549	Snoopy	Alfred R. Vanderploeg
6567	Impulse II	Robert J. Furr
6932	Anesthesia	Carver C. Dumke
8356	Yknot	Eric F. Fuegel
8783	Four Notes	Harold M. Noteware

New skippers at Chelsea this year included Frank Boldt, Wes Pfrman, and Harold Noteware. Welcome aboard! Eric Fuegel showed marked improvement this year although he is still having difficulty tacking to windward with a spinnaker. A no-holds-barred race featuring a Lemans start added novelty to the July 4th festivities. And, yes, Phil Randall did get into the water before Labor Day!

The Fleet Championship for 1964 went to Skip Nitchie, long-time Lightning skipper and a contributor to Fleet 39's growth in recent years. The three series of races leading to the Championship yielded the following standings:

A Series	B Series	C Series
1. Skip Nitchie	1. Skip Nitchie	1. Carver Dumke
2. Dick Armstrong	2. Dick Armstrong	2. Skip Nitchie
3. Van Vander Ploeg	3. Bob Furr	3. Eric Fuegel

In the Memorial Day event, Van Vander Ploeg was 1st with Marv Schwab 2nd and Skip Nitchie 3rd. The Chelsea Open, held in June this year, was won by Dick Armstrong with Carver Dumke 2nd and Skip Nitchie 3rd.

Chelsea hosted a 21-boat Mid-Hudson Lightning Regatta in August which was won by Joe Hoffee with Oliver Filippi 2nd and Tom DeStasio 3rd (all of Nyack). Carver Dumke had the best finish for the home team with a 4th. Van Vander Ploeg, Dick Armstrong and Skip Nitchie were in the first ten.

Still more events of the season included a Long Distance race with Skip Nitchie 1st, Eric Fuegel 2nd and Bill Heaney 3rd. The Frostbite series resulted in Bob Furr 1st, Harold Noteware 2nd and Marv Schwab 3rd. A special Skipper-Crew race gave the crew their turn at the helm and finished with Kathy Furr 1st, Bob Bogardus 2nd and Peter Davies 3rd.

Sailing instruction continued with Dick Armstrong providing sessions Saturday afternoons for Juniors and Dave Davies running a series Thursday evenings. Many thanks to Bob Furr for his efforts as Race Committee Chairman.

Several skippers were found traveling to away-games. This included Red Bank, Shattemuc and Nyack for Dick Armstrong and Minisceongo for Dick Armstrong, Bob Furr and Skip Nitchie. Dick took a second at Shattemuc.

Some new blood in the team of Bunney and Colburn entered the picture and had the more experienced members keeping an eye out for this eager combination. Tony Hervas put in an appearance late in the season, but he is coming along a bit too fast for the others to disregard. Tony was awarded the Novice Racing Trophy. Bill Lyon in 5284 also came up strong and was awarded the Class "B" Trophy. Bill is now up with the "men". Dr. Coale bought the "Foote Loose" from the Baltimore Fleet and will obviously be a contender next year, as he has a built in crew of three rangy boys all in the Coale family.

Misfortune hit the Fleet when the Fleet Treasurer's boat was stolen just before the spring series. Keep an eye out for 6401. It is Bob Ware's "ANON". Ted Belknap is working on a secret approach and if it is an improvement, in addition to his new spinnaker, watch his spray.

The aim for 1965 of the Fleet Officers is to encourage other members of the "largest Fleet in the association" to become more interested in Fleet activities and the International Association.



"Fleet #39 Champion Charles Nitchie"

HIGHTOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41) Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Bob Winterbottom
Fleet Secretary	Lowell Baker
Fleet Champion	Walt Tripp
Runner-Up	Lowell Baker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1222	Tang	Bob Winterbottom
2277	Metamorphosis	Dick Horstmann
2817	Idior's Delight	Harold DeJager
3243	Skillet	Staton Peele
5696		Bill Pennebaker & Haj Seki
5916	Sam	George Bitler & Ted Ziemer
6003		Jack Frost
6005	Bum's Rush	Lowell Baker
6434	Hey, Marie	Frank Sutherland
7014	Teacher's Pet	Gil Parker
9005	Tigress	Walt Tripp

Our thanks to Al Lynch and his race committee for another season of fine sailing. The season started with a three race regatta over the Memorial Day weekend. Playing the perfect host, Hightor awarded first place to Howard Mullin, second to Oliver Filippi, and third to Paul Murphy, all of Nyack Fleet 75.

In the Fourth of July Series, Frank Sutherland took first place. The first place prize was a boat compass donated by Walt Tripp.

On August 22 and 23, we held the Sutherland Cup Races. This is our open class regatta and five different classes entered. Fourteen Lightnings participated, with George Garrecht taking first place, Walt Tripp second, and John Biegler third.

Our season ended with a Labor Day Regatta. Excellent sportsmanship was displayed by Ted Ziemer and George Bitler when they permitted extra races after having a first place assured by results of the first two races. The regatta ended with Lowell Baker first, Ted and George second, and Harold DeJager third.

We regretted losing the Peeles to the Columbia, S.C., Lightning fleet in mid-season. It's very difficult to spot marks now without their binoculars.

New members Jack Frost, Haj Seki and Bill Pennebaker joined us late in the season and a winter program is planned for them and other new members.

We are looking forward to the 1965 sailing season, and may not wait for the ice to get out of the river.



"Fleet 41's Champion (with pipe) misleads followers at skull session."

RED BANK-ON-THE-SHREWSBURY FLEET (70) Sailing on the Navesink River at Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Paul Huntsman, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Irving Lewis
Fleet Champion	June Methot
Runner-Up	Arnold Schwartz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
41	Spider	Robert Bruce
860	Bam	Virg Vaughan
1482		Francis Kennelly
2620	Water Witch	John Spurdle
2655	Banshee	Theodore Engberg
3600	Leprechaun	Pat Corr
4864	Strike 1	Wm. Heron
5281	Magic	Charlie Allaire
6735	Mischief	Harold & Richard Beck
7786	Ranger	Irv. Lewis
7798	Pink Mink	Theodore Marko
7799	Spook	Herman B. Vestal
8101	Avenger III	Sandy Huntsman
8201	My Folly Too	Bill Hills
8502	Dawnmere	Tim Millhiser
8505	Windsong II	Al Miller
8830	Ethel Baby	Arnold Schwartz
9006	Chantey	June Methot
	Second Verse	
9101	Spirit	Bill Olsen
9233	West Wind	Jack McCabe
	Too	
9262	Valkerie II	Royden Knapp

Honorary Life Member.....Charles Allaire
Honorary Members.....Lars Olsen, Morris P. Sherwood

The Annual LONG JOHN Regatta was the first regatta of the new season. Blair Fletcher beat 41 other boats with a 3-1-1 series. Bob Adams, Jim Carson, Arnold Schwartz and Fred Hamblet also took home hardware.

Our Spring Invitational Series ran through April and May. There were 22 entries in all including several friends from Barnegat and Nyack. This Series was won by Irv. Lewis followed by Arnold Schwartz and Jack Orelup.

The Fleet Championship, decided by the Summer Sunday Series, was won by June Methot in her new "Second Verse". Arnold and Bill Heron followed.

Charlie Allaire went back to his own hand made "Magic" to win the Lightning Section of the National Sweepstakes.

Arnold broke the spell on this 2nd stuff and won the Fall Series with June second and Bob Howie in 9233 third.

Our Fleet hosted the Metropolitan District races in July. Results: Arnold Schwartz (that new boat must be ok), Joe Hoffee and June Methot in that order.

Arnold made the long trek to San Diego and finished second in the Governor's Cup (what a boat).

The season ended with a blast at the Union House on Nov. 14. New Fleet Captain—Irv Lewis.

New Secretary-Treasurer—Bill Heron.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)

Sailing on Hudson River, Nyack, N.Y.

Fleet Captain.....Robert W. Smith
Fleet Secretary.....Charles H. Singler
Fleet Champion.....Joseph Hoffee
Runner-Up.....Karl Gleeson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
724	Winkle	Winston C. Perry
3108		Warren H. Schroder
3280	Tzuris	Raymond H. Corwin
3716	RoJo	Joseph E. Hoffee
5339	Born Tired II	Wm. E. Brandau
5999	Tempest	James E. Reilley
6003	Pancho	Peter Zecher
6387	Tagalong	Edward Mowerson
6898	Voodoo	Oliver C. Filippi
7134		Wm. A. Day
7511	Tackless	Howard J. Mullin
7545	GiGi	George Garrecht
7627	Nimble	Russell H. Cobb
7633		K. A. Pfleger
7852	QED	Karl K. Gleeson
7922	Miss Beth	John Biegler
8228	Pop Up 3	Paul B. Murphy
8240		Robert S. Shuris
8272		Martin Low
8515	Cindy Too	Charles H. Singler
8607		Jon Grossman

8924 Pandora Robert W. Smith
9100 Madame Blue Thomas V. De Stasio

We were able to complete only two races of our Spring Series because of lack of wind, but from that time until our last race on October 25th the Wind Gods were generally favorable and not only was our season a success, but most of the Regattas in which Fleet 75 skippers participated were sailed in fine air.

Howard Mullin was the first Nyack sailor to break the ice in 1964, finishing a fine ninth on the Southern Circuit.

Our Summer Series which decides the Fleet Champion was won once again by the old master of the Hudson, Joe Hoffee, ably assisted by son Jack and daughter Carol, Karl Gleeson, also sailing with a daughter as crew, made a fine try to end as runner up.

We were well represented at the Metropolitan Districts with a 2nd by Hoffee, a 4th by De Stasio, and a 5th by Garrecht and just missed a 1st when Oliver Filippi suffered a disqualification while leading. Oliver did go to Mission Bay with his sister and Fleet Captain Charlie Singler as crew, and finished 5th in the Governor's Cup.

We were represented at Quantico by Howard Mullin, Bob Smith and Charlie Singler, and although we didn't bring home any silverware we did bring home memories of pleasant friendships made and renewed, and most of all a feeling of gratitude for the splendid hospitality which the Marine Corps always extends to the many contestants.

We were happy to welcome Martin Low and 8272 to the fleet this year.

The Jerome Mullin Perpetual Trophy given for the most improved skipper in the Fleet was won by Paul Murphy, Jr.

Our new officers for the coming year are Fleet Captain Bob Smith and Fleet Secretary Charles Singler.

Series and Regatta Wins in 1964 follow:

N.B.C. Spring Regatta: 1. George Garrecht, 2. Oliver Filippi, 3. Tony Baroni.

Minisceongo Invitation: 1. Howard Mullin, 2. Oliver Filippi, 3. Paul Murphy, Jr.

Summer Series: 1. Joseph Hoffee, 2. Karl Gleeson, 3. Paul Murphy, Jr.

Guy W. Moulton July 4th: 1. Oliver Filippi, 2. Paul Murphy, Jr., 3. Karl Gleeson.

Mid-Hudsons: 1. Joseph Hoffee, 2. Oliver Filippi, 3. Tom De Stasio.

Sutherland: 1. George Garrecht, 2. Walter Tripp, 3. John Biegler.

Labor Day—Nyack: 1. Oliver Filippi, 2. June Methot, 3. Joseph Hoffee.

Fall Series: 1. Joseph Hoffee, 2. Tom De Stasio, 3. Howard Mullin.

Tarrytown—Last Chance: 1. Ed. Dean, 2. Robert Shuris, 3. Al. Livingston.

Bilge Bay: 1. Mike Valk.

We expect to end our year with a bang up Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th, and hope to have guests from many of the Hudson River Fleets.



"Fleet #75 Champion Joseph Hoffee with crew Carol and Jack"

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Based on Greenwood Lake, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Harry Ash
Fleet Secretary	Leslyn Ash
Fleet Champion	Dick Davis
Runner-Up	Harry Ash

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
762		Richard Davis
827	Heidi-Ho	Hank Holterhoff
1309		Ken Britting
2912		Frank Collins
3102	Duchess	Roy Sengstacken
5134	An-Na	Jack Sengstacken
7323	Tike	Dork Sharp
8885	Barracuda	Harry Ash

The Lightning Class at Awosting had a very fine season this year. No rain, and with only a couple of exceptions—notably the Labor Day Marathon—adequate wind. During the regular season, Roy Sengstacken won the Secretary Series and the Vice Commodore Series, and Brother Jack Sengstacken won the Rear Commodore Series. This was Dick Davis' big year though. He won the Commodore and Championship Series, and also the long, four hour Labor Day race, or rather drifting match. Runner-up in the Championship Series was Harry Ash, and second on Labor Day was Jack Sengstacken.

For many years we have had a single post-season race for the Captain Howell Trophy. This year it was expanded to a two race series, and was won by Harry Ash.

Our plans for next year include our traditional regular season, plus a new pre-season series and our recently instituted post-season series. This will give us a total of 27 scheduled races. We expect to welcome back to the fleet Chet Howell who is busy getting a boat ready over the winter. We also expect to have a couple of new sailors who have not sailed with us before.

All told, this season was a good one, but we expect next year to be even better.

RARITAN BAY FLEET (185)

Sailing on Raritan Bay, Perth Amboy, N.J.

Fleet Captain	William H. Cutting
Fleet Secretary	William W. Jacobson
Fleet Champion	William H. Cutting
Runner-Up	William W. Jacobson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
52	Mischief	William W. Jacobson
3465	Wanderer	Roland W. Field
3729	Swann's Way	Martin Siegel
4045	Red Devil	William H. Cutting
4773		Milton Bloom
5106		Donald C. Bennett
5780	Sallie-Ho	Michael Cihomsky
7098	Me Jeb	Milton Pascal
		Seymour Charles

Fleet 185 sailing out of Raritan Yacht Club is growing fast. Five new members in the past season! We are working hard to get these new members to enter their boats in the local series. This coming 1965 season should be the best in years.

Our Spring Series started May 30 with a series of twelve races. Fleet Champion Bill Cutting took the honors. A newcomer Roland Field in the Wanderer was runner-up.

We had a Labor Day series of six races but two races were called because of too much wind. Bill Cutting in "Red Devil" won.

The Fall Series which turned out to be the most productive in terms of members, was the best series of the year. The series was plagued with bad weather. Bill Cutting with son Billy, eleven years old, and daughter Lesley, ten years old, sailing "Red Devil" won the series. Bill Jacobson in "Mischief" was runner-up. Roland Field was third.

Bill Cutting's boat, the "Red Devil", got its name from his competitors. While sailing his red boat, un-named, his competitors would cuss his stern and call her the Red Devil. Bill then called it "Red Devil" and make it worse by writing it in BIG letters on his transom. We were able to get him in one fall series race,

when the race committee, sounded a four minute gun. Bill was a good half mile off the line. Because race committees are so hard to get and have to be treated with kid gloves we decided not to protest this race. (Bill decided not to Protest!).

The Red Grant Regatta, the largest sail event in New Jersey is sailed every summer on Raritan Bay by the Raritan Yacht Club. Last summer we had very few Lightnings because they had the districts the same week-end at the Island Heights Yacht Club. This year we are going to reserve a date for the Red Grant, so this will not happen. Lightning skippers who might read this are invited to keep the Red Grant date open.

Newcomers to Fleet 185 are: Seymour Charles, Michael Cihomsky, Roland Field, Milton Pascal, Martin Siegel. They are most welcome to Fleet 185. These new members are invited and encouraged to participate in the Fleet. We are looking forward to a bigger and better fleet in 1965.



"Fleet Champion Bill Cutting sails RED DEVIL with son Billy and daughter Lesley crewing."

RICHMOND COUNTY YACHT CLUB (295)

Sailing on New York Lower Bay & Raritan Bay,
Great Kills, N. Y.

Fleet Captain	George Dukes
Fleet Secretary	Georgia Dukes
Fleet Champion	Tom Hyland
Runner-Up	James Hannon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
423		Ray Zickle
2705	L'Etoile	Thomas Dennen
3602		Ed Borchers
3670	Trade Winds	George Dukes
4416	Green Sleeves	Jim Burri
5147	Go Mad III	Ben Marshall
5432	Bad News	Tom Hyland
5433	Minuit	Mike Mitrov
5762	Kool Kat	Mark Milnes, Sr.
6101	Avenger	Dr. Walter Hausheer
6349	Kerry Dancer	James E. Hannon
6527	Thespian	Ted Daddow
9126		Dan McDonnell



"Richmond Y.C. Series winners (left to right) Bud Marshall, Tom Hyland and George Dukes, standing in for Jim Hannon."

Long winter nights of back-seat sailing and the decision to dry sail this year, boosted Fleet 295's enthusiasm to a high pitch for the opening tune-up race, May 30th. The sharp competition the old pros were getting from the not-so-novice novices sustained the excitement right through to the last race of our club series on September 5th. An added attraction of our 1964 racing season was the unusually strong westerlies that gave us some broad reaches as exhilarating as Nantucket Sleigh Rides.

It was anyone's guess who would walk off with the Lightning Fleet trophy. But we found out the hard way, that "Bad News" travels fast, especially when it's a Lightning skippered by Tom Hyland, who snatched the cup with points to spare. Second place honors went to Jim Hannon in the "Kerry Dancer". This is Jim and Margaret Hannon's first year of racing—if they get any better, we couldn't stand it! Ben Marshall in "Go Mad III" took third spot and will be the boat to watch next season. The picture is not complete, however, without mentioning the gals behind the men; Peggy Hyland, Margaret Hannon and Connie

Marshall, who crewed for their hubbies throughout the season. How's that for togetherness!

Dan McDonnell gilded the lily this year and enhanced the lines of his beautiful new Lightning with an all-girl crew; Grace Hammond and Diane Gordon. His gamesmanship worked! The girls did a bang-up job for Danny and just the sight of that comely crew eased the pain of the many skippers who trailed their wake. We also welcomed Ed Borchers, a promising new skipper, this year. But Ed decided to turn his Lightning in for a Thistle so we'll have to be content to wish him luck in the new class.

The only time we lacked heavy air this season was during our Open Regatta August 29th and 30th, which was sailed in a virtual doldrum. We had 6 outside boats competing; 2 from the Monmouth Boat Club and 4 from Miramar Yacht Club. We did, however, manage to complete the 3-race series and wish to extend our congratulations to the Miramar skippers who walked away with all three prizes.

Our Richmond County Fleet did more traveling this year to other club regattas with a fair amount of success. Ted Daddow, we are proud to report, qualified for the Metropolitan District at Red Bank and three out of five of our skippers captured the top three honors at the Red Grant Regatta held at Raritan Yacht Club. The near gale winds were made to order for some of our heavy weather sailors. Mike Mitrov, who has been racing only 2 years, captured a well deserved 1st place; Dan McDonnell a second place and George Dukes third place. That sojourn brightened up the trophy case!

The early bird Spring Series at Monmouth Boat Club attracted several of our lads and while we didn't make much of an impression score-wise we don't think they'll forget us. Tom Hyland managed to foul two boats simultaneously on a downwind leg. A neat trick if you can do it. We understand Roy Knapp swallowed his cigarette when Tom's boom smacked Roy's crewman flat into the boat. We want to compliment Mr. Knapp on his dignified silence and for being a gentleman and a sailor! We were also represented at the Ocean City Yacht Club regatta when George Dukes and Ed Borchers decided to try their hand at sailing Thistles. Our only claim to fame there was the fact that the boys kept their Thistles upright in a race where winds capsize 65 boats out of 156 and Georgia Dukes fell overboard again. An avocational disease with her when crewing on Thistles.

Capping the season was the final trek to the Quantico Regatta, Halloween weekend. Our travelers returned home singing the praises of their Marine hosts and vowing to return next year. We are happy to report we improved our standings over last year's considerably. Competing at Quantico were: Tom Hyland, Jim Hannon, Mike Mitrov and Danny McDonnell.

This was the year that was and looking back on it, it was an exciting racing season and a lot of fun, thanks to the cooperation of everyone. We are looking anxiously toward 1965 for a year of even more, spirited competition.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore: Charles VanHorn

District Secretary: James Kohls

District Champion: James Kohls

District Runner-Up: Henry Cawthra

Fleets: South Haven (30); Devil's Lake (31); Crescent Sail Y.C. (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Y.C. (54); Higgins Sail Y.C. (110); Gull Lake (137); Tawas Bay Y.C. (152); Owena Traverse (174); Leland Y.C. (184); Saginaw Bay (216); Burr Lake (254); Grand Traverse Y.C. (326); Pentwater (340); Holland S.C. (364); Douglas Lake (374); Les Cheueaux (378).

The annual mid-winter meeting was again held in Lansing in December with nine fleets answering the roll call. The meeting not only accomplished the normal business, including selecting Grand Traverse Bay as the site of the 1964 District Championship Regatta, but also gathered the sailors and wives to shore for a delightful dinner.

The Grand Traverse fleet is young but they handled the Championship like "old pros". With 52 boats on the starting lines, they had their work cut out for them. They pulled the whole show off without a hitch, races, meals, parties, publicity and all. Well done Fleet 326. The competition was close right to the end but after the smoke of the last finish gun had cleared the standings of the first ten were:

1st Kohls	6th Wasserberger
2nd Cawthra	7th H. Nickels
3rd Harrison	8th Knop
4th McKinley	9th D. Nickels
5th S. Benz	10th Cornwell

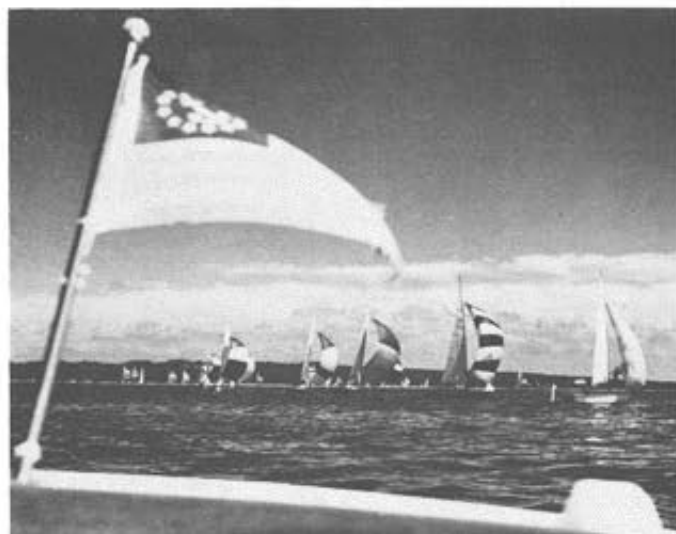
Leo Wasserberger, Herman and Dave Nickels trailed to the West Coast for the North American Championship. Leo brought the President's Cup back to our district. It has been away too long.

The vagabond regatta circuit was active the past year but should be even more so in the coming one with a perpetual overall season award to compete for. The prize is a plaque with a half model of a Lightning on a trailer. It will be awarded to the skipper having the best eight races in three Michigan District Invitational Regattas.

Winners in this year's Invitational Regattas were:

Saginaw Bay Y. C.	June 13, 14	Leo Wasserberger
Crescent Sail Y. C.	June 20, 21	Jim Kohls
Gull Lake, Y. C.	June 27, 28	Jim Kohls
Tawas Bay Y. C.	July 18, 19	Leo Wasserberger
Higgins Lake Y. C.	August 8, 9	Jim Kohls
Pontiac Y. C.	September 12, 13	Jim Kohls
Devil's Lake Y. C.	September 19, 20	Goeffrey Moehl

The title of Invitational means just that—you're ALL invited. Why not plan right now to accept the invitations. You'll find the hosts listed in the Michigan District advertisement in this book.



"Scene at 1964 Michigan Districts at Traverse City showing the leaders starting their second windward leg with a healthy lead over most of the fleet."

SOUTH HAVEN YACHT CLUB (30)

Sailing on Lake Michigan, South Haven, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Don Goodwillie, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Al Dickerson
Fleet Champion	Jim Robinson
Runner-Up	Al Dickerson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
339	Vici	Joe Ashen
577	Chip	Chick Overton
1327	Great Dane	Dan Jensen
2494	Rusku	Tom Ruddy
2516	Mischief	Al Dickerson
2946	Lampoon	Jim Force
5050	50-50	Jim Robinson
5437	Port Lee	Don Goodwillie, Jr.
6131	Miss Blue	Happy Croninger

It has been a decade since area residents gathered along South Haven bluffs to watch Lightning Fleet No. 30 match boat and crew against wind and wave in a Sunday morning race on Lake Michigan. However, an April fleet of two mushroomed into a fleet of nine by the end of a successful twelve race season, thanks to the efforts of local enthusiasts Don Goodwillie and Frank Overton.

One of our new sailors was fortunate enough to purchase the well known cream puff "50-50". This light, swift craft provided incentive for the remainder of the fleet to put many dollars and hours of thought and labor into making their boats more competitive, the end result being a much more learned and equipped group of sailors than originally anticipated.

The highlight of our season was our Oldtimer's Nite which drew more than 70 of our old yacht clubbers back to the harbor for this special race and sparked additional interest in getting the fleet into action. Len Ladenburger, former National President and South Haven Yacht Club Commodore ably skippered "Port Lee" to victory in this event.

Our racing season officially consisted of two six-race series, won by "50-50" and "Mischief". Skippers and crew of the rest of the fleet showed their respect for both championship crews by tossing

them into the river, thereby holding true to sailing tradition. The Labor Day weekend Championship Series placed "50-50", "Mischief" and "Port Lee" first, second and third respectively. Winner of the series "Beat Your Average" trophy was "Chip", which proved that even one of the old boats from original Fleet 30 is ready and able to once again compete.

Unusual statistics dug up from season's race records include only one capsized—"Rusku", only one disqualification—"50-50" and only one boat placing in every race—"Mischief".

Next year, in anticipation of a fleet of fifteen boats, we are again planning our official Sunday morning race series and our annual Old Timers and Labor Day Championship festivities. In addition we plan to expand the calendar to include an unofficial Tuesday Stag Nite race series and a weekend "Margaret Teske" Regatta for area fleets, in honor of a gal who has been most helpful in renovating Fleet 30. South Haven is again on the way toward having a fleet of which they can be proud.



"Qualifying boats being towed out for final race in Championship Series"

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

Based on Devil's Lake, Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Edward J. Golding
Fleet Secretary	Dorothy L. Golding
Fleet Champion	George Sipel, Jr.
Runner-Up	Bill Nuoffer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
22	Arrow II	C. B. Crittenden
840	Clara B.	Jack Beal
862	Breezy	Robert Zimmerman
4374	Chic-Ken	Ed Schmidt
5858	Wren	Jim Reynolds
5901	Frolic	Keith Whitehouse
6228	Siesta	Chuck Thompson
6360	First Fiddle	C. F. Bryner
6525	Jan-Nan	Laverne Ehinger
7272	Invictus	Dick Stanbridge
7305	Top Hat	E. Golding
7355	Hayako	Bob Laidlaw
7480	Astral	Jeff Moehl
7848	Razorback	William Wynn
8225	Whoopee	Ken Kennedy

8381	Fafnir	Carl Benz
8490	Ma's 2nd, Thought	Ed Engle
8640	Brown Derby	William Nuoffer
9212	Runaway	George Sipel, Jr.



"Fleet #31 Runner-up Bill Nuoffer and guest out just for fun."

Fleet 31 began the 1964 season with the annual winter party which this year was held in early March at the Elks' Club, Adrian, Michigan. This was our largest party ever. Over sixty skippers, mates, and friends attended. Much of the success of this event was due to the supreme standing prime rib dinner prepared for us by our own Barney Crittenden. We all had the opportunity to see and talk with friends. Everyone was anxiously awaiting the early April reopening of our own club on Devil's Lake so that we might get together and start the sailing season.

Memorial Day, which had seemed so far away, came on with a rush at the last and found us with 12 boats in the water. At the end of three races it looked like the 1963 season all over again. Carl Benz was first with George Sipel and Jack Beal close behind for the Jack Gould Trophy.

The Fourth of July Series for the John Oberst Trophy saw George Sipel and crew of Pete Sherman and Bill Roberts win their first of five perpetual fleet trophies. Their first success in '64 was followed by the winning of the Commodore's Cup Series, the Labor Day Series for the Beal Trophy, The Barney Crittenden Trophy for the novice award, and for the second year in a row the Carl P. Crittenden Trophy representing the Fleet Championship.

Our "Round The Lake Race" was held in light to moderate air. Skippers Carl Benz and George Sipel had a bow to bow race most of the way in this annual ten mile race. Dr. Benz finished first with George Sipel close behind and Dave Kennedy third. In the evening we had our mid-summer steak roast at the home of Past-Commodore and Mrs. George Sipel, Sr. at which all had a good time. Night sailing had been planned. The full moon was there but most of us were just too tired to carry on.

Late August saw Ken Kennedy win the Captain's Cup Trophy after a hotly contested series with Ed Engle and Ed Golding. The Helme Award, a beautiful trophy first given in 1887, was awarded to Jeff Moehl as our most improved skipper. Steve Benz received the Fleet 31 Sportsmanship Award and Dorothy Golding the First Mate's Trophy.

The 21st Annual "This One's For Fun" Regatta was held Sept. 19-20 under the chairmanship of Ed Engle our Fleet Captain for 1965. Over sixty boats registered for this event almost thirty of which were Lightnings. All races were well contested in light air with our own Jeff Moehl taking first place. Bruce Goldsmith, of Chicago Corinthian Y C, and George Sipel of Devil's Lake tied for second.

Our very active Junior Sailing Program was again under the guidance of George Sipel. Final standings could not be determined until the last two races of the series when Jack and Jeff Hinkle were able to finish with a first and second to just edge the Laidlaw and the Reynolds boats to win the Laura Hinkle Award. The swimming program was under the leadership of

Kathy Kennedy and consisted of training some 80 junior club members to swim so as to be able to pass various Red Cross tests. This is a big job and was very well done. However, this activity prevented Kathy, our 1961 Fleet Champion, from doing much sailing and we missed her.

A number of Fleet 31 skippers sailed in other waters during the season. We are extremely proud of Steve Benz and George Sipel and their crews who finished fifth and twelfth respectively in the Michigan Districts. Buck Wynn was first at Clark's Lake Regatta and George Sipel took the honors at North Cape Y C regatta.

Another Fleet 31 first. Chiefly through the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Keith Whitehouse we now have our own song book. They compiled, edited, typed and had printed this 30 some page paper bound collection of family songs. Fleet members and friends gave financial assistance. Thank You.

Fleet 31 will welcome at least two new skippers for 1965. Bill Murbach has purchased #8642 from Jim Sayre and Jim Silberhorn has acquired #4374 from Ed Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt has purchased "Brown Derby" from Bill Nuoffer who has just taken delivery of a fiberglass boat.

It is now about Dec. 1st. Our boats are in winter storage. Bob and Della Laidlaw are back from the Olympics in Japan. Fleet 31 "Hard Water Sailors" Nuoffer, Schmidt, Reynolds, Moehl, Sipel and Ehinger are waiting for hard ice, while the rest of us think of "go-fast" gadgets and the long winter ahead.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

Based on Lake St. Clair,

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain	John Sherry
Fleet Secretary	Bill Dodenhoff
Fleet Champion	John Lesesne
Runner-Up	Bob Knop

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1981	.....	Howard Gray
3676	.....	Bob Verhelle
4539	.....	Wm. Balman
6066	XL	Henry J. Cawthra
6280	.....	Richard Drew
6866	.....	Hank Kreider
7283	.....	Richard Peterson
7388	Gingo	Robert Knop
7576	Scythe	George Grenzke
7614	.....	William Tily
7795	Oops	James Kohls
7964	Corsair	John Lesesne
8280	.....	Warren Jones
.....	.....	Dick Crandal
.....	.....	Gene Truter
.....	.....	Dick Moore
.....	.....	Dave Somers
8343	Cathy	John Sherry
8593	.....	John Grant
8673	.....	Art Rautenberg

This year eleven Lightnings were dry moored on rafts. All the advantages of sailing from a raft were accepted gratefully as full payment for the work of constructing the rafts.

The annual Crescent Invitational in June started the sailing season for most of the fleet. The Invitational drew many top skippers from Pontiac, Devil's Lake, Gull Lake and five top skippers from Buckeye Lake.

Jim Kohls led the first race and won the Invitational which was only the beginning of his successful season. On the road many honors were won as Crescent skippers raced in the Michigan District Championship. Jim Kohls sailed consistently at the top of the fleet to win the championship with Hank Cawthra close behind. Bob Knop also qualified in the top eight to represent the Michigan District at the North American Championship. Other races won by Crescent skippers were the Higgins Lake Invitational, Pontiac White Cap Regatta, Centerboard Regatta, Detroit Civic Center Regatta and twelve D.R.Y.A. Regattas.

The "A" series of fleet races were scuttled by the late opening of the harbor due to dredging. The "B" series of fleet races were hotly contested with only four-tenths of a percent separating the winner John Lesesne from second place Robert Knop. Third place was won by George Grenzke. The Nighthawk series was won by Henry Cawthra. John Lesesne placed second, followed by

Jim Kohls. The Fleet championship of 30 races was won with less than two percentage points by John Lesesne with Bob Knop as runner-up.

This year we welcome Wm. Balman, Richard Peterson, Warren Jones, Howard Gray, Dick Moore and Dave Somers as new members to our fleet. Active participation by our new members will increase the already keen competition in this fleet.



"A time of rest at Fleet #51"

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

Based on Cass Lake, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Robert E. Scott
Fleet Secretary	George J. Bery
Fleet Champion	Mack Goodwin
Runner-Up	John Seaton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
839		Dr. James Henderson
857	Gal-Mack	Eugene Bego
887		Robert E. Scott
3433	Planned Poverty	John Long
3688	Con-Jan	Carl Christenson
4947	Gizmo	Claude Bennett
5090	Can Do	Ralph Behler and Burt Bouwkamp
5299	Play Buoy	Ernest Scherer
5518	Youngster	Donald Young
5793	Sea Jay	Dr. James H. Van Doren
5832	Zig Zag	D. V. Ziegler
6132	Boat	Alton & Jerry Gray
6363		Albert Agnew
7300	Triagan	Dr. Floyd Arnold
7335	T Square	Carl Marr
7356	Polaris II	Phil Miller
7360	Mach II	John Seaton
7407	C-Lark	Alex Clark
7439		Wm. McConnell & Bill Wiggins
7577		Andre Roualet
7676	Gusto	Mac Goodwin
7700	B Girl	Dave Barton & Bob Birney
7818	Wiki Wiki	Dr. Eugene Nalepa
8145	CIAO	Fred Cowin
8180	More Bull	Sheldon Kavielf
8307	High I.Q.	George and Claud Bery
8744	Ptyghur II	Dr. Leo Wasserberger
8778		Clarence Holman
8800	Panic II	Phil Smith
8888	Susurrio	Paul Rich
9054	Scarlet	Richard Beaubien
	Life Member	A. Oberson



"Tide-Ho! during 6th Annual White Cap Regatta at Pontiac Yacht Club"

The sailing season for Fleet 54 started May 3rd with the opening of the Spring Series and closed November 8th, final race of the Ice-Pick Series, totaling 60 scheduled races, 15 more than the previous year. Oh, yes, this does not include the 10 scheduled races of the Wet Hen Series, an event started this year, open to women only. No sailor at P.Y.C. could complain this year for lack of races. Six full months of sailing in Michigan is a packed schedule indeed.

Fleet Captain Mack Goodwin kept all skippers out on the course for most of their waking hours, and led the way for a good share of the time as the following indicates:

Spring Series:	Mack Goodwin, Claud Bery, John Seaton
Summer Series:	John Seaton, Hank Callahan, Phil Smith
Inter-Club:	Mack Goodwin, Les Huntwork, Phil Smith
Round Robin:	Mack Goodwin, Andy Roualet, Bob Schoenfeld
P.Y.C. Champ:	Mack Goodwin, John Seaton, Leo Wasserberger, Ralph Behler, Ernie Scherer
Nite Owl:	Claud Bery, Mack Goodwin, Fred Cowin
Snow Ball:	George Bery, Claude Bennett, Ken Cowin
Ice Pick:	Ernie Scherer, Phil Smith, Hank Callahan, Claud Bery, Fred Cowin

September 12 and 13, P.Y.C. held its 6th Annual White Cap Regatta with 49 Lightnings participating. Jim Kohls, 1964 Michigan District Champ, from Detroit's Crescent Sail Club, taking first place. The first race was won by Bill McKinley of Tawas Bay Yacht Club. Kohls led the race in a light variable breeze at the first mark but lost his lead on a close spinnaker reach to Warren Jones and Bill McKinley. The second race was won by John Seaton of the host club followed closely by Sherry, Sipel and Kohls, in that order.

Saturday evening was given over to a beer bust, a wonderful roast beef dinner, dancing to the Jr. Barefoot Philharmonics and that low-down contest called "Limbo".

After an hour and a half of coaxing our Lightnings around two legs of the course in 0.3 mile thermals, the third and final race of the Regatta was cancelled.

P.Y.C. skippers received trophies at the following regattas:

FINAL STANDINGS:

Skipper	Points	Final Position
J. Kohls	7	1
J. Seaton	9	2
W. Jones	10	3
W. McKinley	11	4
J. Harrison	12	5

P.Y.C. skippers received trophies at the following regattas:

Saginaw Bay: Dr. Leo Wasserberger, 1st
Tawas Bay: Dr. Leo Wasserberger, 1st.
Higgins Lake: Claud Bery, 2nd.
Pontiac: John Seaton, 2nd.
Lake Leelenau: Ken Bonnett, Jr. (broke mast while in 1st place).

P.Y.C. Awards as follows:

Highest point score in Michigan Districts, Leo Wasserberger.
Most Improved Skipper (Holman Cup), Ernie Scherer.
Most for the Club Trophy, Bill McConnell.
Most Improved Junior Sailor (Vedder Trophy), Dawn Ziegler.

Warmest congratulations from the skippers of Fleet 54 and all Lightning sailors as well to Leo Wasserberger and his crew on his winning the 1964 President's Cup at the North Americans.

GULL LAKE FLEET (137)

Fleet Captain Richard L. Maurer
Fleet Secretary James E. Fulton
Fleet Champion James W. Harrison
Runner-Up Thomas Crookston

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1070	Mother's Mink	John Moeller
2343	Brigadoon II	Bill Kibbey
2946	.....	Bruce Hutchinson
3528	Ricklin	Richard Maurer
3643	Resolute	Phil Baker
3771	.....	Barry Passman
4911	.....	James E. Fulton
5533	Two Bits	Bruce Murphy
5602	My Buddy	Glenn Proos
6895	Pink Lady	Sam Stearns
7234	Whitey	Thomas Crookston
7474	WesWin	Wes Cromie
7580	Yankee	James W. Harrison
7878	Sagitta	Duane Jamieson
7911	Psyched Out	Fred Coggan
7977	.....	Joe Foster
8588	Blue Chip	Dan Chappell
8636	.....	Wallace Gilkey
8740	.....	Lester Coleman

"UPSIDE DOWN CLUB" Les Coleman, Dan Chappell, Jim Fulton.

The Gull Lake Lightning Fleet was sorry to see the Fleet Captain, Carl Engels and his family leave for Africa in the middle of the sailing season. If there had been a way, we are sure Carl would have sailed his Lightning there. We will all look forward to their return.

Dick Maurer so graciously took over Carl's job as Fleet Captain and has done a real fine job.

Five Trophies were awarded for the Sunday Series:

1st Place	Jim Harrison	#7580
2nd Place	Tom Crookston	#7234
3rd Place	Sam Stearns	#6895
4th Place	Dan Chappell	#8588
5th Place	Glenn Proos	#5602

Five Trophies were awarded for the Saturday Series:

1st Place	Bob Harrison	#7580
2nd Place	Don Coggan	#7911
3rd Place	Jim Fulton	#4911
4th Place	Bill Kibbey	#2343
5th Place	Dick Crookston	#7234

Bob Harrison was awarded the Tholen Jr. Skipper Trophy.

Most Improved Skipper for the year was Phil Baker.

The Transom Trophy for "Perseverance" was awarded to John Moeller, who did a fine job behind the fleet.

The Gull Lake Regatta was held on a hot day with light air and in spite of all the sunburns and the good time had by all, silver cups were awarded to Jim Kohls of Detroit, Dean DeVries of Benton Harbor, Tom Crookston of Gull Lake, Joe Stueland of St. Joseph, and Carey Long of St. Joseph, who came in 1st through 5th respectively.

The annual Sail to Breakfast was enjoyed by all hands, all of whom came by auto with the exception of Les Coleman, who beat quite a few of the cars (he got an early start) and Dick Crookston, who half sailed and half paddled and Jim Fulton and crew, who almost made it in time for lunch.

We all knew he deserved it when our own Fleet Champion, Jim Harrison, along with his charming first mate Marge, came in 3rd place in the Districts this year at Grand Traverse Bay.

Don Coggan placed 12th in the Districts, but did a lot better at Tawas when he came in 2nd place. We knew all along he was a fine sailor.

Dick Crookston placed 4th at the Devil's Lake Regatta.

Tom Crookston was at the Districts at Grand Traverse Bay, but had a little trouble when his tiller broke. Tom said the air was rather blue.

The Lightning Fleet would also like to express its heartfelt thanks to Art Bates and Cee Moeller who served faithfully as a very fine and able race committee.

There were many "Shady Ladies" along with their avid sailors, forsaking their home chores for the lure of the Lightnings, but it all adds up to an even better sailing season in '65.



"Fleet Champion Jim Harrison in YANKEE along with his crew Marge and Bob Harrison."

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)

Sailing on Tawas Bay, Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain Charles Schreck
Fleet Secretary Herb Cox
Fleet Champion William McKinley
Runner-Up Herb Cox

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6222	Relampago	Jim Immers
6688	Merrit Mac II	Ladd McKay
8455	Hum Bug IV	Bill McKinley
8668	"G"	Herb Cox
9115	War Paint IV	Charles Schreck
9168	.....	Truman Barbier
9215	.....	Herman Nickels

Memories of the 1964 sailing season will be re-lived many times this winter when old sailors get together, over a cup of hot cider, and talk about the race they could have won, "IF"

We decided to sail more short races this season with the idea of improving our fleet by keeping the boats closer together. Instead of sailing a seven leg race, we sailed three races once around the course. This gave us three starts each Sunday and time for minor adjustments between each race, if needed. Some of us thought they were necessary. We improved our fleet. In fact we improved one boat so much that he won 21 of the 25 races. Bill McKinley proved his superior sailing ability by winning the fleet championship. Herb Cox won runner-up honors.

Dr. Leo Wasserberger representing Fleet 54, Pontiac sailed off with top honors during our invitational. Bill McKinley from our home fleet finished second and Don Coggan from Gull Lake was third. We enjoyed excellent sailing conditions and all participants felt the beach activities were as exciting as the sailing.

Truman Barbier launched a new boat in July. Crewed by his two sons, Peter and Truman, he was hard to beat when the going was light. With a few more pounds added to this crew, they will have no problem next summer with the strong winds that show up, now and then, on Tawas Bay.

Jim Immers bought Lightning 6222 from Dewey King. We are pleased to have Jim as a new member of Fleet 152. Here's to lots of good racing next summer Jim.

Herman, David and George Nickels brought their boats to Tawas for a week-end of racing in June. Herm had done such a good job of selling Tawas to his sailing friends from Lake Fenton that a fleet of scows came along to try our water. From the remarks heard around the club after the races, I am sure that Tawas and the sailors from Fenton will make this an annual affair. As usual Herm gave us lots of competition. He travels to so many invitational regattas that we don't include him in our fleet standings.

Charlie Schreck appeared with a new boat. He had it going like a bomb at the end of the season. Watch this boat next summer. He'll be hard to beat.

Five boats trailered to the Michigan Districts. McKinley and Nickels qualified for the North Americans. We were proud to have Herm represent our fleet in San Diego.

If you are in the Tawas area next summer, bring your Lightning and treat her to a dip in Tawas Bay. Fleet 152 cordially extends an invitation to you to test the best sailing water in the country.

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (174)

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Omena, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....	Norman Johanning
Fleet Secretary.....	Robert L. Morse
Fleet Champion.....	Norman Johanning
Runner-Up.....	Robert L. Morse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1602	Talisman	Dr. Carl Koch
2206		Ben Taylor, Jr.
2723	Whistlewing	Robert L. Merse
3008	Bedlam	Dr. Robert Lyon
3401		Al Belfour
4238		Mrs. Mary Foltz
6244	Queen Bee	Norman Johanning

The extremely low water level hampered us but we still were able to put on some enjoyable racing.

Several of our boats were used for sailing instruction under the direction of the Club Youth Program Director. During our formal racing the crews were made up of young people from the sailing class, who got a lot of good experience. As a result, we feel we have a fine group of potential Lightning buyers for the future.

Again, several of our boats competed with about 35 boats in the Traverse City Yacht Club's annual George Smith Trophy Races—named for a past Commodore of our Club. Our boats and skippers cannot quite compete with those who campaign the many regattas each summer, but we did come in about the middle.

The last race of the season was from Omena to Old Mission Point Light and back. It was won by Queen Bee with Talisman second.

LELAND YACHT CLUB (184)

Sailing on Lake Leelanau at Leland, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....	Jim Fisher
Fleet Secretary.....	Jan Hottenstein
Fleet Champion.....	Don Gilligan
Runner-Up.....	Mike Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4298	Tangle Toes	David Workum & Lee Workum
4679	Ibis	Frank Bracken
1772	Wind Lass	Dick Evans
4842	Two A.M.	Jack Larson
4876	Chrisa Lyn	Cammie McKisson

5023	Confusion	Averly Lynn Kimerly
5227		John & Mike Derrick
5318		Norbert Gits
5333	Celerity	Phyllis Riley
5367		Fred Ball
5718	Decibelle	Judy Hilsinger
5883	Grayling	Frank & Jack Mead
6037	Poor Pearl	Don Gilligan
6224	Brazil Nut	George & Wally Bennett
6499		Jan & Jill Hottenstein
6606	Follow Me	Jim & Jeff Fisher
6664	Luffer Buoy	Toby Tyler
7007		Mike Fisher
9258	Frelvido II	Don Mitchell
		Jack Larson
		Bill Miller

*Note—These two skippers are buying boats this year.

The sailors of the Leland Yacht Club enjoyed perfect weather for sailing during the months of July and August. Competition and enthusiasm was increased when several of the younger skippers and their crews proved themselves to be well qualified sailors.

Mike Fisher, Lightning #7007, who was the Fleet Champion for the last three years fought it out with Don Gilligan, Lightning #6037, until the last race of the season. Mike relinquished the title of Fleet Champion to Don in a hotly contested battle.

The Leland Yacht Club was host to an Invitational Regatta the second weekend of August. High gusty winds made the two days exciting ones with several boats capsizing. The guest sailors proved too much for the Leland group, however the fleet was proud that Mike Fisher placed fifth for the weekend.

The Marathon Race which is held annually for the sailors on Lake Leelanau was dominated by the men. In this race each boat must go around all the buoys on the lake three times. Don Gilligan placed first and Mike Fisher and his crew came in second. Another big weekend was the Bill Miller-Labor Day Regatta which ended the summer season for the sailors. Don Gilligan won the Regatta in "A-Class" and Jan Hottenstein won in "B-Class".

The annual awards dinner was held August 29th at Leland Lodge. Jan. Hottenstein captured the awards this year which were presented by Commodore Bill Walker of the Leland Yacht Club. Jan, who has been sailing a Lightning for two years, received the "Commodore's Cup" for the most improved sailor on the lake. He also placed first in the Handicap Award with Don Mitchell second. The season ended with Jan placing third after Don Gilligan and Mike Fisher in "A-Class". The "B-Class" award went to Don Mitchell, Phyllis Riley, and John and Mike Derrick.

After several unsuccessful seasons for some of the members, talk has been circulating that there will be several new boats in competition on the lake next year. Two who have acquired their Lightnings are Don Mitchell and Jack Larson. Other members are painting and re-rigging their boats in preparation for a more challenging summer in 1965.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216)

Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....	Tom Wisniewski
Fleet Secretary.....	James Johnson
Fleet Champion.....	Joseph Disette
Runner-Up.....	Wesley McMullen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2900	Alibi	Hubert Dembouski, Carl Raack
3340	Nancy K	F. Reinhold
4590	Calypso	Dave Harmer
5574	Half Fast	Robert Drew
5802	Maverick	Bill, Skip & Ed Pederson
6565	Ultra	Fred Neitzke
6855	Sea Foam	Maurice Melcher
7169	All-R's	Charles Requadt
7575	Mom's Mink	Ormond Barstow
8288	Mere-Maid	Harry Hooker
8294	Niva Belle	Jim Johnson
8596		Tom, Barb & Jack Wisniewski
	Carousel II	Joseph Disette & Joe III
		Stan & Brian Foresman
		Ralph & Nancy Shumack
		John Fowler

We had our customary problems with heavy winds and high seas this year, plus the additional complications of unusually low water conditions. It started with the Memorial Day Regatta. The third race was blown out. Visitors Bill McKinley and Herb Cox, from Tawas Bay, led but couldn't get back for the make up race (lucky for the local boys). Results: 1. Dissette, 2. Wisniewski, 3. McMullen.

Our Invitational Regatta ran into worse trouble. In the first race the whole fleet was disabled including visitors Leo Wasserberger and Claude Bennett from Pontiac. All three races were held the next day over shortened courses. Results: 1. Wasserberger, 2. Wisniewski, 2. McMullen.

Our other regattas were troubled more by a lack of wind, but they did come off on schedule. The results for the July 4 Regatta were: 1. Dissette, 2. McMullen, 3. Johnson.

Labor Day Regatta results were: 1. Dissette, 2. Wisniewski, 3. Johnson.

Our Wednesday night series ended with: 1. Johnson, 2. O'Dell, 3. Neitzke.

The season finals gave first place hardware to Joe Dissette, second to Wes McMullen, and third to Tom Wisniewski.

Our trophy to the Most Improved Skipper of the Year was awarded to Jim Johnson. He really got his boat moving this year and we are expecting him to be leading the pack often next season.

Members Dissette and Wisniewski represented us at the Michigan District at Traverse City and, as usual, they came back having learned more tricks to keep us on the jump. Later, Joe Dissette and Jim Johnson trailed their boats to the Pontiac Yacht Club's White Cap Regatta and came back with wild stories about their shallow water.

The coming season should be a great one with more and tighter competition. We'll have several new members: Ormond Barstow, Fred Neitzke, Stan Foresman, Ralph Shumack, and John Fowler. There will be at least four new boats including Champion Dissette's new fiberglass Carousel II. We don't wish Joe any bad luck but we hope the boat takes a little while getting used to him. Maybe someone else can build up a few points. We understand Stan Foresman and son Brian have been practicing tactics all Fall till the ice drove them out of the bay. They'll be sailing one of these new fiberglass jobs, too.

Watch out, Joe!



"Champion team—left to right Joe Dissette, Joe Dissette III and Dr. Dave Mehlhose."

BURT LAKE YACHT CLUB (254)

Sailing on Burt Lake, in Northern Michigan

Fleet Captain	Steve Wright
Fleet Secretary	Nancy Kauffman
Fleet Champion	Kay ImObersteg
Runner-Up	Steve Wright

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
45	Sualdan	Daniel French

4948	Margaret	John Parlin
6279	Verve	Tom Dunlap
7345	Cyn-Bob	Cynthia Dunlap
7346		Janet Stevenson
8677	Red Witch	Robert Graham III
8752		Steve Wright
8784		Kay ImObersteg
9222	Thrice Struck II	Rev. Harris

The 1964 Burt Lake Yacht Club sailing season came to life May 1st when the breezy treasurer sent the fifty or so members their dues statements and the enthusiastic brochure for the coming summer.

The Club had their twenty-sixth successful and exciting two months of sailing on beautiful Burt Lake. Race days for the Lightnings were held on the usual Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Frequently visitors, whom we welcome, join in our competition.

Our calendar of events, extending from July 4 to Aug. 30 included sailing picnics, sailfish races, O'Day Sprite races, two tennis tournaments and a splendid banquet at nearby Wequetonsing's Colonial Inn where the awards were made.

John Hanse, an eager and able sailor from DePauw University, was our Sailing-Swimming director. Even though it was his first introduction to Burt Lake, he ably managed our program and introduced many new young sailors to the fun-sport of sailing.

The following won awards for 1964:

Lightning Class: July—First, Steve Wright
Lightning Class: August—First, Kay ImObersteg
Lightning Class: Season—First, Kay ImObersteg
Songbird Fleet: July—Most improved skipper, Annie ImObersteg
Songbird: August—Most improved skipper, Danny Stevenson
Sailfish Trophy: Bob Vail
"Sportsmanship": Lew Wallace Memorial Trophy, Butch ImObersteg
"Most for Club": Dudley Jordan Memorial Trophy, Kay ImObersteg
"How to Sail": John A. Parlin Memorial Trophy, Al French

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Dr. Richard Thirlby
Fleet Secretary	John McGuffin
Fleet Champion	Gordon Cornwell
Runner-Up	Ken Lindsay

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
119	Jeanne M	Dave Mulcahy
820	Poor John	John Yates
1557	Mary Ann	Phil Keway
2138	Hustler	John McGuffin
3386	Foreboding	Paul Hazelton
3398	Floozie	Dick Swan
6593	Bar-Bet	Bill Novak
7065	Huvna	Richard Thirlby
7227	Pip	Kenneth Lindsay
7344	Floozie too	Don Owens
7615		Jake Beers, Harry Calcutt
8001	Charge	Chuck VanHorn
8208	4-Sail-2	Gordon Cornwell
8282	Tiger	Warren Cline
8338	Hondo	William VanEpps
8781	Bay Boy	Brad Cowie
9293	Slob	Richard Thirlby
9333	Mistress	John McGuffin

Fleet 326 had perhaps the biggest year since its organization. Besides hosting the Michigan Districts, we also increased our own fleet by five boats.

Don Owens got another boat (7344) and sold his old boat to Dick Swan. Jake Beers and Harry Calcutt went in together and bought Charlie Schresk's old 7615. We also welcomed Brad Cowie's new glass boat 8781. Paul Hazelton in 3386 and Bill Novak in 6593 were back with us after a year's absence.

The Michigan Districts were held July 24, 25, 26, and 27 with the boys from downstate taking home all of the hardware. We were proud of Gordon Cornwell, however, as he placed tenth. The wind was mostly light for the event, but we did have two good races where the wind was over ten knots.

In the middle of August our fleet participated in the Leland Regatta. We came home with four of the five silver bowls. In first was Lindsay; second, Cornwell; third, VanHorn; and fourth, Owens.

The results of the Spring Series was Gordon Cornwell in first, Ken Lindsay in second and Chuck VanHorn in third place.

In the "B" Fleet John McGuffin was first with Harold McGlothlin second and Phil Keway third.

There was another first for the fleet this year, with the beginning of the new Nan-C Jay cup races. These races, sailed over Memorial Day weekend, were inaugurated and run by Dr. Charles Haberlien.

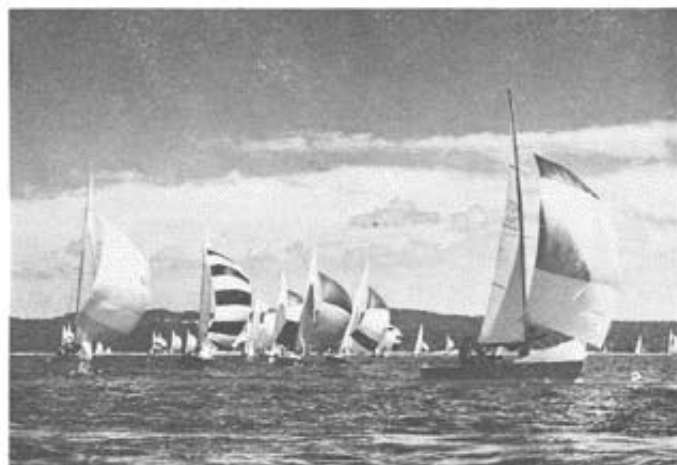
The first six skippers in our regular fleet races were chosen to sail in the series. The skipper and crew changed boats in each race. Cornwell took this series also.

Toward the end of the season two new boats were added to our fleet. Dick Thirlby got a new glass boat 9293 and John McGuffin brought home 9333.

Our fleet finally completed the fall series in the middle of October. In first place was Gordon Cornwell, second, Ken Lindsay, and third, Don Owens.

In our junior sailing program Tom Lindsay was first, followed by Skip VanHorn, and third went to Cheryl VanHorn.

All of us in Fleet 326 wish to thank all of the participants in the Michigan Districts and we sincerely hope all of you come see us again next year.



"Fleet #326 racing at Grand Traverse Yacht Club"

PENTWATER YACHT CLUB FLEET (340)

Sailing on Pentwater Lake at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Walter L. Hallenbeck
Fleet Secretary	George E. Tubich
Fleet Champion	Donald N. Basler
Runner-Up	Dr. Raymond M. Galt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1287	Miss Pent	Mrs. C. R. Taylor
2589	Frenchtown	J. T. Cartland
2735	Miss T	G. E. Tubich
3066	Risky	W. L. Hallenbeck
4392	Bumblebee	Dr. R. M. Galt
4410		J. Duncan
4945	Trilogy	Dr. J. Olwin
5650	Lazy Squaw	E. L. Todd
6025	Slow Pok	J. W. Andrews & D. Reynolds
6384	Alethia	D. Basler
6889	Frantic	W. McMullen
7714	Therapy	Dr. J. Graettinger
9259	Poison Envy	Mrs. M. A. Bates

The 1964 series of sailing events for the Pentwater Yacht Club Fleet officially closed with the traditional Sailor's Supper and awarding of trophies on Aug. 30. However, this did not stop sailing—a number of impromptu races were scheduled. In addition, a trial race was set-up in Lake Michigan—you can bet that there will be more of these next year.

Our fleet grows steadily. In part, this is due to the keen competition and good sportsmanship, adhering to the sailing and ground rules and excellent organization and scheduling of the races by the Fleet Measurer.

While all the sights are set on the Fleet or Club Championship the Hewitt, Commodore, and Homecoming Trophies keep the fleet trimmed for racing action. After the usual recalls, protests, disqualifications, capsizings, and all else that can happen in Lightning racing the winners were:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

(1) Don Basler	Alethia
(2) Dr. Ramey Galt	Bumblebee
(3) Dr. Jack Graettinger	Therapy

HEWITT TROPHY

(1) Don Basler	Alethia
(2) Dr. Ramey Galt	Bumblebee

COMMODORE'S CUP

(1) Dr. Jack Graettinger	Therapy
(2) Dr. Ramey Galt	Bumblebee

HOMEcoming TROPHY

(1) Wes McMullen	Frantic
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The cherished C. Ray Taylor Sportsman Trophy was won by Walter Hallenbeck.

To encourage sailing in our juniors, Dr. Galt was appointed chairman to organize training classes for the 1965 season.

The "finish gun" is to our Fleet Measurer, Herb Behr, with out his help our season would not be half so enjoyable. The sailors showed their appreciation by presenting Herb with a jacket bearing the yacht club insignia.

DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

Based on Douglas Lake at Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Manley Osgood, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Maurice Olsaver
Fleet Champion	John G. Young
Runner-Up	Maurice Olsaver

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1214	Mid III	Earl J. Peters
1565	MerSea	John G. Young
2541	Daddy-O	Maurice Olsaver
2843	Thunderbird	Graham Paton
3396	Woo	Manley Osgood, Jr.



"Fleet Champion Jack Young (right) is congratulated by new member Graham Paton (center) and Fleet Captain Bud Osgood."

Sailing on beautiful Douglas Lake in Northern Michigan, this new if not newest fleet of the Association, is the outgrowth of one man; "Bud" Osgood bringing the first Lightning to the lake and having friends become interested. Several of us have raced informally for several years, and while, admittedly some of our starts consisted of three or four boats heading in the same general direction on the same day, considerable progress has been made.

Since we are a group of summer residents of Douglas Lake coming from as far away as Pittsburgh, our sailing season is limited to the months of July and August, with the Labor Day week end closing the season. Nevertheless we were able to sail fifteen races for the regular season and a Labor Day series of five races. After rather a slow season start, Earl Peters got his boat moving to sweep the closing series with five firsts.

For the coming season, we anticipate adding one or possibly two boats to our fleet and interest in sailing is growing as

evidenced by the growing number of "stink boats" that come out to watch our races and occasionally ask questions. One member will be sailing a new Lightning next year.

LES CHENEAX LIGHTNING FLEET (378) Sailing on Lake Huron, Les Cheneaux Yacht Club, Cedarville, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Frank Andreae
Fleet Secretary	Janet Booth
Fleet Champion	Bruce and Dick Taylor
Runner-Up	Jack Booth

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
291	Wet Smack II	Frank Andreae
1815	Splash Splash	Don Young, Jr.
4090	Me Too	Dick Taylor
7023	Penelope	Jack Booth

For several years the Lightning skippers in our area have had great enthusiasm for racing. Naturally, it is with great pleasure that we join the Lightning fleets everywhere.

Our numbers are small but our joy in Lightning yachts is spreading rapidly. Several owners of other class yachts in our area have already made plans to obtain new yachts to join our fleet. We're confident that the many advantages of Lightning ownership will make our fleet grow fast indeed.

Our winner this summer was Lightning #4090 owned by Dick Taylor and skippered by Bruce Taylor. These boys did a fine job and we hope they continue with their Lightning winning ways. Jack and Janet Booth and their faithful crew Al Pollard held down a runner-up position. Don Young got the "Most Enthusiastic Skipper" award and Jane and Frank Andreae were the "Most Improved Skippers" of the season.

As you can see, this takes care of about everybody in our fleet. Fortunately we always had visiting Lightnings and usually raced about six boats. Our motto is "Les Cheneaux the fastest growing fleet in the International Lightning Class Association".

We're looking forward to next summer for many pleasant hours of sailing and the many Lightning skippers that we may meet.



"Bruce and Dick Taylor, Fleet #378 champs, in ME TOO."

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore: Bill Campbell
District Secretary: Hank Handy
District Champion: Bruce Goldsmith
District Runner-Up: Carey Long
Fleets: Chicago Corinthia (5); Michigan City (20); Burnham Park (56); Neenah-Nodaway (67); Milwaukee (69); South Shore (Milwaukee) 79; Green Bay (112); St. Joseph (113); Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Clearwater Bay (277); Thunder Bay (279); Lake of the Woods (320); Lake Geneva (345).

Early in February the 1964 summer racing schedule for the Midwest District were finalized after a fine dinner at the Burnham Park Yacht Club. Our thanks to our Chicago friends for taking care of the arrangements. This is usually quite an occasion, as the annual meeting is set to coincide with the date of the Chicago Boat Show. The greatest struggle, for us country boys from Michigan is to keep our wives out of those fancy stores, cause, "five dollars just isn't nothin' over there."

Bruce Goldsmith gave a report on Southern Circuit races and results. He followed that with a very complete and comprehensive explanation of barber haulers—the latest wrinkle in sailing. You simply must have them if you're anyone at all. Where it originated no one knows, but it is quite intriguing, and who knows how effective? Following Bruce, Bill Wingard gave an interesting talk, and showed pictures taken at the World Championship at Peru.

Our first race was the Shakedown at the St. Joseph River Yacht Club. First place went to Bill Wingard, second place to Jim Hopkins, and third was to Carey Long. This was followed by the Small Boat Regatta at Burnham Park. Hopkins was first, Bill Wingard was second and Carey Long third. The P. & T. Regatta, at Milwaukee, was next where good old calm Lake Michigan kicked up its heels but good. The Saturday's one race was won by Bud Crow. When the seas continued to build up the remaining races were cancelled. The St. Joe boys are a crafty lot. Following the P. & T. was the Sand Dunes at Michigan City. Very light winds prevailed and only two races were sailed. Jay Doty took first place, second was Dave Ashton and Joe Stueland a close third. The Lake Michigan Championship is decided by taking your best three out of four regattas, which allows you to throw out your worst series. This year's champ is Bill Wingard, second was Carey Long, and third, Jay Doty, fourth, Joe Stueland, and fifth, Bud Crow.

We took time out to attend the Midwest Districts, July 18 and 19th, at Chicago Corinthian. Bruce Goldsmith was fairly consistent and lucked out by taking three firsts in the three races. Carey Long was second, with a fourth, second and fourth. Jim Hopkins was third. Jay Doty was fourth. Only three of the four scheduled races were sailed, due to difficult winds, which ranged from nothing to a predicted 40 m.p.h. squall.

The results are as follows: