

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	Splish 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:

CCYC, July 18 - 19

Scoring Chairman: Pete Chase

Stand. No.	Skipper	Town	Positions
1 8298	B. Goldsmith	Chicago	1 1 1
2 8714	C. Lon*	St. Joe	4 2 4
3 8644	J. Hopkins	Green Bay	9 10 6
4 9070	J. Doty	Chi.	2 4 21
5 8999	D. Ashton	Milw.	10 8 9
6 8679	H. Spitz	Mich. City	5 6 19
7 7979	M. Upton	St. Joe	6 22 3
8 7966	J. Stueland	St. Joe	3 12 16
9 7601	W. Halley	Chi.	7 14 11
10 7955	J. Burke	Chi.	17 13 13
11 7579	P. Eaman	St. Joe	14 15 14
12 8374	A. Wong	Chi.	8 16 20
13 8143	E. Ross	Chi.	13 29 5
14 7370	A. Berg	Chi.	12 5 33
15 9001	B. Crow	St. Joe	18 7 25
16 8541	W. Wingard	Chi.	Dns. 3 2
17 9170	J. Carroll	Chi.	15 11 30
18 7505	E. Reisner	Milw.	11 20 27
19 6225	R. Teborek	Chi.	22 25 12
20 8267	G. Scrivner	Chi.	23 30 8
21 8979	Johnson & Greaves	Chi.	24 31 7
22 8350	M. Campbell	Green Bay	21 23 18
23 7900	J. Esser	Milw.	33 18 15
24 7009	I. Murphy	Mich. City	25 24 17
25 7312	R. Welch	Mich. City	26 19 23
26 6202	A. Perry	Sheboygan	20 28 22
27 8611	F. Day	Chi.	30 35 10
28 8715	R. Blair	Chi.	16 27 34
29 7903	R. Erickson	Chi.	19 17 Dnf
30 4994	D. Schmidt	Milw.	28 33 26
31 8005	D. Remich	Hammond	35 34 24
32 8028	D. Duley	Davenport	29 37 32
33 9010	R. Novak	Lake Gen.	32 32 35
34 7003	J. Christianson	Milw.	27 26 Dns
35 7547	R. Hinze	Chi.	34 39 41
36 5788	B. Anderson	Chi.	36 21 Dns
37 8246	T. Biebel	Green Bay	37 41 28
38 5967	D. DeVries	St. Joe	Dnf 9 Dnf
39 5133	B. Borisof	Chi.	38 36 37
40 3619	J. Weslowski	Chi.	40 44 29
41 7936	W. Burke	Chi.	43 38 38
42 5651	Leeker & Yochim	Chi.	42 46 36
43 8669	E. Spertus	Chi.	31 Dnf Dnf
44 8427	C. Wegert	Chi.	41 43 Dnf
45 7629	G. Carlson	Chi.	39 Dnf Dnf
46 5358	B. Kornhaber	Chi.	Dsq 40 Dns
47 8020	F. Winkler	Chi.	Dns 42 Dnf
48 5347	T. McLeod	Chi.	Dnf 45 Dnf
49 9161	H. Mieling	Chi.	Dns Dns Dns

7955	Midetite	John J. Burke
8020	Lodestar	Fred Winkler
8137	May Day	Earl Ross
8298	Snoopy	Bruce Goldsmith
8427	Caprice	Clarence Wegert
8541	Jubilee	William Wingard
8669	Spectre	Eugene D. Spertus
9070	Shelby	Jay Doty
9077	Adios	James Carroll
9161	Lin	Harold Mieling
		Arthur Chuzum

The 1964 season was somewhat unique in that all of the scheduled forty races were sailed, thanks to the cooperation of an excellent race committee and good weather. One thing not unique was the fact that Bill Wingard again won the first championship. Bill compiled a point score of 1.56 and a record of not finishing below third place in thirteen club races. John Burke, challenging all along led until the seventh race when he had the misfortune to place fifth, followed by a DSQ on the final race, thereby finishing second with a point score of 3.14. Earl Ross was third with 3.38.

Our Commodore Cup Series, sailed five minutes after the Championship Series, saw Tom McLeod winning with a score of 2.43, Clare Wegert second with a score of 2.56, and Fred Winkler third with a score of 2.89. This series was closely contested, with only 1.6 points between the first and last boats.

The Ding Dong Series, sailed on the weekends that out of town regattas were scheduled had good participation with one hundred eight boats starting in the ten race series. Jim Carroll took first (1.78 points), Dick Hinze second (2.50 points), and Clare Wegert third (4.71 points).

The Wednesday evening Moonbeam series, a relaxed type of race series held after dinner, saw Ray Teborek first, Bert Carroll second, and Fred Winkler third. Participation in the series has increased this year to a total of thirty-nine boats in six races.

A total of three hundred thirty-two boats started in all of the club series, which adds up to quite a bit of sailing. The fleet was also host for the 1964 Midwest District Championship. Forty-nine boats entered this year with Bruce Goldsmith of our club winning the series of races which were plagued by light air.

The fleet increased in size this year with the addition of five boats and also saw a dry sailing compound become a reality. The general reaction to the dry sailing area was very favorable principally because it offered less and easier boat maintenance and the opportunity to measure and inspect the fastest boats, thereby discovering well kept secrets. While sailors found the dry sailing area attractive, the birds were forced to change to a different class of boat.

Next year we plan to continue with the established race series and are considering team racing. Fleet No. 5 extends an invitation to all Lightning sailors to sail with us during the year and a special invitation to enter the Red Flannel Regatta next fall after the Internationals in Italy.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Based on Lake Michigan, Montrose Harbor,
Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain	Jim Carroll
Fleet Secretary-Treasurer	Clare Wegert
Fleet Champion	Bill Wingard
Runner-Up	John Burke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3628	LaBelle Poule	Bernard Abraham
4225	Bonnie	G. N. Shields, Jr.
5133	Oh Marie	Bernard Borisof
5347	Hustler	Thomas McLeod
5651	Chi-Lady	Don Leeker and Al Yochim
5788	Hussy	William Anderson, Jr.
5962	Volare	John Cutler
6225	Misty	Ray Teborek
6970	Schuss	Clifford Stettler
7002	Impudent	Lee Van Degens
7326	Lucky Too	Ralph Weninger
7370	Istar	Alton A. Berg
7547	Frolic	Richard Hinze
7567	Thunderin	Bob Bushelle
7629	Isolde	George R. Carlson
7936	Choote	Wm. E. Burke

BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56)

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain	Art Orlowski
Fleet Secretary	Bob Erickson
Fleet Champion	Art Wong
Runner-Up	Robert Erickson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
404	Carefree	Joe Strell
2554	Scalare	Arthur Appel
5358		Bernie Kornhaber
5383	Dayspring	Jim Teale & Ed Walkup
6032	Petrel	Bob Logelin
6039	Mickie II	Dan & Frank Hubbell
6194	Senta	Charles Wadsack
6775	Slowpoke	Joe Carey
6935	U 2nd	Jack Friedman
7327		John Vanderbrink
7504	Cookie III	Bill Paine
7784	Dot-N-Linc	Lincoln Maher
7846	Bowfin	Art Orlowski
7898	Sawbones	Dr. B. Yaffe
7903	Mal de Mere	Robert Erickson
8303	Pearl of the Orient	Dick Mansfield

8374	Arne	Art Wong
8590	Drifter	Raymond Brady
8611	Daydream	Frank Day
8668	Vedi Veci	Al Chelinskis
8715	September	Ronald Blair
8979	Main Brace	Charles Greaves & Don Johnson

The Burnham Park Lightning Fleet enjoyed a wonderful season of racing this year. Besides our club championship series, a large turnout was at hand at our Wednesday night moonlight series, which, under the capable management of Frank Day proved to be highly popular and successful.

Our season's schedule opened with the traditional Pest Trophy Race on Memorial Day which was won by Bob Erickson in Mal-De-Mer followed closely by Art Wong in Arne and Greaves-Johnson third place sailing their new Lightning in its first race.

The annual Burnham Park Yacht Club Small Boat Regatta attracted many one-design classes. Of approximately one hundred entered in the regatta, one-half the boats were Lightnings. Winner in the Lightnings was Jim Hopkins from the Green Bay Fleet, with Bruce Goldsmith and Bill Wingard from the Chicago Corinthian Fleet second and third respectively.

As in the previous season Bob Erickson got off to a terrific start in the Fleet Championship Series only to falter at the end of the season. At opposite poles, a strong finish at the end of the season helped Art Wong win the Fleet Championship, an accomplishment that he has not enjoyed for several seasons. Erickson finished second, Greaves third.

Meantime, Frank Day organized and executed a very popular Wednesday night Moonlight Series. The informal race series coupled with a picnic atmosphere wiener roast after the races attracted more racing crews regularly than our championship series. The Moonlight Race Series winners in the order of finishing were Art Wong, Charley Greaves and Bob Erickson.

The Chicago Lightning Squadron's Red Flannel Regatta was held at the Burnham Park Yacht Club this year. The first day's racing was completely blown out by gale force winds. On the second day two races were raced back to back in winds that seemed at times to gust up to gale force. As a result, the regatta was saved from being completely cancelled. First overall was won by Bruce Goldsmith from Chicago Corinthian Fleet, followed by Bill Wingard in second and Bill Campbell third.

Post season rumors indicate that there will be a few brand new boats in the fleet. Those expected to sport new boats are Art Appel, Bill Paine, Art Wong, Bob Logelin, Bernie Kornhaber and the Greaves-Johnson team. Art Orlowski, who acquired a cruising boat, will campaign in the big boat races.

MILWAUKEE FLEET (69)

Based on Lake Michigan, Wisc.

Fleet Captain	Gary Arnold
Fleet Secretary	Betsy Morris
Fleet Champion	Gary Arnold
Runner-Up	Jack Luthe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1701	Caprice	Betsy Morris
4714	Rx Pillroller	Bill Ward
4999	Baby Doll	Donald F. Schmidt
5123	Boat	Charles Ingwerson and Charles Drake III
5764	Con Moto	Clifford G. Ward
5932	Rogue	Charles Jordan & Mrs. Harold Walker
5953	Scarlett	Dr. Bruce Brewer
6023	Oat Bay	Gerald Caffrey
6159	Steropes	Bill Kucharek
6607	After You	James Casper, Howard Frank & Robert Wolf
7003	Last Penny	Len Gardenier
7262	Raffica	Eric Erdman
7505	Holy Smoke III	Rev. Ensworth Reisner
7523	Dor's Right	Floyd J. Cough
7602	War Horse	John Goldsmith
7737	Sea Breeze	George E. Percy
7900	San Souci II	Dr. John Esser
7920	Barby	Gary Arnold
8120	Avalanche	Jack Luthe
8267	Barb II	Guy Scrivner

8939	Harry Edmark
8999	Dave Ashton
Endeavor	Jerry Zimmerman

Memorial Day opened the Lightning racing season at Milwaukee Yacht Club. It turned out to be a most remarkable season with three new boats adding a keen edge to the already close competition. New boats owned by the Kerstings, Harry Edmark and Dave Ashton entered the waters of Lake Michigan for the first time.

Except for the annual P & T Regatta, the weather was beautiful with the full gamut of drifters, light to medium and heavy air.

The season series was hotly contested as usual with Gary Arnold, Jack Luthe, Guy Scrivner and Dr. John Esser usually finishing the eight mile triangular course within thirty to forty-five seconds of each other. (YOU CAN'T BEAT THAT FOR RACING). Unfortunately, some of our stellar performers, namely Rev. Reisner and Dave Ashton, favored the winds of other shores and did not sail enough races to qualify for the series. Dave Ashton finally received his boat by air freight in time to strap it on his trailer and take it to California in time for the Championships. Better luck next time Dave! Rev. Reisner again sailed at Gull Lake in August.

The annual P & T Regatta was held in July with a terrific turnout of forty boats. Fleets 5, 56, 69, 79, 112, 113, 137 and 187 were represented with #9001, Bud Crow of Fleet 113 winning, #7903 Bob Erickson of Fleet 56 second and #9070 Jay Doty of Fleet 5 third.

One of the highlights of the Milwaukee Yacht Club racing season is the Little Mackinac race. This is an annual 25-mile race for all boats 20 feet and under. In competition with many Flying Scots the first three boats to finish were Lightnings. The first boat was Bled I owned by Harry Edmark and skippered by Dean Cady. The second boat was Gary Arnold's "Barby", and a newcomer to the trophy circle was third—Chuck Jordan's "Rogue" who is the son-in-law of the late Harold Walker. Mr. Walker competed for many years at Milwaukee Yacht Club in both Lightnings and Stars. Chuck, Jane and their children, cheered on by Mrs. Walker, proved they are going to be tough to beat in 1965.

All of the Lightning sailors were proud to have Jack Luthe re-elected Commodore of Milwaukee Yacht Club.

SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB (79)

Based at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Harold Lemke
Fleet Secretary	Mary Gardenier
Fleet Champion	Len Gardenier & J. Christianson
Runner-Up	Alan & Harold Lemke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1299	Little Richard	Richard Pearson
1702	Doodle Bug	Max Reuss
2530		Raymond Bethke
3622	Riptide	Alan & Harold Lemke
4853	Sea Gal	Tom Feller
5677	Jazbow	James Grady
5996	Dickens	Richard D. Marsik
6200	Maurauder	Rick Schultz
6440	Mic Mac	Mike Emery
7003	Last Penny	Len Gardenier
8247		Richard Carlson
8302		Mike Pierce
8634	Bilikin	Pat Tully
8999	Blue Chip	George Ashton
		Ronald J. Baldwin

Fleet 79 experienced a very satisfying season. We started things off on the right foot with a pre-season dinner which included the wives, followed this up with a mid-season family picnic and climaxed the season with a fantastically delicious Bear, Brat and Corn Roast at our Brill Series Regatta.

More boats than ever participated in the Saturday Races together with Fleet 69 across the bay and we had good representation in the major regattas in the area. Our big regatta, the Brill Series, had entries from 4 different fleets to compete for the Ski Jackets that Lon Brill gives to the winners. Jim Hopkins came down from Green Bay to take the honors with Bob Tillen also from Green Bay, 2nd, and Mary Campbell (Green Bay, again!) and Tom Bierman of Sheboygan tied for third.

Next season will be the first since 1946 that Len & Mary Gardenier are not sailing a Lightning. They helped to organize the Fleet at that time with 1707, Bad Penny, and shifted to Last Penny, 7003, a few years ago. They have now purchased a small cruiser which I would say was just about the right size to tow us in on those flat days.

Jerry Beaudry, former National One Design sailor, purchased 7003 from Len and is all set to try the stiffer competition that he will find in the Lightning Class.

GREEN BAY FLEET (112)

Based on Green Bay, Wisc.

Fleet Captain	Quinten J. Adamski
Fleet Secretary	Ken L. Mathys
Fleet Champion	James L. Hopkins
Runner-Up	Mary Campbell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
730	Tips	Robert Rahr Flatley
1578	Four Belles	Fred Cross
2199	Matey	Ed Mattick
2326		Ray Wahlton
2503	Geo. Claire, Jr.	Geo. Burrige
2505	Babv	Carl Witteborg, Jr.
2534	Confusion	Wm. Hayes & Frank Wood
3777	Pat-Sue	Ken Mathys
5707	Lady Luck	Robert Minahan
7075	Manukia	Jerry & Harold Koch
7144	Misty	Dr. Thomas J. Beno
7375	Snafu II	R. G. Evans
8025	Black Jack	Quinten Adamski
8246	Ginny Lee II	Arnold & Tom Biebel
8350	Peacock	Mary Campbell
8644	Hawg	James L. Hopkins
8746	Aurora	Curt Olson
8749	Diable	Ken LaFond
9075		Richard Bush
	Rat Fink	Jim Ford & Robt. Tillemann

Jim Hopkins with his crew of Ray Leight and Lyle Bracker plus his wife, Marge, at times had a real good season with the local competition giving him a fit at local races as well as at the major regattas. Mary Campbell, Quinn Adamski, Curt Olson and the Ford-Tillemann team all pressed him for club honors in all series.

Some of Hopkins' positions were first in a July regatta in Chicago, Ill., a third in the Midwest District Championship, first in the Bratwurst Regatta at Sheboygan, Wis. Yacht Club Regatta. Ford-Tillemann took a fourth in this last one and six Green Bay skippers were in the first thirteen boats. To cap the season, the travelers were Hopkins, Ford-Tillemann and Mary Campbell in that order for the Brill Series Regatta at Milwaukee, Wis. Yacht Club.

Local race hardware should also be well divided again this year as Curt Olson, Thomas Biebel and others should collect some when winners' banquet time rolls around in the Class and Handicap Series of G.B.S.C. Some of the skippers should be heard from next year too as Dick Bush kept the tradition of our handicap event, The Walter Masse Trophy Race, true to form as no one has won it in consecutive years since its inception.

With twenty Lightnings in the fold Green Bay Fleet 112 was not lacking for participants in the local races of the Green Bay Sailing Club of which this group is incorporated. Having sailed on Fox River in previous years, the low water problem plus anxiety for larger waters and some more rugged competition had the club as a whole moving its operations to Eagle's Nest Marina on Green Bay during the 1963-64 Winter and Spring season.

After some pile driving, dredging, hoist and dock mounting, the sailing season was on its way May 18th, 1964 with only four boats out for first race. Our Fleet Captain showed some of his vigor by winning it on sheer determination as the hurried work projects took their toll in regard to boats out for this event with some tired skippers and boats not ready for the opening. It didn't take long for this to correct itself as the rest of our Spring-Summer and Fall Series Races were very well attended through the rest of 1964 season. Also the travelling sailors did real well in the out of town regattas. Some new skippers and new boats were also making their presence felt.

More new boats are expected to join us next season as low water has kept some of the Bay Shore sailors high and dry unless they wanted to put in a day's work to float it. All our boats are on trailers and a hoist facility is available which is expected to be expanded next season. The move to the bay has helped our club in class and also handicap racing and a bigger and better season seems to be the order come '65.

We hope to be around for another and many more great years. Smooth sailing!!

ST. JOSEPH HARBOR FLEET (113)

Sailing on Lake Michigan at St. Joseph, Mich.

Fleet Captain	Harry Crow
Fleet Secretary	Bill Beard
Fleet Champion	Bill Beard
Runner-Up	Margy Upton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2866	Thunder N	Jim Caldwell & Harold Schadler
4674	Hard Tack	Ted Troff
5967	Droopy II	Dean DeVries
6378	Bertha	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
6379	Baby	Bill Beard
6662	The Wren	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
7313	Handy's Shell	Hank Handy
7578	Sea Smoke	Jim Taylor
7579	Donnie	St. Joseph Jr. Foundation
7966	Ibis	Joe Stueland
7979	Zamboanga	Bill Campbell
8569	Carl D.	Herm Zollar
	Bradley	
8646	Prop Wash	Bob Brainard
8714	Lula Belle	Carey Long
8981	Cavia Cobaya	St. Joseph Junior Foundation
9001	Old Crow	Bud Crow
9199	Notpu	Margy Upton



"Start of another drifter during Fleet 113's Shakedown Regatta"

The Fleet grew by one this year, losing one skipper (Jim Stock) and adding two (Bill Beard and Margy Upton). When Bud Crow took the plunge and bought a new boat, he unloaded his old boat on Bill Beard. Bill's greatest thrills came this summer the few times he was able to finish a race ahead of Bud.

The weather this season drove us all crazy. It seemed that we were either drifting or being blown over. At one stretch, five consecutive Wednesday night races were cancelled because of either no wind or too much. The light, fluky breezes drove Bud Crow to distraction. We finally got Doc Wilson to crew for him and diagnose his symptoms. In Doc's opinion, it was too late for tranquilizers. He prescribed a cage full of guinea pigs to be taken along so Bud could relieve his emotional stresses by wringing necks instead of shouting at his crew. He's been much more relaxed ever since but it's been a little hard on the guinea pig population.

The Fleet participated in twelve regattas, the Midwest District Championship, and the North Americans, with ten different boats participating at various times. We brought home three winner's trophies, four seconds, three thirds, five fourths and three fifths places. Carey Long was the most consistent winner by virtue of his second place in the Districts. We will host them here at St. Joe in 1965. Other trophy winners are Joe Stueland, Bud Crow, Dean DeVries and Bill Campbell. Margy Upton surprised in the Districts, coming in sixth.

Carey Long was our only representative at the North Americans. Unfortunately, he tried retuning his mast to get that little extra bit of speed, but the results were the opposite of what he needed.

In the Lake Michigan Championship, Carey Long was second and Joe Stueland was fourth. Bud Crow was fifth, but out of the hardware.

The Fleet Championship rules were revised this year to give the stay-at-homes and regular racers an advantage. In this way Bill Beard was able to pull out the Championship and Margy Upton the Runner-Up spot. Bill accepted the award gracefully, recognizing that he had learned all there was to know in one year of sailing. He's ready to retire and let someone else win it next year.

Bill Campbell was missing from most of our races this year while he was trying to survive the Olympic eliminations in a Star. Accounts of his success in this field were published in "Lightning Flashes". "Louise's" statement there pretty well sums it up: "I always did well going to weather, but on the downwind legs my crew encountered trouble finding the spinnaker halyards. We also had great difficulty raising the centerboard due to the big glob of cast iron on the tip." Nuff said.

Joe Stueland takes the honor for "Cleanest Boat of the Year". He managed to finish the season the same way he started it—by tipping over. He accomplished this feat in three different places—Indianapolis in May, Chicago in September, and Port Clinton, Ohio, a week later in October. Bill Beard had to give up crewing for Joe because he developed a bad case of swimmer's ear.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Fleet Captain	Gene Hollen
Fleet Secretary	Dave Wardell
Fleet Champion	D. Duley
Runner-Up	C. Ebert and J. Wardell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
107		William Mass
194		Tim Scott
212	Twilight	Rev. R. O. Williams
615	Quinadine	Chas. Nelson & Dr. Eric Peterson
691	Faux Pas II	Larry Kohler
2036	Quee Queg	Marshall Smith
3229		Fred Boudreau
3312	Endebr	Harry Pelton
4666		Bill Quaintance
5955	Tiki	Dave Wardell
6033	Toujour Gai	Clayton Ebert
7391	Tiki Tu	Jon B. Wardell
7954		Jim Otis
8028	Here Tis	Dick Duley

Fleet 167 rounded out a full, double series racing season with a fourteen race summer series and a twelve race fall series. Our racing season opened with the spring tuneups on Memorial Day weekend and the fall season closed in gusty weather on October 25. Our year on the Mississippi was an unusually windy one for this part of the country. Summer series races were generally sailed in winds of 5 to 18 knots and the fall series included several races where gusts ranged 30 knots and over. In spite of this, only one race was blown out.

During the season a number of improvements were made to our grounds and facilities. An additional 200 feet of shore line was leased from the City and additional bumpers were built for mooring space. Launching facilities are now "the best in the west" as the result of adding a new crane and rebuilding our two existing cranes.

A number of our skippers attended regattas in various parts of the district. The fleet was represented at the Midwest District Championship, Red Flannels, and the Decatur and Alton Regattas.

On Labor Day weekend a traditional local regatta, the Beer Barrel Regatta, was held on Sunday and Monday. Races were managed on a handicap basis to give boats of all ages a fair chance. Handicaps were determined by standings in the two

Sunday races. Jon Wardell won first place in the deciding race, reaching through tricky winds on a long spinnaker run. A feature of this race is the course layout which covers approximately seven miles upstream to Dynamite Island. The race ends with a steak fry and picnic on the island.

The weekend of October 3rd and 4th was the date of the Davenport Club's third annual Polar Bear Regatta, for inland "C's" and Lightnings. Eighteen Lightnings were registered with representation from Chicago Corinthian Club, Burnham Park, Decatur, Michigan City and Valley Sailing Association in Alton, Illinois. The races were characterized by strong and shifty winds resulting in several capsize and a few broken masts. The winner was Ron Blair who sailed a fine series under trying weather conditions. Second, third and fourth places respectively were nailed down by Dick Duley, Jon Wardell and Duke Pelton.

Our official season closed with the Annual Trophy Banquet held on November 28th. Along with trophies for the racing season, Marshall Smith was named as winner of the "Outstanding Sportsmanship Award". This award is a new all-club recognition for outstanding qualities of sportsmanship in the art of sailboat racing.

We are looking forward to a year of growth in 1965 with the addition of at least three new 1965 model boats to our fleet.



"Fleet Champion Dick Duley helps his wife Myrna slick up the hull while third crew, Gary Weeter, helps only with advice."

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Arthur Kroos, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Joseph F. Kovacic, M.D.
Fleet Champion	Tom Bierman
Runner-Up	Ricky Larson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
694	B & B	John Buchen & John Bolger
1975	Sam	Ludwig Fuerstein
2225	Islander	F. C. Jacobson
3621	Wrapid	David Wilson
3624	Griffin	Sea Scouts
5210	Esprit	Kenneth Brockschmidt
6202	Vixen	Arthur Perry
6283	Trio	Robert Senty
6441	Marba	Jerald J. Kovacic
6776	Corixa	Arthur Kroos, Jr.
6915	Til-Lykke	Roger Bierman
6975	Wildcat	David MacDonald
7879	Nike	Herbert Gibbs
8027	Triumph	Ralph Brotz
8305	Winsome	Eric Larson
8750	2-Much	Harold Heinz, M.D.
9181	Shingabis	William Moir, M.D.

In a lively sailing season of 42 races and 10 series, Tom Bierman emerged champion of Fleet 187 in an all-season competition. Ricky Larson was runner-up.

Major event of the Sheboygan racing season was the Fifth Roman C. Brotz Memorial Regatta, an annual event held the first Saturday and Sunday in August. Thirty-five skippers repre-

senting eight midwestern fleets competed earnestly to have their name inscribed on the handsome Sabre Trophy. Top honors went to Jim Hopkins, Green Bay, a four-time winner; with Art Wong, Chicago only one point behind, in an extremely close series. Third, fourth, and fifth places went to Tom Bierman, Sheboygan; Bob Tilleman, Green Bay; and Herb Gibbs, Sheboygan, respectively. As usual, the merry weekend of sailing offered brisk August winds, good fellowship, and all the festivities that accompany Sheboygan's famed Bratwurst Day celebration.

Race Chairman Eddie Larson kept participation high and enthusiasm at a peak throughout the season with a well-rounded schedule of races, including three early evening series, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day Weekend Series; plus three daytime 6-race series . . . to comprise the most active season on record for Fleet 187.

One of the last but surely not least of the season's events was the Junior Lightning Series sailed for the Skipper West Trophy, a rollicking round-robin for skippers and crews under nineteen. Bill Moir, Jr. took the trophy with Ricky Larson, once again the runner-up.

The fleet added two new skippers and increased its quorum of active racing boats but regretfully bid adieu to one fleet member, Dave MacDonald, who left Lake Michigan waters for New England. Outlook for the summer of '65 is better than ever.



"Til-Lykke flying her bold red and black spinnaker that helped her to glory this season—Fleet Champion Tom Bierman at the helm."

CLEARWATER BAY YACHT CLUB (277)

Sailing on Clearwater Bay, Lake of the Woods,
Ontario, Canada

Fleet Secretary C. Ian D. McDonald

This Fleet, sailing on the attractive waters of the Lake-of-the-Woods, Ontario, was somewhat more quiet in 1964 than in 1963.

Our Junior Sailing programme, a brief but productive affair in 1963 because it placed fourth in the Canadian finals, could not place a district winner this year. Such is the effect of programming in depth, which our Fleet did not have in 1964.

Not so in the Lightning contests! Gordon Konantz of Fleet 320 replaced our Keith Campbell as winner in the N.W.S.A. series, but Keith won back our own championship from Bill Moss. However, Bill won the Cooper Trophy for the Saturday series of races and Kathy Moss won the annual Powder Puff race. Our records are not quite complete at this writing, but we think Harold Gould won the Sunday series. (Volunteer secretaries being what they are, this probably does a great injustice to some other real winner, and the writer will undoubtedly hear about it!)

It is worthwhile explaining these latter series of races, because some other clubs may have run into the same problem. The Club executive realized some excellent sailors could not arrive in time for races on Saturdays, but could race on Sundays. Instead of continuing to hold monthly series of races, which would necessitate racing both days, the same number of races could be held if all Saturdays for July and August were race days for the Cooper Trophy, with all Sundays for the Young Trophy. This seems to have worked well, as new talent is now appearing.

We had a new winner of our Regatta this year. He was Jack Lammens, who learned his sailing in the Netherlands. Jack has steadily worked his way through the Fleet to a well-deserved win against the really canny competition from Fleet 320, Fleet 279 and all of Fleet 277.

For many years, the Club has awarded the Bonnycastle Trophy for open handicap competition as part of our annual regatta. It should be recorded that 1964 saw the revival of the original Clearwater Bay Yacht Club, located some three miles east of our waters on Clearwater Bay. We were delighted to return their trophy to them, nevertheless intending to compete for it with our Lightnings in handicap competition. Truly, the trophy has "gone home" to Elsworth Bole, George Aitken, Dick Bonnycastle and their many friends, and we wish them well.

Bob Leaper, Fred David and Dave Gilbert have withdrawn from our Fleet this year because of removal from the area or retirement. We are all sorry to see them go, knowing their "Starboard, dammit!" will be heard on other waters in 1965. However, there are newcomers too, and we are curious to see how our Fleet fills out. We believe we will again be up to strength before too many weeks have passed.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279)

Sailing on Thunder Bay at Fort William,
Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	H. Braun
Fleet Secretary	J. V. Bailey
Fleet Champion	Lou Walsh
Runner-Up	Bob Prettie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4929	Numbus	Don Macket
5493	Bonbo	L. Walsh
6323	M'Bijac	Dr. L. Remus
6324	Vixen	Don Murrell
6867	Bluenose II	G. Young
7092	Falcon	Lorne Goodall
7196	Corvayer	E. Ayer
7197	Whim	Dr. A. Hargan
7270	Madcap	Stitt & Crooks
7471	Unasailable	Q. Powell
7666	Chinook III	Dr. Harley Hughes
7781	Wasiegun	J. V. Bailey
7986	Mistral	Dr. R. McComb
8199	Wyndlass	W. Harris
8628	Whirlwind	Dr. R. Nutrie
	Chinook IV	R. J. Prettie

Summer '64 saw the racing get hot and heavy on Loon Lake and Lake Superior with practically all Lightning owners in the area participating for the nine trophies and out of town regattas.

The Walshes and the Pretties, two of our real stalwarts, pretty well swept the slate clean and gained the following silverware:

Paterson Trophy—Season's Total Points—Walsh
(Runner-Up—Prettie)

McCrannor Trophy	Walsh
Auld Trophy	Walsh
Hargon Trophy	Prettie
Crystal Trophy	Prettie
Powder Puff	Juliette Burnford
Cat-O-Nine-Tails	Ed Ayer

Our Invitational Regatta enjoyed a good attendance from Kenora and Clearwater with Casey Campbell of Clearwater giving Bob Prettie a real run for his money, but Bob got a first—Casey a 2nd.

Our top skippers had a fine weekend at the Royal Lake of the Woods Regatta and Clearwater Bay and while they did not return with any silverware this trip, they certainly enjoyed the usual concentrated hospitality that these clubs always seem to have ready for us that makes the 700 mile round trip well worth while.

Three of our skippers and their families enjoyed a week of cruising along the north shore of Lake Superior, sailing and camping in company; once again proving the wonderful versatility of this famous Lightning design.

The fleet is "frozen in" right now, but if talk means anything, another bigger and better year awaits us next spring.



"1964 Champ Lou Walsh in BONBO."

ROYAL LAKE OF THE WOODS YACHT CLUB (320) Sailing on Lake of the Woods at Kenora, Ontario

Fleet Captain	Tim Furgale
Fleet Secretary	H. Douglas Latter
Fleet Champion	Gordon Konantz
Runner-up	Bob Richards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7059		Jim Richardson
7072		Derek Riley
7435		Jim Richardson
7506	Sandpiper	W. L. Palk
7507		James E. Coyne
7508	Diane's Mink	H. McDonald
7509		Daniel Sprague
7510		L. Johnson

7513		John Armytage
8164	Owassa III	Gordon Konantz
8243	The Sitting Duck	R. W. Richards
8416		George Richardson
8442		H. D. Latter
8477		Mrs. R. E. Moore
8478		Tim Furgale
8855	Phantom III	E. B. Osler
8897		Hugh Hardy
8901	Kindly Light	Dr. Colin Ferguson
9042		Don Paterson

On July 5th, Monday, our annual "Gage Cup" handicap race, for all classes, around Coney Island was held and like last year this opening race proved to be fairly strenuous with winds of 20 M.P.H. and gusts up to 30 M.P.H. Participating in the race were ten Lightnings, one 28' and two 20' scows, one Flying Junior and one Crosby. The results were as follows:

- (1) Gordon Konantz
- (2) Tim Furgale
- (3) Jim Richardson

On July 11th, Saturday, our club held its special Buffet Lunch, courtesy of the Ladies' Committee and this annual get together proved to be very successful. At 2:30 P.M. that afternoon our annual "Powder Puff Derby" was held and the lady skipper winning this year was one of our junior members, Mary Furgale, sailing her father's Lightning.

One of the popular annual events at our club is the "Nanton Cup Cruising Race" which usually is 15 miles long and with many of the members going up the day before and camping out in tents and sleeping bags. This particular race was held on July 26th, Sunday, this year, in extremely light winds and our "old wind sniffer" Bob Richards won in approximately four hours lapsed time. Gordon Osler and Chris Furgale (a junior) finished in second and third place.

The Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club's annual Lightning Regatta was held on August 2nd and 3rd, Sunday and Monday. Gustly winds and choppy waters on the Lake of the Woods provided thrilling conditions for this annual regatta. Only 13 of the 23 Lightning Class boats finished the race Monday, the second day of the competition, during the second round of a three regatta championship sponsored by the North West Sailing Association. Keith Campbell, Fleet #277, with his wife Mary and fifteen-year-old son Angus as crew, won the regatta with 144½ points and Bob Richards of Fleet #320 was in second place with 133 points and Dr. Bill Guest, Fleet #277, placed third with 132½ points. After the regatta the "Galt Cup" was presented to Keith Campbell for winning this series of three races. The standings as follows:

First Race—Sunday 11 A.M.—

- (1) Keith Campbell, Fleet #277
- (2) Jack Lammens, Fleet #277
- (3) Bob Richards, Fleet #320

Second Race—Sunday, 3 P.M.—

- (1) Dr. Bill Guest, Fleet #277
- (2) Gordon Konantz, Fleet #320
- (3) Jack Lammens, Fleet #277

Third Race—Monday, 11 A.M.—

- (1) Bob Prettie, Fleet #279
- (2) Gordon Konantz, Fleet #320
- (3) Bill Moss, Fleet #277

Final Standing—

- (1) Keith Campbell, Fleet #277
- (2) Bob Richards, Fleet #320
- (3) Dr. Bill Guest, Fleet #277

On August 16th we had another cruising race which extended 10 miles and the results of this race were as follows:

- (1) Gordon Konantz
- (2) Bob Richards
- (3) Stuart Sprague (a junior)

On August 17th and 18th our club was host to the North West Sailing Association's Junior Trials for the Canadian Yachting Association Junior District Championship, Prairies, "E" Division. Some eight crews of two competed in this event and some of the participants came from as far away as Ft. William, Ontario, 400 miles to the east of us. The trials took place in Lightnings with a skipper and one crew member and the results of these trials, where every crew sailed one race in a different boat, resulted in the following boys to represent our District at the Canadian Championship Flying Junior Championship in Vancouver, British Columbia:

Jim Richardson Junior—Skipper and crew—Sandy Riley
Sanford Osler —Skipper and crew—David Sprague.

Our North West Sailing Association Regattas are open to Lightnings only and each summer nine races are held with three each at the competing clubs; Temple Reef, Port Arthur, Ontario; Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club, Kenora, Ontario and Clearwater Bay Yacht Club, Clearwater Bay, Ontario. Final standings in the N.W.S.A. are based on the best six out of nine races held during the season and this year our champion was Gordon Konantz, Fleet #320 who placed second in the 1963 series.

Sometimes I feel that our Fleet #320 sails more races in a shorter season than probably any other fleet and this is done in spite of the fact that our Yacht Club is 130 miles east of where all our skippers make their permanent homes. These "die-hard" skippers drive a round trip of 260 miles each week-end to participate in the various races we have each summer.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)

Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain.....	Cliff Lohs
Fleet Secretary.....	Eunice Heimann
Fleet Champion.....	Fred Beitner
Runner-Up.....	Mel Boyington

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2981	Lively Lady	Andy Kremer
4390	Rebound	Sam Zafros
4557	Zephyr	Richard Lacher
4946	Minx	Bill Mehl
5319	Windblown	Bob Heimann
6380	Why Knot	Dave Dooley
6936	Robby	Ray Robinson
7371	Viking II	Jean Bergman
7630	Sparky	William Zack
7665		Dick Larson & Jack Waterfield
7996	Naiad	Jack & Jim Fritz & Jim Hamilton
8171	Red Witch II	Mel Boyington
8172	Vim	Jean and Bill Newman
8174	Quest	Frank Huml, Jr.
8175	Valiant	Val Ochsenschlager
8176		Duane Assman
8266	Drumbeat	Peg & Cliff Lohs
8286	Dauntless	Donald Akerley
8730	Turmoil	Fred Beitner
8788	Wee-Five	Gene Matthews
8930	Trilby	Dr. Frank Psota
8992	Gipsy	Russ Lineck
9010	Algae	Bob Novak

With another year's solid growth and experience passing under the transom, young Fleet 345 is planning a further expanded 1965 season. Schooled in the extremes of either broiling drifters or real rig busters that seemed to plague the midwest this summer and which tend to make deep, 8 mile long Lake Geneva a tricky race course, local skippers noted a rising level of competition. Both equipment and competence were markedly sharpened this year, with up to 18 Lightnings answering the gun. All of this is a far cry from the thoroughly mixed, almost one-of-a-kind fleet and the attendant evils of handicap racing suffered by the Club a few short seasons ago.

Holiday races were on a nearly lake-long course, the Memorial



"Champion Fred Beitner with wife Eleanor and son Geoffrey at most hidden by seasons' loot"

Day "Sherwood Trophy" being taken by "Red Witch II" skippered by Mel Boyington assisted by Joann O'Neill and Sam Fredrickson. The Fourth of July "Illinois Trophy" went to Jean Newman at the helm of "Vim", crewed by Sherry Schiche and Bill Newman. The "Cobb Memorial" Labor Day classic as well as the "Gage Marine Award" were won by Bob Novak's "Algae" and crew Annette Schramm and Doug Lacher. Lake Geneva Jaycees' "Venetian Nights" race was won by Fred Beitner in "Turmoil", aided and abetted by wife Eleanor and son Geoffrey.

A crew race following completion of the regular schedule was taken by coed Jean Zack in "Sparky" with mom Millie and dad Bill taking orders for a change. Second place trophy went to Burvee Franz skippering "Robby" with Marge and Ray Robinson crewing, while third place was claimed by Eleanor Beitner at the tiller of "Turmoil" with Fred and Geoffrey as crew.

The two Saturday and Sunday series of six races each were sailed over an Olympic course with the best point average in both events determining the Fleet Champion, this year Fred Beitner and his family crew. Fred was last year's runner-up. This year's runner-up trophy went to last season's winner, Mel Boyington and his regular staff. One Sunday series was taken by the Beitners, the other by Boyington. The Saturday winners were Fred Beitner in the first, son Geoffrey in the second.

The Club's Sportsmanship plaque was awarded to diminutive Jane Matthews who braved the strongest blows crewing on husband Gene's aptly named "Wee-Five" assisted only by another featherweight, 8 year old son Matt.

Commodore and Fleet Captain elect is Fred Beitner, and Bill Zack will be Vice Commodore. Eleanor Beitner will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Still serving in both active and advisory capacities is 1963 Commodore, Chase Hess, the group's indispensable man who has been Starter since the Club's inception.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore: Wilson Scott
Vice Commodore: Ross Bryan
Secretary-Treas.: Mary Lou Scott
Publicity Director: Bobby Llover
District Champion: Cully Cobb
District Runner-Up: Bob Buckles
Fleets: Commodore Decatur Yacht Club (74); Kentucky Lake Sailing Club (242); Harbor Island Yacht Club (262); Valley Sailing Association (266); Delta Sailing Club (274); Crab Orchard Sailing Club (330).

Mississippi Valley wishes to welcome into our District, Fleet 74 from Decatur, Illinois. Fleet 74 is an asset to our District in many respects. They have a fine Yacht Club and some of the best competitors of our Lightning Class.

Last September, the Mississippi Valley received the shocking news of the death of our good friend and fast competitor, Bob Buckles. Bob's twenty-four years of Lightning sailing has immeasurably helped in developing better boats, sailing Clubs, new sailors and enthusiasm in the sport of Lightning sailing. May his memory continue and his enthusiastic teachings live on for all of us.

The Regatta season opened in our District at the Nashville Tennessean Regatta, the last of April, which was attended by many of our Yankee carpet baggers. Winner was Cully Cobb, and the Runner-up was Mitch Bohnenkamp. Mitch was also the over all trophy winner of the Nashville Tennessean, having better over-all time than Cobb.

The Cotton Carnival offered a splendid opportunity to experience some of the finest hospitality of the South. Winner at this Regatta was Jim Green, and Runner-up was Ross Bryan. Although Crit Currie did not place with the hardware winners, he is certainly a winner when it comes to publicizing our Lightning. The second family car is embellished with Lightning emblems, phone numbers and invitations, one of which reads—"Contact Fleet 274 and Sail in the World's finest Boat."

The Governor's Cup at Kentucky Lake saw a good turnout for our Lightnings. We of the Mississippi Valley were indeed honored by a fast competitor and President of the I.L.C.A., Jay Limbaugh, who placed second.

The Egyptian Cup Regatta at Crab Orchard Sailing Club in June was the next to follow. Winner at this Regatta was Jim Green and the Runner-up Wilson Scott.

Valley Sailing Association sponsored the "Whale of a Sail" Regatta on the weekend of June 20-21. The winner Augie Paoli, and Runner-up Wilson Scott.

Then there was a long dry season without Regattas until Commodore Decatur Yacht Club sponsored their Intercity Regatta, August 1-2. Winner John Burke, and Runner-up Augie Paoli.

The Watkins' Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake offered light air which is not consistent with Ken Lake in October. Cully Cobb was the winner and Bob Llover the Runner-up.

Our District Championships were held at Harbor Island Yacht Club in Nashville Tennessee over the week-end of July 11-12. Winner Cully Cobb, second Bob Buckles, third Tom Brizendine, fourth Ross Bryan, fifth Mitch Bohnenkamp.

Little or no wind greeted skippers by race time. During the process of being towed out to the starting line one string of boats hit an underwater stump, removing three rudders, splitting and removing transoms. Replacing the transom on Tom Brizendine's boat took some doing on the part of the Nashville Fleet, but ingenuity triumphed and Tom was able to race.

The first race was sailed in light and shifty air and was won by John Gorla, a fast, prudent young skipper from St. Louis; Mitch Bohnenkamp second, Bob Buckles third followed by Ross Bryan.

In the second race the wind began to pick-up and a squall line was visible. Visibility was so poor that each boat sailed in his own world, and when eyes could be opened they sought thru rain-fog for Lightnings on opposite tacks. At the finish line it was Cobb, Brizendine, Ross, and Scott inching out Buckles by half a boat length.

The third race was won by Cully Cobb, followed by Ross Bryan, John Gorla and Wilson Scott.

The fourth race was sailed in wind and downpour of rain. The rain did not bother Bob Buckles who took first place, Tom Brizendine, second; Cully Cobb, third; and Mitch Bohnenkamp, fourth.

Cobb, Buckles, Gorla, and MacNab made the long trek out to San Diego for the North American Championship at Mission Bay Yacht Club. Cully placed fourth in the President's Cup and John Gorla, sixth in the Governor's Cup.

In April 1964, Bob Llover was appointed Assistant Year Book Editor and we were all honored and pleased to hear of the appointment. In the later part of the year Mississippi Valley was again honored by the election of Wilson Scott to Assistant Measurer and Vice President of the International Lightning Class Association.

The District Newsletter was conceived in July of last year. Our first issue of the "Rudder Side", as the Newsletter is called, was August 1964. Since its inception the Newsletter has been a monthly publication. Our District has received many favorable comments from various members of the I.L.C.A. in scattered sections of the United States, as well as in Districts of the I.L.C.A. abroad.

Mississippi Valley District at the time of this report (November) has had an increase of twelve members since August 1964. We believe this is a healthy cross section of all Districts in the I.L.C.A.

All Skippers of this District would like to express a sincere thank you and congratulations for a job well done to their crews, who made the accomplishments of the past season possible. Thanks! and Congratulations! To our Tacticians and Our Eyes to Leeward.



"Tom Brizendine, retiring Commodore, hands over district records to new commodore Wilson R. Scott as Vice Commodore Ross Bryan looks on."

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain	Robert Olsen
Fleet Secretary	Lee Ridgeway
Fleet Champion	Bob O. Buckles
Runner-Up	Roger L. Grohne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
297	.....	Thomas Narut
464	.....	John Dow
1447	Macushla	E. McConnell
2726	.....	Hal Goodenough
2796	Moonshine	Lee Ridgeway
2915	.....	Dave Carr
3214	.....	Robert Ohlsen & James W. Lackman
3930	Aquarius	Parke Boyer
4678	Patience	Roger Grohne
7465	Argo III	Welland Hause
8811	.....	Bob O. Buckles

The highlight of our racing season was the Intercity Regatta which was held on the 1st and 2nd of August on Lake Decatur. This series was won by John Burke of Chicago. Good winds prevailed throughout the series and Lake Michigan sailors were heard to comment on the novelty of sailing in good winds with the absence of heavy sea.

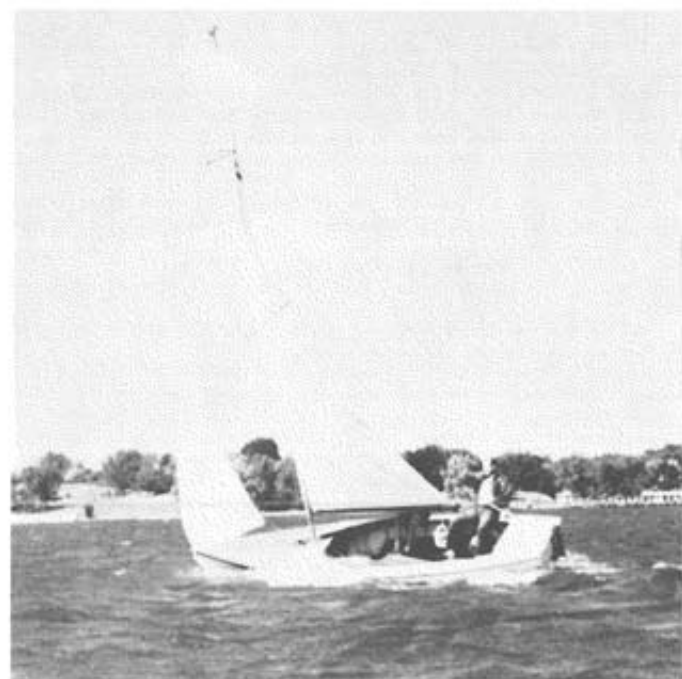
The season was characterized also by increased participation of Fleet #74 members in district and national regattas. Both the Buckles family, Bob, Natilie, and Bill; and Jerry and Judy

McNabb, entered the Mississippi Valley District Lightning Championship Regatta and the North American Championship Regatta. (Buckles placing 2nd in the Mississippi Valley Championship). The light air and swells of the North American Championship proved to be the biggest obstacles in the path of both Buckles and McNabb.

At the tail end of the season the masts of the three top Lightnings, Buckles, Grohne, and Boyer, were broken at the Polar Bear Regatta in Davenport, Iowa. Two were broken as the boats were flipped over by heavy winds (Buckles and Boyer) during the races and the remaining (Grohne) was broken on the hoist.

The racing segment experienced a large percentage growth this year. There were nine Lightnings racing in the final race of the season.

Our season was marred by the passing of Fleet Champion Bob O. Buckles. His last moments of consciousness were spent in the last race of the season at the helm of his #8811 in 1st place with the Lightnings of the fleet he had helped so much to build in hot pursuit. He never lost the lead.



"Lee & Jayne Ridgeway sailing on Lake Decatur in brisk fall winds."

KENTUCKY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (242)

Sailing on Kentucky Lake at Kentucky Lake State Park,
Hardin, Kentucky

Fleet Captain..... George Koch
Fleet Secretary..... Pat Koch
Fleet Champion..... Tom Brizendine
Runner-Up..... George Koch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2099	White Lightning	Greer George
5942	Euphoria	Robert M. Metcalf
6690	Merrily	Dr. Carlos Brewer
7623	Tintinab	Dr. John P. Bell
7732		Tom Threlkeld
7939		Dr. Jacob Cohen
8185	Whirligig	Tom Brizendine
8306	Nereid	George Koch
9282	Schlitzer	Charles Manion

The Kentucky Lake Lightning Fleet was increased by two new members this year. We are all looking forward to an active racing schedule next year. Tom Brizendine continued his winning ways and represented the fleet very well at the Districts by taking third place with a bandaged transom. The

Kentucky Lake Sailing Club was host to two splendid regattas this year. There were over 80 boats at the spring regatta, Governor's Cup, and over 50 boats at the fall regatta, Watkin's Cup. The Lightning turnout was very good with the Lightnings the largest class in both regattas. We were very happy to have two distinguished Lightning sailors visit us this past season. Jay Limbaugh sailed with us in the spring regatta, and Tom Allen sailed with us in the fall regatta.

NASHVILLE FLEET (262)

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake, Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain..... James B. Green
Fleet Secretary..... Lynn Green
Fleet Champion..... Cully Cobb
Runner-Up..... Bob Llovet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3748	Miltown	John Dortch
4254	Fantasy	Billy T. Sumner
4340	Spook	Bruce Draper
5095	Nancy	Dr. Jas. W. Ward
5888		John Cunningham
6562	Baggywrinkle	James B. Green
6786	Katrina	Robert G. Hagstrom
6951		Gordon Gillingham
7209		Dr. Gordon R. Sell
7498	Gone With The Wind	John Dortch
7499	Bandersnatch	Dr. C. A. Cobb, Jr.
8064	Jo B	Ross Bryan
8099	Kismet	Arnold H. Anderson
9288		Fred Beesley
9298	Angry Pigeon II	Bob Llovet

The 1964 activities of Fleet 262 began early in January with all fleet members pitching in to help put the finishing touches on our new club house. While work was underway we always managed to have a "racebreak" or two during the weekend afternoons in Penguins.

In February, Cully Cobb with Jim Green and George Passano as crew headed for Savannah, the Deep South Regatta, a 6th place finish, an oyster roast, and a wonderful time. The next stop was St. Pete, where they were joined by Bob Llovet, Ross Bryan, and Gordon Sell. When the week was over Cully had a 5th, Ross a 19th, Bob a 20th, and Gordon a 57th (but it was fun!).

The Carling's Cup Regatta at Atlanta in April was our local opener and Cully, Bob, and Ross finished 1, 2, and 3. This excellent performance retained the Miss-Sou Trophy for our District. The following week we had our Nashville Tennessee Regatta with Cully taking first, Ross a fourth and with the remainder of our fleet close on their transoms.

Next stop was the Memphis Cotton Carnival. Cully, Ross and Bob planned on making the trip but at the last minute an emergency prevented Cully from going and he turned the helm over to crew Jim Green, who responded with a first, with Ross second and Bob third.



Fleet #262's popular Imogene and Johnny Dortch. Can you tell who's REALLY the skipper?"

At the Governor's Cup at Kentucky Lake we were represented by Cully, Bob, Ross, and Gordon who finished 1, 3, 10, and 19. We had the pleasure of welcoming ex-class president Jay Limbaugh to our district for this regatta and Jay finished a fine second. The next stop for our travelers was the Egyptian Cup Regatta at Crab Orchard Lake. Ross and Jim (filling in for Cully) made the trip with Jim winning and Ross getting a 5th.

July saw the Districts being held at our Harbor Island Yacht Club in a series that saw every weather condition possible; drifter, howling gale, hot sun, cold hail, etc. Cully successfully defended, and qualified for the San Diego trip, where he took home a 4th in the President's Cup for the 3rd straight year. Some kind of record? Jim Green and George Passano filled out the crew. Capturing highlights of this trip is impossible, since there were too many. In fact it was one continuous highlight. One fact was brought out on the trip however; you haven't lived until you have had a blowout while traveling about 75 mph in the west Texas desert area towing a Lightning.

October saw us competing in the Watkins Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake. Cully taking first (as usual) and Bob Llovet in his new boat #9298 with Tom Allen and Dick Waddell as crew was a close second with Ross in fourth.

We have had some new boats and faces entering our fleet, and we welcome Bruce Draper in 4340, John Cunningham in 5888 and Fred Beesley in 9288. John Dortch picked up 7498, and we all are looking forward to the coming season.

VALLEY SAILING ASSOCIATION (266) Sailing on Alton Lake (Mississippi River) at St. Louis, Mo.

Fleet Captain Donald Hanneke
Fleet Secretary Ralph Schmidt
Fleet Champion Mitchell Bohnenkamp
Runner-Up Augie Paoli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
518	Lucky	Jay Meier
609	Lucky Pierre	John Norris
2143		Al Waldvogel
2589	Hi-Ho	Myron Ley
2591	Cricket	Jim Brady
4649	Bonus	Bob Heritage
4826		William Kirk
4865	Pooh	Al Fischlowitz
5555	Baby Puss	Roy Lenck
6080	Binky	Phil Bergsieker
6446	Galatea	Ralph Kolde
7275	Mek-a-La	Dr. Wayne Gorla
7821	Mai Kai	Mitchell Bohnenkamp
8091	Chicken of the Sea	Lyle Perry
8112		Bob Nebelsick
8144	Chaos	Augie Paoli
8377	Zip	Joe French
8641	Magoo II	Ralph Schmidt
8645		Don Hanneke & Art Ahrens
8703	Notus	Dick Yeager
9242		Joe G'sell

On June 21st the starting gun sounded the opening of our racing season here at Valley Sailing Association. There was the usual tuning activities that mark the beginning of the season—ladders on the foredeck, tightening or loosening the jumpers, letting off just a little on the backstay, and moving the mast forward ever so slightly. Everyone anxious to try out those "secret gadgets" that have been in the making all winter—two way, quick release, lever action, adjustable; down hauls, out hauls, take-ups, and etc. I seem to remember hearing someone say, "Gee, it worked perfect at home." It takes most of us a few races to work out the kinks that develop over the winter but Augie Paoli and Mitch Bohnenkamp set a fast pace right from the start each taking a first in our opening two races.

The following weekend, June 27 and 28, most of our fleet participated in the annual Coast Guard Regatta. Augie sailed to first place that weekend but the Gorlas (2nd place) kept him on his toes from start to finish. It was plain to see that the Gorla boys hadn't lost their touch that made them fleet champions in 1963.

Again this year we ran an "A" and "B" Series race each Sunday, the "A" series determining the fleet champion. As the

season progressed the competition grew keener and the winds grew calmer. But even so we had a good turnout every Sunday for both races. It was a contest right to the end. Some of our new skippers, though short on experience, proved that enthusiasm and determination go a long way towards winning races. The close of the season found Mitchell Bohnenkamp with a broken mast but, never-the-less, winner of both the "A" and "B" series.

"A" Series		"B" Series	
7821	Mitchell Bohnenkamp	7821	Mitchell Bohnenkamp
8144	Augie Paoli	8144	Augie Paoli
8641	Ralph Schmidt	8645	Don Hanneke-Art Ahrens

We added six skippers to our roster this year: William Kirk (4826), Al Fischlowitz (4865), Roy Lenck (5555), Joe G'sell (9242), Phil Bergsieker (6080), and Bob Nebelsick (8112) who just completed his boat at the end of the 1963 season. Our fleet now numbers twenty-one Lightnings. We are hopeful of adding another three or four boats by the start of next year.

On June 27 and 28 VSA hosted the Fourth Annual "Whale of a Sail" regatta. Augie won the three race series with Mitch in second place. A "cook 'em yourself" steak dinner was held afterwards on the club grounds.

Since we had some skippers with little or, in some cases, no sailing experience we divided our fleet into two groups. Although racing at the same time and against the "old hands" the newer skippers were competing among themselves for fleet honors. This year Myron Ley was winner of the "A" series and Dick Yeager was winner of the "B" series. Both of these fellas will be tough competition next year. Prior to the racing season we had several meetings at which time we discussed boat handling, tactics, rules and regulations, tuning, and safety. It must have been the first point, boat handling, that Ralph Schmidt was instructing Al Waldvogel in the day they capsized. Just part of the lecture?

There was no mistaking the tune we heard John and Tom Gorla whistling around the middle of August—"California, Here We Come." The Gorlas represented our fleet at the 1964 Lightning North Americans in San Diego August 22-29. The boys did have their problems, but after shaving an inch off the bottom of their mast, having their sails re-cut, and adding sixteen



"Fleet Champion Mitch Bohnenkamp".

pounds additional weight they were ready to go to sea. All was not in vain. They finished sixth in the Governor's Cup Division. Congratulations to two of our finest competitors.

As with all fleets we have our share of crew problems. However, positive steps have been taken to alleviate this situation. Ralph and Jean Kolde had a baby boy in August and Ralph and Mary Lynn Schmidt had a baby girl in September. Ralph Kolde says, "Everybody talks about the crew problem but nobody does anything about it." The only skipper we know of who has crew members to spare is John Norris. John's wife, Mary, crewed often aboard "Mai Kai" for Mitchell Bohnenkamp while John just called upon Fran, Linda, Mike, or Steve to fill in for Mom.

Not all of our sailing activity was on Alton Lake. Many of our skippers represented VSA at invitational regatta at Decatur, Illinois (Augie 2nd, Mitch 3rd), Lake Jacomo, Kansas City (Augie 2nd, Gorlas 4th), Nashville, Tennessee (Mitch 3rd and 1st in a handicap series), Davenport, Iowa, Kentucky Lake, Crab Orchard Lake (Augie 3rd), and the Red Flannels in Chicago. Mitch tied for fourth place in the Mississippi Valley District Regatta held at Nashville, Tennessee.

Sure to join the annals of such historic sea dramas as the sinking of the "Titanic" and the wreck of the "Andrea Doria" is the ramming and boarding of a mighty Mississippi tow boat by Dick Yeager in his Lightning "Notus". Dick admits this is risky business and that you are certain to come out second best.

Lyle Perry has named his Lightning #8091, "Chicken of the Sea." Lyle crewed for Al Waldvogel for a season before buying #8091 from Dr. Wilson Scott. Both Al and Lyle have been active in racing this season.

Jim Brady wasn't able to participate this year as much as he would have liked so we're all looking forward to seeing more of Jim next year. Also, the Frenches who spent a good portion of this summer in Europe.

The night was August 22, time, 9 or 10:00 p.m. It's a warm summer night, stars glistening overhead and the reflections of our harbor lights dancing across the waters of Alton Lake. No gun going off every five minutes, no yelling for room at the mark. A port tack yacht glides across the bow of a starboard tack yacht—not a word. In case you haven't guessed, this was our Moonlight Sail. Cocktail hour began at 5:00 p.m. and dinner was at 6:00 p.m. All who attended agreed that this was a most enjoyable evening and a welcome change in the midst of our racing schedule.

The Annual Governor's Cup Regatta on our lake October 10 and 11 was the last race of the season for most VSA skippers and crews. Trophies for the three race event went to Augie Paoli, first, John Gorla, second, and Ralph Schmidt, third. By this time of year the late afternoon sun was casting long shadows across our harbor and the trees on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi were bursting with autumn colors.

For those skippers who aren't content sitting by the fire during the long winter months, Fleet 266 extends an invitation to join us frost-biting on the lakes in and near the St. Louis area. At present we have six El Toro class boats and four or five more being built.

We are presently making plans for the Mississippi Valley District Lightning Regatta which we are going to host next July. From the looks of things this should be the most outstanding regatta in our district next year. In addition to the race schedule our plans presently include a tour of the downtown St. Louis area, dinner and dancing aboard the steamer "Mississippi Belle" and a giant fireworks display on the St. Louis Levee—beneath the Arch. We hope each and every skipper and his family will make it to the districts next July. We guarantee to make it an event you'll remember.

Protest Committee Chairman to Protested Port Tack Skipper: "In your heart you know he's right."

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)

Sailing on Arkabutla Lake, Hernando, Mississippi, and McKellar Lake, Memphis, Tennessee

Fleet Captain.....Wilson Fly
Fleet Secretary.....Crit Currie
Fleet Champion.....Jim Humphries
Runner-Up.....Lloyd Lovitt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1013		Hugh Gilbert
6397		William C. Cowan
6533		Ben D. Gilliland, Jr.

6604		Pat Burke
7208	Seven Suns	Crit Currie
7252	Supremacy	George Clarke & Mac Yawn
7295		Chester Alba
7408	For Sail	McNeill Ayres
7501	Grimlyn	Carl Grimmer
7719	Gem	Jim Humphries
8080	Zipper	Wilson Fly
8257	Blue Bird II	Lloyd Lovitt
8509		Jack Connors
9015		True Redd
9230	Fellow Traveler	John P. Hills & E. B. Fox, Jr.

Since experienced racing sailors are hard to come by in these parts, the Memphis Lightning Fleet is expanding only with good equipment and enthusiastic participants.

And since experience is "how many times you cross the starting line not how long you've been sailing or owned a boat," we completed 74 races in our regular season from March 1st through November 15th with a regular turn out of 11 of our 15 boats. This year we were a little light in "out-of-town" regattas, but this coming year should see us out of town much more now that most of our personal problems have cleared up. Five or six boats should make St. Pete, 1965.

Carl Grimmer (7501) past Commodore of Delta Sailing Club, has undertaken the start of a junior program in Penguins single handedly for the coming year. That's the spirit!

The building of our sailing facilities at Arkabutla Lake is coming along with good speed, thanks to Jim Humphries (7719) and a couple of other good hard chine boat owners, Frank Jones and Charles Cash (Snipers).

We are especially happy to have and to welcome True Redd (9015) and John Hills and Ted Fox (9230) to our fleet. They should shake up the standings this coming year!

We, in this fleet, would thank the well run ILCA and particularly the boat builders for all the help and assistance they're giving us in expanding our Fleet & District. Good luck to you all and come to the Cotton Carnival Regatta in May.



"Every Fleet should have one!"

CRAB ORCHARD FLEET (330)

Sailing on Crab Orchard Lake, Carbondale, Illinois

Fleet Captain.....	Wilson Scott
Fleet Secretary.....	Scott Limpus
Fleet Champion.....	Wilson Scott
Runner-Up.....	Leon Striegel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2210	ID	Donald Shoemaker
5217	Ziggity	Clifton Holman
6978	Szygy	Stan Redick
8011	Miss Bon Bon	Ernie Limpus
9066	War Path	Wilson Scott
9213	Terrier	Leon Striegel
		Ernie Heyworth



"Some members of Fleet #330".

Fleet 330 of Crab Orchard Lake held its first series of races beginning on the 3rd of May. Many of the dates were in open conflict with Regattas in the area making it exceedingly difficult to qualify for the series of seven races. Ernie Limpus, skipper of Miss Bon Bon, #8011 was first; Wilson Scott, skipper of War Path, #9066 was second; Stan Redick, skippering Syzygy, #6978 was a close third.

During the spring and early summer, Fleet 330 enjoyed three Moon-Lite sails and barbecues. The addition of a shelter at the Club has made all cook-outs more enjoyable. July 4th was celebrated by an early cook-out breakfast at the Club with sailing, firecrackers, and a good time had by all.

Our Egyptian Cup Regatta was held June 6-7. Jim Green, sailing 7499 was first; Wilson Scott, skipper of War Path #9066 was second; Bob Buckles, skipper of #8811 was third. The Regatta drew 72 boats of various classes, the most competitive of which were our Lightnings.

First race, 3-5 m.p.h. wind from the southeast. Lightning skippers were given a test of patience as five fleets started before them leaving confused air in their wake and a new challenge. After the first beat, leaders were overtaking the stragglers of the earlier

starters. Scott was in the lead which he maintained throughout the remainder of the course with several close competitors such as Brizendine, Paoli and Bryan.

By race time of the second race the wind had increased to eight to ten miles an hour shifting more toward the south. The course was triangular, twice around with marks to port. After an excellent start, Green took a tremendous lead and held it all the way to the finish line. Many Lightnings again tangled with straggling boats of several other fleets. Buckles was second, Bryan third and MacNab, fourth. Summations of the 1st and 2nd races were held at the Elks Club with cocktails, dinner and dancing. Congratulations, excuses, and protests were in abundance and plans were laid for the third race on Sunday morning.

Third race, 6-8 m.p.h., wind from the south with marks to port. On the windward leg the lead was switched on several occasions. Bryan was trying to slip out of coffin corner and lost a little paint in so doing. Leads on the spinnaker leg were exchanged frequently as the puffs increased or lessened and some tight squeezes occurred at the leeward mark. At the finish line Green inched out Scott, Stan Redick, third; and Bob Buckles, fourth.

In the mid-summer our Fleet welcomed a new member, and fast competitor, Leon Striegel. Leon purchased a new Lightning #9213. Our summer series of races were more interesting and competitive because of his presence. Both Scott and Leon sail with their youngsters as a part of their crew, Bill Striegel, age 12, and Ann Scott, age 10; and as both have commented they are paid up crew members of the I.L.C.A. You can always find these two at the Lake sailing and talking boats. Ernie Limpus, as a part of his permanent crew has his son Scott Limpus, an enthusiastic Lightning booster.

Leon Striegel was first in our summer series and Scott second. Don Shoemaker was third, and fourth was Stan Redick. Our Fleet is looking forward next season to a most invigorating and challenging series of races.

Ernie Heyworth is expecting to purchase a new Lightning this winter. He sold his boat to our new member of the Fleet, Clifton Holman. Clif is anticipating taking part in our Fleet races. Don Shoemaker and Stan Redick with new sails offer a challenging threat to all.

Three of our Fleet members are planning to go on the charter flight to Rome, Italy for the Third I.L.C.A. World Championship Regatta. These lucky members are Leon Striegel, Ernie Limpus and Wilson Scott.

In closing, our skippers would like to express a thank you and congratulations for a job well done to their crews who made the accomplishments of the past season possible. Thanks! and Congratulations!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore: Edward Gleason, Jr.

District Secretary: Howard O. Wood

District Champion: Leonard C. Pratt

District Runner-Up: Dr. Louis Pocharski

Fleets: Centerboard Y.C. (14); Spofford Lake (145); Annisquam Y.C. (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake S.C. (227); Lake Dunmore (243); Harrasseket Y.C. (244); Winnebago Y.C. (246); Massebecic Y.C. (273); Chequesset (280); Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Cohasset (369).

Eight, well attended, sanctioned regattas made up the racing schedule in the New England District last summer. More skippers took to the highway with their boats out back, proving that regattas are fun. The officers of the District would like to extend their great appreciation to the men and women of those fleets who hosted the regattas this past summer.

The Juniors started off our season at Lake Spofford with Stuart Nickerson sailing an unbeatable 1-2-1 series. Flip Hamblet and Gregg VanInderstine followed in the standings. In the senior division of this now annual tune-up weekend, Len Pratt showed Win Nickerson and Bud Hamblet that 1-1-2 finishes are usually good enough to take the honors. Fifteen boats participated this year at Spofford, which was a good turn-out for so early in the season.

This year our District Champion is Len Pratt, and there is no doubt about it. Len, sailing on his home waters of Lake Spofford, won the first four races and came in second in the fifth. What a record! In the first race, Pratt overtook Howdy Wood just before turning the last mark and went on to win going away as the wind softened. In the next three races, Lou Pocharski, John Collins, and Dean Clewley each had their turn at trying to tame the "Flying" Pratts but in each case wound up second best. Finally in the last race, Pocharski found the secret and edged Len to prevent it from being a clean sweep. Behind Pratt in the overall standings came Pocharski (26), Price (27), Clewley (28), Nickerson (31), Collins (39), Caldwell (42), Wood (47), Smith (48), and VanInderstine (50). Len Pratt, with his daughter Joy and son Rob as crew sailing "BON JOY", certainly deserves the congratulations from the entire District for his fine performance.

Marblehead Race Week turned out to be a very close win for Lou Pocharski. In the final race, Ben Smith (winner of the qualifying round for odd numbers) couldn't quite catch Lou. Pratt (winner of the even numbers in the qualifying event) placed third.

The Squam Lake Fleet hosted their first regatta this summer and provided conditions that proved to be to the liking of Bud Hamblet, who walked off with the New Hampshire-Vermont Championship. Bud was closely followed by Howdy Wood and Win Nickerson.

The first day down at Wellfleet where the State of Massachusetts regatta was being held, those travelling by trailer not only didn't even launch their boats, but had to tie the trailers to a guard rail to keep them from blowing across the parking lot. Sunday was a grueling day, with three races sailed back to back in five hours. Harlow Cutting, sailing on his home waters, (the Lake Spofford boys may argue this point, squeaked one point in ahead of Lou Pocharski. Win Nickerson followed in third place.

If you wanted to get your sails washed, you should have come to Lake Winnepesaukee. A steady rain driven by an East wind provided less than desirable conditions for anyone but ducks. A soggy Lou Pocharski won this annual regatta, with Howdy Wood second and Russ Smith third. Many a parent was heard to say that if their children had gone out to play in such weather, they would have sent them back into the house with punishment, yet 26 intelligent (?) Lightning skippers went out and enjoyed (?) themselves.

Duncan McInnis returned to his former sailing area and walked off with the State of Maine Championship, hosted by the Centerboard Y.C. Jack Burwell, of So. Freeport, Maine, came in second and Frank Husson, of Manchester, N.H., took third.

The final regatta of the season for our District was held at Lake Massabesic. Frank Husson of the local fleet showed the way with 1-1-4 finishes. Peter Engel, showing great improvement during the summer, placed second, and Dave Closson wound up third. The third race here was quite unusual in that at least six different skippers led the race at some point. The wind was really going in circles that day.

A few hardy New England Skippers felt they didn't have enough during our regular season and ventured beyond our limits for further competition. Five boats went down to Narragansett Bay, where Len Pratt outsailed all hands; Bud Hamblet coming in third. At the "Last Chance" affair at Milford, Conn., Len Pratt had quite a tussle with Dave Peterson, who had just returned from placing second at the North Americans. Len, with a 1-2-2 record lost out by one point. Bud Hamblet stopped off at Riverton where he enjoyed the racing, but it not bragging about his standing; however, at Quantico, Bud did a splendid job by finishing fourth out of 96 boats. Duncan McInnis also journeyed to Quantico, but got lost in the rush.

Your scribe would like to take an extra paragraph to pay a small tribute to the Lake Spofford Fleet. They are the travelingest bunch in the District, and their large attendance at most of our regattas has helped to make the racing even better. This kind of support for the District shows that this Fleet is active and interested. How better can you develop your skill and improve the competition in general?



"Start of the 1st race of the New England District Championship on Lake Spofford, N. H."

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB (14)

Sailing on Casco Bay, South Portland, Maine

Fleet Captain	Granville Dyer
Fleet Secretary	Albert E. Moore
Fleet Champion	Geo. Huettl
Runner-Up	Al Moore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1644	Cormorant	George Huettl
2434	Schuss	Nat. Guptill
3203	Ginger II	Granville Dyer
4526	Maura	William Willworth
6414	The End	Paul Strout
7004	Tym-N-Tide	Albert Moore
7266	Bee-Cha	Steve Beecher

Another fine racing season has come to an end and the boats are all stored away. This past season saw the fleet competing in ten Club Races, the State of Maine Regatta and the Interclubs. In the Club Races it was again a nip and tuck between Geo. Huettl in Cormorant and Al Moore in Tym-N-Tide. At the end of the series Huettl was ahead followed by Moore and Gran Dyer who had been a thrill all year.

The Interclubs were held at Orrs-Baileys this year and about eighteen Lightnings competed. Al Moore in Tym-N-Tide took second prize with a second and a fourth. Al Moore in Tym-N-Tide took second prize with a second and a fourth.

The State of Maine Regatta was held Aug. 15-16 at CYC with 18 boats competing. For the third year in a row Dunc McInnis of Fleet #189 won. Dunc, who learned his sailing at Centerboard as a former member, had two seconds and a third. Jack Burwell of Fleet #244 was second and Franklin Husson, of Fleet #273, was third.

For the first time, a Junior class has been formed and racing was held in midweek during the season. These races were held in a small dingy and much interest was shown. Many of these sailors crewed in the Lightnings and it is expected that some might move up in the future.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	David LaMarche
Fleet Secretary	Roger Gillespie
Fleet Champion	Leonard Pratt
Runner-Up	Bill Swartzbaugh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3422	Susy Q	George Holbrook
5417	Sallie-Pet	James C. Gillespie
5654	Pa Ga Ka	Walter Tolman
6888	Flash	Bill Francis
7228	Touche Pas	David LaMarche
7322	Honey Bear	David Bischoff
7383	Winds Will	Harlow Cutting
7537	Kiki	Peter Engel
8008	Over Due	Bill Swartzbaugh
	Wendy	Leroy Anderson
8308	Bon Joy	Leonard Pratt
8480	Gail	Fred Hamblet
8690	Beaufort V	Wade Caruthers

"There must be another regatta somewhere", was the cry from our sailors. Where else could Spofford's boats go after attending thirteen regattas, completing a full racing season on home waters and bringing back silverware from ten trips.

It all began in April, when Bud Hamblet started the traveling season with a 5th, at Red Bank, New Jersey in the annual Long John Regatta. Back home to Spofford, Len Pratt was tuning up the "Bon Joy" to win the annual Spofford Lake Regatta followed up by a decisive win in the New England Championship against a field of twenty-five boats with four wins and one second, a regatta hosted by our fleet. Len also attended the Marblehead race week taking second in the Corinthian Series following his victory in the Eastern Series. Harlow Cutting didn't waste any time winning the State of Massachusetts at Wellfleet. Neither did Bud Hamblet return empty handed after winning the State of Vermont-New Hampshire Championship at Squam Lake, New Hampshire. This is two consecutive years a Spofford boat has taken this regatta. Pete Engel represented the fleet at Lake Massabesic, N.H., taking a second in a hard fought contest.

Now a quiet rest on home waters to complete a summer and championship series. Len held control, winning both series, while Bill Swartzbaugh, sailing his first year in a Lightning, took 2nd, in the Champ Series.

Back on the road a quick trip to Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, at their first annual regatta, brought Len Pratt first, Bud Hamblet 3rd, Harlow Cutting 5th, and Dave Bischoff 7th. Then Len took 2nd, at the Last Chance Regatta in Milford, Connecticut. But that wasn't the last chance to race—with Hamblet beginning the season—so will it end—at Riverton, N.J., finishing 7th, and the grand finale at Quantic finishing 4th in a field of 99 boats.

With all these activities, our new club house and the overall development of the water front added to the convenience of our visiting sailors not to mention us regulars.



"Overlooking moorings—during New England Championship Regatta."

MARBLEHEAD HARBOR FLEET (189)

Based on Marblehead Harbor and Massachusetts Bay, Marblehead, Mass.

Fleet Captain	John Collins
Fleet Secretary	Pauline Nagle
Fleet Champion	Dr. Louis Pocharski
Runner-Up	1st Duncan McInnes

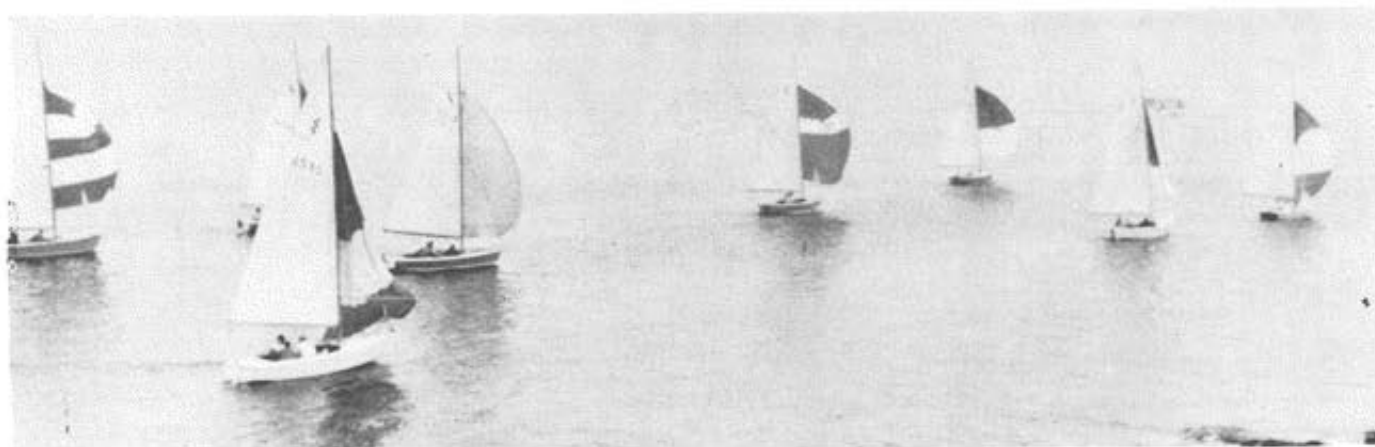
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2973	.....	Dr. Herbert Salenkow
3373	Tia Maria	William Seaver
3440	Sansar	Raymond Moore & Paul Muray
3521	Calabo	Robert Booth
3989	.....	Charles Langmold and Bob Maxon
4099	Pointless	Harry Sedgwick
5282	Panic	John Earon
5660	The Witch	Joe Blount
6103	Sprint	W. E. Thorp
6130	Parlay	Richard Martin
6344	Strike III	Fred Pryor & Gus Bourneauf
6595	Vagus	Dr. Frank Healey
6652	Thumpa	Laurence Coffin
6656	Chaos	W. Whitney & Meredith Bradley
6705	Tinisse	Andrew Kados
6828	Firefly	John Grehan
6896	Schusser	Diana Wallace
6910	Nugget	John Collins
7139	Cuddles	Harold Nagle
7218	Tweetie	John Collins
7553	Neirac	John & Paula Carien
7557	Jamerie	Dr. Merrill Feldman
7599	Puffer	William Widnall
7814	Nereid	Suzanne & Frank W. Warner, Jr.
8016	Whirlwind	Marjorie & Knight Alexander
8034	Warrior	Stanley Goodwin
8301	Thatdamboat	Paul Oesehenes
8333	Creeper	Duncan McInnes
8456	Wil-Vi-Lee	William Bray
8577	Bali III	Dr. John Ballou & Dr. Robert Liming
8660	Susy Too	Dr. Frank Morse
8720	Celest	Dr. Frank Colombo & Richard Price
8741	.....	Pleon Yacht Club
8742	.....	Pleon Yacht Club
8743	.....	Pleon Yacht Club
9133	Lancer	William & David Caldwell
9142	Three Cheers	Robert Cole, D. R. Chipman & R. C. Folweiler
9197	Phinque	Earling Falck
9241	.....	Dick Slee & Ed Dixey
9399	Just Spook	Dr. Louis Pocharski

We opened our 1964 sailing season with sail measuring and a banquet at the Boston Yacht Club. During our past winter season we had a series of sailing seminars conducted by Dr. Louis Pocharski. There were guest speakers each time and we looked forward to a summer of racing with more confidence and know-how.

We had a busy social season with a chowder party at Dr. Ballou's house, and our annual race week cookout at Goldthwaite Beach, both parties attended by over 100 people. We welcomed some new people to our fleet, Earling Falck, William Widnall, and Marjorie & Knight Alexander. Bill Bray and Bill & Dave Caldwell raced their new boats built by themselves. Dr. Colombo and Dick Price did a good job of racing in their new 8720.

The following enjoyed unexpected swims in the cool Atlantic. Harry Sedgwick, the crew of 6656, Jack Grehan and Duncan McInnes. Races were held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. We had three twilight series. The winner of the first two was Dr. Louis Pocharski; second, John Collins; third, Stanley Goodwin. The third Twilight Series: the winner was Bill Caldwell; second, John Collins; third, Dick Price & Frank Colombo. Race week winner in the championship division was Dr. Louis Pocharski; second, Ben Smith; third, Len Pratt. In the consolation division, the winner was Greg Boardman, Pleon Yacht Club; second, Frank Healey; third, Mark Kellogg. Our Fleet Champion was Dr. Louis Pocharski; second, Duncan McInnes; third, John Carien. In our Fall Series of five races Bill Caldwell was the winner.

Four members of our present fleet will appear with new boats in 1965. They are Dr. Louis Pocharski, John Collins, Frank Healey & Earling Falck. In addition there will be six newcomers. One is rumored to be Ted Hood. This will set a record number of new boats in our fleet in one year. It's plain to see we'll all have stiff competition in the coming season of 1965.



"Part of Fleet #180 with lazy spinnakers in Marblehead Harbor."

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB (227) Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain	Edward Ellis
Fleet Secretary	Harold Carmichael
Fleet Champion	Dr. Alberic Bellerose
Runner-Up	David Stagg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7	Yankee	Samuel Stowell
	Dandee	
5354	Stag Too	David Stagg
5364	Kaimanee	Byron McCoy
5590	Ondine	Robert Franzoni
5886	Beau Geste II	Alberic H. Bellerose
6236	Duchess	Edward A. Ellis
6278	Susie Q	Dr. Ralph Seeley, Jr.
6695	Gambit	Robinson E. Keyes
7868	The Ugly Duckling	William W. White

Fair skies, good winds, and no protests prevailed for the entire '64 season. It was truly a fun year. The sailing season started with the Memorial Day Series and ended with the Labor Day Series.

There was a definite improvement in competition within the Fleet. Five races were won by different boats. Third place in the summer series was a battle between Ellis, Keyes and Seeley which was not decided until the final race of the season with Ellis winning out.

The Memorial Day Series, consisting of 3 races, was won by Bellerose with Stowell 2nd and Ellis 3rd.

The Fourth-of-July Series was won by Bellerose with Stagg 2nd and Ellis 3rd.

The Labor Day Series was won by Stowell with Bellerose 2nd and Ellis 3rd.

The Fleet Championship consisting of 18 races during the summer, was won by Bellerose with Stagg 2nd and Ellis 3rd.

The sailing season ended with a party and awarding of prizes. Edward Ellis was elected Fleet Captain for 1965 with Harold Carmichael the Fleet Secretary and Treasurer. We are looking forward to the 1965 season as Ed and Hal provided us with a very interesting program the last time they were at the helm.

HARRASEEKET LIGHTNING FLEET (244) Sailing on Casco Bay, South Freeport, Maine

Fleet Captain	Jack Burwell
Fleet Secretary	Gene Kregling
Fleet Champion	Jack Burwell
Runner-Up	Gardner Brown

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1951	Sunway	Richard C. Walker
2296	Regardless	Harraseeket Yacht Club
3306	Ega Beva	Henry Douglass
5937	Far Cry	Stuart MacDonald
8188	Jackpot	Jack Burwell
8701	Sigame	John Henshaw
8978	Escape	Gene Kregling
9150	Again	Gardner Brown

The competition at the Harraseeket Yacht Club was keener than ever as the addition of two new boats stimulated the fleet. Gene Kregling and Gardner Brown acquired brand new Lightnings which proved to be extremely fast.

After pre-season tuning and impromptu brushing, the members decided to hold both a Saturday Open Series and a Sunday Lightning Series. It was felt that if the proper handicap was given, all boats in the club could compete in the open class. This racing permitted more boats to race, stimulating interest in members who normally only cruise.

On July 4th the 13th Annual Punchbowl Race was held. The Punchbowl is a handicap race in which a staggered start is employed giving the slower boats a chance to show the newer boats a few tricks. The year before, the wind blew 35 mph in gusts, this year no wind and fog. The race was sailed through the soup, and after three hours of fighting an incoming current with a 0-5 mph wind Gene Kregling in Escape managed to complete the course, second was Again, and third Sigame.

The Saturday Open Series was won by Jack Burwell, second Gardner Brown, and third Gene Kregling. The same trio ended one, two and three in the Sunday Lightning Series.

The Casco Bay Inter-club Regatta was hosted by the Orr-Bailey Yacht Club. Boats representing the Wildwood Park Sailing Association, Centerboard Yacht Club, Orrs-Bailey Yacht Club, Merriconeag Yacht Club, Mere Point Yacht Club, and Harraseeket Yacht Club competed in the two day event. The Harraseeket boats did very well placing first, third, fourth, and fifth. Jackpot led the way followed by Sigame, Again and Escape.

The Centerboard Yacht Club boasted the State of Maine Lightning Championship. The wind direction and velocity changed constantly during the first day of racing as a series of cold fronts passed through Portland, making a race requiring extreme alertness. Sunday's races were sailed under a constant southwest wind. When the Regatta ended Duncan McInness claimed first, Jack Burwell second, and Frank Husson third.

The third Harraseeket Yacht Club Lightning Regatta was held the Sunday before Labor Day. All the clubs in Casco Bay participated, with the order of finish being Jackpot, Again and Escape. This Regatta has become a real fun day, and the racing committee gave comical, appropriate prizes to all contenders.

The Harraseeket Yacht Club looks forward to an excellent sailing year in 1965 with good competition and fun for all.

WINNIPESAUKEE YACHT CLUB (246) Sailing on Saunders Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee, Glendale, N. H.

Fleet Captain	Bill Saunders
Fleet Secretary	Paul Hodgdon
Fleet Champion	John Michels
Runner-Up	Bill Saunders

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
81	Nimbau	Lawrence Guild
877	Bluebird	Paul Hodgdon
1947	Repeat	William Loughlin
3273	Who Dat	William Saunders
3834	Spalpeen	Arthur G. Dwyer

4549	Zing	Alger Conger
5643	Kik-a-Tu	Kenneth Taylor
6420	Escapade	Pete Harris
6787	Force 12	John Predimore
7609	Hoi Toi	John Michels
8443	Hard-a-Lee	Russ Countway

Race chairman Bill St. Laurent admirably conducted an exciting 16-race official schedule for Fleet 246. Our hats are off also to Bill's fine handling of the Vermont-New Hampshire Championship Regatta with Fleet 332 at neighboring Squam Lake. It is told that two of Winnepesaukee's intrepid sailors learned the vagaries of puffy, heavy-weather spinnaker handling during this fine meet. Ebullient Pete Harris, Captain for 1965, promises continued lively activities for the upcoming season.

When the season count was in, steadily-improving John Michels piloted HOI TOI to triumph over the fine performances of Bill Saunders, second, and Ken Taylor, third. Guest Ralph Mosher in 8898, SOAPY SEA, enlivened the front runners with many top finishes. Developing sailors, Dave Countway, Pete Harris and family, Al Conger, Sharon Dwyer and Paul Hodgdon sailed some strong races and are laying plans to join the early finishers in next year's racing.

Captain Bill Saunders energetically led the fleet through a real fine season. The mid-winter meeting featured an active tactics seminar refereed by technical advisor and master sailor, Walt Estes. The enthusiasm generated by this meeting occasioned pre-season and post-season practice races and a mid-season change-about race.

JOTTINGS AND IMPRESSIONS

Bill Saunders is planning to helm a new boat next year. Perhaps we will get the first hand story on fiberglass.

It certainly was a busy race season, yet members spent many delightful hours cruising Winnepesaukee's enchanting waters.

It was a thrill to spot sail numbers 2 and 7 at the Regatta at Squam Lake.

Our 10th Regatta was again ably conducted and I am sure it was an added fillip to all participants to read the excellent write-up in the September "Flashes."

John Michel's fine performances against other hot-shots in the Regattas has aroused desire in the Fleet. I suspect that Fleet 246 will be represented at the forefront in next year's District circuit.

A New Year's Eve party in August may look like a misprint but the highlight of the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club social activity was listed with the footnote—"postponed from December 31, 1963."

That's all for this year. Look forward to seeing you under sail in 1965.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB FLEET (273)

Sailing at Massabesic Lake, Manchester, N. H.

Fleet Captain	Reg Babin
Fleet Secretary	Robert D. Stewart
Fleet Champion	Franklin Husson
Runner-Up	James Richmond

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2	Reek	Ethan V. Howard, Jr. M.D.
1139	NancyLou	Reg. B. Babin
1936	Nightcap	Robert D. Stewart
2098	Intrepid	Jack Noga
5096	Bit-O-Honey	James Richmond
7777	Fancy Free II	Franklin Husson
8939		Albert Desilets

Fleet 273 concluded its 9th consecutive year on Sunday, October 18, 1964, and our diehard skippers Richmond and Stewart finally conceded after a final brush race Sunday, November 29th, and decommissioned somewhat reluctantly.

During the year participation proved to be most active and consistent with eight boats competing in the club's twenty race series during the summer and fall. During the year several new Lightning owners joined the club but did not race with us consistently due to their newness to the sport and the unfamiliarity of their boats. However their periodic additional competition proved stimulating and added fun for all. Among these newcomers to our ranks were the Joe Newells of Andover, Mass., the Phil Lewises of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Albert Desilets

of Manchester, the Fleet's new shipwright! Welcome Aboard Mates!

Throughout the June, July, and August months at least one-half of our active members availed themselves of the opportunities to sharpen their personal competition and socialization by trailering to and participating in a number of the New England Regattas which were held. These events at Spofford Lake, Winnepesaukee, Squam Lake, and Portland, Maine and Wellfleet, Mass., provided our skippers with some of the season's most challenging conditions and the ultimate in New England hospitality, and "Booty" as well!

Despite excellent interest and representation at most of these events, not all our skippers were as successful in "having their cake and eating it too," as was Frank Husson the Fleet's champion. Frank in fact did accomplish just this at three out of four of the aforementioned regattas . . . sharp sailing! In addition Husson sailed off with first honors at Massabesic's annual Fall Regatta in September as well. In brief, Frank and his very able crew, son Dick, and son-in-law Will Collender who hails from "down East", won fourth overall at the early June Spofford Regatta. This was followed by a 3rd overall win at Portland, and another fourth overall at Winnepesaukee in August, and finally first overall for Massabesic's summer and fall series for the second year in a row! Frank's boat is for sale since he says it isn't fast enough and needs more awards to be able to get a trophy business started next year!

Other Fleet skippers who made some of the Regatta Rounds include Jack Noga, who although not as successful at Portland as Husson, he did become very adept at racing tactics and tanker dodging as well. At any rate Noga is bound to outmaneuver the Portland competition in the season ahead and we understand is daring to star-broad!

Although none of our Fleet were able to make the Districts at Spofford this year, Bob Stewart did get there theoretically as an observer and ended up with a chance as a substitute skipper on one of the newer boats when its skipper was unexpectedly called away. This proved to be another tough race in the five race series and Stewart with "Kiki's" crew (with the blessing of the "Brass") managed to sail down a twelfth for that race, a sobering but nonetheless stimulating experience as a representative for Massabesic!

At the New Hampshire-Vermont championships held this year for the first time at Squam Lake, Ethan Howard trailed his #2, "REEK", and Bob Stewart his "NIGHTCAP," #1936 to compete in a well attended "hot" starting fleet of 27 entries. This regatta provided additional intriguing wind conditions which varied from zero to twenty throughout the three race series. Unfortunately for our Fleet's prestige, neither Dr. Howard nor Stewart were able to "finish in the money," but did come close by virtue of tying for second overall at the conclusion of two heats. Regrettably the Nightcap though exceptionally well sailed by Stewart, his young son Jeff, and first mate Bill Otis, had the misfortune at the windward mark of "keel hauling" their bag, and as a consequence reduced a good lead they had established and ended up ninth overall on conclusion of the series. Despite the heartbreaks, the Squam Regatta was a highpoint of the 1964 season as was Fleet 332's hospitality.

With the conclusion of the Regatta circuit and our own club's annual event in early September, the Fleet settled down to battling out for the annual Fall awards points. The upshot of this hotly contested program was that Frank Husson barely managed to edge out Jim Richmond by a few close points to nail down both Fall and Summer Series crowns for first, and with Richmond taking second in these series. Ethan Howard managed to "steal" third spot in the Summer Series, and Jack Noga craftily did likewise for the Fall Series with an equally narrow margin. So much for the victors, and as for the vanquished like Reg Babin, Frank Amadon, Bill Uhrich and the others, they look forward to a better year of Lightning combat in the season ahead! Unfortunately for the Fleet we lose out with Frank Amadon by virtue of his promotion to Claremont, New Hampshire, but we are hopeful he will get a fleet going himself at Lake Sunapee so we can all sample some competition up there one year soon. In the meantime we wish Frank well and hope he'll be continuing to compete with us from time to time in the future.

The outlook for 1965 should be promising what with Massabesic Yacht Club's slate of new Flag Officers to promote social and racing events during the months to come. This change plus anticipated greater participation by Fleet 273's newest associates, the Newells, the Lewises, the Desilets, and prospective member Garvin who is presently building his #9018, makes us look ahead with optimism for the season which is soon to be upon us.



"Breecing along on Massabesic Lake."

CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280)
Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Mass.

Fleet Co-Captains Robert Campbell &
H. William Oliver
Fleet Secretary H. Winsor Nickerson, Jr.
Fleet Champion H. Winsor Nickerson
Runner-up Robert Campbell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
847	Valkyrie	Dr. S. Armstrong
2829	Kwan Yin	Fred Sargent
2927	Fox II	Stallford Frazier
5573	Qui Vive	Malcolm S. Smith
5948	Jacks Ark	Rev. John R. Williams
6852	.....	Preston Moore
7128	Blue Cloud	Robert Campbell
7457	Circe	John W. Waterbury
7605	Whisper II	Paul Warnke
7796	Mandragola	Dwight W. Webb
8527	Winsome II	H. Winsor & Stuart Nickerson
8710	Havoc	Robert Campbell
8953	Le Clair	H. William Oliver

Fleet #280's biggest event was the Massachusetts Championship held August 8-9, in which 22 boats competed. Saturday's races had to be canceled because of strong southwest winds. Three short races were held on Sunday with Harlow Cutting of Spofford Lake winning the series. Dr. Louis Pocharski of Marblehead finished second, Win Nickerson of the home fleet was third, and Robert Campbell of the home fleet was fourth.

This year three new boats joined our fleet, making a total of thirteen boats.

Several of our members ventured to other regattas. Malcolm Smith with QUI VIVE and Win Nickerson with WINSOME II went to Spofford where Win placed second in a three-race series. Stu Nickerson placed first in the junior series. Bob Campbell and Win Nickerson went to the Districts at Spofford Lake where Win placed fifth and Bob finished in the middle of the fleet. Win also went to Squam Lake where he placed third.

WINSOME II, skippered alternately by Win and Stu Nickerson, captured all the regular season trophies.

Malcolm and Bart Smith won the original fleet trophy for heavier boats in QUI VIVE.

In the round-robin skipper series held Labor Day weekend, Bob Campbell was the winner.

Several members of fleet #280 are planning to attend more New England District races in 1965.



"Fleet Champion Nickerson in WINSOME II."

SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)
Sailing on Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Dick Blair
Fleet Secretary Howard O. Wood
Fleet Champion Howard Wood
Runner-Up David Closson



"Fleet Champion VIGILANTE"

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

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

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

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

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

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore: John R. Ruhlman

District Secretary: Gerald R. Garinger

District Champion: Charles H. Maltbie

District Runner-Up: Jay Limbaugh

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

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

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

Northeast Yacht Club and Cleveland Yacht Club held July invitationals.

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

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

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

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

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

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

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

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

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

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

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

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