

Lightning Fleets

SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB, INC. (1)

Central New York District

Based on Skaneateles Lake, New York

Fleet Captain	Tom Brunton
Fleet Secretary	W. Howell Finn
Fleet Champion	W. Howell Finn
Runner-Up	Pete Paullin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7086	G-String	Thomas Brunton
7419	Oh Lady	Whiton Powell
8555	Anticipation	David W. White
9557	Wild Goose IV	S. G. Reynolds, Jr.
9635	Sparkling	
	Burgundy	W. Howell Finn
9653	Gotcha Too	Peter Paullin

This, I am sure, will have to go down as the summer when there was no wind on the weekends from early June until the end of the season.

This reporter cannot remember a season when the wind was consistently so light. The only solution was to take a couple of days off in the middle of the week to get in our races, but none of us had the nerve to do that.

This season Fleet #1 had its troubles trying to field enough boats to make its races legal. It was frustrating to have 18 to 20 Rhodes Bantams revving up to make their start five minutes behind a handful of Lightnings. However, racing fleets seem to move in very dramatic cycles. I feel that with a little "hard sell" recruiting, and with an all important assist from the Country Club's Board of Directors in the form of a special membership for sailors, we can look forward to a speedy return to the halcyon days of old.

Skaneateles enjoyed the privilege of the '66 CNY Districts. There was a gratifying turnout of thirty boats. Although the two-day south wind was relatively modest we did sail the scheduled four races. Dick Hallagan, the District strong man from Sodus, emerged as our new champion. However, he was hard-pressed by a very fine contingent from Cazenovia.

Fleet Race Results — 1966

1st Saturday Series

1. Ace Finn
2. Skinner Reynolds
3. Tom Brunton

2nd Saturday Series

1. Pete Paullin
2. Ace Finn
3. Tom Brunton

1st Sunday Series

1. Ace Finn
2. Tom Brunton
3. Skinner Reynolds

2nd Sunday Series

1. Ace Finn
2. Pete Paullin
3. Tom Brunton

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District

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

Fleet Captain	Robert B. O'Brien, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Joseph F. Van Horn
Fleet Champion	Corby Day
Runner-Up	Jim Kellogg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tar Pot	B. H. Y. C.
513	Misbehave	J. Urner
581	My Gal	K. P. Miller
1137	Sojo-Linjo	Joseph F. Van Horn
1732	Mischief	R. B. O'Brien, Jr.
1744	Aeolus	H. Corbin Day
2674	Never on Sunday	J. Lloyd Harbeck, Jr.
3768	NBAA	Ned Benedict
4176	Red Herring	James Kellogg
6784	Dragon	Wm. K. Dunbar III
8738	BHYC	BHYC
8958	Vagabond	Robert R. & Thayer Adams
9404		Kenneth R. Winter
9976	Marauder	John Orlup

Once again Fleet 3 had another active year. The 1966 season was launched with the annual tune-up regatta on June 17th & 18th. These races are open to all Lightning skippers and will be held again on the same dates in 1967.

The results of our July series showed Bob Adams the winner with Ken Winter second and Bill Dunbar third. The August races were won by "Dynamic Bill Dunbar" with Ken Winter second over-all.

Corby Day swept the wet boat series with Jim Kellogg second and Ned Benedict third. The August series again saw Day and Kellogg in their usual positions, however, some spectacular sailing by Louise Miller won for her a third for the series.

The wet boats held a Round-Robin during the early fall which again proved the superior sailing abilities of Corby Day, the winner, Ned Benedict, second and Jim Kellogg, third. This proved to be an exciting event and we hope to repeat it annually.

Crack Skipper, Bob Adams represented our fleet in the North Americans with Ken Winter as one of the crew.

1967 seems to be shaping up as one of our most active years, and we are looking forward to some of the best racing ever.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Mid West District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Montrose Harbor,

Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain	Richard Hinze
Fleet Secretary	Fred Winkler
Fleet Champion	William Wingard
Runner-Up	Donald Basler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5133	Karin	Fred Bell
5651	Chi Lady	Leeker-Yochim
6032	Hurry	Don McCurry
7002	Imprudent	Lee Van Degens
7221	Jackpot	John Cutler
7326	Lucky Too	Ralph Weninger
7370	Istar	Al Berg
7427	Sea Fever	Arthur Chuzum
7504	Jungfrun	Ralph Albrecht
7547	Frolic	Richard Hinze
7629	Isolde	George Carlson
7936	Choats	William Burke
7955	Midetite	John Burke
8143	Our First	Russel Swanson
8427	Caprice	Clarence Wegert
8541	Jubilee	William Wingard
8669	Spectre	Eugene Spertus
8686	Flying Toad	Robert Spitz
9161	Lin	Harold Mieling
9412	Alethia	Donald Basler
9697	Hussy	William Anderson
9890	Red Baron	James Carroll
9957	Good Grief	Peter Chase
9958	Schuss	Clifford Stettler
9987	Zip	Eric Gabler
10040	La Belle Poule	Bernard Abraham
10099	Shelby	Jay Doty
10100	Snoopier	Bruce Goldsmith
10250		Fred Winkler

We enjoyed another fine year of racing which included over 50 races and three Lightning regattas. The Midwest District Championship was a 5 race see-saw contest which featured 36 boats from throughout the area. It ended with Bill Wingard, our fleet champion, winning his 7th district championship. Bruce Goldsmith also from our club and holder of numerous firsts including the 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965 Midwest Districts was second, only one boat position off the pace. Charlie Greaves of the neighboring Burham Park Club was third.

The Gim Hobleman Regatta is an annual affair that has always been well attended. This year's finalists in order of their finish were Al Berg, Bill Wingard and John Burke. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to compete in our 1967

regattas. We have what we feel are good accommodations for both you and your boat. We can insure a hearty welcome and sharp competition. We look forward to seeing our old friends and the chance to make new ones.

Our Champagne Regatta is an intramural event in which the fleet is divided into two teams. This team type race always proves to be one of the season's best. Instant and extreme loyalties are formed for fellow team members and it's all very strange, very vocal and very competitive. This year would have been the 4th annual contest but we were blown out. Undaunted, we had a tug-o-war to divide the spoils and went on to have an amusing afternoon and evening at the club.

Our club races are divided into five series which are designed to adapt to the varied schedules of our racers. Our "Early Bird" is a 4 to 5 race series held in late May which is primarily intended to shake down the boats and to clear the ice from the area. In June our fleet divides into two groups according to racing skill to form the Championship and Commodore classes. These are 10 to 12 race series held on the same day, but the starts are 5 minutes apart. The Championship series determines our club champ and the winner of the Commodore series moves up into the Championship fleet the following year. This arrangement makes for keen competition throughout the fleet and the front positions of either fleet are equally coveted and raced for. Our 1966 fleet champion is Bill Wingard with Don Basler a close second and Dick Hinze third. Our Commodore series winner is Eric Gabler with Harold Mieling a very close second and Eugene Spertus third.

Our Ding Dong Series is also 10 to 12 races in which the entire fleet participates. These races are scheduled so as to allow our boats to attend out of town regattas without missing Fleet Championship races. Our 1966 Ding Dong winner was Dick Hinze with Basler and Peter Chase second and third.

Our Moonbeam series is held on Wednesday evenings. It's a once around, no spinnaker, informal type of race which permits variation from the regular crew. As per usual, whenever there's more than one boat in the area, it is a hotly contested event.

This, plus several Lightning Fleet sponsored social affairs which tends to introduce the more passive side of our racers rounded out our season. Our growing fleet looks forward to 1967 which holds the promise of being our best.



Harry Healing, Commodore of the Housatonic Boat Club, presents first place trophies to Sue Franz and Greg Baxter. Sue won the Junior Lightning Championship.

1324	Gambol	Wesley Clarke
1588	Poseidon II	Douglas Waterhouse
1600	Sea Fever	Harry B. Wignall
1730	Nirvana	Edward E. Stodolink
1929	Crash	Gilbert Williams
2920	Alibi	Philip E. Olson
3576	Driftwood	Paul A. King
4459	Snapper	John Davie
4523	Minerve	Frederick F. Fagul
5941	Pokie-Dot	Claudia Chanoux
7366	Blue Chip	Robert G. Thorpe
7636	Layaway	George C. Lay
7638	Gung Ho	William B. Knapp, Jr.
7924	Thunderer	Russell C. Applegate, Jr.
8616	Enterprise	Clifford N. Hutchison
8688	Sponger	Charles P. Canevari
9074	Tattle-tale	Theodore Chanoux
9522	.....	Edward R. Olsen
9711	.....	David Peterson



Fleet 5 looks for free air while closely watching Bill Wingard, Fleet champion, in #8541.

HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB (6)

Connecticut District

Based on Long Island Sound, at Stratford, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Russell Applegate, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Douglas P. Waterhouse
Fleet Champion	David Chanoux
Runner-Up	Hugh Hutchison

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
283	Nunky II	Leo J. Fagan, Jr.
476	Tackaway	Robert E. Franz

Fleet Six has not grown in size during the past few years but with 34 junior sailors and 5 ladies in the sailing class conducted by 1965 Fleet Champion Hugh Hutchison, the prospects for the Fleet would appear to be improving. One of our most promising juniors, Sue Franz, was number 3 in Dave Peterson's crew. (Dave was 3 in the World's at Naples in 1965). Sailing to first place honors in the Junior Championship's on August 20-21, Sue was in considerable pain. Less than 24 hours later, our Junior Champion was a few ounces lighter after undergoing an emergency appendectomy. 'Twas a close call for Sue.

Another promising junior is Peter Canevari who sails with the big fellows. Peter ended the season with a first in the Second Division Championships and promises to give the first division boys a run for their money in '67.

Members of Lightning Fleet Six made a worthwhile contribution to their boat club by taking over the placing and hauling of all club moorings in the Housatonic River. Heretofore, this chore had been handled by an outside contractor, at considerable expense to the Club.

Fleet Champion, Dave Chanoux, is also a member of the M.I.T. Sailing Team which placed 3rd in the intercollegiate championships at New London, Connecticut. Dave was a triple threat winner during the 1966 season winning firsts in the River Series and the Sunday Series in addition to the Fleet Championship Series. On August 20-21, for a change of scenery, Dave sailed in the New England Lightning Championships at East Greenwich, Rhode Island, and ended up in first place.

During Bud Olsen's change of scenery at St. Petersburg, Florida, on the Southern Circuit, Bud's boat dropped five feet as it was being launched with no apparent adverse effects.

Once again, Fleet Six sends a big "Thank You" to the Fleet Wives whose many contributions help to insure a happy and successful racing season.

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)

Lake Erie District

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

Fleet Captain	Edwin Roseberry, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Ross Hall
Fleet Champion	William Bergantz
Runner-Up	Karl Smither

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
32		Dr. James A. English
354		Vaughn Pierce
521	Breeze	Arthur A. Ward
523	Puff	Ali Hansen
529	Meer Maid	Charles L. Abell
573	Pastime	Howard Hirschmiller
693	Off-Call	Dr. Murray S. Howland
746	Dauntless	Wm. C. O'Hern, Carl J. Kolb
895	Fun	William H. Merrill
1473	Princess Pat	Andrew R. Miller, Jr.
1603	Charley Brown	Alan E. Dewey
2921	Southern Comfort	R. Fischer
4600	Yodeler	James R. How
4862	Four-C's	W. R. Crawford & C. M. Curtiss
5000	Thermis 5 M's	Oliver Buck
6351	Gay-Way	Wells E. Knibloe
6800	Linament II	J. Y. Sloan
6926	Marja	Bob Adams
7000	Njord II	David Sprague
7009	Guided Missile	J. Richard Dangle
7046	Jelly	Bonnie Jehle
7348	Pawnee	Paul C. Stievater
7631	Sham	Dr. John P. Hylant
8298	Flare	Thomas D. Fallon
8390	Bull II	R. P. Ferrick
8498	Foamy II	Allen Bernel
8510	Sloth	William Bergantz
8598	Venture	Mike Eagan
8624	Dart	Joseph T. J. Stewart
8840	Maggot	R. Curtiss Montgomery
9000	Thermis IX	Karl Smither
9111		Ed Roseberry Jr.
9125	Bannana Boat	Donald S. Scheu
9136		David B. Thomas
9182		G. E. Spitzmiller Jr.
9556	Simbad	Dr. Francis Ehert and James F. Ehert
9558	Better Half	Ross Hall and Bud Huffman
9620	Bonita	Dr. Albert M. Kraus
10031	Restless	William W. Hughes
10111	Atom	Thomas G. Allen III
10147		Kenneth Seubert
		C. Townsend Wilson

The Buffalo Canoe Club maintains a very intensive sailing schedule starting as soon as the Lake Erie ice breaks up (about May 1st) and ending in the middle of September. We race every Saturday and Sunday and on Wednesday evenings during June and July. In addition, an active program from junior Lightning sailors during July and August is carried on. Our Lightning fleet enjoys all season the smoothly operating and extremely competent race committee organization which was in evidence during the North American Championships and about which so many visiting sailors complimented the club. The effectiveness of this race committee is due to a large group of club members, both sailors and power boaters, who enthusiastically give time to this part of the sailing program.

World Lightning Class Champion, Tom Allen, won the Canadian Open Lightning Championship at Port Arthur, Ontario, the Lake Erie District Championship and the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake Yacht Club. Ed Roseberry, our fleet captain, won the annual Haul-out Regatta at Sandy Beach.

Ken Seubert, Dick Dangle, and George Spitzmiller joined the fleet this season. Ken bought a new Allen fiberglass boat and was racing it for the second time on a rather blowy day when he was port-tacked by a 30' Knarr. The Lightning, unfortunately, received the worst of this encounter.

Two Lightning families dominated the racing season at our club this season. Anne Allen, in addition to crewing admirably for her husband, is a top skipper in her own right; she won the Mother Carey Series for lady skippers. Anne's husband won the Maccubbin Series, and her father, Karl Smither, won both the

Coleman and Fleet 12 Series. Dr. Bergantz's three sons, Bill (age 19), George (age 17) and Jimmy (age 14), sailed together in every race, taking turns skippering. Bill skippered in the senior races and won the club championship and the A Skippers Series. George and Jimmy alternated as skipper in the junior races, both winning a series. Jim also skippered and won the Wednesday evening series. It was Bill's turn to skipper in the North Americans and he placed sixth in the first flight. These boys are not a weighty crew and many of our visiting sailors during the North Americans no doubt noticed, during heavy weather, the agility with which they could get further away from the center line of their boat than most other crews.

Of the twelve boats from the Lake Erie District qualifying for the North Americans, we sent Tom Allen (1965 Champion), Bill Bergantz, Tom Fallon, Curt Montgomery, Ed Roseberry, Jr., and Karl Smither. All the sailors of Fleet 12 enjoyed hosting the North Americans. There was tremendous interest in the series, attested to by the large number of spectator boats, particularly for the fifth race on Saturday. It seemed that everything in the club that floated, including a sailfish, was at the finish line.

During the season we enjoy some fun races and of these the race to Port Colborne is the best. We race along the coast of the lake for about 10 miles and then have a clambake on a breakwater about a mile off Port Colborne. This year, after the feast, some of the more venturesome boats tacked down the Welland Canal but were stopped when they could not clear a low bridge. The bridge tender absolutely refused to raise his bridge in spite of loud imprecations about freedom of passage, etc.

The club hosted the annual Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta in June and Stu Anderson of the Niagara Sailing Club won the Lightning crown. Tom Allen, Bill Bergantz and Karl Smither took 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places respectively. Bruce Goldsmith and Jay Dory from Chicago also competed in this regatta. Both their boats and that of Tom Allen had been completed only a scant 12 hours prior to the first race.

Series	Order of Finish
Eby	Anderson, Allen (Don), Smither
Coleman	Smither, Roseberry, Bernel
Viking	Stievater, Smither, Bernel
Myer's Memorial	Bergantz (Jim), Montgomery (Mike), Ehret and Kraus
Roseberry "A"	Bergantz (Bill), Smither, Allen
Franclemont "B"	Ehret, Adams, Scheu
Maccubin	Allen, Bergantz (Bill), Fallon
Thermis	Wilson, Kraus, Huffman, Crawford, Sloan
Fleet 12	Smither, Montgomery (Curt), Kraus
Lightning Championship	Bergantz (Bill), Smither, Montgomery (Curt), Ferrick, Wilson, Roseberry
Mother Carey (women)	Anne Allen, Ellen Hughes, Barb Heibach
Iffenpoo (single-handed)	Montgomery (Curt), Montgomery (Mike)
Tom Franclemont Memorial (Junior)	Mike Montgomery, George Schank, George Bergantz
Championship (Junior)	George Bergantz, Mike Montgomery, Bob Dobmeier
Scorekeepers (Junior)	Jim Bergantz, Jay Hansen, George Schank



The Fleet Captain, Ed Roseberry, went all out trying to win the last race of the season.

MAYFIELD YACHT CLUB (13)

Central New York District

Sailing on Sacandaga Reservoir at Mayfield, New York

Fleet Captain	Will Merritt
Fleet Secretary	Max Swietlik
Fleet Champion	Ed Kruszona
Runner-Up	Ed Horstkotte

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
76	Imp	Clyde Oberist
1187	Adam's Rib	Stephan Mithoff
2393	Scamp	Max & Michael Swietlik
4408	Savage	Donald Kerr
4933	Eclair	Charles G. Estey
5138	Firefly	L. T. Jester, Jr.
7333	Hekate	W. D. Bellamy
8494	Loki	Will D. Merritt, Jr.
8591	Smoke	Ed Horstkotte
8899	Escape	Ed Kruszona
9105		Edward K. Dean



These smiling faces belong to Fleet 13 to skippers: Fleet champion, Ed Kruszona (center) with runner-up Ed Horstkotte (left) and third-placer Dex Bellamy (right).

The 1966 season opened on May 29 for Fleet 13 sailors with high, gusty winds causing cancellation of the very first race. After this, however, the weather held up beautifully every week-end through the last race, giving us a 100 percent racing season.

The first series of eight races was won by Ed Kruszona, while Ed Horstkotte took second place, and Dex Bellamy took third. Ed Kruszona was winner again of the second series, followed by Will Merritt and Dex Bellamy. The last race of the season was won by Ed Kruszona despite his falling completely overboard mid-way in the last leg with three boats ahead. Ed, pulled himself back on board with the mainsheet, to which he had clung during his unexpected plunge, and then skippered his Lightning on to victory with four boats in virtual dead heat at the finish line. Guess this proves that it takes all kinds of ability to be a consistent winner.

Four of Fleet 13 members participated in the 1966 Central New York Lightning District Championship Regatta held at the Skaneateles Country Club on July 23 and 24. The Fleet represented itself very well in the overall results with a member in each quartile of the final standings. E Dean skippered his new boat well enough to place for competition in the North Americans at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

Our season ended without a single capsized and with a total absence of any sort of protest despite a considerable amount of heated competition. This must be some kind of new record for

Fleet 13—apparently our sailors have developed to par excellence in all aspects of seamanship.

We are looking forward to hosting the Lakeshort Lightning Squadron Regatta in 1967.

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB (14)

New England District

Sailing on Casco Bay at South Portland, Maine

Fleet Captain	Granville Dyer
Fleet Secretary	Albert E. Moore
Fleet Champion	Stephen Beecher
Runner-Up	George Huettl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1644	Comorant	George & Jay Huettl
3203	Ginger	Granville H. Dyer
7266	Bee-Cha	Stephen O. Beecher

Fleet 14, sailing on beautiful Casco Bay, has enjoyed perfect weather all season. The Lightnings sailed the regular series of eight races Sat. afternoons without having to postpone a race. The Hummingbirds raced Wed. evenings.

We held The State of Maine Lightning Regatta again this year combined with the Casco Bay Interclubs. Although the date conflicted with another large Regatta, we had a good turnout, and a good time was had by all.

In the Lightnings Steve Beecher in his Bee-Cha was in top place again this year, followed by George Huettl in his Comorant, and Gran. Dyer in Ginger taking a close third. It was nip and tuck all season with all three boats finishing very close.

The annual meeting and Trophy dinner was held Nov. 5 and was well attended.

We hope to have at least two more Lightnings next year with the usual racing series and regattas.

PAUPACK FLEET (16)

Metropolitan District

Based on Lake Wallenpaupack, at Tafton, Penna.

Fleet Captain	Henry S. Fretz
Fleet Secretary	Ron Regis
Fleet Champion	Henry S. Fretz
Runner-Up	Graham Hamilton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
735		Kenneth C. Forham and Jim Johnson
1941		Walter Faust
2673		Robert Lovell
4148	Vivace	S. Graham Hamilton
4900	Bounty	Sheldon Evans
5640	P D Q	Herbert H. Axford
5931	Schu-Fly	Dorothy Schumacker
5943		Walter Grote
6903	Marimbo	Bob Katz
7298	Cloud Nine	David Ludlow
7840	Mist II	John D. Folwell
7931	Little Women	Bill Sitterley
8663	Lucky Pierre II	Dr. Richard Porter
8691	Lil Sis	Ricky Hefner
9628		Ron Regis
9930	Rick-O-Shay	Henry Fretz
		Dr. Joe Mark
		John Giles

The 1966 sailing season went very smoothly for Fleet 16. There was excellent competition for all. The fleet, although not as large as we would like, seemed more evenly matched than in recent years.

Our season series, which determines the Fleet Champion, consisted of 17 races. Hank Fretz sailing his new fiberglass RICK-O-SHAY won by a narrow margin over Graham Hamilton and family in VIVACE. Ricky Hefner, closing fast, was third with Jim Ludlow sailing John Giles' Enchantress very fast to fourth place.

The season series is divided into three short series of 5 or 6 races. The first, the Miller series, was won by Hank Fretz with the Hamiltons second and Hefner third.

The second series, the Errison, was won by the Hamiltons with Fretz second and Hefner third. Ricky Hefner, really flying

by the end of the season, won the last series, the Axeford, with Fretz second and Hamilton third.

Our 5th annual Fall Regatta was held in early September. We had fine weather, although the wind let us down somewhat. Ricky Hefner, still flying edged Hern Henschen from Baltimore to win the regatta with Hank Fretz third. This regatta is always held the second weekend after Labor Day and all Lightnings are welcome to compete on our beautiful lake.

Fleet 16 is looking forward to bigger and better years. We know of three new "glass" boats on order for next year, and we hope there will be more.

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain	Francis Byrne
Fleet Secretary	Richard P. Maher
Fleet Champion	Joseph Seger
Runner-Up	Robert Walkerman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
364	Bobbin	William Arrison
1342	Quo Vadis	Richard Maher and Francis Byrne
5743		Karl Sandmeyer
6298		Douglas Robbins
6450	Just Ducky	
	Too	Joseph Seger
6805	Villach	Samuel Robbins
7018	Eagle	Richard and Stephen Swanson
8159	High Hopes	Robert Walkerman
9636	Sic Transit	
	Gloria	Miles Lasser
10035	Flamin Mabel	Charles Ludwig

After doing such a tremendous job in 1965 we reelected Fran Byrne our Fleet Captain for 1966. Our new boat bay was completed in April making our club facilities among the best in this part of the country. With the welcoming of Bob Robbins and Karl Sandmeyer to our fleet we were all set for a season of fun and competition.

The highlights of our season would have to include our many fine fleet dinners, our race at Chautauqua Yacht Club, and of course our 3rd Annual Cornball Regatta in August which has become more spectacular every year. This year Dick Hallagan from Sodus Bay Yacht Club came out on top in the 34 boat field taking a 3rd and a 1st. Following the race on Saturday we commenced on an ample supply of beer and clams, followed by a delicious chicken barbecue dinner and some fine music by a Dixieland Band.

Our race committee did a beautiful job this year and as a result we had some very interesting races. Joe Seger was successful in the June and August Series with Chuck Ludwig coming through in the July Series. The Wednesday night series was very close with Bob Walkerman coming out on top. Perhaps our most challenging races are those to Long Point. This year these 10 mile races were won by Joe Seger on Memorial Day, Bob Walkerman on July 4th, and Chuck Ludwig on Labor Day. Joe Seger was successful in defending the fleet championship with Bob Walkerman a close second. While the trophy banquet is traditionally a time for looking back over the season and reminiscing there was also an awareness of enthusiasm for spring and sailing.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Robert Stremple
Fleet Secretary	Alex Kaye
Fleet Champion	James B. Malcolm
Runner-Up	Tom Wilkins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
197	Ship-Shape	Allen Jeffery
1231	Pink Lady	James Klopfer
2982	Polka Dot	Dr. Robert Stafford
4424		Dewill Peffley
5103	Bounding Betsy III	Lou J. Zerbee

5371	South Wind	Robert Heys
	Too	
5410		Charles Mix
5829	Mimmi III	Richard Kretschmer
6209	Lightning Bug	Geo. Laue
6505		Thomas Kemp
7118	Rag Race II	Ray Stotts
7424		Robert Bayleat & Fred Butler
8717	Chuck-L	Charles Lutes
9274	Billie	Lester Young
9287	If	Tom Wilkins
9286	Receivership II	James Malcolm
9702	Lorelie	Alex Kaye
9955		Robert Stremple
9963	Shindig	John Shinn
10107		Ted Siferd

The Indian Lake Yacht Club has a fine Committee Boat, a Crash Boat, a Hoist, and adequate parking for cars and trailers. We invite all to our 10th Annual Spring Shakedown May 13, 1967.

Fleet 23 is noted for traveling to other regattas and this past year was no exception. It began with several touring the Southern Circuit—Alex Kaye in 9702 and Bernie Malcolm in 9286. Alex and Bernie made it to all three regattas and Charley Lutes joined them at St. Petersburg in his 8717.

Next event was the annual Indiana Open Championship at Indianapolis Sailing Club Fleet 270. Charley Lutes and Bernie Malcolm were in the competition, but out of the money. The fine hospitality of Fleet 270 and excellent facilities were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our own 9th annual Spring Shakedown Regatta brought 12 lightning invaders who practically made a clean sweep except for 4th place. Yes, we held back just to be nice to our guests, of course. The results were:

- 1st George Fisher in 9445 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club 43
- 2nd Jack Mueller in 8675 Rocky River 71
- 3rd Jim Dressel in 9360 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club 43
- 4th Bernie Malcolm in 9286 Indian Lake Yacht Club 23
- 5th Bob Spitz Buckeye Lake Yacht Club 43

The Ohio-Indiana District Competition was held at Port Clinton and sponsored by Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. Fleet 23 was represented by Charley Lutes, Les Young, Tom Wilkins, Alex Kaye, Bob Stremple, John Shinn and Bernie Malcolm. Bernie managed to capture a 5th while Tom Wilkins and Charley Lutes finished 13 and 14 respectively. Bernie went on to the North American Championship races and finished in the Championship Flight.

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club's Snowball Regatta proved to be a big attraction with seven boats participating from fleet 23. Competition also proved to be heavy resulting in No hardware to show for our big contingent.

The last regatta attended by a fleet 23 member was the Bluenose sponsored by Old Hickory Yacht Club, Nashville, Tenn. Bernie Malcolm was the only representative from our fleet. During trailoring, water got into Bernie's boat and froze. So Bernie and crew chipped ice while they prepared for the starting gun, hence, the name "Bluenose" is correct. As it was, Bernie had an 11 and 2 but dropped out of the third race.

With all the travelling, Fleet 23 managed to have 20 regular races, 10 in the spring series and 10 in the fall series. The best six of ten in each series counted towards the final standing. In both the spring and fall series the winners were not actually determined until the very last race. The keenness of competition started to show up in the final fall races with Bob Stremple, Charley Lutes, Les Young, Ted Siferd, Alex Kaye and John Shinn pressing to take victory away from Tom Wilkins or Bernie Malcolm. Next year can be an entirely different story—so watch out Bernie and Tom—the scalp hunters are sharpening their tommyhawks at Indian Lake. I can hear their war chants from here—so be prepared! ! ! !

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Gregory Conway
Fleet Champion	Donald Ploetner
Runner-Up	Heinz Kornmann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1942	Tarfu	Dr. Charles MacDonough

2909	.....	John Sakowski
2910	.....	Eric Hauschild & Paul Schroeder
4601	.....	George P. Bauman
4941	.....	Gordon Smith
5154	Imp II	Robert T. Crane
5380	Chantey	Heinz Kornmann
5617	Bali Hai	Gregory Conway
7644	.....	Henry Builder
8262	Lucky Lady	Lee Chiovarou
10030	Charade	Donald Ploetner

The 1966 season was one marked by the addition of a new boat to the fleet, #10030, in the capable hands of Don Ploetner. Taking advantage of this year's good sailing weather, Don quickly proved that he was going to be the man to beat. It wasn't until the Fall series got under way that Don had to do some real scrambling to just edge Heinz Kornmann out of first place by one point.

Lightnings repeatedly turned in fine showings in our Yacht Club's regattas in spite of some tricky winds. The July 4th Marine Base Trophy was won by Lee Chiovarou in Lucky Lady, with Don and Heinz taking 2nd. and 3rd. places. Lucky Lady again showed the way by winning the Michelson Trophy, with Heinz securing 3rd. place. In our final regatta, the Commodore's Cup, Don Ploetner was first across and Greg Conway took 3rd. However none of this was without hard, and sometimes hectic work, as evidenced by the awarding of the title of Crew-of-the-Year to Jim Conway, a welcome hand aboard the Bali Hai.

Lee and Heinz also carried the Club's pennant to the Long John Regatta at Red Bank and to the District races at Staten Island.

The fleet has never been in such fine condition as it was this year, and it promises to be even better next year. The added boats have increased the attractiveness of Lightning racing, and we already have at least one more boat joining the active ranks in the 1967 season.

The season officially closed with our annual awards dinner on October 22 and left everyone eagerly looking forward to that day next spring when we can begin all over again.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

Ohio-Indiana District

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

Fleet Captain	.....	John Skotch
Fleet Secretary	.....	Warren Baltimore
Fleet Champion	.....	Ed Marlowe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2545	.....	Robert Meeder
2662	.....	H. George Seiple
4890	Frosty	Bill Snowman
7466	.....	Chuck Schindler
8234	Won-One-Once	Ernie Hirschfeld
8235	Tender Trap	Ed Marlowe
8345	.....	John J. Wenger
8656	.....	Dick Stein
8982	.....	James J. Hughes, Jr.
9102	.....	Bucky Powless
9158	.....	Lloyd W. Barnes
9687	Miss Judy	Warren Baltimore
9884	.....	John Larson
.....	.....	Douglas R. Sandbo
.....	.....	John Skotch

The active members of the fleet spent a great deal of time this year on the regatta circuit. It started early in the year when some of our members went South for the Southern Circuit.

Ed Marlowe stepped out in front early in the season and ended up as the fleet champion. We are looking forward to some new boats in our fleet and an active racing schedule during 1967. We will be spending some time this winter in trying to convince some of our club members to sail in our fleet.



A crowd of masts line the dock at Fleet 30's June regatta at South Haven, Mich.

SOUTH HAVEN YACHT CLUB (30)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, South Haven, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Harold Bator
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jim Force
Fleet Champion	.....	'Doc' Black
Runner-Up	.....	Boo & Jim Force

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
577	Chip	Chick Overton
2516	Mischief	Al Dickerson
4742	Li'l Monster	Tom Ruddy-Dale Buyce
5050	Fifty-Fifty	Sam Overton
5437	.....	South Haven Yacht Club
6039	Jabberwock	Boo & Jim Force
6131	Miss Blue	Happy Croninger
7436	Ulithi	Dick Woodruff
7966	Echo	'Doc' Black
8455	Loophole	Hal Neal - Dave Grier
9488	Port-Lee	Frank Overton-Don Goodwillie

The summer started slowly for Fleet 30, and then quieted down. We raced eleven boats from May to September, but somehow it seemed like an off-year. Nothing even mishappened. No one turned skeg-up, or got lost in the fog. There were few protests, and nobody tangled with a fishug.

After the hell of '65, our '66 regatta was more like a float. Floating farthest the fastest amid more bugs than breeze was Al Berg of Chicago Corinthian.

Looking back on it all, it seems our major event might well have been the repainting of the garbage shed.

Perhaps, though, we could call it a year for breaking in. Don Goodwillie and Frank Overton opened our season at Lansing on May 1, and broke a tiller and two halyards. They improved by September, however, and during the Championship Series they only broke a mast. The Forces went to their first districts and broke a back-stay and a rubrail. Dick Woodruff broke something somewhere and spent the summer looking for it while his crew bailed loyally.

'Doc' Black, though, broke nothing but records. A Star-sailor

who couldn't adjust to Chris-Crafts threw in his lot with 7966 in mid-June and ended up our fleet champion. Let us tell you how long it takes a Star-boater to learn how to coax a spinnaker . . .

But when it was over, we had our champions:

First half winner: Port-Lee

Second half winner: Echo

Blueberry Festival Regatta winner: Port-Lee

Best performance in Invitational Regatta: Port-Lee

Championship Series winner: Echo

Championship Series runnerup: Jabberwock

Most Improved: Jabberwock

And, as usual, we recorded some other winners:

Most equipment tried and ultimately rejected :Fifty-Fifty

Most hamburgers cooked: Li'l Monster

Most good eating places found during districts: Port-Lee

Last boat out of the water (Nov. 11): Ship of Fools

Most swimming accomplished between and during drifters:

Miss Blue

Best looking tee-shirts: Mischief

Most excuses thought up, but not needed: Echo

Lightest crew: Jabberwock

Poorest light-weather performances: Jabberwock

Most times on-time at starting line: Race Committee

Most of all, we refused once again to take ourselves too seriously. Maybe that's why, these bleak December afternoons, we can't wait for next summer and another go at it.

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

Michigan District

Based on Devil's Lake, Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....LaVerne Ehinger
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Nuoffer
Fleet Champion.....George Sipel, Jr.
Runner-Up.....Jeff Moehl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
22	Arrow	John Wynn
840		Dr. William B. Bell
1923	Alpha	Art Freeborn
4374	Wanderer	James Silberhorn
5858	Wren	James Walz
5901	Frolic	Keith Whitehouse
6228	Siesta	Chuck Thompson
6360	First Fiddle	C. F. Bryner
7207	Old Grand	
	Dad	Jack Beal
7272	Invictus	Dick Stanbridge
7355	Hayako	Bob Laidlaw
7480		Jack Tibbs
8225	Aldebaran	Dr. Maurice Galliani
8381	Fafnir	Dr. Carl Benz
8490	Ma's 2nd.	Ed Engle
	Thought	
8640	Anne Marie	Ed Schmid
8642	Sea Goose	Bill Murbach
9212	Runaway	George Sipel, Jr.
9480	Astro	Jeff Moehl
9650	Red Carpet	Dr. James Reynolds
9651	Whoopee	Ken Kennedy
10197	Fools Gold	William Nuoffer
10198	Tahitian Gal	LaVerne Ehinger

The first fleet activity in 1966 was our Winter Fleet Party which was held at Bill Cones in Jackson. A fine dinner, followed by pictures, got our year off to a good start.

The Fleet Champion for 1966 was won by George Sipel, but it was a real contest between Jeff Moehl and George all the way. George also won the Leland Beal Trophy for Labor Day, Round the Lake Trophy, the Commodore's Trophy and the Sportsman's Trophy. George also did a fine job at the Michigan Districts finishing in seventh place.

Jeff Moehl, the runner up for Fleet Champion, won the Jack Gould Memorial Day Trophy, the John Oberst Trophy for July 4th, and also the Crittenden Novice award as this is only Jeff's fourth year of sailing.

Other winners were LaVerne Ehinger, the Captain Trophy; Dr. Robert Laidlaw, the Helm Trophy for the most improved skipper; and Lauretta Ehinger, the First Mate Trophy for the lady showing the most interest and making the most contribution to the fleet.

Our Race Committee this year was Barney and Helen Crittenden. They did a fine job.

The Junior Sailing Program was directed by Jeff Moehl. The Junior Champion in the Vixens was Tom Reynolds, skipper, and Jeff Hinkle, crew.

Our Club also participated in the M.I.Y.A. Sailing Competition. The Sears Cup for juniors at Crystal Lake was sailed by Dave & Bob Laidlaw, Greg Moehl and Dick Murbach in which they finished second.

The Adams Cup for women was sailed at Cadillac by Kathy Kennedy, Wilma Kennedy and Gwen Reynolds in which they finished first. They continued on to the next competition at Huron Portage Lake and there placed second.

The Mallory Cup for men was sailed at Crystal Lake by George Sipel, Jr., and LaVerne Ehinger in which they placed second.

The M.I.Y.A. match racing championship sailed at Devils Lake by George Sipel, Jr., Jimmy Sayre and William Nuoffer in which they finished first continued to Clark Lake to take another first. This was sailed by George Sipel, Jr., Frank Smith and Jimmy Sayre.

The sailing season came to a close with our 23rd "This One's For Fun" Regatta with Dick Stanbridge as General Chairman. 127 boats competed with Bruce Goldsmith of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club winning first place in the Lightning Class.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

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

Fleet Captain.....George Rusk
Fleet Secretary.....James G. Carson
Fleet Champion.....James G. Carson
Runner-Up.....Jack Bird

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12	Kathy's Mink	Fred Collani
178	Leilani	William C. Kalning
578	Katydid	George Rusk
1446		Z. Jas. Pandak
3394	Perdido	Thomas N. Snyder
4919		Roy Huggins
5694		George Hughey, Jr.
5722	Jim Dandy	James Daley
5990		Jerry O'Laughlin
6416	Brand X	Arthur Nichols
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
6568		James Rusiackas and Peter Bombgartner
8608	Marauder	Thomas Glaccum
8990	Lanyi-ard I	Richard Lanyi
9229	Windfall II	Robert Ballis
9539	Miss Fit III	A. Richard Thomas
9633		E. Kenneth Snedeker, Jr.
9984	Flying Scud	James G. Carson
10063	S.E.X.	Jeff Lutz
10168	Lanyi-ard II	Richard Lanyi

With seven boats joining the Fleet during 1966, Metedeconk River Fleet #34 continues to grow both in quantity and quality of competition. Interest in events away from home waters continues on the upsurge as evidenced by the fact that we had five boats, and about twenty-five persons, present at the Quantico regatta. The big event of the year was the hosting of the Atlantic Coast Championship. It was attended by 46 boats, and it was won by our own Jim Carson after a thrilling third race dual with Bill Uhl. Jim also captured top honors in the Bay Head Spring Regatta, the Fleet Championship and, for the tenth year in a row, the Barnegat Bay Championship.

Jack Lutz and Jim Carson both trailed south for the Southern Circuit (sorry we can't brag about the results), but most of the Fleet waited until May when Bay Head and Metedeconk Fleet combined forces for a Spring Series of six races. It was highlighted by good weather and a come-from-behind win for Bay Head's Bill Dunbar. Metedeconk's Jim Daley was second. The Fleet Championship took its usual form with everyone trying to catch Jim Carson. In the process we learned a lot and are now ready to dethrone the Champ next year. Jack Bird bested Jim Daley for the runner-up spot. The results:

9984	Jim Carson	98.1%
9629	Jack Bird	73.5
5722	Jim Daley	70.5

8990	Dick Lanyi	56.0
10063	Jeff Lutz & Bill Newman	50.0
9539	Dick Thomas	35.8
9229	Bob Ballis	25.8

Dick Lanyi started the fall off right with a new boat and a creditable second place in Surf City's Fall Invitational Regatta. The Fall Series, again in combination with Bay Head, went to Metedeconk's Kipp Heacock. John Orelup of Bay Head was second.

With better competition each week, and an average of a new boat in the Fleet every other week, we look forward to an interesting season in 1967.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET (35)

Texas District

Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	David MacKay
Fleet Secretary	Sandi Sundius
Fleet Champion	Dr. S. R. Newman
Runner-Up	K. Marshall Fagin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
666	.....	Jim Yancy
2147	.....	Al L. Buschhorn
3519	Dream Queen	Willis McQueen
3640	.....	David McKay
4653	.....	Harold F. Boss
4838	Golden Eagle	Fred C. Martens
4893	Boss Hoss	Dr. Sanford Pick
4895	.....	David L. Atteberry
4896	.....	Raligh Usry, Don E. Marquis & Tom M. Watson
5142	Winsome	Keith Beers
5219	Thor	Al Sather
5534	Ole!	Don R. Sundius
5635	.....	William J. Miller
5656	.....	John B. Waskom, IV
5719	.....	Herbert G. Kuck
6268	Slo-Mo-Shun	Allen Crowder
6964	Chaparral	Glenn E. Hutchison
7205	Circus	Dr. S. R. Newman
7496	Bambi	Robert B. Giles, Jr., M.D.
8157	.....	Phil Faletto
8158	.....	J. Henry & Jerry Thompson
8277	.....	J. J. Arps & K. Marshall Fagin
9281	White Lightnin	Ted Treadway
9460	Tattletale	David MacKay
9473	3-D	David K. Fagin, Donald R. Fagin, Richard D. Fagin
10068	Thunderchicken	Duncan Porter
10069	.....	John Smullin
.....	.....	Bob Glatter

Dallas Corinthian Fleet 35 completed its 24th racing season with Dr. Sylvan Newman retaining his Fleet Champion title for the second year in a row. Dr. Newman in Circus 7205, with his seasoned crew of Tom Cody and Will Warren, proved to be the boat to catch for the many Dallas skippers. Beautiful execution of teamwork, hoisting spinnakers in less than 8 seconds, along with telltale minds, were some of the reasons why this team retained the fleet championship.

The Fox, K. Marshall Fagin, in 8277 along with Mrs. Fagin and John Arps, slipped into the runner-up spot by Marshall mastering the tricky winds of White Rock Lake and John supplying the bottle of "Go-Fast".

Fleet 35 was well represented at all local regattas. Ben Giles in Bambi 7496 won the Lake Dallas regatta with his two sisters as crew. Don Fagin with brothers David and Bob captured second and Dr. Sylvan Newman took third place, with the assistance of Tom Cody and Dr. Robert Giles as crew. The Eagle Mountain Lake regatta was a big blow out. High winds of 30-35 knots with lots of chop took its toll. Bob Glatter broke his mast at the spreader bar during the start of the first race to retire him to the bar for the remainder of the regatta. Dr. Newman, Al Sather and Tulsa skipper Stan Brander all capsized during the course of the regatta. Don Fagin in 3-D won the regatta with Dr. Giles in Bambi in second and Dr. Sylvan Newman in Circus taking third.

The spring regatta at Shreveport, La. on Cross Lake kicked off the sailing season and was enjoyed by many Dallas skippers and crews. Dr. Newman and Al Sather (with their able bodied crews) ventured to Memphis, Tenn. for the Cotton Carnival Regatta. Dr. Newman took 3rd place with finishes of 1st, 10th, and 1st. David Fagin in 3-D along with Tom Cody and Duncan Porter as crew traveled to Pt. Abino, Canada and sailed in the North American Championship races on choppy Lake Erie.

Fleet Captain David MacKay organized the first annual Southwestern Invitational Lightning Regatta and it was very successful with 19 boats participating. Four skippers from Shreveport, La., Roy Hughes, Joe LaBarbara, Margus Milagan, and Cliff Prados came over for the regatta. Dr. Robert Giles won the regatta with Cliff Prados taking second place. Duncan Porter in Thunderchicken squeaked in front of Dr. Newman for third place. Third place received a trophy and a dunking in the lake.

The fleet members decided to have a complimentary sailing course to indoctrinate potential sailors on the basic fundamentals of sailing. This idea was expanded to have two phases, a fundamental phase held in November, and a racing phase which will be held in February. The fundamental phase was an overwhelming success. Fleet members Ted Treadway, Tom Cody and Dr. Sylvan Newman instructed the first sessions. Naomi Shield, Ruth Lett and Sandi Sundius prepared the refreshments. Keith Beers assisted with the visual aid equipment.

The fleet welcomes Keith Beers, Allen Crowder, Duncan Porter, John Smullin and Jim Yancy as new skippers. John Waskom IV is welcomed back from his tour in the U.S. Navy.

The 1966 racing season was a successful year for Fleet 35 and everyone is looking forward to the coming season with vigor and enthusiasm.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pa.

Fleet Captain	Chuck Maltbie
Fleet Secretary	Marilyn Maras
Fleet Champion	Ion Ruhlman
Runner-Up	Chuck Maltbie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1598	.....	Stanley Haw
1806	Venture	Ken Finnie
2805	Mistral	John Swartz
2885	.....	Jon Glasson
4447	.....	John Bulmer
4889	.....	Al Caldwell
5048	Kid-Nap	Paul Knapp
5110	Susanne	Horace Yates
5311	Spook	Eugene Harmon
5312	.....	Charles Burgess
5313	Mid-Rick	Richard Shannon
5323	Cigan II	Fred Lange
5338	Witch II	Len Baker
6014	.....	Dave Lewis



Fleet 35's Southwest Invitational Regatta gets under way. We see the fleet just after the start.

6310	Pussycat No. 1	Ted Sherman
6530	Miss-Fit	Jim Davis
6553	Zoe	Don Courtsal
6661	Way-wa-si-mo	Ben Hawn
6996		John Nunn
7126	More Havoc	Pete Shafer, Jr.
8125		Betty Zable
8330	Hot Canary III	Chuck Maltbie
8635	Twister	Bob Hindson
9040		George Prince
9080	Shannah	Ed Friedman
9332		Joe Redding
9420	Ruler IV	Jon Ruhlman
9582		Doug Brown
9619	Spray III	Bill Legstrom
9844	Early Out	Dave Rockman
9919	Hot Pepper	Jim Wagstaff
10047	Thistle Teacha	Bill Horgan
10081	C'est La Vie	Frank Hornby
10210	Moby Jack IV	Bob Harrison
10241		Rick Stevens
10273		Bob Graham

There is a great deal of hustle and bustle going on in Fleet 36 garages and boat storage areas. Even before rudders grew cold from sailing in '66, preparations were being made for the hot contentions to be encountered in '67. Brand new shining centerboards are being installed - sails are being ordered, and it seems the shakedown has started. P.Y.C. is looking forward to a great year as it remembers, fondly, last season.

Fleet races began early in May with the sailing of our Spring Series. Our faithful Bill Legstrom streaked home in his new boat to place fourth. Al Caldwell, with his magic touch, sailed his 4889 to a third. A defector from the Thistle Class, Bill Horgan, (and we're sure glad to have him) copped a second. Our pro, Jon Ruhlman swept the fleet and captured first.

A Saturday Series and a Sunday Series were sailed in early summer. Frank Hornby won both. He was followed by Joe Redding in the Saturday series and Al Caldwell in the Sunday series.

The very important and very exciting Fleet Championship races were sailed in excellent weather conditions - lots of sun and heat and very little air. Many crew members became fat and sloppy as a result of no hiking. Never has there been a summer with so few callouses. Al Caldwell, with son Dave and wife Mary, finished fifth not far behind Bill Horgan in his boat "Thistle Teacha" who placed fourth. Frank Hornby, sailing his new and beautiful 10081, won the third place trophy. Chuck Maltbie aboard his very wooden and very fast Hot Canary III, captured second. Continuing his winning streak, Jon Ruhlman and company - Barb and Wendy Hawn sailed to a victorious first.

Several new and unusual trophies were presented in '66. Chuck Maltbie won a trophy for winning the race with the most participating yachts. For non-traveling skippers a Stay at Home Series was sailed with Dave Caldwell (Al's son) first, Bill Horgan second and Frank Hornby third. A Consolation Series was sailed with Frank Hornby first, Al Caldwell second and Jim Wagstaff third. The Fall Series results were Frank Hornby first, Jon Ruhlman second and Bill Legstrom third.

The boat trailers were used a great deal this past year beginning with Jon Ruhlman sailing in the Southern Circuit. Several additional boats will be heading for the sunny south in 1967. The Greater Cleveland Lightning Association Regatta held at Mentor saw many of our Fleet 36 participating.

We are extremely proud of Jon Ruhlman who sailed an outstanding series at the Ohio Indiana Districts to capture the gorgeous first place trophy. He was also selected as sailing sportsman of the year at the district meeting. Jon, along with his skill at sailing, will share his ability and serve as Chief Measurer of I.L.C.A. Chuck Maltbie, the mono kid, sailed an unconscious and instinctive series and placed third at the districts. Chuck was very ill and ended up in the hospital after the regatta. His crew thought he had a good thing going as he slept in the bilge on the way to and from the race courses.

Jon and Chuck placed second and fourth respectively in P.Y.C.'s Fourth of July Invitational. Again we were caught in the doldrums and the regatta ended with a one race series. We promise better winds next year with strategically placed fans if necessary.



Jon Ruhlman shows not only how he became Fleet 36's champion, but how he won the Ohio-Indiana Districts as well.

Chuck Maltbie, with crew Marilyn and Dick Maras, and loyal wife June, trailed his boat to Harrisburg, Pa., to sail in the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Trophy Regatta. He and Bob Adams tied for first and the toss of the coin decided the winner. We lost and brought home the second place trophy. Jon and Chuck also attended the blustery Snowball Regatta at Buckeye Lake, Ohio. Feeling very fortunate to stay upright, Chuck finished fourth and Jon ninth.

Fleet 36, is extremely happy to welcome several new boats and skippers to P.Y.C. Dave Rockman and Rick Stevens are the newest. We wish them luck and good sailing. The same to you out there in I.L.C.A. land, wherever you are.

MENTOR HARBOR FLEET (37)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Mentor, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Jim Hickey
Fleet Secretary	Don Fribourg
Fleet Champion	Dick Walters
Runner-Up	Jim Hickey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
336	Relic	Fred Dix
1642	If-N-Wen	Ed Wahl II
4212	Felicitas	Ross Parker
4548	Serendipity	Don Fribourg
7998	Andale	Gordon Doble
8121	White Light-ning	Jim Hickey
9134	Folly	Rafe Royle
9392	Adickgin	Dick Walters
9517	Wipbet	Ted Luntz

Lake Erie showed herself a capricious lady during the 1966 sailing season. Between gales and calms a full and exciting racing schedule was held. It was marked by a see-saw, nip and tuck, battle for a Fleet Champion.

New Mentor Fleet member (but old-hand Lightning Skipper) Dick Walters bested 1965 champ Jim Hickey by a narrow margin. The results were as follows:

Season Championship

1. Dick Walters
2. Jim Hickey
3. Gordon Doble

Summer Series

1. Dick Walters
2. Gordon Doble
3. Fred Dix

Stava Trophy

1. Jim Hickey
2. Dick Walters
3. Ted Luntz

Spring Series

1. Jim Hickey
2. Dick Walters
3. Gordon Doble

Fall Series

1. Jim Hickey
2. Gordon Doble
3. Ted Luntz

Fish & Iron

1. Jim Hickey
2. Ted Luntz
3. Rafe Royle

The new dry sail facilities at the club were enthusiastically adopted by the fleet, and all but one of the fleet dry-sailed in 1966—and he's "coming over" for 1967. Many newer boats appeared this year. Rafe Royle's Folly was updated by 10 years or so, and Gordon Doble gave the same treatment to Andale.

One of the highlights of the year was the second Greater Cleveland Lightning Association Carling Regatta drawing 54 entries, not only from the Greater Cleveland area, but from many distant points in both the United States and Canada. A unique feature of this Regatta is a "fleet" trophy given to the Fleet whose individual entries as a group stood highest in the overall results. Buckeye Lake Y. C., took the honors for the second year in a row.

The fleet continued its tradition of many "apres sail" activities with a twilight sail to a waterfront restaurant in nearby Fairport (6 miles). It was followed by a fleet dinner and a moonlit return sail the same evening. To show its versatility the fleet is enthusiastically planning a ski week-end in February to see if the hills of Western New York are easier to conquer than the waters of Lake Erie. We think it's probably a toss-up.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY FLEET (38)**Greater Long Island Sound District****Sailing on Jamaica Bay & Rockaway Inlet at Miramar****Yacht Club in Brooklyn, N. Y.**

Fleet Captain.....	Sam Kadish
Fleet Secretary.....	Ollie Alpert
Fleet Champion.....	Arthur Beecher
Runner-Up.....	Sam Kadish

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6798	Three Bells	Jules Spodek
6925	Adams Rib	Marvin Becker & Stan Finkelstein
7005	Chaos	Larry Grand
7359	Joppa	Sherman Leonard
7656	Playmate	Al Gaglione
9009	Touche	Lawrence Fretts
9096	Hotspur	Arthur Beecher
9104	Palaomon	Walter Eisenberg
9139	Ollie-Oop	Ralph Alpert
9191	Kahina	Sam Kadish

Once again the breezes blew, the seas rolled in as Fleet 38 raced around the buoys in an exhilarating season. By the fall our hands were like shoe leather, our seats leadened, and stomach muscles hardened to iron. Fortunately, nobody capsized late in the season for they would certainly have sunk like a stone. The only capsize occurred early in June when Marvin Becker, day sailing with Sam Kadish, inquired into the procedure after a capsize, whereupon they raised the spinnaker and promptly went over as a vagrant puff escening. Becker received the most practical instructions and then disappeared for the remainder of the season.

Fleet 38 began the season with two new Lightning owners, Dr. Mike Baron and Benjamin Silbert. Although their racing indulgence was limited, they were slightly enticed and the possibility of their crossing the line more often next year is improving as their sailing capabilities improve.

Sherman Leonard, a former Fleet Champion, acquired a Lightning after frustratingly sitting out one season and he spent the summer trying innumerable combinations of sails, never the same combination twice. In all fairness, as Miramar Yacht Club's new Commodore, his mind was increasingly filled with the complexities of managing the club, and less with sail tension, trim angle, etc., etc. Perhaps in 1968, after his term of office expires, he will find the old groove.

Our Club Series was again captured by Arthur Beecher. Although lacking boat speed this year for some inexplicable reason, he was able to capitalize on all our mistakes and

using superior helmsmanship and crewmanship, clinched the series to everyone's dismay. Sam Kadish and Ralph Alpert were left on the final race day with a battle for second place. It was won by Sam Kadish after 2 hours of covering, tacking, and dog fighting.

Ralph Alpert qualified for the North Americans, and as a result of some collective cajoling, departed with his wife Ollie, and Arthur Beecher for crew. Although their final position was not quite high, they gained valuable experience in top competition, especially on tight spinnaker reaches.

Al Gaglione, one of our itinerant gypsies, continued on in his own inimitable style, hitting buoys, forgetting marks, etc. He now has the only Lightning 1 inch shorter than normal. Al decided to test the strength of a government buoy and discovered that the strength of steel far exceeds the compressive strength of a cedar bow. Jules Spodek decided that steel is definitely stronger than wood, but he had to test wood against wood. He kept the entire fleet scrambling to escape his experiments.

Walter Eisenberg finally skippered his Lightning while his son David spent the summer in Paris studying the classical guitar. Walter placed 5th in the Districts, but had to accept being reinstated as crew upon David's return to skipper the boat for a second place in the last race.

One gusty day toward the end of the season a veteran "stinkpotter" watched us charging through the waves fighting our spinnakers and became so enthralled he borrowed a boat and raced the final 3 races with an all-powerboat crew. Wonder of wonders, they managed not to capsize even during spinnaker legs!! Walter Zahra is shopping for a Lightning this winter, preferably with a mechanical spinnaker raiser and lowerer.

BACHMAN**CLUB SERIES: INVITATIONAL LOBEL REGATTA**

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| 1. Arthur Beecher | 1. Ralph Alpert | 1. Arthur Beecher |
| 2. Sam Kadish | 2. Walter Eisenberg | 2. Al Gaglione |
| 3. Ralph Alpert | 3. Arthur Beecher | 3. Sherman Leonard |

Miramar Yacht Club and Fleet 38 hosted the Greater Long Island Districts this year. As promised, the wind came in as if shot from a gun. While there were no capsizes or broken masts, there were quite a few pintle and rudder failures under spinnaker reaches due to heavy seas. John Eggers made it look easy by winning all three races. The hardware winners in the Greater Long Island District were, John Eggers, first, Bill Uhl, second, and Ralph Alpert, third. They were followed by Tony Baroni and Walter Eisenberg.

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)**Metropolitan District****Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, N.Y.**

Fleet Captain.....	Eric Fuegel
Fleet Secretary.....	William Heaney
Fleet Champion.....	Richard M. Armstrong
Runner-Up.....	Eric Fuegel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
821	Bantry	Edward P. Waters
1083	Troika	William H. Heaney
1308	Tumbleweed	N. Phillip Randall
1495	Cougar	Marvin H. Schwab
1900	Fiesta II	Henry J. Abreu
2049	.....	Francis E. Boldt
2808	Mist	Hugh N. Ross
3432	.....	Richard Bailey
5078	Sara E	Stanley J. Szabronski
5153	.....	Walter R. Neidhardt
5356	Wink	Clinton Urey
5752	Grace's Mink	Gordon L. Kerr
5834	Steffi	Wesley S. Pfirman
6454	.....	William S. Graff
6620	Venture I	Dr. Paul M. Lass
6932	Anesthesia	Carver C. Dumke
8356	Y-Knot	Eric Fuegel
8783	Four Notes	Harold M. Noteware
9000	.....	Dan Eisenberg
9496	Old	.....
9553	Thunder II	Richard M. Armstrong
	.....	John Anderson

Fleet 39 had another busy year in 1966. Our Fleet Champion started his season by traveling to the Long John races at Red Bank in April. (He did most of the traveling for us). He went to Larchmont, was 3rd at Nyack, was 1st at Minis-

ceonga, was 5th in Districts, sailed in the North Americans, and took a ninth at Quantic.

Our club season began in February with the annual meeting. We had Charles Ulmer discuss sails and sailmaking. A highlight of the racing year was the "Open" run by Wess Pfirman and his wife, Nancy — a real fine job — with thanks to Ed Waters, Chairman of the Race Committee.

The Lightning family clam bake was well attended (70 people) and is planned again for next year.

The turtles this year were Walt Neidhardt and Bill Heaney.

The conclusion of our year was a trip by many of our skippers to Nyack Yacht Club to hear a talk by Bob Seidelmann on tuning.

Welcome aboard Dan Eisenberg and Dick Bailey, but we are sorry to lose the Witkowski's. Bill had just finished his beautiful boat in time to win a trophy before being transferred.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Dick Horstmann
Fleet Secretary	Jack Frost
Fleet Champion	Frank Sutherland
Runner-Up	Walt Tripp

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
849		Bob Clark
1222	Tang	Bob Winterbottom
2277	Metamorphosis	Dick Horstmann
5696	Psyche	Bill Pennebaker
5916	Sam	George Bitler & Ted Ziemer
6003	Sugar	Jack Frost
6005	Bum's Rush	Lowell Baker
6434		Deg Farrey
7014	Teacher's Pet	Gil Parker
8883	Thundercloud	Len McLeod
9005	Tigress	Walt Tripp
9662	Hey Marie	Frank Sutherland

Our sailing season started with a club race on Memorial Day. It was more appropriately ushered in by a crew member of Bum's Rush who missed the dock when jumping from the boat and had a nice christening.

The summer schedule included other unplanned swims. A crew member of Hey Marie also had a dip (either fell out or was thrown), and three boats capsized during the season. Sam was knocked down during a race in June when we had winds up to 20 MPH; Psyche capsized in another race with strong winds and Sugar went over after a good lesson flying a spinnaker.

The Sutherland Cup Regatta was held June 18 and 19. First place was taken by Dick Armstrong, Chelsea (39); second by Joe Hoffee, Nyack (75) and third place by our own Frank Sutherland.



Fleet Champion Frank Sutherland, with his wife Marie and Harold DeJager as crew, show the winning form of Fleet 41.

We had four boats enter the Mid-Hudson Regatta held at Nyack this year. None of our boats placed in the money, but wait 'til next year. An incident in this regatta left some doubts in the minds of other fleet members about our fleet champion.

When he ordered preparations to fly the spinnaker, it was discovered that it had been left on the dock. There was near mutiny as the skipper blamed the crew and the crew said it was the skipper's responsibility.

The high point of the season was an invitation to the Awosting Yacht Squadron Regatta at Greenwood Lake, N. J. on August 13 and 14. We had 10 boats participate. Awosting provided accommodations for eating and sleeping in their homes. On Saturday night they had a cocktail party at the boathouse and a buffet dinner at the Inn. It was a memorable experience, particularly when a few of our members seemed to be waiting for the tide to change. We understand that a similar regatta was held about 18 years ago, but we hope it won't be that long again. In the regatta, Frank Sutherland placed third and Walt Tripp as sixth.

At this writing, the winner of the "Most Improved Boat" Perpetual Trophy, a silver pitcher donated by Walt Tripp, has not been announced. The fleet will have its cocktail party and presentation of awards on January 14, 1967.

We had a good sailing season and we are already making plans for 1967. Newly elected officers for the coming year are Jack Frost, Fleet Captain and Len McLeod, Fleet Secretary.

TOLEDO FLEET (42)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Erie, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Coe Dickey
Fleet Secretary	William Rogge
Fleet Champion	Coe H. Dickey
Runner-Up	Bill Rea

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
800		Bill Rea
4500		Phil Jones
5678		Jack Kramer
7305	Top Hat	Eddie Golding
7715		Terry Gallagher
7847		Al Hoertz
8040		Richard Wachter
8559	Trinka	Bill Rogge
9180	Mist	Ellis Robinson
9445	Drip-Dry	Coe Dickey
9508	Sea-Deuce	Jim Stormont

Well, here we go again. It's the end of the season and all the happenings of the year seem to grow or shrink depending on how you came out at the finish or which side of the argument you were on. We all remember how you were in the tank, and all of a sudden split tacks with the fleet, picked up a lift and sailed away from all the local talent. We all thought that you had ESP, but actually you were swatting a fly, dropped the tiller accidentally jibed over and took off. This sounds like pretty sloppy sailing, but more than that it was luck. LUCK, this was the big question mark this year. Each day we raced it was anyone's guess on who would be the leader at the finish line. All the boats in the fleet seemed to be on a fairly equal basis. I think this was the result of hard work, preparation, and a big helping of desire. The skippers, crews and boats went through a complete overhaul during the winter layup. They read, planned, trained, and changed as well as the usual sanding painting and such things. This is why I say it took a good boat, a good crew, and a helping of luck to come out on top this year. We completed 12 fleet races as well as 5 weekend 3 race regattas and all of the finishes were close. The first three boats were within one point of each other. It looks like we won't be able to relax this winter either, for we have some new boats and skippers joining us for next season.

We had one big disappointment this year and that was the cancellation of our "Indian Summer" regatta due to two days of gale force winds. You should have seen the whipped cream on our watery playground. We all stood in the club house and watched the top of the waves blow off and water our lawn. Oh well, "it makes the grass grow green" come spring. We had a good turnout of boats and all we can say is hurry back.

We also have some unusual news. How many of you old timers remember seeing the transom of Lightning 800, better known as Walt Swindeman's "Yankee Doodle" that chalked up so many victories in the late 40's. Well she has rejoined fleet 42 after being absent for quite a few years. One of our

members, Bill Rea resurrected the old girl from a backyard grave and went to work. When all is said and done there is a lot of new stuff, but there is still enough of the old to say that it really is the "doodle". By the way, take a look at how she finished.

Well, it's time again to pack up the boats for the winter. This is a sad time for some but for me, I enjoy it. The pressure of the season is off and you have time to re-live the fun and remember the skippers and crews you met and didn't have time to appreciate during the season. It is also a good time for all of us skippers to take a good look at our crews, and remember who sets the boat up, who hikes out the most, who did most of the work, and who gets the least glory. Well, I am going to end this report here and now, walk next door shake his hand, and say thanks. How about you?

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Jimmy Dressel
Fleet Champion	George Fisher
Runner-Up	Jimmy Dressel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1992	Ticker Tape	James McLain
6906		Dick Hutchinson
8700		Larry Hanawalt
9303	Jet	Tim Fisher
9360	Nancy C	Jim Dressel
9445	Gail	George Fisher
9508	Miss Kristi	Sam Hays
9515	Vagrant II	John Ranft
9701	Morts	Jay Limbaugh
9725	Lightning Bug	Marty Headlee
9924	Little Audrey	Bob Mann

Fleet 43 had a very enjoyable and successful season both at home and at many regattas. Those that were represented by our fleet were the Southern Circuit, Indian Lake regatta, Cleveland Tune-ups, Mentor Harbor, Pymatuning, Ohio-Indiana Districts at Port Clinton, North Americans at Buffalo, our own Buckeye Lake Snowball, and the Bluenose at Nashville, Tennessee.

At the Ohio-Indiana Districts we were most proud to have 5 Skippers, Jay Limbaugh, Sam Hays, Jim Dressel, George Fisher and John Ranft qualify to represent our District at the North Americans in Buffalo. Of these five George Fisher and John Ranft finished 14th and 15th respectively which qualifies them to participate in the World Championships next August in Ontario, Canada. Congratulations boys.

Would you believe? - - - we found time to sail five Fleet Championship Series and two club long-distance races at our own home club at Buckeye Lake amidst all this traveling? The spring series won by Jim Dressel with George Fisher second and Bob Spitz third. Jim won the Memorial Day Series with George again second and Marty Headlee third. As spring turned to Summer that series saw George Fisher first with Jim second and Marty third. Bob Mann won the Labor Day Series, George was second and Sam Hays third. The final fall series was won by George, Jim was second and Marty third.

Trophy presentation saw George Fisher taking home the Fleet-Champion trophy with Jim Dressel a close point behind as the fleet runner-up.

Midway through our season we lost Bob Spitz because of a job transfer. Bob was a great asset to our fleet and a good sportsman. We were truly sorry to lose him. Our loss, however, is Chicago's gain. So good luck Bob in your new endeavors.

As in recent years the fleet will conduct sailing classes this winter. George Fisher will do the instructing and we hope to have the best turn-out ever. Also, on the agenda for this spring is a Sailing Workshop for new sailors in our Ohio-Indiana District. This will be held at the Yacht Club and we hope will be both informative and well received.

Several skippers in the fleet are making plans for St. Pete and Miami—so it looks like we'll start out the 1967 season with full sails and lots of Florida sunshine.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET (47)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Captain	Kenneth Thompson
Fleet Secretary	Fran Williams
Fleet Champion	Dr. W. M. Humphrey, Sr.
Runner-Up	Jack Grinder

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
515	Impulse	Barney Matteson
2897	Folly II	Jim & Carol Caldwell
4737	Ripple II	Joseph Eliaz
6789	Gunshy	Heizmann Brothers
7398	Swolliwog	Rodney Eaton
7584	Firebird II	Harry L. Brown
7949	Bye-Bye	Edwin Willse
8004	Cirrus II	Jay Emens
8200	Jane II	Charles L. Van Arsdale
8545	Devant	Robert Calcagno
8766	All R's	Dick Williams
8998	Bewitched	Kenneth Thompson
9002	Black Magic	John Grinder, Sr.
9065	CKG II	Carl Lyons
9119	Paget II	Bud Humphrey
9140	Budget	
	Buster II	Dr. W. M. Humphrey, Sr.
9170	Nereid II	Ralph Traber
9373	Putt-Putt	Matt Bryant
9414	Gladd III	Gordon Soderholm
9845	Sea Serpent	Wm. G. VanArsdale
9905	Frustration	Dr. C. J. Regan
9917		Charles H. Griffin
10113	Caprice II	Bernie Walczak

Three new skippers, Dr. C. J. Regan, Mic Griffin and Bob Calcagno, bring the Silver Lake Fleet up to a total of 23 active and 2 inactive skippers. The interest in sailing regular races increased with the inauguration of organized Saturday afternoon races, known as the Foul Weather Group. Often the skippers at these races are crew members, but they have done very well.

The usual regattas, well attended, started off with the Memorial weekend and the Jane VanArsdale Memorial at stake. Commodore Dick Williams won it with Ken Thompson and Matt Bryant in second and third positions. The Fourth of July weekend and the Ed Neal Memorial was exciting - or disappointing - wherever you were. Pete Bone, skippering Dr. Regan's Frustration, got the gun in all races, the first time this has happened since its existence in 1954. Rod Eaton was runner-up and Dr. Humphrey third. Joe Heizmann took home the Caldwell Bucket, a fun race, with John Emens and Dr. Williams following. The final local regatta over Labor Day weekend and the Benedict Memorial up for grabs was won by Dr. Humphrey. Bill VanArsdale and Bud VanArsdale were right behind. The fog and poor weather did not dampen the fun for fourteen boats were at the starting line. A number of boats met with misfortune of one kind or another.

The Saturday afternoon winners in the Foul Weather Group were Joe Heizmann for July and Jack Grinder for August. The trophies were donated by Dr. "Charlie" Bartlett, a great promoter for these races.

The Swap Boat races, which have become an annual affair, in which the skippers draw their boats by lot, crews remaining with their boats. Bud VanArsdale was declared the best skipper. Dr. Williams runner-up and Bill VanArsdale in third spot. The best boat was MicGriffin's un-named boat sailing under 7398, Rod Eaton's Swolliwog, which met with a broken mast the week earlier. All R's, No. 8766, owned by Dr. Williams was in second place and No. 9140, Dr. Humphrey's Budget Buster II was third.

The Jakob Hafstaed Memorial Trophy for the most valuable crew member, presented last year by Bill and Georgia Van Arsdale was awarded to Mic Griffin. A new trophy, donated by Mic Griffin for the skipper who improved the most during the season, was awarded to Dr. Williams. Ken Thompson was runner-up and Dr. Humphrey pressed close behind.

As usual, our enthusiastic skippers travelled to many Regattas during the year. In some cases depleting our fleet for local races. An interesting note among our skippers, Matt Bryant figured that he participated in twenty-two Regattas, covering a

total of 11,640 miles. Matt has no crew problems as his two teenaged daughters and two young sons are always ready and waiting to crew. The local crews are still in much demand at the big Regattas, with Larry Bone crewing for Tom Allen, Pete Bone and Bill Neal regular crew for Stu Anderson and Rob Bone, Mic Griffin, Paul Emens, Pete Humphrey and Corky Willse filling in for various skippers.

We divided our sailing season into early and late series, best four out of six in each division. Jack Grinder was first, Dr. Humphrey second and Dr. Williams third in the early series. The late series saw Dr. Humphrey first, Bill VanArsdale second and Jack Grinder third.

Our ninth annual Harvest Regatta was a success with Edwin and Kay Willse as general chairmen. Fifteen fleets represented by fifty-four Lightnings participated. The final overall results saw Tom Allen the winner from the Buffalo Canoe Club. Dick Halligan of Sodus Bay second, Jack Swanson from Niagara Sailing Club third, Rod Eaton from the host club fourth and Gary Demarest from Willow Grove fifth.

The social side was informal for the most part, however Commodore and Fran Williams had the spring party. An original box dinner picnic at Eaton's cottage at the end of the sailing season was fun and we made money. The Award dinner party was at Old Orchard Inn, East Aurora in November and Bill and Georgia VanArsdale were again the Christmas party hosts.

The race committee is expanding with Max Tillotson now serving with Mid and Floyd Brown and Dr. Charlie Bartlett. The scorekeepers are Elizabeth Lewis, Sally Bartlett and Marj. and Maxine Tillotson. The races were good with a minimum number of recalls.

Commodore Dr. Dick Williams did such a wonderful job this past season that he was urged to repeat the performance. Plans are now in the works for a terrific 1967 season.



The fleet waits for the wind at Fleet 47's Harvest Regatta.

COLUMBIA LAKE SAILING CLUB FLEET (49)

Connecticut District

Sailing on Columbia Lake, Columbia, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....	George Pederson
Fleet Secretary.....	George Pederson
Fleet Champion.....	Phil Hopper
Runner-Up.....	Bob Ellington

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
562	George Pederson
690	Roger Cheney
815	Randolph Forbes
832	Anthony Ferrigno
957	Dr. John Pierce
2604	Russell Inzinga
2688	Oswald Schaller
6085	Norman Preuss
6476	Robert Ellington
6618	Edward Riquier
7410	Paul Merrick
9300	Philip Hopper

The 1966 sailing season at Columbia Lake opened with a three race event over the 4th of July weekend. Competition was especially keen among the eight to ten boats which an-



Fleet 49's Champion is Phil Hopper. Notice how the skipper watches the sail while the crew watch the camera.

swered the starting gun each Sunday afternoon. Fleet Champion, Phil Hopper, jumped off to an early lead in the season's standing but was hard pressed the rest of the way by runner-up Bob Ellington, Paul Merrick, (3rd) and Doc. Pierce (4th).

The Labor Day Regatta proved to be a frustrating drifter and the third race had to be cancelled for lack of wind. In the two races sailed, Doc. Pierce proved to be the master at finding invisible zephyrs as he ghosted old 957 across the finish line with only seconds left in the official time limit. Runner-up was Roger Cheney.

Phil Hopper represented Fleet No. 49 at invitational races at Black Rock, Cedar Point and Noroton Yacht Clubs on Long Island Sound. Results were nothing to write home about, but important salt water racing experience was gained and Phil is anxious to have another go at them next season.

WASHINGTON FLEET (50)

Dixie District

Sailing on Potomac River at Washington, D.C.

Fleet Captain.....	Bill Lyon
Fleet Lieutenant.....	Tom Nichols
Fleet Treasurer.....	Bob Ware
Fleet Secretary.....	Jean Colburn
Fleet Champion.....	Jim "Doc" Gilbert
Runner-Up.....	Biff Bunney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
288	.....	Harold H. Leeper
711	.....	Joel Caplan
1228	Lazy Days	Neil Fick
1856	.....	Pat Gallagher
2188	Stormbird	Frank Becker
2457	.....	John M. Crowley
3145	Windward	George Michum
3643	Country Girl	Walter H. Whilden, Jr.
4403	Rondinella	Ralph G. H. Siu
4968	.....	Wm. S. Alderson
5442	Chicken of the Sea	Andrew L. McLay
5964	Carillon	Dr. Guy Sutton, Jr.
6126	Spook	Steve Duffy
6213	Leprechaun	Tom Bennett
6401	Anon	Robert S. Ware

6614	Kelso	Doug Kjellson
6956	Sandman	J. A. Kelly
7267	.....	John Richardson
7294	.....	Bart Lloyd
7324	.....	Richard Bolton
7350	Freudian Sloop	Dr. Wm. E. Bunney, Jr.
7537	.....	Bill Loch
7605	Whisper II	Marshall Hornblower, Paul Warnke
7611	.....	Joe Anderson
8601	.....	Wingfield Roberts
8697	Traveler	William G. Lyon
8937	.....	Bill Franswick
8960	Lord Jim	Dr. James B. Gilbert
9007	Do Somethin'	Dr. Don Delorme
9155	AJAC	Dudley Gill
9406	Brer Rabbit	Ray Watts
9510	Lil Angel	Dr. C. Albert Hudson
9736	Teacher's Pet	James Dillard
9814	Sandy	George Lea
9842	Jr.	P. W. Meekins
9843	Discovery	Ron Ledgett
9844	.....	Harry Sindle
10010	C'est moi	Bob Colburn
10111	.....	Dr. Jim Gilbert

For Fleet 50, this was a year of new boats and new faces. Fifteen newcomers joined us this summer. (The new roster compiled in June was out of date by mid-July. Jim Dillard started the new boat trend; Bob Colburn was one up on him with the first boat in the fleet over 10,000 and Doc Gilbert "aced" Bob at Quantico when he bought Tom Allen's boat.

It was a colorful year - beautiful new spinnakers and sparkling repartee at the mark.

We played other games too. Harry Sindle joined the fleet and went right out and won the Dixie District Championship. We let Frank Colleton of the Marines win the Collier Regatta, since he is now stationed in Washington. The following week, however, Biff Bunney of our fleet won the President's Cup Regatta. At Quantico we entered 12 boats. We are all still reeling from the fact that there was wind at Quantico and most of us have dried out from the flip-flops of the second race. Congratulations to Jim Gilbert, Dudley Gill and Jim Dillard who finished that race. Those of us who took our baths on the second lap claim status over those who went in on the first.

Joe Kelly went to Thailand to purchase the trophies for our Juniors. He ran two series, Spring and Fall, and had 12 Juniors competing. Seven fathers "calmly" turned their boats over to their offspring. Some members of the fleet have grave questions about developing our juniors as far as Joe did. Bill Lyon Jr. collected more trophies than anyone else in the fleet. At least he is now ineligible for further "B" competition, but is that really good?

The Spring Series saw a few hardy people out, but it was summer before we really got busy. The Fall Series can be divided into two parts, pre-Quantico, no wind, and post-Quantico, too much wind.

On December 10, we held our annual banquet where 40 of us reshaped the season, welcomed newcomers, handed out trophies, and re-elected our officers for another year.

There are plans for a tuning seminar at Bolling AFB this winter and most skippers are busy with devious plans for 1967. Crews are being sworn in. Each must promise to keep in top condition, to be blindly obedient and loyal and to exercise accurate judgment at all times. These are the games WE play.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

Michigan District

Based on Lake St. Clair,

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Bill Dodenhoff
Fleet Secretary..... William F. Balman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1981	.....	Howard Gray
2345	.....	Howard L. Boston
6066	XL	Henry J. Cawthra
6280	Cotton Picker	Dick Drew
7576	Scythe	George Grenzke
7614	.....	William Tily
7964	Corsair	John Lesesne

8343	Cathy	John Sherry
8599	My Sally	Bill Dodenhoff & Richard Moore
8673	.....	Art Rautenberg
9686	.....	Warren Jones
10013	.....	James P. Kohls
10017	.....	Justin L. Moran
10116	.....	William F. Balman
.....	.....	Robert F. Knop

Fleet 51 enjoyed an active racing season during 1966, with Dr. John Lesesne winning the "A" Sunday series, Hank Cawthra the Nite series and George Grenzke the "B" Sunday series.

Crescent's Lightning fleet held the Michigan District Championships on July 22, 23, and 24. There were 41 entries. Results were as follows: Hank Cawthra, 195 pts.; Mack Goodwin, 177 pts.; Leo Wasserberger, 171 pts.; George Nickles, 171 pts.; and Warren Jones, 168 pts.

Cawthra competed in the North American Championships finishing 10th.

Fleet 51 also held their Annual Invitational in June. This event was blessed with perfect weather and after an excellently run regatta, Cawthra emerged the winner, with Bill McKinley 2nd and Phil Smith 3rd.

Following the racing season, trophies were presented at an Awards Dinner at Tassie's Tavern.

For the 1967 season, the fleet will have at least one new boat - Bob Knop's, and increased activity from its newer members Bill Balman, Dick Moore, and Judd Moran.

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Herm Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1566	William H. Furey
4704	Rod Groleau, C. Michael Taylor
8594	Paul Militzer
8818	George Nickels
9198	Robert J. Eby, Jr.
9215	Herman O. Nickels, Jr.
9232	Ronald Schieber

With Herm as Fleet captain, and #1 son Dave as club commodore, our administration was in good hands. Herm dominated our racing, winning the Memorial Day warm-up series and the Labor Day windup series. He was pressed closely by his #2 son, George. Frequent trips to other waters caused them both to miss one race too many, and they were nosed out in the season's series by Paul Militzer. George edged Herm as runner-up. They did very well at several regattas however, and George carried our banner in the Districts and in the President's Cup.

We are looking forward to next year, and have high hopes of greater participation in our '67 races.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

Michigan District

Sailing on Cass Lake at or near Keego Harbor, Mich.

Fleet Captain..... Rodger Asbury
Fleet Secretary..... Robert S. Ketchum
Fleet Champion..... John Seaton
Runner-Up..... Rodger Asbury

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
839	.....	Dr. James Henderson
857	Gal-Mack	Eugene Bego
4947	Gizmo	Claude Bennett
5299	Play Buoy	Ernest Scherer
5518	Youngster	Donald Young
5793	.....	Robert Freeberg
6002	.....	Richard Adamson
7335	T Square	Carl Marr
7356	Polaris II	Phil Miller
7360	Mach II	John Seaton
7407	C-Lark	Alex Clark
7439	.....	Wm. McConnell & Bill Wiggins

7676	Gusto	Mac Goodwin
7700	B Girl	Dave Barton & Bob Birney
7795	.....	Al Agnew
7818	Wiki Wiki	Dr. Eugene Nalepa
7877	.....	Roy M. Nelson
7959	Flip	L. Huntwork
8145	CIAO	Fred Cowin
8280	.....	Bob Scott
8307	High I.Q.	George and Claud Bery
8520	.....	Carl Christenson
8744	Pryghur II	Dr. Leo Wasserberger
8765	Green Horn	Jim Olson
8888	Susurrio	Paul Rich
9054	Scarlet	Richard Beaubien
9518	Zig Zag II	Dwan Ziegler
9550	.....	Rodger Asbury
9577	.....	Phil Smith
9681	.....	Bob Dock
9965	Teachers Pet	Robert Mathers
	Life Member	A. Oberson



At Fleet 54's Invitational Regatta Hank Cawthra carried away first, and all the loot, while Phil Smith, on the left, was third behind Herm Nickels, on the right.

The 1966 sailing season for Fleet 54 was a most active and productive one. Out of a total of sixty scheduled races only four were cancelled. The average number of boats in each race was fourteen.

The race schedule was run very smoothly by Fleet Captain John Seaton who supervised club boat operation, and kept complete and up-to-date records. One hundred twelve members of Pontiac Yacht Club participated either as club boat operators or scorers during the racing season, easily a new record.

A summary of the Fleet's 1966 racing season follows:

1966 Racing Season

Series	Winner	Runner-Up	3rd Place
May	John Seaton	Hank Callahan	Al Agnew
June	Dick Beaubien	Ernest Scherer	Rodger Asbury
July	Mack Goodwin	Rodger Asbury	John Seaton
August	George Bery	Bob Mathers	Rodger Asbury
Overall			
Summer	Dick Beaubien	Phil Smith	Rodger Asbury
Intra-Club			
Regatta	Leo Wasserberger	Rodger Asbury	Claude Bery
Night Owl	Mack Goodwin	Phil Smith	Roy Nelson
Wet Hen	Claudia Seaton	Ann Beaubien	Judy Asbury
Snow Ball	Mack Goodwin	Dick Beaubien	Roy Nelson

In September, John Seaton won the 1966 Club Championship Series in convincing fashion. Rodger Asbury was runner-up and Bob Mathers held down the third spot. The Commodore Series (sailed at the same time) was won by George Bery, with Ernest Scherer as runner-up and Alex Clark taking third place honors.

The following Special Awards were given in 1966:

The most Improved Sailor award was given to Dick Beaubien.

The Good Sportsmanship award went to Bob Dock.

Twelve Fleet 54 sailors participated in the Michigan District Championships held on Lake St. Clair in July and three sailors qualified for the North American Championships: Mack Good-

win (2nd place in District), Leo Wasserberger (3rd) and Phil Smith (6th).

The Eighth Annual P.Y.C. Invitational Regatta was enjoyed by all who participated. George and Alice Bery, Chairmen, together with fine assistance from many Club members, outdid themselves in staging a fine regatta. Hank Cawthra carried home first place honors, with Herm Nickels second and Phil Smith third.

Roy Nelson did a terrific job in leading the Junior sailing program, as evidenced by the large and enthusiastic participation by our Junior sailors.

LITTLE NECK BAY FLEET (55)

Western Long Island Sound District

Sailing on Little Neck Bay at Bayside L.I., N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Albert (Skip) Duryea
Co-Captain	Neal Diepeveen
Fleet Secretary	Walter J. Dugan
Fleet Champion	Skip Duryea
Runner-Up	George Ascherl, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2722	Dark Horse	Arthur A. Newcomb
2958	Cassie II	Maxwell Eichenwald
6329	Bijou	Branko Cerineo
7153	Megs	George Ascherl, Jr.
7500	Whisper	Kenneth Appleton
7598	Colleen	Walter Duggan
7675	Chaos	Felix Kessler
7793	Vega	Melvin Weiselberg
7873	Fantasy	Peter Yarema
9108	Tyche	Neal Diepeveen
9204	Julia	Dr. Paul Califano
9615	Sklerijen	Francis J. Caro
9933	Whisper	Albert Duryea

The 1966 racing season was one of healthy growth and keen competition in our fleet. The loss of two boats, Anna 5361, and Stormy 9141, to new owners not in our fleet, and the unfortunate loss of Ember 3432, to storm damage, were more than offset by the addition of two new fiberglass boats, and five wooden boats.

As a result of the high level of competition, laurels in each individual race were divided among more boats than ever before. Five boats finished first in one or more races, eight boats had second place in more than one race, and eleven boats finished third in one or more races.

Several of our boats competed in waters outside Little Neck Bay with a fair degree of success, notable George Ascherl Jr., in Megs, who took fourth overall in the odd numbered lightning division at Larchmont Race Week.

Our sailing season consists of three series of ten races sailed on Saturdays and Sundays, with three day week-ends over July 4th and Labor Day, for the fleet championship. We also compete for the Little Neck Bay Championship, jointly sponsored, and ably committed, by Bayside Yacht Club and Douglaston Yacht Squadron. These clubs are also responsible for the mid-season highlight event on our bay, the Annual Invitational Regatta. Visiting Lightning skippers will find a ready welcome, and an opportunity to test their mettle in this hotly contested three race fixture.

BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56)

Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Fleet Captain	Ray Brady
Fleet Secretary	Richard Mansfield

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
404	Carefree	Joe Strell
6065	Squale	Ralph Wilson
6194	Senta	Charles Wadsack
6935	U 2nd	Jack Friedman
7327	Arlene	John Vanderbrink
7898	Sawbones	Dr. B. Yaffe
7903	Blixt	Robert Erickson
8303	Pearl of the Orient	Dick Mansfield
8374	Arn'e	Bernard Kornhaber
8590	Drifter	Raymond Brady

8611	Daydream	Donald Shine
8715	September	Ronald Blair
8727	Mickie	Daniel Hubbell
8877	Kachina	Larby O'Sullivan
9368	Fast Relief	Bruce Kellet
9549	Cookie	Bill Paine
9625	Happy Dragon	Jack Gordon & Dan Momjian
9654	Sarah Maria	Arthur Appel
9658	Lochmar	Richard Walker
9675	Petrel	Robert Logelin
9828	Ichiban	Charles Greaves & Don Johnson
	Dayspring	James Teale, & Arthur Wong

8583	Blue Jean	Bob Aschenbach
8678	Ginger II	Cal Schmiede
9418	Huff N' Puff	Doug Gorsline
9739	Arf N' Arf	Bob Derrick
10002	.....	Jack Swanson
10008	Black Maria	Dick Carrel
	IV	
10098	Misty II	Joe Tries
10113	Caprice	Bernie Walczak



The winners from Fleet 56 were (from L. to R) Robert Logelin, Charles Greaves, and Raymond Brady.

One of the long distance aims of Fleet 56 will be realized this season with the building of a compound for fifty boats on the club side of the harbor, allowing an increase in fleet membership.

Burnham now sponsors five one design racing fleets as well as numerous cruising class and power boats. With over three hundred members, it is one of the largest in the mid-west, and Fleet 56 is proud that one of its members, Bob Logelin is club Commodore. Bob, shown on the left, has been racing Lightnings for years and this season took third in the regular series.

Ray Brady, fleet captain, took second in the second Lightning he built himself. He is at work now on a 33 foot Tavana and expects to have it in the water next season. Charlie Greaves in the middle won the regular series and was one of the most active regatta sailors, winning the Polar Bear at Davenport, second in the Hoosier, and third in the Roman Brotz. Ronnie Blair, our other regatta skipper, had a good season but does not recall much excepting he beat Charlie in the Brotz.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

Lake Erie District

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

Fleet Captain	Ted Sullivan
Fleet Secretary	Bob Starck
Fleet Champion	Stu Anderson
Runner-Up	Bob Aschenbach

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
456	Olive M.	Earl Johnson
752	Yankee	Bill Buckley
1616	Sweet Sixteen	Gary Wagner
2197	Blithe Spirit	Norm Neubauer
2759	.....	George Hallstein, Jr.
2930	Whim	Kenneth Hennig, Jr.
4185	Pogo	Dick Barlow
5207	.....	Jack Wallace
5455	.....	Dick Welter
6345	Sabrina	Jack Swanson
6670	Wooden Shoe	C. O. Jones
7815	Berry	Rick Batt
7948	Alert IV	Bob Starck
8141	The Elk	Ken Rebman
8503	Glockenspiel II	Stu Anderson

From the standpoint of class administration and service 1966 marked the most significant year to date of NSC's participation in the affairs of the ILCA. We of Fleet 59 are especially proud of three individuals intimately connected with class functions during the past year - Jack Swanson, our esteemed president, Stu Anderson, a vice president and willing class committee worker, and Jerry Blake, our capable editor of *Flashes*.

Perhaps the biggest news at the NSC this year is the construction of our new clubhouse which more than triples our indoor facilities. Jerry Blake, is willing to give of his time and energy to our own club as to the Lightning Class, was general chairman of the project and did a whale of a job. We are all looking forward to moving in around the first of the year.

On the racing circuit the big news this year was, of course, our roving ambassador Stu Anderson. Ironically, Stu will probably be remembered by most for what he almost pulled-off in 1966 rather than for what he actually accomplished. Notwithstanding our general disappointment with the final race of the North American's, it's still pretty hard to feel sorry for a guy who wins the Dunkirk Regatta, who wins the Eby Series at the BCC, the Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta, the Baltimore - Quantico Roundup Series, who dethrones perennial Lake Erie District Champ Tom Allen, who etc., etc., etc. Besides, Stu assures us that he's going to win the big one next year.

At the fleet level, we have two Lightning Class Series at the NSC. The Bowen Lightning Class Championship was carried off, to absolutely nobody's surprise, by Stu Anderson, who employed an assortment of crews, including his daughter Carol. Bob Aschenbach was runner-up and Jack Swanson and Bob Starck tied for third. In the Wardell Lightning, our second series, Bob Starck, with the help of brother Joe and Jim Biddlecombe, garnered the top spot. Bob Aschenbach was again second, and Cal Schmiede was third.

The Niagara River Lightning Championship, an annual event hosted by Fleet 59, attracted 39 boats this year. Your secretary, aided by a great crew (his brother Joe and Jim Biddlecombe) and a lot of luck, managed to carry off the big trophy. Tom Allen (BCC) was second, Don Allen (RHYC) third, Bill Bergantz (BCC) fourth, and Jack Swanson (NSC) fifth.

The NSC sent three representatives to the NAC eliminations in 1966. Besides Anderson, Jack Swanson and Bob Derrick also qualified. Jack was somewhat hampered by the fact that he had just purchased a new boat and was not used to its whims, but he did nonetheless manage to qualify for the blue fleet, and got progressively better as the series wore on. Bob didn't quite make the blue fleet, but in one's first full year as a Lightning skipper it is a great accomplishment in itself to even qualify in the Lake Erie District. We look to Bob for great things in the future.

As usual, the Lightning group of Fleet 59 travel near and far in search of good fellowship and trophies on the regatta circuit. Some or others of us enjoyed the hospitality of clubs on the Southern Circuit, at Red Bank, Dunkirk, The Buffalo Canoe Club, Owen Sound, Chautauqua, Silver Lake, Sandy Beach, Mentor Harbor, Buckeye Lake, Baltimore, and Quantico.

Finally, 1966 marked the greatest increase in the history of NSC's Lightning fleet. Our roster shows seven more boats than its 1965 edition, and accordingly we welcome new members Rick Batt, Doug Gorsline, George Hallstein, Norm Neubauer, and Dick Welter. We also congratulate old hands Dick Carrel, Jack Swanson, Joe Tries, and Bernie Walczak on the acquisitions of their new boats, and C. O. Jones, the new owner of 6670. Next season promises the biggest and best fleet ever at the NSC.

JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

Central States District

Based on Shawnee Lake at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain	Colby Hamilton
Fleet Secretary	Wendell Ives
Fleet Champion	Bob Jones
Runner-Up	Ralph Persson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
906	Sea Duce	John Gall
1063	Tac Less	Art Cherry
1268	Lively Lady III	Chet Ebey
1301	Sea Scouts	Roy Hatkey, Ship 69
1699		Wm. Merrilat
4545	Windfall	Gary R. Stearns & Richard Greer
5228	Rubric	Edward Turner
6779	Nellie Mae	Wendell Ives
7001	Jayhawker	Bob Jones
7461	Prairie Nymph	Ralph Persson
7960	Jayhawker II	Bill Schwartz
8368	Rose Behr	John Behrmann
8761		Coby Hamilton
9025	Caro	Bob Sommers
9991	L-III	Ros Cofran III

We started our 1966 season with two days of racing on Memorial Day, finishing with two days on Labor Day. The winner of the Holiday Series, was Bob Jones, a frequent winner of previous series.

For the 1966 season, Ralph Persson with his agile wife Olga as one crew, and Wendell Ives the other crew member were first, and Bob Jones second.

For the Central States District Championships at Lake Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, we had four boats representing our fleet.

Glass boats are making inroads in our fleet, and we now have two.

We raced unofficially into October, until the chill Kansas winter forced us to put our fleet in mothballs awaiting spring of '67.

GROSSE ILE FLEET (68)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Grosse Ile, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Jack Gage
Fleet Secretary	Carl Arkelian
Fleet Champion	James Holzman
Runner-Up	Carl Arkelian

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2902	Inferno	Jan C. Warren
3578	Banshee	Carl Arkelian
4595		Bob Berford
5517		Bill Springer
5777	Cutty Sark	Jack J. Gage
6363	BoBo	John Reed
7283	Avenger	William Thomas
8393	Island Queen	James Holzman

The anxiously-awaited first Grosse Ile fleet racing season in nine years finally arrived, and sailed by too quickly. It seems as though we didn't have enough racing, but I doubt if we could have caught Jim Holzman on the course even if we'd raced more. I guess he didn't forget too much since he raced last, about four years ago on the East Coast.

We had a spring and summer series of 9 races each. Jim took a first for both series. Jack Gage took a second in one, and Carl Arkelian a second in the other.

In the River Isles Yachting Association (RIYA) regatta series Carl Arkelian took first-place honors, Jim Holzman second, and Jack Gage third.

The winds were light to moderate all summer except for the Labor Day weekend, when it blew 20-30 miles per hour. My crew enjoyed this more than the light air stuff.

We had two "trophy nights," one for the RIYA regattas, held at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club, and one for the Lightning fleet at Captain Jack Gage's house. We really appreciated the fine spread that the Gages put on for us, not to mention the pretty first, second and third place flags Nancy Gage sewed for the winners. Our regular trophies were individual gold-plated sailboats mounted on a walnut base with the appropriate inscriptions on each.

Our younger skippers, Bill Thomas and Jan Warren learned a lot, I'm sure, and should be giving us some real trouble next year. Some of the other members were getting familiar with their boats, which was interesting and fun to them, aside from trying out a race or two.

We welcomed a new fleet member for 1967, Bill Springer, during our meeting at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club in November.

MILWAUKEE FLEET (69)

Mid West District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wis.

Fleet Captain	Charles Jordan
Fleet Secretary	Betsy Morris
Fleet Champion	Dr. John Esser
Runner-Up	Guy Scrivner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4714	Rx Pillroller	Bill Ward
4999	Baby Doll	Donald F. Schmidt
5123	Boat	Charles Ingwersen & Charles Drake III
5932	Rogue	Phyllis Walker and Charles Jordan
5953	Scarlett	Dr. David Mountain
6023	Oat Bay	Gerald Caffrey
6607	After You	Robert Casper
7523	Dots Right	Robert Mahnke
7602	War Horse	John Goldsmith
7900	San Souci II	Dr. John Esser
7920	Dutch Treat	Gene Harrison
8120	Avalanche	Jack Luthe
8267	Barb II	Guy Scrivner
8889	Bled I	Charles Blank
8999	Blue Chip	Dave Ashton
9157	Patience	Dr. David Kersting
9607	Seven C's	Jim Casper
9634	Blue Finn	Mike Kotovic
9655	Holy Smoke	
	IV	Ensworth Reisner
9841	Peninah	Marvin Singer
		Betsy Morris



Dr. John Esser, champion of Fleet 69, manages to sneak by all those starboard tack boats.

Fleet 69 sailed off to a banner year. We started with Spring tune-up racing in May followed by the first season series race on June 4th. The scheduled racing continued until September 10th. We saw Lake Michigan at its best and worst, but we enjoyed racing competition at its best all season.

With a fleet of 21 Lightnings at Milwaukee Yacht Club plus boats from South Shore Yacht Club joining our Saturday afternoon races, the competition was lively. By the end of the season eleven boats had sailed enough races to meet the minimum requirement to qualify for the series. Dr. John Esser, last year's champion, sailed away with top honors again. He was followed by Guy Scrivner. John Goldsmith returned to Lightning racing this year after a brief lay-off to pick up third spot in newly-reconditioned "Warhorse". Approximately 700 points separated 3rd place from 6th, showing keen competition.

The P & T Series sailed in July brought 35 boats to Milwaukee, with sailmaker Bruce Goldsmith of Chicago salting away another first, followed by Jay Doty and Ronnie Blair in the final standings.

Fleet 69 is looking forward to next season, with talk of new boats for some and a beautiful new Clubhouse at Milwaukee Yacht Club for all. Come to visit us in July—sail the exciting P & T—and see the new clubhouse!

RED BANK-ON-THE-SHREWSBURY FLEET (70)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on North Shrewsbury River at Red Bank, N. J.

Fleet Captain	Bill Heron
Fleet Secretary	Ted Marko
Fleet Champion	Sandy Huntsman
Runner-Up	Midge Beecher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
41	Spider	Robert Bruce
425		Walter Stiedler
860	Bam	Virg Vaughan
1482	Escapade	Francis Kennelly
2446	Mbark	Robert W. Amory
2620	Water Witch	John Spurdle
2655	Banshee	Theodore Engberg
3600	Leprechaun	Pat Corr
4864	Strike I	William & James Heron
4975	Blue Ho-Ho	Robert & Lynn Serfass
5241		John Iovino
6500	Dingbat	Bruce, Pete & Chris Nord
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
6966	Triton II	Robert McCutcheon, Jr.
7082		Robert E. Cowen
7639	Tern	John T. Bennett, Jr.
7786	Ranger	Irv. Lewis
7798	Pink Mink	Theodore Marko
7799	Spook	Tom Thompson
7806	Spitfire	Charles, Douglas & Robert Raynor
8101	Avenger III	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
8201	Chances R	Borden L. & Lee Hance
8502	Dawnmere	Tim Millhiser
8505	Windsong II	Al Miller
8830	Ethel Baby	Arnold Schwartz
9006	Second Verse	June Methot
9101	Spirit	Craig Wolcott
9233	West Wind	John F. McCabe, Jr.
9428	Cat's-Paw	Evan & Midge Beecher
9430	Little Stinker	Jack & David Allen

The big news from Fleet 70 is not only that we have added a flock of new boats, but also added a big load of talent! Any fleet race is likely to be won by any one of eight or ten boats. Outstanding among the new additions during the year were Charley Raynor and his two sons, Doug and Bob (from the Wood Pussy Fleet), each of whom collected at least one piece of hardware, and Midge Beecher (former Blue Jay skipper), who collected three or four. Sandy Huntsman got his boat moving this year and took the Fleet and Monmouth Boat Club titles. Arnold Schwartz won the Metropolitan District Championship, was third in the New Jersey State Championship, and in addition made his presence felt at home.

Among the winners listed below is Bob Held. We wish we could claim Bob as an official member of Fleet 70, but even though he is not, he spent quite a bit of time in our boats this year. We are proud to say that Bob, and his crew of Dave Allen (9430 next year) and Bob McCutcheon (6696), won the 1966 Sears Cup—the National Junior Sailing Championship. All levels of this event up through the Semi-Finals were sailed in Lightnings this year, and many members of Fleet 70 had a hand in their training and lent their boats to this fine crew.

A late-season addition to the Fleet was Brub Hance, three-time National Champion of the Wood Pussy Class, who got going in time to win the last race of the season. He will share skippering honors with daughter Lee next year. As if we didn't have enough competition already, Dave Allen (from the Sears Cup crew and a good skipper in his own right) and his father Jack (also a Wood Pussy Champion) bought Ralph Messersmith's boat right after the close of the season.

We think it is worth mentioning that a good deal of our new talent has come from the intensive junior training program which the Monmouth Boat Club has been sponsoring for the past four years.

Want an early tune-up next year? Come on over to our 1967 Spring Invitational Series on Sundays through April and May—there'll be plenty of competition! We'll hold the Long John Regatta as usual too—watch "Flashes" for the date.

Spring Invitation Series

- 1 — John Orelup
- 2 — Arnold Schwartz
- 3 — Ralph Messersmith
- 4 — Sandy Huntsman
- 5 — Ken Winter

Fleet #70 Summer Championship

Cox Trophy — Sandy Huntsman

Monmouth Boat Club Summer Series

- 1 — Sandy Huntsman
- 2 — Midge Beecher
- 3 — Arnold Schwartz

National Sweepstakes Regatta

- 1 — Sandy Huntsman
- 2 — Doug Raynor
- 3 — Midge Beecher

Crew Race — Jib

- 1 — Bob Raynor

Miltenberger Novice Trophy

- 1 — Jim Heron

Metropolitan District Championship

- 1 — Arnold Schwartz

Long John Regatta

- 1) — Arnold Schwartz
- 2) — Howard Mullin
- 3) — John Orelup
- 4) — Marcy Lippincott
- 5) — Dick Halligan

Atwater Trophy Series

Sandy Huntsman

Fall Invitation Series

- 1 — Bob Raynor
- 2 — June Methot
- 3 — Midge Beecher

Jr. Sweepstakes Regatta

- 1 — Bob McCutcheon
- 2 — Jim Heron
- 3 — Bob Raynor

Crew Race — Main

- 1 — Charley Raynor

Red Grant Regatta

- 1 — Bob Held
- 3 — Arnold Schwartz

New Jersey State Championship

- 3 — Arnold Schwartz



Fleet 70's champion, Sandy Huntsman, takes off in a puff.