

MOBILE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (135)
Southern District
Sailing on Mobile Bay, Alabama

Fleet Captain	Ed B. Overton
Fleet Secretary	Richard Murray
Fleet Champion	Ed. B. Overton
Runner-Up	Robert Jeffcoat

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7399	Ed B. Overton
7748	Richard Murray
8364	Robert Jeffcoat

Mobile Bay Fleet has been having a little difficulty moving forward this year, but we hope that 1967 will increase the activity and size. Several of the young crewmen have gone to college, or to the service, and they are sorely missed. In June, Mobile Bay Fleet will host the G. Y. A. Championships, and we look forward to having a large turnout. We also enjoyed joining the Pensacola Fleet several times this season for keen competition.

GULL LAKE FLEET (137)
Michigan District
Sailing on Gull Lake, Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Duane Jamieson
Fleet Secretary	Wallace Gilkey
Fleet Champion	Bruce Murphy
Runner-Up	Dan Chappell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2343	Brigadoon II	Bill Kibbey
2946	Ok E	Bruce Hutchinson
3436	Resolute	Phil Baker
3528	Ricklin	Richard Maurer
3771	.....	Barry Passman
4521	Sometime	Paul Hannon
4911	.....	James E. Fulton
5533	Two Bits	Bruce Murphy
5602	My Buddy	Glenn Proos
6895	Pink Lady	Donald May
7474	WesWin	Wes Cromie
7580	Yankee	James W. Harrison
7878	Sagitta	Duane Jamieson
7911	Wee Three	Arthur Bates
7977	Run Away	Joseph Foster
8740	Etecian	Les Coleman
8588	Blue Chip	Dan Chappell
8636	Wind Quest	Wallace Gilkey
9407	Whitney II	Tom Crookston
9734	Jennifer Ann	Clarence Chrest
9735	Mother's	.....
	Mink II	John Moeller
9899	.....	James Anderson
9964	GinSam	Sam Stearns

The Gull Lake fleet was able to complete its regular three series racing program this year in spite of a lack of adequate breezes on so many week-ends. The Wednesday evening series season standings were:

1. Bob Harrison
2. Dan Chappell
3. Jim Fulton

The regular Saturday series ended with a three-way tie for second place. Standings were:

1. Same Stearns
2. Bruce Murphy
3. Dan Chappell
4. Art Bates, Jr.
5. Bob Harrison

Standings for the Sunday series were:

1. Bruce Murphy
2. Dan Chappell
3. Tom Crookston
4. Sam Stearns
5. Jim Harrison

A trophy for the Most Improved Skipper for the season went to Wallace Gilkey.

The Gull Lake fleet invitational regatta was held July 16 and 17, 1966 with 32 boats participating. Seventeen were off-the-lake boats. Although our racing fleet didn't grow much this year, the addition of four new fiberglass boats this season kept interest at a high pitch.

HAWAII FLEET (143)
Hawaii District
Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii

Fleet Captain	Howard Hole
Fleet Secretary	Al. Hyde
Fleet Champion	Dick Holmes
Fleet Eliminations	Bobby Edmondson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1622	Xtabay	Richard Holmes
2069	Misfit	Chuck Kehl
2425	.....	Doug Brown
3154	BoHoney	Vernon Davies
3261	Lil' Puka	Howard Hole
3262	Kuuiipo	Bill Matthews
3263	Dwamiga	Hugh Duffield
3305	Mahape	Ray Buisseret
3910	Wiki Wiki	James Wriston
4529	Boltov	Dean Straley
5198	Mary T.	Robert Stevenson
5662	'Way	Robert Edmondson
6907	Lulu Belle	Albert Hyde
7029	Ekela	Robert Wuest
7056	Hornet	Mitchell Todd
7151	Ooffee	Joe Ebeling
7484	Frolic	Roy Bennett
9157	Noasitol	Mitt Todd
9205	.....	Dick McCool
9622	Xtabay II	Dick Holmes



The one with the heavy beard is named Marion. She crews for Fleet's 143's champion, Dick Holmes. Jerry Sinclair, on the right, also crews for Dick. They are trying for 73 shaves on one stainless blade. Good luck.

Aloha! from Fleet 143, Hawaii. Kaneohe Yacht Club, located on beautiful Kaneohe Bay shore line has had an active and exciting 1966. Fleet officers elected, HOWARD HOLE, Captain, AL. HYDE, secretary.

DICK HOLMES and wife CHARLOTT received their new boat shipped back from Italy in time to participate in the entire racing season. The EXTABY did her skipper proud — DICK is our new 1966 champion, having won eight series out of twelve. "MITT" TODD won three, BOBBY EDMONDSON won one. The Wahine (girl) race was won by MARION CARPENTER, one of DICK HOLMES crew. "MITT" may have done better this past year with his reasonable new fiberglass machine "NOASITAL" had he not been honeymooning with his pretty bride, JACE. Its been suggested among the fellows that "MITT" change the name of his boat. BOBBY E. and AL. HYDE are renovating their boats, new decking along with other adjustments, for which they hope to give the other skippers a little stronger competition in 1967. PAT (BOBBY'S wife) and LOU HYDE had hoped the boys would go into another class boat. The gals would love one with a built in bar and head — not a chance; the men are confirmed Light'ners.

DICK MCCOOL and wife crew, PAT, did beautifully in their new fiberglass job when DICK could find time from his work schedule to participate in the racing activity.

Weather, as usual in these tropical islands was outstandingly beautiful this past year and very conducive to our new skippers to try their luck. We are fortunate to have as new fleet members, Lt. WILLIAM RICHER, boat #6205, shipped in from

the mainland; CARL MEIERDIECKS, #1622 and Doctor WALTER SHIM, #6063. Not a new member, DEAN STRALEY who also was married this summer. Newlyweds, for some reason or other simply loose interest in sailing, for a little while, anyway. DEAN promises to be in there sailing next season. Our new members are all happy, enthusiastic skippers and promise some good stiff competition for our past winners.

We had a number of visiting yachtsmen and their families this past summer, among them were Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE REESE, Portland, Oregon; Commodore JOE KELLEY of Washington D. C. and Mr. OLIVER FILIPPI hailing from New Jersey. Gracious "CHAR" and DICK had the pleasure of hosting these nice visitors.

Lightning Fleet, again, is proud to announce that our own veteran skipper, BOBBY EDMONDSON is 1967 KYC Commodore. Congrats to BOBBY; after all KYC has raised you from a very young, always active club and boat enthusiast. PAT has said 'after the club DAVID and I come next'. DAVID is their three year old and our littlest skipper.

Success and good health to all of you this year and a BIG ALOHA! from 143, KYC.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....	Bill Swartzbaugh
Fleet Secretary.....	Harlow Cutting
Fleet Champion.....	Leonard Pratt
Runner-Up.....	Fred Hamblet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5417	Sallie-Pet	James C. Gillespie
5654	Pa Ga Ka	Walter Tolman
6888	Flash	Bill Francis
7228	Touche Pas	David LaMarche
7322	Bluebird	Gordon Purdy
8008	Over Due	Bill Swartzbaugh
8308	Bon Joy	Leonard Pratt
8480	Gail	Fred Hamblet
8690	Beaufort V	Wade Caruthers
9499	Wendy	Roy Anderson
9519	.....	William Wynn
9713	Honey Bear	David Bischoff
9714	Winds Will	Harlow Cutting
9715	Susy Q	George Hobbrook

A very successful sailing instruction program and construction of a new swimming and dock area kept the traveling Spofford Fleet nearer home this year. Thirty-seven juniors and seniors took the sailing lessons under the direction of Len Pratt and the enthusiasm was such that the program will be continued in 1967.

The new dock area was added for a brand new 22-boat Sunfish Fleet. We expect that in the Sunfish fun, future Lightning crew members and skippers are being trained.

Another successful Spofford Regatta was held in late June. Len Pratt was the winner followed by Bill Shore of the Marblehead Fleet and Eric Cutting, a junior skipper of the Spofford Fleet.

Four boats (Pratt, Hamblet, Caruthers and Cutting) represented Spofford at the District Championship. We were all pleased that Len Pratt and Bud Hamblet qualified for the Nationals by finishing 4th and 11th respectively. At the Nationals, Len finished 20th in the Championship series and Bud Hamblet finished 8th in the Governor's Cup.

Bud went on to win the State of Vermont - New Hampshire championship hosted successfully by the Spofford Fleet. Marblehead's Bill Shore finished second followed by Bonnie Pratt. Len traveled to the Cedar Point, Long Island Sound Regatta and came in 2nd against top competition. Bonnie Pratt sailed the Bon Joy into first place in the Spofford Summer series followed by Wade Caruthers and Roy Anderson.

The Club Championship was won by Bon Joy, this time skippered by Robbie Pratt. Bud Hamblet, Harlow Cutting and Dave Bischoff tried to knock off the Champs but finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively in a closely contested series.

With new skippers gaining experience and eight boats in the 8000-9000 series, the competition at Spofford is considerable and increasing. Yes, we traveled less this year, but watch out for next.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain.....	George Wootten
Fleet Secretary.....	Ken Inglis
Vice-Captains.....	Ron Cochrane and Vern Booth
Fleet Champion.....	"A" Class—Dave Millyard "B" Class—Jim Lowe
Runner-Up.....	"A" Class—Peter Sulman "B" Class—Hartly Robins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2433	Capt. Barbara	George Cushing
2581	.....	Bill Omerod
3986	Kandoo	Mike Pritchard
4081	Miss Conduct	Art Jackson
4629	Brandy	Cliff Braggins
4748	Vamonds	Bob Reid
5223	Seabiscuit	Ed Hearn
5234	Cosmos	B. MacGowan
5471	Sunshine	Alan Williams
5833	Kismet	Walter Johnson
5897	Maddona	Laurie Musson
5927	Shelia II	G. W. Sytan
7061	Manitou	H. J. Waite
7069	Cheri	J. Kamichaitis and L. Knox
7070	Cygnat	H. Thompson
7079	Alibi	Gary Bomza
7100	Urfus	Laurie Waisberg
7390	Tweet	Dr. Don Woodside
7650	Serendipity	Bob Bleasby
7674	Searen	George Crane
7791	Moshulu	Dave Holloway
7850	Dub Sam	Les Crocker
8230	Cambria	G.H.D. Evans
8248	Kahona	Hartley Robins
8321	Hubris	Ken I. McIntosh
8357	Thunder	George & John Will
8579	Passe Partout	V. H. Olson
8630	Ne plus Ultra	Geo. Wootten
8947	Summer Storm	Wm. Stack, Jr.
9090	Frenzy	R. Cochrane
9091	Skol	K. Inglis
9194	Flying Mogul	K. Richardson
9400	Nemesis	Pete Sulman
9410	Gigi	D. Millyard
9469	Sans Souci	Dr. Rod Ross
9500	Prometheus	Bob Beal
9543	Pandora	Hope & Vern Booth
9665	Hoomalimall	Dave Roost
9666	Mistawis	Bob Taylor
9858	Royal Flush	Jim Lowe
9936	.....	Ross Graves
.....	.....	Bob Graham

Well fleet 146 cannot claim another year of growth, but without a doubt we can claim to have the hottest trailer wheels in the country. Ten boats trailed the nine hundred miles north to Fort William and back. Our boats went east to Kingston and south well into the United States. Trailing has become a way of life for fleet 146. Activity at home however is as always at a high pitch. There are LIGHTNING races held every night of the week except Friday and usually a three race series is within reach for the weekends. At home it was Dave Millyard in his fiberglass "Gigi" winning the "A" class championship, which is decided by your best nine out of seventeen chosen local races. Peter Sulman in "Nemesis" was a close second. "B" class was very closely contested this year with Jim Lowe winning the new W. Rayfield Memorial Award in his boat "Royal Flush". Hartley Robins in his "Kahona" tied Jim on points but finished second based on the horse racing method.

The spirit of the fleet is at an all time high. Peter Sulman directed a raffle (with a brand new Tom Allen fiberglass lightning as first prize) and the participation by fleet members was very encouraging. The fleet, under the able leadership of our own Bob Bleasby, is busy with plans for the 1967 World Championships. Toronto is indeed honoured and the fleet looks forward to August when we hope you will all be with us to watch the best in the world compete.

This year saw Don Allen, in his battle worn "Endeavour," carried away the Trade Fair Trophy. This year Don joined the ranks of the sailmakers, and his winning ways have not

changed. Ron Cochrane sailed an excellent "round the island" race to take home the Fleet Captains' Trophy. The race was delayed due to lack of wind, but it ended with four boats being dumped in the forty mile an hour winds. The Lou Marsh Trophy went to our Pro' Dave Millyard. Finally, after many tries, a three boat team lead by Peter Sulman wrested the Gorman Team trophy from Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

The year in general was a great success marred only by the absence of our Bob Bleasby due to his back injury. Bob is up and around again looking as fit as ever. His return to racing is looked forward to by each and every one of his friends in Fleet 146.

Remember now, next year is going to be a really big show. Plan now to be with us for the 1967 World Championships. We look forward to seeing you.

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB FLEET (151)

New England District

Sailing on Ipswich Bay, Annisquam, Mass.

Fleet Secretary	Peter Bent
Fleet Champion	R. Russell Smith II
Runner-Up	Richard Mechem

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5987	Tedesco	John Pear
6288	Mouette	Richard Mechem
6343	Teaser III	R. Russell Smith
6655	Bat	John D. Cunningham
6648	Starlight	Wendel Freeman
6707	Caliban	Michael Wheeler
6758	Bluebill III	Peter Bent
7127	Rogue	Ben Hedblom
9617	Skyrocket	Indy McNulty
10029	Olanda	Holly DeBlois
10088		Georges Peters

Fleet 151 was privileged this year to host the New England District Championships. Russ Smith was head of the Race Committee and responsible for a well run five race series won by Lou Pocharski.

Peter Bent enjoyed a weekend of racing up at Lake Winnepesaukee picking up a few pointers on "light air" sailing.

We would like to welcome Holly DeBlois to the fleet. Holly and her two sisters formed a courageous all-girl crew that promises to give us all some competition in 1967.

Snipe-sailer Mike Wheeler also came to sail Caliban and, we expect to see a lot of him next year. An old veteran, Georges Peters, makes his return in a new boat next summer after an absence of a few years.

Fleet Champion Russ Smith is now sailing with the U. S. Coast Guard off the coast of Viet Nam, so the command of Teaser VIII will return to other equally capable hands.

Fleet 151 is growing in boats and enthusiasm. Competition is keen, and we are looking forward to an exciting racing season in 1967.

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)

Michigan District

Sailing on Tawas Bay, East Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Truman F. Barbier, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	William F. McKinley
Fleet Champion	William McKinley
Runner-Up	Charles Schreck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6222	Relampago	W. T. Immers
6688	Merri Mac II	L. G. McKay, Jr.
8668	"G"	Herbert Cox
9115		Charles A. Pinkerton, Jr.
	Sapphire II	Truman F. Barbier, Jr.
9168		Douglas P. Souder
9855	Hum Bug V	William F. McKinley
10015		Charles H. Schreck
	Mikega II	Gary Cameron

Although plagued by light air throughout the racing season, Tawas Bay Yacht Club Fleet #152 enjoyed one of the most successful seasons since inception in 1948.

First item of major importance this season, was Carl Babcock's renewed participation in our Lightning Fleet Races after an absence of fifteen years. Carl was invited to skipper

Lightning #6222 "Duster" recently purchased by Co-Owners Ernie Lixey and Brent Babcock. This invitation was sufficient to rekindle his interest during the Fleet Racing Season and continued thru the fall racing circuit at Devil's Lake and Chicago.

Charles Pinkerton purchased Lightning #9115 for his son who is the 3rd generation of the Pinkerton family to have an interest in Lightnings on Tawas Bay. Charles's father, Charles A. Pinkerton Sr. provided transportation, via the Detroit and Mackinaw Railroad, for the original six Lightnings shipped from Skaneateles, New York to Tawas City, Michigan in 1947.

Doug Souder of Saginaw is another new member of our Fleet and shows promise of developing into an excellent competitor. Doug purchased Lightning #9168 and plans to continue sailing and racing on Tawas Bay.

A member of Bill McKinley's Lightning Crew the past four seasons, Gary Cameron has announced the purchase of a 1967 Lightning Class Sailboat. Gary expects early spring delivery with plans to campaign Tawas and the Michigan District Racing Circuit.

Herb Cox was recently transferred from St. Joseph, Michigan area to Lansing, Michigan and rejoins Tawas Lightning Fleet No. 152 after an absence of two years.

On August 6th and 7th, Tawas Bay Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet #152 were again privileged to host the Tawas Bay Yacht Club Lightning Fleet #152 Invitational Regatta. Dr. Leo Wasserberger of Pontiac Yacht Club Fleet #54 sailing Pryghur 11 #8744 captured 1st place. Five trophies were awarded to the following indicated sailors:

Leo Wasserberger	#8744	1-2-1	4 Pts.
Joe Disette	#9903	5-4-3	12 Pts.
George Nickels	#8818	2-3-8	13 Pts.
Dave Peters	#1214 (9168)	7-9-2	18 Pts.
Ladd McKay	#6688	6-8-5	19 Pts.

The Michigan District Traveling Trophy conceived by Charlie Schreck, designed and fabricated by Jim Kohls, Past Commodore of the Michigan District of the I.L.C.A., was won by Bill McKinley with crew members Gary Cameron and Nick Schulwitz sailing Hum Bug V #9855.

The Traveling Trophy was awarded on the basis of finishes at Lansing Yacht Club Fleet #387, Crescent Sail Yacht Club Fleet #51, Gull Lake Yacht Club Fleet #137, Tawas Bay Yacht Club Fleet #152, Pontiac Yacht Club Fleet #54 and Devil's Lake Yacht Club Fleet #31 Regattas.

The Coming Season looms as another successful season, for we expect keen competition from our new members.

We cordially invite more I.L.C.A. members to vacation in Tawas and compete on North American Courses each Sunday during the months of July and August (Starting time promptly at 11:00 a.m.).

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain	Paul Knauer
Fleet Secretary	John Nixon
Fleet Champion	Bruce Baiden
Fleet Runner-Up	Dick Penn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4750		Bob Bezdon
4764	Tiki	George Wright
4910	Dusty Star II	Gordon Medlock
5259	Jibojo	Dr. J. S. Wellington
6133		George Witwer
6902	Tag Along	Jay Miller
7033	C-Win	Carl Winnebold
7574	Win Whistle	Paul Knauer
8778	Echo	Karl Freese
9511	Glo	Bruce Baiden
9775		Bob Swearingen
9776	Trick or Treat	John Nixon
10134	Scud II	Paul Penn

Fiberglass seemed to make the difference in Wawasee Yacht Club racing. The top three boats for the season's series were glass models and the fifth boat, also fiberglass, ran a consistent fourth place during the season until the last race.

Bruce Baiden with his daughter Kathy and father-in-law Joe Plasket, maintained first place all the way through the season.

About a quarter of the way through the season, though, he began to be seriously challenged by the Paul Penn boat, skippered by Paul's two sons, Dick and Paul Jr. They had held fifth place in their old 2559 before they bought 10134. After that, first and second places were usually traded by the two boats.

Bob Swearingen ran a consistent third throughout the summer. George Freese, running fifth in the series, mastered a wild, windy 3-race Labor Day series to come in fourth. Winds were so high that most skippers concentrated on surviving, let alone racing.

The Club voted to make the Hoosier Regatta an annual event at the Wawasee Yacht Club. It had formerly been rotated between the Michigan City and Indianapolis clubs. (See ad elsewhere in this issue for information.)

Fleet Officers		1966	1967
Commodore		Gordon Medlock	George Wright
Vice Commodore		Carl Winnebald	Bruce Baiden
Treasurer		George Wright	Joe Plasket
Secretary		John Nixon	John Nixon
Rear Commodore		Bruce Baiden	Bob Swearingen
Director		Bob Bezdon	Dick Penn
Director		Paul Knauer	Gordon Medlock
Director			Eleonore Plasket

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB (161)

California District

Sailing on San Diego Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain	Geves S. Kenny
Fleet Secretary	Bruce Peachey
Fleet Champion	Bruce Peachey
Runner-Up	Geves Kenny

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2368	Fanci	John Clark
2548	Rondino	Bob Eschwege
3823	Sea Six	Lyle Stombough
4573	Fiesta	Dr. Geves Kenny
5773	Balderdash	Brom Webb
6000	Six Grand	Dr. Bruce Peachey
6483	Hornet	J. F. Sandstrom
6597	Bullmoose	James Eschwege

Lightning Fleet 161 has completed an active, twelve month, season racing in eight fleet series, in our annual invitational, and in invitational regattas at Mission Bay Yacht Club and Coronado Yacht Club. A high point of the year were the two races around Point Loma with the Mission Bay fleet.

The annual John Bate Invitational Regatta was hosted on 6 and 7 August with races being held both on the ocean and bay courses. First place went to Warren Gross of Coronado Yacht Club with Dave Wright and Myron Lyon of Mission Bay Fleet finishing second and third.

Fleet championship honors go to D. Bruce Peachey in his refinished "Six Grand". The fleet earnestly challenged "Six Grand" but spent a majority of the races observing her departing wake.

A series of round table discussions of racing rules and tactics, of tuning pointers, and viewing of a fleet movie are planned to supplement the 1967 racing season.

CAZENOVIA LIGHTNING FLEET (164)

Central New York District

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	M. H. Pindell
Fleet Champion	Gary Demarest
Runner-Up	John H. Griffiths, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1		T. Hume Laidman
87		Ralph Resnick
182	Red IV	Nelson Neidhardt
356		Bud Pulver
373	Meri Kris	Richard Dower
755		James Savage
1350		A. Gordon Wheeler
1905		Wm. Gulick
3412		Gordon Phillips
4687		Jesse Silverman
5892	Pinion	Peter Dieffendorf

5893	Flip	Eugene Gettel
5894		Jerry Weiss
5974	Polaris	Harry Fogarty
6804	Le Mistral	M. H. Pindell
7087		Howard Sabin
7214	Rae	Dr. Louis Alkoff & Bernard Shoninger
7244	Foamy	Wm. Waibel
7273	Doregasa	Dr. Donald B. Sanford
9147		Philip Falso and Robt. Cornett
9178		M. S. Weeden
9305		Robt. E. Lee
9329		James McNitt
9334		Houghton Carr, Jr.
9394		Gary Demarest
9424	Green Beret	James Preston
9886	U.F.O.	Dr. A. Jefferson Penfield
9956		John H. Griffiths, Jr.
		Victor Cole

A well established, active and growing fleet is a pleasure to report on, and this description fits Fleet 164 in 1966. The season started with our club hosting the Lakeshore Lightning Squadron Regatta in June. Then at the tough Black Rock Regatta Gary Demarest won Central New York headlines by taking first place despite the hair raising experience of having to replace a forestay fitting in the middle of a downwind leg while the boat was on a plane!

Sears Cup tryouts for Central New York were held at our club in Lightnings. Six of our boats entered the Districts where they all finished among the top ten. Then on to the North Americans for which four of our members qualified.

So close was the competition for the championship of the Senior Division that it was not finally decided until the last race of the season. Champ Gary Demarest had a .904 average; runner-up Jack Griffiths scored a .901. Gary took the Sunday series; Jack the Saturday series.

The Crewettes race, which turned into a drifter, was won by Cathy Penfield, who won last year's race in a gale. Her husband, Dr. Jeff, was a very close third in the Senior Division with an average of .892. Between fleet races he raced the Stork, and during the season helped to bring sixty future skippers and crew members into this sailing world.

Among the Juniors Buck Cole, sailing 7549, won first place honors as well as upholding our Lightning fleet's reputation in Willow Bank Yacht Club activities by winning the Nat Roberts Perpetual Trophy.

Improvement in fleet quality continues not only in the growing experience of our sailors but in their equipment as well. Several members launched new boats during the year. This winter a group of our members are buying new boats all from the same builder with sails from a single loft. This should provide true one design racing next summer. In our fleet, where Lightning Number One still sails, more than half the boats will be over the nine thousand number. It will take some real sailing to bring home the silverware next year!

HELSINKI FLEET (166)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain	Raimo Aromaa
Fleet Secretary	Pentti Puupera
Fleet Champion	Terho Aromaa
Runner-Up	Stig Haglund

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3924	Pluto	Jorma Janhunen
3934	Wivyl	Jorma Lehtonen
4011	Villervalla	S. Ulvinen
4014	Chiquita II	Bjorn Caloniun
4127	Lucciola	Martti Moilanen
4133	Angelique	Tapani Helve
4143	Toutain	Ilkka Kaitila, Kai Ohman & Kari Aalto
4326	Lokki	Orvo Halkosaari
4327	Piraya	Mauri Jarvinen
4333	Sirri	Erkki Sevakiivi
5054	Tiwa	P. Halttunen, A. Rautapalo & K. Raitio
5545	Chianti	Erkki Harju
6832	Sea-Hawk	Risto Nerman

6836	Hurricane	Martti Karstunen
6837	Angeya	Kaj Sjöberg
7163	Delphine	Antti Hohti
7181	Sunrise	Ali Biaudef
7182	Show	M & M. Bernoulli
7887	Masi	Terho Aromaa
7888	Tuuletär	Raimo Aromaa
7894	Simppu	Hannes Ignatius
8210	Oskari	Pentti Puupera
8658		Samuel Kaurinkoski
8993	Ritva	Jukka Ruohutla
8994	Tim	Unto Maenpää
9165		Max & Mikko Hallikainen
9166	Ariana II	Leif & Stig Haglund
9438	Kulkuri	Petteri Tehola
9441	Lokka	Mikko Tuominen
9608		Ilkka Raikamo
		Esko Lindström

The Helsinki Fleet has enjoyed a "traveling season" this year. Several of our Lightnings have participated in regattas all around the country, an especially in Finland's lake-area, where the Lightning Class has grown rapidly in the few last years.

Racing activity in home waters has been moderate. Fifteen of the Fleets thirty boats have participated in races. We ought to get more boats to the starting lines, but our older Lightnings (or rather their owners) seem to be afraid to try to compete with the more active skippers.

We had something new for our long and very cold winter season this year. The Fleet decided at our Annual Meeting to meet every other week during the winter months at the communal swimming pool. Here members could have a "sauna" and swimming party together, and also discuss sailing during the "dry-season". The idea proved successful, and we are continuing it during the next winter.

The Fleet has got one new boat, No. 9438, KULKURI, owner Petteri Tehola, but unfortunately we have also lost several boats when they were sold outside the Fleet. Some skippers, who sold their boats are, however, planning to get new Lightnings for next summer.



Helsinki Fleet Champion Terho Aromaa finds time for a pipeful.

The Finland District Championships were held this year at Lake Paijanne. Our Fleet participated actively and successfully in the event. Seven boats travelled to Lake Paijanne and took practically all the silverware home with them. Stig Haglund took the District Champion title with his ARIANA II (9166). Defending Champion Terho Aromaa had to satisfy himself with Runner-Up Trophy; Heikki Alho (VIB, 8211) was third, Mikko Tuominen (LOKKA) fifth, Pentti Puupera, OSKARI

eighth, Raimo Aromaa, TUULETAR, tenth and Petteri Tehola, KULKURI, eleventh out of 21 participants.

Mikko Tuominen, and LOKKA (9441), was Finland Districts, and Helsinki Fleet's sole representative at European Championships in Greece. He was not very successful, finishing twelfth, but he learned much and got many new friends among the Lightning sailors of several countries.

Ten Lightnings participated in the Helsinki Regatta. Winner of the open races was Terho Aromaa with his MASI, but Stig Haglund took the Koristo-Westerholm Trophy for his ARIANA II.

Terho Aromaa took MASI to the Lake Saimaa Regatta and won the four race - ten boats regatta superiority with four first places.

Four Helsinki Fleet Lightnings participated at the Lake Nasijarvi Sailing Week. Superior winner was again MASI, and her skipper Terho Aromaa, second Stig Haglund with ARIANA II. Only three boats returned back home, as VIB (8211) found the lake-water better tasting than sea water and decided to move to Nasijarvi Lightning Fleet, where she found a new skipper for herself.

Helsinki Fleet Championships were held in the second week-end of September. Only nine boats sent their entries, and one of them did not get a whole crew collected and did not start. Winds were quite weak and shifty and the races were tightly fought. Terho Aromaa, and MASI (7887) took the Fleet Championship title again, runner-up was Pentti Puupera (OSKARI) and third was District Champion Stig Haglund.

Results:

1. Terho Aromaa	MA SI, 7887	1-2-1	26 points
2. Pentti Puupera	OSKARI, 8210	3-1-3	23 points
3. Stig Haglund	ARIANA II, 9166	2-3-2	23 points
4. Petteri Tehola	KULKURI, 9438	4-4-4	18 points
5. Raimo Aromaa	TUULETAR, 7888	6-5-5	15 points
6. Arimo Rautapalo	TIWA, 5054	5-6-6	13 points
7. Hannes Ignatius	SIMPPU, 7894	7-8-7	8 points
8. Unto Maenpää	TIM, 8994	DNF-7-8	5 points
9. Risto Nerman	SEA-HAWK, 6832	DNS	0 points

The Helsinki Fleet is planning a more active season for next summer. We will be hosts for the District Championships. Plans are going to get good representation for the European Championships which will be held in Finland next year. At least two of our best skippers are planning to participate in the Worlds Championships in Canada.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain	Mike Steffenson
Fleet Secretary	Chuck Nelson
Fleet Champion	Gene Hollen
Runner-Up	Mike Steffenson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
691	Faux Pas II	Larry Kohler
2036		Roy Bosrom
3229		Fred Boudreau
3312	Endebt	Harry Pelton
4666	Misque III	Bill Quaintance
5955	Tiki	Rev. Bob Williams
6033	Toujours Gai	Clayton Ebert
7391	Padre	Rev. R. J. Lassuy
7601	Hippomines	Capt. Antoine Remich
8028	Here Tis	Edward Barch
8222	Maria II	Mike Steffenson
9490	Think Pink	Gene Hollen
9494	Blixten	Eric Peterson and Bob Hedberg
9524	Queequeg II	Marshall Smith
10232		Jon Wardell
	Norma	Hal Linson

At the Lake Davenport Sailing Club, 1966 will be remembered as the year of the "non-flood" that did as much damage as the record flood of 1965. A freak ice jam during the spring thaw dammed up the river and started it rising at an unheard of rate. It was interesting to watch the politicians learn what all good sailors already know—that man's efforts are on a pretty puny scale when matched against nature's forces. Dikes were hastily thrown up here and there; here being all across the front of our clubs property. After blasting, sooting, dikes, and ice breakers had all proved ineffective the temperature simply rose above freezing, the ice melted and the threat was

over before it actually damaged our property. Once again though, we were faced with removing a dike and completely resurfacing and landscaping our grounds.

Our racing season is divided into two series; a Summer Series from Memorial Day to Labor Day and a Fall Series from Labor Day until the end of October, or pneumonia, whichever comes first. Each series consists of 14 races held on Sunday afternoons.

In the Summer Series Jim Schrieber and John Hollen simply made no mistakes and repeatedly held off the challenges made by Steve Basch and Jean Steffenson who had to settle for second. Mike Blaser and Margaret Ebert showed the way to the rest of the fleet for a solid third place. Since sailing trophies are awarded to management and not to labor, Gene Hollen, Mike Steffenson and Clayton Ebert now have the summers trophies on their shelves to attest that they had at least gone along for the ride.

The Fall Series once again reminded us of something we already knew - when his crew attains the skill that Mike and Margaret had developed by late summer, Clayton Ebert will murder you with his excellent and consistent sailing. Mike Steffenson finally found the point of no return with his spinaker and 35 knot winds and Jeannie was heard to say, "I told you so" all the way over. There were enough calmer days during the fall for him to secure second place for the series. Bill Quaintance edged out Bob Williams in a tight battle for the third place trophy.

Our road runners took in two regattas in Chicago and one at Lake Geneva this summer and came away with nothing but good times to show for their efforts. On October 8 and 9 we welcomed many of our old friends to our annual Polar Bear Regatta. After a weekend with perfect weather and 15-25 knot winds, Charlie Greaves loaded our first place trophy in his car for the second straight year and headed back for Burnham Park. Bill Buckles and Roger Grohne took the second and fourth place bowls to Decatur with them and we were quite proud of Gene Hollen who earned third place for the local fans.

At our annual banquet held November 19 our trophies were presented and Mike Steffenson and Bill Quaintance were installed as Commodore and Vice Commodore of the club. The high point of the evening was the burning of the mortgage on our club house which was built 5 years ago.

As this is being written a very closely guarded secret has been uncovered. Jon Wardell has just taken delivery of a new boat and will be back to do battle with us after a year's absence. Jon is a fine sailor and its good to have him back. We were also pleased to welcome Capt. "Tip" Remich to our fleet. Tip is an excellent sailor who received his training as a junior in the Michigan City fleet. Hal Linson and Roy Bostrom have also joined our fleet in the past year and are gaining experience fast.

We believe our fleet is at its healthiest point in years and we're waiting for spring to come to do battle with ourselves and with our midwestern neighbors.

FLOTTE DU LAC DE NEUCHÂTEL (169)

Switzerland District

Based on lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain.....Gosta Sjogren
Fleet Secretary.....Jean Pierre Monnier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
924	Ra	Meinrad Mooser
4450	Damalo	Louis de Pourtales
4709	Puck	Pierre Soguel
5396	Plein Vent	Paul Dresco
5840	Vasco	Claude Wuthrich
5898	Peruto	Tony Grieb
6174	Santa-Maria	Baudouin Binz
6299	Trutz	E. Buttkofer
6398	Baraka	Yves Burrus
7467	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
7801	Pirol	Rudolf Geiser
7803	Bour-la-Papey	David Henroid
8067	Oly	Pierre Grobet
8192	As de Carreau	Jean-Pierre Luthy
IV		
8292	Ithaque	Bernard Linder
8712	Mylord	Gilbert Heubi
8713	Youke	Claude Jaggi

8767	Old Man	Roger Pia
9028	Rascafe	Perret Samuel
9132	Albacora	Gosta Sjogren
9351	Pfrio III	Jean Marie Plancherel
9562	Singleton	Jean Pierre Monnier

With respect to local events 1966 was not very successful for our fleet: At the Championships of the Jura Lakes and at our Fleet Championship we had very little wind and therefore no race could be finished. As the Fleet Championship took place at the end of the season, it was impossible to start again at another weekend.

In contrast to this local news, members of our fleet were active and successful on other lakes. Five of our boats participated at the Swiss Championships and three qualified among the first six of a total of 27 participants. On the Lake of Sempach "Albacora" with Gosta Sjogren as skipper received a good second place following Hans Luthy who is one of the best Swiss Lightning skippers. On the Lake of Morat "Singleton" (skipper J. P. Monnier) won the Championship of Fleet 358. In Estavayer "Prio III" was first before "Singleton". At the European Championships in Athens our fleet was represented by Fredy Lanz, a Swiss living at present in Greece. Fredy became runner-up. We congratulate him cordially for this success. Claude Lambelet started to build a plywood lightning this year and hoped to exchange his famous "Garoupa" for it. Unfortunately there were some delays in his working schedule: We wish him a good success for 1967. Unfortunately a sad message has to be given too: Meinrad Mooser, owner of one of the oldest lightnings in Switzerland and outside the United States lost his life in a car accident. We will remember him as a good friend of our fleet.

BRANT BEACH FLEET (173)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Samuel C. Streep
Fleet Secretary.....William A. Phillips
Fleet Champion.....Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
Runner-Up.....Thompson W. Coe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5837	Barracuda	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
5959	Pan	Dr. Wm. A. Phillips & Thomas M. Hyndman, Jr.
6297	Lucky Star	Robert B. Roth
6962	Leprechaun	Donn H. O'Brien
7015	Ladybug	Robert Hesse, Jr.
7206	Cohere	Thompson W. Coe
8104	Fury	William P. Sullivan
8184	Vimabesa	Samuel C. Streep
9107	.....	Dr. Thomas S. Slack
9127	Flutterby	Wilbur T. Duncan, Jr.
9262	Valkyrie Too	C. H. Twining, Jr.
9462	Marcelinda II	Philip J. Escoll and Carlos Robles

There must have been a few occasions when the doughty skippers of Fleet 173, becalmed and at the mercy of capricious tides, felt the '66 sailing season to be without end. For the most part, however, the races and regattas slipped rapidly by and Labor Day came much too soon, but luckily not before everyone had ample opportunity to test his helmsmanship in a variety of conditions.

Following a very successful Spring Regatta in June, the championship race series began in earnest. It rapidly became apparent that Joe Serrill, in the Barracuda, was off and running for his second club championship. Though everything short of sawing through his mast was tried, he couldn't be stopped and Tom Coe and Sam Streep had to settle for runner-up and third place respectively. The Barracuda won races every possible way — well out in front from early in the race, moving up from the middle of the fleet to take command before the final leg, and some with spine-chilling "come from behind" photo finishes. Light and heavy airs were handled equally well, and the skill of his crew members always kept pressure on the opposition — they just didn't make mistakes.

While the Barracuda was romping along in the A Fleet, a real struggle was being waged in the B section — so much so that the "tyranny of the alphabet" was completely broken by the revolt of the B's. Many of us who had been made A's

based on past performance, or some other quirk of fate, were treated rather rudely by the B invasion. With everything hanging on the last race, Bill Sullivan squeaked into a first place, followed closely by Herb Twining and Bob Roth. Looks very much as though we'll be sailing as one fleet in 1967.

The club introduced a new one design class (whose name shall not besmirch these hallowed pages), and the teenagers loved it. However, all this caused some problems in availability of Lightning crew members — which in turn made for some interesting variations in flying the spinnakers. We saw lovely hour glasses, stays and spreaders festooned in every imaginable way, strange lopsided triangles with a clew hauled up the mast, and the most effective sea anchors in nautical history. Even with all our problems, it would be less than candid to refrain from stating that the tried and true Lightning demonstrated clearly her superiority on all counts over this "snub-nosed pretender."



You guessed it! The one with the big smile is Joe Serrell. He won the trophy. Not only is the sober faced man the runner-up, but as Commodore of BBYC he had to award the prize.

We have all come to depend on a sterling performance by the Flag Officers, the Race Committee, and the Patrol Boat Committee; and we were not disappointed on that score. And how could we go wrong when our Protest Committee included Roy Moore, that tactical wizard, and Dick Powell, with his experience in handling "Philadelphia lawyers" — it was the "straight and narrow" for us all.

We're looking forward to a great year in 1967, particularly to the opportunity of hosting the Central Atlantic District championship regatta.

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (174)

Michigan District

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Omena, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Alvo Cherne
Fleet Secretary	Robert L. Morse
Fleet Champion	Alvo Cherne
Runner-Up	Ed Lyon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1602	Talisman	Dr. Carl Koch
2723	Whistling	Robert L. Morse
3008	Bedlam	Dr. Robert & Ed Lyon
4238		Mrs. Mary Foltz
6244	Queen Bee	Norman Johanning and Alvo Cherne

The 1966 season saw the strong comeback of the Johanning - Cherne Queen Bee to win the season championship and the Schaefer Trophy by a wide margin. Ed Lyon in Bedlam came up strongly near the end, but he was unable to overcome Queen Bee's commanding lead. Queen Bee also won The Jug - the award for winning the first race of the season.

We enjoyed having Carl Koch and his Talisman with us for his last summer of racing. We will miss Carl, and the whole Koch family, all of whom were enthusiastic sailors. We understand that ownership of the Koch boat has gone to Pete and Skeet Derbrow, who recently purchased the Koch cottage. We hope they sail Talisman as well as the Kochs did.

An interesting development was the participation of Northport Point Lightnings in our racing at Omena. They are anxious to participate further next summer - perhaps in home-and-home racing at each club.

SHREVEPORT FLEET (175)

Southern District

Based on Cross Lake, Shreveport, La.

Fleet Captain	Marshall H. Walker
Fleet Secretary	Marcus L. Millican
Fleet Champion	Cliff Prados
Runner-Up	Walter Jacobs, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3477	Irish Gale	Marcus L. Millican
4158	Georgia	Charles W. West, Jr.
4503	Cooter Poo II	Marshall H. Walker
4627	Catatumba	Kenneth R. Smith
4721		Joe E. Breithaupt
4747	Alowil	Alton Parker
4996	Mary E II	Walter Heiman
5202	Dixie Doodle	Bill Grady
6116		Phillip E. King
8340	Little Ripple	Clifford J. Prados
8786	Pandora	Judge John A. Dixon, Jr.
8854	Tiny Joe II	Joe LaBarbera
9443	Rex	Dwight Recht
10135	Buglet II	Walter B. Jacobs, Jr.
10203	Sea Me III	Roy E. Hughes, Jr.
		Claude M. Corbett



Cliff Prados, the champion of Fleet 175, just sails away.

Fleet 175 enjoyed one of its most active years in 1966. There was more participation in the sixty-five scheduled races than ever before. Membership of the Fleet increased by three. Two

boats were added to the Fleet. Two regattas were conducted: The Holiday in Dixie Regatta, and the Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship regatta. Five skippers from the Fleet traveled to take part in four out-of-town regattas. To climax the year, our Fleet Champion, Cliff Prados (former ILCA president) was elected Commodore of the Shreveport Yacht Club for 1967.

New skippers welcomed to the Fleet were Kenneth R. Smith, Bill Grady, Phillip E. King, Judge John A. Dixon, Jr., Dwight Recht, Joe E. Breithaupt, and Claude M. Corbett. We lost Dan Grady and Luther Griffith to the Ensign Fleet, and Shirley Craft to his electronics business.

A new boat was brought in by Walter Jacobs, Jr. He is going to make a good bid for the '67 fleet championship. Joe Breithaupt put his reconditioned boat back into the Fleet. The keels, so to speak, for two new ones have been laid by Roy Hughes and Claude Corbett. These new boats should be sailing by late Spring of '67.

The Holiday in Dixie Regatta, held April 30th and May 1st, saw 15 Lightnings at the starting line. Boats from New Orleans; Dallas, Texas; Jackson, Mississippi; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Shreveport participated. April 30th saw Cross Lake churned up by 20 m.p.h. winds from the south, gusting to 25 or 30, for two fast races. Frances Favaloro in #9791 from New Orleans took the first race; Cliff Prados in #8340 took the second. The May 1st morning race was a miserable drifter. It started with a drizzle, and ended with no wind. After two legs of the course the race committee mercifully shortened the course to finish at the starting marker. Cliff Prados out drifted the fleet for first place to take the Regatta. A couple of mammoth tows were immediately built-up, and the Committee boat hauled in about twelve Lightnings. Out-of-town boats had everything down and stowed away, except their masts, before reaching harbor.

The Shreveport Yacht Club, and Fleet 175, invite you to attend the '67 Holiday in Dixie Regatta. If you can use the silverware, come on down April 29th and 30th, 1967.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

Greater Long Island District

Sailing on Great South Bay at Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain	Warren Pulver
Fleet Secretary	Eugene Dillman
Fleet Champion	Roy Ward & Axel Paulsen
Runner-Up	Robert David

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
441		John Clark
863	Good Bye II	Robert Anderson
2235		Donald McCoy
2610	Latifa	John Fairweather
3604	Pipe Dream	William Gray
3904	Black Orchid	William Thomas
4695	Adios	Angela Parker
4899	Mist	George McCormack
6051	8-Ball	Warren Pulver
6427	Huntress	Herbert Buerger
6699	Tikva	Jacques Boulanger
7020		Eugene Dillman
7993	No Problem	Winston S. Bailey
8325	Chinese	
	Firedrill	Wallace C. Ross
8423	Tooth Ache	Roy Ward and Axel Paulsen
8662	Mistress	Robert and Marilyn David
9434	9400 Later	Temple Robinson & George McCormack
9561	Chimera	Ottavio Hoglievina
10066	Blue Chip	Robert & James Fennema
10104		Andrew Kalish
		Glenn Miller

Fleet 178 again had a very active season. Activities started in May, around the 15th. We raced every weekend until the 27th of November. In addition there was the Wednesday evening series which goes on for eight weeks in the spring and early summer.

Again this year it was three Lightning skippers who qualified to compete in the area eliminations for the Mallory cup.

Two new fiberglass boats, in the 10000 series, were added to the Fleet this year, and the competition became more and more tough. After a 14 race Fleet Championship series, the winner was decided by $\frac{3}{4}$ point. You can't come much closer than that.



Roy Ward, of Fleet 178, sails home after winning another race.

Of all the boats that qualify for the fleet championship, the boat that comes in next to last wins the Transom Trophy. This impressive trophy which, is a Lightning half model mounted on a transom shaped plaque, was won this year by Bill Gray. The Fleet Championship, which was not decided until Labor Day weekend, was won by Roy Ward and Axel Paulsen who co-skipped "Toothache" to victory.

Our past Fleet secretary, Jacques Boulanger has moved to the Virgin Islands, and we hope he's hard at work promoting the Lightning class in the Caribbean.

The Second Annual Fleet Meeting & Holiday Party was held Dec. 30, 1966. The gracious hosts this year were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dillman. At this affair the new Fleet officers were elected unanimously. The Secretary for 1967 is Eugene Dillman. The Fleet Captain is Warren Pulver.

The Fleet prizes were awarded and all skippers and crews happily anticipated the coming year.

LELAND YACHT CLUB (184)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Leelanau at Leland, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Don Mitchell
Fleet Secretary	Martha Streitmann
Fleet Champion	David, Lee, Joan Workum
Runner-Up	Mike Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3403		George W. Brady
4298	Tangle Toes	Nathan Hall
4677	Ibis	Frank Brocher
4772		Richard H. Evans
4842	Two A.M.	Jerry Shea
4876		Henry McKisson
5227		John & Mike Derrick
5318		Jack Larson
5883	Grayling	Jack & Frank Mead
6037	Pelican	Don Gilligan
6224	Brazil Nut	George & Wally Bennett
6499		Jan & Jill Hottenstein
6606	Follow Me	Jim & Jeff Fisher

7007	Mike Fisher
7344	Floozy Too George Strietmann
7577	Phyllis Riley
8299	Orange Crate David & Lee Workum
9258	Frelvido II Don Mitchell

The 1966 sailing season at Leland was one of the most pleasant in years. Fleet #184 not only enjoyed perfect racing conditions (only 2 races called), but saw the fleet begin to grow again. Twenty Lightnings raced at one time or another during our eight week, nineteen race season. We averaged twelve boats per race, and there is good reason to expect fifteen to eighteen soon.

Our fleet is divided into two groups — Class "A" and "B" — to give the newer sailors a chance to compete at their own level. Winners in "B" move up to "A".

Although Class "A" final results were close, the Workum family, in their newly acquired 8299, captured first place. Last year's winner, Mike Fisher, was second, and Don Mitchell finished third.

In Class "B" young George Strietmann finished first, one boat in front of Phyllis Riley in her newly acquired 7577. Bill Carlson took third place honors.

The Yacht Club sponsors a Handicap Trophy for all classes. Dave and Lee Workum took first place in "A" and George Strietmann was first in "B". This is the second year that Lightnings have won after a five year lapse.

Just prior to the year end Yacht Club dinner, each class has its own inter club Regatta. This year's Labor Day Regatta was hotly contested, with the first three boats only one boat apart. Dave and Joan Workum, with their children alternating as crew, finished first, with Don Mitchell and Mike Fisher second and third.

The Commodore's Cup for Seamanship Improvement and Sportsmanship was awarded to an upcoming Lightning skipper, George Strietmann.

During mid August, the other fleet in Leland, The National One Design, held their World's Championship races. Over forty boats participated, and many Lightning skippers and crews worked on committees or filled in as crew.

August 5th and 6th has been selected as the dates of our Leland Invitational Lightning Regatta. We provide free lodging and food (except dinner), plus the finest racing water available. We look forward to a large turnout to the "Land of Delight." Contact Dave Workum for information.

RARITAN BAY FLEET (185)

Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain	William H. Cutting
Fleet Secretary	William W. Jacobson
Fleet Champion	Joseph F. Deegan, Jr.
Runner-Up	Albert H. Medwin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
52	Mischief	William W. Jacobson
381	Blue Goose	Sam D'Angelo
675		Ernest J. Hancock
988	Honey	William Seeman
3729	Swann's Way	Martin Siegel
4045	Red Devil	William H. Cutting
4773		Milton Bloom
5780	Sallie-Ho	Michael Cihomsky
7098	Me Jeb	Milton Pascal
8508		Seymour Charles, M. D.
9331		Joseph Deegan
9387		Albert H. Medwin

Things are looking up for Fleet 185. We now have four new skippers in the Fleet: Sam D'Angelo, Ernest Hancock, Al Medwin and Joe Deegan. Joe Deegan in his new #9331 Lippincott won the Fourth of July series. He also did very well in the Red Grant Regatta against some strong competition. When Joe gets his son Jeff working the spinnaker he is going to be hard to beat. Al Medwin won the Fall Series. Al is getting the feel of the Lightning. Its going to be most interesting to see how Al's boat will do against Joe's. Both boats seem to move exceptionally well. Bill Jacobson was second in the Fall Series and Bill Cutting was third. Bill Cutting was out most of the 1966 Season because of illness at home. If he had been in there, the season would have been much more interesting.



Joe Deegan, champion of Fleet 185, sails in the Red Grant Regatta.

Fleet 185 had two meetings in 1966. We showed two films. We are going to have two meetings in 1967 and hope to get the Fleet more active. Fleet 185 invites all interested in sailing on Raritan Bay and in the Lightning Class to contact or write William H. Cutting, 221 Bedell Ave., Totenville, Staten Island, N.Y. Phone 212-YU-4-2675 or William W. Jacobson, 333 Ave. C., Bayonne, N.J. Phone Hemlock 7-0069.

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Arthur Kroos, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Joseph F. Kovacic, M.D.
Fleet Champion	Tom Bierman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
694	B & B	John Buchen
2225	Islander	F. C. Jacobson
3621	Wrapid	David Wilson
3624	Griffin	Sea Scouts
6283	Trio	Robert Senty
6441	Marba II	Joseph Kovacic, M.D.
6776	Corixa	Arthur Kroos, Jr.
7879	Nike	Herbert Gibbs
8027	Triumph	Ralph Brotz
8305	Winsome	Eric Larson
8750	2-Much	Harold Heinz, M.D.
9181	Shingabis	William Moir, M.D.
9645	Graf-Spree	Chris Graf, M.D.
		Tom Bierman

With a never-expanding fleet of Lightnings in Sheboygan, and a weather-man who cooperated magnificently, the 1966 season was by far the best our fleet has experienced.

Tom Bierman again showed his sailing ability, with firsts in three of the four major series held during the season, dropping to second position in the fourth series. For these achievements he was again crowned Fleet Champion, and walked away with additional trophies for the various events. Always a threat is Ricky Larson, who is usually near the top in the tallies, and who brought home a trophy from the Lake Geneva Regatta.

The Seventh Annual Roman C. Brotz Regatta was held on August 6th & 7th, with visiting sailors from Green Bay, Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Lake Geneva. Into the winning circle again went Jim Hopkins of Green Bay, who has the distinction of winning this event six of the seven years.

Projection into the future can be done with considerable optimism, since several of our members have sold their old boats, among them Tom Bierman, to make way for newer models. Our fleet has been steadily increasing in size and enthusiasm, and this coming season will be no exception to this pattern. We look for a greater fleet, and a better season of sailing for 1967.

BRITANNIA LIGHTNING FLEET (188)

St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake Deschene, Ottawa, Ont., Canada

Fleet Captain..... John Bolton
Fleet Secretary..... Ward Gowland
Fleet Champion..... Mike Buckley
Runner-Up..... Ward Gowland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1026	Alouette	Dr. P. D. McCunn
1520	Jaunty	Glen Cameron
1544	Zephyr	Charles Perrin
2957	Blue Fin	Mike Buckley
3085	Falcon	John Bolton
3325	Zeus	Jim Brown
3329	Kestrel	Bertie Criddle
3678	Pickle	George Bleakney
4199	Oono	Matt Gault
4830	Curlew	John Kemper
4958	Frolic	Tim Dauphinee
5066	Blue Belle	Jack Evans
6180	Sparrow	John Reiffenstein
7257	Thimk	Jack Noonan
7469	Minnehaha	George Barry and Thaddeus Konopacki
8816	Dragoon III	Mike Rees

Ottawa Lightning Sailors will remember 1966 as, "The Year the Wind Blew." Jim Brown was the first to experience the intensity of our Lake Deschenes' squalls. Rounding the leeward mark in first position and well on his way home, Jim suddenly had the opportunity of righting a dumped Lightning!

The Britannia Club Championships were sailed in Lightnings this year and what a series! With winds over 30 for the majority of the 9 races, our Lightnings limped back to their moorings. Broken fittings and battens, lost equipment, scarred topsides, a broken mast for Mike Rees — the damage was endless. The generosity of the Lightning owners in loaning their boats was commended by all at the BYC Club. Our congratulations to our Fleet Champion Mike Buckley and crew, for finishing 1/2 point behind the winner Dinghy sailor Ward McKimm.

This was the year that Fleet Champion Mike Buckley, with other things on his mind — like getting married, (welcome Jane), was seen to observe the transoms of other boats crossing the finish line. Alas, for the other Lightning skippers, Mike amassed enough points to finish first in both series followed by Ward Gowland. In the B Class Glen Cameron was the winning skipper.

We had disappointing turnouts for our Saturday series and our long distance races. Mike Buckley won the Blue Belle with Ward Gowland taking the Pinhey's. Junior Clubber Fred Gowland won the Constance Bay and Bill Whiting The Oglivie. Ward Gowland won the Armitage and Mike Buckley the Evans and Kert.

Britannia hosted the Districts during National Capital Regatta with boats coming from Montreal and Kingston. Russ Scrim from RS/LYC won this event for the second consecutive year.

Connie Bolton and Ruth Brown looked after our Social Night when we hosted the other Classes at BYC. The comment

heard afterwards around the Club was, "Well done, Lightnings". We do believe it was the most successful of all nights.

The Commodore's Sailpast certainly showed the family features of the Lightning. Resplendant in life jackets, standing at attention to take the salute, the children were rewarded by being "piped" by the Commodore's yacht. At last count — "Would you believe more than 361". Our Lightnings were certainly a training ground for our junior sailors and our congratulations to our junior crew members who sailed through whatever Mr. Weather threw at us. Andy and Johnny Doyle, Dougie Brown, Julie Hamer-Hunt, Greig Flynn, Freid Kemper, Johnny Evans, Fred and Patricia Gowland, Judy Cameron, Ken Bolton who was both a Junior Instructor and Officer of the Day, to you we look for the future. You are all fine Sailors.

1966 saw the departure of three of our skippers, Jim Flynn to the Sharks, John Doyle to the Albergs and Ward Gowland to Cruising Class.

To our Fleet Captain John Bolton we say thank you for looking after all the necessary details so we could enjoy such a successful season.

MARBLEHEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189)

New England District

Sailing on Massachusetts Bay, Marblehead, Mass.

Fleet Captain..... Robert Coble
Fleet Secretary..... Pauline Nagle
Fleet Champion..... Dr. Louis Pocharski
Runner-Up..... John Collins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3521	Calabo	Robert Booth
5660	The Witch	Joe Blount
6020	Ragtime	David Barrett
7139	Cuddles	Harold Nagle
7557	Jamerie	Dr. Merrill Feldman
8034	Warrior	Stanley Goodwin
8301	Thardamboat	Paul Deschenes
8333	Creeper	Duncan McInnes
8456	Wil-vi-Lee II	William Bray
8516	Irish Viking	Dennis Collins
8577	Alley Cat	William Hamilton
8660	Suzy	William Quigley
8720	Celest	Richard Price
8741	.....	Pleon Yacht Club
8742	.....	Pleon Yacht Club
8743	.....	Pleon Yacht Club
9133	Blue Lightning	William & David Caldwell
9142	Cheers	David R. Chipman
9422	Esmeraldy	Jerry Milgrim & Richard Shaps
9427	Whirlwind	Marjorie Alexander and Dr. Knight Alexander
9444	.....	Dr. Fred Buckley
9449	Double Trouble	Eugene Thober
9526	Lil Two Too	Ted Hood & David Coggins
9528	.....	Ted & Gary Scheft
9530	Lolita	Willard Johnson
9541	Adrenelin	Dr. Frank Healey
9610	Tweetie Too	John Collins
9779	Escargot	Dr. John Ballou & Dr. Robert Liming
9875	Nina	Dr. Frank Colombo & Richard Martin
10036	.....	Douglas & William Shore
10199	.....	Dr. Louis Pocharski

All of our boats are put away for the winter, and it's time now to sit back and think about all the fine racing our fleet enjoyed this summer. We opened our season in mid May with our annual sail measuring, and banquet at the Boston Yacht Club. A busy schedule was planned, and everyone was eager to see what the future season would bring to us all.

We had a slight problem with our evening series. Lack of wind seemed to plague us in a few races, but eventually all went well. Our evening series winners were: Tues. evenings, Dr. Louis Pocharski, John Collins, and William Shore; Thurs. evenings, John Collins, Dr. Louis Pocharski, and Gene Thober; Third Twilight Series; William Shore, John Collins, and Dave and William Caldwell.

Our Sunday Series was won by Dr. Louis Pocharski,

Gene Thober 2nd, and Richard Shaps 3rd. The 4th of July race was won by Ed Gleason in Gene Thober's boat. The Labor Day race was won by William Shore. The Fleet Championship was won by Dr. Louis Porchanski. John Collins was second.

We hosted the State of Mass. Regatta with the following winners: Dr. Porchanski 1st, Richard Price 2nd, Ben Smith 3rd, Gene Thober 4th, and John Collins 5th. We were gifted with good weather and fair to gusty winds.

Socially, ours was a season of good times with our congenial fleet. We had a wonderful cookout at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Porchanski, and Dr. and Mrs. Healey. An equally great evening, with a baked ham supper was at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. John Ballou. More than 160 people attended each party.

We sent five of our fleet to the North Americans. Dr. Porchanski and Gene Thober were in the Championship Div.; John Collins and William Shore in the Presidents Div.; Bob Coble, Dave Chipman and R. C. Folweiler were in the Governors Div. Dr. Porchanski and Gene Thober will be going to the World Championship in 1967.

We are expecting an increase in our fleet in '67. Some of our crews will become skippers of their own boats. We lose more good crews that way: Charles Ritt has bought 10036, William Quigley bought 9528, Duncan McInnes has his new 10133, William Shore 10196, Dr. Louis Porchanski 10199, Robert Coble 9399, and John McNeil 7599.

With all our new boats, and all our new skippers, it sounds like a very interesting racing season ahead for 1967. I make no predictions. I wouldn't dare. You will have to wait for next year's report.

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

Dixie District

Based on North East River, Chesapeake Bay,
North East, Md.

Fleet Captain	Charles Booz, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Charles Trayford, III
Fleet Champion	Albert C. Dutton
Runner-Up	Charles Trayford, III

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
738	Jolly Roger	Charles Trayford III
1741	Winsome	Henry Bartolo
2892	Oceanid	Frank Hudson
3500	Frigid	Henn Kilkson
3692		Paul L. Abbey
3704	Simbi	J. Robert McWhorter
3705	Beehive	Robert N. Manning
3813	Mint Julep	Robert S. Crowder, Jr.
4263	Four Ways	John A. Ross
4354	Fury	Donald McMillan
5160	Whisker	Clarence I. Kuntz
5553	Mihero	Al Dutton
5847		Harold G. Peffley
6556	Queen Bee	Dr. Howard D. Cohen
6617	Mira	Richard T. Heald
6656	Queen Bee	Dr. Howard D. Cohen
8256	Diarchy	Phebe A. Baum
8664	Chaos	Mary Wilkinson
8934	Bodacious	Frank E. Nelson
9103	Queen Bee	Walter S. Bartoshesky
9403	Tornado	Wallace McKee
9424	Girl	John Teigland, Jr.
9852	Follow Me	Charles S. Booz, Jr.

Light airs dominated the 1966 racing season on the North Chesapeake. All but three of the 45 scheduled races were sailed in winds of five miles an hour. Two races had to be postponed because of a flat calm. Rising winds, traditional with early spring and fall, eventually returned and by October 16 to the close of the year near-planning conditions existed.

The electric lift, refitted with a slightly longer boom, served close to 20 boats. An endless supply of plastic typewriter shipping cases, provided by Mary Wilkenson, came in handy as floats for the Fleet race marks. Bright orange paint and acrylic topcoat, applied to everything including the Fleet launch, minimized complaints from lost skippers.

The Spring Series ended with Mary Wilkenson in first place for the second straight year. In second place, by only a fraction of a point, was Chick Trayford sailing the oldest boat in the Fleet, Phoebe Baum sailing "Diarchy," with her husband Chester on the spinnaker, was third.

By mid-season virtually every boat had shown good speed at one time or another. This indicates that the Fleet was about as evenly matched as it has been for the past five years. As a result the championships were full of surprises. The lead finally went to Al Dutton as a result of hard work and consistent sailing. Chick Trayford was second, and Mary Wilkenson was third.



The new hoist for Fleet #192 gets a workout by Ivan Booz and "Doc" Kuntz.

With racing interest at its peak six boats trailed off for the Dixie the following weekend. This was the largest delegation ever to make the try from Fleet 192. Of these, three were hot enough to qualify for the North Americans. In Buffalo, John Tieglend ended up seventh in the Championship Division.

During the Fall Series the Fleet provided extra starting guns for a hastily formed fleet of Penguins. Also a "B" division was run to accommodate the more casual racing skippers.

Frank Nelson, on the strength of a flawless performance on the final race date, moved through the point leaders to take first place. Chick Trayford, sailing with new sails and aluminum centerboard, took second. Charlie Booz turned up from nowhere to snag third place. In the "B" Fleet Frank Hudson was the winner.

The annual team challenge with the Susquehanna Fleet, now in its third year, was sailed by Nelson, Dutton, Smith, Trayford, and Booz. Rain and cold out on the course made the warmth and unbelievable hospitality of the Susquehanna Fleet all the more welcome. The first two races, sailed with bailers open almost constantly, ended in a tie carrying the Series into a Sunday sail-off. Clear skies and warm weather failed to help, however, and Fleet 192 failed to find the right combination. Hopefully next year's challenge, sailed in home waters, will be different.