

MISSION BAY FLEET (194)

California District

Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain	Myron Lyon
Fleet Secretary	John Belanich
Fleet Champion	Paul Brady

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1596	Suzie Belle	Eugene LaFond
1974	Relampo	Archie Walker
2362	Annie	Monte Kelley
2476		Ronald Dahlin
5249	Arriba	Harry James
5699	Virus	Glen E. McPherrin
7600	Wright One II	David P. Wright
7606	Panique	Tom & Howard Machen
7787	Now or Never	Fred Knauer
7788	Havoc	Steve Bachman
7860	Tiki	Paul Brady
7990	Joker	John Belanich
8051	Maverick	Dean Gibson, M. D.
8122	Nameless	Myron Lyon
	Terror	
8370	Incognito	Bob Stahl
8383	Black Magic	Ted Allen
8481	Wicked	Don Miller
8528	China Clipper	Manning & Merritt Barber
8745	Fish	Martin Gleich
8944		Mack Harris, M.D.
8965	Goblin	Alfred P. Coha
8966	Hoot Mon	William Pirie
9237	Batu	Richard Brewer
9491	Odyssey	Merrill Jacobson
9668	Sha-zam II	Alan Raffee
9859	Pink Panther	Carl Eichenlaub
	under constr.	Elton Ballas

'66 proved strong medicine for Lightning enthusiasts. Our season opened with Paul Brady gaining glory in the Winter and Frostbite Series. This was followed by the Fallon Regatta (see March FLASHES) and the Herman Series at Coronado. Skippers to beat were the Barbers, Lyon, Gross (of Coronado) and Brady.

During April, May, and June, the pack chased Dave Wright and the Barbers around the course in the Spring Series, while the pros Eichenlaub, the Barbers, and Macken showed the way in the Ken Reynard and Coronado Small Boat Regatta. Less than 2 points separated the first three boats in these 16 boat contests.

On into July, August, and September, the Firecracker Series, Summer Series, Bowen Memorial (see November FLASHES), Y.R.U. Small Boat Regatta, Districts, and Labor Day Series kept sailors and boats sharpened. Taking home hardware were skippers Coha, Wright, Macken, Eichenlaub and Raffee. Not to be overlooked, however, and making the leaders look good, were stalwarts of the fleet - Jacobson, Knauer, Lyon, Brady, Stahl, and Kelley.

The season ended with Brady sweeping the Fall Series while Eichenlaub and Raffee cleaned up the Turkey Day Series and Thanksgiving Regatta, respectively, closely followed by Bachman. Oh well, there's always next year. Maybe a new racing principle will be found.

Informal racing, with Sue Brady winning the Perpetual Bent Beer Can Trophy, was a highlight of the season. It will be remembered along with the infamous and classic Jacobson-Stahl collision off the coast of California. Peculiar wind conditions coupled with ocean chop was behind this beauty of mast confusion. Oh for a camera.

SURF CITY FLEET (196)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Alec Lawson
Fleet Secretary	Janet Messersmith
Fleet Champion	Howard Mullin
Runner-Up	Jack Elfman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
787	Jeanne	John Elfman, Sr.
2187	Fink	Edward Meagher

6035		Carl Berg
6327	Tangerine	Richard Del Castillo
6899	Alleluia	John Sullivan, Sr.
6918	Impulse	Alan Stoneback
7800	Good Grief	Gerard Murray
8323	Roaring 20's	Alec Lawson
8344	Spectator Boat	Frank Temme, Jr.
9177	Wildcat	Russell Raymond
9430	ME-109	Ralph Messersmith
9431	Tackless IV	Howard Mullin
9453	Scotch-Irish	John Elfman, Jr.
9968	Nemesis	John Sullivan, Jr.

The Surf City Lightning Fleet began the year with a hearty welcome to Jerry Murray who returned to the Lightning Fleet after an absence of 10 years.

Surf City was host to the Early Bird Series in the spring with lots of air and a bit of cool weather. Gordon Buzby of Ocean City won the series again, but Jack Elfman, our own fleet representative, was a very close second. Bill Moss of Spray Beach was third; Tom Coe of Brant Beach was fourth, and Ed Lampman of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club was fifth. Fourteen boats participated in the Early Bird Series and we hope all the sailors will come back again next year when Brant Beach will host the series.

Several of our club sailors participated, and did well, in Spring Tune-up Series and Regattas. Howard Mullin, Jack Elfman, Ralph Messersmith, John Sullivan, Sr., and Fran Temme all represented Surf City at the Long John Regatta at Monmouth Boat Club with Howard Mullin taking home silver for his excellent sailing. Ralph Messersmith finished third in the Spring series at Monmouth which, as usual, was light air.

Screaming winds set the stage at the Metedeconk River Tune-up, and Howard Mullin, with his expert crew finished a fast third. The Tune-up at Bay Head was a fine regatta and Howard Mullin again finished third. We must mention there were only two points between 1st and 3rd place. Ralph Messersmith, Jack Elfman and Fran Temme also sailed in Bay Head but did not finish in the money.

Well — the tune-up races over — back to Surf City for the July Fourth Series. The air on Saturday was medium with all boats finishing very close. Sunday the air was fair and after 3 boats crossed the finish line the air died. It took the other boats almost 45 minutes more to get to the finish line and when they did, they all almost crossed at the same time. Monday was the final race and light air prevailed leaving Howard Mullin in 1st place, Ralph Messersmith in 2nd when the trophies were presented.

The Saturday series had some new comers for skippers. Charlie Harris (Howard Mullin's Crew) skippered 9431, and John Sullivan Jr. skippered his new boat "Nemesis." These newcomers gave the fleet a run for their money. Charlie Harris went on to win the Saturday series, Jack Elfman finished second, and John Sullivan, Jr. third. We must add there certainly were a lot of Sullivans on the bay this summer — both crews and skippers — and the skippers never ran out of crews. Among the crews were Mrs. John Sullivan (Irma), Mary Jane, Mark, and Margaret. All are Sullivans.

The Sunday Series was even closer than the Saturday Series with only 2 points separating the first 4 boats. Howard Mullin won the Sunday Championship Series, Jack Elfman and Ralph Messersmith tied for second, but with all points counted, Ralph finished third. John Sullivan Jr. was only one point in back of Ralph in fourth place.

Obstructions in the bay cost Russell Raymond 2 rudders and a little hardship, but next year look out — he'll be back in business. Alec Lawson (Fleet Captain) with his new crew (wife, Nancy) was a little silent this year, but next year we expect big things. Alec had a much easier time this year on spinnaker reaches now that he's pulling his centerboard up.

Fran Temme showed great improvement this year, and he had fantastic bursts of speed. It could be that he had more encouragement from his new wife.

The Lightning Dance — as usual — was a big success under the direction of Jack and Patty Elfman, and everyone had a great time.

Surf City won the Inter-Club Series with Brant Beach, and was happy to again hang the trophy in the Yacht Club.

Rather than expound on our expert sailors, we feel they deserve a big recognition for the great job they did in the big regattas.

HOWARD MULLIN

NEW JERSEY STATE LIGHTNING CHAMPION

JACK ELFMAN
2nd ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP
HOWARD MULLIN
11th NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Due to light air, the Surf City Regatta was based on only one race and Charlie Harris won the only race and the regatta.

The Labor Day Series was won by Jack Elfman, and he again retained the Surf City Hotel Trophy. Ralph Messersmith finished 2nd. Alec Lawson was presented with the Adon Hoarsley Memorial trophy for good sportsmanship for the year of 1966.

The Lightning Fleet wishes to thank Bob Raymond and Jim Holland — the Race Committee — for making this a great season.

Another sailing season is over. We can look back to our memories and trophies, or look forward to 1967 when we're planning several new additions to our fleet. See you all then.

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)

Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain..... John Varnum
Fleet Champion..... Michael Patton
Runner-Up..... John Varnum

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2758	Tarde Venit	J. Campbell Brandon
5579	Tina	J. P. Jones
6207	Kitty	Don and Dick Karslake
6931	Windlass II	Art Wade
7143	El Waga	Walter Shaw III
7604	Ginger	John Varnum
7755	Tiara	Fred Tim
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
7899	Nauti-Lass	Boys & Girls Club
9055	Gold Bolt	Gene Stromberg
9137	.....	Harry Logan
9254	Indecision	Dr. R. Nickeson
9380	Finis	Robert Clark, Sr.
9581	Aeolus II	Jack Bailey
9738	.....	Tom Huhn
9809	Squidger	Mike Patton
10006	Lemon Twist	Tom Neville
10032	Ande	Richard Brown
10033	Henrietta	Dr. G. Reading
10064	.....	Dr. B. Macmillan
10114	.....	Walter Shaw III

With the absence of recent champions, Bob Birmingham, Bob Clark, and Jim Patton, the competition for first-place laurels was a wide-open affair. An average of 15 lightnings joined in the races each Saturday and Sunday afternoon. They experienced everything from drifters, to driving rainstorms, to minor hurricanes!

In effect a "Youth Rebellion" took place in the course of the racing season. In the Sample Memorial Series (July), Tom Neville (age 18) captured first-place honors. His victory, with Jim and Candy Neville crewing, could properly be called a family affair. Mike Patton finished second in the nine-race series. Then in the Championship Series (August), Patton (age 21) compiled a fine 1-3-1-1 record to earn the CYC championship. His all-blond crew of Ginny Bliss and Beth Calhoun made "Squidger" a spectacle in more ways than one! John Varnum in "Ginger" gained the runner-up position in the six-race series. Second division honors went to Dick Jones. Lew Morgan finished in second. George Reading drove "Henrietta" through the heavy seas to earn the Labor Day Series' trophy.

Over the course of a season of Chautauqua racing, certain incidents stick in your mind. Some you want to remember; some you would rather forget. For better or for worse, how about these bitter-sweet memories:

- (1) George Reading's face as he watches his new boat weigh in at 770 pounds!
- (2) Mike Patton's flesh-colored band-aid patching the hole in his port side!
- (3) Dick Jones capturing a 5th place finish with his grandsons (age 10 & 12) crewing!
- (4) Lew Morgan getting rammed by a port-tack boat, only to capsize while trying to fend it off!
- (5) Dick Karslake "ghost sailing" his way through the entire fleet to win the "drifter of the year" race!

This coming summer's racing season promises to bring fresh additions to the collection. It should be interesting!



No wonder Mike Patton is Fleet 198's champion. Who would pass up a crew like that?

SAN ISIDRO LIGHTNING FLEET (203)

Argentina District

Fleet Captain..... Fernando Marreins
Fleet Champion..... Fernando Marreins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7722	Chicago	Fernando Marreins
8410	Express	Tomas Sinclair
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TULSA SAILING CLUB (205)

Central States District

Sailing on Lake Yahola, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fleet Champion..... Phil Caudle
Runner-Up..... Harris Squire

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
30	.....	Roy E. Thomas
120	Gail	Eugene Hunt
439	.....	Dick Liebendorfer
836	Windswept	R. R. & R. J. Huff
3931	Sea Lamb	Velma Romeis
4275	Mrs. E.	Harry Eils
7045	Sugarfoot	Art Murphy
7115	Shoo	Lyle Fogle
7402	Piranah	Robert Spillers
7831	Impromptu	R. P. Lennart
7832	Too	Frank Ziegler
8258	Kate II	Dave Lhevine
8332	Sprightly Lady	Charles Westgate
8373	Tally Ho II	Cleve Spillers
8667	KayJee IV	Jack Zink
8975	Lollipop	Harris Squire
9060	Porcelain Bull	John Howard
9257	.....	James Boyd
9470	Lady Spray II	John Fanning
9471	Sport-Ago-go	Phil Caudle
.....	.....	Stan Brander

The 1966 racing season of the Tulsa Sailing Club actually began May 21. The combination of extremely high winds and low lake level caused the May 1st scheduled season to be postponed. The summer race season was divided into the usual Spring, Summer, and Fall series, with eight fleet races (counting toward the fleet championship) in each series. The remaining Sundays were devoted to team-races, handicap races, and practice starting races. At the end of the season twenty of the twenty-four scheduled fleet races had actually been sailed. The Cox-Sprague scoring system was used for the first time by Tulsa Sailing Club.

The May 21st season opener was also the scheduled three race series, the annual Tulsa Bronze Regatta. It was quite a shape-up for winter muscles with winds of 25-30 mph. Stan Brander finished 1st, Harris Squire 2nd and Cleve Spillers,

3rd. The second trophy race, the Reisher Memorial, consisting of one, three-lap race, was won by Phil Caudle followed by Harris Squire and Stan Brander.

The third three-race regatta was held August 7th. The Standard Magnesium series, always one of the most popular, was sailed on two consecutive Sundays. Capturing the sterling cup was Jack Zink. In second and third positions were Brander and Caudle respectively. As so typical of Oklahoma in August, the air was light.

Ten boats sailed the Ziegler Trophy series on October 9th and 16th. A close finish found Harris Squire 1st, Bob Lennar 2nd, and Phil Caudle, 3rd.

Results of the three series:

Spring	Summer	Fall
1. Brander	1. Caudle	1. Squire
2. Squire	2. Ziegler	2. Lennar
3. Ziegler	3. Zink	3. Caudle

Tulsa Sailing Club was also pleased with its showing at the Central States District Regatta in June. Jack Zink sailed a phenomenal series with four firsts and one second. Keeping up with the competition the TSC also took:

2nd. Stan Brander, 4th. Phil Caudle, 6th. Harris Squire, 7th. Bob Lennar, 10th. Frank Ziegler

In line with a very enthusiastic racing spirit the Club had displayed during the season, three boats and crew, Jack Zink, Stan Brander and Cleve Spillers, headed for the "Nationals" at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

At home in Tulsa, sailors were pleased to learn that Stan Brander was elected Lightning Class Secretary and editor of Flashes. We are looking forward to, and actively planning, an energetic 1967 race season.

OLIVOS LIGHTNING FLEET (206)

Argentina District

Fleet Captain	Santiago Perez Penalba
Fleet Secretary	Pedro O. Sisti
Fleet Champion	Alberto Migone
Runner-Up	Pedro O. Sisti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4351	Swan IV	Alejandro R. Lubary
7743	Vanigre	Carlos O. Pineiro
8411	Repunte V	Alberto Migone
8413	Siempre Vanigre	Santiago P. Penalba & C. Colombo
9643	Morsa	Jorge Salas Chaves & C. Cassano
9700	Alegreto	P. Sisti, J. Bruzzzone & M. Cubria

Our activities during 1966 Sailing Season are included in the Argentina District Report. Besides them we had a lot of individual races sailed in good winds.

NORTHEAST YACHT CLUB FLEET (207)

Ohio-Indiana District

Based on Lake Erie at Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Don Campbell
Fleet Secretary	Al Hoegler
Fleet Champion	Lud Lekson
Runner-Up	Don Campbell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1291	.....	Marie E. Pulaski
1674	.....	Dr. Willard Schmidt
2706	Fade	Jay Stewart
2852	Coot II	Constance M. Price
5887	Cayne Mutiny	Harvey Cayne
6012	.....	Don Wagner
6013	Cambre	Don Campbell
7023	Miss Muffet	John W. Herman
7927	.....	Larry Kuns
9474	La Biche III	Lekson-Hoegler Syndicate
9475	Handicap II	E. A. Capadona
9803	.....	Jerome H. Silverman
9870	La Coquette	Jerry Burkett
9989	Carondelet	Jim Stonehouse
10016	.....	William A. Groesbeck

As sails crease in their bags and boats dry under covers, Fleet 207 skippers pause frequently to reflect on a great 1966 season.

Racing is the byword at Northeast, and beginning in January with a series of monthly formal and informal meetings, each

skipper and crew are tuned for the June opening of the season. And on throughout the season, new skippers and old alike practice under the guidance of ol' salts like Max and Lud Lekson, "Chappy" Capadona and Jon Ruhlman, who crews for Cappy on Wednesday evenings.

With races scheduled on Wednesday evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, there's many a chance for each sailor to hear the sound of his "first" gun. Honors for Wednesday nights were captured as follows: 1st, E. A. Capadona; 2nd, Lekson-Hoegler Syndicate; 3rd, Jay Stewart; followed by Don Campbell, Don Wagner, Jerry Silverman, and Jerry Burkett. In the weekend series: 1st, Lekson-Hoegler; 2nd, Campbell; 3rd, Wagner; followed by Jim Stonehouse, Burkett, Stewart, Harvey Cayne, and Silverman.

Lekson-Hoegler's green "La Biche" showed superior form in event competition. In NEYC's Regatta, despite high winds which hampered many, "La Biche" captured first, followed by James Luntz from Mentor, and Don Campbell. In the annual Long Distance Race, "La Biche" again placed first, followed by Jerry Burkett and Jay Stewart.

It was a season marked with high interest in inter-fleet competition. A majority of the skippers have vivid memories of the regattas at Mentor, Pymatuning, Forest City, Edgewater, Buckeye Lake, the Baby Bermuda Race, and others.

But sailing is not all that makes Fleet 207 great. We take much pride in having the finest dry sail facilities on the southern shore of Lake Erie. We boast of our dry sail shanty and awning donated by Harvey Cayne and erected by fleet members, the enclosed mast rack, and our rapid hoists.

Socials after each race provide the opportunity to verbally justify our miscalculations, as well as promote our ideas and suggestions among those active in the Class and our club, like E. A. Capadona, District Lightning Measurer; Don Wagner, who is reconstructing our starting lights; Max Lekson, alternate Club Trustee and Sail Squadron Commander; Jerry Burkett, new Club secretary; and Harvey Cayne, editor of the NEYC Spray and "Sailbag" columnist.

We welcome the competitive enthusiasm of new fleet members Bill Groesbeck, John Herman, Larry Kuns, Jerry Silverman and Jim Stonehouse, and anticipate the challenge of Jerry Burkett's new glass boat.

1966 has been a truly great year, but we are looking forward to a bigger and better year in 1967.

NEW ORLEANS LIGHTNING FLEET (209)

Southern District

Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La.

Fleet Captain	L. Mitch Bohnenkamp
Fleet Secretary	Greg Zettler
Fleet Champion	Horace Jacob
Runner-Up	Francis Favaloro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4675	.....	Joe Lodato
5343	Aphrodite	Bob Brent
5501	.....	Fred Johns
7357	.....	Harry Clark
7821	Mai Kai	L. Mitch Bohnenkamp
7859	Shamrock	Ben Renegar
7910	Tootsie	Joe Mahler
8131	.....	Jerry Blazek
9012	Dutch II	Gilbert R. Whitworth, Jr.
9176	.....	Greg Zettler
9235	Gone With The Wind	Horace, Ronnie & Jerry Jacob
9696	S. B.	Buck Ballatin
9791	Pam	Francis Favaloro

The opening regatta, and official beginning of Fleet 209's racing season, occurred on April 16th with a three race series won by Francis Favaloro in a new Allen. Our next series was won by Buck Ballatin. He also sails a new Allen. Buck had had a little pre-season practice by sailing in the Lightning Winter Championships held at St. Petersburg, Florida. Our fleet captain Mitch Bohnenkamp was another member of the club to make the St. Pete races. We have had increased numbers of our sailors making out of town regattas this year primarily due to new, and better, yacht club facilities in the district, especially at Shreveport, La. and at Jackson, Miss.

The Fleet 209 championship was won by Horace Jacob sailing in a new Lippencott. In the District Championships the sailors from our fleet who made the best showing were Favaloro

who finished fifth and Gil Whitworth who captured sixth place. The outstanding citizen of the road for miles traveled in the interest of racing was Buck Ballatin who trailed his boat to the North American Championships (but alas - he did not win them).

The closing regatta, held October 15th, was won by Greg Zettler. We were pleased to have Fred Johns, from the Chesapeake Bay area, join our fleet. In addition to two other new members, Al LeBlanc and Jerry Blazek, purchased boats toward the end of the season. Two events for Lightnings are held during our so called winter months (we can, and do, sail all year around on Lake Ponchartrain), the Sugar Bowl Regatta on New Year's weekend and the Frostbite Regatta held during Mardi Gras. These are invitational races, and we welcome all out of town Lightning sailors to come and enjoy our city and our racing competition.

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain..... Robert S. Manard
Fleet Secretary..... Ann L. Manard
Fleet Champion..... Howard Whisler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
844	Black Blitz	F. V. Huber
1646	Blue Chips	Robert Hobson
1983	Nereid	Paul Chenot
2727	Snifter	Henry Partridge
3431	Jo-An	Joseph Streb
3752	Fancy Free	Victor Free
4370	The Bug	Herbert Jestel
4444	North Star	Karl Rollius
4766	Resolute	Cal Friar
5314	Siren	Robert Manard
5431	Buttercup	Dr. R. F. Deetz
5700	Four Winds IV	Tom McCain
6886	Tammy	Carl Hummer
8586	Blew Bird	Veryl Lord
9393	Rainbow	Howard Whisler
9825	.....	George & Bob Tift
9850	Ruth	Dave Dutton
10112	Zim-Baby	Harry Zimmer

* We have had a very fine year of sailing at Atwood Lake. Racing competition is getting tougher with lots of our boats traveling to regattas. Harry Zimmer and Howard Whisler are our most traveled skippers.

Congratulations to Dave Dutton and Harry Zimmer in their acquisition of new fiber glass Lightnings #9850 and #10112. The rest of us will really have to sharpen up to beat these two next season.

The Harvest Moon Regatta was a great success this year as far as numbers attending. We had no control over the wind.

We had three Lightning Skippers "dunk" this year. It was a heart breaker for Harry Zimmer as he dropped the championship race. Mike Huber "went in" during the same race. Howard Whisler got his dunking during the Club Championship Race.

There was a "first" at Atwood this year - a Ladies Race. We hope this will become an annual event with more participants. The winners this year were Emily Smith—first, Carol Zimmer - second, and Barb Tift - third. Keep it up gas!

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 1967 with Mike Huber as Fleet Captain.

SPRING SERIES	SUMMER SERIES	FALL SERIES
1. Karl Rollius	1. Karl Rollius	1. Harry Zimmer
2. Tom McCain	2. Tom McCain	2. Karl Rollius
3. Herb Jestel	3. Joe Streb	3. Tom McCain
COMMODORE'S RACE	CREW RACE	CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE
1. Karl Rollius	1. Bob Tift	1. Howard Whisler
2. Tom McCain	2. Carol Zimmer	2. Tom McCain
3. Harry Zimmer	3. Jack Streb	3. Harry Zimmer

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET (215)

St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake St. Louis, Dorval, Quebec

Fleet Captain..... Russ Scrim
Fleet Secretary..... Ted Wilson

Fleet Champion Runner-Up

Russ Scrim Bruce Lamont

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2327	Jane Ann	A. E. (Ted) Wilson
3083	Joanne	J. L. Perry
3552	.....	C. A. Harris
3841	Sarah II	V. H. Cullen
4198	Interim II	C. Campbell
4628	Alcala	D. S. Calder
5277	Thunder	W. Clark
5976	Almeta	Carl W. Kenning
6079	Sama	R. M. Smith
6412	St. Louis Blues	G. Nickerson
7775	Skye	B. Lamont
8297	Sheila III	R. Scrim
8723	Blitzen	G. Copping
8895	Pele	Dr. Bertrand & Dr. Susset
9336	Pam	R. C. Stevenson
9337	.....	G. Cloutier
9694	Argonot	F. H. Boone
9727	Old Nick	Dr. G. Nickerson
9728	Sheila IV	R. C. Scrim
9916	Ika Vuka	Mrs. N. M. Twist

1966 was a very good season for Lightning sailors in our area. It marked the advent of fiberglass Lightnings in any numbers. Considerable interest has been generated by this development in our class, and there is certainly a trend to the new style of manufacture.

There are some new faces in the award winners this season. Bruce Lamont captured the Summer Series as well as winning the Handicap Regatta at Woodlands Yacht Club. Dr. G. Nickerson won the Evening Series and the Pointe Claire Regatta - in the latter case his boat was skippered by George Schwab. Dr. G. Copping won the Fall Series. Russ Scrim won the Spring Regatta, the June Regatta, the R.S.L.Y.C. Annual Regatta, the S.L.V.Y.R.A. Championship, the Britannia Regatta, and was Class Champion. Considerable enthusiasm and some results were achieved by newcomers to our group. In particular, Frank Boone, Marc Turcot and Mrs. Nessie Twist.

Gerry Cloutier and Russ Scrim travelled to the Canadian Lightning Championship at Port Arthur. The results were encouraging, but as someone said, "They ended up closer to where they had expected than to where they had hoped."

It was a disappointment to the fleet to have Bill Clark retire from active sailing. Things were just not the same without him. Ted Wilson was re-elected President of the Canadian International Lightning Association for a 4th term, and Bruce Lamont has accepted the post of Fleet Captain for 1967, as well as Chairman of the Canadian Open Lightning Regatta which will be held at the R.S.L.Y.C. in 1967. Great plans are underfoot to make this a most memorable affair, along with the World Fair—Expo '67, which will be an extravaganza of a type never seen before.

We are looking forward to at least three new fiberglass Lightnings for the coming season and enthusiasm is running at a high level. 1967 is Canada's Centennial birthday and our fleet hope to join Canadian sailors in celebrating this occasion in the finest possible fashion.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216)

Michigan District

Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain..... Ralph Schumack
Fleet Secretary..... James Johnson
Fleet Champion..... Joseph Disette
Runner-Up..... James Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2900	Alibi	Hubert Dembouski, Carl Raeck
3340	Nancy K	F. Reinhold
5574	Half Fast	Robert Drew
5577	Carousel I	Dutch Giewald
5802	Maveric	Bill Pederson
6262	.....	Tom Lang
6565	Ultra	Brad Spalding
6855	Sea Foam	Charles Burda
7169	All R's	Charles Requadt
7355	.....	Bill Guild
7575	Moms Mink?	Russ Saur
7848	.....	Ralph Schumack
7855	.....	Dave Russel

8288	Richard Burow
8294	Niva Belle II
8596	Tom Wisniewski
9595	Bill Phillips
9903	Henry Noehles
10233	Joseph Dissette
	Vincent Boyle

In the 1966 season we had a little more wind in our sails. Subject in point, we had to cancel three of our weekend races, and three of our Night Owl series.

We started the season with the Memorial Day Regatta. Bill McKinley, from Tawas, took first place, Joe Dissette, runner-up, and Jim Johnson, third.

The Bay City Yacht Club Invitational Regatta was next. We had trouble with too much wind and had to call off one race. Top honors went to Cary Long, runner up was Joe Stueland. Third was held jointly by Dean DeVries and Joe Dissette. Cary Long, Joe Stueland, and Dean DeVries all hail from St. Joseph, Michigan.

The 4th of July Regatta also was cut to two races. Boy, did it blow! First was Joe Dissette, second Tom Lang, and third Jim Johnson.

The last Regatta of the year was our Labor Day Regatta. As usual it was sailed in the river and out into the Bay. The first race was canceled. Reason — somebody stole the marker. The next race was a typical river race, stink pots and steam boats and shallow water. The third race was a humdinger. Two boats over and one man overboard. The make-up race was canceled—too much wind. After all was said and done, Jim Johnson was first, Tom Lang second. Third place was another tie, Joe Dissette and Chuck Requadt.

Our Night Owl series was won by Jim Johnson. Bill Boice stole second and Hank Noehles fell into third place.

Our annual Trophy Dinner was held at the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club. Joe Dissette was awarded the Fleet Champion Trophy, Jim Johnson received the runner-up spot. Third place was snapped up by Ralph Schumack.

At this dinner, our new officers were announced as follows

Fleet Captain—

Joseph Dissette
1518 East Ashman
Midland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary—

Henry Noehles
8148 Geddes Street
Saginaw, Michigan

Joe Dissette traveled far and wide in order to keep possession of the Michigan District Invitational Regatta Travel Trophy, finishing in a 3 way tie for 4th at Gull Lake, 2nd at Tawas, 3rd at Higgins. He also sailed in the Governors Cup Series at the North American championships finishing 9th overall, after winning the 4th race.

Jim Johnson and Bill Boyce also reaped the rewards of traveling to some Michigan District Regattas.

Taking everything into consideration, we had a rewarding season. Our 1967 season should be even better with eight more boats in fleet 216.

ZURICHSEE FLEET (219)

Switzerland District

Sailing on the Lake of Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain.....	Ruedi Berger
Fleet Secretary.....	Ruedi Berger
Fleet Champion.....	Heinrich Tobler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3811	Schufti	Oskar Weber
5384	Trixi	Heinrich Tobler
5492	Escape	Willy Binggeli
5961		Christian Manz
6042	Enfin	Yacht Club Rapperswil
6203	Manta	Willi Ruetschi
6396	Falcon	Kurt Scheim
6423	Estella	Max Sagesser
6741	Take It	
	Easy II	I. Weilenmann
6913	Papillon	Louis Senn
7588	Marika	Hermann Vogel
7589	Reuel II	Heinrich Zollinger
7591	Matou	Hans Reimann
8295	Hurry Up	Hans W. Tschappeler

8648	Hurricane	Werner Meyer
8768	Csardas	Heinrich Keller
8942	Asandra	Hans Kramer
9033	Senang	Hans Hotz
9130	Tabu III	Rudolf Berger
9354	Hacora	H. K. Rahn
9479	Tempest	Hans Sandrini and Kurt Heinrich
9481		P. Broglie
10001	Take It	
	Easy III	Hans Peter Knopf



How wonderful it would be to sail on the beautiful waters of Switzerland once again. (asst. ed.)

Considering the activity of our members, 1966 was a remarkable year.

In the eight most important races on the lake of Zurich the Lightning class had 8 to 12 boats participating.

Fifteen of our members enjoyed the traditional Hausi's Lightning weekend. This year it was again an unforgettable event! Many thanks to our host and his family, and many thanks to our former captain Heiri Keller! We all were delighted about his idea to surprise every participator with a selfmade prize.

In middle of June ten boats participated in the Swiss District championship on the lake of Murten.

In Autumn six of our boats went to the first Lightning competition held on the lake of Constance. We all hope, that a new fleet will be formed there during the next year.

Then several boats went to the regattas we were invited to by the fleet of Greifensee, the two series of races which inaugurated the sailing season in early springtime and finished it in late autumn.

Individual members of our fleet sailed on the lake of Garda (Italy), the neighbouring lake of Zug, the lake of Sempach and the alpine lake of Silvaplana at the Engadine.

The intention of our members was to extend the activity in sailing, by participating in regattas, by training in groups or individually and by becoming acquainted with new and uncommon conditions.

Growth of our fleet:

47 Lightnings are sailing on the lake of Zurich.

27 belong to the fleet and are more or less active members of our fleet. Between the several new boats we specially call the attention to 9504 and 9951, the first two Zurichsee-Lightning made of fiberglass, to 9781 X, the first plywood Lightning in Switzerland (this boat was winner of the Swiss Championship); to 10001, our fleet is very proud to write this number into her boats list.

We welcome all the new boats as well as foreign guests and hope that in 1967 the activity of our new and former members will be increasing to everybody's satisfaction.

C.R.V. ITALIA SORRENTO FLEET (223)

Italian District

Sailing on Bay of Sorrento at Banchina S. Lucia, Naples and Sorrento

Fleet Captain.....	Carlo De Zerbi
Fleet Secretary.....	Mario Cavallo
Fleet Champion.....	Alfonso Mele
Runner-Up.....	Antonio Oliviero

Boat No.	Boat Name
3589	Ghibli
3591	Tropea
3592	Saetta
6390	Santa Lucia

During the season the Fleet entered several events with success.

Unfortunately, on November 4th the Club House and the boats were stricken by a tremendous storm and were seriously damaged. For all this weighty event, the Club is actually ready to host the CHRISTMAS CUP EVENT, which is going to be held next week in these waters, with several Italian fleets entering the regatta.

MIAMI FLEET (226)

Florida District

Sailing on Biscayne Bay at Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain	Charlie Beedle
Fleet Secretary	Don LeBaron
Fleet Champion	Charlie Beedle
Runners-Up	Alex Carlin, Phil Styne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1208		Tom Pinder
1916	Sailbad the Sinner	Ella Andre and Don LeBaron
1947	Repeat	Bill Loughlin
2675		Cal Haskell
3864	Pegasus	Wm. J. Day
4154	Puffin	James R. Tod
4209	Sweet Sue	Gus Serino
4509	Kool Slam	Hank Lyle
4944		Bob Scully, Bill Tenney
5253	Nepenthe	Jerry Weinraub
6462	Alkaline Air	Dr. Ted Ried, Dr. Gorman Hills
6700	Gusty	Gus Perry
6909		Chas. Kehoe, Chips Virgin
7010	Glangarry	Don Bliss, Bill Albaugh
7336		Ray Renouf
7406	Fair Lady	Bob Tylander
8038	Skyrider	Charlie Beedle
8665	Noodle	Louis Singer
8847	Nimbus	Fred G. Seelman
9388	Gang-Awa	Alex Carlin
9421	Bloody Fool	Phil Styne
9729	Chi-Na	Edwin Belknap
9877	Moonraker	John Nunly
		Jim Vensel
		Oscar Nelson
		Alan Westcott
		Bob Hartkoff

All-year racing among the five cooperating clubs on Biscayne Bay provided 62 races in 1966 in all kinds of weather. The south bay is open water sailing with fairly steady winds and some chop, typical championship course conditions. Miami Yacht Club has protected, smooth water and winds filtered through apartment buildings, just right for the shifty skippers. Coral Reef Yacht Club hosted the Florida Districts, District Commodore Chips Virgin serving as race chairman. Winner was Charlie Oberscheimer.

The Lightning Midwinter Regatta was held at Coral Reef, winding up the Southern Circuit, with Tom Allen taking the honors in a 41 boat fleet.

Coconut Grove hosted the Florida Adams cup quarter-finals in Lightnings, winner Betty Beedle, third year in a row.

Five new owners turned up during the year and promise some interesting competition.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB (227)

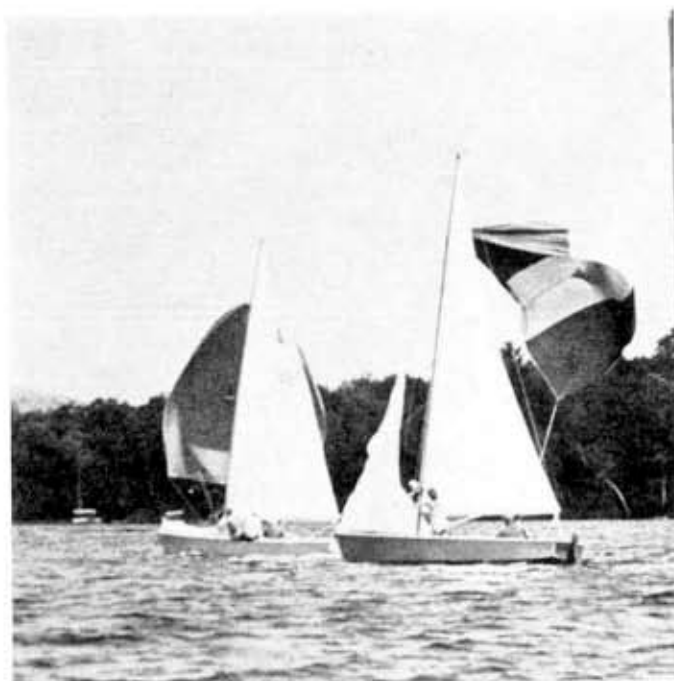
New England District

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain	William L. Potter
Fleet Secretary	Jeannette L. Potter
Fleet Champion	Samuel Stowell
Runner-Up	Robinson E. Keyes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7	Raider I	James P. Leamy, Jr.
5354	Stagg Too	David T. Stagg

5364	Kaimanu	Byron O. McCoy
5886	Beau Geste	Gertrude S. Bellerose
6236	Duchess	Edward L. Ellis
6278	Susie Q	Dr. Ralph Seeley, Jr.
6695	Gambit II	Robert L. Schill
7868	The Ugly	William W. White
9413	Enigma	William L. Potter
9811	Yankee	Samuel Stowell
	Dandee	
10079	Mistral	Robinson E. Keyes
10118	Nellie Bly	Robert S. Franzoni



Fleet 227's champion, with everything under control, pulls away.

Lake Bomoseen Fleet #227 is grateful for new development in the class. We have two new members due to the availability of fiberglass Lightnings. Sam Stowell acquired 9811 and sold his old #7 to Jim Leamy. Rog Keyes bought 10079, and Bob Schill took over the helm of #6695. Bob Franzoni joined the fiberglass "In Crowd" with sparkling yellow 10118. Sad to say, his old boat is no longer in our fleet.

We entertained Lake Dunmore Fleet #243 at our second annual Dunmore-Bomoseen Regatta. The weather was beautiful, but the winds were very light. The three-race winners were Rog Keyes, Ed Ellis, and Dave Stagg. All were from Fleet #227. The last race ended as a drifter, and that finish of Dave's was nothing less than sensational. He squeaked (scraped?) between the committee boat and Ed Ellis with a war whoop heard round the Lake.

The racing season was interrupted for some of us by a crippling storm. All but two boats capsized at their moorings. The resulting damage put some boats out of commission for several weeks, and one, Gertrude Bellerose's Beau Geste, for the season.

Sunny skies and fair breezes were the rule however. Sam Stowell, with his daughter Ann and son Ben crewing, won almost everything in sight: first in the 4th of July series, first in the Labor Day series, and the fleet championship. It wasn't necessarily easy, for there was either Ed Ellis or Rog Keyes threatening at every tack. The season championship was not decided until the last leg of the last race. The most coveted prize of the season, the beautiful Bedeke Bellerose Memorial Trophy, will grace the Stowell living room for the next year. This is a new rotating trophy given for first place in the Labor Day Series.

We closed the sailing year with a gala awards dinner at one of the area's most luxurious ski lodges. Here in Vermont we find it difficult to segregate our recreational opportunities!

Next year? We are talking of sailing classes, junior races, and more fleet get-togethers. We hope for more new boats, new blood, and most of all, good sailing.

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB (228)
Central Atlantic District
Based on Delaware River, Riverton, N.J.

Fleet Captain..... Dick Prewitt
 Fleet Secretary..... Betty Allen
 Fleet Champion..... Richard Lippincott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3441	.....	C. W. Devaney
5046	.....	Carl Clasen
5074	Dead Eye	Richard Prewitt
6540	Balderdash	Norman Alperin
7085	Union Jack	Allan Crew
7529	.....	Djoerd Hoekstra
7564	Lollipop II	John Parker
7660	Roy's Rig	Roy Doerre
7826	Gamma	Dale Allen & Jack Dearing
7989	.....	Nelson Hoffman
8595	Prism	Hank Meinecke
8699	Marley	Wayne Deaves
.....	.....	Marcy Lippincott
.....	.....	Robert Lippincott
.....	.....	Richard Lippincott
.....	.....	Jim Lippincott
.....	.....	George Adams
.....	.....	Howard Bintliff

Fleet 228 had a very active sailing season this year. We started our season the last Sunday in April with twelve boats participating in our Thaw-Out Series. The regular club series started over Memorial Day weekend with lots of air and several skippers got their spirits dampened when their boats capsized. Again this year the Governor's Cup was held the last weekend in June. Seventeen Lightnings found the light air a real challenge.

The last weekend in September we hosted our Annual Fall Regatta. Fourteen boats came to brave the elements. The wind was blowing 23-30 and at the advisement of the Coast Guard only one race was sailed Saturday. Only six of the fourteen boats finished Saturdays race.

Many of our boats traveled to regattas at other clubs this summer and fall enjoying the competition and association with fellow Lightning members.



Turbine III with Merola, De Rosa, and Mazza on board jibes around the mark at Naples.

MARIVELA LIGHTNING FLEET (235)
Italian District

Fleet Captain..... Luigi Mario Merola
 Fleet Secretary..... Eugenio Cannada Bartoli
 Fleet Champion..... Luigi Mario Merola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4617	Turbine	Massimo Maddalena
4621	Baleno	Mauro Leuci
4907	.....	Romano Lilli
4908	Tramontana	Baldo Paglianti
5181	Favonio	Eugenio Cannada Bartoli
5385	.....	Giuseppe La Terza
5589	Tornado	Virgilio De Sole
5745	Turbine II	Giuseppe Cardone
9347	Turbine III	L. M. Merola

The fleet entered many races during last season.

TURBINE III (Merola-De Rosa-MAZZA) won all three regattas in which he participated at Naples.

The same boat entered the Italian Championships held at Formia, a splendid bay north of Naples, hosted by Circolo NAUTICO Caposele, a friendly, nice, organization.

Turbine was fifth of 26 boats due to lack of fortune in the second and fourth races. The fourth race was finished with the tiller badly damaged.

TURBINE III also won the Christmas regattas held in Naples by the Italian Districts from 28 to 30 December.

Our fleet will soon have some new boats and obviously her activities in the future will be increased.

CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA FLEET (237)
Italian District

Sailing on Bay of Castellammare di Stabia at
Banchina Marinella Castellammare di Stabia, Italy

Fleet Captain..... Catello Russo
 Fleet Champion..... Catello Russo
 Runner-Up..... Raffaele Polito

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8492	Vincenzina	Catello Russo
.....	3rd	.....
8728	Veleno	Raffaele Polito

Activity exercised in 1966:

29/5/1966—SE.VEN.A. Regatta—Naples

Vincenzina III—1st

Skipper: C. Russo—Crew: A. Russo-A. Della Monica

31/1/1966—Sailing Week in Naples

Vincenzina III—4th

Skipper: C. Russo—Crew: A. Russo-A. Della Monica

18-24/7/1966—Italian Championships—Formia

Vincenzina III—4th

Skipper: C. Russo—Crew: R. Polito-A. Della Monica

17-25/8/1966—European Championships—Greece

Vincenzina III—4th

Skipper: C. Russo—Crew: R. Polito-A. Castellano

Vincenzina III took part in other regatta with good results.

MILFORD YACHT CLUB (238)
Connecticut District

Sailing on Long Island Sound, Milford, Conn.

Fleet Captain..... Jack Griefzu
 Fleet Secretary..... Mark Antinozzi
 Fleet Champion..... Jack Griefzu
 Runner-Up..... Ken Ireland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1746	Heather	Roderick Nicholson
3220	Havoc	E. Conrad Sweeney
4187	Shari	Mortimer Geib
6007	.....	Dr. Noel McCarthy
6263	Reindeer	John Reynders
6681	Jade East	Bill Walski
7116	Ambergis III	K. Ireland
7168	PDQ	J. Russo
7249	Keewaydin	Mark Antinozzi
7279	.....	W. Begg
7520	Padalin	Harrie C. Patrick
7929	At Last	G. Engle
8580	Bewitched	J. Ireland
10004	Saint	H. Greifzu

The 1966 Lightning Class sailing schedule was broken up into two Series. The Early Series was won by Ken Ireland, followed by Jack Griefzu in second place and Mark Antinozzi in third. The Late Series was won by Jack Greifzu. Second

and third went to John Engles and John Ireland respectively.

Due to reconstruction of the Yacht Club grounds, our Early Bird Series and Memorial Day Regatta were cancelled. However, here is a rundown of all the remaining events:

The July 4th Regatta was won by Ken Ireland. Jack Griefzu won the Tri-Club and Labor Day Regattas.

July 4th Regatta: 1st, K. Ireland; 2nd, J. Griefzu; 3rd, M. Antinozzi.

Tri-Club Regatta: 1st, J. Griefzu; 2nd, J. Engles; 3rd, W. Beggs.

Labor Day Regatta: 1st, J. Griefzu; 2nd, J. Engles; 3rd, J. Reynders.

At our fleet banquet trophies were awarded. The one who worked the hardest, and was always out in front, was Dr. Noel McCarthy.

KENTUCKY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (242) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Kentucky Lake at Kenlake State Park Hardin, Kentucky

Fleet Captain	Charles Manion
Fleet Secretary	Catherine Manion
Fleet Champion	Charles Manion
Runner-Up	George Koch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5942	Euphoria	Robert M. Metcalf
6690	Merrily	Dr. Carlos Brewer and Dr. Wm. Hal'
7732		Tom Threlkeld
8185	Whirligig	Tom Brizendine
8306	Nereid	George Koch
9282	Schlitzer	Charles Manion

Our 1966 season got off to an early start with the Mid-Winter District meeting being held at the Kenlake Hotel, Feb. 26-27. The Kenlake State Park, in conjunction with the Kentucky Lake Sailing Club, sponsored a Sailing Seminar, with George O'Day as guest speaker. This event was indeed a big plus for our District meeting.

Ross Bryan, District Champion, selected Kentucky Lake as the site for the District championship races. The Nashville crew pitched in and made the 1966 Districts a complete success.

Our club held its annual Spring and Fall regattas, and enjoyed both good sailing weather and a good Lightning turn-out for both regattas. Tom Brizendine proved to be a good "river" sailor in winning the Whale of a Sail regatta in St. Louis.

We closed the 1966 season with the purchase of a new hoist. The members of Fleet 242 would like to have sailors visit our hotel (and the state of Kentucky's) during their vacations and we welcome them to use the facilities of our club.



In the Fall Fleet 242 hosts the Watkin's Cup Regatta. Here we see some of the winners. (l. to r.) Ross Bryan and Dr. Scott; Bob Llovet, his wife, and crew; Leon Streigel and his wife; they all show off for the camera.

LAKE DUNMORE FLEET (243) New England District Sailing on Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Vermont

Fleet Captain	Dr. Bill Powers
Fleet Secretary	Chris Brush

Racing Secretary	Betty Estabrook
Fleet Champion	Roberts skippered by Don Brush, Jr.
Runner-Up	Don Brush, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4874	Drifter	Gordon Roberts
5477	Dunmore	
	Dandy	Robert Mitchell
6465	Guyser	Dr. William Powers
6621	Cum Ci	
	Cum Ca	Dr. J. S. Estabrook
7016	Quo Vadis	Donald Brush, Sr.

Our 1966 sailing season was comprised of fifteen races. Although we are relatively few in number, we make up for it in enthusiasm. Our fleet is fortunate to be able to race within a large organization, the Lake Dunmore Sailing Club, in handicap races. Perhaps this competition fails to give our Lightnings the experience needed for Lightning regattas, but we have FUN. What more is really necessary? We are working on prospects to increase our number.

Our fleet was represented at the New England District Regatta at Annisquam, and at the Vt.-N.H. Regatta at Spofford Lake. Don Brush Sr. again brought home the Vermont trophy.

High point of the season was the Second Annual Invitational Regatta with Lake Bomoseen Fleet #227 held August 20 and 21 at Lake Bomoseen. We all had a wonderful time in spite of our four entries being unable to place in the top slots.

Every Sunday we hold a skipper's and crew's meeting before the afternoon races at various members' camps. There is also a "Dutch" lunch. This arrangement works out well, and it gives the skippers, the Race Committee, the Fleet Captain, and the Timer a chance to coordinate details—as well as a social hour.

Our fleet has invited the Vt.-N.H. Regatta to be held on Lake Dunmore next summer, and we are all looking forward to that event.

WINNIPESAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (246) New England District

Sailing on Saunders Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee, Laconia, N. H.

Fleet Captain	Paul Hodgdon
Fleet 1st Mate	Richard Wiley
Fleet Secretary	Dr. James Pilliod
Fleet Champion	William Saunders
Runner-Up	Anne Harris
Third Place	Ralph Mosher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
877	Bluebird	Paul Hodgdon
3273	Noble T	Sally Pilliod
3834	Spalpeen	Carl Hendrickson
5643	Kik-a-Tu	Ken Taylor
6266	Black Hawk	Gerard Morin
6420	Zot	Al Posnack
7609	My Luff	Bob Machaffie
8443	Hard-A-Lee	Richard Wiley
8720	Celest	Parkman Howe, Jr.
8898	Soapysea	Ralph Mosher
9335	Who Dat Too	William Saunders
9378	Ho toi II	Ed Michels
9660	Folly	"Dick" Larrabee
9801		Hy Bergstein
10065	Dreamer II	Anne Harris
		Al Conger

The 1966 season was one of the most active and successful our Fleet 246. Our roster saw three new fiberglass Lightnings and four new skippers added to our fleet. Next year we have hopes of two additional fiberglass boats to compete in our summer race schedule. "Bill" Saunders skippering "Who Dat too" won our Fleet Championship with some great races. Consistency is "Bill's" motto and very hard to beat in any type of air. Anne Harris at the helm of Dreamer II, a daughter of Dr. and Barbara Harris, a sailing family, came in second just nosing out "Soapy Sea" with Ralph Mosher by one point—going down to the last race. An oddity — Ralph placed 1st in 1964, 2nd in '65, and third this year. "Dick" Larrabee with Folly, a new fiberglass lightning, came in a close 4th with Dick Wiley in Hard-A-Lee 5th.

Besides the usual race series at home, the fleet visited other

various regattas during the summer and fall. The first event was the Lake Spofford Regatta at Keene, N.H. with "Bill" Saunders, the Harris family and Ralph Mosher competing. The New Hampshire - Vermont Championships was attended by Ralph Mosher. The Massabesic Regatta in Manchester N.H. was very successful for our club as "Bill" Saunders placed 1st over all with Anne Harris second and "Dick" Larrabee 4th, a good job done.

The Harris family — what enthusiasts — they traveled to the Annual Quantico Marine Regatta in Virginia only 600 miles one way. What an experience they encountered, in the second race the winds were so heavy that many boats cap-sized and most of the fleet could not finish. There were only 89 boats in the race.

We also had visiting boats compete with us during the summer. Two Lightnings from the Chelsea Yacht Club Fleet 39, sailing out of the Hudson River, raced two week-ends with us. Also Jim Dillard from Fleet 50 Washington D.C., the largest fleet in the U.S. Jim raced most of the summer season and did very well.

Our Annual Lake Winnepesaukee Championships Regatta was a great success with 29 lightnings racing. The weather was beautiful, but the winds were light and shifty. This made it very difficult for skippers and their crews. Rob Pratt of Greenfield, Mass. came in 1st, Fred Hamblett of Lake Spofford 2nd, and Wade Carruthers of Connecticut 3rd. Our champ, Bill Saunders placed 5th.

Next year should even be more interesting with possibly 6 fiberglass boats competing.

SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Halluiersee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	Hans A. Luthy
Fleet Secretary	Rudolf Herzog
Fleet Champion	Hans A. Luthy
Runner-Up	Fridolin Koch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5781	Quand-meme 1	Andermatt Josef, Dr. med.
5183	Canard	Dr. Paul Labhart
5276	Bounty	Karl Bruder
7474	Mistral	Dr. med. C. Klemm
7586	Chraby	Arnold Bachmann
7587	Kairos	Dr. A. Bissegger
7804	Joy	Rudolf Herzog
8189	Sagex	Herbert Sager
8372	Carin V	Martina Bally
8770	Ifakara	Werner Sieger
9034	Fair Lady	R. Taschler
9247	Basilik	Hans Olivieri
9352	Manela	Fridolin Koch
9356	Dany	Manfred Kuttel
9503	Quand-meme 2	Hans. A., Katharina & Christoph Luthy

The season of 1966 began as usual with the Spring-regatta at Greifensee. Our boats were active at the club regattas on the lakes of Sempach and Hallwil. This summer the boats "Fair Lady" and "Bounty", which are sailing on the lake of Zug, joined our fleet.

Fresh blood in the crews and new sails on the "Chraby" and "Manuela" made competition harder. As usual it was our fleet champion "Quand-meme" who crossed the line first most of the time. Hans and his wife Kathi Luthy, with all their experience, placed the newest gadgets wisely on their beautiful new fiberglass boat and became unbeatable in our fleet and on other lakes.

Fleet 250 had four boats: "Quand-meme", "Joy", "Chraby", and "Basilik" at the Murtensee swiss championship.

"Essetrial", the first plywood Lightning by Jack Beck got plenty of tough competition from Hans Luthy in his glass boat.

We had good sporting activities at the Sempach summer-race, at the Hallwil autumn regatta and at Biel and Grandson with our friends from fleets 169, 268 and 358.

The juniors are coming along well in our crews. To get away sometimes from their dominant skipper fathers, they also sail in Vauriens, Moths and own built models.

We are looking forward very nicely to the 1967 season as our fleet is steadily growing, especially on the lake of Sempach.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

Central New York District

Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain	Fred W. Schaaf
Fleet Secretary	Gerry Schaaf
Fleet Champion	Bob Lowry
Runner-Up	Fred W. Schaaf

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
501	Zipper	Hank Young
585	.....	Fredrich Clark
695	Gee-Jay	Dr. R. Patrizio
1236	Lamb	Larry Korner
2753	Ta-Ob	Lewis N. White
3361	More Trouble	Bill Brown
4904	Kim	Bob Lowry
7058	.....	George Kalinich
10181	.....	Clyde Rathmann

The fleet's official racing season took place from the fourth of July through the Labor Day week-end at the Keuka Yacht Club. Because of the lack of cooperation from the weather, practically all of the races sailed had to be counted in the final scoring. A lesser number of races than the total sailed in this period, it was agreed upon at the spring meeting, would count towards the championship. This allowed those wishing to miss races because of vacation trips, regattas, etc., to do so and still not be penalized in the final standings.

The Korners started out the season by taking the Fourth of July week-end series. Competition was close for the most part of the summer. This shows better tuning and seamanship on the part of the skippers and crews than in previous seasons. Commodore Young would pick off a first now and then, and the Browns kept threatening — as did also the Kalinich crew. Toward the close of the season the Schaafs were consistently taking the gun at the finish, but the Lowrys had totaled up the greatest score.

For graciously hosting our meetings and get-togethers many thanks go out to the Whites, the Lowrys and the Youngs. We also thank Mr. Charles Grosskurth, father of Helen Lowry, for donating a solid brass ship's clock, with working bells, as one of our fleet's trophies.

A late fall arrival to our fleet was Clyde Rathmann and family with a new all fiber-glass boat. We welcome them for the '67 season, and we hope the presence of the new craft will instill further interest in newer boat ownership in our fleet.

SUSQUEHANNA FLEET (253)

Dixie District

Sailing on Susquehanna River, Long Level, Wrightsville, Pa.

Fleet Captain	Starling Mikell, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Fred Bush

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2269	.....	Robert G. Hanna
4867	White Cap	Howard Banzett
5368	Eleison	Fred Bush
5599	Blitz Krig	Wilfried Muller
5693	Debstar	Starling Mikell, Jr.
5816	Pointless	Phyllis B. Branin
5817	.....	R. E'Del
5911	.....	J. Farber
6754	.....	S. Gentsler
6840	Misty	Richard Fiala
7119	Blue Pearl	Richard Sterner
7342	.....	I. Graper
7603	Wisp	Donald C. Dallmeyer
8065	.....	Dr. R. E. Small
8178	.....	R. F. Andes
8179	Hellbender	K. W. Lease
8735	Yankee Doodle	M. S. Gardiner
8887	Turpial	Jack Howe
9020	Min Van II	J. Bacsik & Dennis Domin
9338	Tigres	D. Brennenman
9489	Yellow Bird	Max Reiss
9601	Rabbit	Dr. Ralph Golden
9683	.....	H. Thode
9895	.....	Ray Dallmeyer

9896	Calypso	Jonathan Owen
	Gal III	
9897		Dr. Charles Doland
9904	Fort Knox	Richard Henle
9928	Melody	Ed Kohler
10062	Rainbow III	Ed Schwoebli

7345	Cyn-Bob	Cynthia Dunlap
7346		Danny Stevenson
8677	Red Pep-per	Robert C. Graham, III
8784		"Butch" Imobersteg
9222	Thrice	Rev. Charles Harris
	Struck II	

Fleet 253 had a season featuring new boats, hot racing competition, a successful defense of our team trophy, and hosting the 1st Annual Pennsylvania Governors Cup Lightning Regatta.

The season got under way with a May-June Spring Series of Sunday races won by Jim Bacsik and Dennis Domin. They took turns skippering Min Van II with youthful skill. Runner-up was our old standby star, "Mike" Mikell. Jon Owen copped third.

For the Susquehanna Yacht Club's annual Memorial Day we welcomed a fine group of visiting Lightning skippers. This included our Dixie District Commodore, Joe Kelly from Washington, and 1951 International Champion, John Teigland from Wilmington, Delaware.

Visitor Henry Fretz, from Lake Wallenpaupack's Fleet 16, sailed three nice races to win top silver. Mikell took second and Fred Bush lucked out a third.

Mikell kept up his consistently fine sailing to capture the fleet's Summer Series. He was followed by Owen and Don Dallmeyer.

Domin, Bush, Ray Dallmeyer and Max Reiss trailed to Indian River, Del. for the Dixie District Championships in mid-July. They managed to survive sailing in salt water. Ray Dallmeyer led our contingent with a 14th over-all. Domin was 17th. Bush and Reiss had fun.

Don Dallmeyer finally got Wisp dried out, after an early-season capsizing, and won the fleet's Fall Series. He was followed closely by Mikell and the Domin-Bacsik team.

On the 1st weekend of October our friends of Northeast River, Md. Fleet 192 arrived for our annual team racing.

The visitors brought rain along with their five boats, and thirty intrepid sailors set out in a chilly downpour. Fleet 253 won the tight first race, despite a foul-out by Mikell, as Domin copped 1st. The Northeast team bounced back to take the 2nd race despite a 1st by Don Dallmeyer.

The next day, under sunny skies, the Susquehanna team wrapped up the series for the 3rd straight year. They won by a comfortable margin despite a 1st by Northeast's Chick Trayford in his antique 738.

The following weekend Fleet 253 hosted 15 visiting boats from all over Pennsylvania in the 1st Annual Pennsylvania Governors Cup Lightning Regatta. Everything was great except the wind.

Veteran ILCA hotshot Chuck Maltbie, of Pymatuning Fleet 36, pushed his Hot Canary through sea-weed and spider-webs to beat 34 boats in a real drifter on Saturday. ILCA Vice-President Bob Adams, from Philadelphia and Bay Head, won Sunday's no-air race.

Since both Maltbie and Adams had 8ths to go with their wins, and since there wasn't enough wind for a 3rd race, they flipped a coin and Bob Adams became the 1966 Pennsylvania Lightning Champion. Maltbie graciously settled for 2nd-place silver.

Third went to Fleet 253's Mikell, who had the same point total as the top two skippers but no wins, and 4th went to Dan Domin. In 1967 we're hoping for even more visiting skippers and lots more wind. The regatta will be on the 2nd weekend of October.

The fleet ended its season by sending a contingent to the Quantico Regatta, and then it settled back for a series of winter meetings on rules, tactics, tuning, reminiscing, and looking forward to an even better year in '67.

BURT LAKE YACHT CLUB (254)

Michigan District

Sailing on Burt Lake, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Robert C. Graham, III
Fleet Secretary	Martha L. Kirm
Fleet Champion	Robert C. Graham, III
Runner-Up	"Butch" Imobersteg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
45	Sualdan	Alfred French
149		Eric Tull
4948	Margaret	John Parlin
6279	Verve	Tom Dunlap, III

The shameful splash we made by not sending in our 1965 report to the YEAR BOOK should be a warning to all Club secretaries to hand their reports in on time. I trust our members and admirers have forgiven us.

The small number of Lightnings participating in our 1966 sailing season was quite disappointing. Various causes contributed to a small fleet: skippers graduating to larger boats; summer jobs; summer school; and a "too-young-to-skipper" phase in our sailing cycle. What may have been lacking in quantity was made up in the quality of sailing, and in an increase in membership. This augurs for an eventual increase in our fleet. Commodore Graham Jr. and son directed our many activities in an enthusiastic and admirable manner. We gave them a hearty "thank you" at our twenty seventh year banquet in late August.

AWARDS FOR 1966

Lightning Class - July - First	Robert Graham, III
Lightning Class - August - First	Robert Graham, III
Lightning Class - Season - First	Robert Graham, III
Sailfish Class - July - First	Robert Vail
Sailfish Class - August - First	John Willoughby
"Most for Club" - Dudley Jordan Trophy	Robert Graham, III
"Sportsmanship" - Lew Wallace	
Memorial Trophy	John Willoughby
"How to Sail" - John Parlin Trophy	
"Tennis Champions"	Nancy Kaufman
	Tom Dunlap
"Change-a-boat" - Graham Mugs Trophies -	
First	Danny Stevenson

CLARK'S HILL FLEET (257)

Southeastern District

Based on Clark Hill Reservoir at Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain	Jud Barber
Fleet Secretary	Jud Barber
Fleet Champion	Dr. Gilbert Klemann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1551	Lollipop	D. S. Hanson
2202	Noiad	Virgil Wolff
2307	Jade	Dr. Gilbert Klemann
2381	Jonah	Gilbert Klemann
2459		Dr. Henry Perkins
3198	Red Witch	Capt. Walter Lee
3250		Larry Annis
4816	Sea Witch	W. L. Coryell
7595	Black Sheep	Dr. Chas Joyner
7947	Bashfull	Gilbert Klemann
8394		Larry V. Annis
10129		Jim Crawley
10149	Glass Mistress	Jud Barber
10150	Kiwi II	Ted Kelker
10151	'Ka-Os'	John Tombin
10152	Togetherness	Tom Jarrell

The Clark Hill Reservoir lightning fleet had an active and successful year. Gil Klemann, fleet champion, finished in the silver in several major races in the area.

He was 2nd at Columbia, S.C., 4th in the District Championships, 3rd in the SAYRA Championships, and 4th at Charleston, S.C.

Gil's performance apparently sparked old timers like Ted Kelker, John Tobin, and Tommy Jarrell so much they couldn't stand being on the inactive list. They organized a group of interested sailors and placed 5 new fiberglass Lightnings on order. Newcomers to the group were Jud Barber and Jim Crawley. The weekend the boats arrived two of the boats owned by Jarrell and Kelker were raced at the Hartwell Western Carolina Regatta and placed 1st and 2nd, with Gil Klemann finishing 4th. After the race word got around that several wooden lightnings were for sale (not sail) but continued success of Gil Klemann in his wooden "Bashfull" indicate that skippers of wooden lightnings had better find another excuse for following glass boats around the course.

In the final regatta of the year, the annual Augusta Sailing Club Halloween Regatta, Ted Kelker finished first, Gil Klemann third, and Jud Barber fourth.

NASHVILLE FLEET (262)
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Old Hickory Lake, Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain..... Fred Beesley
 Fleet Secretary..... Anne Beesley
 Fleet Champion..... Bob Llovet
 Runner-Up..... Ross Bryan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3748	Miltown	John Russell
4340	Scarab	Bruce Draper
5095	Nancy	Dr. Jas. W. Ward
5888	Misty	John Cunningham
6562	Baggywrinkle	Lynn Pearson
6786	Katrina	Walter England
6951	Troi	Gordon Gillingham
7209	Clare	Gordon Sell
7498	Gone With The Wind	John Dortch
7499	Bandersnatch	Dr. C. A. Cobb, Jr.
8064	Jo B	Ross Bryan
8099	Kismet	Phil Littleford
9288	Sprite	Fred Beesley
9298	Angry	Bob Llovet
	Pigeon II	
9876	Countdown	Bob Hagstrom
		Arnold Anderson

Our 1966 season began with a shiver, as Llovet, Bryan, Beesley, and Dortch joined other Corinthians for the Mid-Winter District Meeting at Ken Lake State Park for George O'Day's Seminar on racing tactics. Nashville was especially proud as Ross Bryan received the District Commodore's Trophy for his performance during the 1965 season. Next, Hagstrom and Llovet decided to join forces as Ross Bryan's crew for the Mid-Winter Lightning Championship Regatta at St. Petersburg, Florida. Apparently the combination was a good one, for Bryan carried away 5th place hardware in the nationally-ranked event.

April found Fleet 262 hosting the 13th Annual NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN Regatta at our own Harbour Island Yacht Club. Seventy-two boats from 9 states journeyed to Nashville to compete for the famed "Silliman Evans Cup", and the weatherman cooperated fully, providing winds between 20 and 30 mph for most of the weekend. Bryan scored again, taking the Evans Cup. Beesley was 4th, Llovet 5th, Sell 7th, Hagstrom 9th in a tie with Gillingham, Cunningham 12th, and Russell 13th. Two weeks later, however, the winds had abated at Memphis, scene of the Cotton Carnival Regatta. In spite of the nervous strain of a real "drifter," Bryan took 1st, Llovet 2nd, and Beesley slid to 15th in the large fleet. The annual Governor's Cup Regatta at Kentucky Lake State Park brought better winds, however, and Llovet moved into 1st place, with Bryan trailing in 4th. Beesley took 9th, Hagstrom 12th, Sell 18th, and Russell 19th.

In June, the District Championship brought our fleet once again to Ken Lake, where Fleet 262 members not only took home the hardware, but also claimed the lion's share of important District Offices. Ross Bryan was elected District Commodore, Bob Llovet became Vice-Commodore, Penny Kreigel Secretary and Editor of "Rudderside," and Bob Hagstrom District Measurer. On the Race Course, Bob Llovet followed up his first place of the previous month with another trophy proclaiming him 1966 District Champion, with Ross Bryan as 2nd and Runner-up. Bob and Ross both trailered to the North Americas to represent the Mississippi Valley District, but both suffered mast failures in the high winds and waves. It was a moral victory though, as Llovet came home a Vice-President of the ILCA, and an ILCA Asst. Measurer.

October took us back to Ken Lake for the 3rd big regatta of the year, the Watkins Cup Regatta. It was Ken Lake's 3rd big race, and it turned out to be Bob Llovet's 3rd repeat of a first place trophy at Ken Lake during 1966. Winds varied from light air to real planing reaches, but Llovet bested the fleet and maintained his standing, ably assisted by his wife Bobbie and son Ricky. Bryan was 4th, Beesley 11th, Hagstrom 13th, and Sell 16th.

October also brought a new fleet member, Dr. Phil Littleford, who had purchased Arnold Anderson's boat. Other newcomers, Lynn Pearson and John Russell were also seen steadily improving and moving up in the fleet on weekend races on our home course. The biggest event of October, however, was

the annual Down East Lobster Broil. Real live lobsters were flown in from Maine, and the fleet gathered at Harbor Island for a wonderful evening of good eating, good fellowship, and folk-singing around the fireplace.

Shortly thereafter, Llovet and Hagstrom trailered to Columbus, Ohio for the wonderful Snowball Regatta. They had a fabulous time, and guarantee a larger representation will make the trip next year.

The grand finale for the year was the 2nd annual Bluenose Lightning Regatta, sponsored by our fleet at Harbour Island in Nashville, in November. Due to an unexpected cool spell, some noses really did get blue. As this Post-Season Classic comes at a time when most of our Northern fleets have snuggled down for the winter, a lot of interest developed fleets in the Midwest. Ohio, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee were represented in the 24-boat fleet. Bob Llovet continued his winning streak, easily taking first place; while John Mueller of Cleveland matched his 1965 performance in 2nd place. ILCA Commodore Wilson Scott took 3rd, and Cully Cobb, last year's winner dropped to 6th. Beesley was 8th, Bryan 9th, Hagstrom 10th, Dortch 16th, Cunningham and Pearson tied for 17th, Russell 19th, Sell 21st, and Draper 22nd. From hard-nosed tactics in the icy winds of the race course to convivial singing around the fireplace, a wonderful time was had by all! The Bluenose was another success — and Fleet 262 is looking forward to an even-greater Bluenose Lightning Regatta in 1967.



Ross Bryan is on his way to winning the Nashville Tennessean Regatta.

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

Fleet Captain..... John Gorla
 Fleet Secretary..... Phil Bergsieker
 Fleet Champion..... Augie Paoli
 Runner-Up..... Ralph Schmidt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2143		Al Waldvogel
2589	Hi-Ho	Myron Ley
2591	Cricket	Jim Brady
2726		Myron Kern
4826		William Kirk
5555	Baby Puss	Roy Lenck
6080	Lightning Bug	Phil Bergsieker
6446	Galatea	Ralph Kolde
7275	Mek-A-La	John Gorla
8091	Chicken of the Sea	Lyle Perry
8112		Bob Nebelsick
8500		Ed Dibbler
8641	Magoo II	Ralph Schmidt
8645		Don Hanneke
9242	Gazelle	Joe G'sell
		John Folwell and Chuck Engdale
	Ye Old Tub	Sylvester Hotze
9922	Chaos	Augie Paoli
10105	Rapid Travel	John Norris
		George Hubbell

At our December meeting, the first order of business was the election of officers. The officers from last year, namely John Gorla, Fleet Captain, and Phil Bergsieker, Secretary, were re-elected for the year of 1967.

We opened our harbor for 1966 the second Sunday in May, and even though we had no floods this year, it was almost July before we got in any official races due to bad weather or out of town regattas which caused postponements. Our fleet did its share of travelling this year again to the various regattas. John Gorla sailed in the Nationals at Buffalo and in spite of the fact that he sailed without the help of his brother Tom, who is serving as an Ensign in the Navy at San Diego, John scored 10th in the Governors Cup. Augie Paoli brought home a first place trophy from the Kansas City Regatta. In the Missouri Governors Cup Regatta on Alton Lake our fleet took the first three places. Jerry Paoli (Augie's son) scored first, Ralph Schmidt second, and John Gorla third. In our own club races, we again had 3 series with the following results:

"A" SERIES	"B" SERIES	"C" SERIES
Augie Paoli	Don Hanneke	Augie Paoli
Ralph Schmidt	Augie Paoli	Ralph Schmidt
John Norris	John Norris	Don Hanneke

One prize given for the "B" sailors was awarded to Ed Dibbler.

Our club social activities were very interesting again this year. In March we had a cocktail party and dinner at the Flaming Pit. In July our fleet chartered the Mississippi Belle (we felt that this was so well received at the Districts last year) for an evening of fun on the Mississippi to which we invited the entire VSA Club. In November we had our VSA Annual Awards Banquet at a hotel in Alton, Illinois, which is always the big social affair of the year.

Some of our fleet helped our Y Flyer Fleet stage the Y Nationals at Valley this year which was quite an enjoyable project. In September we had our annual Whale of a Sail which was also a lot of fun. The possibility of a "Mayfly Regatta" in late May or early June is being explored for 1967.

For 1967, Don Hanneke has been elected Vice Commodore of VSA and John Norris has been reelected Treasurer.

We were happy to have Ralph and Mary Schmidt back with us again this year. They were gone for a year to the Virgin Islands, and it seems as though he picked up a trick or two, for after a year's layoff he came right back and ended up as runner up to Paoli.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)

Ohio-Indiana District

Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain	Ken Wood
Fleet Secretary	Bill Deger
Fleet Champion	Steve Simpson
Runner-Up	Ken Wood

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
402	Mohini	Burl Harmon
1335	The Zombie	Fred Clark
1754		Ron Scherrer
3228	Se Bas	Garvin Bastian

3471	Mary A	Howard Young
4657	Populi Edisor	Jim Petty
5175	Lady McDuff	Duff Sadler
6231	Ginger	Bob Zaiser
6366	Binge	Tom Hendrickson
6880	Small Fry	George Small, Jr.
7223		Austin Gardner
8543	Polly Esther	Paul Vos & Walt Tinsley
8679		Bill Hanson
9019	Altair	Ken Wood
9120	Glass Slipper	Maury Liverette
9975	Satin Doll	Fred Massena
		John Leath
		Bill Deger
		Steve Simpson

We began our 1966 race season hosting the Indiana Open Championship May 7th and 8th. This classic lived up to its tradition as winds that nearly blew us off the lake provided plenty of action and good sailing — what we like to call "Lightning weather". The first five place trophies were taken by visiting skippers Jim Schudell, Joe Stueland, Charles Lutes, Bill Buckles and J. B. Malcolm in that order. Jim Schudell, sailing John Mueller's "Ticked Pink" with Mueller as crew, did an outstanding job getting into first place early in every race and staying there. The 1967 Annual Indiana Open Championship is scheduled for May 6th and 7th so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Our fleet membership drive dinner was held in February. Each Lightning owner invited a potential new member to enjoy an evening of fellowship and see a film of the 1962 "Nationals". The event was well attended and produced one new member. Our participation in the Indianapolis Boat Show brought a new member and 30 prospects.

Ken Wood and Steve Simpson represented us at the Ohio-Indiana District meet held at Sandusky, Ohio placing 16th and 23rd. Burl Harmon crewed in this event and got to see the cross-section view of a fiberglass hull via a really spectacular collision under full sail. In true Lightning spirit Ken Wood represented us at the "Nationals" as a spectator.

There was a lot of activity at the dock this season as skippers of the older boats sought to reduce weight and install new go-fasts. It seemed to pay off as Burl Harmon sailed No. 402 into second place at our Memorial Day Regatta and Virgene Scherrer skippered No. 1754 into 3rd place at our Long John Regatta.

Fleet 270 welcomed four new members this year. There were two more fiberglass boats on the starting line but the experienced hands of Steve Simpson and Ken Wood on the tiller of classic wood boats dominated the race season. Late in the season, John Leath took an empty trailer to Casadagra, N.Y. and brought back No. 9050 — bright red, in mint condition and boasting a fine racing record. John named her "No Excuse" and announced "next year things are gonna be different."

We invite visiting skippers to contact us when they are in the Indianapolis area. We race Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. and would enjoy seeing you on our starting line. Two hoists make for an easy haul-out.

GUAYAQUIL YACHT CLUB (272)

Ecuador District

Sailing on Guayas River at Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Captain	Lorenzo Tous
Fleet Secretary	Eduardo Rodriguez Game
Fleet Champion	Santiago Maspons

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5859	Irene	N. Sanster
5861	Guali	Elmar Schulz Mass
5862	Araucano II	Jorge Casanova B.
5863	Che Che	Enrique Plaza L.
5866	Corsario	Jose De Prati
5867	El Cid	Enrique Maulme Gomez
5868	Tiburon	Paul Klein
5869	Smile	Alfonso Pinto Alnv
5957	Cholo	Frank Dubke
5958	Play Boy	Alberto Maspons
		Sailing on Salinas Bay
5864	Barlovento	Escuela Naval Militar
5865	Araucano	Orlando Rodriguez
5870	Monsieur	Escuela Naval Militar

5970	Pilotin	Eduardo Rodriguez Game
5971	Pinocho	Guillermo Campos
6904	Pipo III	V. Emilio Estrada E.
6937	Repunte	Cap. Boris Toledo
7811	Atomo	Lorenzo Tous
8239	Borinquen II	Carlos Lecaro
8513	Farouk	Jose A. Estrada
8574	Irene II	Oscar Bjarner
8936	Primero	Werner Moeller
9411	Play Boy II	Santiago Maspons
N.R.	Nacional	Humberto Diminich
	Sailing on San Pablo Lake (Quito)	
5860	.....	San Pablo Club
5871	.....	San Pablo Club
5872	.....	San Pablo Club
5873	.....	San Pablo Club
5917	.....	San Pablo Club

The activities of Fleet 272 got off to an early start this year with a regatta held in Salinas Bay in January to determine the crews that would travel to Vina del Mar, Chile, to participate in the XII South American Lightning Class Championship that took place in February.

The following crews of Fleet 272 had the distinction of representing Ecuador in this event in the order of standing at the end of the classification series:

1st, Santiago Maspons (9411) with Horacio Feraud and Frank Dubke. 2nd, Jose Estrada (8513) with Mike Perez and Oscar Orrantia, and 3rd, Francisco Sola (7811) with Lorenzo Tous and Aparicio Plaza.

Upon the return of these crews from their trip to Chile, another series were sailed for the Annual Trophy awarded by the Salinas Yacht and Golf Club, being captured by Frank Dubke (5957) followed by Santiago Maspons (9411) and Felipe Eljuri (6937).

At the end of the beach season the boats were returned to Guayaquil and made ready for the summer activities scheduled on the Guayas River.

The first series were held in July and Santiago Maspons (9411) with his able crew Horacio Feraud and brother Alberto Maspons enjoyed having their names engraved on a handsome trophy put up by the 1st Naval District, some of whose officers are becoming interested in Lightning sailing.

The Guayaquil Yacht Club trophy was sailed for during September and Santiago Maspons (9411) again carried off the hardware, followed by Werner Moeller (8936) and Eduardo Rodriguez (5970). A trophy put up by the Municipality of Guayaquil was sailed for on July 25 that commemorates Guayaquil's Independence and it was taken by Frank Dubke (5957) assisted by Mike Perez and Xavier Arosemena.

The Annual Trophy awarded by the Guayaquil Yacht Club was sailed for on October 15th, which is the club, anniversary date. The trophy is kept in the club's custody and Santiago Maspons (9411) with Horacio Feraud and Aparicio Plaza enjoyed seeing their names put down in one of the ten plaques on it.

To close the summer schedule a last series was sailed in November to determine the crews that would participate in the XII South American Lightning Class Championship to be held in Cartagena, Colombia during January 1967, with the following results:

1st, Werner Moeller (8936) with Humberto Diminich and Jose De Prati; 2nd, Frank Dubke (5957) with Mike Perez and Xavier Arosemena, and 3rd, Eduardo Rodriguez (5970) with Alfredo Jurado and Eduardo Rodriguez, Jr.

With the fleets activities ended for the year, but apparently not having had enough sailing, Eduardo Rodriguez, Elmar Schulz and Felipe Eljuri went off on an 18 mile jaunt that took them down the Guayas River, through the locks that connect it with the Salado Estuary and up it to tie up at the Guayaquil Yacht Club's Annex! We are happy to report that a group of sailing enthusiasts living in Quito, Ecuador's Capital and located some 9000 feet above sea level between the Andes Mountains, have banded together and purchased some Lightnings that they sail in Lake San Pablo and are being assisted by members of Fleet 272 in their project to form a new fleet.

Another group that is a frequent visitor of Salinas is also considering forming a fleet under the auspices of the Salinas Yacht and Golf Club. The sea of the new District would rest in Guayaquil.



Memphis Lightning Fleet Yacht Works—Heffelfinger and Fly proprietors.

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)

Mississippi Valley District

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

Fleet Captain..... John Parker Hills
Fleet Secretary..... Crit Currie
Fleet Champion..... Crit Currie
Runner-Up..... John P. Hills and E. B. Fox, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1013	.....	Hugh Gilbert
6397	.....	William C. Cowan
6533	.....	Ben D. Gilliland, Jr.
6604	.....	Pat Burke
7208	Seven Suns	William Deupree and Bay Fitzhugh
7252	Supremacy	Robert H. Heffelfinger
7295	.....	Phil Southall and Rene Duquesnoy
7408	Purple Tiger	George Clarke
7501	Grimlyn	Carl Grimmer
7719	Gem	Jim Humphries
8080	Zipper	Wilson Fly
8257	Blue Bird II	Lloyd Lovitt
8509	Big Daddy	Jack Connors
9015	Red Hot	True Redd
9230	Pink Minx	John P. Hills and E. B. Fox, Jr.
9402	Bo Dollar	Crit Currie
9756	For Sail II	McNeill Ayres

The Delta Sailing Club prides itself on its heavy racing schedule. This year the Lightning class participated in the March frost bite series and then raced from April through November, with August off for vacations, to fill out its regular schedule of 68 races. By fleet decision the Lightnings counted 34 of the races and allowed each boat to throw out the rest. This is customary in our fleet and has been found to work well, honoring attendance somewhat, but not penalizing the sailor who can't get out everytime.

At the time of our club Calcutta, a scrambled boat series in which 20 skippers, 5 from each fleet, participate, Crit Currie was leading the Lightnings. He therefore had the honor of competing for first flight championship, and won. The Lightning class skippers won the event hands down, for the second year in a row with Hills winning the second flight and Fly, Lovitt and Ayers doing well in their respective divisions.

Our annual series was close to the very end with 1st and 2nd places changing back and forth between Hills and Currie, and 3rd and 4th changing back and forth between Fly and Lovitt. Full participation was the highest for the year. Final standings were 1st, J. P. Hills #9230; 2nd, Crit Currie #9402; 3rd, Lloyd Lovitt #8257; 4th, Wilson Fly #9832; 5th, Jim Humphries #7719; 6th, McNeill Ayers #9756; 7th, John Daggott #9051; 8th, Carl Grimmer #7501; 9th, Jack Connors #8509; 10th, True Redd #9999; 11th George Clarke #7408; 12th, Don Torina

#9831; 13th, Phil Southall #7295; 14th, Guy Steel #10049; and 15th, Bay Fitzhugh #7208.

The winter frostbite series is now in progress. This series is being sailed in Thistles but Lightning skippers are participating with full confidence that their touch won't be dulled.

Our high point for the year in attending away from home functions was the Jackson, Mississippi regatta, which 7 of our Lightnings took in. We were greatly impressed by the fine facilities of this Club and by the fine sportsmanship of those attending.

Only two boats attended our district championships, but we hope that this function will be better attended in the future.

Incidentally we want you to know that we have the only \$10,000 Lightning in existence. It belongs to Mr. Robert Heffelfinger. An inveterate woodworker and fine cabinet maker Mr. Heffelfinger has inlaid the entire boat with exotic woods, added a walnut veneer centerboard trunk and generally created a sailing Rembrandt that is current in rig, weight, and measurement. We hope that the boat will even be sailed a little next year, it has always been a fast one, but then again no one wants to jeopardize the value of a collectors item.

We welcome Guy Steele and his 5 digit new Lightning to our fleet and hope to see a lot of him in 1967.

ANZIO LIGHTNING FLEET (278)

Italian District

Fleet Captain: G. B. Capri Cruciani

Fleet Secretary: Renato Costa

Fleet Champions: R. Costa - G. B. Capri Cruciani

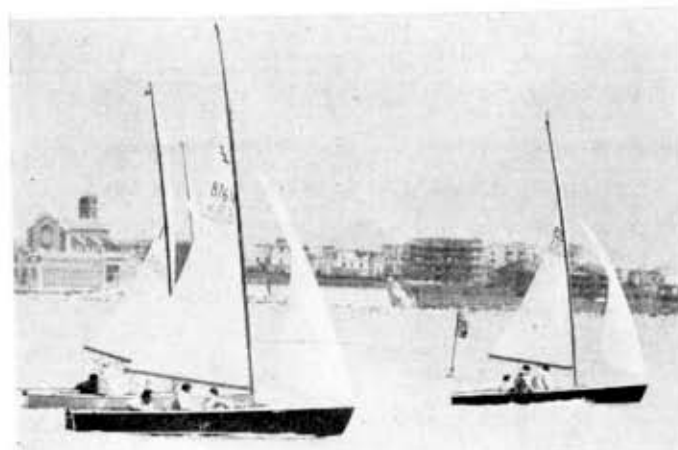
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4401	Uragano	Circolo Vela Roma
6689	Caramba	S. Vulterini
6984	Zig zag	C. Benedetti
7068	Michela	F. Aloisi
7568	Hidalgo	L. Napoleone
8253	Natralite II	F. Pizzarello
8764	Lima	G. B. Capri Cruciani
9395	Cinzia	A. Scamperle
9448	Anna	M. Mainini
9598	Atilo	G. Dusmet
9803	Quasar	R. Costa

We would like to report that our Club participated in the Italian Championship in Formia with five boats and also in the European Championship in Greece with three.

Our boats are mostly new, many of them are fiberglass and all have the latest attachments.

All the year round we had regattas. From Thanksgiving Day till Christmas 1966 we had more than fifteen District or National races.

The Anzio Fleet participated in many other local regattas. We would like to congratulate especially our Club friend, R. Costa, for his good results during the whole year.



No. 8764—Fleet Captain G. B. Capri Cruciani
No. 8448—Fleet Champion R. Costa

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279)

Central Canadian District

Sailing on Lake Superior at Port Arthur-Fort William, Ont.

Fleet Captain..... Bill Harris
Fleet Secretary..... Roger Bailey
Fleet Champion..... Van Bailey
Runner-Up..... David Burnford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4927	.....	E. Holley
4929	DonSue	Don Mackett
5493	Bonbo	L. Walsh
6323	.....	Don Merriman
6324	Vixen	Don Murrell
6867	Serenedipity	James Boyce
7092	Falcon	Graham Goodall
7196	Corvayer	E. Ayer
7270	Madcap	C. G. Wilson
7471	Unasailable	Q. Powell
7781	Wasiegun	J. V. Bailey
7986	Mistral	Hugh Craig
8199	Wyndlass	W. Harris
8628	Whirlwind	Harold Braun
9606	Nancy-Jane	J. Mathieu
9647	Vixen II	Dr. D. Burnford
9695	Bluenose III	Gavin Young
9773	Chinook V	Bob Prettie
9871	Whim	Al Hargan
9872	M'Bijac	Len Remus
9873	Thunder'n	Harley Hughes
9906	Yew-Ell-O	Murray Stitt

1966 was a big year for the Temple Reef Sailing Club, which sailed out of three locations during the year, Port Arthur, Amethyst Harbour (both of these on Lake Superior) and Loon Lake.

Twice as many races were sailed this year compared to previous years, and the participation remained very high. Five new boats appeared in the Fleet, mostly replacing older boats, and members started in early in the season to get ready for the Canadian Lightning Championships which were hosted at Port Arthur by the Club on July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The City of Port Arthur cooperated by finishing a new marina just prior to the Championships. The headquarters for the Regatta were located ideally in the Prince Arthur Hotel immediately adjacent to the marina, and over fifty boats showed up for the regatta from as far as Vancouver and Montreal. There was no doubt that the holding of the Canadian Lightning Championships acted as a great stimulant to the Lightning fleet on the north shore of Lake Superior. The participating committee learned so much from this big time regatta experience that several of them are going on in 1967 to participate as officials in the Pan American Games being held in Winnipeg.

Although none of our boats did better than twelfth in the Canadians, a lot was learned and the level of competition became so intense that the final results weren't decided until the last race.

Paterson Trophy, Van Bailey; Tin Mug, Van Bailey; Hargan Trophy, Van Bailey; Little Trophy, David Burnford; McCranor Trophy, David Burnford; Crystal Trophy, Al Hargan; Prettie Trophy, Keith Campbell.

The second major event of 1966 was the decision to combine with the two Winnipeg area clubs to form a Midwest Canadian District of the Lightning Association. These three clubs have been competing among themselves for the last eight years and have participated very little in the Midwest District in which they were placed by the Lightning Association. Members are looking forward to the opportunity of sending their district champion to the North American Championships, thus further adding to the import of new sailing techniques to the Club.

The Temple Reef Club now faces the unique challenge of having concentrated so heavily on Lightnings that many of the smaller boats, and some of the cruising boats sailing with the Club, have become dissatisfied with the competition offered outside of Lightning racing. With 1967 Centennial activities and the Pan American Games to participate in Lightning racing is likely to be de-emphasized in 1967 while the rest of the fleet is built up.