

FLOTILHAS DE LIGHTNINGS DE GUANABARA (401)

Brazil District

Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil

Fleet Captain Aurelio R. B. Almeida
Fleet Secretary Jose M. Vilela
Fleet Champion Miklos Stammer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
75	Jovi	Jose de Melo Vilela
1767	Regulus	Carmino Caputo
1771	.....	Nilo Mendes
1772	Neila	Nilo Mendes
1773	Zefran	Jose Francisco dos Santos
2009	Ariel	Sergio Alves Tavares
2160	Orion	Marcio Sansao
2416	Suco	Aurelio Rosa Barcellos de Almeida
3512	Jovi	Jose de Melo Vilela
3753	zuben 'ubi	Miklos Stammer
.....	Gato 7	Sergio Gilaberte
8523	Maruth	Maria Ruth G. Rio

After the reorganization of the Fleet in the middle of the year, we have had great activity on our waters. Thus, the Fleet Championship that in the past had been raced with Fleet 351, was sailed on our own waters. Boats of the fleet have participated in many other races and championships with good results. Here are the most important: Fleet Championship: 1st, 3753; 2nd, 1773; 3rd, 2160; 4th, 1772; 5th, 1767. Carioca Championship (with the participation of boats of Fleet 351): 3rd, 3753; 4th, 1773; 5th, 2160; 7th, 1772; 8th, 1767. Open Championship of Ramos late Clube (with boats of Fleet 351): 1st, 1773; 2nd, 1772; 3rd, 3753; 5th, 1767. Escola de Marinha Mercante Regatta (also with boats of Fleet 351): 4th, 2160; 5th, 3753; 6th, 1773; 8th, 1772; 9th, 1767.

Now, our champion is going to participate on the Brazilian Championship. We wish him well and regret that the results will be available too late for publication in this year's yearbook.

SALINAS YACHT CLUB FLEET (405)

Ecuador District

Sailing on Salinas Bay at Salinas

Fleet Captain Hugo A. Gonzenbach
Fleet Secretary Orlando Rodriguez
Fleet Champion Werner Moeller
Runner-Up Miguel Pérez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9411	Bora-Bora	Miguel Pérez
10618	.....	José Estrada
11040	.....	Alberto Maspons
11262	Tio Pupu	Hugo A. Gonzenbach
11259	Capitancito	Orlando Rodriguez
11392	.....	Santiago Maspons
11611	.....	Werner Moeller

Our main sailing season is during the months of February through April because this is our "summer." Ecuador differs from many countries in the world in that it is situated on the Equator, and therefore, has only two seasons—i.e., "rainy" from January through April and "dry" season in the months of May to December.

During March and April we had several regattas, all with light winds. Our main event was the fleet championship won this time by our skipper Werner Moeller who is the Commodore of the Ecuador District and also Headman of the Salinas Yacht Club that this year will start the construction of new facilities and a complete marina in preparation for 1975 when it is expected that Ecuador will be in charge of the Lightning Worlds.

We had during September the selection regattas for the Braniff Cup and on November 1, 2, 3 and 4th we had the Braniff tournament. There were 16 boats competing. We had the privilege of the visit of top international sailors such as Tom Allen with wife Anne and Larry Bonne; Jim Dressel with wife and Gary Cameron; Bill Shore with wife and Federico Meira; Andres Lisocki with wife and Jorge Uscatequi. We regretted that Mario Buckup, the Brazilian Pan-Am American champion and last year winner of the Braniff

Cup was not with us this time due to his participation in the Brazilian National Championship running at this very time.

The top six skippers in the Braniff Cup this year were: 1—Tom Allen, US, 75 points; 2—Jim Dressel, US, 75 points; 3—Bill Shore, US, 71 points; 4—Paco Sola, EC, 65 points; 5—Alberto Maspons, EC, 64 points; 6—Santiago Maspons, EC, 60 points.

PARKWAY SAILING CLUB (406)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Niagara River at Fort Erie, Ontario

Fleet Captain Harold Benner
Fleet Secretary David Graham
Fleet Champion Ray Filsinger
Runner-Up Des Smith

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5148	Harold Benner
6808	David Gardiner
8033	Raymond Filsinger
9136	W. Baumann
10125	Graham Misner
10200	Donald Glenny
10536	Bob Filipowicz
10628	Richard O'Connor, D.D.S.
12171	K. Dieter Weinmann
.....	D. M. Smith

This season ends one of the most rewarding yet frustrating years sailed. There were a few dead calms coupled with an equal number of knock-downs. Needless to say the fleet came away unscathed on the calms, but was not quite so fortunate on the knock-downs. Damage ranged from broken spars to shattered nerves, but all recovered and we finished the season in fine fashion.

On the brighter side, our fleet was well represented in district regattas where we are constantly showing improvement against the tough competition in our district. We had Lightnings attend our Invitational Regatta which was another success this year although all the hardware was taken from our club, with Matt Bryant, Buffalo Canoe Club first, Cal Smiege, Niagara Sailing Club second and Andres Lisocki, Columbia, S.A. third.

Hurricane Agnes was the only dark moment of our otherwise successful season. Dick O'Connor's boat was damaged beyond repair and two other boats, including Fleet Champion Ray Filsinger's "Valium V" were pounded quite heavily, but as we all witnessed, the extra weight of repairs didn't stop the Filsingers (Ray's wife Deloris and son Will are his crew) from a most successful series including six firsts in nine starts.

Deiter Weinmann, a former champion, was conspicuous in his absence, but his new Lightning arrived late in the season and in a couple of appearances showed he has not lost his touch and along with a new boat ordered by Des Smith for next year, the competition should be quite keen in 1973.

PORT ARTHUR YACHT CLUB FLEET (407)

Texas District

Sailing on Lake Sabine at Port Arthur, Texas

Fleet Captain C. A. Temple
Fleet Secretary J. Lowry Freeman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4519	Lori Anne	Bill Enderle
6549	Snoopy	J. Lowry Freeman
6958	Tish	G. W. Imhoff III
8534	Inyati	T. F. Ellis & C. A. Temple

Fleet 407 held two series of races this season. In the Spring Series, Richard Dixon won first place and Charles Temple second. In the Summer Series, Lowry Freeman was first and Charles Temple second.

The weekend of July 15-16, Port Arthur Yacht Club held its 2nd Annual Invitational Regatta. Eleven Lightnings participated—one from Dallas, one from Houston, five from Lake Charles, and four from our own fleet. It was a pleasure to meet the out-of-town skippers and crews who had never before visited Port Arthur, and to renew acquaintance with old friends in the class.

Lowry Freeman took his boat to Lake Charles, La., in April, for their Contraband Days Regatta. The hospitality of Fleet 399 is

without peer and the steaks Guy Richard prepares are *par excellence*.

We are looking forward to a bigger and better regatta in 1973, the date of which will be finalized at the TYA meeting in February.

LAPPEENRANTA LIGHTNING FLEET (412)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Saimaa, Lappeenranta, Finland

Fleet Secretary Matti Hamalainen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9342	Susanna	Sinikka Silvennoinen
9611	Kajava II	Matti Hamalainen
10341	Marco	Lauritsalan Sinisiskot (Girl Guides)

No Report.

SPRITE ISLAND LIGHTNING FLEET (413)

Connecticut - Rhode Island District

Sailing Long Island Sound at Norwalk and Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Kin Tsu

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2042	.....	Lou Diamond
2329	.....	Bud Reynolds
3929	Campbell's	.....
	Sloop	Colen Campbell
5322	Ghost	Bud Reynolds
7853	.....	Bart Hannan
8252	The Boat	Dick Svencer
8916	.....	Kin Tsu
10261	Impostor	Dennis Szokolay

No Report.

JUANITA BAY SAILING FLEET (414)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Lake Washington at Juanita Bay

Fleet Captain James Morrison
Fleet Secretary Bruce Cosacchi
Fleet Champion Frank Paine
Runner-Up John Woodward

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8472	Gusto	Bruce Cosacchi
10693	.....	James Morrison
10694	Katydid	Bob Kennard
10741	Daisy	Ron Cameron
10867	.....	Frank Paine
11283	.....	George Agner
11975	.....	John Woodward



Jim Morrison looking very relaxed.

A busy season with better than 50 races provided members of Fleet 414 with an exciting and interesting sailing experience. John Woodward's new boat was hard to catch, but Frank Paine managed to come out on top. Frank also gets the award for "wettest skipper" with one man overboard and one capsized, while Bruce Cosacchi gets the "wrinkled prune" award for most time in the water. The urgings of Ron Cameron resulted in some longer races, and response seems to indicate more long races in the future. The enthusiasm and camaraderie together with the "friendly competition" of Fleet 414 make racing Lightnings on scenic Juanita Bay one of life's more enjoyable experiences.

TRIAD (415)

Southeastern District

Sailing on High Rock Lake at Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain William W. Pleasants
Fleet Secretary James C. Wilson
Fleet Champion Henry Booke
Runner-Up William Pleasants

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5919	.....	Marty Krumnacher
6848	.....	Warren Osborne
7649	Rebel	Robert G. Williams
9568	Allegro	Sam Booke
10086	.....	E. Allen Schilpp
10284	I'm Sorry Too	James C. Wilson
10396	Black Magic	Clayton "Corky" Gray
10519	Good Grief	E. J. Markushewski
10722	De-Bon-Air	Don & Hank DeBragga
10728	No Trump	Dr. William Montgomery
11027	Check-Mate	Henry M. Booke
11052	Snake-Bit	Harry Anderson
11163	.....	William W. Pleasants
11638	.....	George W. Beck

Nineteen seventy-two was one of the most active years yet enjoyed by Fleet 415. The fleet is one of the more active sailing at High Rock Yacht Club in the foothills of the Appalachians.

The season began with Harry Anderson hosting a spring meeting, during which yearly plans were made. The racing began with Bill Pleasants and family jumping out to an early lead. Bill, along with Bob Williams, represented the Fleet at the district championships in Atlanta, Ga.

The unusually good breeze held up through the early summer and made for good sailing. In fact, the breeze was so good that Ed Markushewski took his crew, boat and all, swimming. In June, Harry and his crew of old salts showed everyone how to win three times in a row! July and August saw the return of the famed high rock drifters. Corky Gray got his *Zephyr Sniffer* working and took the lead in seasonal points.

On Labor Day, H.R.Y.C. held its Invitational Regatta for all classes. Bill came out the winner in Lightnings, followed by Penny Booke and Corky. In September, Fleet 415 held its annual Triad Regatta, again graciously hosted by the Booke family. Penny outdrifted everyone to take first, followed by Corky and Bill. Don DeBragga also sewed up the Sam Brooke Trophy, the State Championship.

October brought out the traveling fever, five skippers headed both north and south to race. Only Marty Krumnacher captured any silver, taking second at Smith Mt. Lake in Virginia.

The year ended with Corky as Fleet Champion, followed by Penny and Bill. Ed Markushewski was presented H.R.Y.C.'s "Granny Knot" award for his spectacular capsized during the season. Bill Pleasants was commodore-elect of H.R.Y.C. for 1973.

We have three new members this year, Ed Markushewski in 10517 and Marty Krumnacher and Warren Osborn in two old vintage wood boats, 5919 and 6848.

Dr. John Brockmann will again be sailing with us, along with many new members next season.

MISSISSINEWA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (420)

Indiana District

Sailing on the Mississinewa Lake, Peru, Indiana

Fleet Secretary John Nixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6902	Bill Lester
8528	Robert Allman
10009	Homer Cook, Jr.
11199	Explorer Ship 5302

Highlight of the tiny fleet's activity was the third annual WAN-FINLRAPMUP Regatta, held the third weekend in October.

Twenty-eight boats appeared and the event was won the second year in a row by Bill Buckles. Jack Mueller was second and Ronnie Blair was third.

The reason the regatta is so unusual is that there is only one racing sailor in the fleet, Secretary John Nixon, and he races out of Lake Wawasee Fleet (Indiana) 154. But the group hosts this "fun" regatta which attracts top talent and a large number of boats. The fleet's been told that skippers come to win, of course, but put more emphasis on just having a good time.

On the serious side this fleet is experimental, trying to build into a racing fleet on this flood control reservoir. And this year, substantial interest was generated for next year. It's pretty certain two more Lightnings will be added (one for a current C-Scow racer). And the group is now talking about regular mini-racing until they learn how.

On the side, skippers train boy and girl Explorer Scouts in their own Lightnings. Two girls who started as Explorers in their high school sophomore year were made Explorer instructors as they graduated from high school.

PENN MANOR LIGHTNING FLEET (422)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Van Sciver Lake, Tullytown, Pa.

Fleet Captain	.....	Dwight Hutchinson, M.D.
Fleet Secretary	.....	Lawrence M. Stein
Fleet Champion	.....	Dwight Hutchinson, M.D.
Fleet Runner-Up	.....	A. Peter Murray

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5074	.....	William Chapman
7564	.....	Richard Joyce, Jr.
8405	Judy	Charles Groff
8684	.....	Robert Portland, Jr.
9177	Wildcat	Richard Kerper
9924	Great Scott	George Scott
10181	Lu Too	Lawrence M. Stein
10729	.....	Robert Wilson
10766	.....	Paul Hamm
11124	Swampy-Skunkbucket	Dwight Hutchinson, M.D.
11182	Menace II	George Dennis, Jr.
11340	Comedy Hour	Martin F. Feybusch
11602	Novia	Charles Pickford
12165	Ooga-ooga	A. Peter Murray & Gary Blanchard

The fourth year of the Penn Manor Fleet opened with a pre-season racing seminar series which included, in addition to rules and tactic sessions, visits to a boat builder and a sailmaker.

The landmark event of the year was the inauguration of the first Annual Invitational Lightning Regatta by Fleet Captain Gary Blanchard, when heavy weather forced postponement of the regular Penn Manor Spring Regatta. After morning Nor'easter rains lifted, nine boats (including one maverick Celebrity) sailed a full three races with Art Ries of Red Dragon taking first, followed by Fleet Champion Dwight Hutchinson and runner-up Peter Murray. A special fourth place prize went to young Phil Dennis, who skippered his father's boat to his first trophy as a Lightning Skipper.

A number of boats in the fleet participated in several of the regattas held in the Delaware River and Jersey Shore starting with the "Long John" at Red Bank in April. Hutchinson, primed after an early Spring secret Bahama racing clinic, took several fourths and broke into the "silver" twice. Close on his heels was the dynamic duo of Murray and Blanchard in their new boat "Ooga Ooga" and George Dennis, his son and daughter in "Menace II". Also hanging in were the Paul Hamm family sailsnappers, Charlie Pickford in his new "Novia" and Bob Wilson. Another first was our representation at Quantico in late October by Hutchinson, Blanchard, and Murray, which closed out our season.



Spinaker drill (?) aboard LU TOO. Norman Goldman

On the day sailing scene, Larry Stein spent the season practicing heavy air techniques on Barnegat Bay; while at the Lake, Charlie and Gordy Groff kept their boat "Judy" in shape for the periodic lake races. Work forced curtailment of Marty Feybusch's sailing schedule and we hope he'll be back racing next year.

Most overdue event of the year was Dick Kerper moving up to the Lightning class after being a Celebrity standout for several years. Welcome aboard, Dick, to the class where the action is.

As the season closed, plans were being made to participate in the Southern Circuit for the first time.

1972 was a year of "firsts" in everything but "silver". We plan to concentrate on this in our fifth year.

TIPPECANOE LAKE SAILING CLUB (425)

Indiana District

Sailing on Tippecanoe Lake at Leesburg, Indiana

Fleet Captain	.....	James Murray
Fleet Secretary	.....	George E. Buckingham
Fleet Champion	.....	George E. Buckingham
Runner-Up	.....	Howard Webb

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
21	H. V., Jr., Peter T., & Patricia Gawthrop
628	James Murray
7033	Harry Bishop
11181	Dan T. Danielson
11503	George E. Buckingham
12021	H. V., Jr., Peter T., & Patricia Gawthrop
12205	Howard Webb & John Bundy

1972 was a big traveling year for Fleet 425, starting with the Indiana Open on May 6. During the season several members trailed on to Lake Wawasee, the Hoosier Regatta, Indiana Districts, Re-

hoboth NAC, Devils Lake, Clark Lake, and the Mississinewa "RAPMUP."

With the above traveling, outfitting of new boats, and modernizing of old ones, our home waters Summer Series was shorter than usual. During five July and August Sunday afternoons, varying from drifters to screaming spinnaker reaches, George Buckingham again won the fleet championship. Howard Webb's new boat, 12205, took second, and Dan Danielson was third.

In addition to cleaning up at home, it was George Buckingham's "break out" year. George placed in the Hoosier Regatta and in the Indiana Districts, earning a back up position for the Nationals. Together with daughter Georgeann and Dan Danielson as crew, some really fine sailing experience was gained at the Rehoboth National Regatta.

The third annual Tippecanoe Lightning Invitational Regatta took place August 12-13, with eleven boats entered. In light airs, Dr. Ken Wood from Indianapolis S.C. finished first, with George Buckingham second, and Ken Zinszor third. Our innovative Rear Admiral's trophy was awarded to Dr. Austin Gardner, also of the Indianapolis S.C. In 1973, this Regatta is scheduled for September 8-9 with excellent odds for good winds, good water, and plenty of competition and hospitality.

On Labor Day, the club sponsored its seventh annual open invitational regatta for all classes. Four fleets, totaling thirty-four boats, sailed twenty races in good air during the two days. The Lightning contest was close, with everyone getting his moment of glory in various races. Canny Herb Gawthrop in "Old 21" (with a new fiberglass bottom) was tough, but at the final gun it was Buckingham, Zinszor, Danielson, the same standings as for the overall season. Ted Murray and John Bundy were first and second, respectively, in the Super Porpoise Class.

1973 promises to be a good year, with the possibility of two or three more new boats joining Fleet 425. Plans to include more fleets and an expanded race committee program have met with initial enthusiasm from area sailors.

We'll see you again to start the racing season at the Indiana Open.

HAMPTON ROADS FLEET (426)

Dixie District

Sailing on Lower Chesapeake Bay at Virginia Beach, Virginia

Fleet Captain Woody Woodbury
Fleet Secretary Dan McLean

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9738	Stephen Huhn
10623	William J. Zidziunas
11568	Cdr. O. L. Woodbury
.....	Quinn Thomas
.....	Daniel P. MacLean, Jr.



Gentile, Purnell, and Woodbury round the weather mark at Norfolk Azalea regatta.

The Hampton Roads Fleet welcomed two new members early this season—Quinn Thomas and Dan MacLean, who both reside in the Virginia Beach area. Dan has been extremely active in Lightning class matters during the year. He has been our class representative from the southern Chesapeake Bay area to the CBYRA and was instrumental in organizing the participation by Lightnings in the Norfolk Azalea Festival Regatta. We hope this event, which was hosted by the Norfolk Navy Sailing Association, will include Lightnings each year.

Fifteen Lightnings raced in this year's Azalea Regatta. We hope to see more boats here each year for this event. The Regatta was won by Don Delorme of Falls Church, Va. Dixie District Commodore, Al Dutton, of Kennett Square, Pa. was second and Bob Purnell of Georgetown, Del. was third.

Misfortune struck the fleet shortly before the season opened when Dan MacLean's boat was destroyed in a fire which also destroyed his garage, an automobile, and damaged his home. Dan's spirits are still high, however, and he plans to be ready to race in 1973.

Steve Huhn will be returning to his home in New York after this season. Woody Woodbury has moved to Quantico, Virginia where he will be sailing with Fleet 354 next year.

Fleet 426 has a terrific potential for expansion and a more active local racing schedule. However, we need more Fleet members to get on the local racing schedule as most clubs require five to seven boats for a class start. For those who enjoy trailing on weekends, meeting new friends, and sailing on a variety of interesting waters, the Dixie District Invitational circuit is hard to beat, and there are races almost every weekend from May through October.



"Are you sure you're looking for the same mark I am?"

KILLYLEAGH YACHT CLUB (427)
Ireland District
Sailing on Strangford Lough, Co. Down.

Fleet Secretary Marshall Martin
 Fleet Champion Denis Bennett
 Runner-Up Eric Sutherland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11018	Julian	Garfield Brown
11403	Thunder'n	Jack Donnan
11438	Janice B	Jack Katzeinstein & Peter Clark
11439	Hustler	Denis Bennett
11697	Fin	Bill Sutherland
K1	Tempest	Marshall Martin
K5	Elphin	Eric Rawson
K9	Heather	Ivor Cranston
K14	Fireball	Arthur Bolton
K21	Nautilus	Eric Sutherland
K23	Tern	Wilmer McFerran

During the first two months of our season, which commences on the first week in May we had unusually cold, wet and windy conditions. Many of our members do not relish these conditions, so we had a poor turn-out for half of our first weekly series which runs until the middle of July. As the weather improved so did our attendance. Denis Bennett and Ivor Cranston had a real ding dong battle, with Denis winning the series by only one point, Marshall Martin was third for good attendance.

We based our Fleet Championship this year on the second weekly series. Good weather with light airs persisted for the entire series which made us all forget about the conditions earlier in the year. Denis Bennett, Eric Sutherland and Ivor Cranston dominated this series with each taking it in turn to lead. Going into the last race—all three had a chance of winning. Denis Bennett seems to relish this type of competition and so for the second year running he became fleet champion with Eric Sutherland pipping Ivor Cranston for second place. Ivor Cranston was very consistent during the season and this was very creditable considering he was sailing a boat twenty-eight years old.

Jack Katzeinstein from Massachusetts has recently bought James Bennett's boat so we are hoping that he will be able to give us some tips next year on how the Americans sail Lightnings.

PYHASELKA LIGHTNING FLEET (428)
Finland District
Sailing on Lake Pyhäselkä, Joensuu, Finland

Fleet Captain Osmo Tanskanen
 Fleet Secretary Martti Susitaival

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7183	Annina	Hakon Susitaival
7984	.....	Ahti Karessuo
11357	Skipi	Osmo Tanskanen
11892	.....	Martti Hartikainen
11893	.....	Teemu Pakarinen

No Report.

THE GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Charleston Harbor at Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Harold L. Hintz
 Fleet Secretary Wayne Hardwicke
 Fleet Champion Harold L. Hintz
 Runner-Up John A. Eastright, M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3513	.....	Fredrick R. Burnet
9378	Gale Wind	Henry Russell
9516	Chock-Full-of-Nuts	Julian W. McClamroch, II
10009	Bluebolt	John Gibbs
10253	.....	Robert Pleischl

10355	.....	Harvey McCormick
10849	Stormy Banks	Steve Jordan
11318	.....	Thomas H. Rawl
11705	Miss Joyce	Tom Waters
11985	Sunkissed	John A. Gastright, M.D.
12029	.....	Harold L. Hintz

"Hit the Road" was the theme for 1972 for Fleet 429, as both the old and new sailors traveled to out-of-town regattas. Members went to Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta, Rockville, Greenville, Lake Murray, and Savannah regattas. Harold Hintz was the Fleet Champion and generally placed well in competition against other clubs. The local summer regattas were very well attended, as the fleet has grown in both size and interest.



"You mean you're not the photographer from Surfing World?"

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430)
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain George P. Glenn, Jr.
 Fleet Secretary Jeanette A. Lindsay
 Fleet Champion Gordon Buzby
 Runners-Up George Gaynor & John Parker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7195	Sandpiper	William H. Lindsay, Jr.
10373	April	Stokes F. Burtis, Jr.
10764	Minmums	John A. Pfister
10767	Twenty-Twenty	William P. Robinson
10775	Beulah Too	Carroll Streeter
10778	Bee Hive	Gordon Buzby
11061	Peaches	George P. Glenn, Jr.

At the conclusion of its second year, Fleet 430 is pleased to report progress in its development of Lightning sailing and racing at the Ocean City Yacht Club. The keystone of our building program is the fine resource of young people within our Fleet and within our Club.

As in many Lightning fleets, our crews are family affairs, which means a good supply of young skippers with solid backgrounds in crewing experience. With the concurrence of O.C.Y.C.'s race committee, this year we rotated crew assignments in our boats to allow youth its share of skippering.

Young skippers who showed very creditable performances were "Buzz" Buzby, "Gidge" Glenn, Jeanette Lindsay, and "Bud" Stokes. Top honors in this movement go to "Cap" Streeter who entrusted his boat, "Beulah Too", to the capable combination of George Gaynor and Johnny Parker. Johnny, by the way, became the new owner of the boat as the season ended. John and his pretty young wife, Eleanor, exemplify a whole new generation of Lightning sailors.

Ocean City Yacht Club abounds in sailing fleets; most notable for spawning sailors are the Moth and Sunfish fleets. No longer must

these tyros "sit it out" when howling winds dictate cancellation of races for the smaller craft; now the youngsters swarm the Lightnings for a chance to crew and help fly the spinners—a whole new dimension of sailing for them.

Add all the O.C.Y.C. youth and enthusiasm to Kevin Robinson's bevy of beautiful crews and dockside admirers, and we have the setting for Lightning sailing that gives great promise for the future.

Gordon Buzby in *Beehive* was the 1972 winner of the Fleet's Saturday and Sunday series. "Cap" Streeter's *Boulab Too*, with George Gaynor and John Parker sharing honors, took 2nd place on Saturday and 3rd on Sunday. *Peaches*, skippered by George Glenn, won 3rd place silver on Saturday. Bill Lindsay's *Sandpiper* placed 2nd in the Sunday Series.

Fleet 430 is especially grateful for the excellent work of Jim Karabrese and his superb Race Committee.



Shortly after this picture was taken this skipper received a 60° header.



Spinnakers flying on Lake Tomine—in spite of the huge windbreak in background.

LIGHTNING FLEET (432)

Colombia District

Club Nautico Del Tomine

Fleet Captain William Cunliffe
Fleet Secretary Luis Welti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1492	Varua	Felix Bruppacher
1493	C.N.T.	Roberto Uribe
1519	Bisturi	Gunter Schwochau
1996	Monserate	Enrique Andrade
6095	Lutaima	Hernando Franco
6097	Sta. Maria	Abdon Estefan & Rafael Sanabria
6098	La Niña	Roberto Laignelet
6099	Pisces Pirana	William Cunliffe
6106	Sandokan	William Newman & Camilo Santander
6922	Tramontana	Heinrich Bruderer & Edwin Siegrist
6988	Futsi	Peter Madsen & Horst Mueller
6989	Bochica	Ivan Bernal
7293	Sue	Luis Welti
8971	La Pinta	Otto Graf
8972	Aries	Zoilo Maldonado

The sailing season for Fleet No. 432 is a long one compared to most other parts of the world—52 weeks long. However, because of the local vacation season which is December and January, we limit ourselves to a sailing season from February through November. This does not mean that we do not sail in December and January but we have no organized activities those months. Colombia is blessed with sailable weather the entire year, especially in the high mountain lake where we do our sailing.

During the month of February this year, we spent most of the time getting organized. Our first Lightning regatta was held on the 12th of March and was won by Guillermo Castillo, No. 8974; second place was taken by Hiram Robayo, No. 7293; and third place by Zoilo Maldonado, No. 8972. On the 9th of April we held our second regatta. Strong winds made this regatta particularly memorable. It was a good test for all participants. Again Guillermo Castillo in No. 8974 was first. In second place was Enrique Bruder, No. 6922. Third place was taken by Zoilo Maldonado, No. 8972.

May 7th saw the running of our third scheduled regatta. Winners were Enrique Bruder, No. 6922; second place Luis Welti, No. 7293; and third place Bill Newman in No. 6106.

In July members of Fleet No. 432 participated in the Admirals Championship held about fifty miles away from our home lake. In August we held a training regatta in conjunction with the other classes in our Club. Also, in August was the Colombian National Championship for Lightnings in which Guillermo Castillo finished 9th.

SOUTHAMPTON (431)

Greater Long Island District

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton, L.I., New York

Fleet Captain Robert P. McManus, D.D.S.
Fleet Secretary Hugh Halsey, II, M.D.
Fleet Champion Walter Carucci
Runner-Up Jay Best

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Walter Carucci
8325	Raymond V. Rumph
8363	Richard Rudick
9640	Mark Magowan
10299	John & Hugh Halsey II
10865	George Caradine
11071	Rodney T. Wood, M.D.
11224	John F. Steigerwald & Jay Best
11399	Robert P. McManus, D.D.S.

Fourteen races were sailed this season beginning June 24 and finishing September 9. An average of 10 boats participated, and a newcomer, a refugee from Fleet 133, Manhasset Bay, Wally Carucci, with an old Etchells won the championship. Last year's champ, Jay Best was a close runner-up. Wally found the heavier winds of eastern Long Island to his liking, although he was one of the six boats capsized by a line squall in the last race of the season.

We hope to have a few more boats competing next year, and to have a Sunday as well as a Saturday series for the more avid sailors. Anyone in the vicinity of Southampton interested in racing Lightnings—join us!

In September, several members of Fleet No. 432 participated in the anniversary celebration regatta held by Club Muña. It was a series of very interesting races and good training for all those who participated.

Our fleet championship is to be held in early November, which will bring an end to our 1972 sailing season. Plans are already being laid for the '73 season which promises to be a busy year.

OYSTER BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (434) Greater Long Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound at Oyster Bay

Fleet Captain	David Kellogg
Fleet Secretary	Steve Benjamin
Fleet Champion	Steve Benjamin
Runner-Up	Gary Knapp

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5841	Gary Knapp
6981	William Uhl
9894	P. James Roosevelt
10399	Stephen Benjamin
11475	Fredrick Ward
11580	David Kellogg
11702	Gary Staller

Fleet 434 gained two new members last summer and the competition was more intense than ever. Many skippers were out early tuning up their boats, and it showed when Steve Benjamin and Philip Roosevelt placed well at the Centerport Invitational Memorial Regatta. At the New York Yacht Club Junior Regatta, Gary Knapp won his division, and at Junior Race Week Steve was first and Gary second. Philip also won his division at Sea Cliff Jr. Day. The highlight of the season was the Greater Long Island Districts at Sheepshead Bay. Steve and Gary sailed consistently to place first and third, respectively.

Because all our skippers like to race in as many outside regattas as possible, we elected, at the start of the season, to decide the fleet champion on his performance in any four outside regattas. We found that this system worked very well. If a skipper could not get away one weekend he could always find a job crewing in one of the more popular local classes. We all learned as much, if not more, than we would have had we sailed against the same boats each weekend.

Because the Junior Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound is changing the Junior boat from Lightnings to Fireballs many of the members are selling their boats. Hopefully, they can be sold locally and the fleet will perpetuate itself.

All in all it was a good summer for Fleet 434.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435) Texas District Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	George Hatfield
Fleet Secretary	Richard Guinan, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7496	Rick Tears
10211	Sam Lett, Jr.
10275	John Hall
10289	Dave Fagin
10854	Hal Plouch
10987	Bill & Harris Garrett
11028	Calvert K. Garrett
11311	Bob Thomas
11877	Mike & Pat Haggerty
11955	Duncan Porter
11956	Mike & Pat Haggerty
11957	George Hatfield
12003	Jerry Stewart
12052	Dr. S. R. Newman

If one word can summarize this year's activities for Fleet 435, it would be success. Our skippers won and placed in various re-

gattas and our fleet membership grew in number and quality with the addition of Bill and Harris Garrett, Hal Plouch, and John Hall.

Our first annual Thanksgiving Regatta (1971) was sailed in perfect weather. Among the out of town entries were Bill Buckles, Charlie Zink, Ron Blair and National Mallory Champion John Kolius. The Regatta was won by Bill Buckles who was superb. Kyle Fagin, our home grown 13 year old prodigy, placed second.

Our fleet attended the Holiday in Dixie Regatta in May. We all enjoyed the wonderful hospitality extended by the Shreveport Club. We also won 7 of the first 10 places. Duncan Porter took first, beating out Bob Thomas, who took second, on the last beat of the last race.

At the Fort Worth Boat Club Regatta in June, Mike Haggerty, who returns to us briefly from school each year to pay dues and win a few races, came from behind after a poor start beating out second place finisher, Sylvian Newman and third place Sam Lett to take first in the race and regatta.

The Texas Districts were held the following weekend at Rush Creek Yacht Club. Mike Haggerty was so fast he had the regatta won without having to sail the final race. Young Kyle Fagin placed second and Sylvian Newman finished third.

Harris Garrett, former Flying Scott North American Champion, and her crew, Lee Porter and Mary Pick, entered the Adams Cup series. The ladies had plenty of practice sailing in competition within our fleet and won themselves a trip to Cincinnati to race in the Adams Cup finals. Harris overcame a D.S.Q. in a race she placed second in to place third in the series.

Three of our boats traveled up to Topeka, Kansas to race in a regatta during the Fourth of July holiday at Lake Perry. Bill Buckles won the series with all firsts. The three Dallas boats took second, third and fourth.

Bob Thomas traveled to Port Arthur, Texas and incorporated a regatta into his vacation. Bob won the regatta and has been sailing fast ever since. At this time he is so far out in front in our fall series that he is uncatchable.

Twice during the summer our fleet sailed North about 3 miles up the lake to participate in regattas sponsored by Captain's Cove Yacht Club. David Fagin is trying to get a Lightning fleet started at the neighboring club. Hopefully he will be successful.

The sail-off for the Rush Creek Yacht Club championship was held over Labor Day and the following weekend. Prodigy, Kyle Fagin won the right to represent the Lightning fleet and went on skippering a Shields One Design with an all Lightning crew in the finals to win. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing our club "heavies" trounced by 13 year old Kyle.

Three of our fleet members, Duncan Porter, Mike Haggerty and Calvert Garrett went to the North Americans. This probably was the low spot of our successful year. None of them did too well on the race course, but a good time was had by all.

We are all hard at work at this time preparing for our second annual Thanksgiving Regatta. It promises to be better than last year with more boats and keener competition. We also have quite a party in the planning stage. Our resident witch is working on the weather and has guaranteed good sailing.

In 1973 we plan to keep bringing home the silver and continue our efforts to expand our fleet. We would like to see our Thanksgiving Regatta become a major event in the Southwest and are working hard to see that it does.

KAMLOOPS FLEET (436) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Shuswap Lake, British Columbia

Fleet Secretary

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10658	.....	A. Grant MacKinnon
10660	.....	H. O. L. Murray

With only 2 Lightnings, still, we have to travel to Kelowna to race. Grant MacKinnon in #10658 took first place in the Blossom Time Regatta in Kelowna in May and took first place in the Kelowna Fleet Championship in September.

In October we sailed as part of the Kelowna team, in the annual team races for the Pacific Northwest District, held this year in Seattle, Washington.



"There are just so many, I can't decide which I like best."

SOUTH SKANEATELES LIGHTNING ASSOCIATION (439) Central New York District Sailing on Skaneateles Lake at South End

Fleet Captain Russ Pringle
Fleet Secretary Ken Jones
Fleet Champion Russ Pringle
Runner-Up Ward Abbott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6640	Oisin McGinty & Sam Curlew
7273	Ken Reynolds
7549	Selby Gratton
8952	Alan Browalie
9147	Bent L. Thomsen
9635	Dr. George Mauler
10705	Russ Pringle
10761	Frank H. Suits
11516	J. Ward Abbott
11517	Stewart A. VerNooy, Jr., M.D.

Highlights of the South Skaneateles Lightning Association's first full year of racing as an official fleet included the first "big time" Regatta held at the Southern end of this Finger Lake.

The racing season was scheduled to run from May 28 to September 10, with the South Skaneateles Invitational Regatta sandwiched between the last race of the first of the three-part season and the start of the second part.

The season seemed to be going as though by script, as Russ Pringle, last years Fleet Champion emerged victorious from the first series of races on June 18th.

Invitations, press notices, logistic support were all lined up for the Regatta, to begin on June 24, when Mother Nature, in the garb of Hurricane Agnes, inundated much lakeshore property, the fleet's launching area, and all available mooring sites.

The Regatta was delayed, all three series' of races were held, and problems on Skaneateles seemed insignificant in light of the inundation of neighboring Corning and Elmira.

The season wound up, however, after Pringle's victory in the first series, with Ward Abbott's sweeping the second and Frank Suits coming on to win the third. Ole Russ hung in there, though, and repeated as Fleet Champion.

Under the able chairmanship of Ward Abbott, the Regatta was finally held on September 16 and 17. Once again, the home fleet managed to export all of its silver. The highest place going to a member of the host fleet in the Regatta was Russ Pringle's 9th!

Plans are underway for a greatly enlarged fleet in 1973, as publicity and fleet status have prompted several spectators to buy Lightnings and join the fleet.

Fleet 439 promises one of the most active racing cards in the Central New York District, and a bigger and better Invitational Regatta for 1973.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Reg Brooks
Fleet Secretary Paul F. Rodesiler
Fleet Champion Paul F. Rodesiler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
825	.....	Paul Ryan
1174	Penelope	Dan F. Miller III
5616	.....	J. Perry Kimball
6660	.....	Thomas R. Burriss
6843	.....	T. J. Crossley
8970	.....	Lee C. Syer
10129	.....	Marshall A. Sansbury
10308	.....	Timothy Barnum
10992	Seetenfel II	Paul F. Rodesiler
11412	.....	Wilburn Brewer, Jr.
11881	Do It	Reg Brooks

The 1972 season was a banner year for Fleet 440, the Lake Murray Sailing Club, and for Lightning sailing on Lake Murray. Our Fleet doubled in size, Spring, Summer and Fall Fleet races were held, and the first Lake Murray Lightning Invitational Regatta was held.

New Fleet members include, Paul Ryan sailing #550 (old Lightnings never die), Perry Kimball, Lee Syer, Bill Matalene, Marshall Sansbury, Tim Barnum and H. W. Matalene sailing #9070. Wilburn Brewer sold #5616 and purchased #11412.

The Spring Series was an informal set of twelve races with many skippers trying to adjust to their new boats. Paul Rodesiler was the winner followed by Tim Barnum. The Summer and Fall Series saw much keener competition and several protests were filed. The Summer Series was won by Paul Rodesiler while Tim Barnum was the top skipper in the Fall Series. Based on total points for the season, Paul Rodesiler is the first champion of Fleet 440.

A local rivalry has been established with Lightning Fleet 341 of the Columbia Sailing Club located on the other side of Lake Murray. Each fleet participated in the other Fleet's Spring and Fall Series.

A Lightning Invitational Regatta (see August Flashes) was co-hosted by Fleets 341 and 440 as part of the Southeastern Lightning District Series at the Lake Murray Sailing Club. Twenty-four boats turned out for the weekend from all but two of the nine Fleets in the Southeastern District.

Fleet 440 took an active part in all of the local open regattas and twice had the largest number of visiting boats at two Lightning only regattas. Reg Brooks brought home the third place silver from the Lake Hartwell Lightning Invitational Regatta.

The Lake Murray Sailing Club hosted the last SAYRA open regatta and the Lightning Fleet was the largest fleet of the six participating.

Year 1973 hopefully will bring more happy tales of Lightning sailing on Lake Murray. Please join us for our fleet races and regattas. Guests are always welcome at the Lake Murray Sailing Club.



"I knew my daddy was exaggerating when he said I couldn't possibly sail this thing by myself."



Skippers and crew, Fleet 442

WINNEBAGO LIGHTNING FLEET (442)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Winnebago out of
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Richard Stokely
 Secretary/Treasurer John Scharf
 Fleet Champion Richard Stokely
 Runner-Up Vince Daube

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2225	The Pill	Dr. Wm. Treviranus
5210	Esprit	Dan Reinhold
8730	White Lightning	Richard W. Stokely
8930	.....	Thomas W. Grebe
9181	.....	Ralph Drumwright
9231	Born Free	Vince Daube
10080	.....	John Scharf
10909	Zip	Ted J. Ziebert
10969	J. L. Seagull	Roy W. Thiel, Jr.

With the acquisition of our charter in January, the interest in the new, but small fleet of Lightnings began to grow rapidly; and by July we had attracted five additional skippers. This growth left little doubt in the minds of the skeptics that we were here to stay.

The Fond du Lac Sailing Club, sporting a mixed fleet of one-of-a-kinds, laid plans for a 6-race Holiday Series and a 9-race Sunday Series and accorded the Lightnings separate starts. In addition, Fleet 442 established a 6-race Championship series on Saturdays. So, all in all, it's been a very active racing season characterized mostly by wild and hairy spinnaker fire-drills with the accompanying "dry-mouth syndrome."

The season ended with an Awards Banquet on November 4th, with "old pro" ex-Windmill skipper Dick Stokely walking off with an arm load of hardware taking 1st in the Championship Series, 1st in the Holiday Series and 2nd in the Sunday Series. Vince Daube came up for a few honors taking 1st in the Sunday Series and 2nd in the Championship Series; while "Bud" Thiel, a converted Snipe skipper, did well in the awards department taking 2nd in the Holiday Series, 3rd in the Sunday Series and 3rd in the Championship Series.

An additional honor was accorded one of our skippers. Vince Daube was named "Sailor of the Year" and awarded the Lewis Cup for "participation, enthusiasm and promotion."

The fleet has started plans for a regatta in 1973 and has a beautiful honorary trophy, The Vixen Cup, to be awarded to the winner of the event, so watch the calendar and make plans. We'd be delighted to have as many as possible attend and sail in a new area for the District—Lake Winnebago.

MORGAN CITY YACHT CLUB (443)
Southern District
Sailing on Lake Palourde at Morgan City, Louisiana

Fleet Captain L. D. Lallande
 Fleet Secretary William Rochel
 Fleet Champion L. D. Lallande
 Runner-Up Richard Lemmler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3490	Bill Rochel
7122	Harold A. & Steven C. Willett
9012	Richard P. Lemmler
9443	L. D. Lallande

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LAKE GLENDALE LIGHTNING FLEET (444)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Glendale at Prince Gallitzin State Park, Patton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	Charles B. Austin
Fleet Secretary	John Wylie
Fleet Champion	John Wylie
Runner-Up	Rev. Vaughn Purnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
183	.....	Marshall Gorr & Donald Kistler
677	.....	Don Packer
1291	Sarin	John Wylie
7870	Apres Ski	Charles B. Austin
9108	Satiety	Rev. Vaughn P. Purnell
10023	.....	William F. Kirtka

The 1972 season was the first for Fleet 444. We were chartered on May 9, 1972. We have six boats now, managing to add one late in the season.

Fleet 444 does its racing within the organization known as the Lake Glendale Sailing Club located at beautiful Prince Gallitzin State Park. This excellent club holds regular races throughout the season for nine classes, as well as several special races for junior sailors. We have a beautiful mooring area both on shore and off, on the best part of the lake. The Club's annual banquet in October is an event eagerly awaited.

This season's races were well attended with five or six Lightnings out for most races. Only one race had to be postponed, when hurricane Agnes put our landing ramp and docks under four feet of water. The shape of our lake usually necessitates crooked course legs, which provides a great opportunity for becoming expert at spinnaker handling. This season has been one of considerable learning for the fleet members, and we know this process will continue.

Two years ago we had only two Lightnings, so our growth on a percentage basis has been very good. To continue this growth, we are actively trying to recruit new owners through talking up the Lightning, taking people sailing, and providing information and literature.



Fleet 444

We are looking forward to next season's activities; and would like to invite all Lightning sailors to race or just go sailing with us. Our lake and park has several beautiful campgrounds.

CLUB NAUTICO BAHIA BLANCA (445)

Argentina District

Sailing on Bahia Blanca Port

Fleet Captain	Higo Fioravanti
Fleet Secretary	Ricardo Ruiz
Fleet Champion	Ricardo Ruiz
Runner-Up	Enrique Tellarini

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7618	Repunte III	Nestor Garbiero
8411	Repunte V	Ricardo Ruiz
8803	Platero	Ricardo Izarra
8804	Cazon	Eduardo Sucic
8805	Tifon	Oscar Britos
8807	Rebusque	Hugo Fioravanti
8808	Play Boy	Enrique Tellarini

The new fleet of the Argentina District performs its intense activity from October to March in an area that is characterized by its strong winds and Southern currents.

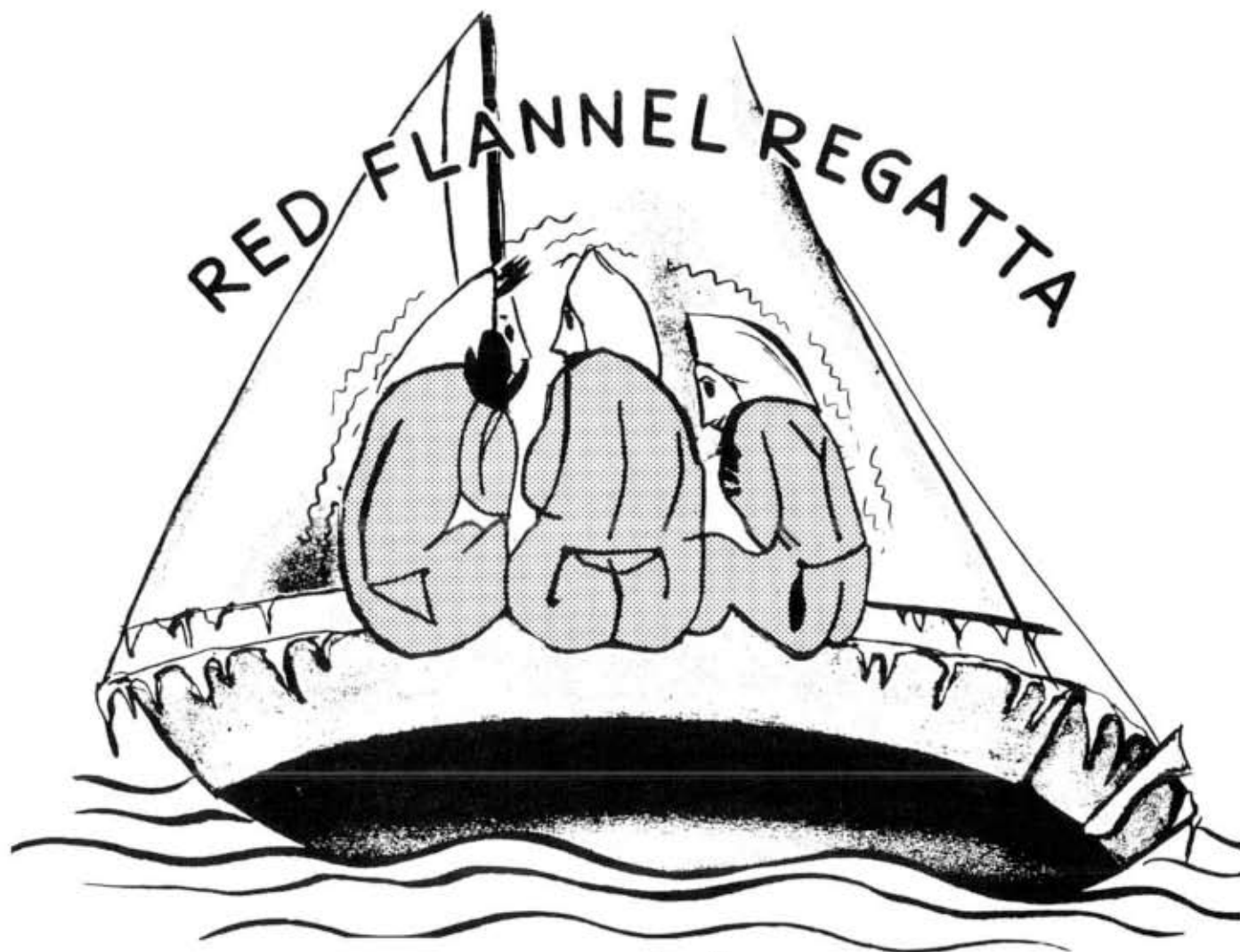


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