

FLEET DIRECTORY

Fleet organization is proceeding rapidly in all sections of the country, and additional fleets will be chartered before the 1941 season is under way. Those interested in knowing the location of latest fleets may obtain this information from the Class Secretary. For procedure in organizing new fleets, see last page of this section. Following is a summary of all fleets officially chartered up to June 1, 1941.



Skaneateles C.C. Champion Gordon Cronk
in the No. 1 boat of the Lightning Class.

No. 1—SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB FLEET

Skaneateles Lake, N. Y.

Captain—George Barnes, 12 Academy St., Skaneateles, N. Y.

✕ *Secretary*—G. S. Blythe, 445 Wendell Terrace, Syracuse, N. Y.

Fleet Champion—E. G. Cronk in "Blitzen" (Crew—Mrs. E. G. Cronk and Tommy Wallace).

Runner-up—John S. Barnes in "Ay-Ay-Ay" (Crew—Mrs. John S. Barnes and Warren Perkins).

Membership (14 boats)—(1) Gordon Cronk, "Blitzen", (42) C. L. Nicholson, II, (101) G. S. Blythe, (162) J. A. Bentley, (176) Hiram A. Monnoyer, (356) Dr. Walden Retan, (453) Dr. Wm. R. Dolan, (456) George R. Barnes, (556) Lt. A. S. Reynolds, (585) Dr. O. J. McCormack, (584) Wm. Curran, (245) Burke N. Carson, (510) Wm. G. O'Hara, Jr., (000) George S. Kent.

Activities—The season opened on May 26th and closed on September 1st, and the series consisted of 27 races held on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The No. 1 boat of the Lightning Class, "Blitzen" skippered by the Association Secretary, E. G. Cronk, captured the fleet championship. He was followed by John S. Barnes in "Ay-Ay-Ay", the 1939 fleet champion and two-time national champion. Gilbert L. Wolfe in "Shine" placed third in the series. Members of the fleet parti-

cipated in the Central N. Y. Y. R. A. regatta at Ithaca, the Central New York District Championships at Rome, the Nationals at Riverside and the Toledo Y. C. Frostbite Regatta, as well as invitation meets at Onondaga Lake and Oneida Lake. In the District Lightning championships at Rome, two of the fleet members, John Barnes and Gilbert L. Wolfe, fought it out for the title with the Barnes boat taking the top honor. At the C. N. Y. R. A. regatta two of the fleet members placed among the first six of the field of 16 Lightnings, with John Barnes again in top position and J. A. Bentley sixth. Completing his near perfect score for the season, the Barnes boat repeated as National Champion in the three-race series at Riverside. In the seventh annual invitation regatta sponsored by the Onondaga Y. C., George Barnes and Gordon Cronk placed second and seventh, respectively, in a field of eleven. At the annual invitation regatta of the Syracuse Yacht and Country Club (Oneida Lake) George Barnes and Warren Perkins, representing the Skaneateles fleet placed second and third, respectively. In all, the season was considered an outstanding success and one which saw an increase in activity and fleet membership.

Prospects for 1941—The new season starts with more than double the number of boats over last year and prospects of the greatest of three Lightning seasons at the Club. The regular season series starts on May 15th and closes on September 1st and participation in the District Championships, as well as the C. N. Y. Y. R. A. and invitation meets, by members of the fleet is expected. But the highlight of the season will be the National Lightning Championships, held under the auspices of the Club and the Skaneateles fleet, in September. Due to the great growth of the Class during the past year and the fact that more than 30 fleets are likely to be represented at this third annual regatta, a record-breaking entry list and the keenest kind of competition is anticipated. Arrangements are being made by members of the fleet and officers of the club to assure the efficient launching and mooring of guest boats, as well as provide for the housing and entertainment of the visiting skippers, their crews, friends and families.

No. 2—CEDARHURST YACHT CLUB

Lawrence, Long Island, N. Y., South Shore, Great South Bay

X *Secretary*—John L. Koehne, 161 E. 79th St., New York City.

Fleet Champion—Richard S. Koehne in "Saucy Sal II" (Crew—Albert Herring and Ted Harriman).

Runner-up—H. O. Wood, III in "Vigilante" (Crew—John L. Koehne, Jr. and W. L. Van Leer).

Membership (11 boats)—(13) W. Leicester Van Leer, (15) Douglas Dimond, (16) John L. Koehne, "Saucy Sal II", (17) Howard O. Wood, III, "Vigilante", (18) S. Trevor Pardee, "Blue Bolt," (24) J. J. Ryan, Jr., (135) J. Horton Ijams and Dr. Harold Pardee, "Cuckoo", (375) B. J. Van Ingen, (131) David G. Cluett, (233) Sigourney B. Olney, (243) James F. Fogarty and James F. Fogarty, Jr.

Activities—The home series consisted of ten races, and the competition was keen. These races were sailed in all kinds of weather and confirmed the remarkable adaptability of the Lightnings to all conditions. Probably the most popular race of all, though not a part of the regular series, was a "moon-light race" in which each skipper was allowed one crew who had to be female. Many of the boats were overdue. . . Several fleet members participated in Larchmont Race Week, July 13-20, and "Saucy Sal II" (16), skippered by Richard S. Koehne, sailed to first place for the week in light and fluky breezes. . . The entire fleet attended Great South Bay Race Week, August 5-10, and with generally good winds, had a fine week of racing. "Saucy Sal II" again took first place for the week, though by the margin of only one point. . . One of the most interesting events of the season was a team race with Riverside Yacht Club on July 21 at Riverside. The teams were five boats each, and there were two races. The Cedarhurst team, consisting of boats 15, 16, 17, 18 and 131 were defeated by superior racing on the part of the Riversiders, but the winners proved themselves to be royal hosts. It was a most enjoyable competition, and very exciting racing. . . S. T. Pardee with No. 18 accompanied the Fleet Champion (No. 16) as the fleet's official representatives to the Lightning Nationals at Riverside. The Koehne boat was able to take a second place in the first race, then, much to the skipper's surprise, he was awarded a special trophy for seamanship. This trophy, not planned in advance, was given in recognition of the skipper's ability when his rudder gudgeons gave way a few minutes before the start of the second race and he quickly rigged up an oar to sail the race in a knock-down breeze, not finishing last. . . Only one boat, "Saucy Sal II" was able to go to the President's Cup Regatta in Washington, D. C., but came back with three firsts in the series' three races. The races were held around Anacostia Point and the winds were fluky.

Prospects for 1941—In addition to the regular home series, the fleet is looking forward to participation at Larchmont, Great South Bay, and the Nationals at Skaneateles, as well as team races with Riverside and any other clubs with Lightnings that they can find the time to reach. The fleet is optimistic over prospects for the formation of a Long Island Lightning District



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and possible arrangements for a District Championships involving Long Island Sound and Great South Bay as a tune-up for the Nationals, and they appreciate the fine work done by the Association's Chief Measurer, Judge L. S. Oliver. The success of the Lightning Class at the Cedarhurst Club in 1940 was more conspicuous than the previous year, with an ever increasing interest manifested by the owners. Several new boats were added, and there are prospects for further additions this summer.

No. 3—BARNEGAT BAY LIGHTNING CLASS FLEET

Upper Barnegat Bay, N. J.

Captain—Hon. L. Stauffer Oliver, 487 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary—Joseph A. Miller, 577 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fleet Champion—Howard V. Siddons in "Beth" (Crew—Allen M. K. Stephens and Melvin Johnson).

Runner-Up—Hon. L. Stauffer Oliver in "We Two" (Crew—Joseph A. Miller and Paul F. Sanborne, Jr.).

Membership (28 boats)—(19) Louis Tranger, "Marlou", (20) Joseph E. Mirandon, (94) Paul Coble, (100) John Sproul and William W. Sproul, "Sally" (102) Dr. John C. Hirst, "Anyhoo", (164) John W. Orelup, "Javelyn", (177) Gardner Van Duyne, Philip R. Van Duyne, Philip R. Van Duyne, Jr.,

"Thunder" (178) Stanley A. W. Okell, (220) Howard V. Siddons and Allen M. K. Stephens "Beth", (270) George P. Slockbower, (308) C. F. Lewis, Dr. Frank T. Bell, (322) W. V. Scott, (351) Vincent G. Bush, (355) Hubert Johnson, (358) Mrs. Arthur Letchworth, (370) Miss Joann Pierce, (381) William P. Norris, (383) Judge L. S. Oliver, "We Two", (390) Harry F. O'Mealia, (395) H. M. Eckert, (396) J. A. Miller, (446) Alfred A. LaFountain, "Windward", (447) Justus H. Schlichting, (449) Mrs. T. Wister Brown, III, (461) E. M. Wagner, (465) J. E. Hurley, (477) Frederick G. Adams. (485) Edward H. Daehnhardt.

Activities—For the 1940 Lightning Class Fleet season championship of Barnegat Bay, 11 races were held on Saturday afternoons and holidays, two of which had to be resailed because the wind was so light the boats were unable to finish within the time limit. . . It was agreed previously by members of the fleet that the five races to be held on July 13, 20 and 27 and August 3 and 10 would constitute also the elimination races to qualify for representation of the fleet in the national championship. As a result of these races, the boats which qualified first, second and third were: "Beth"—Howard V. Siddons; "We Two"—L. Stauffer Oliver; "Thunder"—Philip R. Van Duyne. . . In addition, a series of 9 races were held on Sunday afternoons throughout the season at the Bay Head Yacht Club, open to all members of the fleet belonging to that organization. 11 boats participated in the races. The winner of the club championship was "We Two"—L. Stauffer Oliver and the runner-up was "Thunder"—Philip R. Van Duyne.

Prospects for 1941—Plans for 1941 have not yet been finally agreed upon. There has been some talk of changing the races down the Bay from Saturday afternoon in order to permit

Four of the contestants at the 1940 Central New York District Lightning Championships, Lake Delta, N. Y., July 13.



participation by skippers who might otherwise be unable to be present because of increasing national defense activities. If the Barnegat Bay races are changed to Sundays, it will then no doubt be necessary for the Bay Head Yacht Club to change the dates of its weekly races from Sunday to Saturday. In any event, substantially the same number of races will be held in 1941 as were held in 1940.

No. 4—LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB

Rome, N. Y., Lake Delta

Captain—Delos A. Humphrey, 824 Croton St., Rome, N. Y.

Secretary—J. T. Goosetrey, Whitesboro, N. Y.

Fleet Champion—Delos Humphrey in "Ajax" (Crew—Eleanor Humphrey and Buddy Humphrey).

Runner-up—Eskil Ringdahl in "Viking" (Crew—Ivar Ringdahl and S. Wardwell).

Membership (5 boats)—(82) Dr. John F. Box, (86) Eskil Ringdahl, "Viking", (87) Enoch A. Sawyer, "Fancy Pants", (230) J. T. Goosetrey, "Bubbles II", (393) Delos A. Humphrey "Ajax".

Activities—Entertained as host to the Lightning Class Central New York District Regatta on July 12 and 13. Clearing skies after a week of rain and flat weather made fine racing conditions for a large turnout. Races were keenly contested and a fine time was enjoyed by all. . . Sailed against the Crescent Yacht Club early in September with 3-boat teams. This event was won by the Crescent "experts". . . "Mixed fleet" races with Onondaga and Syracuse Yacht Club provided two fine week-ends of competition. The fleet feels proud of its representative to the National Championships, for finishing third in the large class at Riverside, as well as for capturing a second place at the C. N. Y. Y. R. A. meet at Ithaca.

Prospects for 1941—The coming season will be run in three sections of ten races each. . . Visitation meets are planned with Onondaga, Crescent, and Syracuse Yacht Clubs. . . Two new members are being added to the fleet for 1941, and closer races than ever are expected.

No. 5—CHICAGO CORINTHIAN CLUB FLEET

Chicago, Illinois, Lake Michigan, Montrose Harbor

Captain—Clyde North, 2104 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Vice-Captain—Ed Rinker, 154 W. Schiller, Chicago, Illinois.

Secretary—Frank E. Rosulek, 535 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, Illinois.