

representatives to the Internationals. Howard won one race by a wide margin and both entries turned in a creditable performance in the fleet of champions. Ernest McBryde of Tampa made the trip to represent the District in the President's Cup Regatta and took an excellent sixth place in that rugged competition.

After the Internationals the Southeastern District began a short holiday until after the first of the New Year when another long, active, season will begin to bloom in the Florida Sunshine.



Sheila Abel with Hildur and Dex Sexinghaus sailing 1262 "HOLGAZAN" of the Lake Washington Fleet, Seattle, at English Bay, Vancouver, B. C.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Jack Abel
District Secretary: Charlie Watts

Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Royal Victoria Yacht Club (90); Lake Washington (132); Bellingham Yacht Club (178); Tacoma (159).

District Report: In last year's report for the district, we said that we were unique, at least to our knowledge, in that we could sail from any one fleet to any other. We must now give up that distinction because our latest member is located in Eugene, Oregon, which is far from Puget Sound and salt water. The only way to get to and from Eugene is over the road.

This yacht club is located on Fern Ridge Reservoir in the beautiful Willamette Valley, and we hope we will see lots of them in interfleet competition.

Our main event in past years was the Pacific International Yachting Association meeting, which this year will take place in Vancouver, B. C. We have in the past selected the winner of the PIYA as the district champion. In addition, the Lake Washington Fleet has run a series known as the State of Washington Championships. We intend now to give up the latter to be known as the Northwest District Championship Regatta. This in addition to the PIYA should give us two main away from home junkies, participation in which should satisfy the most ardent in our group. The first of the new series will be sailed at Bellingham sometime in the latter part of August. This active and enthusiastic yacht club have proved to be wonderful hosts in the past, and we feel sure that a large turnout, especially from Victoria and Seattle, may be expected. Bellingham has been very close to winning the

district championship on several occasions, and sailing on their home water they are going to be hard to beat.

We look forward to an extremely active racing season and extend cordial invitations to any Lightnings to come and visit us.

TEXAS DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: A. B. Patterson.

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian Fleet (35); Southmost Fleet (40); Corpus Christi Fleet (218).

District Report: The South-most fleet at Port Isabel has not reported any increase in its seven-boat fleet. The Corpus Christi Bay Fleet has added one boat for a total of eight Lightnings for Fleet 218. The greatest progress, however, has been in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Dallas Sailing Club has ordered three boats to add to its fleet of six club owned Lightnings. Several members of the Dallas Corinthian Club have also ordered new boats. Three new Lightnings have been launched in Lake Worth, and it is reported that several are being built for Eagle Mountain Lake which is also near Fort Worth. The Lake Worth group has indicated that they intend to ask for a fleet charter.

The Southwestern Regatta held at Dallas on Labor Day weekend had the largest number of Lightnings ever assembled in a regatta in Texas. Twenty boats sailed in the Lightning event which was won by Raleigh Ustry of the Dallas Sailing Club. Five boats participated from Shreveport, two boats from Fort Worth and the balance of the fleet composed of Dallas boats.

WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Edgar P. Dunleavy

District Secretary: Richard S. Dirkes

Fleets:

District Report: In the season, now coming to a close, the District Officers have been extremely interested in the number of new comers to Lightning Fleets. Fleet Secretaries have been continually reporting on new skippers, all of which points to a considerable turnover in ownership of boats. This is to be expected in such a considerable and popular class, and it is certain that these new owners will bring increased enthusiasm for racing to Lightning circles. We welcome them. It is also well to note that this season has found several of the affiliated Yacht Clubs purchasing Lightnings for their junior yacht racing activities. A full report for all Fleets is not at hand, but our estimate is that there are about 200 Lightnings in affiliated Fleets of the District, representing a considerable investment.

There are at present 10 active Fleets in the District, all of whom, we are happy to report, have conducted and sailed active summer programs.

The District Championships, which the Commodore has mentioned in his reports, brought together a fine group of skippers at Port Washington.

While all our Fleet Secretaries have been most helpful with reports, I cannot help emphasizing the need of even closer co-operation with the District Officers next season. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our hardworking Fleet officers for their good work.

Finally, we are most appreciative of assistance received from the National Association, as we from time to time were in need of, here in the District.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Charles L. Foss

District Secretary: Edward A. Gleason, Jr.

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Pistaqua River (22); Prout's Neck (94); Boston Harbor (100); Taylor Pond (101); Merrimack River (121); Spofford Lake (145); Annisquam Lightning (151); Wollaston Bay (165); Woquacket Lake (181); Marblehead Harbor (189); Portland Yacht Club (190); Bumoseen Yacht Club (227).

District Report: Racing in our district this year found its usual keen competition and interest within the fleets, but there was a small drop in the number of people traveling to sail in our three major regattas. Still, interest and enthusiasm ran high among those who did sail out of their fleets during the season. We expect a greater turnout of trailored boats during the 1953 season. This year the District Championship Regatta had 17 series from 5 fleets, the State of Maine Regatta had 22 entries from 6 fleets, and Marblehead Race Week found 20 entries in the Lightning Class from 4 different fleets. The Boston Bay Interclub circuit, in which both fleets 100 and 165 compete each week, was dominated by Ray Smith's "Gadger" until he sold her in the latter part of the season to Paul Bromley of fleet 189, Marblehead. The results and highlights of other interfleet competition follow:

New England District Championship Regatta held July 26-27 at the Spofford Yacht Club, N. H. Fleet 143 as hosts.

Things really got going at Spofford Lake on Friday afternoon as boats began to pull in from out of town. Before supper, registration was held at the Spofford Fire House, and boat inspection was held at the lake. After supper everyone gathered again in the Fire House for a skippers meeting and a session of sail measuring, which was carried on under the supervision of Len Pratt. Then all retired to their various quarters, which had been arranged through the efforts of Regatta Chairman, John Prout, and his committee.

Saturday proved a beautiful day with a light but steady breeze. The two scheduled races were easily run off, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with the top places dominated according to form by Bud Holt in "Donana", Len Pratt in "Bon Joy", and Charlie Toms in "Chalana"—all of the home fleet #145. That evening, after a wonderfully served banquet, the annual district meeting was held and officers were elected for the next year. Commodore is Charlie Fass of #4801, "White Cap" and Marblehead Fleet #189. Secretary-Treasurer is Ed Gleason of the same fleet and #401 "Fouette."

The start of the last race had to be postponed until nearly noon on Sunday because of a complete lack of wind, but, after a drifting first leg, a good fresh breeze sprung up to send Bud Holt across the line third and to give him the 1952 New England Championship.

Final Standings of the District Regatta. Three race total:

Fleet	Boat	Skipper	Points	Place
145	4211 Donana	Grant B. Holt	47½	1
145	1739 Bon Joy	Leonard C. Pratt	47	2
145	3422 Chalana	Charles L. Toms	44	3
227	4874 Betsy	Samuel Stowell	39	4
101	3106 Egabeva	Gardner L. Brown	39	5
145	2162 Bee Bee	Robert E. Munson	37	6
189	3989 Jacilo	Forrest W. Standly	25	7
181	? It'll Do	Robert H. Anderson	24¼	8
189	401 Fouette	Ed Gleason	24	9
189	4801 White Cap	Chas. Fass	22	10
145	81 Nimbau	Walc Boehrig	22	11
145	3454 Edith	F. W. Dean	19	12
143	2257 Schusser	Carleton Buckman	19	13
189	2816 Rambler	Ronald Mulchay	19	14
145	2853 Davica	Victor Jacobson	16	15

Fleet	Boat	Skipper	Points	Place
145	1158 Pied Piper	Phil Johnson	8	16
145	1936 Night Cap	Robert D. Stewart	6	17

State of Maine Light Regatta held August 2-3 at Centerboard Yacht Club in Portland. Fleet #14 as hosts.

On the weekend after the District Regatta our new champ Bud Holt, and our No. 3 man Charlie Toms, traveled to South Portland, Me. where Bud proved his right to the title of District Champion by winning the State of Maine Championship by one point over his fleet mate, Charlie Toms. However, the two fleet 145 skippers did not take the honors with out a lot of close competition from Cap Faulkingham of the home Fleet #14. Seventeen year old Peter Willauer of Prout's Neck Fleet #94, who finished a strong fifth place in this regatta, went on later in the season to sail in the finals of the Sears Cup competition for the National Junior Championship. The trophy for the first State of Maine boat to finish this regatta went to O. C. Faulkingham and "Sharon" for a fine third place performance. "Cap" pushed the District Champ all the way.

Final standings of the State of Maine Regatta. Three race total:

Fleet	Boat	Skipper	Points	Place
145	4211 Donana	Grant B. Holt	60	1
145	3422 Chalana	Charles L. Toms	39	2
14	815 Sharon	O. C. Faulkingham	57½	3
101	1195 Papoose	Richard Winkle	52½	4
94	3932 Vixen	Peter Willauer	52	5
101	3106 Egabeva	Gardner L. Brown	51	6
227	4874 Betsy	Samuel L. Stowell	51	7
14	495 Running Wild	Dick & Ted Kurtz	49	8
14	1951 Jacomo II	Albert E. Moore	39	9
14	2767 Deda	Russ L. Stevens	37	10
190	3218 Muffin	E. A. Randall	36	11
14	974 Buccanteer	Robert Scull	36	12
14	2649 Duchesa II	Sven Faule, Jr.	33	13
14	3531 Whitecap II	Verna C. White	32	14
14	103 Makai	Clayton C. Erskine	31	15
190	2766 Ariel III	Danny Ward	29	16
14	1058 Tern	Bradford Adams	19	17
14	3203	Granville Dyer	16	18
14	125 Shantin	Leland Trefethen	3	19
14	444 Tooties	Fred Merrill	3	20
		Wm. Willworth		
		H. Theodore Hawkes	3	21

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Marblehead Race Week held August 2-10 at Marblehead, Mass.

Fleet #189.

The same boat dominated all of race week for the second straight year, as Bob Jame's in "Stardust" of the Annisquam Lightning Fleet #151 won 5 of the 7 races, 2 of the 4 Lightning Class trophies, and the Leonard Munn Fowle Memorial Trophy for "The week's outstanding performance" among the 450 boats competing in this year's regatta. Bob's winning of the Fowle Trophy is a particular boost for the fast growing Lightning Class in this area. Though the winners of several of the 30-odd competing classes boasted equally fine or better records, the Lightning Class was chosen as the one in which such a record was considered particularly outstanding. "Stardust" amassed total of 102 1/4 points for the week. Three boats waged a close battle for a second spot, with Ed Gleason and Ken Murphy in "Fourette" (77 1/4 pts.) finally edging out Jemmy Gale's "Duet" (76) by 1 1/4 points and Jack Standley's "Jacilo" (73) by 4 1/4 points. The only boats besides "Stardust" to get a winner's gun were "Fourette" and New England's travelingst boat, Sam Stowell's "Betsy" of fleet 227. "Betsy" was the only boat to sail in all three major regattas this year, and would place high in this meet too, had she not missed the first race while traveling from Maine to Marblehead. In the special race for juniors 19 Yr. old Sandra Bell moved down from the United States One Design Class to skipper Ron Mulcahy's "Rambler" to victory over District Commodore, Charlie Foss 2 boys, Charlie, Jr., 16, and Don, 15, in their father's "White Cap".

Our thanks and congratulations go to the race committees of the Eastern, Corinthian, Boston, and Pleon Yacht Clubs for giving us a fine week of racing under sometimes trying conditions.

Final Standings of Marblehead Race Week, Seven race total:

Fleet	Boat	Skipper	Points	Place
151	4860 Stardust	Robert A. James	102 1/4	1
189	401 Fourette	E. A. Gleason & K. L. Murphy	77 1/4	2
151	2344 Duet	Jemmy Gale	76	3
189	3989 Jacilo	Forrest W. Standley	73	4
189	4914 Salamar	Joseph R. Farrell	60	5
151	5194 Callern II	Frederick Fawcett	57	6
189	4801 White Cap	Charles L. Foss	57	7
189	5025 Six Bits	Henry Ashley	54	8
227	4874 Betsy	Samuel L. Stowell	48 1/4	9

Fleet	Boat	Skipper	Points	Place
189	2816 Rambler	Ronald Mulcahy	45	10
189	2371 Falcon	Kenneth Kimball	45	11
100	2578 Sink or Swim	Bertram Anderson	41	12
189	1368 Bluette	Robert McCarthy	34	13
189	2972 Geronimo	Wilbur Bassett	33	14
189	3526 Fag-an-bealac	Edward Sullivan	29	15
189	3295 Jeepers	Marlowe Farnum	14	16
189	4854 Gadget	Paul Bromley	12	17
189	3229 Christiania	Norman Prescott	5	18
189	4362 Crusader	Charles Kelley	3	19

Winner of Eastern Yacht Club Trophy (First 3 races)

151 4860 Stardust Robert A. James 47 1/4

Winner of Boston Yacht Club Trophy (Fourth Race)

151 4860 Stardust Robert A. James 11 1/4

Winner of Corinthian Yacht Club Trophy (Last 3 races)

189 3989 Jacilo Forrest W. Standley 44

Winner of Pleon Yacht Club Trophy (Special race for Juniors)

189 2816 Rambler Mrs. Robert Bell 8 1/4

Winner of Leonard Munn Fowle Memorial Trophy

(For week's best performance)

151 4860 Stardust Robert A. James

We have launched a drive to try to get some of the unaffiliated boats in our district to join a nearby fleet or at least to join our New England District Association. We feel that even for those who do not care to race, there is a great deal which can be gotten from the many friendly acquaintances which are made through activity with a fleet or with the Association in general. If any of you New England Lightning owners have not yet been contacted by us and would like information pertaining to fleet, district, or national affiliation please feel free to drop us a line at anytime. 1952 was a good season; but 1953 & 1954 should be even better.

ITALIAN DISTRICT REPORT

Fleet Officers: Enzo Di Lorenzo and Mario Cavallo

Fleets: Napoli Fleet (191); Sorrento C. R. V. Italia (223).

District Report: Race activity was not so big as in the year 1951. Many races have been held with the help of the Italian Navy and of the Italian sailing Union, which maintains rigid races rules, governing all classes sailing on Italian waters.

Many Fleets are not yet organized, but propaganda races have been held to encourage such development. Soon we hope to have Servicemen Fleets of the Italian Navy, and some other civil fleets in Liguria, Anzio, Castellamare.

Races have been held in many places in Italy. Nearly all victories were taken by "Turbine", a beautiful Lightning of the Italian Navy skippered by Lieutenant Mario Merola, who has won the Italian Championship for three years.

The Lightnings owned by Canottieri Napoli, "Temporale", and Canottieri Posillipo, "Posillipo", proved victorious in the Naples Fleet.

Estasi of Luigi Scognamiglio, Skipper Gianni Schiaffino and Rita Scognamiglio was runner-up in the Italian Championship. Rita Scognamiglio took a good place too in the races at Spezia.

We hope to soon have a regular District for a better organization in Italy of the Class, and to promote contacts with European Fleets.

BRAZIL DISTRICT REPORT

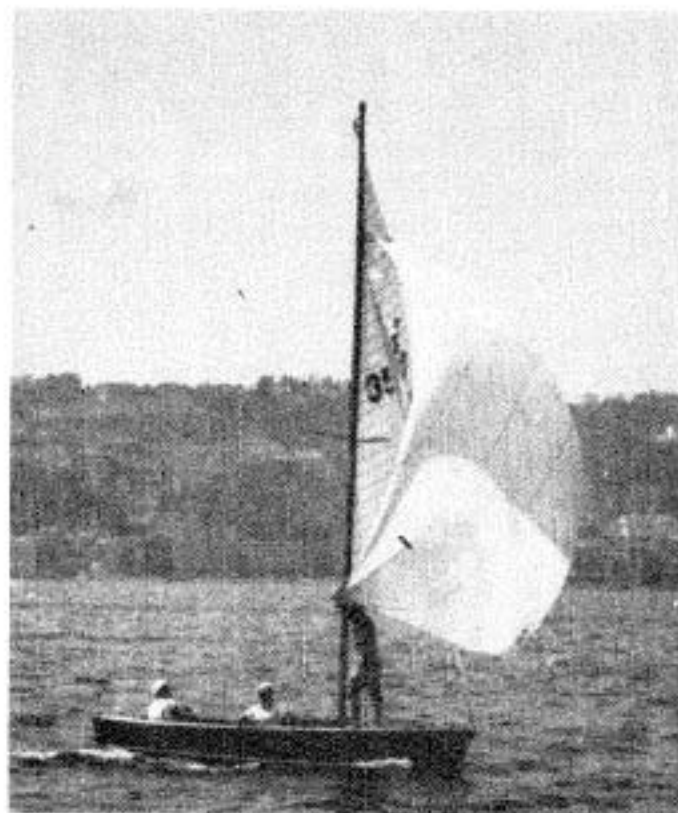
District Secretary: Cyril W. Milbourne

Fleets: Flotilha de Lightnings do Rio de Janeiro (84); Flotilha Cariaca de Lightnings (144); Flotilha de Lightnings de Sao Paulo (147); Flotilha de Lightnings de Florianopolis (162); Flotilha de Lightnings de Vitoria (201).

District Report: The District of Brazil now comprises five registered fleets and expects to have this number increased in 1953 by at least two new fleets presently in formation: one at Recife (in northwest Brazil) and another at Sao Paulo. Both are applying shortly for their charters.

Fleets No's. 84 and 147 were particularly active throughout the 1952 season and it is known that the other fleets raced regularly. At Rio de Janeiro, Sergio Vayssières, sailing in "Buscope" (4312), won the championship and Fernando Pimentel Duarte, in "Argus" (1722), was a close runner-up. In Sao Paulo, after an interesting season, Renzo Scalini, sailing "Cino-ne" (3090), qualified as fleet No. 147 champion with Benedito Levi in "Guga" (4244) as a close second.

The big event of the season was the interfleet team event sailed in September at Sao Paulo between the locals and a visiting team



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from Rio. Each fleet entered four boats and after a series of three close and exciting races Sao Paulo defeated Rio by a small margin of points. This is the first inter-fleet team event sailed in Brazil and it has been arranged that in future this event will be sailed yearly alternatively in Rio and Sao Paulo. This will undoubtedly do much to foster Lightning interest in both centers.

It is hoped very shortly to institute a District Championship which in points of fact will represent a national championship. This drawback up to now has been the terrific distances separating the bases of the various fleets comprising the District of Brazil.

HAWAII DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Cy Gillette

District Secretary: William Hale

Fleets: Hawaii Lightning Fleet (143); Honolulu Lightning Fleet (170).

District Report: RACING SEASON FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER!! SAILING SEASON ANY TIME!! HAWAII'S CLIMATE AND WATERS WERE MADE FOR LIGHTNINGS

Team racing with seven Lightnings on each team provided an exciting three race series when the Waikiki fleet challenged the



Pat Young and Bill Hale rounding Honolulu Buoy #2 in the first race of the Hawaiian Invitational Regatta, Oct. 6 1952.

Kaneohe fleet for the Gillette Challenge Trophy. For the details of this event please see the write-up in Fleet 143 Report.

The yachting highlights of the year occurred in October—one week before "Aloha Week" in Hawaii—when the First Hawaiian Invitational Regatta was held at Waikiki and since the Lightnings, with 12 entries, had the largest fleet, they played an important part in the regatta.

Pat Young trailed his "Dark Cloud" (4880) all the way from the Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio to San Francisco. It was then placed on a ship for the trip to Hawaii. Carl Ackerman brought his "Glori-B" from San Diego, and Bob Morrison brought his new Lightning "Spanker" from Cabrillo Beach, California. One entry, the "Army Air Force" came up to Waikiki from Johnston Island. Lightnings from the island of Oahu made up the rest of the entries.

Cy Gillette, Fleet 143 champion, sailing "Nubbin", proved again his sailing ability by winning two races and placing second in the other three races, thereby winning the series by a comfortable margin of points. Carl Ackerman from Coronado was second in the series and Wally Hawkins third. Pat Young, who took two first places, one second and a fourth place, was forced to drop out of the third race when his rudder pin snapped. He still managed to place fourth in the series.

The following is the list of entries and their final standing in the series:

HAWAIIAN INVITATIONAL REGATTA

Lightning Class

1st	Cy Gillette	Kaneohe	3154	Nubbin
2nd	Carl Ackerman	Coronado, Calif.	3586	Glori-B
3rd	Pat Young	Edgewater, Ohio	4880	Dark Cloud
4th	Wally Hawkins	Kaneohe	3825	Makihala
5th	Phil Fink	Kaneohe	2069	Victoria
6th	Bill Hale	Kaneohe	4729	Genie
7th	Alex Basso	Waikiki	1675	Ginger
8th	Bob Wiering	Kaneohe	5199	No Hu hu
9th	Bob Morrison	Cabrillo Beach, Calif.	3176	Spanker
10th	Robert	Southgate	1460	Menchune
11th	U. S. Air Force	Johnston Island	5162	Miss J. I.

We look forward to seeing a longer visitors list for the 1954 Hawaiian Invitational Regatta.

CANADIAN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: J. A. E. MacDonald

District Secretary: C. B. Neapole

Fleets: Valleyfield, P. Q. Fleet (65); Laurentian International (120); Kingston, Ont. (171); Lake Deschenes Fleet (188); Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (215).

District Report: For some time past representations had been made to the Association in regard to the formation of a Canadian District because from a geographical standpoint it was not always easy for crews in this area to go to either Central New York or the New England District Championships. About July 15th we received a very welcome telephone call from Mrs. Cain telling us to go ahead and if possible, run off a District Championship before the deadline of August 12th. Thus a Canadian District became a reality and the area covered is roughly the same as that encompassed by the St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association to which 20-odd clubs belong . . . on the St. Lawrence River from Kingston to Quebec inclusive and on to the Ottawa River from Deep River to Montreal, plus tributary waters. The Association suggested also that Lake Placid (193), because of its proximity, might also find it easier if they were in the Canadian setup and of course they are entirely welcome as are also Laurentian International (129), and for that matter, any others located in the United States near the St. Lawrence area. As a matter of fact, at the next District Meeting it will be suggested that the new name be St. Lawrence Valley District because in this way the International character of the Lightning organization will be preserved.

There was a considerable scramble to proceed with the district formation and championship but both were accomplished. J. A. "Emmons" McDonald of Valleyfield who had been the first to introduce Lightnings to competition in these parts, was elected the first Commodore and on August 2nd and 3rd the District Championships were held by the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club at Dorval. Eddie Borerell with "Mildred II" (3024) emerged as the champion with Jim Haffey breathing down his neck finishing second to him in each race. Crewing with Eddie were Lynn Waters and Seaton Hamilton, both well known Lake St. Louis skippers in their own right and together they formed the best team that



Lynn Watters, Sicotte Hamilton, Eddie Botherell (Skipper)—
Champions Canadian District, 15th place at Lightning Inter-
nationals at Spray Beach.

Fleet 215 could produce. They went on to the Internationals at Spray Beach and to achieve 15th place for a first entry in that kind of competition was no mean feat. While this was the highlight of their summer, nevertheless they had numerous other good wins, i.e., Lightning Class at the Henderson Harbour Regatta of the Eastern Yachting Circuit, second in the North American Zone finals and a number of Lake St. Louis events, notably the Mirage Cup, as well as others. They have a new boat on order for next year and so have others, notably Jim Haffey, and we feel that the Canadian District competition is now reaching the grade in Lightnings that some of us hoped for a few years ago when the other classes seemed to the better skippers.

The 1953 District Championships will again be held at Dorval, near Montreal, under the auspices of Fleet 215 and we hope that there will be other events as well which will attract Lightning skippers from outside the District. The friendly rivalry between United States and Canadian fleets which is on such a high level in the Lake Erie District and the Pacific Northwest will reach the same level here, we are sure before too long.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore: Clifford J. Prados

District Secretary: W. L. Somner

Fleets: Lake Ponchartrain Fleet (62); Mobile Bay Fleet (135); Shreveport Fleet (175); Pass Christian Fleet (179); New Orleans Fleet (209); Bay Waveland Fleet (211).

District Report: The 1952 racing season got off to a bang with the Sugar Bowl Regatta at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. This event was won by Chuck Hanley of Shreveport Fleet #175 sailing "Solo". Second honors went to Eugene Walet III from New Orleans in "Spirit I" and W. C. Keenana "Mystery" from the same fleet was third.

Old "Beave" Ed Overton from Fairhope, Ala. and Eugene Walet III of Lake Ponchartrain Fleet #62 represented our district in the Winter Championship Series at St. Pete. Uncle Ed won the third race and Gene was second in the last one, but poor showings in some of the other races hurt their final standing for the series.

A three race Lightning series was sailed on Mobile Bay in conjunction with the annual Gulf Yachting Association Meeting at the Mobile Yacht Club on May 3 and 4. W. L. "Smokey"

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Sommer sailing "Smokey" and representing Shreveport Fleet #175 won a hard fought series by winning the first two races and finishing third in the last one. Eugene Walet III sailed "Spirit II" to two second places and a first for second honors. Fine breezes prevailed on the Bay for the entire series in which seven boats from five fleets participated.

The following weekend, May 10 and 11, found some of the same boats vying for honors at Shreveport, La. some four hundred miles from the scene of competition the weekend before. Tricky little Cross Lake provided the visiting skippers with a hard nor-easter ranging in force from twenty-five to forty knots per hour and this held for the entire series. Although some twenty-four Lightnings were on hand for the series, only seventeen were at the starting line for the first race. Some of the light air boys found the going a bit rugged and decided to sit it out. Eugene Walet III, the teenager from New Orleans with a fine crew composed by his father and Pudgy McClure, won the series going away by taking all three races. S. Townsend from Dallas, Texas had three second places in "Scoop" for runner up position. Third honors were taken by Clerus Zaenglein of Shreveport Fleet #175 sailing "Jobeda". The Shreveport Yacht Club gave visiting skippers, their crews, and families a cocktail party following the first race on Saturday. This was topped off by a chicken barbecue supper on the lawn of the Clubhouse. Following the Regatta, beautiful trophies of silverware were awarded the winners and their crews.

On June 7 and 8 Eugene Walet III sailed "Spirit II" in her first major series and won the Gulf Yachting Association Regatta at New Orleans with three firsts. By now everyone agreed that the boy was hitting his stride and would be hard to hold for the rest of the season.

The same weekend two skippers from Shreveport Fleet #175, "Smokey" Sommer and Cliff Ray, journeyed to Ft. Worth, Texas to take part in an open Lightning series. Sommer took third place in this Regatta.

July 3 found the Lightning boys at Biloxi, Miss. sailing the first of twelve races on the Coast which had been scheduled for the following nine days. Walet and "Spirit II" took three races, followed by Cliff Prados sailing his former charge "Dixie Doodle" which is now owned by the Schmidt Brothers from Biloxi.

At Gulfport on July 5 and 6 Walet won a close series from "Smokey" sailed by "Smokey" Sommer from Shreveport. After the second race Gene and "Smokey" were all tied up but the boy did it again and they finished one two in the series.

The series of Biloxi and Gulfport served as a warm up for the Southern District Championship Races to be held July 8, 9, and 10 at Bay St. Louis, Miss. Monday afternoon and evening was spent measuring sails, checking rigging, etc., with a cold beer thrown in now and then to provide the stamina to carry on. Tuesday afternoon found twenty boats answering the starting gun with Ralph Christman's "Gigalo" taking the lead. At the end of the first round it was Walet in "Spirit II", Prados in "Dixie Doodle" and Charlie Gamble in "Chance". The three leading boats held their positions during the second round and finished in that order. Rob Roy was fourth in "Anulus". Walet won the second race which was sailed in light variable winds. John McDonald from Bay St. Louis was second in "Diamond Lil" and Cliff Prados third followed by Archie Stapleton's "Ploy" in fourth place. The third Race sailed in fluke breezes was won by Charlie Gambel in "Chance" and his win nailed down second place in the series for him. Rob Roy in "Anulus" was second, Horace Thompson in "Disturbance" third, Walet fourth and Prados fifth. Total point standings for the series was Walet 57½, Gambel 54½, Prados 53, and Roy 51. After the points had been added up, Commodore Bobby Camors of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club awarded winners and crews beautiful trophies and this was followed by a big crab and shrimp boil given by the host club. For the third successive year, Race Committee Chairman, Henry Chapman, conducted the Regatta in a masterful manner. We Lightning skippers think that he's just about the best in the business.

Friday, July 11, found the boys racing at the Pass Christian Yacht Club with Walet in "Spirit II" winning by a wide margin in fluke going. "Smokey" Sommer from Shreveport was runner-up in this race.

We wound up a glorious two weeks of racing back at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club on July 12 and sailed our race in a spanking breeze. Cliff Prados lead at the first marker, but Walet rounding right astern found a pick up just at the right moment and got on top. From here on it was a good race between "Spirit II" and "Dixie Doodle", but Walet covered closely and went on to win with Prados finishing close astern.

On August 16 and 17 the first Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship was sailed at Pensacola, Fla. Seven-

teen skippers from both the Southern and Southeastern Districts competed in this series for the championship of the G.Y.A. Morgan Powell, for St. Pete sailing "Red Witch" won the first race when Eugene Walet III's "Spirit II" was disqualified by the race committee. Second in this race was Ed Overton from Fairhope in "Mauvillian" followed by Charlie Gamble from New Orleans in "Chance". The Sunday morning race was sailed in a light breeze with Walet the winner followed by Powell and Wheatley Cleveland sailing "Black Magic". Walet and Powell finished in the same order in the afternoon race with Ed Overton third. Final standings for the series were Morgan Powell, St. Pete, 49 points; Wheatley Cleveland, Fairhope, 42; Eugene Walet III, New Orleans, and Harry Schmid from Biloxi tied for third with 34. Ed Overton from Fairhope was fourth with 31. Powell was awarded a beautiful sterling silver punch bowl donated as a perpetual trophy by Commodore Eugene Taylor of the Pensacola Yacht Club. This event will be held annually.

So Eugene Walet III, our teenage champion after enjoying a good racing season, and Ralph Christman represented the Southern District at Spray Beach, N. J. in the Internationals. We are proud that Gene finished second in this event behind that great sailor, Bob Graf from Buffalo.

Arriving back in New Orleans, Gene won the sailing championship of the Southern Yacht Club sailing one race in each of the five one-design classes against the best skippers which each class could produce.

Over the Labor Day weekend, five skippers from the Shreveport Yacht Club trailed their boat over to Dallas to engage the Texans in a three race series. Dr. Eddie Knighton took third place in this event.

The last big regatta of the season, the Overton Regatta, was sailed on October 18 and 19 and Walet again took top honors by winning all three races. Ed Overton was second and Jack Bonnell was third.

Note: As this goes to press, word has just been received from New Orleans that our much traveled champion Gene Walet III was given a sailing lesson when he was whipped by his father, "Big Gene", in a Lightning Race on Lake Pontchartrain.

FINLAND DISTRICT REPORT By Ahti Tarkkanen

It's more than one year since you have heard anything from us here in Finland and what we have been doing with our Lightnings. Passive we have not been in sailing but maybe in some practical things like correspondence, which has been very limited. I have quite much to tell you so I think it's best to start from our new executive committee.

Last autumn our executive committee got following composition:

Commodore	Engineer Carl Olaf Granfelt
Vice-Commodore	Ekon. Martti Rinne
Secretary	Cand. med. Ahti Tarkkanen
Engin.	Kurt Hoffming

Members: ekon. Kai Nuortila, Mr. Timo Nyreen and Mr. Imma Nordstrom. Our commodore is very active light boat man and he has measured most of our Lightnings.

Last summer we had the Olympic Games here in Finland, which was a great experience of course for everyone. Most our members were active at the arrangements but in spite of it we raced quite much. We had last summer nearly 30 races here in Helsinki and usually in the Lightning Class were average ten boats racing.

The Fifth Lightning Championship Regatta of Finland took place on 30-31 August here in Helsinki. It was wonderful sailing weather during the both days and we had 18 boats racing. At the first race 13 boats were disqualified when they sailed wrong course. A young and very skilful sailor Christer Granfelt (he's our commodore's brother) won the regatta sailing "Spezial" 4014, owned by Mari Ellila. Timo Nyreen sailing his "Planza" 4133 was the second and Eino Ritvas was the third on "Joker" 4048, which is owned by me. We took photographs from the championship but they failed and therefore I have nothing to send you unfortunately. The second race was filmed and some sights of it were seen in the news reels in cinema here.

We have shown the films we got many years ago on several occasions here in Helsinki and in the country also and they have carried on very good propoganda for the Lightning.

This winter has been unusually mild. We had certainly quite much snow but now it has begun to melt with speed and so we hope that the season will begin earlier than before.