

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....	Walter L. Hallenbeck
Fleet Secretary.....	George E. Tubich
Fleet Champion.....	Wes McMullen
Runner-Up	Peter Northrup

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
708	Warden	Alexander Christie, Jr.
1287	Miss Pent	Mrs. C. R. Taylor
2735	Miss T	George E. Tubich
3066	Risky	W. L. Hallenbeck
4392	.....	Geoffrey H. Gobble
4945	Trilogy	Dr. J. H. Olwin
5650	Lazy Squaw	E. L. Todd
6384	.....	Dr. R. M. Galt
6889	Frantic	W. W. McMullen
7714	Therapy	Dr. J. S. Graettinger
8979	Frenchtown II	J. T. Cartland
9259	Poison Envy	Mrs. M. A. Bates
9412	.....	D. H. Basler
9966	.....	Virgil Powers
10071	.....	Peter Northrup

When Stevens designed and named this craft (LIGHTNING) all we can say - it was a most appropriate name. No one knows for certainty the manner and action of "lightning."

One of our experiences this year was "lightning" striking a Lightning - from the tip of the mast, down the side stay and out at a gaping hole at the water line. There was frantic action in repairs as she was a top contender in the season races.

And don't believe that old saw about lightning not striking twice in the same place. Our 1965 Fleet Champion was Wes McMullen (6889). You guessed it - his Lightning struck again in 1966. Wes captured Fleet Champion as well as the Hewitt Trophy in the July series.

Our junior sailors had the best year ever and there is no question that next year will be a banner year for these young and enthusiastic sailors. Their main problem appears to be not enough sailing time and races.

The fleet will have more Lightning power next year. There is already on order several new ones for the 1967 season. Currently there is a Lightning in each 1000 series - from the 700 to the 10,000 series.

The sailing trophies are awarded at our season's end banquet and that "something" struck again in the manner of a cocktail called Lightning - equal portions of brandy, gin and whiskey.