

**PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)**

**Michigan District**

**Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan**

Fleet Captain.....	W. W. McMullen
Fleet Secretary.....	Peter B. Northrup
Fleet Champion.....	Wes McMullen
Runner-Up.....	Dr. Raymond Galt & Geoffrey Gobble
Third Position.....	John T. Cartland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
708	Warden	Alexander Christie, Jr.
1287	Miss Pent	Mrs. C. R. Taylor
2735	Miss T	George E. Tubich
4392	Hotspur	D. Gobble
4945	Trilogy	Dr. J. H. Olwin
5650	Lazy Squaw	E. L. Todd
6889	Frantic	W. W. McMullen
7714	Therapy	Dr. J. S. Graettinger
8781	Bay Boy	Dan Webster
8979	French- town II	John & Si Cartland & Jack Jones
9259	Took	Mrs. M. A. Bates
9966	.....	Virgil Powers
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter B. Northrup
10224	Risky Too	W. L. Hallenbeck
10424	Indefatigable	Geoffrey Gobble & Dr. R. M. Galt

Remember the good old days? . . .

Like when a mast fitting broke and the whole race was postponed while the skipper hurried off to the blacksmith's to have it welded . . .

Or when the "race committee" had all the boats circling every mark . . .

Or when one skipper had a dental appointment at the time of the race so was allowed to run the course in the morning and the elapsed time was compared with that of the afternoon fleet . . .

Those days are gone forever. The Lightning Fleet at Pentwater Yacht Club has "arrived," having several racing machines, real competition, a great race committee in the person of Herb Behr, and a fine schedule.

As might be expected our "old reliable" Wes McMullen captured the fleet trophy in FRANTIC. Several of us are trying to break this long-standing tradition. The nearest men last season, Dr. Raymond Galt and Geff Gobble, pulled a close second and you all better watch that upcomer who came in a solid third for the season, John Cartland.

Both the July and August series were finished first/second; Galt and Gobble/McMullen but a few members who could race only intermittently confused the issue and the balance of power seemed to teeter-totter back and forth through the summer.

All in all it was a great season, capped by the races for the Herb Behr Trophy: That INDEFATIGABLE pair of Galt and Gobble took this one too with a double first! The Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded this year to Dr. and Mrs. John Graettinger.

What's the outlook for next season? That's anybody's guess! We expect everything to run smoothly under the leadership by our new Fleet Captain John Cartland and Secretary Geff Gobble, but I'm taking no bets for the trophies: Too many of those who used to be in the second ranks are suddenly appearing in the first rows; too many close races last year; too much keen competition. One thing's sure—it'll be a great season. See you there.