

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....	Donald Lambrix
Fleet Secretary.....	Dustin Griffin
Fleet Champion.....	Wesley McMullen
Runner-Up	Walter Hallenbeck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1287	Miss Pent	Mrs. C. R. Taylor
2735	Miss T	George E. Tubich
3066	Gryphon	Dustin Griffin
4945	Dr. John Olwin
5650	Driftwood	Donald Lambrix
6889	John H. Scott
7714	Therapy	Dr. J. S. Graettinger
8979	Frenchtown II	John Cartland
9259	Took	Mrs. Bennitt E. Bates
10424	Dr. R. M. Galt
10874	Risky Too	Walter L. Hallenbeck
11092	Harry A. Mayer
11134	Frantic	Wesley W. McMullen

The weather was unusually kind to us this year. Only one race had to be re-scheduled. It seems unbelievable, but there were no capsize during the regular season. Wes McMullen's new "Frantic" did surprise him during a pre-season shake down.

The only other mishap was Don Lambrix losing a man overboard (one of his sons). He came right back the next day and flew his spinnaker for the first time.

Our last year's Fleet Champion (Geoffrey Gobble), after several weeks into the season with consistent first places, suddenly discovered he was without a boat. He chartered No. 6889 for the remainder of the season, but this put him at a serious disadvantage since points are awarded to a boat at our resort fleet regardless of who shows up as skipper for the week-end. In spite of that, he was pushing us all the time.

Wes McMullen, with his new boat and with the help of his permanent crew member, Roger Purnell (our Sunfish champion), plus numerous other crew members, make a clean sweep of the season championship and our other three series.

Our other new boat owner, Walt Hallenbeck with his permanent crew members, his wife, Bernice, and Alan Graettinger (former Sunfish champion), took second place not only for the season but also for the July and August Series.

Don Lambrix, in his second year of Lightning racing, was in third place for the season and the July Series, beating off Mary Ann Bates and Jeff Gobble right on his heels.

The Cartlands finally came to town during August and fought off Jeff Gobble to take a third for that month's series. He did this in spite of hoisting his spinnaker upside down once.

No. 6889 has found a new permanent skipper in John H. Scott who is well supplied with three capable crew members in his family. They should give us stiff competition next year.