

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain Dustin H. Griffin
Fleet Secretary John H. Scott
Fleet Champion Wesley McMullen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1287	Miss Pent	Milford M. Miller
5650	Driftwood	Donald R. Lambrix
6075	Robert R. Schoonbeck
6889	John H. Scott
7714	Therapy	Dr. J. S. Graettinger
8979	Frenchtown	John T. Cartland
9259	Took	Mrs. Bennitt E. Bates
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter B. Northrup
10424	Dr. R. M. Galt
10606	Dustin H. Griffin
11134	Frantic	Wesley W. McMullen
.....	Awful Risky	Walter L. Hallenbeck

Once again, first place honors (and this time a clean sweep of all four trophies) went to Wesley W. McMullen who has been Fleet Champion in the two previous years. His ably sailed, well tuned and conditioned FRANTIC would accept nothing less than first, and deservedly so. All of this was accomplished with consistent wins each week, despite several required shifts of crew, which included among others his wife Francine, his son Bill, Roger Purnell and Rear Commodore Karl Jepson.

The July series (best of 6 races) for the Hewett Trophy was won by McMullen, followed by young and pretty Betsy Scott, with her father and her younger and pretty sister Susan as crew. Third place went to young Alan Graettinger who skippered the family THERAPY, on occasion with his mother and Papa Doc as crew.

The August series (best 5 of 6) for the Commodore's Cup was again taken by McMullen, with second to Messrs. John Cartland, Jack Jones and Romeo Mura, and third again to Alan Graettinger.

The Season series of Sunday afternoon races (best 7 of 9) was won by McMullen, with the runner-up position to the handsome Scott trio and with the brothers-in-law Cartland, Jones and Mura taking third in FRENCHTOWN.

The post season races (3 of 3) for the Herbert R. Behr Trophy provided the final win in Wes McMullen's clean sweep of the four firsts.

The Fleet is fortunate in the quality of its young sailors who, as skippers and as crew, have contributed so much to performance and spirit. These young people are knowledgeable and able, tough competitors and keen sportsmen. Someday, one of these youngsters will beat out Wes McMullen and that will be the day!

Sailing weather for the season was generally good, with but two postponements, both for unsuitable wind and water conditions. No dismastings or knockdowns were experienced, though there were one or two crew lost overboard and recovered and here and there a splintered rub rail. Generally, it was a successful, hard fought and enjoyable season's sailing.