

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Alan Graettinger
Fleet Secretary	John H. Scott
Fleet Champion	Wesley McMullen
Regatta Chairman	Dustin H. Griffin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1287	Miss Pent	Milford M. Miller
6282	.....	Mr. Lovell
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. & Martha Northrup
10424	.....	Dr. R. M. Galt
10606	.....	Donald R. Lambrix
11134	Frantic	Wesley W. McMullen
11987	.....	Alan Johnson & Robert R. Schoonbeck
12104	Awful Risky	Walter L. Hallenbeck
12177	.....	McGuire H. Cowles
.....	.....	Dustin H. Griffin

Another great season on Pentwater Lake. Only two races had to be rescheduled; one due to no wind and one due to excess wind. One broken mast in preseason warmup—repaired in time for first race—and two capsizings, one on the part of the regatta chairman and the other the fleet captain, were the only out of ordinary happenings.

Three new boats joined the fleet this summer, two replacements and one addition. Competition was great and several new names kept popping up in the top places. One of the new boats with new skipper Mac Cowles, came on with terrific speed, and in addition to placing well, is to be reckoned with in the future. This is another "family" boat in the fleet and it is great to see them working together.

As has become the custom, Wes McMullen in *Frantic* walked off with top position in the July, August, and Season series. While he occasionally had some difficulties from other members, there was little question as to the ultimate outcome.

As indicated above, Wes McMullen took first in the July series, and was followed by one of our younger skippers and next year's fleet captain Alan Graettinger. Closely behind for third was Mac Cowles. In the August series, McMullen maintained his record of firsts and Graettinger and Cowles changed places for second and third. In the Season Series, McMullen was first again with Betsy Scott and her sister and father as crew took second, and Graettinger took third. In the post season Herb Behr series, Wes McMullen turned over the tiller to Dave Karmen, who has been crewing with him all summer, and apparently had been watching and learning as he took first in the first two races to end the series.

One of the highlights of the season was the Race Week when effort was made to give some of the younger sailors and nonsailors a chance to experience the thrill of Lightning racing. It was a great success and will probably be continued in the years out ahead.

We were sorry to learn at the end of the season that our Fleet Captain, Dusty Griffin, was selling his boat and giving up active racing. This was somewhat softened by the fact that he will continue to be around and has accepted the position of Regatta Chairman for the coming year. Dusty's boat has been taken over by Don Lambrix who has sailed with our fleet in previous years and was a crew member for Dusty this past year. We welcome Don back in the role of skipper and hope to see his two sons out with him next year.