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of the Western Stocks of Harp Seals

Figure A shows age samples collected in early 1970. These give additional evidence on the fate of various recruit age classes following kills of young of varying magnitude.

Figure B is an analysis of the percentage of young age classes (1 to 5 years) in samples from the same source over the years 1952 - 1970. A declining trend is noted in recent years.

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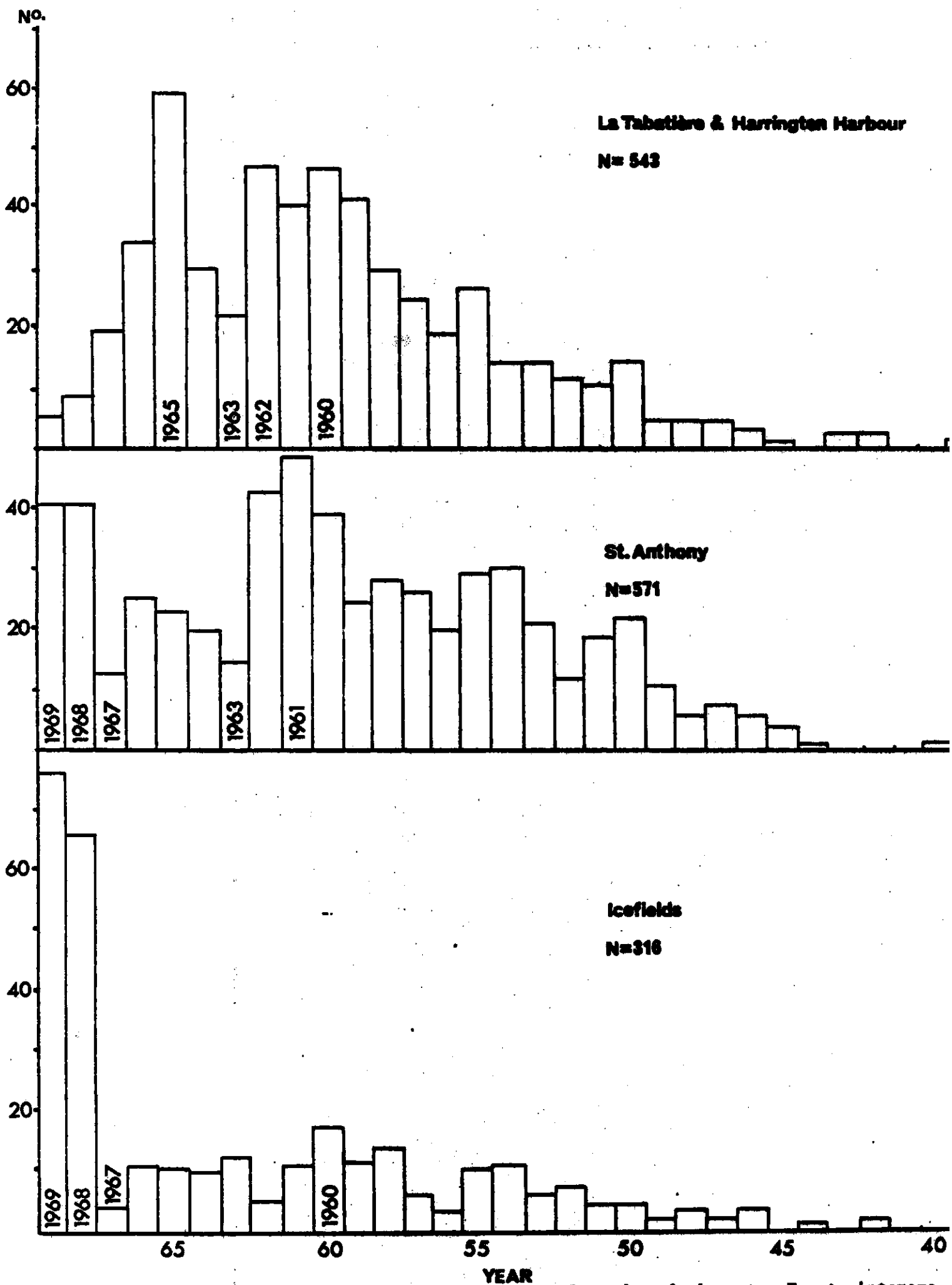


Figure A. Age samples 1970. In descending order: Gulf southward migrants, Front winterers, Front moulters.

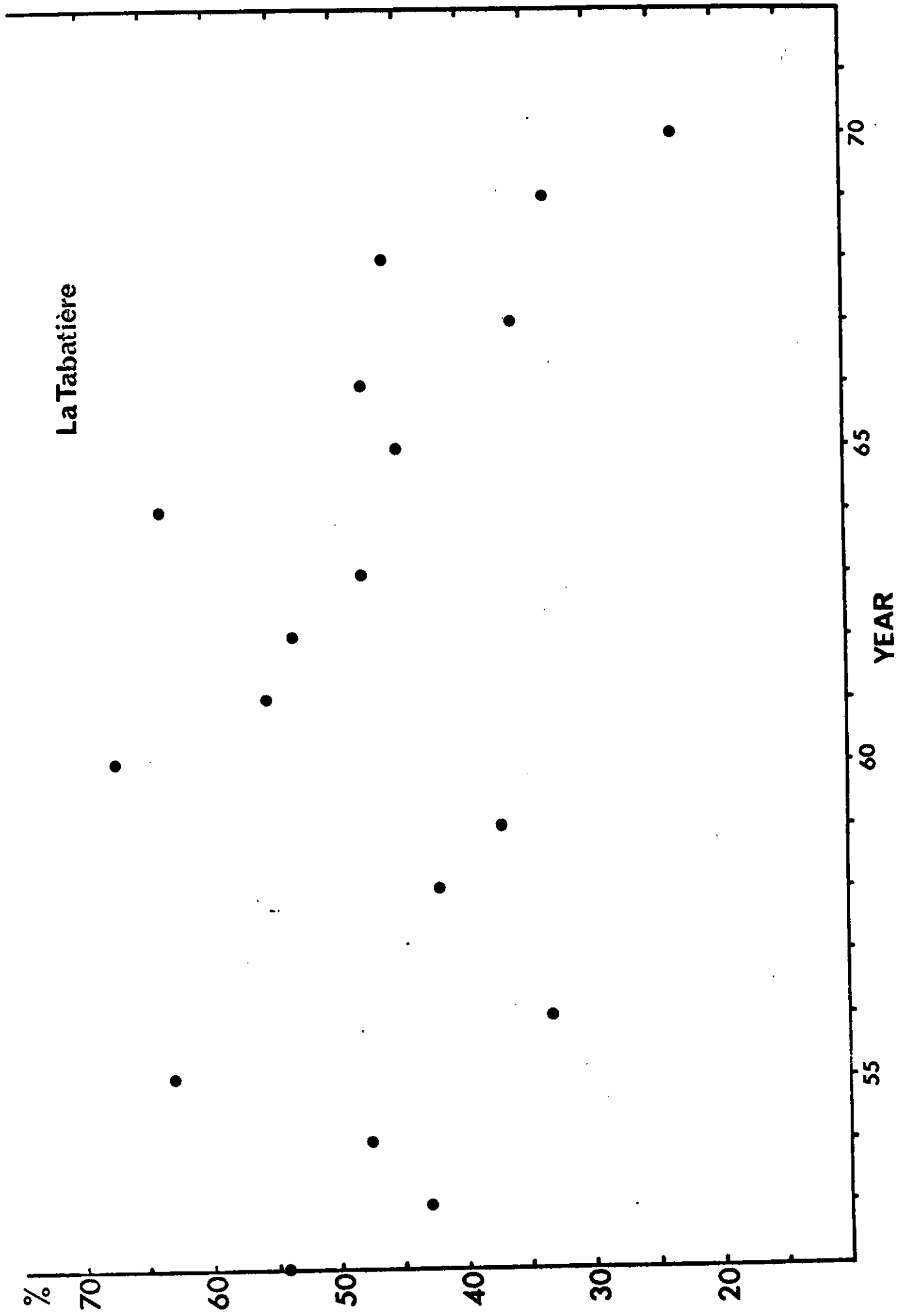


Figure B. Animals aged one to five years (roughly, immatures) as percent of total sample of Gulf southward migrants, January 1952 to 1970.