



The 1966 Connecticut-Rhode Island District Champion, Dave Peterson, is shown with his crew, Sue Franz and Dick Brown.

Jim Crane, Ralph Sperry Jr., Bob Polhemus, Virginia Kemball-Cook, Ryck Walbridge, Wallas Hanson, and Bud Olsen.

Jim Crane went on to win the Norton Yacht Club Invitational while Walter Hanson won the Cedar Point Invitational

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore: Col. Joe Kelly
District Vice Commodore: Ken Pfister
District Secretary: Maj. Frank Colleton
District Historian: Dorothy Allison
District Measurer: Bill Franswick
District Champion: Harry Sindle
District Runner-up: Barney Mead

Fleets: Washington (50); Indian River (72); Sue Island (87); Northeast River (192); Susquehanna (253); Rehobeth (325); Sassafras River (314); Severn River (329); Marine Corps School (354); Smith Mountain Lake (377).

The sailing season of the Dixie District began and ended on high pitched notes of excitement. It started in January with an annual business meeting at which was displayed more than the usual amount of interest in District affairs, well being and domestic tranquility. It ended in October with wintery gusts up to 45 knots at Quantico which accounted for several saturated sailors.

The District Championship Regatta was held at Indian River Yacht Club on 16 and 17 July. Harry Sindle was the winner, and Barney Mead was the runner-up. John Teigland was third. The sailing conditions were ideal. The sun was bright and the winds blew from 7 to 12 knots. The Indian River Y. C. managed the regatta in an outstanding manner in all respects. As a note of interest, this was Barney's 17th season of Lightning sailing. He concluded it with a win in the last race. Since then he has sold his boat and moved on to a cruising class.

Harry Sindle, John Teigland, Don Delorme, Jake Zimmerman, Turner Hastings, and Pheobe Ann Baum represented the District at the North American Regatta. Harry Sindle came in fourth and John Teigland eighth in the North Americans Championship series.

A Junior District Championship trophy was awarded for the first time this year. It is a perpetual trophy which goes to the skipper and crew under age 21 who finish best in the District Regatta. Roddy McNeil won the Junior Championship for 1966. The District instituted a fall round up trophy designated as the B. Mead Cup. It goes to the skipper who has the best combined score from the Baltimore Frigid Digit and the Quantico Regatta. Stu Anderson won it this year.

In the area of management, the District held a spring and a fall Governing Board meeting. An agenda of discussion items

was worked up and circulated so that the skippers and the officials could discuss any shortcomings.

It has been noticed that skippers become more self-sufficient after running the Championship Regatta. It is hoped that the skippers will become more knowledgeable of class rules and racing requirements. This policy also pertains to matters of finance.

The District Constitution has been revised to bring it up to date and into line with I. L. C. A. rules and regulations. The Office of District Measurer was incorporated. When the final votes were taken at the annual business meeting, it rounded out two years of effort at revising the document.

The Governing Board decided that attendance at the various invitational regattas should be a laissez faire effort. If the officials advocated attendance at one regatta over another, it might engender ill will on the part of the club, or clubs, which may not have received preference.

Fleet racing programs are being emphasized as a primary means of building up the class strength.

Good luck to all.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore: Esko Lindstrom
District Secretary & Treasurer: Raimo Aromaa
District Champion: Stig Haglund
District Runner-Up: Terho Aromaa

Fleets: Helsinki (166); Kotka (298); Loviisa (299); Pori (306); Oulu (307); Raahen (308); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Lahti (349); Nasijärvi (394); Kallavesi (395); Airsto (396).

The Finland District annual meeting on November 1965 started an extremely active and successful season. We have established three new Fleets for the District during the year; Nasijärvi, Kallavesi and Airsto Fleets. One old inactive Fleet, Raahen (308), was activated again. The District has participated in several Boat Shows during the winter and spring with success. The new Fleets have started their active life splendidly arranging fine Lightning-displays in their local boat shows. (See Flashes, May 1966).

Another important decision was to request from the ILCA Measurement Committee permission to build one experimental plywood Lightning in Finland. We got permission and the boat, 9867X, has been built and proved practical. On account of this the interest for plywood Lightnings has developed and grown rapidly in Finland. We expect several new plywood boats for our race-courses next summer.

Racing has been quite active in our domestic waters during the sailing season, but international contacts have been few since only one boat participated in the European Championships at Phaleron Bay, Greece. Our only participant was Mikko Tuominen from the Helsinki Fleet, boat No. 9441, LOKKA. He was not very successful, finishing twelfth.

The Finland District Championships were held on July 20-24 at Lake Paijanne. The Paijanne Yacht Club and the Jyväskylä Fleet arranged a first class regatta for an all times record participation of Finnish Lightning sailors. Altogether 21 Lightnings, from seven Fleets assembled at the Yacht Club to try to take the Champions title. The weather was fine throughout the races, but the wind was not. It was quite weak and shifty in four of the five heats. These were the hottest Championships in Finland for a long time and swimming trunks were the right sailing clothes. The top skippers breathed fire on each others neck in all five races.

Our three-times Champion Terho Aromaa had to surrender his place to young and keen Stig Haglund. Stig sailed his "Ariana II" (9166) splendidly and earned the District Champion title for himself and his able crew, brother Leif and Kurt Baarman. Terho Aromaa and Heikki Alho got the same points for the next positions, but Aromaa had beaten Alho more times and received the Runner-Up Trophy.

RESULTS OF FINLAND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

		Fleet	points
1.	Stig Haglund	ARIANA II, 9166	166
2.	Terho Aromaa	MASI, 7887	166
3.	Heikki Alho	VIB, 8211	166
4.	Matti Nurminen	MARY-ANN, 8212	328
5.	Mikko Tuominen	LOKKA, 9441	166
6.	Ilkka Lilja	NINA, 7983	328
7.	Lasse Hammar	RIO-RITA II, 9436	307
8.	Pentti Puupera	OSKARI, 8210	166
9.	Markku Paloma	KIKKA, 5552	307
10.	Raimo Aromaa	TUULETAR, 7888	166
11.	Petteri Tehola	KULKURI, 9438	166

12. Hannu Makinen	CAT-FISH, 9163	349	10-8-18-10-18-42
13. Juhani Riekkola	TWIST, 8216	394	16-15-9-16-13-35
14. Esko Lindstrom	KATRINA, 6858	328	13-21-12-17-12-34
15. Kalevi Rajanen	9437	349	18-12-19-15-11-32
16. Aulio Naykki	MARINA, 7177	310	12-16-16-12-19-32
17. Pentti Hedeberg	ANITA, 7892	310	19-17-13-13-14-32
18. Esko Saltevo	DELEIN, 8217	328	15-9-17-DNF-16-31
19. Martti Vaittinen	CARITA, 8655	298	14-18-15-DNF-17-24
20. Eero Somppi	BONNIE, 9609	394	21-20-10-14-DSQ-23
21. Jorma Riekkola	MARIA, 8219	310	17-19-11-18-20-23



Finland's District Champion, Stig Haglund, gets ready to hoist the spinnaker.

The Finland District decided that the two best at the District Championships in 1966 would represent our District at the World's Championships in 1967 in Canada. Stig Haglund and Terho Aromaa are planning ways to get to Canada, and we hope that nothing can prevent their trip across the Atlantic.

Our season ended at the Annual Meeting on November 13th at Helsinki. New, or rather "old", officers were elected for the coming season. Esko Lindstrom continues as District Commodore, Raimo Aromaa as District Secretary-Treasurer, and the other posts in our Districts Governing Board were filled by Terho Aromaa, who is now officially our District Measurer, and Pentti Puupera, Kaj Sjöberg and Juhani Riekkola.

The Finland District is looking forward for a very active season. We are planning to enter several boat shows around the country during the winter and spring. Last, but in no way the least the Finland District will be arranging the Lightning Class European Championships for 1967. Dates will be July 10-16, so that there will be time enough for the participants to travel to Canada for the World's Championships. The place will be the industrial town Tampere and the races will be held on Lake Nasijarvi.

WELCOME TO FINLAND AND THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1967.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore: Herbert W. Virgin, III
District Secretary: Charles Beedle
District Champion: Charles Obersheimer
District Runner-Up: Alex Carlin

Fleets: St. Petersburg 109; Tampa 168; Biscayne Bay (226); Palm Beach (333); Canaveral Fleet (392).

The 1966 Season was a good one for this District. New boats have been purchased and a new fleet has been established at Cape Canaveral.

The 1966 District Championships were held in Miami, Florida sponsored by the Coral Reef Yacht Club. This year's championships were sailed under the most adverse of conditions. Usually pleasant Biscayne Bay was cold and rainy with winds on the first day in excess of twenty miles per hour. Visibility was so bad that the morning race was postponed in order to give the boats an opportunity to see their course. Two races were sailed over shortened courses Saturday afternoon. Everyone retired to hot showers and then returned to the Club for dinner. A short meeting was held at that time, and Leonard Vidal of Tampa

was elected next year's Commodore. Three races were sailed on Sunday. To the relief of everyone no rain was encountered, although winds continued in the small craft warning range. Charles Obersheimer won, and perennial contender, Alex Carlin was runner-up. Leonard Vidal, who began racing Lightnings seriously only a few short years ago, collected his first District Championship hardware with a third place. Next year's Championship Regatta will be sailed at Len's home port, the Davis Island Yacht Club, which presented us with a fine series last year.

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore: Giovanni Arciprete Gen. G.N.

District Secretary: Mario Mainini

District Champion: Guido Tulli

District Runner-Up: Giuseppe Capolino

Fleets: Naples (191); Sorrento (223); Marivela (235); Castellammare (237); Garda Lake (249); Roma (271); Anzio (278); Lega Navale Italiana Sez. Anzio (312); La Spezia (321); Flotta degli Estensi (355); Capri (360); S. Lucia (361); Sabazia (381); Formia (389); Del Faro (390).

During the year 1966 we have had about 20 regional regattas, including the selection for the Italian Championship and two national regattas. The Italian Championship was raced from July 18 to 24 on Formia Bay, organized from the new & very characteristic Club "Caposele" built on the ruins of the Roman harbour of the old city, Formia.

There were 21 boats participating and the regatta included six races with possibility to eliminate one race. The course was similar to an olympic course with a long windward side of triangle. We had very rough wind and sea every day excepting for the first race. The final classification was the following: 1. Kalimero (Anzio) - skipper Tulli (8-1-1-1-1-rt), 2. Antonilla III (Formia) - skipper Capolino (rt-5-2-3-3-1), 3. Sprint (Formia) - skipper Testa (5-3-4-2-2-8), 4. Vincenzina (Castellammare di Stabia) - skipper Russo (2-2-3-5-6-5), and 5. Turbine III (Marina Militare) - skipper Merola (1-sq-13-6-4-8).

The sailing season finished with the classic winter regatta in Naples "Christmas Cup" that was the victory of the old skipper of the Italian Navy, Merola with boat Turbine III.

During this regatta we had the yearly meeting of the Italian District. By unanimity, the Italian Navy Gen. Arciprete Giovanni and Dr. Mario Mainini were confirmed on the position of Commodore and Secretary of the Italian District. Important news for the Italian District is the decision of the Italian Navy to build six new Lightnings to devote to sailing activity for Navy Petty officers. Other important news was the rising of the new Lightning Center in the Cervia city near Ravenna. The Cervia Center will organize the Italian Championships for next year.

On the international activity, we had the participation of five Italian boats as the European Championship. The "Vincenzina" boat was classified 4th out of 14 boats.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore: William McKinley

District Secretary: Donald M. Goodwillie, Jr.

District Champion: Henry Cawthra

District Runner-Up: Mac Goodwin

Fleets: South Haven (30); Devil's Lake (31); Crescent Sail Y.C. (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Y.C. (54); Grosse Ile Y.C. (68); Higgins Lake Y.C. (110); Gull Lake (137); Tawas Bay Y.C. (152); Omena-Traverse (174); Leland Y.C. (184); Saginaw Bay (216); Burt Lake (254); Grand Traverse Y.C. (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Les Cheueaux (378); Lansing Sail Club (387).

The Michigan District has just completed the most successful mid-winter meeting in its history. Commodore McKinley and members of the Lansing Sail Club, Fleet Number 387, organized a Workshop-Seminar which was held prior to the mid-winter meeting. The Workshop-Seminar took place at a heated hanger at the Lansing Airport. This allowed us to have on display a fully rigged Lightning for demonstration. A panel of Tom Allen, Bruce Goldsmith, and Henry Cawthra, discussed the many aspects of making a Lightning go faster. An overflow crowd of approximately three hundred and fifty persons enthusiastically participated in the Seminar for over four hours. The Michigan District is certainly grateful to Tom Allen and

Bruce Goldsmith for making this event the success it was.

The 1966 Districts were held at Crescent Sail Yacht Club on Lake St. Clair. Of course, Crescent is an old hand at putting on District Championships, and all of the details were handled to perfection. The Race Committee did an especially fine job as good starting lines were the order of the day, and very few protests were encountered.

A full series of five races were run as good weather and ideal sailing conditions prevailed. There were some mutterings about the "St. Clair Chop" from some of the inland lake sailors, but when all of the dust had cleared, it was the old master Henry Cawthra way out in front. The top ten positions changed somewhat the first three races, but after the fourth race only a real disaster could keep Hank from his seventh (or is it eight?) Michigan District Championships. The standings of the first ten were:

1st, Hank Cawthra; 2nd, Mac Goodwin; 3rd, Leo Wasserberger; 4th, George Nichols; 5th, Warren Jones; 6th, Phil Smith; 7th, George Sipel; 8th, Charlie Schreck; 9th, Jim Kohls; 10th, William McKinley.

The Michigan Invitational Regatta Circuit was, of course, very active. It seemed to this writer that many more sailors are actively campaigning their boats throughout the summer. A great deal of interest has been generated in the district by a Travelling Trophy, which was won in the 1965 season by Joe Disette of Midland. This year, however, Joe was beaten out in a tight race by our own Commodore, William McKinley of Tawas Bay. Some of the most pleasurable experiences in Lightning sailing are realized through an active participation in the Invitational Regatta Schedule. All the host clubs in the district spare no effort to run a regatta which is both fun and challenging. Certainly 1966 will go down as one of the most active years on the Invitational Circuit. The results and winners of the Invitational Regatta are as follows:

Pontiac Yacht Club, Hank Cawthra; Saginaw Bay Yacht Club, Joe Stueland; Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Hank Cawthra; Grand Traverse Bay Yacht Club, Dr. Leo Wasserberger; Higgins Lake Yacht Club, Herm Nichols; Lansing Sail Club, Joe Stueland; South Haven Yacht Club, Al Berg; Devil's Lake Yacht Club, Bruce Goldsmith; Tawas Bay Yacht Club, Leo Wasserberger.

Certainly our workshop seminar in Lansing, closed 1966 on an optimistic note. Plans are afoot to make 1967 a banner year in the Michigan District.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore: Jim Hopkins
District Secretary: Mary Campbell
District Champion: Bill Wingard
District Runner-Up: Bruce Goldsmith

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5); Michigan City (20); Burnham Park (56); Neenah-Nodaway (67); Milwaukee (69); South Shore (Milwaukee) 79; Green Bay (112); St. Joseph (113); Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345).

The year 1966 began with the inauguration of a new regatta sailed at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Fleet 393 located in Manitowoc, Wisconsin appears to be well on its way with a good number of active boats.

Our District Champion this year is Bill Wingard who sailed an outstanding series with finishes of 5-4-1-1-1.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore: William Caldwell, Jr. 1966
Howard Wood 1967
District Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Thober
District Runner-Up: Richard Price
District Champion: Dr. Lou Pocharski

Fleets: Centerboard Y.C. (14); Spofford Lake (145); Annisquam Y.C. (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake S.C. (227); Lake Dunmore (243); Harrasseket Y.C. (244); Winnepesaukee Y.C. (246); Massebesic Y.C. (273); Chequesset (280); Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Cohasset (369); Kennebunkport (384).

Another busy season has come to a close and we find ourselves again compiling the results from the various district regattas. Many of these must have been sailed in secrecy as results for some of them are impossible to find.

The recorded season got under way July 9 and 10 with the annual State of Massachusetts Regatta held in Marblehead. This three-race series turned out to be a preview of the Districts, as those that finished on top were to find themselves in a similar position a week later in Annisquam. The winners were our perennial champion Lou Pocharski first, Dick Price, after a long absence, second, Ben Smith third, Gene Thober fourth, and John Collins fifth.

The following week found 8 fleets represented, by their best boats in a twenty-eight boat field with entries from 3 states, at Annisquam for one of the finest New England District Regattas in my memory. Former Senator Ben Smith, heading the Annisquam Yacht Club Fleet, deserved a standing ovation for the manner in which this regatta was run. The weather bureau co-operated perfectly providing ideal conditions on Ipswich Bay with

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breezes over the three days of 8 to 20 knots. There were few holes or wind shifts. Such ideal conditions over the course of a five race series was perhaps the highlight of the three-day affair. Dr. Lou Pocharski's Spook successfully defended his New England title scoring 136 points; Dick Price, a former district champion, in Celest finished second with 125, John Collins in Tweetie Too was third with 119, Len Pratt in Bon Joy and Smith in Teaser were fourth and fifth with scores of 114; Gene Thober was sixth with 113 points and Jack Cunningham seventh with 110. These then were the representatives to carry the New England colors to Buffalo. We were pleased that three of these skippers, Pocharski, Pratt and Thober, qualified at Buffalo for the championship flight, and that two, Pocharski and Thober, there qualified for the forth-coming World's to be held this summer of '68 in Toronto.

Two weeks later, a bolt out of the blue, Bill Shore unseated Dr. Pocharski, the perennial Marblehead Race Week Champion, and took home the Milton Larsen Memorial Bowl.

The last regatta that they failed to keep secret was the Lake Winnepesaukee Invitational. Fleet 246 hosted twenty-eight yachts on August 20 and 21 in their 12th annual regatta held on Saunders Bay. Robbie Pratt, sailing the family Bon Joy, nailed down the title with two firsts and a fourth—followed by Fred Hamblet and Wade Caruthers, all sailing under the colors of Spofford Yacht Club. We understand the winds were very slight and fickle, with numerous wind shifts up to 180 degrees—like WOW. I've had a couple secret agents at work with some threats of bodily harm and much brow beating. We heard..... this is unofficial..... that Len Pratt won the annual Spofford Regatta, Bill Shore won the Welfleet Regatta—but no matter how we tried, they kept the balance of the regattas a complete secret.

This Agent 00-9449 warning that if regatta results are to be kept secret next year, you'll have to try harder.

OHIO-INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore: Carl F. (Pete) Carsten
District Secretary: Charles G. Lutes
District Champion: Jon Ruhlman
District Runner-up: John Mueller

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Mentor Harbor (37); Toledo (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Wawasee (154); Northeast (207); Atwood Lake (212); Berlin (263); Indianapolis (270); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover Dam (353); Forest City (380); Sandusky Bay (386).

The Ohio-Indiana District skippers were much in evidence in the 1966 Southern Circuit. The alternate skipper crew team of Jack Mueller, Jim Schudel and Warren Baltimore, finished twelfth in the overall standing for Ohio-Indians best showing. Other skippers attending were John Mueller, Bernie Malcolm, Alex Kaye, Jon Ruhlman, Jim Dressel, Charles Lutes and Dr. Walter Sellars. 1967 should see Ohio - Indiana skippers closer to the top. Bernie Malcolm and Jon Ruhlman proved during the 1966 season they are serious about winning.

The Ohio-Indiana Regatta schedule was opened with the In-

diana Championships at Indianapolis, May 7-8. Jim Schudel sailing "Tickled Pink" won all five races for first place, Joe Stueland, the "Flying Plumber" from the wilds of Michigan howled into second place, nosing out Charlie Lutes who finished third. This regatta marked the beginning of the comeback of Charlie Lutes, he is again the threat he was a few years ago.

May 14-15 the 9th Annual Spring Shakedown at Indian Lake was won by George Fisher with Jack Mueller second.

The Midwestern Spring Championship Regatta at Cleveland Yachting Club May 21-22 was won by George Fisher again. This regatta was originated to replace the Great Lakes Regatta, held for years at Toledo. The Toledo fleet sailing at North Cape has regained its former stature and wishes to re-establish this famous regatta. If at all possible they will schedule this regatta in 1967, so C.Y.C. has relinquished any claim to this week end in order to concentrate on the Greater Cleveland Lightning Regatta which will have to leave Mentor for a year. This regatta is tentatively scheduled for June 24-25 at Cleveland Yachting Club. Watch "Flashes" and special mailings for specifics.

The Associated Yacht Club Regatta of Toledo, June 4-5 was won by Bill Rogge with a flip of the coin after tying Coe Dickey in total points.

Anyone wishing to experience true transplanted southern hospitality should attend the Hoosier Regatta at Lake Wawasee near Syracuse, Indiana. It was held June 18-19 with Jay Johnson sailing "Tickled Pink" squeaking out a victory over Chuck Greaves of Chicago and George Witwer finishing third.

The Greater Cleveland Lightning Regatta at Mentor Harbor Yacht Club, June 25-26 was again a huge success. Stuart Anderson brought the trophy back to the United States by wresting it away from the famous sailmaker, glib tongued, pink loving, Don Allen, who could do no better than second, George Fisher third. Mentor Harbor's own Ed Wahl made the home crowd justifiably proud by finishing fourth and Dick Hallagan from New York was fifth.

Pymatuning Independence Day Regatta July 2-3 was its usual interesting, frustrating series. A wonderful time was had by all including the campers. Regatta won by George Fisher, second Jon Ruhlman.

The Annual meeting was held Thursday night July 7th, 1966 preceding the regatta, and the sly old men of the district showed their cunning. This year a man who is more deserving than any other sailor anywhere was awarded the most important trophy in the Ohio-Indiana District. To make sure all interested parties would be present he was told on the Q-T that his crew was to be awarded the trophy and to make certain they didn't leave early. He was kept so busy attempting to keep his promise of faithful crew attendance that he didn't have time for suspicion until the trophy was described. As he sat waiting for the honoring of his crew with the smile of a conspirator, his chair really collapsed as his expression changed to frustration when his name was called and Jon Ruhlman received the coveted Sportsmanship Award.

This bit of deception made Jon so wary of all ensuing occurrences that after five cautious but consistent races he could again wear the smile, which could now be described as the smile of victory. Congratulations Jon for an excellent series.

The 1966 Ohio-Indiana Districts being held this year on Lake Erie at Port Clinton Yacht Club, home club of General Regatta Chairman and past class president "Pinky" Carlton Allan, and who we all thank for Port Clinton's Yacht Club facilities and hospitality, which made it a great place to sail and spectate for guests.

The race committee was headed by past class champion and president, Dick Krauss, assisted by Ray Lambert and Fred Lange. A great job was done by District Commodore Jerry Garinger and Secretary Pete Carsten promoting this regatta.

Races started on Friday morning with 33 boats competing to be among the chosen 10 to go to 1966 North Americas. The wind at start being about 10 miles an hour and going into a big 90 degree switch, and dropping to light. George Fisher being winner of first race.

The second race which was on Friday afternoon being postponed because of lack of wind and finally starting at 3 o'clock in a 4 mile an hour wind, and ending with two laps and you can guess who won this one, John Mueller, of course.

The third race of series on Saturday morning had 7-8 mile an



The three top finishers in the District Championships are shown as they get ready to brave the cold waters at the Snowball Regatta. They are (l. to r.) Jon Ruhlman, John Mueller, and Chuck Maltbie.

hour wind and shifted to end with two spinnaker legs and two close reaches.

The fourth race started at 2:00 P.M. Saturday with white caps all over the lake and blowing 20-25 miles an hour. This race took our John Ranft just an hour and nine minutes, he didn't wait for anyone. Finishing first with longest lead of any race in series. There were no capsizes in race but plenty of bumps and protests.

Sunday morning and final race sees everyone looking at the score board with places changing fast in every race. This last race started in 10-12 mile an hour winds was won by John Mueller, his second winning race of series.

The final standings were Jon Ruhlman, first, John Mueller, second, and Chuck Maltbie, third. They were followed by Jay Limbaugh, Bernie Malcomb, Sam Hayes, Jim Dressel, John Ranft, George Fisher, and Paul Auer in that order.

It looks real good to see six of our ten qualifiers sailing well enough to place in North American group.

Paul Auer placing fourth in Presidents Cup is doing very well.

July 23-24 Sandusky Bay Regatta was won by John Lay with Bill Tessman second and John Mueller third.

July 30-31 C.Y.C. Regatta won by John Mueller, Jack Mueller second and Pete Carsten, third.

August 6, Steeplechase from Sandusky to Put In Bay won by Jack Mueller.

August 7-10, Interlake Yachting Association Regatta won by John Mueller, second, Jeff Freeman and third, John Lay.

August 13-14, Port Clinton Regatta won by John Lay, second, Jeff Freeman, third, John Mueller.

September 10-11, the Annual Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake was won by Jack Mueller, Jim Hickey, second, and Tom McCain, third.

September 24-25, Sandusky Sailing Club Fall Regatta, won by Jack Mueller, John Lay, second, and Jim Hughes, third.

The Snow Flurries Regatta at Port Clinton blew two sailors in from Chicago by plane. One of them flew home with the trophy. Jay Dory, first, Jack Mueller, second, and John Mueller, third.

October 15-16 two regattas scheduled. The Indian Summer Regatta at North Cape was blown out, but the party was great.

On Friday night prior to Buckeye Lake Snowball Regatta, the District held it's Annual fall meeting.

The new District Commodore, Pete Carsten introducing the new Class President, Dr. Wilson Scott along with past presidents Jay Limbaugh, Bob Mann and "Pinky" Carlton Allan and new chief measurer, Jon Ruhlman and the hard working

1967 year book editor, Alex Kaye and assistant editor, Bill Buckles.

Fleets represented were: 23, 27, 36, 37, 43, 71, 150, 154, 207, 212 and 303. Also welcomed into our District was new fleet, St. Marys Lightning Fleet 400, sailing on St. Marys Lake, St. Marys, Ohio

The seasons final at Buckeye Lake gave us the wind we had been waiting for and wanted to keep on waiting for. That was real excitement trying to get off a plane before hitting the beach. Visitors came from Chicago, Carbondale, Nashville and too many other points to mention. Buckeye did their usual fine job of putting on a regatta, even to arranging good weather for Sunday. As the boats and spars were being hauled the trophies were awarded to first, George Fisher, second, Bruce Goldsmith, third, Jim Dressel.

The 1967 regatta schedule for the Ohio - Indiana District is printed elsewhere in the year book and we wish to invite any and all of you to attend as many of these regattas as possible.

Ohio - Indiana District Championships will be held at Pymatuning Yacht Club July 7-8-9. It is hoped this year's attendance will break all previous records. Come and show the National Lightning Association Vice President and Chief Measurer we will back him up all the way. Good luck Jon Ruhlman.

The 1967 North American Lightning Championship Regatta will be held August 20 through 27 at Cleveland Yachting Club. We are all justifiably proud of the Ohio-Indiana District being chosen for this honor.

Good sailing to you all.

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ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore: Claude S. Goyder
District Secretary: A. E. (Ted) Wilson
District Champion: Russel C. Scrim
District Runner-Up: Gerard H. Gloutier

Fleets: Kingston (171); Britannia (188); Royal St. Lawrence (215); Hudson (376).

We are pleased to report that the Kingston Fleet which has been inactive is now going ahead with new enthusiasm and will bring the total number of boats in our districts' fleets to nearly 60.

The District Championship was run in conjunction with the National Capital Regatta at Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa, Ontario and Russ Scrim of Royal St. Lawrence repeated his victory of last year. Gerry Cloutier of Preville Yacht Club was second and his boat also had the distinction of including our President, Ted Wilson, as crew.

1967 is Canada's Centenary and will be a year of outstanding interest for the District with the Canadian Open at Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and the World Championships at Toronto in our neighbouring Lake Erie District.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore: Dr. Gilbert Klemann
District Secretary: Tom Waters
District Champion: John McIntosh, Sr.
District Runner-Up: John McIntosh, Jr.

Fleets: Savannah (127); Clark's Hill (257); Charleston (288); Lake Murray (341); Lake Lanier (348); Charlotte (365); Lake Hartwell (391).

The sailing activities in the Southeastern District started with Savannah sponsoring the well attended Deep South Regatta. We will not report the results here since they have been reported in the Flashes and elsewhere in the year book.

The Southeastern District Championship was sailed at Clarks Hill and was sponsored by the Augusta Sailing Club Fleet 257. The five races were sailed in all kinds of weather. John McIntosh, Sr., won, but he was followed closely by John McIntosh, Jr. Tom Waters, of Columbia Sailing Club Fleet 341, was a very

close third. Augusta is to be congratulated for the fine regatta for everyone had a wonderful time.

The sailing activities then moved to racing in the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association. The SAYRA is composed of eleven clubs, four on the lakes and seven on the coast.

On the first weekend in May fleets headed for Charlotte's Lake Norman Sailing Club. Two days of drifting saw Tom Waters, Tom McCutcheon and Staton Peele Jr., finish in that order. All represent Columbia Sailing Club Fleet 341.

The following weekend was the Midlands Regatta in Columbia. Tom Waters, Dr. Gil Klemann and Sonny Mevers took the honors.

After these two lake regattas we moved to the coast and the James Island Regatta in Charleston harbor. Tom Waters was victor with Stuart Walker second.

Next came the three day, fun filled, weekend at the Savannah Yacht and Country Club Regatta. The local skippers made a clean sweep. John McIntosh Sr., John McIntosh Jr., and Roy Gordon finishing in that order.

Lake sailors from Fleet 341 won the Carolina Yacht Club Regatta in Wrightsville Beach, N. C. They were Staton Peele, Jr., and Tom McCutcheon. Tom Waters and John McIntosh, Jr., took the honors at the Carolina Yacht Club Regatta in Charleston, S. C. Neff McIntosh won the Charleston Yacht Club Regatta followed by Bernard Olovson and Staton Peele, Jr. The Hobcaw Regatta was won by Tom Waters.

The SAYRA Championships were held in Camden, S.C., hosted by the Wateree Sailing Club. The five races were held in mostly light air which the lake sailors love. After the first day of racing it appeared that Dr. Gil Klemann and John McIntosh, Sr., would take the series. The second day of racing saw Tom Waters coming strong with John McIntosh, Sr., moving back in the fleet. John won the final race and this placed him third overall. Tom Waters won the SAYRA Championship by a quarter of a point over Dr. Gil Klemann.

The Augusta sailors dominated the last two regattas. Ted Kelker won the Western Carolina Regatta (Dixie Inland Assoc.) followed by John Tobin and Tom Waters. Ted Kelker won the Augusta Sailing Club Regatta followed by Dr. Gil Klemann and Tom McCutcheon.

The 1967 sailing season promises to be even more interesting with our fleets growing by leaps and bounds. Ted Kelker and John Tobin of Augusta will add a lot of tough competition with their new boats.

Savannah will open our new season with the Deep South in March and Charleston's fleet 288 will host the District Championship in April.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore: Horace Jacob
District Secretary: W. A. Skelton
District Champion: Paul Schreck
District Runner-Up: Dirk Lundquist

Fleets: Southern Yacht Club (62); Mobile Bay (135); Shreveport Yacht Club (175); New Orleans Yacht Club (209); Pensacola Yacht Club (324); Jackson Yacht Club (388); and Lake Charles Yacht Club (399).

The Southern District once again closed its' season by welcoming a new fleet, Fleet 399, Lake Charles, Louisiana, has been chartered, and we look forward to their participation in all Lightning events.

At the annual district meeting new officers were elected and Commodore Horace Jacob took over the reins in fine style. The New Orleans Yacht Club hosted the 1966 District Championships on Lake Pontchartrain with the very successful event taking place in all types of winds. Once again Paul Schreck demonstrated his winning technique and brought home first place in the closely contested series. Following, only 1/4 point behind, was the hard charging Dirk Lundquist, Ross Allen was third with young Jimmy Mullally hot on his heels in fourth place. Francis Favaloro rounded out the top five. There were nineteen (19) entries. The New Orleans Yacht Club was a wonderful host and conducted a fine series.

The District racing season included a number of fine events. The Shreveport Regatta, always eagerly anticipated by sailing enthusiasts, had a fine Lightning turnout at their Holiday in Dixie Regatta. Also, Fleet 175 at Shreveport hosted the GYA Lightning Championship races with Cliff Prados winning top

honors followed closely by Jim Krippes and Francis Favaloro. Another prominent sailing event was the Fiesta of Five Flags Regatta at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The Lightning Class featured fifteen (15) entries.

Jackson, Mississippi presented their first Hospitality Regatta, and from all reports, this was a stirring event. Twenty-three Lightnings were registered, and it seems that everything was in good order - except the wind which was very light and shifty. It was a most rewarding experience to recognize representation from the Pensacola Fleet 324, Southern Yacht Club 62, New Orleans Yacht Club 209, Shreveport Yacht Club 175 from the Southern District and Memphis Lightning Fleet 274 from the Mississippi Valley District. JYC Lightning Fleet 388 of Jackson looks forward to having this fine support again next fall.

The Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans attracts a great deal of attention and we are sure that the Lightning fleet will be well represented.

Another excellent event, started by the Lightnings, is the Mardi Gras Regatta in New Orleans which has grown to full scale. This will be held on the 4th and 5th of February, which is the Saturday and Sunday just before Mardi Gras.

The Southern District extends a most cordial invitation to Lightnings everywhere to attend these events. An active 1967 season is anticipated and we look forward to having visitors from other areas.

The Southern Yacht Club Fleet 62, New Orleans Lightning Fleet 209, Shreveport Fleet 175 and Pensacola Fleet 324 all had active racing seasons. The newer fleets are indebted to them for their solid support.

SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore: Heini Zollinger
District Secretary: Hans Peter Knopf
District Champion: Jack Beck
District Runner-Up: Hans Luthi



Jack Beck, in 9781, is the Swiss District Champion. He built, and sailed, the first plywood Lightning to win a major regatta. In the background is the boat that everyone was waiting for, #10001. It is owned by Peter Knopf.

Fleets: du Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zurichsee (219); Sempachersee (250); Vierwaldstattersee (281); Greifensee (309); Lac de Morat (358).

1966 brought some successful events for our District. On which shall I report first?

I think I will begin with the unexpected success at the European Championships in Athens! Ruedi Herzog and his crew, consisting of his daughter Barbara and Heini Zollinger, the Swiss Commodore, decided to go the long and stony way to Athens. They started their training quite early in the Spring taking capsizing lessons in the ice-cold Lake Greifensee not too seriously — but then the Swiss Army crossed Ruedi's plans: He had to cancel his application. Many unsuccessful phone calls to all directions of our country followed; finally a Swiss was found in Athens, Fredy Lanz. He took part in the Championships and prevented the absence of our District. He did still more by qualifying as second in the final results, a position which no Swiss skipper has received since 1960.

With respect to old boats, 1966 was a double landmark: In May Peter Knopf's Lightning 10001 was christened, and a month later the first plywood lightning ever built in this country won the Swiss District Championships with her builder, Jack Beck as the skipper. Jack managed to win all five races of the Championships.

The picture for this report is unique as the two boats mentioned are shown together. It was taken on Lake Murren while waiting for a breeze at the Swiss Championships. We are glad to have had 27 participants at these races.

Another remarkable race was that of Glarisegg, on Lake Constance (Untersee), in September. It was the first time that we participated on a partly German lake together with German Lightning sailors. The Lightning Class was the second-largest class at the start! We hope that this race will be the nucleus for the foundation of the first German Lightning fleet. There are also plans to "invade" France with Lightnings, and we hope to report on the success of the German and the French invasion next year.

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore: Dr. Robert Giles Jr.
District Secretary: Tom Cody
District Measurer: Tom Cody
District Champion: Dr. Robert Giles Jr.
District Runner-Up: Dr. Sylvan Newman

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (35); Lake Dallas Corinthian (282); Lake Worth (232); Galveston Bay (379).

During the week-end of June 24th, twelve skippers studied the wind on White Rock Lake in Dallas, Texas trying to decide on the best approach to all marks on the Championship course. The nice breeze, holding throughout the weekend at 12 knots, presented no problem as far as velocity goes but did show favoritism as far as direction is concerned. For some reason, yet to be explained, the wind always shifted to the side of the lake Dr. Giles went to. Bob had a breakdown in communications with AEOLUS in the first race and had to do some fancy sailing to salvage fourth place being led by Dr. Sylvan Newman first, Bob Glatter second, Duncan Porter third. In the second "go-at-it" Bob took to the wrong side of the course (my opinion), got a lift and took a clean first being followed by "The Fox" Marshall Fagin second, Dr. Newman third, and Duncan Porter fourth. In the third try at the cup, Bob jumped out at the start and sailed like a true master of wind and tactics should. In hot pursuit were Marshall Fagin, Don Fagin, and Dr. Newman in that order.

Marshall Fagin again, as in the past, provided the facilities for a marvelous party. A dip in Marshall's pool after a long day of racing is just what the doctor ordered.

When all was said and done, this is the results of the Texas District Championship:

1. Dr. Robert Giles Jr., 7496, 5½; 2. Dr. Sylvan Newman, 7205, 7¼; 3. K. Marshall Fagin, 8277, 9; 4. Duncan Porter, 10068, 13; 5. Bob Glatter, 10069, 14; 6. Don Fagin, 9473, 17; 7. Ben Fay, 5204, 23; 8. David MacKay, 3640, 24; 9. Sam Lett, 6030, 25; 10. Ben Humphrey, 6269, 31; 11T. Sandy Pick, 4293, 33; 11T. Ted Treadway, 5142, 33.

The year 1967 has a lot in store for the Lightning class in Texas thru growth and increased competition. More Texas boats will be traveling than in any previous year.

WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT

District Commodore: Dr. Albert E. Field
 District Secretary: Donald L. Coyle
 District Champion: Elliot Oldak
 District Runner-Up: Dr. Albert E. Field

Fleets: Western Connecticut (7); Larchmont (32); Little Neck Bay (55); American Yacht Club (96); Northport Bay (98); Manhasset Bay (133); Hempstead Harbor (138); Setauket Yacht Club (323).

At the Annual District Meeting, held at the Port Washington Yacht Club, the following officers were elected: Al Field—Commodore, Bill Jorch—Vice-Commodore, Don Coyle—Secretary, Carol Vance—Treasurer, Mike Grinnell—Measurer. With Mike's draft classification now 1-A, Mike's Dad, Charles Grinnell was appointed Assistant Measurer, just in case.

The season produced better than average sailing weather. Fleet invitationals were held at Bayside, Fleet 55 in July and at Northport, Fleet 98 in September. Both were well attended.

Unfortunately, the Sea Cliff Invitational, run by Fleet 138 for the past fourteen years was discontinued. The sudden and unexpected loss of this long standing event and the disbanding of Fleet 138 were a serious disappointment to the entire district. We all hope the planned invitational at Fleet 323 in 1967 will fill part of the gap.

District Championships were held at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club July 30 and July 31. The results were as follows:

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Pos.	#	Skipper	Race 1	2	3	Total Points
1.	8170	Elliot Oldak	4	4	1	75 1/4
2.	7875	Al Field	3	9	3	69
3.	5841	Steve Moore	17	1	2	65 1/4
4.	7125	Walter Scott	2	11	7	64
5.	7822	Bill Jorch	1	13	12	58 1/4
6.	9160	Dave Walters	7	8	11	58
7.	9059	Rich duMoulin	15	2	10	57
8.	9836	John Taylor	13	12	4	55
9.	8627	Mike Grinnell	20	3	5	55
10.	9933	Skip Duryea	9	5	18	52

11.	9932	Ed Perry
12.	9573	Peter McCabe
13.	8325	Scott Perry
14.	5988	W. Barton
15.	5989	W. & R. Jayson
16.	8118	John Porterfield
17.	6654	Jon Ford
18.	9898	John Nicholson
19.	9382	Martin Quigley
20.	9993	Gilmore
21.	8693	Ann Meinertz
22.	7203	Frank Atkinson
23.	9912	Martin
24.	6059	Dave Gebhard
25.	9525	Sue Hetzler
26.	6219	F. Cobb
27.	8314	K. & N. Pierson

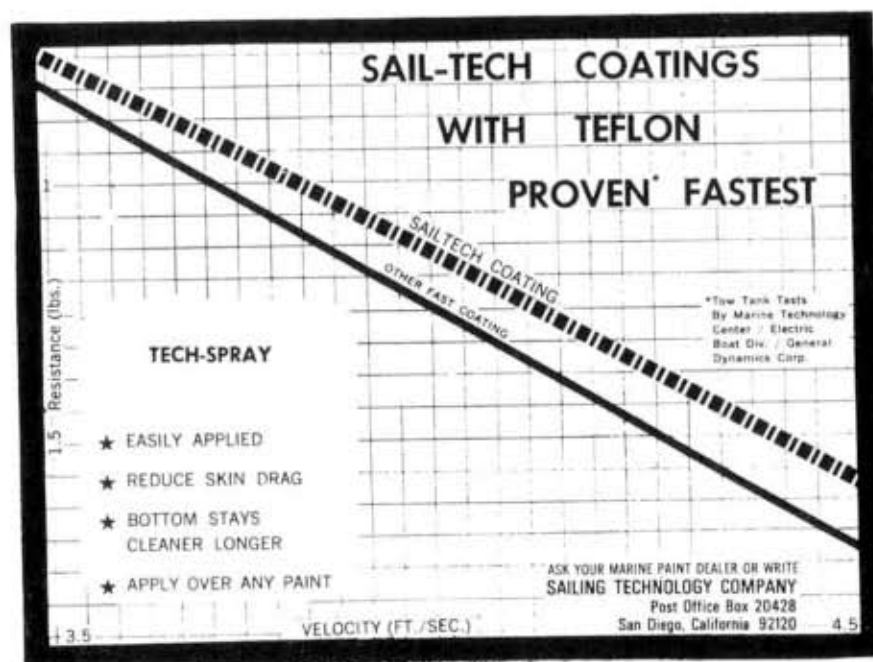
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17	6	14	47
18	7	13	45
6	10	16	45
5	14	24	41
18	15	9	41
11	17	WD	28
22	DNS	6	27
21	20	16	26
14	24	21	25
DSQ	18	15	23
10	23	DNS	23
19	22	17	22
29	21	17	21
8	DNF	DNF	20
25	19	22	17
23	DNF	19	17

COMMODORE CUP SERIES

1.	8718	David Noyes	1	1
2.	10115	Fowler	2	4
3.	6819	Jim Moxham	5	2
4.	8613	Matt Coneys Jr.	3	6
5.	7562	David Sprafkin	8	3
6.	9531	Allan Sherman	6	5
7.	9981	Walt Carucci	4	9
8.	8016	Brendan Kelley	7	7
9.	9432	Wally Schur	10	8
10.	7246	Jill Coyle	9	WD
11.	6330	Joan Johnston	11	DNS

The local championships wound up with the LISYRA Championships on August 6 and 7 at Riverside Yacht Club. After that our local leading skippers left for the Atlantic Coast Championships and then on to the North Americans. Those results, of course, appear elsewhere in the year book.

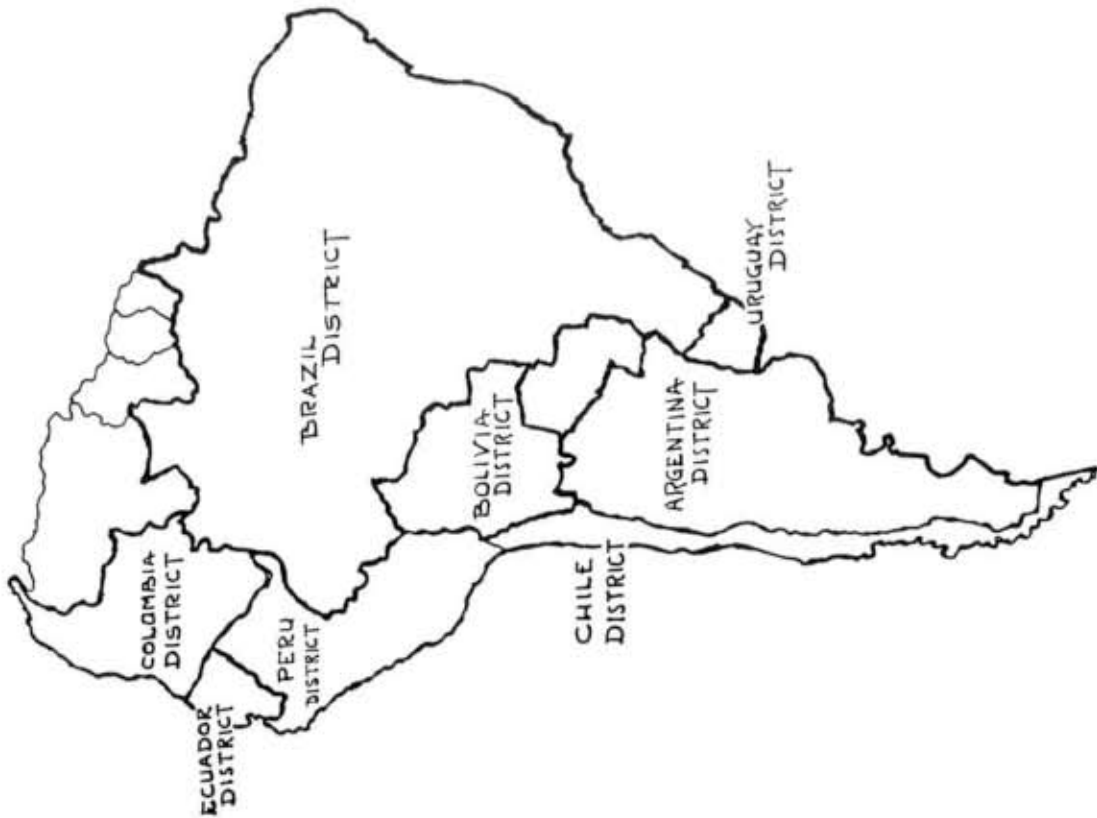
Many thanks go to the Fleet and District Officers for their hard work this season. Thanks also to the Fleets and Skippers in our neighboring Districts of Connecticut—Rhode Island, and Greater Long Island who invite us to their invitationals and loyal support ours.



International Lightning



Class Association Districts



LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Aeolia	336	Dallas Corinthian	35	Kallavesi	395
Algarrobo	318	Darien Boat Club	255	Kemin	310
American Y. C.	96	Decatur	74	Kennebunkport	384
Ancon Y. C.	264	Devil's Lake	31	Kentucky Lake	242
Annisquam	151	Dolphin	287	Keuka Lake	252
Antonina	290	Dunkirk Harbor	311	Kokanee	397
Anzio	278			Kokkola	297
Argonafts	289	Eastchester Bay	163	Kotka	298
Airisto	396	Enoshima	385		
Atwood Lake	212			Lahti	349
Awosting Yacht Sq.	95			Lake Charles	399
		Flotilha de Lightnings de Rio de Janeiro	84	Lake Dallas Corinthian Y. C.	282
Bandeirante	234	Flotilha de Lightnings de Salvador	305	Lake Davenport	167
Bay Head Y. C.	3	Flotilha de Lightnings de Jangadeiros	327	Lake Dunmore	243
Barnegat Light Y. C.	335	Flotta de Capri	360	Lake Fenton Y. C.	53
Bayview Y. C.	83	Flotta degli Estensi	355	Lake Geneva S. C.	345
Belle Haven Y. C.	7	Flotta Del Faro	390	Lake Greifensee	309
Berlin Y. C.	263	Flotta Della Spezia	321	Lake Hartwell	391
Biscayne Bay	226	Flotta di Formia	389	Lake Keystone	402
Black Rock Y. C.	17	Flotta di Santa Lucia	361	Lake Lanier	348
Bomoseen Y. C.	227	Flotte Des Troit Lac	169	Lake Mohawk Y. C.	25
Branford Y. C.	63	Flotte Murlensee	358	Lake Murray	341
Brant Beach	173			Lake Pontchartrain	62
Brigantine Y. C.	217	Galway Lake	338	Lake Washington	132
Britannia	188	Gardiners & Peconic Bays	116	Lansing S. C.	387
Brockport	267	Garrison Reservoir	398	Larchmont	32
Buckeye Lake	43	Georgian	362	La Spezia	321
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Grand Traverse Y. C.	326	LaYallette	104
Buffalo Y. C.	81	Great Egg Harbor	99	Leatherlips Y. C.	27
Burnham Park Y. C.	56	Great Sodus Bay	108	Lega Navale Italiana	312
Burt Lake	254	Great South Bay	178	Leland Y. C.	184
		Green Bay	112	Little Egg Harbor	26
Canaveral	392	Greenwich Cove	7	Little Neck Bay	55
Capricornia	319	Groton Long Point	105	Little Rock	284
Castellammare Di Stabia	237	Guayaquil	272	London	347
Cazenovia	164	Gull Lake	137	Los Andes	352
Cedar Point	126			Loviisa	299
Centerboard Y. C.	14	Harraseeket	244		
Champlain	301	Harvey's Lake	350	Madison Beach	129
Chaparral	322	Hawaii	143	Manhasset Bay	133
Charleston	288	Helsinki	166	Manitowoc	393
Charlotte	365	Hempstead Harbor	138	Mansfield	150
Chautauqua Lake	19	Henderson Harbor	225	Maple Bay	64
Chautauqua	198	Hewlett Bay	58	Marblehead Harbor	189
Chelsea Y. C.	39	Higgins Lake	110	Marivela	235
Chequesset	280	High-Tor	41	Marine Corps School	354
Chicago Corinthian Y. C.	5	Higuerillas	342	Massabesic Y. C.	273
Chinoak	229	Holland	364	Mattituck	141
Clarks Hill	257	Hoover Y. C.	353	Mayfield Y. C.	13
Clearwater Bay Y. C.	277	Housatonic Boat Club	6	Memphis	274
Club Regattas Lima	261			Mentor Harbor Y. C.	37
Cohasset	369	Indian Harbor	7	Metedeconk River	34
Cold Spring Harbor	89	Indian Lake	23	Michigan City Y. C.	20
Colombian Navy	275	Indian River Y. C.	72	Milford Y. C.	238
Columbia Lake	49	Indianapolis Sailing Club	270	Milwaukee	69
Columbia	283			Mission Bay	194
Conesus	140	Jackson Y. C.	388	Mobile Bay	135
Conneaut Lake	180	Jardim Guanabara	401	Muna	73
Cowan Lake	303	Jayhawk	60	Muskegon Lake	316
Crab Orchard Lake	330	Jolly Roger S. C.	313		
Crescent Sail Y. C.	51	Junin	331	Naples	191
Cuba Lake	115	Jyvaskylan	328	Nashville	262

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Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Nasijarvi	394	Quilmes	367	Sorrento C.R.V. Italia	223
Neahawanta Y. C.	403			South Shore Y. C.	79
Neenah-Nodaway	67	Raahen	308	Southernmost	359
New Orleans	209	Raritan Bay	185	Southwestern Y. C.	161
Newport Y. C.	77	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	70	Springfield	363
Niagara S. C.	59	Red Dragon Canoe Club	357	Spofford Lake	145
Nianlic Bay	85	Red Jacket	125	Squam Lake	332
Niteroi	351	Rehoboth	325	Sue Island	87
Normandy Beach Y. C.	366	Richmond Country Y. C.	295	Surf City	196
Noroton	134	Riverside	7	Susquehanna	253
North East River	192	Riverton Y. C.	228		
Northeast Y. C.	207	Rocky Point	7	Tampa Bay	168
Northport Bay	98	Rocky River	71	Tawas Bay	152
Northport Point	202	Roma	271	Taylor Pond	101
Nyack	75	Rosario	292	Temple Reef S. C.	279
		Royal Hamilton Y. C.	118	Thessaloniki	256
Ocean Gale Y. C.	339	Royal Lake of the Woods	320	Thousand Islands	382
Odd Winds	296	Royal St. Lawrence Y. C.	215	Toledo	42
Okanagan	368			Tom's River	92
Oklahoma City	343	Sachems Head Y. C.	269	Toronto Bay	146
Olivos	206	Saginaw Bay	216	Tulsa S. C.	205
Omena-Traverse Y. C.	174	St. Joseph Harbor	113	Turkeyfoot Lake	33
Oulun	307	St. Marys	400		
Owasco Y. C.	149	Salamis	251	Uruguayo Y. C.	220
		Sandy Beach Y. C.	78		
Palm Beach	333	San Diego Bay	114	Valley Sailing Assn.	266
Paqueta	334	Sandusky Bay	386	Vancouver	90
Parana	259	San Isidro	203		
Parthenon	286	Santa Monica Bay	102	Washington	50
Pataya Bay	383	Sao Paulo	147	Wawasee Y. C.	154
Paupack Sailing	16	Sassafras River	314	Western Connecticut	7
Pensacola	324	Saugatuck Y. C.	294	Western Narragansett Bay	119
Pentwater Y. C.	340	Savannah	127	Winnepesaukee Y. C.	246
Pequot Y. C.	153	Sempachersee	250	Woodmere Bay Y. C.	300
Pernambuco	304	Setauket Y. C.	323		
Peruano	265	Severn River	329	Yacht Club de Chile	317
Pettipaug	344	Sheboygan	187	Y. C. O.	356
Pichidangui	346	Sheepshead Y. C.	38		
Pontiac Y. C.	54	Shore Acres Y. C.	86	Zurich	219
Porin	306	Shreveport	175		
Porto Alegre	337	Silver Lake Y. C.	47		
Pymatuning Y. C.	36	Skaneateles Country Club	1		

REMINDER

Most of the Fleet and District Officers listed in this Year Book held office during the calendar year 1966. Names and addresses of current officers may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

Some of the Members listed in the Registry of Lightning Owners (Page 189) have moved since the Registry was prepared on February 1, 1967. Accurate addresses may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

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Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore: Carlos M. Collet
District Secretary: Mario H. Cubria
District Champion: Alberto Migone
District Runner-Up: Pedro O. Sisti

Fleets: San Isidro (203); Olivos (206); Rosario (292); Junin (331); Y.C.O. (356); Quilmes (367).

The District report includes the activities of Olivos, Yacht Club Olivos and San Isidro Fleets, because their activities are centralized at Port Olivos.

Our crews raced in several International competitions, such as the III World's Championship in Naples, where Alberto Migone got a remarkable 6th place, and later on the XII South American Championship in Vina del Mar, Chile. There Carlos Collet was the Champion, Pedro Sisti the runner up, Horacio Pan got the third place and Hector Rudoy the fifth, over a number of thirteen boats. These results crowned the effort of traveling 3,000 Km. from Buenos Aires to Vina del Mar and back crossing the Andes at heights of 3,200 meters.

Our fleets also took part in the races organized by the Club Nautico Mar del Plata and F.A.Y.C. to celebrate Yachting Day. These races took place in Mar del Plata on the Atlantic Ocean, and Carlos Collet got the first place followed by Fernando Marreins. The next competition was at Laguna de Gomez, the waters of the Junin Fleet. The results were: Carlos Collet first, William Camet second, and N. Manifesto third.

The Argentine Championship took place at the end of the 1966 Sailing Season, and twelve boats were at the starting line. Alberto Migone, with Boris Belada and Mario Isola as crew, was the Champion. They won all the races except one for having broken the rudder. Pedro Sisti was the Runner-up, followed by Santiago Perez Penalba in the third place.

We want to announce that the Argentine District, together with

Fleet 356, sent to I.L.C.A. the invitation to sponsor the V World's Championship in 1969.



Some Argentine boat stops on the way to Vina del Mar, Chile. That looks like a very difficult road to pull a boat over.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore: Bernard Gross
District Secretary: Fred J. Knauer
District Champion: Carl Eichenlaub
District Runner-Up: Alan Raffee

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay (102); San Diego Bay (114); Southwestern Yacht Club (161); Mission Bay (194); San Francisco Bay (372).

Another long sailing year has been completed in the California District.

To start off the year Mission Bay inaugurated a new regatta on January 22nd, named the Tom Fallon Regatta, in honor of one of the favorite sons of the Lightning Class. Seventeen boats participated, including Tom, who was on the West Coast at the time. The winners were: Manning Barber; Warren Gross; Steve Bachman; Fred Knauer & Marty Gleich.

The next District event was the annual Bob Herrmann Regatta at Coronado on March 5-6. This was won by Warren Gross with 3 straight firsts; followed by Paul Brady and Myron Lyon.

The hectic part of the season began on June 11-12 at Coronado with the Ken Reynard Regatta. Sixteen boats sailed, and Carl Eichenlaub led the way. After him came Warren Gross, Manning Barber, Al Coha and Howard Machen.

The boats remained in Coronado for the Small Boat Regatta the following weekend, at which Carl again demonstrated his superiority. Next came Howard Macken, Manning Barber, Warren Gross and Dave Wright.

The Yacht Racing Union Regatta held at Mission Bay YC on July 9-10 was won by Howard Macken, with Dave Wright second and Paul Brady third.

On July 22-23 seventeen boats sailed at King Harbor Yacht Club for the District Championship. Once again Carl sailed on to victory, in spite of valiant efforts by Alan Raffee, who came in second. After him was Howard Macken, then Warren Gross and Dave Wright. Dave came back to KHYC the following week to win the SCYA Mid Summer Regatta.

Fourteen boats sailed out of Southwestern Yacht Club on Aug. 6-7 for the John Bate Regatta. This one was taken by Warren Gross, followed by a horde of Mission Bay boats: Dave Wright, Myron Lyon, Fred Knauer and Merrill Jacobson.

The San Diego Assn. of Yacht Clubs Regatta on the Labor Day weekend was sailed in the ocean off Mission Bay, and Al Coha showed the way around the marks. Merrill Jacobson took 2nd honors and then Dave Wright.

On Sept. 17-18, Mission Bay replaced its long standing Stanley Andrews Regatta with its first Victor Bowen Memorial Regatta, named in honor of Victor and Vernice Bowen, beloved caretakers at MBYC, who were fatally shot while defending Club property. Sixteen boats fought for this new and beautiful trophy. In real light airs Howard Macken took three straight firsts. Manning Barber, the only one even close to Howard, took second; then came Wendell Harter, Tom McLaughlin and Paul Brady.

The Regatta season came to an end with the 20th annual sailing of the Thanksgiving Regatta at Coronado YC on Nov. 26-27. This was a weekend of mostly drifting, with freak wind shifts, etc. Anyway Alan Raffee liked it, because he won. Bever, well-known in the Star class, having acquired Marty Gleich's boat, sailed very consistently for 2nd place. Carl Eichenlaub was third, then Warren Gross and Paul Brady.

After this Regatta the skippers rushed to get their boats out for overhaul in the few weeks of inactivity before the whole cycle starts over when the Tom Fallon Regatta comes up again in January. Sailing, anyone?

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore: Robert R. Adams
Vice Commodore: Dr. John Pfister
District Secretary: Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
District Treasurer: Kenneth R. Winter
District Champion: Bob Seidelmann
District Runner-Up: Howard Mullin

Fleets: Barnegat Bay (3); Little Egg Harbor (26); Metedeconk River (34); Shore Acres (86); Toms River (92); Great Egg Harbor (99); Lavalette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Brigantine (217); Riverton (228); Red Dragon (357); Normandy Beach (366).

Although the winter winds were still about us, the sailing season got off to a brisk start in '66. Two Spring series, the Surf City Early Bird and the Riverton Thaw-out, helped

to untangle the cob webs. Dr. Gordon Busby, the perennial winner at Surf City did it again, though closely pressed by Jack Elfman of Surf City. Bill Moss of Spray Beach was third followed by Tom Coe of Brant Beach and Ed Lampinan of Little Egg Harbor. Franz Schneider put together the river tides and some local knowledge and came out victorious at Riverton.

Our District was also well represented during the spring at Monmouth Boat Club where John Orelup of Bay Head completed a 9 race series in his new boat and took home first place hardware. Third place went to the defending champion, Ralph Messersmith of Surf City, and fifth to Ken Winters of Bay Head.

In our two spring tune up regattas, the first held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Del Kusma, a new face in Lightnings, finished first followed by Jim Carson, Howard Mullin, John Orelup, and John Clancey respectively.

The Bay Head Spring Tune Up, held on the Green Island course in Barnegat Bay, was at the sight of the 1965 North American Championships. Although the water was choppy and air moderate, Jim Carson of Metedeconk River seemed to find the right combination and took home first prize. Second was John Teigland, and third Howard Mullin.

Our District Championships were held at Lavallete Y. C. and were a four race series again this year. Bob Seidemann of Moorestown, N.J. completed a (1-1-5-3) series to win the CAD Championship with a total of 134 points. Close behind in second place was Howard Mullin of Surf City Y.C. (2-7-3-1) with 131 points. Third Marcy Lippincott of Riverton Y.C. (5-2-1-7) 129 points. Fourth Jim Carson of Metedeconk River (6-8-4-8) 118 points. Fifth Bob Adams of Bay Head (9-10-8-4) 113 points. A wonderful job was done by Dr. Ira Ross and his fine committee and was appreciated by all in attendance.

Two other major regattas followed on successive weekends. The first was the New Jersey State Championships hosted by the Surf City Yacht Club. All of the top skippers assembled for another head to head battle. Seidemann and Mullin went at it again, only this time the consistent sailing of Howard Mullin paid off. Howard completed a (2-2-2) series for 75 points. Seidemann was second with (1-4-3) 73½ points. Third Arnold Schwartz of Monmouth (7-5-1) 68½ points. Fourth Chris Stack (8-1-4) 68½ points. Fifth Earnie Dean (4-6-5) 66 points.

The following week took us to Metedeconk River for the Atlantic Coast Championships. Hometown skipper Jim Carson fought off a strong bid by Jack Elfman of Surf City and Bill Uhl of Mattituck, N.Y. to finish on top of the field. Final Standings: 1) Carson (8-2-1) 130 points, 2) Jack Elfman (9-1-2) 129 points, 3) Bill Uhl (4-5-4) 128 points, 4) Dr. Don Delorme (7-11-3) 120 points, 5) Bob Adams (5-8-9) 119 points. The regatta allowed many of the area skippers to get a good look at the newly erected yacht club and facilities of Metedeconk River which is beautiful.

Other regattas were held of interest. The Governor's Cup Regatta, Riverton Yacht Club, was won by Franz Schneider of Red Dragon edging out Richard Lippincott of the home club. The Surf City Annual Regatta was won this year by Charlie Harris who co-skipped with Howard Mullin. This was Charlie's first entry in a Lightning regatta and we are sure it won't be the last time we hear from him. He is one of many young sailors in our District who is graduating into the Lightning class and we look for lots of competitive spirit for next year. The Riverton Lightning Regatta was won by Marcy Lippincott; second place went to Richard Lippincott; third went to Bud Nelson. For many years it was said by some bay sailors that the current and tide at Riverton was stronger than the wind. This year however, things were changed. The wind ranged from 15-30 the entire weekend and nobody knew there was current or tide.

One of the things on which we pride ourselves in the CAD is that we have many outstanding sailors. We are certainly very proud of the victory of Bob Seidemann in the North American Championships at Buffalo, and of the fine performance of all our skippers who represented us there in August.

As you will read in our fleet reports, we are delighted to welcome many new sailors and new boats to our District. We feel that we have some of the finest competition that there is to be had anywhere.

CAD continues to publish the CAD Flashes, and it is hoped that the fleets will continue to send along information for us to pass along to the District.

GOOD SAILING!

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

Fleets: Clearwater Bay Fleet (277); Temple Reef Fleet (279); Royal Lake of the Woods (320).

Over the past ten years Lightning sailors racing in the Texas-sized area on Northwestern Ontario have been grouped under the Mid West District of the Lightning Class Association. The clubs though are five hundred miles from other Mid West District clubs in Wisconsin and Illinois, and in the past ten years only two or three boats have competed in Mid West District Championships.

The clubs in the District are as much as three hundred miles apart, but for the past ten years they have been holding competitions among themselves, during the last three years for the Minaki Trophy which was awarded to the boat having the best aggregate total in all three regattas. The fleets have been growing rapidly and last year were made up of the following boats:

Clearwater Bay fleet 277	10 boats
Temple Reef fleet 279	19 boats
Royal Lake of the Woods, fleet 320	16 boats

TOTAL 45 boats

Nineteen sixty-six saw the Canadian Championships held in Port Arthur under the auspices of the Temple Reef Sailing Club. This was the first time that the Canadian Championships had been held this far west, and a record number of boats turned out. The interest generated in Lightning sailing by this event will be maintained in 1967 because the Pan American Games will be held in Winnipeg, the home town of most of the sailors in the Clearwater Bay and Royal Lake of the Woods clubs. Many of the ten boats purchased from Tom Allen will be later sold to Lightning racers in the District, and a high calibre of competition is expected to be maintained as a result of this injection of hot new boats.

After the Canadian Championships members of the area clubs got together and decided that it would be better if three clubs could form their own district of the Canadian Lightning Championships so that their best one or two sailors could continue on to the North American Championships. Being this far away from the top flight competition in the United States there is no way that local skippers will get a chance to participate and to learn from top flight competition in Lightnings unless one of the boats has an opportunity to attend the North American Championships. With interest expanding rapidly in Lightning competition the calibre of sailing has increased greatly over the last couple of years.

Sailors in the Central Canadian District sail on some of the most beautiful waters anywhere in North America. The Temple Reef Sailing Club holds most of its races on Thunder Bay, a large arm of Lake Superior over twenty miles wide. The Bay is cut off from Lake Superior by slumbering shape of the "Sleeping Giant" dominating the skyline to the East. The Clearwater Bay and Royal Lake of the Woods clubs are based on Lake of the Woods at the Ontario-Manitoba boundary, about one hundred miles from Winnipeg. In contrast to the Temple Reef Club based on Thunder Bay, these are clubs centred around the vacation homes that the members maintain of Lake of the Woods. The Clearwater Bay club has no clubhouse, but the Royal Lake of the Woods club has substantial facilities on an island in the middle of this very large body of water.

The new District hopes that it will be able to contribute to the qualities of good sportsmanship and competition in the Lightning Class Association in years to come.

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CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore: Barney Smith
District Secretary: Jeff Penfield
District Champion: Dick Hallagan
District Runner-Up: Garry Demarest

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Onondaga Yacht Club (10); Mayfield Yacht Club (13); Newport Yacht Club (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Red Jacket (125); Conesus (140); Owasco (149); Cazenovia (164); Henderson Harbor (225); Keuka (252); Brockport (267); Galway Lake (338); Thousand Islands Fleet (382).

Competition continues to improve each year in our district. Five well attended regattas were held. The winners were:

- June 4-5: Lakeshore Lightning Squadron, Cazenovia.
Winner: Dick Hallagan.
July 23-24: District Eliminations, Skaneateles.
Winner: Dick Hallagan.
July 29-31: Central New York YRA Regatta.
Winner: Dick Hallagan.
Aug. 27-28: Sodus Bay Invitationals.
Winner: Ed Wahle.
Sept. 10-11: Onondaga Invitationals.
Winner: Ed Wahl.

Six members of our district competed in the North American Championships at Buffalo: Dick Hallagan, Garry Demarest, Jeff Penfield, Bob Lee, Jack Griffiths, and Ed Dean. Much was learned in each race, and we are grateful to the Buffalo Canoe Club for hosting a magnificent regatta.

At least five new fiberglass lightnings will race in our district next year. We welcome any newcomers who are Lightning enthusiasts.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore: Don Skouse
District Secretary: Jack Couchman
District Champion: Jack Zink
District Runner-Up: Stan Brander

Fleets Jayhawk (60); Tulsa Sailing Club (205); Little Rock (284); Fort Gibson (293); Odd Winds (296); Oklahoma City (343); Springfield (363).

The 1966 District Championship Regatta was sailed in late June under ideal conditions at Lake Fort Gibson in north-eastern Oklahoma. The turnout of boats was quite disappointing since there were only 17 entrants, but lack of boats did not prove to be any lack of competition.

The races, one tune-up and five official, were run by Race Committee Chairman Steve Taylor from Commodore Harold Lewis's splendid new Hatteras, and as usual Taylor provided perfect lines, weather legs and courses. The tune-up race and three of the official races were sailed on equilateral courses with the remainder on right triangular courses. Winds were perfect in the 12 to 18 MPH velocities, and for the most part generally steady. No major wind shifts effected the official races.

The tune-up race saw the lead change hands often, but at the final gun it was Brander, followed closely by Zink and Skouse. At this point it appeared that these would be the boats to beat, but the forthcoming races would prove that our thoughts would have to be somewhat revised due to some outstanding sailing, bad luck, and by some boats which at this time were considered dark horses.

For the first race on Friday the winds were about 12 to 14 MPH, and as usual the course and starting line were perfect. Throughout the race it was evident that Zink, Skouse, Houston and Caudle had superior boat speed. First place would go to the boat committing the fewest errors. On the final beat the top four boats rounded the leeward mark closely bunched, but Zink and Houston chose each other and held long starboard tacks, while Caudle and Skouse favored an up-the-middle course. This proved to be probably the only error Jack Zink made in the entire regatta. He and Gaines Houston became so engrossed in their own race that they badly oversteered the finish line allowing Skouse to take the gun. Zink edged Houston, and Caudle followed.

Race No. 2 was sailed back-to-back, and Mr. Zink put on a show that was to be repeated for the remainder of the regatta. He took the lead on the initial weather leg and never relinquished it. The rest of the fleet had to settle for a race for second place. Dean Arnold, in his new boat, sailed well, covered well, and made no tactical errors to gain a very comfortable second followed by Brander, Skouse and Caudle. At lunch the scoreboard showed Zink in first place with 33 points, Skouse second with 31, and Arnold, Caudle and Houston tied with 27 points. Brander was in the pack with 25 points.

By afternoon the winds had freshened slightly to about 16 MPH. And here comes Mr. Zink again! First all the way and with a wide margin, Houston took second to take a firmer hold on overall second place, and Caudle, with a third to Skouse's seventh, moved into a two way tie for third. Spillers took a fourth in this race, but unfortunately a DSQ in the first race put him out of the overall running. Brander, with a fifth rated fifth overall.

Saturday, the day for races four and five, arrived clear and beautiful with wind of 18 MPH; and found everyone asking the same question, "What can we do to stop Zink?". After two more races we found out . . . NOTHING!

In the fourth race Zink sailed his 8667 around every mark of the course in first place. Again the race is sailed by the rest of the fleet for a second place. This time Brander took over this spot, followed by Caudle, Harris Squire, and Gaines Houston. A jam at a jibing mark caused an unfortunate foul, and Don Skouse received a DSQ. At the time he was sailing well, and was certainly in contention for second best honors, but this dropped him out of any chance. By this time a real horse race had developed for second, third, fourth and fifth place. Naturally Zink was tops with a total of 67 points, but Caudle now had a one point margin over Houston for second with 57 points, and Brander had moved up to fourth with 54 points. Dean Arnold was fifth with 49.

At this point we were all sure that Zink would ease the pressure. Why not sail an especially conservative race, he only needed 5 points in the fifth race to win the regatta. Aha, not Jack Zink! At the first weather mark he was second behind Brander, and immediately after the spinnaker hoist popped into his customary position and held it for the remainder of the regatta. Fleet positions shifted somewhat, but at the finish line, after Zink, it was Brander, Bruce Brand, Harris Squire and Gaines Houston.

Caudle had to settle for a dead-heat tie for eighth place with Frank Ziegler.

Final results showed the following:

1. Jack Zink (205), 84 points; 2. Stan Brander (205), 70 points; 3. Gaines Houston (284), 69 points; 4. Phil Caudle (205), 66½ points; 5. Dean Arnold (296), 61 points; 6. Harris Squire (205), 54 points; 7. Bruce Brand (296), 53 points; 8. Bob Lennart (205), 50 points; 9. Don Skouse (296), 49 points; 10. Frank Ziegler (205), 38½ points.

Jack Zink's consistent, brilliant sailing should be commended. One small mistake during the entire regatta cost him a clean sweep of five firsts. His boat was superbly tuned, and was the fastest boat on all points of sailing. His crew work was without flaw, and his tactics were excellent. Race Committee Chairman, Steve Taylor says, "The best tactics are to get in front and improve your position." Jack Zink must have paid close attention!

At the annual meeting Don Skouse, of Fleet 296, was elected Commodore for 1967, with Jack Couchman serving as District Secretary. The 1967 District Championships will be held on Grand Lake, in Northern Oklahoma, on June 22 through 24.

CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore: David M. Peterson
District Secretary: Elizabeth Applegate
District Treasurer: Ralph B. Sperry
District Measurer: Edward "Bud" Olsen
District Champion: David M. Peterson
District Runner-Up: Wallace H. Lineburg

Fleets: Housatonic Boat Club (6); Black Rock (17); Columbia Lake (49); Branford (63); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Western Narragansett Bay (119); Cedar Point (126); Madison Beach Club (129); Noroton (134); Pequot (153); Milford (238); Darien Boat Club (255).

1966 was a banner year on Long Island Sound. More strength than ever was found in the fleets and the increased number of junior sailors created an excellent balance. The top junior was Ralph Sperry, Jr. last year's Sears Cup winner who placed first for the second year in a row in the Long Island Sound Junior Championship. Our outstanding young sailor was Jim Crane from Noroton Yacht Club. He not only performed well on the circuit, but finished fifth in the North Americans.

Major regattas averaged forty-five boats this year! While other classes are fighting rather than switching, Lightning's are multiplying like rabbits!

At the Black Rock Invitational on June 25-26, Gary Demarst was first. He was followed by Dave Peterson and Ellior Oldak.

The Connecticut Governors Cup found Wally Lineburg the champion, while Dave Peterson and Banny Sprague were not far behind.

At the District Championships, Dave Peterson couldn't be stopped. He was followed by Wally Lineburg, Robert Crane,