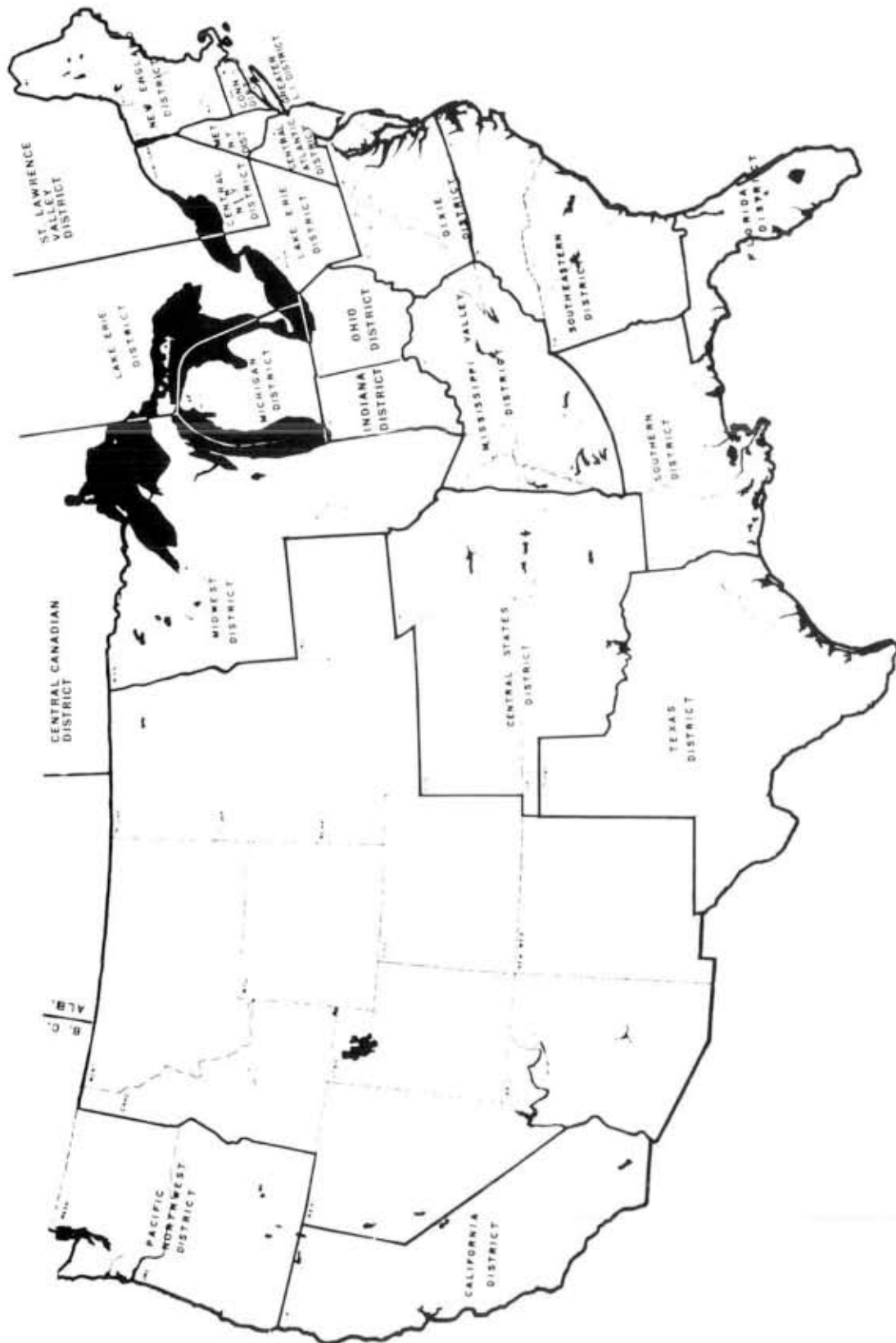
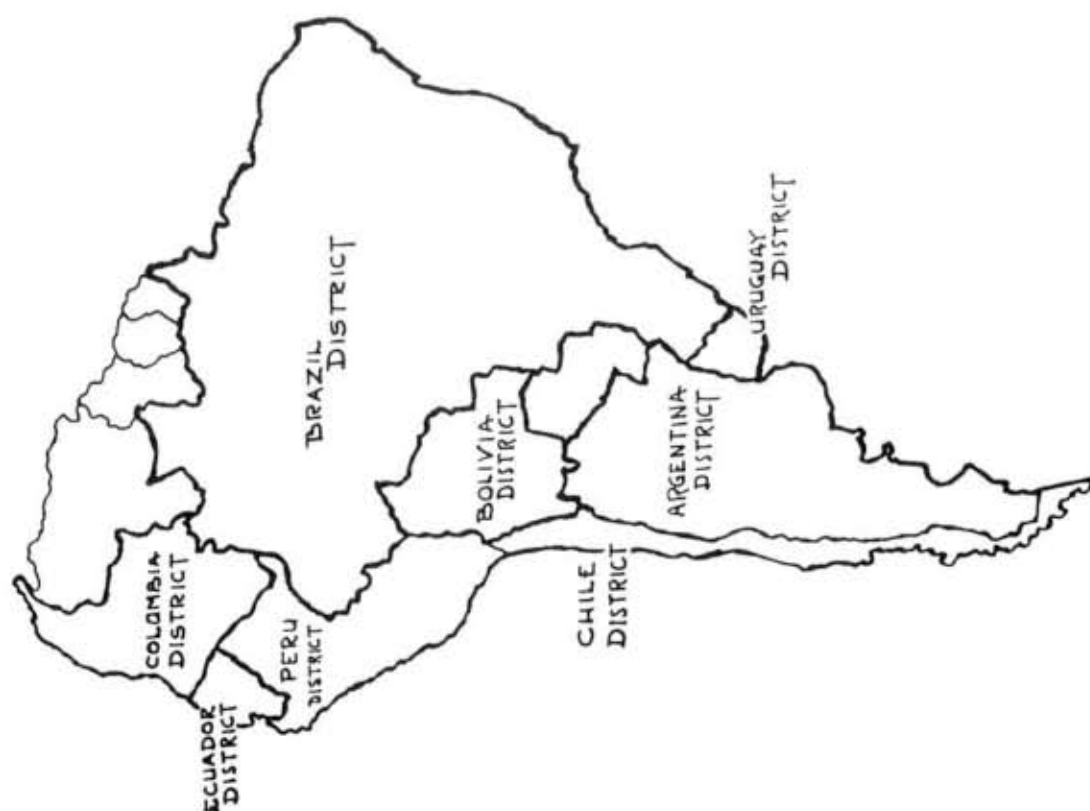


International Lightning



Class Association Districts



Lightning Districts

ARGENTINE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Oswaldo Bordino
District Secretary	Alan Warshower
District Measurer	Pedro Sisti
District Champion	Mario Isola
District Runner-Up	Carlos Collet

Fleets: Club Nautico Olivos (206); Yacht Club Olivos (356); Club Nautico Bahia Blanca (445); Club Universitaria de Buenos Aires (446).

During 1972 the activities of the Argentine District were greatly increased. We had a total of 46 Regattas including four seasonal championships, the National Championship, and the selection for the World Championships. For the National Championship we had clubs participating from outside of the Buenos Aires area.

The Lightning Class has introduced the 720 Rule and uses it in all regattas with the exception of the selection for the World Championships. We have found good acceptance of this rule and expect that the other classes in Argentina will eventually follow the lead of the Lightnings and also use this rule.

The Lightning Class Association publishes a monthly bulletin and is giving classes on racing techniques. For these classes we have obtained as speakers the best skippers of Lightnings and other classes as well as sail manufacturers, boat designers, etc. The classes are well attended and we find that at times the Lightning enthusiasts are outnumbered by skippers from other Associations.

In the Portsmouth Numbers Regattas the Lightnings do very well. They are recognized as one of the best racing classes in Argentina.

The Argentine District is very interested in promoting the participation of more Lightnings in all regattas. We are trying to obtain a license from the U.S.A. manufacturers of fiberglass boats but have had no response from the various manufacturers. There are only six fiberglass Lightnings in Argentina which were brought here for the 1969 World Championships. Further importation is not permitted so we need the help of a recognized manufacturer if we are to have boats which can compete on an international basis. Any help which can be given by ILCA or its members would be greatly appreciated.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore	Robert Buckup
District Secretary	Willi Tietze
District Champion	Herbert Hasselmann
District Runner-Up	Robert Buckup

Fleets: Sao Paulo (147); Florianopolis (162); Jangadeiros (327); Veleiros do Sul (337); Niteroi (351); Pernambuco (373); Brasilia (375); Guanabara (401).

Undoubtedly, we are beginning to reap the fruits of a long period of reorganization of the Brazilian District which started in 1968. At that time only three fleets had any activity whatsoever, and no District Championship had been held for the three preceding years. Now we can count eight active fleets with over 120 active boats, out of a total of 200.

Our District has been actively participating in most of the international events held by I.L.C.A. during 1972, with excellent overall results.

First we were at the XVIII South American Championship, held in March 1972 in Algarrobo, Chile, with three crews: 11693 of Denis Clemence, 8233 of Herbert Hasselmann and 7256 of Mario Buckup. After a series of six well contested races, Buckup placed 2nd, Hasselmann 3rd and Clemence 12th.

Later on in the year, Robert Buckup (11709) and Glyn Hunting (7495) participated in both the Swiss Championship, held in Ascona and the XVII European Championship, held in Morges, Switzerland. These two boats placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the Swiss Championship, which now opens up their new Brazilian Canton. In the European, Buckup after a splendid fight for first place with Stelios Bonas of Greece, clinched the second spot with Hunting also finishing very well in fifth.



"Stop posing and hike!" "But Robert, my profile is so much nice than the back of my head. Did you ever take a good look at the back of my head?"

Herbert Hasselmann and Denis Clemence were at the '72 N.A.'s held on Rehoboth Bay, Delaware. After the qualifying series, Clemence with his 5th place went into the North American Championship and Hasselmann with his 62nd place went into the President's Cup. After the final series were held, Clemence took 17th place in the N.A.'s and Hasselmann 6th in the President's Cup. At this point we would like to thank the great cooperation received from the Swiss District and the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, who helped our crews magnificently.

Our District Championship held this year, for the first time by the revived Fleet 162, in Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, had 30 boats registered from 6 of our fleets. It was a great success. The only regretful note was the lack of participants from Brasilia who were to hold the 1973 Districts. During this regatta, the Annual General Meeting of Brazilian District was held, where it was decided that Mr. Robert Buckup, by acclamation, would be reelected to the office of District Commodore.

The District Regatta was held initially under very severe weather conditions, with winds howling over 40 knots, which forced the R.C. to postpone a couple of the races. The third, fourth and fifth races, however, were held on the same day, fortunately, with very light winds, as the crews were exhausted from the heavy wind and seas of the preceding days. After the sixth and final race was over, there was no doubt in anybody's mind that Herbert Hasselmann and Robert Buckup deserved to become the '72 Champion and Runner-Up respectively.

They did a fantastic job, taking practically all the first and second spots in all regattas. In third place, Denis Clemence, last year's champion, had a very hard time beating Geraldo Low Beer, a newcomer to our class, from the Penguins.

Our program for '73 shall be very intense. We intend to participate in the South A's in Colombia, the European in Italy and the World's in the USA. Our '73 District Championship will be held at Porto Alegre, the home of Fleet 337.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore Jack McCarthy
 District Secretary Linda McCarthy
 District Champion Stan Starkey
 District Runner-Up John Freenor

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

California District has been busy this year both North and South. Our season began pleasantly in Coronado with the 6th Annual California Circuit hosted by Coronado and Mission Bay Yacht Clubs. Each year races are held at Coronado, then a sail-around from Coronado to Mission Bay and finally a series at Mission Bay. This past year offered good sailing at all locations but the sail-around stole the show. Carl Eichenlaub won the series challenged by Stan Starkey and Earl Lasher.

From the California Circuit everyone traveled home to race in their respective season activities. Southern California continues to have a very active fleet in Santa Monica and Mission Bay and several boats were trailed from there for the California District Championships held at Ballena Bay Yacht Club and hosted by San Francisco Bay Fleet 372. Fourteen boats in all attended the Districts and raced in varied winds. For the first time the District Championship was won by a San Francisco Bay Fleet skipper. Stan Starkey won with a fantastic 1,2,2,1,DNF for a total of 6 points. John Freenor was second, followed by the Barber Brothers, fourth was Tom Beeckman and Jack McCarthy was fifth.

Late July found many of us traveling to Vancouver, B.C. for the Pacific Coast Championships hosted by Kitsilano Yacht Club. Races were held on English Bay with ideal weather the first day and impossible light wind and chop on the second day. Jeff Ince of Fleet 90 won with a total of 8 points followed by Warren Gross, Stan Starkey, Harry Olsen and John Stam. Four California skippers placed in the top ten. Hurrah!!

After the PCC's came the Lake Cachuma Invitational hosted by the Santa Monica fleet. Lake Cachuma is located about 24 miles northeast of Santa Barbara and is noted to be a lovely place for sailing. Many of the S. F. Bay skippers fully intended to make the trek for the regatta but just couldn't muster the energy or the time in September to make it. Their season consists of continual travel, racing at a different location for each regatta.

If anything should be said about the California District it would be the fact that in the face of slow growth, loss of skippers due to transfers and poor availability of new boats we continue to hang together and compete regularly. We have produced some fine skippers with even finer ones to come and we will continue to sail in good competition and enthusiasm with our fellow fleet members. Watch for us in 1973.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore Ralph Messersmith
 District Vice-Commodore David Rutter
 District Secretary John Emery
 District Treasurer David Brown
 District Measurer Franz Schneider
 District Champion James G. Carson
 District Runner-Up Jack Elfman

Fleets: Bay Head (3); Metedeconk River (34); Great Egg Harbor (99); Lavallette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Mantoloking (210); Riverton (228); Barnegat Light (335); Red Dragon (357); Normandy Beach (366); Penn Manor (422); Ocean City (430).

Our season began in January with our annual mid-winter meeting, held in conjunction with the Metropolitan District, this year at Monmouth Boat Club. Featured was a panel discussion of the racing rules, and how they apply at various locations around the course. Panel members were Bob Adams, Jim Carson, Sandy Huntsman, and John Schneider. Following the discussion, the two districts adjourned to separate floors for business meetings. Then we got around to the more serious matters of a typical Monmouth Boat Club cocktail party (anyone who has been to the Long John knows what that means), and a superb buffet dinner, prepared under the supervision of master chef, Mary Huntsman.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

1973 REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 28 and May 5, 12, 19, 26

EARLY BIRD SERIES

Brant Beach Yacht Club - Fleet 173

May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3

SPRING TUNE-UP SERIES

Metedeconk River Yacht Club - Fleet 34

June 16 and 17

SPRING TUNE-UP REGATTA

Bay Head Yacht Club - Fleet 3

June 23 and 24

GOVERNORS CUP REGATTA

Riverton Yacht Club - Fleet 228

July 14 and 15

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Bay Head Yacht Club - Fleet 3

July 28 and 29

NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Surf City Yacht Club - Fleet 196

August 4 and 5

SPRAY BEACH - BRANT BEACH REGATTA

Brant Beach Yacht Club - Fleet 173

September 2 and 3

LABOR DAY REGATTA

Red Dragon Canoe Club - Fleet 357

September 8 and 9

25th ANNUAL SURF CITY REGATTA

Surf City Yacht Club - Fleet 196

September 22 and 23

RIVERTON LIGHTNING REGATTA

Riverton Yacht Club - Fleet 228

September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 13

FALL SERIES

Metedeconk River Yacht Club - Fleet 34

September 29 and 30

RED DRAGON FALL REGATTA

Red Dragon Canoe Club - Fleet 357

The Southern Circuit found us well represented, with eight boats making all three regattas. Jack Elfman started the year out right with a fifth at Savannah. In the Mid-Winter Championship at St. Petersburg, Jim Carson slipped a notch from his spot as 1971 NA's Runner-Up in Milwaukee and finished third. Bob Seidelmann was right behind in fourth. In the over-all standings for the circuit, the District ended up with four boats in the top ten: Seidelmann-Newman, 5th; Carson, 6th; J. Lippincott, 8th; M. Lippincott, 9th.

Locally, our racing season begins with Monmouth Boat Club's Long John Regatta, at the end of April. Bob Seidelmann won it, and Jim Carson was second.

At the Bay Head Tune-Up Regatta, held in mid-June, Jim Carson was first, just nosing out Alan Ruiter. Bill Newman was third.

Our District Championship was hosted by Normandy Beach Y.C. for the first time in that club's history. The first two races, on Saturday, were typical Barnegat Bay gear and gut busters, with winds over 20 knots for the second race. Everyone eased their pain somewhat at the cocktail party which followed. The third race was sailed in another kind of typical air—Sunday morning light. By the fourth and final race, the air had come up and shifted, steadied quite a bit. The only problem was that in realigning the course for the new air, the Race Committee misread their radar and positioned the jibe almost on the rhumb line of the first leg. The first time up, the fleet all started to round the jibe mark, thinking it was the weather mark. A rather unusual jumble of positions resulted when Jim Carson asked the stake boat which mark he was at, hardened-up and began to go farther to weather. It took a while for the rest of us to catch on, and Jim won the race. He also won the regatta since he was leading going into the last race anyway. Jack Elfman was second, and Bill Cramer was third. These two have been getting a lot tougher in the last few years. If they continue the trend there is some doubt whether the rest of us should bother putting our boats in the water at all next year. In fourth place was Bob Adams, and fifth was Bill Newman. The next five skippers also qualified for the North Americans. They were, in order, Howard Mullin, John Teigland, Marcy Lippincott, Bob Seidelmann, and Dave Ruiter.

The Atlantic Coast Championship was held in our District this year, hosted by Metedeconk River Yacht Club. The event drew boats from as far away as Maine and Florida. Jim Carson, Regatta Chairman, proved that it is possible to win in your own regatta. In a series featuring plenty of air, John Schneider, from the Metropolitan District, was second, Bob Seidelmann was third; Stu Nickerson, of Wellfleet, Mass., fourth; and Bill Newman, fifth.

Bill Cramer won his first major regatta this year—the New Jersey State Championship at Brant Beach. Second was Reid Dickerson of Monmouth Boat Club.

The District had its best year ever at the North Americans, except that we didn't have a champion. For the third year in a row we supplied the runner-up. At New Orleans and Milwaukee it was Jim Carson, and this year, Bob Seidelmann was just nosed out by Jim Crane by a single point. Carson got a hankering for the new Fallon Trophy for the last qualifier, and we think he actually hung back to win it. Then he couldn't completely shake the habit and could do no better than 7th in the finals.

In all, we had eight boats in the North Americans, one in the President's Cup, and one in the Governor's Cup. John Teigland had a great North American series, ending in a point tie for third with Bill Shore. Shore won on the tie-breaker, putting Teigland fourth. Bill Cramer finished one point out of the silver in sixth place (his best finish yet in the NA's), and Bob Adams took ninth. With Seidelmann and Carson, that makes five out of the top ten in the North Americans. Dave Ruiter was twelfth, which gives us six sure qualifiers for the World's in 1973. In addition, Jack Elfman in 16th is first alternate and has a good chance for a berth; Bill Newman in 20th has an outside chance.

In the other two flights, Marcy Lippincott represented us well in the President's Cup, with a fifth, and Howard Mullin did a great job in the Governor's Cup with a solid second.

In fall sailing, John Teigland took the Riverton Fall Invitational, followed by Franz Schneider and Dwight Hutchinson. Jim Carson was second in the Frigid Digit at Severn, and was leading at Quantico until the last race, which we won't discuss here. He and Jack Elfman just couldn't quit, and traveled all the way to Tennessee for the Bluenose, the week-end after Quantico. It turned out to be a replay of the Districts, with Carson winning the regatta, and Elfman coming in right behind.

1972 will be a hard year to surpass, but 1973 looks just as good. We look forward to it and hope that all our fleets will continue to build and supply the District with a constant supply of new faces.

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Dr. Harley Hughes
District Secretary	R. W. (Bob) Richards
District Treasurer	Dr. William Guest
District Measurer	W. G. Konantz
District Champion	Bill Konantz
District Runner-Up	Derek Riley

Fleets: Zig Zag Yacht Club (277); Temple Reef Sailing Club (279); Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club (320).

The Central Canadian Lightning District Championship was again held in two sections with the winner and runner-up of the first section being eligible as representatives to the North American Lightning Championships. As usual the first section was held on Lake Superior hosted by the Temple Reef Yacht Club and as usual it was won by Bill Benson followed by Bob Richards who defeated Derek Riley and Bill Konantz in the mathematics contest when all had tied for second place.

The second series was won hands-down by Bill Konantz winning four of five races on his home waters of Lake of the Woods, Ontario. This gave Skipper Konantz the overall District Championship in an easy fashion especially as the earlier leader Bill Benson was unable to attend the second series due to other commitments. Derek Riley and his family crew sailed a solid second in the overall District Championships.

The Central Canadian District welcomed three new skippers and boats this year, namely, Jim Kern, Ross Bailey, and Jim Watkinson. We trust this bodes well for a successful year again next year.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore	F. C. "Bob" Hollmann
District Secretary	R. T. Brunton, Jr.
District Champion	Richard W. Hallagan
District Runner-Up	Kirk Reynolds

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Mayfield Y.C. (13); Pultneyville Y.C. (61); Newport Y.C. (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Red Jacket (125); Willow Bank Y.C. (164); Henderson Harbor

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT 1973 REGATTA SCHEDULE

*June 2-3

Lake Shore Lightning Squadron
Henderson Harbor Yacht Club,
Henderson Harbor, N.Y.

*June 30 - July 1

Skaneateles Invitational Regatta
Skaneateles C. C., Skaneateles, N.Y.

July 21-22

District Championship Regatta
Brockport Yacht Club, Brockport, N.Y.

July 28-29

C. N. Y. Yacht Racing Association Regatta
Red Jacket Yacht Club, Seneca Falls, N.Y.

*August 4-5

Champagne Regatta
Keuka Lake Y. C., Hammondsport, N.Y.

September 8-9

Onondaga Invitational Regatta
Onondaga Y. C., Syracuse, N.Y.

Sept. 15-16

South Skaneateles Regatta
South Skaneateles Sailing Club, Spafford, N.Y.

*Qualifying regattas for Central New York District Triple Crown Trophy. Scoring by high points.

Y.C. (225); Keuka Y.C. (252); Brockport Y.C. (267); Galway Lake Y.C. (338); Thousand Islands Fleet (382); South Skaneateles Sailing & Sailing Society (439).

Central New York enjoyed a banner year of Lightning racing in 1972. Starting with the LSLS Regatta at Mayfield in June and ending in September at South Skaneateles, we enjoyed seven outstanding regattas highlighted by some of the closest competition in the history of the district.

Newport Yacht Club, our hosts for the district regatta, again proved that all things come to those who sail on Newport Bay. Conditions ranged from a slow motion drifter to a wild planing ride in a thunderstorm that cancelled the last race. Going into the second day of competition, seven boats had a chance to win, and when it was over Dick Hallagan had just enough points to come out on top.

Our full complement of skippers competed at Rehoboth in the North Americans, including Dick Hallagan, Kirk Reynolds, Tom Brunton, Ron Palm, Bob Hollmann, Ray Nelson, and "Doc" McIntosh. All enjoyed the competition and good times.

Looking ahead to 1973, there will be several new boats in the district, making it harder than ever for anyone to dominate racing. We invite anyone interested in enthusiastic sailing and good fellowship to join us.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore Wood Matthews
District Measurer Fritz Toussaint
District Champion Jack Zink
District Runner-Up Steve Thomas

Fleets: Jayhawk (60); Little Rock (284); Odd Winds (296); Keystone (402); Perry (438).

In the course of organizing any regatta, there are times when you reflect on what is going to happen to yourself; I mean, in the hustle and frantic moments that always occur at such events, will I ever get a chance to rest my bones and think about racing, and most of all, winning. This year could be my year; it's on my home

waters, got a new fast boat, and super crew. Maybe it's a conspiracy—why else would they elect me District Commodore. Hogwash!

We had a tremendous turn of events this year. Somebody else besides our regular competitors came to our District Regatta, on beautiful Perry Lake, in the heart of eastern Kansas, and he wanted to go to the North Americans, and above all else, he wanted to win the District Regatta. Wow! Fat chance. Jack Zink would be there (he won all five races the previous year), and there was me (I had the newest boat at the regatta, he had the oldest).

Nonetheless, Steve Thomas, all the way from Denver, stayed and sailed. And Jack Zink is a better person for it. After three races, each had one first, but Zink was down by a point, and the fourth race was to be our last. Don Skouse was back six points from the leader, John Gall and Jim Head down nine points and Wood Matthews back eleven big ones.

The scrambled scoring was partially caused by weather conditions. The first race on Friday was a drifter, with just enough wind slots to allow Matthews to open a huge lead and win on a shortened course. We made two more attempts to start another race that day, but had no success.

Saturday morning, the wind was howling. And after the race started, the howling grew greater. The conspiracy jelled, and I was one of three who took a bath, but we managed to sail her dry and finish. I wasn't particularly a better person for it, you know, wet, cold, waterlogged lunch-meat, and lake-temperature beer, and two more races to go. The wind tamed somewhat for those last two charges for hardware, and in fact, were excellent winds to settle the scores.

Don Skouse finally put it all together in the fourth race, and put the lock on Zink's sprint to the finish line. But back a ways, hard-charging Matthews, who hadn't been consistent since winning the first race, put those new sails into high gear and nailed Thomas at the finish to smash his hopes for a first place tie (in points) with Zink.

So, fifteen skippers and four races in two days later, we had ourselves a winner (I knew in my heart we'd have one). Jack Zink is our District Champion, and we're proud to say Jack had no easy time of it this year. And I'm not suggesting that Jack was handicapped, but a proud father himself, since his 12-year-old son, Colin, was aboard doing what crews do best, helping the skipper win. The

CONNECTICUT — R. I. DISTRICT

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| 1. Northeast Regional
& Connecticut Governors Cup | Niantic Bay YC
Niantic, Conn. | June 23-24 |
| 2. Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Championship | Belle Haven YC
Greenwich, Conn. | July 28-29 |
| 3. Long Island Sound
Championship | Madison Beach Club
Madison, Conn. | August 11-12 |
| 4. Cedar Point YC
Invitational | Cedar Point YC
Westport, Conn. | Sept. 15-16 |
| And Don't Forget Cedar Point's
"Spring Fever" Tune-up Regatta | | May 19-20 |

Schwartz Trophy is again collecting dust at the Zink home, the Head Trophy will be on Bob Jones' mantel as soon as we can locate it, and the Brander Trophy finds a new home with Fleet 438, the Perry Lightning Fleet.

We enjoyed hosting the Districts at Perry, loved the camaraderie of our fellow dust-bowl sailors, and I personally really didn't mind the conspiracy against me. (7th place isn't all that bad.) But wait until next year. To re-cap the top five again, they were:

1, Jack Zink; 2, Steve Thomas; 3, Don Skouse; 4, Wood Matthews; 5, Jim Head.

CONNECTICUT - RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Wallace H. Lineburgh
District Secretary	Elizabeth Applegate
District Measurer	Edward "Bud" Olsen
District Champion	Ned Nunes
District Runner-Up	Macy Nelson

Fleets: Housatonic Boat Club (6); Riverside (7); Black Rock (17); Larchmont & American (32); Niantic Bay (85); Groton Long Point (105); Cedar Point (126); Madison Beach (129); Noroton (134); Pequot (153); Milford (238); Sprite Island (413).

Cedar Point Yacht Club, the District's largest fleet, initiated the season with its new "Spring Fever" regatta, May 20-21, and Stu Nickerson, the Cape Cod hotshot beat 25 other sailors. He was followed by John Hammel, a fine young sailor from Noroton Y.C. in Darien, Conn., and Bob Hutchinson from Red Bank, N.J. The next go-round found Macy Nelson of Black Rock Y.C., Bridgeport, Conn., winning his own invitational regatta. Two Pequot Y.C. sailors 2nd, and 3rd were John Watkins and David Perry. All three of these sailors are outstanding young sailors. Noroton Y.C. hosted the next regatta on July 8-9, the famous "Connecticut Governor's Cup" which is steeped in tradition. Peter Ford, a young sailor from Norwalk Y.C. found everything to his liking and edged Steve Hicks from Belle Haven, Greenwich, Conn. The young didn't completely dominate, for oldster Wally Lineburgh, District Commodore, won the last race and moved into third place silverware. Steve Hicks, incidentally, went on to win the L.I. Sound Junior Championship and the area semi-finals in the Sears Cup to end up in the finals of the Sears Cup. Congratulations, Steve!

Cedar Point conducted the District Championships on August 5-6 with Ned Nunes showing super speed. Ned is another Belle Haven sailor, and Steve Hicks from the same club ended up sixth to produce a super regatta for Belle Haven. And, speaking of super hotshots, Jim Crane showed his ability in winning the last race to come out of the runnings and finish third. After that, with a new suit of sails, who could stop him? Congratulations on winning the North Americans, Jim. Macy Nelson was just ahead of Jim in the final standings of the Districts. The finale before the football season was the Cedar Point Invitational, Sept. 16-17. Just to prove that Jim Crane's steady hand can win no matter what sails he is using, he left his super duper North American sails at home and won this regatta with sails from another sailmaker. But not without a fight plus a tie! Stu Nickerson won the last race and tied Jim. However, the tie was broken in Crane's favor and the champ went home with silver and a smile! All in all, 1972 was a great season.

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Al Dutton
District Vice-Commodore	Jeff Hastings
District Secretary	Fred Bush
District Treasurer	Mary Wilkinson
District Measurer	George Wachnik
District Champion	Dr. Don Delorme
District Runner-Up	Jeff Hastings

Fleets: Washington (50); Indiana River (72); Upper Chesapeake Yacht Club (192); Susquehanna (253); Sassafras River (314); Rehoboth (325); Severn River (329); Marine Corps School (354); Smith Mountain Lake (377); Tred Avon (408); Hampton Roads (426).

The Dixie District had a great sailing year, capped by hosting the North American Championships at the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, home of our Fleet 325.

Co-chairmen Jake Zimmerman and Sarah Hastings had the cooperation of all Fleet and RBSA members and helpers from around

the District and everyone had a great time as 120 Lightnings sailed in the first North Americans ever held in Dixie.

Fleet 325 and the RBSA also put on a fabulous District Championship Regatta in July to give Race Committee Chairman Jerry Donovan and his gang a warmup for the N.A.s. It was voted on Friday night to sail a five race series with a throwout for the first time, and we did it—3 races on the hottest Saturday of the year and 2 more on Sunday. Wow!

A total of 42 skippers turned out to battle for the North American berths but the regatta turned into a real three-boat struggle as Dr. Don Delorme, Jeff Hastings and Bill Buckley fought for the top spot. Don finally captured his third district championship in a row with 1-5-1-3-1 finishes. Jeff was second with 2-2-2-4-2 and Bill came third with 3-1-5-1-3.

Rounding out the top ten, all of whom sailed in the NAs, were Chick Trayford, Herm Henschen, Jake Zimmerman, Starling Mikel, Bob Purnell, Paul Grinburg and George Shapiro.

Dixie's '72 season began in January with the annual meeting in Easton, Md., at which the above officers took over and business details were ironed out.

Six Dixie boats went down for Southern Circuit racing and Delorme took a 7th overall, on 10ths at Savannah and St. Pete and 3rd at Miami. Also skippering from Dixie were Jeff and Nancy Hastings, Bob Purnell, Woody Woodbury, Ed Ortiz and Paul Hines.

The local regatta season was opened by our first-ever participation in the end-of-April Norfolk Azalea Festival. Fourteen Lightnings made us the largest of 10 classes competing and Delorme won it all easily with 1-1-1 finishes.

Don went on from there to a really great year on the Dixie regatta circuit, adding wins in the Severn Sailing Association Spring and Summer events, the Delaware Governors Cup at RBSA and the Walter Collier Regatta at Washington among others.

Veteran Bill Buckley also had a good year with victories at Susquehanna and Havre de Grace, and then capped his season by being elected an ILCA Vice President and Assistant Measurer. Congratulations, Bill.

Nancy Hastings won the District Junior Championship for the second year in a row in Fleet 192's home waters, just nosing out Mike Dutton.

And other regatta winners included Dave Racine at Indian River and Herm Henschen at Miles River.

Looking ahead, it will be hard to top '72 in future years, but with good fleet racing and regatta participation, Dixie will always be trying. Come sail with us!

ECUADORIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Werner Moeller
District Secretary	Alberto Maspons
District Champion	Francisco Sola
District Runner-Up	Alberto Maspons

Fleets: Guayaquil Yacht Club (272); Salinas Yacht Club (405); Armada del Ecuador (411); Club Lago San Pablo (447).

Immediately after 1971's report was sent, the District Championship was sailed in Salinas Bay. Francisco Sola was the winner, closely followed by Alberto Maspons.

A lot of activity was major success for Ecuadorian District during 1972.

The first Championship was Fleet 405 (based in Salinas Bay), annual races. Felipe Eljuri was the winner, followed by Hugo Gonzembach.

The second major event was Fleet 411 Ecuadorian Navy's Annual Championship, which was sailed at Estero Lagarto, Guayaquil. The winner was Francisco Sola, followed by Felipe Eljuri. Dates were July 15-30.

Immediately after, all sailors moved to Salinas Bay where sailing season started again on August 15. The first Championship was won by Felipe Eljuri.

Lightning sailors participated in the first South American Sunfish Championship, organized by the Salinas Yacht Club with a lot of success; Antonio Pino, Albert Maspons, Francisco Sola, Miguel Perez took places 6, 7, 9 and 10, sailing against 32 sailors from Venezuela, Colombia, Peru and Ecuador.

Six races were sailed on October 15, 22, 29, to qualify sailors who will compete against the best sailors of the class in the Braniif



Believe it or not, the guy about to do so seining with his chute is none other than everybody's downwind nemesis, Bill Shore. (That's Alberto Maspons below him, and Santiago Maspons about to jibe.)

Trophy. Francisco Sola won the races, followed by Werner Moeller.

The Championship, organized with Braniff International sponsorship, was District's main success for 1972. This year's races were attended by the following foreign sailors: Tom Allen, Bill Shore, Jim Dressel and Andres Lisocki from Bogota, Colombia.

The series was sailed with 12-20 knots winds and provided a lot of thrills to all participants. It was a real opportunity for Ecuadorian sailors to watch the U.S.A. sailors incredible abilities. Tom Allen tied for first place with Jim Dressel, but won because of three first places. Bill Shore was third.

A new Fleet was formed by a group of sailors from Quito. They start with 12 active boats sailing at Lago San Pablo, located 6000 feet high in the Andes and 80 miles north of Quito.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Paavo Korhonen
District Secretary	Hartti Nisonen
District Measurer	Terho Aromaa
District Champion	Seppo Lahdemaki
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); Kallvesi (395); Aristo (396); Lappeenranta (412); Pyhäselkä (428).

The new racing form this year for Finnish Lightning sailors has been the Ranking-series. Our District accepted at the Annual Meeting the Ranking-Rules proposed by the Finland Yachting Association, and the members decided that six regattas from different parts of country will be selected as Ranking-point races. To qualify in the Ranking the skipper must participate in at least four of these six regattas. This series proved to be quite popular and travelling Lightnings could be seen on our roads more than ever before during summer months. Winner of this series is Terho Aromaa (*Masi Jr.* 11001) our many-times Champion from Helsinki Fleet, and Runner-Up young Antti Ruuskanen (*Sumppi*, 10667) from Lake Nasijärvi Fleet.

The Northernmost District Championships in the World were held August 9-13th when 17 Finnish top skippers and crews came to visit the Kemi Fleet (310) to see who would be worthy of the District Champion title for the season. The races were sailed on the Gulf of Bothnia only about 60 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

Fortunately the Northern hospitality offered us warm weather and sunshine — and also an overdose of winds, as you have probably read in *Flashes*. After the hotly fought series of five races we found a new name in the Champion's Circle. Seppo Lahdemaki and his crew Pentti Puupera and Timo Törrönen from Pori Fleet (306) won quite clearly with four firsts and a second. Terho Aromaa took the Runner-Up points and Lasse Hammar finished third. There were three capsizes and several smaller damages during the regatta. Complete results have been published in *Flashes*.

Two Finnish boats participated in the ILCA European Championships which were held in May in Brunnen, Switzerland. They placed very well in the results showing that our long and cold winter can't freeze the racing skills of good sailors. Pentti Puupera with crew Reijo Puupera and Heikki Ulén were third and Lasse Hammar with crew Harry Hammar and Simo Koski fifth in the official European Championship standings in the 29 boat fleet from six countries.

Finland District administration for 1973 was elected in a meeting held during the Championships. Our new District Commodore is Paavo Kohonen from Helsinki Fleet. Our previous Commodore Eero Laurila continues as a Vice-Commodore. Fleet Secretary is Hartti Nisonen and the other members of our new administration are Terho Aromaa (District Measurer), Ilkka Kaitila, Pentti Puupera and Markku Aromaa.

This season we didn't get many new boats for our District, but next year seems more promising. About a dozen sets of plans have been sold, and several good skippers are planning to skipper a new Lightning next summer.

It will be the World Championship year, and the European Championships will be held in Italy. We have heard rumors that we will be having quite a lot of long distance travellers next summer, both to Buffalo and to Italy.



District Champion Seppo Lahdemaki (holding the mast up) and crew Pentti Puupera (assisting) and Timo Törrönen (goofing off).



It takes a mighty mite to take such a great trophy.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Alan Westcott
District Secretary (Acting)	Alan Westcott
District Champion	Howard Sutter

Fleets: St. Petersburg (109) inactive - Biscayne Bay (226).

Activity in the Florida District centers around the Miami Fleet area, except for the once a year invasion of St. Petersburg by the Lightnings which come South for the Circuit. We are hopeful that this annual invasion of St. Pete together with the enthusiasm of our young skippers in Miami will again spark sailing in the District.

Howard Sutter took the District Championship title. It was my privilege to present the trophy to him.

GREATER LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Tom Green
District Measurer	Tony Dill
District Champion	Stephen Benjamin
District Runner-Up	Richard Laub

Fleets: Sheepshead Bay (38); Little Neck Bay (55); Hewlett Point (58); Northport Bay (98); Manhasset Bay (133); Hempstead Harbor (138); Mattituck (141); Great South Bay (178); Woodmere Bay (300); Setauket Y.C. (323); Southampton (431); Oyster Bay (434).

The District's 1972 championship was held July 15th & 16th at Rockaway Inlet, home waters of Fleet 38, with Brooklyn's Miramar Yacht Club acting as host. In a fleet of 26 boats, sixteen-year old Steve Benjamin of Oyster Bay emerged the winner. He gained his victory by sailing two strong races in Saturday's heavy weather going and then another in Sunday's moderate air, when his principal opponents from the previous day faltered.

With the wind from the south both days, the courses all were from a start off Brighton Beach to a channel buoy off the western end of Rockaway's Breezy Point to another channel buoy in the middle of the inlet. The considerable current in the course area floods in from the south and bends to the east over the course to enter the inlet. Ebb is the reverse. On the weather leg of the course used, the effect of the current was greater on the left, or east, side and greatest in the channel by the Rockaway shore, where its speed can be above three knots.

Despite the greater effect of the current on the left side of the weather leg, this can be the way to go even when the current is adverse (flooding), because of more favorable wind. Home-clubber Dick Laub demonstrated this to the fleet in the first race. With the wind around 15 and the tide approaching end of flood, Dick went farthest to the left before tacking and got to the weather mark with

a big lead. The first time around, spinnakers were flown, but by the second, the wind had built to the point where the skippers thought better of it. All of them, that is, except Fleet 38-er Larry Fretts, Jr. Setting his, Larry charged up from the middle of the fleet to gain a fourth place and, it eventuated, the last of the District's tickets to the NA's. Dick was the winner. Second went to Steve Benjamin and his light-weight topside hiking crew and third to Bill Jorch of Northport.

By the second race, the wind was up to nearly 25, with the water off Brighton beach bouncy as a nearby Coney Island amusement ride. With the current now maximum ebb, the fleet went left with Dick Laub and his heavyweight crew again leading the way. On the first reach, Tom Green got by Dick, but then rashly setting a chute, Tom shortly became just the first of the afternoon's several jibe mark capsizes. Thereafter, Bill Jorch pursued Dick closely, but Dick managed to hold him off to take the gun. Steve Benjamin and crew, all 420 pounds of them, hung tough to take third, and Gary Knapp, sailing the well known #5841, *Zig Zagger*, took fourth.

Dick took a three point lead into Sunday's race but saw it evaporate shortly after the start. With the breeze under 10, and a current adverse at close to maximum flood, many, including Dick, were lured into taking an early hitch on port. As on Saturday, those who held out on starboard prospered, and chief among them were Messrs. Benjamin and Knapp. They reached the weather mark with a substantial lead, and thereafter sailed their own private race. Gary was the pursuer for most of the race, finally catching Steve just before the finish to take the gun. Dick recovered enough from his early port tack misadventure to salvage a series second. The others winning hardware and qualifying for the NA's were Gary Knapp, third; Bill Jorch, fourth; and Larry Fretts, Jr., fifth.

In the North Americans, Gary and Steve qualified for the President's Cup division, Gary winning one of the races. The others were in the Governor's Cup division, with Dick winning one of the races and taking fifth for the series.

There were two invitational regattas in our district this year, the Bachman at Miramar the weekend following the District Championship and the Northport Invitational in September. The latter was an outstanding success with thirty-five boats attending and the winds varying all the way from force whisper to sledge hammer. After Saturday's racing, a most convivial dinner was provided, and then the attendees were treated to a highly enlightening seminar featuring Lightning Champions Bill Shore and Jim Crane as panelists.

At this writing, the location of our 1973 championship regatta has not been settled. Thus, the absence above of names for our present Commodore and Secretary. At our July meeting, it was resolved to hold the regatta on Peconic Bay. However, Tony Dill, our man out thataway, reports that no club on the Bay seems interested in hosting the event. An alternate location that will meet with the approval of the fleets is now being sought.

HAWAII DISTRICT

District Commodore	Lee Simmons
District Secretary	Dave Fergusson
District Champion	Bobby Edmondson
District Runner-Up	Fran Vaughan

Fleets: Hawaii Fleet (143).

Hawaii district contains one registered Lightning fleet, at Kaneohe Yacht Club, on the Windward side of the island of Oahu. On the Honolulu-Waikiki side, however, there is growing Lightning activity centered in the Pearl Harbour Yacht Club, sailing on Keehi Lagoon. Here there are six fiberglass boats, government owned, and sailed on a rotating basis by the club members. There is as yet, no formal affiliation with I.L.C.A.

Notable among the regular skippers are George Crider, Bill Hickok, Raleigh Miller, Earl McClendon, Chuck Prickett, Phil Roach and Gene Smith. Phil was the most successful of the year, winning, among others, the first quarterly series, and representing his club in the State sailing championship. All were delighted when Raleigh, a persistent competitor, won his first race in the Duke Kohanamoku series.

The Pacific eliminations for the U.S. Navy were held in these Lightnings and Gene Smith came in the winner, earning himself promotion to the next round.

The Hawaii District Eliminations were held at Kaneohe in September; six races, with one thrown out. Bobby Edmondson who had dominated the season at K.Y.C. again showed his superiority, win-



"He's goin' right by us down there!" "He must have more air—look how much more he's heeling."

ning the first four races and the series. The second race was marred by protests which robbed Chuck Gustin and Lee Simmons of second and third places. Especially hard on Chuck who had had to settle for third in the morning race after leading much of the way. Worse came for him the next week when he capsized in gusty wind at the jibe mark, while Dave Fergusson turned over in both races that day. The heavy weather suited Bill Heine who took two seconds to bring him close behind Fran Vaughan in the battle for second place. On the last day Dave kept his boat upright and won twice, to squeak past Bill for third in the series. Frank took two seconds to keep her firmly in that spot, while two thirds was more than enough to keep Bobby on top.

Overall it was a good season in the Aloha State District. We look forward to another fine season in 1973 and hope to see greater interplay between our two clubs.

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore Dr. Ken Wood
District Secretary Bob Graham
District Measurer George Buckingham
District Champion John Leath
District Runner-Up Paul Knauer

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club (154); Indianapolis Sailing Club (270); Mississinewa Reservoir (420); Tippecanoe Lake Yacht Club (425).

The thrilling news in the District was that Indiana was given permanent status by the ILCA Governing Board on August 20, 1972 at Rehoboth, Delaware. Commodore Kenneth Wood, was sincerely congratulated by all members of the District in having successfully guided the group through the period of temporary status which was given the District at the time it was split from Ohio.

The Indiana Open Lightning Regatta, which is the first leg on

the Northern Spring Circuit, was held on Geist Reservoir, home of the Indianapolis Sailing Club. It was a real blow with gusts over 25. Jack Mueller of Cleveland took three firsts to win the Regatta. He won these events despite the high winds, which capsized 11 of the 35 boats entered, and a complete calm on the the following day. John Leath of the Indianapolis hosting club finished 4th behind Ron Blair of Chicago and Bernie Malcomb of Columbus, Ohio, and just in front of Bill Buckles from Decatur, Illinois.

The feminine sailors were honored for the first time. Eileen Benson, Virgene Scherer and Marlene Danielson received the awards. It is fitting to honor the girls because so many times the wives of the skippers are the unsung heroes of the Regatta Circuit.

The members of the Lake Wawasee Lightning Fleet, as is their custom, put on a very fine Regatta, racing for the beautiful Eli Lilly Cup. John Leath was first, with Paul Knauer 2nd place. Tom Crookston won third place, George E. Buckingham fourth and Bob Wilkins, fifth place.

The Districts were held at the Indiana Sailing Club mid variable winds but clear weather, which certainly was a change from that experienced in Indianapolis the first week in May. John Leath, with a crew consisting of his daughters, Jennifer and Joanna Leath, proved to be the champions, with Kenneth Wood 2nd and John Nixon third, followed by Burl Harmon and George Buckingham.

Three boats from the above group went to the North Americans, John Leath, Kenneth Wood, and George Buckingham, made the trip and found it to be a rewarding experience. While our Indiana group found the high winds and open water different than our own Hoosier Lakes, all of them made a fine showing indeed.

The annual Tippecanoe Lightning Regatta hosted by Fleet No. 425 of the Tippecanoe Yacht Club was sailed on Lake Tippecanoe, Leesburg, Indiana, on August 12 and 13. Ken Wood of Muncie and George Buckingham of Goshen broke from the pack on the windward leg of the first race and Wood gradually pulled away to win. On Sunday, in moderate winds, Wood and Buckingham again followed the pattern of the first race. Dan Danielson of Lake Tippecanoe was third. Ken Wood piled up enough points to edge out George Buckingham for the winner's trophy. This is Wood's third consecutive championship of the Tippecanoe Regatta. Other trophies went to Ken Zinszer, third; Dan Danielson, fourth; and Ron Scherer

INDIANA DISTRICT

1973 Regatta Schedule

Indiana Open Regatta* **May 5-6**
Indianapolis Sailing Club
Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Ind.

Hoosier Regatta **June 9-10**
Wawasee Yacht Club
Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Ind.

INDIANA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP **June 23-24**

Wawasee Yacht Club
Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Ind.

Tippecanoe Yacht Club Regatta September 8-9
Lake Tippecanoe, North Webster, Ind.

Fleet 420 'WANFINLRAPMUP' October 20-21
Mississinewa Lake, Peru, Ind.

*First Regatta in the Northern Spring Circuit

of Indianapolis, fifth. The "rear admiral" trophy was awarded to Austin Gardner of Indianapolis, the skipper of the last place boat.

The WANFINLRAPMUP Regatta was held at Peru on the Mississinewa Reservoir on October 21 and 22. The good weather that the Regatta has had in the past changed this year to heavy rain and light air. In spite of these obstacles, the skippers and crews of more than 25 boats had a most enjoyable time especially at the delightful cocktail party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon.

Bill Buckles was the winner, who, as is customary in this regatta, received the smallest trophy. Second place was won by Jack Mueller, followed by Ronnie Blair in third and Merrill Bales in fourth. Fifth place was awarded to B. Girkins who received the largest trophy.

The Annual District Meeting was again held at Peru, Indiana, with congratulations extended to Commodore Wood for obtaining permanent status. All members present fully expect to expand the activities of 1973.

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Dott. Mainini
District Secretary Geom. Stefano Ravagnani
District Measurer Ing. Calzecchi
District Champion Sig. Guido Tulli
District Runner-Up Sig. Paolo Barbera

Fleets: Marivela (235); Garda (249); Roma (271); Anzio (278); Lega Navala Anzio (312); La Spezia (321); Flota Degli Estensi (355); Formia (385).

The Italian District Championship was held from 16 to 22 July. It was organized by the Circolo Velico Nettuno and was open to Swiss participants. There were 18 participants; 14 Italian boats and 4 Swiss boats.

The fight for the first place was between the Crew of Kalimero V (Skipper Tulli) and Hacora IV (Skipper Rahn).

At the last regatta, the victory went to Guido Tulli who is, for the 6th time, Italian District Champion.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore George Wooten
District Secretary Richard Ferrick
District Champion Bill Shore
District Runner-Up Stu Anderson
District Measurer Matt Bryant

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Lake Y.C. (19); Silver Lake Y.C. (47); Niagara Sailing Club (59); Sandy Beach Y.C. (78); Buffalo Y.C. (81); Cuba Lake (115); Royal Hamilton Y.C. (118); Toronto Bay (146); Conneaut Bay (180); Chautauqua (198); Dunkirk Harbor (311); London (347); Parkway Sailing Club (406); Lake Arthur L.F. (441); Lake Glendale Y.C. (444).

The Lake Erie District Sailing Season started with the first week of May when the EBY Series, a traditional invitational Regatta, is held on two successive weekends. It is usually held when the ice is still quite evident in the lake. However, this year we were blessed and had some excellent sailing in the first weeks of May.

Everyone was getting particularly anxious to get started because the District Championship which is normally held in late July, was moved up into the last week of June. This was done to accommodate scheduling problems at the host club.

The Lake Erie District Regatta was held at the Boulevard Club in downtown Toronto—certainly one of the finest facilities in our District. I can't say it was one of the most memorable Regattas, though this was not due to anything done by the host club. The wind conditions were not favorable; and were the most unsteady conditions I have ever seen. To complicate matters, the Regatta was held in about three to four hundred feet of water, and every time a wind shift occurred, the problems of hoisting three or four hundred feet of anchor line was certainly a job for the Race Committee. Doug Hooper, who has run many successful Regattas in our District, was the Race Chairman, and he certainly had his hands full at this one. The race was called because of the time limit after four races, and Bill Shore emerged the winner, with Stu Anderson as the Runner-up. The next three places were, third place, Ed Roseberry; fourth place, Wes Seigner, and fifth place, Andres Lisocki.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT 1973 Regatta Schedule

May 5, 6, 12, 13	Eby Series	Buffalo Canoe Club
June 2, 3	Erie Open	Erie Yacht Club
June 16, 17	Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta	Buffalo Canoe Club
July 7, 8	Parkway Sailing Club Regatta	Parkway Sailing Club
July 14, 15	Niagara River Championship	Niagara Sailing Club
July 20, 21, 22	Lake Erie District Championship	Dunkirk Yacht Club
Aug. 11, 12	Tri-Club Regatta	Niagara Sailing Club
Aug. 11, 12	Tri-Lake Regatta	Cuba Lake Yacht Club
Aug. 12-16	World Championship	Buffalo Canoe Club
Aug. 18-24	North American Championship	Tawas, Michigan
Aug. 25-31	CORK	Kingston, Ontario
Sept. 8, 9	Dunkirk Regatta	Dunkirk Yacht Club
Sept. 15, 16	Harvest Regatta	Silver Lake Yacht Club
Sept. 22, 23	Haul-Out Regatta	Sandy Beach Yacht Club
October	Turkey Regatta	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

Two interesting visitors were with us during most of the sailing season from South America—Andres Lisocki and Fredricko Meiera—who were working in Buffalo and sailing in most of our Regattas. We enjoyed their presence immensely, and certainly they contributed much to our sailing season.

Everyone was looking forward to the North Americans at Rehoboth Bay, with the anticipation of qualifying for the World Championship which will be held in our waters at Buffalo Canoe Club this coming Summer. I think everyone was trying extra hard because of this big event but we all fell on our face at Rehoboth. We have always done fairly well as a group at the North Americans, but in this case I am sorry to say that we were not up to par. Bill Shore certainly did a commendable job at Rehoboth and we are very proud of him.

We thought it only appropriate that because of our poor performance, we should invite the Champion, Jim Crane, to our Fall Meeting and see if possibly he could shed some light on our poor performance and, hopefully, we could benefit next year. Jim did come to our Annual Meeting on December 2, hosted by the Sandy Beach Yacht Club, and it certainly was a most interesting talk. Jim talked about tactics in general, and specifically, he talked about some of the conditions which were present at Rehoboth. Such as the very shifty and unpredictable wind, the relatively close boat speed of almost all contestants and the many jam-ups that occurred at marks. Jim emphasized that tactics certainly become more important under these close conditions.

We are looking forward to the 1973 Season and of course, everyone is quite excited about the World Championships being held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. The Committee is working very hard on this Regatta and I am sure that it will be a great one. Next year's Districts will be held in late July at the Dunkirk Yacht Club, which is becoming an aggressive yacht club and a wonderful place to sail.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	John Schneider
District Secretary	Pete Stoebing
District Champion	John Schneider
District Runner-Up	Arnold Schwartz

Fleets: Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Redbank (70); Nyack (75); Awosting (95); Raritan Bay (185); Richmond County (295).

The Metro District has now concluded another very successful year which began way back last January with our Mid-Winter Meeting. This year it was again held in conjunction with the Central Atlantic District and was hosted by Monmouth Boat Club—Fleet 70.

Four of our two districts' better sailors—Bob Adams, John Schneider, Sandy Huntsman and Jim Carson—explained the racing rules as they would apply during various stages of a race. Lively discussion through participation from the floor gave us all a better chance to avoid more frequent exposure to protest committees.

The gradual drift to the well appointed upstairs trophy room by the distaff side went unnoticed by the engrossed skippers. Undoubtedly, the girls' discussion centered around improving crew performance. A cocktail hour and dinner followed the meeting. The hospitality of the Red Bank people was again up to their very high standards, with special thanks to Mary Huntsman for her work.

John Schneider and Class President Arnold Schwartz got an early start at the Southern Circuit in March while the following month saw Monmouth Boat Club at Red Bank hold their April/May Spring Series again, with one weekend out for the major opening event of the season—the Long John Regatta.

The Long John drew 63 sailors eager to end the long winter freeze. Bob Seidelmann won a well deserved but narrow point victory over Stu Nickerson of Fleet 280 and Jim Carson of Metedeconk Fleet 34 who tied for second. The winds this year were not the heavy ones of years past. The lighter air caused many jam-ups at the marks, giving all the skippers a chance to get their lungs and vocal chords into shape for the coming season.

Lake Mohawk opened up in June with a well-attended regatta without rain this year for a new first. Sandy Huntsman of Fleet 70 won the third running of this event for the second time while John Eggers of the host club edged out last year's winner, Djoerd Hoekstra of Riverton Y.C., even though they finished the last race tied in points.

The Sutherland Regatta was held the following weekend at Hi-Tor

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 1973 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Monmouth Boat Club Spring Series @ Red Bank, N.J.

Long John Regatta @ Red Bank, N.J.

Memorial Day Regatta @ Nyack, N.Y.

Hi-Tor Sutherland Regatta @ Stony Point, N.Y.

Guy W. Moulton Regatta @ Nyack, N.Y.

Chelsea Open Regatta @ Chelsea, N.Y.

Metropolitan District Championships @ Chelsea, N.Y.

New Jersey State Championships @ Surf City, N.J.

National Sweepstakes Regatta @ Red Bank, N.J.

Atlantic Coast Championships @ Annapolis, Md.

World Championships @ Buffalo, N.Y.

North American Championships @ Tawas Bay, Mich.

Labor Day Regatta @ Nyack, N.Y.

*Whisker Pole Regatta @ Greenwood Lake, N.J.

*Paupack Invitational Regatta @ Tafton, Pa.

Hi-Tor Invitational Regatta @ Stony Point, N.Y.

*Lake Mohawk Invitational Regatta @ Sparta, N.J.

* Qualifying regattas for new Autumn Lake Series

—April 15 & 22

May 6, 13, & 20

—April 28-29

—May 26-27

—June 9-10

—July 1-2

—July 14-15

—**July 21-22**

—July 28-29

—August 4-5

—August 11-12

—August 12-16

—August 19-24

—September 1-2

—September 8-9

—September 15-16

—September 22-23

—September 29-30

Fleet 41 on the Hudson River followed by Nyack's Guy Moulton Regatta further downstream at Fleet 75. Tom DeStasio (1-1-2), Andy Low and Paul Krick were 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively at Hi-Tor. John Schneider played the winds and currents right to win first place at Nyack followed by Andy Low and Tom DeStasio.

The District Championships were held July 15-16 at Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa. and were hosted by Paupack Fleet 16, who are to be congratulated for a well-run regatta. Saturday opened up with medium air of 15-18 knots with some puffs considerably higher. Crew work was paramount and John Schneider, who has had a super year, showed his speed and came in an easy first, passing several very hot boats en route.

The second race, with slightly strengthened winds, was a repeat of the first. John and his excellent crew again led the way by virtue of some very fast off-wind sailing. The healthy winds in both races gave a few crews the opportunity to cool off in Lake Wallenpaupack's clean water.

Saturday evening the bruises and mistakes were quickly forgotten during a cocktail party with great hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and dancing. Our annual district meeting was held at this time. Sandy Huntsman, District Commodore for the past 3 years, decided to take a well earned rest. John Schneider of both Fleets 70 and 75 was elected as our new Metro District Commodore. Pete Stoebling of Lake Mohawk was elected District Secretary.

Sunday dawned flat and the light-air sailors had their chance in winds of 3-8 knots. The fleet split with most going to the right while Arnold Schwartz and a few others went left up the shore. Left was the way to go but the advantage was short lived for all except the top 3 or 4 as the winds lightened, causing the whole fleet to bunch at the end of the first lap. By judicious placement at this point, Schneider recovered from the pack and was able to finish a very respectable fourth on a course shortened to 5 legs, thereby clinching the Metro District Championship with a 1-1-4 series. He was followed by President Arnold Schwartz with a 6-2-2 record. Third was Reid Dickerson.

Following the Districts, racing continued on the Hudson River at Chelsea Yacht Club. Tom DeStasio of Nyack continued to show his ability to handle the river by winning this regatta, followed by Eric Fuegel in second.

The multi-class Red Grant Regatta at Raritan was won this year by Bob Hutchinson of Fleet 70. Sandy Huntsman took second and Ralph Messersmith came in third. Sandy Huntsman, Al Miller and V. Vaughan took the first three spots in that order when the very active Monmouth Boat Club had their National Sweepstakes in early August.

Our District sent six boats to the North Americans this year, and John Schneider again turned on his boat speed to take second in the President's Cup. Reid Dickerson overcame two middle of the pack finishes in the first two races to come on very strong to tie for sixth in this division and Bob Hutchinson took a 21st.

Arnold Schwartz showed his strength by winning the Governors Cup, leading Sandy Huntsman in fourth and John Eggers in eighth.

Our district joined with Bob Seidelmann and the Central Atlantic District in holding the Wednesday night clambake and barbecue, which will be a source of great stories for years to come. Organization we didn't have, but fun we did. We knew the serving line was moving slowly when someone changed the name to the Thursday night barbecue!

Nyack Fleet 75 led the action following the N.A.'s with the last flurry of events before the cold weather descended on us again. At their annual Labor Day Regatta, Tom DeStasio again showed everyone the way to sail the Hudson River with two firsts before bad weather closed down the race course. Joe Hoffee and Bill Day fought it out for second and third respectively. Tom clinched the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association Lightning Championship easily this year by virtue of his consistently good sailing on the river.

Greenwood Lake Fleet 95 hosted an excellent series in September with unusually strong air from the West. Sandy Huntsman took firm control of this event with three straight firsts, making it look easy as the rest of us struggled to survive. Second and third place silver went to Roy Sengstacken and Chet Howell with Hank Fretz getting the hard luck award after taking three seconds but getting knocked out by an early start DSQ in the middle race.

The season within the district closed with a return to Lake Wallenpaupack where they repeated their performance at the districts by providing good winds, fair weather and great hospitality. This has to be one of the best lakes in the East for sailing. Sandy Huntsman was all ready to repeat his spectacular performance of the week

before at Greenwood Lake until he found a broken gooseneck just before the first race. He did get to sail Saturday in a borrowed boat and had the fun of also working with a borrowed crew. Hank Fretz was not to be denied this week and combined good starts with fast sailing to win the regatta. Herm Henschen took second.

All in all, the season was full of good sailing with less of the flat air which plagued many of the fleets last year. Some of the fleets are growing rapidly, to the point where we are hoping to send another boat to the North American Championships next year. Next year's Districts will be at Fleet 39 at Chelsea. Now, I've got a case of beer and if I can only find about six or eight good strong men who can turn over an object weighing about 700 pounds . . . ?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Tom Crookston
District Secretary	Al Dickerson
District Measurer	Parker Taggsold, Jr.
District Champion	Leo Wasserberger
District Runner-Up	Bill McKinley

Fleets: South Haven (30); Devils Lake (31); Crescent Sail Club (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Y.C. (54); Grosse Ile. Y.C. (68); Higgins Lake (110); Gull Lake (137); Tawas Bay Y.C. (152); Omena-Traverse Y.C. (174); Leland Y.C. (184); Saginaw Bay (216); Burt Lake Y.C. (254); Grand Traverse Y.C. (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Les Cheneaux (378); Lansing Sail Club (387); Neahawanta Y.C. (403); Clark Lake (416).

The Michigan District's 1972 schedule of thirteen regattas opened again at Lake Lansing the first week-end in May and closed at Clark Lake September 24th. All summer regattas enjoyed good attendance as Lightning popularity has increased, with many new young and eager sailors joining the racing scene. The regatta circuit has become so popular that some local fleet racing is suffering as too few boats remain at home for week-end racing.

Dr. Leo Wasserberger won our District Championship Regatta over 46 other skippers on Grand Traverse Bay. Of the four-race series, only one race was sailed the first day. As fog lifted off the bay, 17 year old Bill Babel captured first place on his home course. Variable shifting winds delayed the second race, which was ultimately postponed.

The second day brought rain and heavy winds gusting to 35 MPH so racing was abandoned until Sunday. A three race series gave standings a real tumble. The second race was won by Bill McKinley, and dying winds in the 3rd race brought Garry Demarest to the front. The final race was won by past ILCA President Charlie Schreck. The top ten places include Leo Wasserberger (1), Bill McKinley (2), Bob Knop (3), Gary Cameron (4), Hank Cawthra (5), Charles Schreck (6), Paul Militzer (7), George Sipel (8), Bill Babel (9), and Herm Nickels (10).

Of the ten boats traveling to the North Americans, Garry Demarest placed fifth in the Championship Flight. Congratulations, Garry!

The District Annual Meeting was held at Traverse during the districts. Tom Crookston of Gull Lake was elected Commodore after serving one year as Secretary-Treasurer. Al Dickerson of South Haven was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

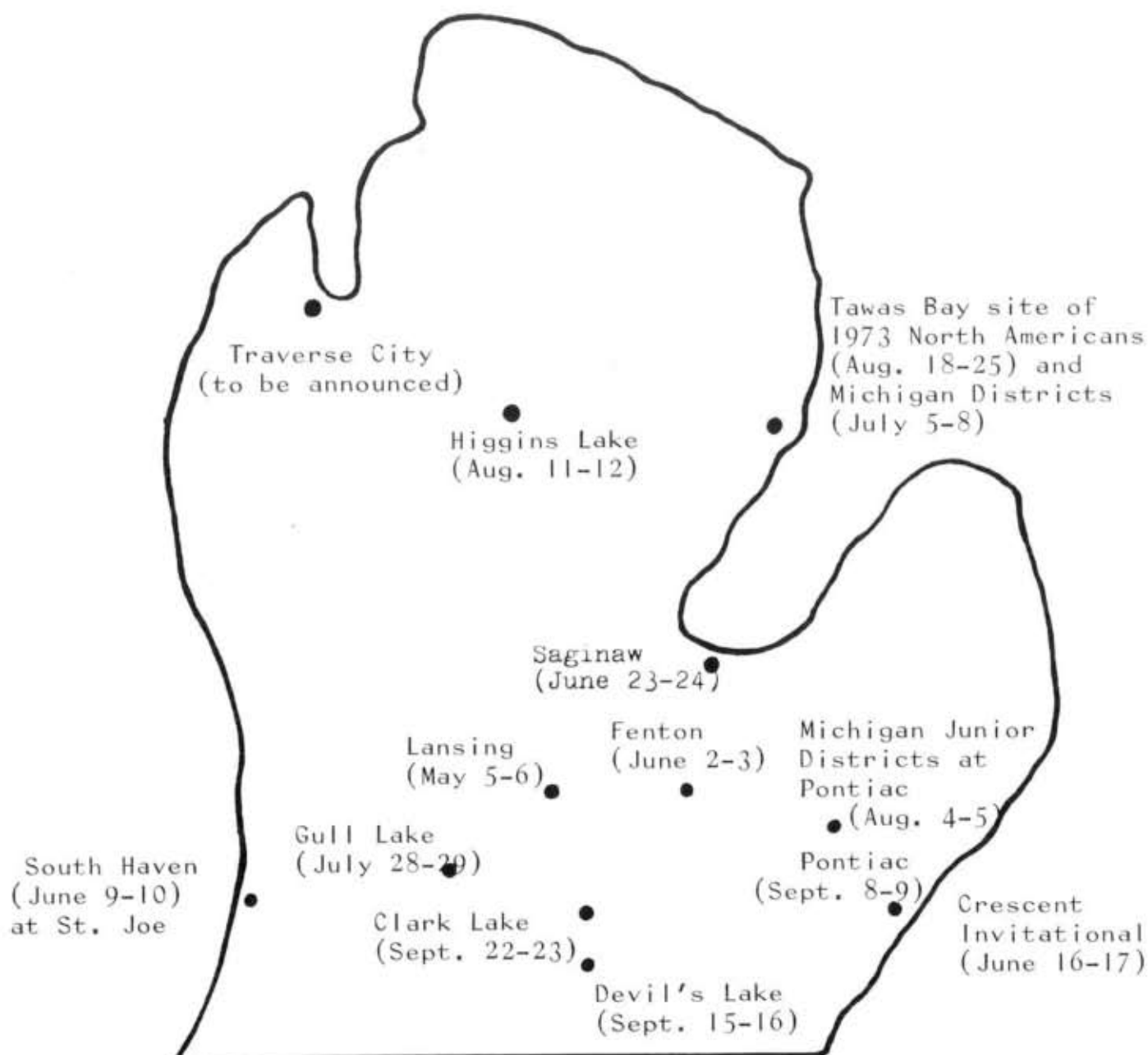
To help promote sailing, Tawas Bay Yacht Club hosted the first annual Junior Lightning Championship regatta. Eleven boats, mostly borrowed, were entered for the four race series. The qualifying age restriction is that all skippers and crew had to be 19 years or younger. Bill Babel's consistently fine racing earned him the overall victory; Lynn Nuoffer, current National Sunfish Doubles Champion, garnered a well-sailed second; and Clarence Holman came in third. Louis Nickels earned fourth and Sue Corbett was fifth. The big winners were all the youngsters who sailed the series. Michigan expects this regatta to grow significantly in the years ahead.

On the District regatta circuit, first places went to Garry Demarest - Lake Lansing, Tawas Bay, Saginaw, and Pontiac; Joe Disette - South Haven; Bill McKinley - Devils Lake and Higgins Lake; George Sipel - Clark Lake; and Hank Cawthra - Crescent.

In December 1971, then Commodore Gary Cameron chaired the mid-winter District Meeting in Lansing. Bruce Goldsmith flew in from Chicago for an informative discussion on recognizing and reacting to wind and weather conditions. Garry Demarest was awarded the Joe Stueland Memorial Traveling Trophy, awarded annually for the Michigan District Skipper having the best low point score in District Invitational Regattas.

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1973 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date to be Announced	Shake-Up Regatta	St. Joseph
June 9-10		Fond du Lac
*June 16-17	Evans Regatta	Green Bay
June 30 - July 1	Abe Jacobs Memorial Regatta	Burnham Park
*July 7-8	P & T Regatta	Milwaukee
July 13-14-15	MIDWEST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	Chicago Corinthian
July 21-22	Oxie Memorial Regatta	Lake Geneva
*August 4-5	Brotz Regatta	Sheboygan
August 4-5	Hobelman Regatta	Chicago Corinthian
*August 18-19	Tanger Series	South Shore Milwaukee
*Sept. 22-23	Red Flannel Regatta	Chicago Corinthian
Sept. 29-30	Polar Bear Regatta	Lake Davenport

*Indicates Lake Michigan Championship Series - 3 out of 5