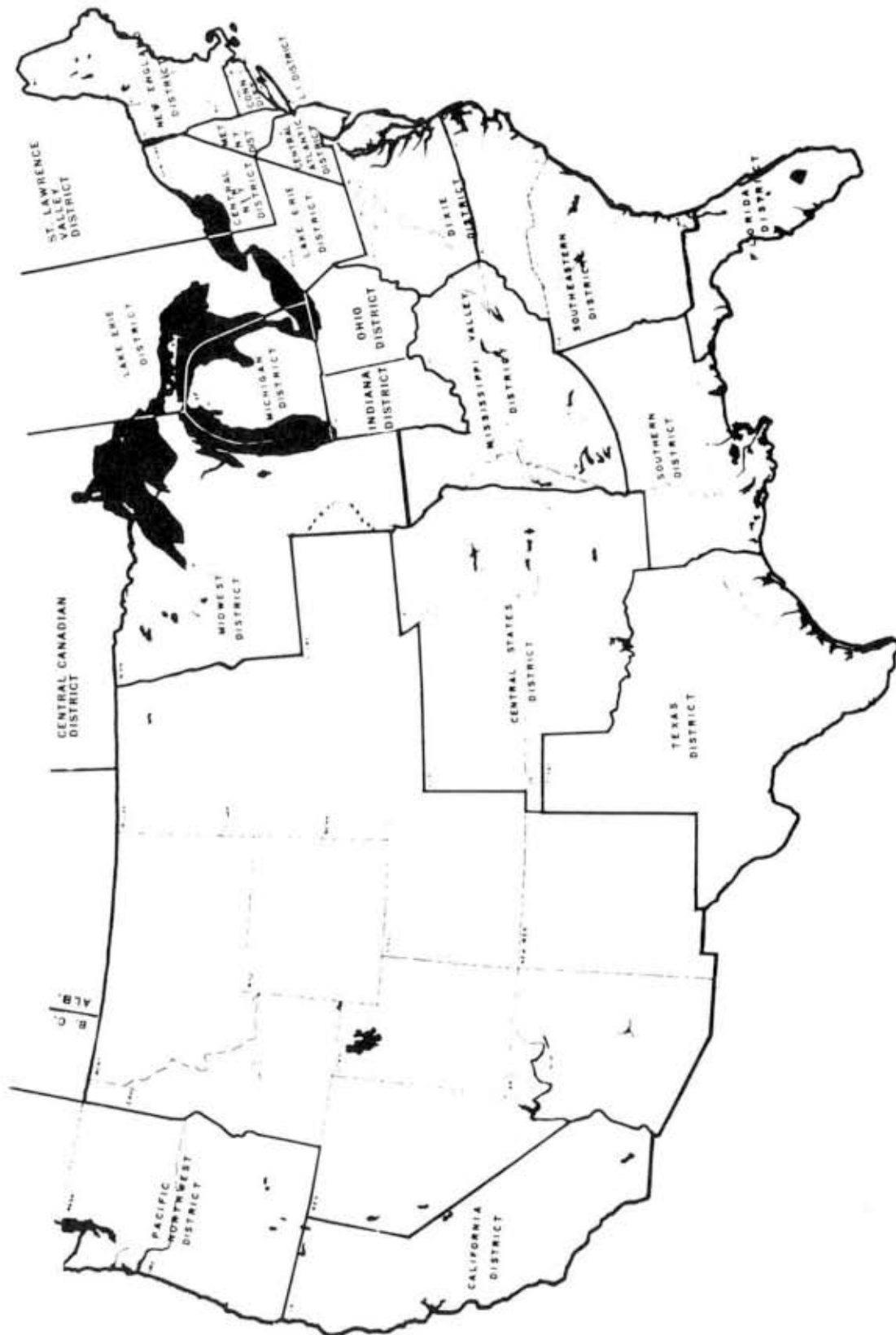
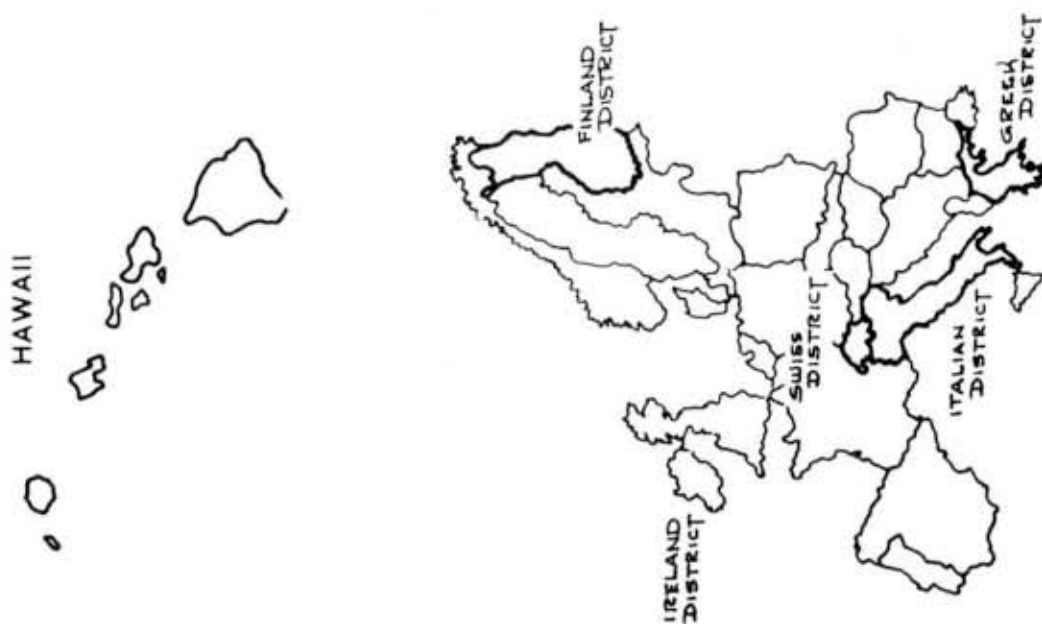
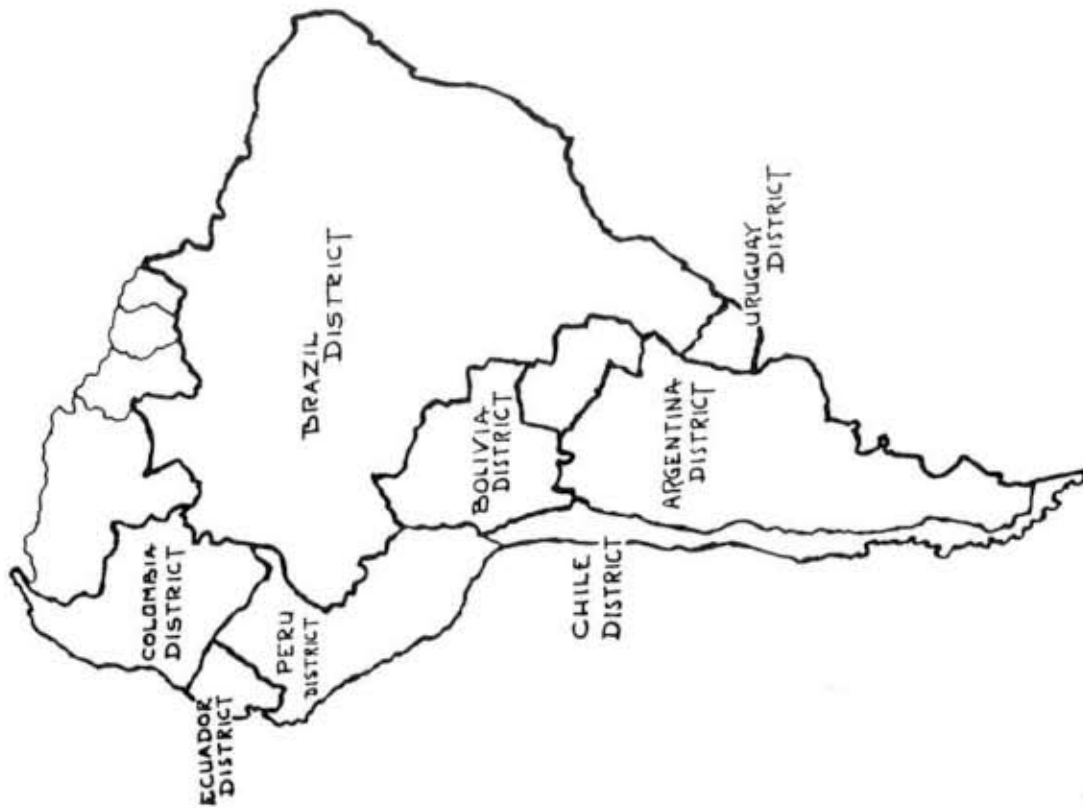


# International Lightning



# Class Association Districts



# Lightning Districts

## BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Robert Buckup  
District Secretary ..... Arne S. Arnesen, Jr.  
District Champion ..... Mario Buckup  
District Runner-Up ..... Robert Buckup  
District Measurers ..... Oscar Weckerle and  
A. F. M. Treacher

**Fleets:** Sao Paulo (147); Florianopolis (162); Niteroi (351); Pernambuco (373); Brasilia (375); Guanabara (401); Guarapiranga (462).

Mario Buckup — member of our fleet no. 147, is the new World Champion. Doing a tremendous job, together with his crew Ralph Christian and Joaquim Feneberg, all the world was astonished to see what this young man is able to fulfill. Just one week before the Worlds, Mario with Joaquim and his wife Thelma, also won the South American Championship. The 1975 District Champion was Mario too. Runner-up was Robert Buckup, followed by Claudio Abramowitz, Joaquim Bello and Walmor Soares. This year the District's were held on the small lake of Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo — with 19 boats racing. We had light winds and much friendship. There were 2 boats from Florianopolis, 3 from Recife, 1 from Rio and the rest from Sao Paulo. The 1975 District's will be held in Recife, State of Pernambuco, just the week before Carnival, and we surely will all have a very nice time there.

The reorganization of our District, which Denis Clemence began some years ago, is showing its progress: we have very good boats, oval spars and all that is necessary to have fine competition.

During the District Meeting in May, in Sao Paulo, Robert Buckup was reelected District Commodore for the next season and we are planning to participate in the Southern Circuit, North American, South American and European Championships in 1976.

Through this report we would like to thank all our friends from USA, Canada, Europe for the opportunity we had to participate in their local championships and all the facilities we received from them to do so.

Our friends from the Sao Paulo Yacht Club founded their own fleet. All the best wishes for the future to the new Fleet: Guarapiranga No. 4612.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Myron Lyon  
District Secretary ..... Charles Gotschalk  
District Champion ..... Warren Gross  
District Runner-Up ..... John Lyon

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

District activities in 1975 continued the trend started in 1974 and featured increased participation from all three fleets in district functions.

The 9th Annual California Circuit was sailed in three segments from March 23rd through the 28th and included a 3-race regatta at King Harbor Yacht Club in Los Angeles, a 16-mile marathon from Coronado Yacht Club in San Diego Bay to Mission Bay Yacht Club in Mission Bay, and a 3-race Easter Regatta hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club. The week offered a variety of wind and water sailing conditions to satisfy the most demanding skipper. Twenty boats participated, the largest turnout of Lightnings in Southern California in a long time. The San Francisco fleet came down with six boats and King Harbor and Mission Bay contributed seven boats each. Myron Lyon, of Mission Bay, won the last race of the seven-race series and thus came from behind to nip Jack McCarthy by one-half point for the overall trophy. Stan Starkey, of San Francisco, took overall third place.

John Lyon, who was not bashful about challenging his father all week long, was fourth, and Wendall Harter, of Ki Harbor Yacht Club was fifth. The first race of the regatta at King Harbor Yacht Club was won in easy fashion by Ilkka Kaitila, who is a Finnish skipper temporarily in this country and crewing regularly for King Harbor Yacht Club skippers. He sailed Jack Giverink's boat. Myron Lyon was second and John Lyon third. In the second race, Jack McCarthy got out in front with only Starkey pushing him closely. The same

combination repeated in the third race with Harter third in both races. The trophy winners of the King Harbor Regatta were: 1 — McCarthy; 2 — Starkey; 3 — Myron Lyon; 4 — Wendall Harter; 5 — John Lyon.

The 16-mile marathon race from Coronado Yacht Club to Mission Bay Yacht Club had a downwind start. Both wind and water movement built up increasingly as the boats moved down the west part of San Diego Bay and into the ocean. Waves were high and confused and for a while the problem of survival had precedence over race position. After the boats rounded the turning buoy and hoisted spinnakers, both wind and water movement gradually eased. Places changed constantly. Jack McCarthy, Starkey, and Hole all had turns at leading the pack. However, at the end Mark Patty of San Francisco was the winner, followed by Bill Hole, John Lyon, Jack McCarthy, and Stan Starkey as trophy winners.

The Easter Regatta began with a wild race sailed in San Diego Bay with small craft warnings flying. One boat capsized and a number did not finish because of gear failure and other problems. Stan Starkey was the winner of this wet race, followed by Myron Lyon, Bill Hole, Jack McCarthy, and Wendall Harter.

The final two races were sailed in Mission Bay instead of in the ocean because small craft warnings were up again. The morning race began in almost drifting conditions, but after three or four boats rounded the first mark and put up spinnakers, the wind shifted about 150° and came in with a blast that pushed the chutes back against the masts and spreaders. From then on it was an unpredictable day as the weather front went through and the normal ocean breeze fought with the Santa Ana winds from the desert. Planing on gusts of 20 to 25 miles per hour alternated with some periods of drifting of light winds and violent changes of direction were frequent. McCarthy won the morning race, chased by a pair of Lyons, father and son. At this point it looked as though McCarthy had the overall trophy in the bag. However, Myron Lyon took the lead in the last race and held it throughout all wind changes while McCarthy slipped to fifth, giving Myron the overall title by one-half point. The trophy winners in the Easter Regatta were: Myron Lyon, Jack McCarthy, John Lyon, Stan Starkey, and Bill Hole.

Unfortunately, none of the San Francisco Bay skippers were able to make it to the District Championships at King Harbor Yacht Club on July 26th and 27th. Mission Bay Yacht Club skippers acquitted themselves nobly, coming back with four of the five trophies. Warren Gross is the new district champion; John Lyon was second, Wendall Harter of King Harbor Yacht Club was third, the Barber brothers were fourth, and Charlie Gotschalk, fifth. Charlie sailed Fred Knauer's boat and did well winning one race and getting second in another. The second place turned to last place however when he learned he had been over early at the start. Fred Knauer was taking it easy on a Princess Cruise Ship to Alaska.

The Lightning Pacific Coast Championships were held at Richmond Yacht Club, on San Francisco Bay on August 16th and 17th. San Francisco Bay was up to its usual tricks and generated a lot of very rough sailing. Ken White of Klamath Falls, Oregon, was the winner; Jim Nelson, second; Wayne Fitch, third; John Benedetti, fourth; and Mark Patty, fifth.

Sixteen boats made the trip to Lake Cachuma, near Santa Barbara, for the Billy Boswell Memorial Regatta. Sixteen boats participated; five from San Francisco, six from King Harbor Yacht Club and five from Mission Bay. The San Francisco boats came down tuned up and raring to go. The top finishers in the first race were: Wayne Fitch, Stan Starkey, Fred Knauer, Mark Patty, and Myron Lyon. The same five finished on top in the second race except Patty and Lyon exchanged places.

On Saturday night, there was a huge dinner in the organizational area of the campgrounds. In Sunday's race, Wayne Fitch and Stan Starkey were one — two again. Mark Patty, Myron Lyon, and Bill Hole took third, fourth, and fifth positions respectively. Fred Knauer had a bad day and slipped to seventh. The final trophy winners were: 1 — Wayne Fitch, San Francisco; 2 — Stan Starkey, San Francisco; 3 — Mark Patty, San Francisco; 4 — Fred Knauer, Mission Bay; 5 — Myron Lyon. The trophies were beautiful — an outline of Lake Cachuma etched on gold plate, mounted on wooden plaques and suitably engraved for the Billy Boswell Memorial Regatta.

Sunny skies, breezes of 8 to 10 knots and heavy water movement greeted the 13 skippers who went out to the ocean on September 27th and 28th for the Bowen Memorial Regatta at Mission Bay Yacht Club. Five boats from King Harbor joined eight from Mission Bay. In the first race, Myron Lyon was first, followed by Fred Knauer, Warren Gross, Wendall Harter, from King Harbor Yacht

Club, and Al Poindexster, one of our new skippers from Mission Bay.

In the second race, Fred Knauer lead all the way around, closely followed by Warren Gross, Myron Lyon, Wendall Harter and Charlie Gotschalk, giving Fred a one point series lead. There was a great dinner that night at Mission Bay Yacht Club featuring barbecued steaks with all the trimmings.

On Sunday the race was long, twice around the triangle, plus windward, leeward and windward. Fred Knauer rounded first but later was passed by Greg Pierson from King Harbor Yacht Club, sailing Myron Lyon's old boat 8122, and still later by Myron Lyon. The finish of the first four boats was close - Pierson, first; Lyon, second; Knauer, third; and Gross, fourth. Wendall Harter finished fifth.

Final trophy standings showed Lyon and Knauer tied with 5 1/2 points, won by Myron Lyon on the best two out of three rule. Warren Gross was third with nine points, Wendall Harter, of King Harbor Yacht Club, fourth with 13 points, and Charlie Gotschalk, of Mission Bay Yacht Club, fifth with 18 points.

On October 11th and 12th, Fred Knauer, Hank Fastenau, and Dick Brewer, from Mission Bay Yacht Club, journeyed to King Harbor Yacht Club to join six of their boats in the annual Hurricane Gulch Regatta. The name was appropriate for the wild seas and strong winds that prevailed. Saturday's race was appropriate for the wild seas and strong winds that prevailed. Saturday's race was a three-hour marathon (approximately 15 miles). Fred Knauer just beat Wendall Harter to the weather mark by under tacking him. Then held the lead throughout the long 10 leg race to King Harbor, and Dick Brewer, behind him. The victory gave Fred two trophies for first in the Lightning Class in the Cecil R. King Regatta, and for sixth overall in that regatta in which numerous other classes sailed on a Portsmouth handicap rating basis.

On Sunday the remaining two races of the Hurricane Gulch Regatta were sailed. The morning race which was calm saw Knauer recover from a horrible start, trapped behind a short line to again lead the pack in. Again, Wendall Harter was on his transom, with Newman, Foster, and Brewer close behind. The afternoon race featured 18-knot winds and very heavy seas. Brewer rounded first, then broke his spinnaker pole and dropped back. Knauer then took the lead and again lead Harter around the wet six leg race for a clean sweep of the regatta. Mike Boswell, from King Harbor, Dick Brewer, and Bob Newman followed. Trophies went to Fred Knauer, Wendall Harter, Bob Newman, Dick Brewer, and Quinton Foster.

For 1976 we're looking forward to even greater participation by all fleets at district events. Consideration is being given to sailing the district championships at Huntington Lake, 7000 feet up in the High Sierras. There are probably few Lightning districts in the world that can boast year-round ocean, bay, and lake sailing within easy driving distance. All three fleets extend an open invitation to all Lightning skippers visiting or relocating to California.

## CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Bill Clausen  
District Secretary ..... Phil Dennis  
District Measurer ..... Franz Schneider  
District Champion ..... Jack Elfman  
District Runner-Up ..... Alan Ruiter

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).

The Central Atlantic District began its active year with a winter meeting and seminar by Bill Shore which was held jointly with the Metropolitan District at Tom's River Yacht Club. The seminar and meeting were followed by a gala cocktail party, buffet dinner and preview of the new publicity film produced by the Lightning Class. Everyone enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and planning for the summer ahead. To the Tom's River Yacht Club and the Terhune family, who worked hard to arrange the day, a hearty thank you!

Representing the CAD on the Southern Circuit were Jim Carson and Jack Elfman. Jack finished 7th in the circuit and Jim 9th.

The first northern sailing of the year in New Jersey were the spring series at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Brant Beach Yacht Club, and Monmouth Boat Club. CAD members won all three series; winner at Metedeconk was Alan Ruiter; Sam Streep took the Brant Beach series, and Bill Clausen won at Monmouth.

Seventy-two Lightnings from ten states sailed at the Long John regatta at Monmouth Boat Club in April. Four boats from the CAD finished in the top ten; Jim Carson was the winner, Ralph Messersmith placed 3rd, Bill Clausen was 7th, and Bill Newman 8th.

The New Jersey State Championship was held at Red Dragon Canoe Club on the Delaware River in early June. Much to the delight of CAD competitors, the river club provided "Barnegat Bay Air" for this regatta. Dave Ruiter sailed a fine series to win the regatta on his birthday. Bill Newman was 2nd, Bill Clausen 3rd, Djoerd Hoekstra 4th, and Alan Ruiter 5th.

In July, Lavallette Yacht Club hosted the CAD Championship. This series was sailed in drenching rains, squalls and even a tornado scare. After two grueling days, Jack Elfman appeared at the bar to celebrate his first CAD Championship with drinks for all. Jack and his all-girl crew, Maryellen Carducci and Missy Monteith, sailed an outstanding series. Other qualifiers for the North Americans were Alan Ruiter 2nd, Dave Ruiter 3rd, Djoerd Hoekstra 4th, Bob Adams 5th, Jim Carson 6th, and Bill Newman 7th. All seven CAD skippers and crews who went to Hilton Head qualified for the top flight, and all made a very creditable showing against the best in the class.

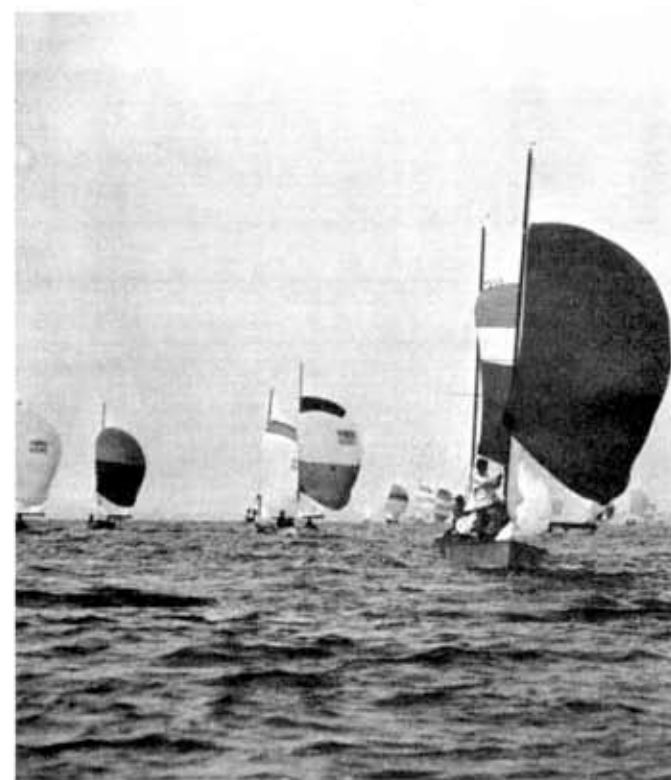
Surf City Yacht Club and the CAD were hosts to the Atlantic Coast Championship in August. Dave Ruiter won, followed by Jim Carson 2nd, Bob Adams 3rd, Bill Clausen 4th, and Alan Ruiter 5th - a clean sweep for the CAD!

Ocean City Yacht Club's annual open regatta was won by Bill Clausen, followed by Gordon Buzby 2nd, John Parker 3rd, Jim Kavy 4th, and George Glenn 5th.

The scores from three regattas sailed on consecutive weekends in September are combined to determine the winner of the Gamma trophy. The first of these, held at Penn Manor, was won by Djoerd Hoekstra, followed by Bill Clausen 2nd, and Alan Crew 3rd. The following weekend at Red Dragon, Bill Clausen took top honors, followed by Djoerd Hoekstra 2nd, and Alan Crew 3rd. The same three again placed first, 2nd, and 3rd at Riverton in the final regatta of the Gamma series to make the series results Bill Clausen 1st, Djoerd Hoekstra 2nd, and Alan Crew 3rd.

In February, 1976, CAD members will again meet with members of the Metropolitan District--this time for a seminar with Bruce Goldsmith at Monmouth Boat Club. Again, each district will hold its annual winter meeting, and a cocktail party and dinner are planned.

1975 has been a very active year for the CAD. In addition to sponsoring many well-attended regattas, CAD members fared very well against boats from all over North America. We are looking forward to an equally successful season in 1976.



Jack Elfman en route to the C.A.D. Championship.

Photo Credit Robert Bauman

# **CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

**1976**

## **Regatta Schedule**

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5  
**EARLY BIRD SERIES**  
Brant Beach Yacht Club – Fleet 173

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May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13  
**SPRING TUNE-UP SERIES**  
Metedeconk River Yacht Club – Fleet 34

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June 19 and 20  
**SPRING TUNE-UP REGATTA**  
Bay Head Yacht Club – Fleet 3

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June 26, 27  
**GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA**  
Riverton Yacht Club – Fleet 228

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July 16, 17, 18  
**CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
(Spray Beach Race Course)  
Brant Beach Yacht Club – Fleet 173

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July 31, August 1  
**NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
(Green Island Race Course)  
Normandy Beach Yacht Club – Fleet 366

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September 11, 12  
**28TH ANNUAL SURF CITY REGATTA**  
Surf City Yacht Club – Fleet 196

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September 11, 12  
**PENN MANOR FALL REGATTA**  
Penn Manor Yacht Club – Fleet 422

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September 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17  
**FALL SERIES**  
Metedeconk River Yacht Club – Fleet 34

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September 18, 19  
**RED DRAGON FALL REGATTA**  
Red Dragon Canoe Club – Fleet 357

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September 25, 26  
**RIVERTON LIGHTNING REGATTA**  
Riverton Yacht Club – Fleet 228

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October 16, 17  
**INDIAN SUMMER REGATTA**  
Brant Beach Yacht Club – Fleet 173

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## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

May 15-16	Newport Invitational, Newport Yacht Club * **
June 5-6	Lake Shore Lightning Squadron, Brockport Yacht Club
June 12-13	Niagara Frontier Invitational, Buffalo Canoe Club **
June 26-27	Pultneyville Invitational, Pultneyville Yacht Club *
July 8	Junior District Championship, Willow Bank Yacht Club
July 9-10-11	District Championship, Willow Bank Yacht Club
July 24-25	C.N.Y.Y.R.A. Regatta, Skaneateles Country Club
Aug. 7-8	Champagne Regatta, Keuka Yacht Club
Aug. 28-29	Henderson Harbor Invitational, Henderson Harbor Yacht Club *
Sept. 11-12	Onondaga Invitational, Onondaga Yacht Club
Sept. 18-19	South Skaneateles Invitational, South Skaneateles Lightning Assoc.

\* Triple Crown Series

\*\* Lake Erie - C.N.Y. District Series

## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore	Richard W. Hallagan
District Secretary	Raymond L. Nelson
District Measurer	Edward F. Beadel Jr.
District Champion	Richard W. Hallagan
District Runner-Up	Dr. A. J. Penfield
Junior Champion	Jim Pindell

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Mayfield Y.C. (13); Pultneyville Y.C. (61); New port Y.C. (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Red Jacket (125); Willow Bank Y.C. (164); Henderson Harbor Y.C. (255); Keuka Y.C. (252); Brockport Y.C. (267); Galway Lake Y.C. (338); Thousand Islands Fleet (382); South Skaneateles Lightning Assoc. (439).

The Central New York District enjoyed a very active season in 1975. Competition was as keen as it has been in recent years, it seemed. This was enhanced by several visits, or should we say invasions, from neighboring districts. It was great to sail with guys like Tom Allen, Georges Peter, Mark Bryant, Bill Shore, and the others. We hope they'll come again, but perhaps not take quite so much hardware back with them.

Season plans were set at our mid-January meeting where 47 of us gathered to reminisce and generate excitement for the coming season. Racing got off to an enthusiastic start a little earlier than usual at the Newport Invitational in mid May. This was the second year for Newport's early regatta which has all the earmarks of becoming an annual affair. Visitors were Judy Walker and Tom Allen both from nearby Lake Erie District. Tom won the regatta, partially by avoiding the crowd when two-thirds of the fleet simultaneously converged at a mark, which hasn't been seen since. Newport Bay again displayed its talent for tricky winds.

Two weeks later we congregated all the way across the District at Mayfield where we were joined by two members of the New England District: Georges Peter and Jim Russell. Fisk Hayden put together five good races to win this one going away. Georges Peter was second.

Newport and Mayfield constituted the first two legs of the Triple Crown series, and at this point Bob Wardwell had displayed the greatest consistency and let by 6½ on total points. However Fisk Hayden was the leader by 9½ if everyone had already had their throw-out race. Dick Hallagan was within shooting distance either way, but he had his work cut out for himself.

The third leg of the Triple Crown was held at Pultneyville. This was the first regatta Pultneyville had sponsored in recent years, and a good one it was including one day of good heavy weather. Dick Hallagan was really moving and took the regatta handily. He couldn't get very many boats between himself and Fisk Hayden, however (two boats in three races) and Fisk won the Triple Crown for the second year in a row.

Sandwiched in amongst the above were the traditional Skaneateles Invitational and the District Championship. Jeff Penfield

showed everyone the way at Skaneateles. The Districts were held at Henderson Harbor on the Fourth of July weekend. Everyone who was there will remember it as a tremendous week of sailing. It began with the Junior Championship which was won by Jim Pindell. Then followed three more beautiful days and five races as reported in September issue of Flashes. Dick Hallagan sailed an excellent series to win the championship (again). Jeff Penfield also displayed lots of speed and smart sailing to take the runner-up spot.

The second half of the summer found us at Rochester Y.C. for the CNYIRA regatta and another brisk southwester on Lake Ontario. Dick Hallagan was again the winner, but not without a strong challenge from Alan Pundt. Then came the "really-big" one at Keuka. That champagne really attracts the boats. The invaders this time included Mark Bryant from Buffalo and Bill Shore from Rhode Island. It didn't take Mark long to get acquainted with the narrow lake and high hills as he won this one in our largest fleet of the year.

After Labor Day, we closed out the season with regattas at Onondaga and South Skaneateles. Kirk Reynolds who had sailed well all summer got it all together to take first place at Onondaga. Jeff Penfield did likewise a week later and won at South Skaneateles. Jeff must know something about that lake that the rest of us haven't figured out yet. To top things off, a few CNY sailors did some invading of their own, notably at Silver lake, Sandy Beach, and points south..... as far south as Ecuador, come to think of it. It was a great year.

## CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore	Don MacClymont
District Secretary	John Gall
District Measurer	Fritz Toussaint
District Champion	Jack Zink
District Runner-Up	John Gall

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

The Central States District got their season off to a fine start at Lake Shawnee in Topeka, Kansas with the District Championship. Jack Zink from down in Tulsa put on a fine show of pressure sailing. Playing the lifts and headers with great finesse and touch, he was constantly able to fight off challenges by John Gall, Don MacClymont, and Jim Head to win the 1975 Districts with John Gall the runner-up.

The Firecracker Regatta held at Lake Perry, Kansas was a success with fifteen Lightnings on the line for a fine weekend of sailing, sun and fun. The Lake Perry Fleet was so nice they let three of the five trophies go to out-of-towners, including Bill Buckles of Cleveland, Greg Florian of Decatur, and Bill Merrill of Topeka.

The next major regatta was at Lake Shawnee in Topeka and this time it was Fleet 60's turn to be nice. They let four out of five trophies go to transients.

This is not to say competition is not hot and heavy. Out there on the lake, the water temperature rises ten degrees when the Lightnings are racing which, of course, makes us go faster. (At least according to Bob Smither).

Labor Day saw the Jacomo Fleet hosting the Lightnings. Again, though the winds were light and shifty, the competition and the sun were hot. The Jacomo Labor Day Regatta also marked the end of the second Heart of America Inter-Lake Series. The top four finishers were John Gall (438), Lake Perry, Kansas, Don MacClymont (438), Lake Perry; Bill Merillat (60), Lake Shawnee, Kansas; Brad Hamilton (438), Lake Perry.

Next year the districts will be at Lake Perry and we are all looking forward to another fine season.

### CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Hernan Barahona  
District Secretary ..... Manuel Gonzalez, Jr.  
District Treasurer ..... Hugo Cuneo  
District Champion ..... Jaime Fernandez  
District Runner-Up ..... German Novion

Fleets: Yacht Club Chile (317); Algarrobo (318); Capricornio (319); Vina Del Mar (342); Pichidangui (346).

During the last season the Class was very active; Nine new fiberglass sailboats arrived from the United States and our fleet was increased to thirty fiberglass boats of the best quality.

On January we went to the "Villarica" Lake, 880 kms south of Santiago, to participate in the "Favaro" Championship that was awarded to Jaime Fernandez, second was Isidoro Melero. It was a very interesting experience since it was the first time we sailed there and also gave us the possibility of promoting the Lightning Class.

On February in Algarrobo, among 21 sailboats, took place the National Championship won by Jaime Fernandez, second was German Novion. The National Selection for the South American and World Championship was won by Hugo Cuneo, second was Alberto Gonzalez M.

Six sailboats represented our country in the South American Championship in Salinas-Ecuador and five in the World Championship.

Jaime Fernandez and his crew were our representatives in the recent Pan American Games of Mexico.

We are now preparing ourselves with great enthusiasm for participating in the next South American Championship that will take place in Argentina.

### CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ... Dr. Richard Thackaberry  
District Secretary ..... Jack Lewis  
District Measurer ..... Bud Olsen  
District Champion ..... Bill Shore  
District Runner-Up ..... Phil Griffin

Fleets: Housatonic Boat Club (6); Black Rock Yacht Club (17); Niantic Bay Yacht Club (85); Cedar Point Yacht Club (126); Madison Beach Club (129).

1975 was a very active year for the Connecticut-Rhode Island District. The breezes were more steady and more skippers went on the circuit to test the opposition.

The Early Bird Regatta at Cedar Point opened the season and was won convincingly by Bill Shore with Stu Nickerson second. Bill also won the Districts held at Cedar Point in July with Phil Griffin second. The Northeast Regional Regatta held at Niantic Bay was won by Stu Nickerson with Don Brush second. Madison Beach hosted the combined Governors Cup-Long Island Sounds which was won by Dave Peterson after rejuvenating his boat with a new oval mast. Hugh Huchison was second. The season finale was Cedar Point's annual Invitational in September. The strong and extremely shifty winds were handled best by Len Pratt who won the Regatta with Stu Nickerson second.

We would like to congratulate Bill and Bonnie Shore who brought credit to our district by finishing second in the North Americans and again in the Worlds.

All of the Fleets in the District reported growth for 1975 and are looking forward to continued prosperity and good sailing in 1976.

### CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

#### 1976 Regatta Schedule

Early Bird Regatta Cedar Point Y.C. Westport, CT.	May 22-23
Connecticut Governor's Cup Niantic Bay Y.C. New London, CT.	June 19-20
Conn./R.I. District Housatonic Boat Club Stratford, CT.	July 17-18
Northeast Regionals Marblehead Harbor Y.C. Marblehead, MA.	July 24-25
Long Island Sound Champ. Madison Beach Y.C. Madison, CT.	Aug. 21-22
Cedar Point Invitational Cedar Point Y.C. Westport, CT.	Sept. 18-19

### DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Woody Woodbury  
District Vice-Commodore ..... George Shapiro  
District Secretary ..... Fred Mertes  
District Treasurer ..... Kitty Racine  
District Champion ..... Bill Buckley  
District Runner-Up ..... Dr. Don Delorme  
Junior Champion ..... Kirk Williams  
Junior Runner-Up ..... Scott Crowder

Fleets: Washington (50); Indiana River (72); North East River (192); Susquehanna (253); Sassafra River (314); Rehoboth (325); Severn River (329); Marine Corps D & E Command (354); Smith Mountain Lake (377); Hampton Roads (426).

The Dixie District season started and ended with plenty of wind. It started at Norfolk, Va. with the 3rd Annual Azalea Regatta where Dixie Commodore Woody Woodbury took 1st place silver. The season ended with the 23rd Annual Quantico Frostbite Regatta held at Quantico, Va. The winner of this prestigious event was Dick Hallagan with Bill Shore hot on his trail.

Between these two Regatta's the Dixie District was the host of 19 other Regatta's. That ain't bad, seeing how that's only a 24 week span. The average fleet was 17 boat's with a high of 46. "Who said the Lightning's a dying class?"

Dixie is the home of the oldest Jr. District Championship. This year was the 5th such event with Kirk Williams of Sassafras River taking top honors. The future of the class comes from these Championship's, and it's great to see so many young sailor's getting involved in Lightnings.

The highlight of the season was the District Championship's held at the Severn Sailing Association. After four days of rain Bill Buckley finally found a bit of sunshine. Having been District Runner-up for the past two years Bill thought it'd be nice to take the big one home. Don Delorme followed Bill all weekend only losing first place by one point. Six boats represented the District at Hilton Head for the NA's. Buckley and Delorme both made it into the top fleet with Don taking a 5th overall. Joe Frieale and Steve Harper both sailed in the President's Cup, while Al Dutton and Bob Crowder took 3rd and 4th in the Governor's Cup. With the end of the 75 NA's. Al Dutton ended his Lightning career. We hate to loose a good competitor but we wish Al and Missy the best of luck in their new 27 ft. C&C. Another long time Dixie sailor Bob "BoBo" Purnell was dearly missed during the '75 season. We all look forward to seeing him back on the race course in '76.

For the '76 season make it a point to come to Dixie. Check the "Flashes" for regatta dates and come on down.

## FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore .....Antti Aromaa  
District Secretary ..... Hartti Nisonen  
District Measurer ..... Ilkka Lilja  
District Champion ..... Lasse Hammar  
District Runner-Up ..... Antti Ruuskanen

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); Tuusulanjärvi (456).

The past season has been very good for Lightning-sailing in Finland. We had the European Championship in August - 75 hosted by Pääjanteen Purjehdusseura and Keurusselän Pursiseura. There will be a report of the European's Written by new European Champion Antti Ruuskanen elsewhere in this Yearbook and that's why I only thank those people who did much work with European Championships.

Our District is very proud that four Finnish boats could participate in the World Championships in Salinas Ecuador. They sailed with borrowed boats and first time with oval masts finding out that the competition was very hard. Pentti Puupera from Helsinki Fleet was the best Finnish skipper and he finished 28th. Seppo Lähdemäki from Pori Fleet was 42nd, Antti Aromaa our District Commodore placed 46th and Pertti Pyy from Tuusulanjärvi Fleet was 49th.

Finland District's own racing season started in May and the last regatta was held in September. During these months we had six ranking-races and several other big regattas. It was great that almost 20 boats were seen at the starting lines in many regattas. Antti Ruuskanen from Nasijärvi fleet took the ranking points and second was Pentti Puupera.

Finland District's Championships were held in Pori August 2-4th. The hosting Yacht Club Björneborgs Segelforening made a very good job during these days and under good winds Lasse Hammar with Harry Hammar and Simo Koski took the title of Finnish Champion the third time. Runner-Up was Antti Ruuskanen with Markku Vehmas and Ilpo Hänninen. Pentti Puupera was third with Reijo Puupera and Hannu Aro. 4. Matti Tiivola, 5. Laura Korpinen, 6. Seppo Lähdemäki, 7. Kari Maenpää, 8. Antti Aromaa, 9. Ahti Immonen, 10. Timo Patusuo, 11. Hartti Nisonen, 12. Markku Paloma, 13. Pertti Pyy, 14. Raimo Aromaa, 15. Esa Nordling, 16. Marja Korhonen, 17. Ilkka Lilja, 18. Pertti Kuuminen, 19. Mikko Nisunen, 20. Vesa Tapola, 21. Simo Lehtinen, 22. Osmo Tanskanen, 23. Lauri Hämäläinen, 24. Antti Tapola.

One new and three old members were elected to Finland District Administration. Ritva Pyy economy, Veikko Valkama Vice-Commodore, Hartti Nisonen Secretary, Seppo Lähdemäki training. We have also the public relations man Martti Kirjavainen who has done much work for the Finland District. He has written many articles about Lightning boats and sailing to the different newspapers and magazines. Also he has done some films and photographs about the big regattas.

During the last winter we had also seminars for Lightning sailors. Our District Commodore Aromaa participated also to the Winter-meeting in Florida in Mars 1975.

We hope that the activity of Finland District will continue also during the coming season.



*Spinnaker action in Finland.*

## FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore .....Alan Westcott  
District Secretary ..... Jan Lowe  
District Measurer ..... Bill Loughlin  
District Champion ..... Mike Alexander  
District Runner-Up ..... Cameron Carlin

Fleets: St. Petersburg (109); Biscayne Bay (226); St. John's River (461).

The majority of the racing in the Florida District is done in Miami at Biscayne Bay Fleet (#226) which calls the Coconut Grove Sailing Club it's home.

The District Championships were held here on May 3rd and 4th in perfect weather. The winds varied from 5 to 15 knots throughout the weekend and as noted above the 1st place trophy went to young, Mike Alexander from fleet #226. The runnerup, Cameron Carlin, son of the notorious Alex, is also from fleet # 226. In third place was Mara Freeland, our supergirl sailor, another fleet #226 member.

Mike Alexander and his crew of Reed Hutchinson and Fred Brown went to the North Americans in August and, although not winning, turned in a good performance.

As you might note in the Fleet #226 report the Miami area hosted the Sears Cup Quarter-finals which were held in Lightnings. These, too, were won by Mike Alexander and from there he went on to the semi-finals at Lake Norman in North Carolina. Here he defeated six teams to qualify for the finals.

In the finals, held in Bay Head, New Jersey, Mike came up against seven other teams, the best in the country. The races were also held in Lightnings and were the week following the Lightning North Americans. With all this practice he went on to capture first place overall and become the Sears Cup Champion for 1975. He and his crew of Reed Hutchinson and Freddie Hutchinson sailed to six firsts and two seconds.

Congratulations to them from the Florida District.



## INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... George Buckingham  
 District Secretary ..... Verna Kanuar  
 District Measurer ..... John Leath  
 District Champion ..... John Leath  
 District Runner-Up ..... George Buckingham

**Fleets:** Wawasee Yacht Club (154); Indianapolis Sailing Club (270); Mississinewa Reservoir (420); Tippecanoe Lake Yacht Club (425); Muncie Sailing Club (460); Lake Monroe Sailing Association Lightning Fleet (464).

Our year started off with three Indiana skippers going south to attend the Mid Winter Championship. John Nixon crewed in three regattas for Bernie Malcom. Ed Benson and Dr. Ken Wood were in the St. Petersburg regatta only.

The Indiana Open, held in conjunction with the Northern Spring Circuit, was sailed at Geist Reservoir on May 3rd and 4th. Saturday was rainy and cold, but managed to get in two races. Sunday was sunny and warm and three good races were held. Top skipper was John Mueller of Rocky River, Ohio, 2nd Burt Preston of Mansfield, Ohio, Steve Thomas from Devils Lake Yacht Club was 3rd, Greg Florian from Decatur, Illinois was 4th with George Buckingham of Wawasee Yacht Club 5th. A hot beef stew dinner was enjoyed by all after the fine cocktail party.

The Hoosier Regatta got off to a windy day but we managed to get three races in on Saturday. This club always has their punch bowl full and ready for the evening with an extra fine dinner served in their club house later. Two races were held on Sunday with the following skippers picking up the silver. Ron Blair 1st, George Buckingham 2nd, Dale Keltner 3rd, Barry Wilson 4th and Keith Swiehart 5th.

The Indiana Districts were held at Wawasee Yacht Club in June. After two races on Saturday the people of that fine club again outdid themselves on food and cocktails. Won't mention any names but an extra good time was had by one of the ladies who told me the

following day — "eat candy bars, they help". Sunday morning three races were sailed with the following results: John Leath first place, followed by George Buckingham, Richard Berger, Ed Benson and Dan Danilson. Might take this time to say we are very proud that the silver came back to Indiana from the Nationals with George Buckingham — great job George.

The Tippecanoe YC Regatta was held in September. A lot of skippers are missing one nice regatta here. Due to the lack of attendance it was decided to hold all races on Saturday. The weather was fine, sun shining and although the number of boats was small competition was good with the following skippers taking home silver trophies hand made by John Bundy. Bruce Baiden 1st, George Buckingham 2nd, Keith Swiehart 3rd, Dr. Ken Wood 4th and John Bundy 5th. Try this one next year fellows, you'll like it.

The sixth annual WANFINLAWRAPMUP regatta was held on the Mississinewa Reservoir in weather too bad to try and describe. After lunch was served under the big tent it was decided no races until Sunday. The John Nixons once more opened their home to all and outdid themselves once more. This party is one of the greatest yours truly has ever attended. Their kindness shines in every corner. Sunday morning three races were held back to back with a surprise ending. (Surprise for 5th place). Bruce Girkins from Toledo 1st; Henry Hodgson from Devils Lake 2nd; John Mueller of Rocky River 3rd and Bruce Preston from Mansfield, Ohio 4th. It was a three way tie for 5th place and as this is the largest trophy in this regatta, what a decision to try and make. After much discussion, John Nison came thru with only solution — trophies would be given to all three skippers — George Buckingham, John Brewster and Merrill Bales. This regatta is attended by skippers and crew from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. It is also one not to miss.

We close this year of fine sailing (a couple of dunkings, a few stitches) with competition getting better all the time, we are all ready for 1976.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to Dr. Ken Wood for doing a great job as Commodore of the Indiana District since it's beginning.

## INDIANA DISTRICT

### 1976 Regatta Schedule

Indiana Open Regatta *	May 1-2
Indianapolis Sailing Club Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Indiana	
Hoosier Regatta	June 5-6
Wawasee Yacht Club Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana	
Indiana District Championship	June 12-13
Michigan City Y.C., Michigan City, Indiana	
Tippecanoe YC Regatta	September 11-12
Lake Tippecanoe, North Webster, Indiana	
Fleet 420 "Wanfinlapimup"	To be announced
Mississinewa Lake, Peru, Indiana	

\*First Regatta in the Northern Spring Circuit

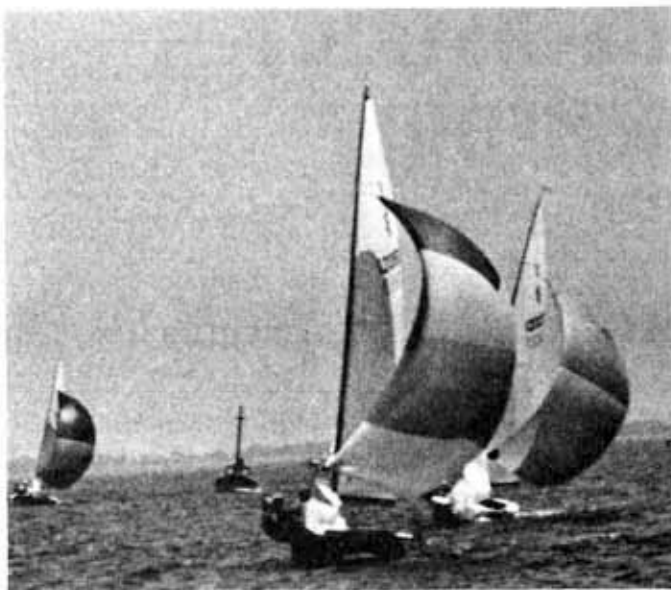
# 1976 LAKE ERIE DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

(TENTATIVE)

REGATTA	DATE	HOST CLUB
THE EBY SERIES	May 1-2 & May 8-9	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
*REUNION REGATTA (CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT)	May 15-16	NEWPORT Y.C. FLEET 77
ERIE OPEN	June 5-6	ERIE YACHT CLUB
*NIAGARA FRONTIER INVIT.	June 12-13	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
ROYAL HAMILTON INVIT.	June 19-20	ROYAL HAMILTON Y.C.
PARKWAY INVITATIONAL	June 26-27	PARKWAY SAILING CLUB
NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPIONSHIP	July 10-11	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB
CORNBALL REGATTA	July 17-18	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE Y.C.
JR. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	July 22	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE Y.C.
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	July 23-24-25	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE Y.C.
CANADIAN OPEN	July 31 - Aug. 1-2	ROYAL HAMILTON Y.C.
JR. NORTH AMERICANS	Aug. 10-11-12	SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN
NORTH AMERICANS	Aug. 14 to 20	SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN
OL' SALTS REGATTA	Aug 25 (Wed.)	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
TRI-LAKES REGATTA	Aug. 28-29	CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB
TRI-CLUBS REGATTA	Aug. 28-29	PARKWAY SAILING CLUB
**DUNKIRK REGATTA	Sept. 11-12	DUNKIRK HARBOR Y.C.
**HARVEST REGATTA	Sept. 18-19	SILVER LAKE Y.C.
**HAUL OUT REGATTA	Sept. 25-26	SANDY BEACH Y.C.
FROST BITE FUN RACING	October Weekends	SANDY BEACH Y.C.

\* THE REUNION REGATTA OF THE CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER INVITATIONAL REGATTA OF THE LAKE ERIE DISTRICT ARE NOW PART OF THE LAKE ERIE — CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT SERIES. SKIPPERS TAKING PART IN THIS SERIES MUST SAIL IN ALL RACES AT BOTH REGATTAS. THE SKIPPER WITH THE LOWEST POINT TOTAL OVER-ALL WILL BE THE WINNER.

\*\* THE DUNKIRK REGATTA, THE HARVEST REGATTA, AND THE HAUL OUT REGATTA ARE ALL PART OF THE LAKE ERIE DISTRICT NORTHERN FALL CIRCUIT. TROPHIES WILL GO TO THE TOP TEN SKIPPERS AND CREW, AND THE MID-FLEET WINNER. SKIPPERS MUST SAIL IN ALL RACES AT EACH OF THE THREE REGATTAS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FALL CIRCUIT TROPHIES.



## ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . Capt. V. Mario Lo Sardo  
District Secretary . . . . . G. Ferdinando (Nando)  
De Amicis  
District Champion . . . . . Gino Filippini  
District Runner-Up . . . . . Luigi Merola

Fleets: Marivela (235); Garda (249); Roma (271); Anzio (278); Lega Navale Anzio (312); La Spezia (321); Flotta Degli Estensi (355); Formia (389); Flotta del Faro (390); Marsala (449); Trasimeno (453); Flotta Del Conero (466).

The district activity is lightly increased. The new fleets 449 and 453 have organized a lot of important regattas with a remarkable success.

The fleets 321 and 355 have a smaller activity. The old fleets 235 and 249 include the skippers more available for the larger transfers. The six races of Italian Championship was held at Marsala from Aug. 3 to 8, with a wonderful reception by our Sicilian friends.

The results were: "Yoker" with Filippini, Capuccini and Spano first; "Leccia" with Merola, M. Lo Sardo and F. Lo Sardo second; "Zaza" with G. Giacalone, Mariono and Messina 3rd; "Sindbad" with DeAmicis Paradisi and Boidi 4th; "Wind" with Pellegrino, F. Giacalone and Caimi 5th; "Seagull" with N. Cudia, Genna and Dara 6th; "Lian" with De Vita, Martinez and Cudia 7th; "Luktor" with Gambina, Crucitti and Vinci 8th.

The "Di Lorenzo Trophy", hosted by fleet 321, was held at La Spezia: the winner was Merola in "Leccia" 11935; runner-up was Leuci in "Sarago" 11938; third De Amicis in "Sindbad" 8763; fourth 9316 "Captain Morino" of fleet 321 with Bardi, Mandrioli and Carletti.

The Sicilian Championship was held at Marsala: 1st 11325 "Yoker" with Filippini, Spano and Pecorella; 2nd 12061 "Zaza" with G. Giacalone, Marino and Messina; 3rd 12027 "Wind" with Pellegrino, Caimi and Giacalone F.

The district's Regatta at Passignano on Trasimeno Lake: 1st, Z12297 "Gargantua" Despland, P. Grandguillaume, A. Grandguillaume; 2nd, I 10781 "Schiribilla" Bellini, Mattonelli, Rustichelli; 3rd I 8763 "Sindbad" De Amicis, Paradisi, A. DeAmicis; 4th I 11244 "Winny" Salvetti, Saulini, Zucconi; 5th I 9450 "Tretepe" Tremante, Tezza, Perin.

Unfortunately the District was not distinguished for the International activity. No participation to European and World's Championship!

The old "Sindbad" only took part with Filippini, De Amicis and Capuccini to the International Swiss Championship.

We hope an important participation to the 1976 Europeans at Grandson on Lake of Neuchatel in Switzerland.

## LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bill Neal
District Corresponding Sec'y	Judy Walker
District Executive Secretary	John Y. Sloan III
District Treasurer	Cal Schmiede
District Measurer	William Hunter
District Asst. Measurer	Mark Bryant
District Champion	Don Allen
District Runner-Up	Bill Van Arsdale
District Jr. Champion	Mark Bryant
District Jr. Runner-Up	R. MacDonald, Jr.

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).

Gary Cameron came east at the Equinox to start 1975, speaking on hull design, along with Stu Anderson and Bill Shore on sailing tactics and Tom Allen on the oval mast. Quite a seminar; cocktails and dinner.

The first week in May, at the Buffalo Canoe Club invitational, ten boats sailed on a clear bay, a change from the usual iceberg dodging. Stu Anderson B.C.F. first, Don Allen and Mike Vallmer, both from R.H.Y.C., second and third.

Fourteen fleet sponsored club regattas followed, totaling some 85, capsizing, hairraising, blowouts or drifters and cancelled races, described in *Flashes*, complete with alibis.

The districts in July were held at Silver Lake Yacht Club. 54 boats, first two races, winds 20 to 35. Six broken masts, eight plus capsize, then 4 to 6 m.p.h. winds and back to 15 to 25. Don Allen, R.H.Y.C. 1,7,5,2,11...Bill Van Arsdale, S.L.Y.C. 10,8,7,1,2...Richard Ferrick, B.C.C. 7,2,2,7,16.

The John Y. Sloan Second Junior Championship for sailors under eighteen sailed two races the day previous to the districts, in winds out of the south 20-35 with higher gusts, the third race was cancelled. Mark Bryant, B.C.C. first, R. MacDonald Jr., R.H.Y.C. second, Sage Cutler, C.L.Y.C. third.

Lake Erie District was well represented at the Canadian Open held at the Royal St. Lawrence Y.C. All enjoyed the hospitality...sailing wise. Don Allen of R.H.Y.C. placed third.

At the Junior North American, Lake Murray, South Carolina, Mark Bryant of the B.C.C. placed third which qualified him for the N.A. Championship. However, he chose to sail with Bill Shore in the N.A. as crew.

In the North American Championship, Lake Erie District boats placed; Tom Allen, B.C.C. third.....Dave Ingram, C.Y.C. 24th and Ed Roseberry, B.C.C. 27th.

In the President's Cup, Don Allen, R.H.Y.C. placed 5th...Peter Jones, B.C.C. 30th.

In the Governor's Cup, Ward Wilday of Cuba Lake Y.C. placed 16th and Judith Walker, the only distaff contestant from Niagara Sailing Club with consistent sailing placed 28th.

The "Old Salt's Regatta", for the young at heart (over fifty), brought out nine crews for the second John Y. Sloan Trophy series at the B.C.C. Miniature naval cannons of 1637 made by the Hughes and the Sloans were presented to each boat while the large cannons were won by Bill Hughes, B.C.C. first, Matt Bryant, B.C.C. second and Ward Wilday, C.L.Y.C. third. Doc Humphrey capsized between races (jammed something or other). Five girls crewed for skippers and/or husbands, three of whom were veterans of the two new crewmembers...Mrs. Hughes fell overboard...five past commodores competed with no casualties or protests...all enjoyed cocktails and dinner. All skippers have posted entries for 1976.

The Northern Fall Circuit, in September on Lake Erie at the Dunkirk Y.C.; on Silver Lake, at Silver Lake Y.C. and the Haul Out on Niagara River at Sandy Beach Y.C. for the third annual sailing continued the rivalry at all regattas.

Dunkirk: 1st, Don Allen, R.H.Y.C., 2nd, Bill Potter, B.C.C., 3rd, Matt Bryant, B.C.C. Silver Lake: 1st, Tom Allen, B.C.C., 2nd, L. MacDonald Jr., R.H.Y.C., 3rd, Dick Hallagan, Sodus Bay Y.C. Sandy Beach: 1st Don Allen, R.H.Y.C., 2nd Dick Ferrick, B.C.C., 3rd Dick Hallagan, Sodus Bay Y.C. Middle of Fleet: Johnathan Oram, C.Y.C. Doug Hooper of N.S.C. - Race Chairman, all races.

Overall circuit champions: 1st, Stuart Anderson, B.C.C.; 2nd, Dick Ferrick, B.C.C.; 3rd, Mark Bryant, B.C.C.; 4th, Matt Bryant, B.C.C. and 5th, Bill Potter, B.C.C.

The Turkey Regatta at Hamilton Y.C., a series of six short races run by Doug Hooper of N.S.C., Race Committee Chairman, closed out formal racing with Matt Bryant of B.C.C. the winner.

A busy year of 14 regattas planned by our district commodore, Bill Neal, who also ran the district championships at Silver Lake, assisted by a fine crew of officers, was a pleasure to work with.





## LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Bill Jorch  
 District Secretary ..... Frank Marianaccio  
 District Champion ..... Frank Atkinson, Jr.

Fleets: Sheepshead Bay (38); Northport Bay (98); Manhasset Bay (133); Great South Bay (178); Woodmere Bay (300); Setauket Y.C. (323); Southampton (431).

The Long Island District had another active and successful season. The District started 1975 with a booth at the Long Island Boat Show at the Nassau Coliseum. Many thanks to Roy Harrington for making the arrangements for the booth. Although there was not enough space for a boat, the booth was a real crowd pleaser with spinnakers, an automated slide show, lots of literature and many Lightning Sailors to promote the class. A showing of the new movie "Lightning", introduced by Tony Curto, was held at Centerport Yacht Club as a promotional followup to the Boat Show.

The District sailors got together for racing three times, King Lotz from the North Shore, enjoying the steady mid summer breezes seldom seen in Northport, won the Great South Bay Race Week. Frank Atkinson Jr., continued his luck on the District Championship, run by his home club, Narrasketuck on the Great South Bay, with an outstanding 1-1-2 performance. The third meeting was at the Northport Bay Invitational. Bill Jorch of Northport won over a fleet with boats from as far away as Delaware.

Three boats from Long Island made the trip to the North Americans; Tom Green and Bill Jorch President's Cup, and Ray Harrington Governor's Cup. Tom had a very successful series with a final position of sixth place.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Bill Meyer  
 District Secretary ..... John Rowley  
 District Measurer ..... Sandy Huntsman  
 District Champion ..... Bob Hutchinson  
 District Runner-Up ..... Sandy Huntsman

Fleets: Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Redbank (70); Nyack (75); Awosting (95); Raritan Bay (185); Richmond County (295); Harvey's Lake (350).

The combined Metropolitan - Central Atlantic winter meeting has become an important forum to upgrade competitive racing in the southern New York-New Jersey area. This year Bill Shore gave an excellent presentation on sail trim in varying weather conditions, and those who took notes appeared to be noticeably faster this year. We are all very much looking forward to a Bruce Goldsmith presentation this coming February at Red Bank.

The "Long John" at Red Bank in April has become legendary as a real test of skippers, crews and equipment. In the first race this year 16 out of 72 competitors won honorary membership in the Navesink River Polar Bear Club. There is much that can be said about a starting line of 72 Lightnings in 25 knot winds and three foot seas. It is a spine-chilling experience that has to be seen to be believed. Survivors Jim Carson and Bill Shore sailed off with first and second place honors.

Those of us who returned in July for the District championship were again confronted by that familiar sound of the wind howling through the rigging, but the wind settled down for some excellent medium air racing. The top ten Metropolitan District sailors are champion Bob Hutchinson followed by Sandy Huntsman, Reid Dickerson, Tom De Stasio, Arnold Schwartz, Bob Graham, John Schneider, Tom Bierman, Roy Sengstacken and Andy Low.

The year as a whole has been characterized by the improvement of many of the previously unheralded skippers. At Nyack on the Hudson Gary Hurban, Andy Low and Ed Deeb are seriously challenging the seemingly unbeatable Tom De Stasio. Bill Meyer of the Hi-Tor fleet is close on the heels of the Bitler/Lewis syndicate, and Bill Gordon of the Chelsea Yacht Club has surfaced as the new man to beat in IBM Country. At Lake Wallenpaupack John Rowley has got it together to win the club championship. Nick Santoro and Bruce Hanover are poised to pounce on Roy Sengstacken, Chet Howell and Ole Olson of the Greenwood Lake Fleet. At Lake Mohawk the incomparable Bob Graham and Tom Bierman may do some stern looking at Dave MacDonald, Ron Beard, Roselli and Tomasetti. Red Bank has many fine sailors with the likes of Bob Hutchinson, Sandy Huntsman, Reid Dickerson, Arnie Schwartz, and John Schneider, but Dennis Farley may well become the man to beat at Monmouth Boat Club.

Dennis Farley was the man to beat at the Short Circuit this year, winning 6 out of 9 races in a field of 30. In its third year, the Short Circuit is increasing in popularity by leaps and bounds. Other silver winners included Sandy Huntsman, Bob Graham, Tom Bierman and John Eggers.

The Mid-Hudson River Circuit was won by Tom De Stasio, followed by Andy/Marty Low, and Gary Hurban. Tom De Stasio also dominated the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association championship scoring 100% of the possible points in that series. Andy and Marty Low, Bill Meyer and Gary Hurban are tightly grouped for second and third positions to be announced this winter due to complicated scoring system.

The Metropolitan District offers some of the best river and lake sailing available, and we cordially invite you to join us in celebration of the spirit of '76 in the coming year. Our area, steeped in Revolutionary History, is the scene of some rather spirited sailing battles every weekend all summer long, many of which are followed by some equally spirited peace parleys around sundown.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 1976 Regatta Schedule

Long John Regatta at Red Bank, N.J.	April 24, 25
* Magnus Pederson Regatta at Nyack, N.Y.	June 5, 6
* Hi-Tor Sutherland Regatta at Stony Point, N.Y.	June 12, 13
* Chelsea Open Regatta at Chelsea, N.Y.	July 10, 11
Metropolitan District Championship at Nyack, N.Y.	July 17, 18
National Sweepstakes Regatta at Red Bank, N.J.	July 31, August 1
** Whisker Pole Regatta at Greenwood Lake, N.Y.	Sept. 11, 12
** Paupack Regatta at Tafton, Pa.	Sept. 18, 19
** Lake Mohawk Regatta at Sparta, N.Y.	Sept. 25, 26

\*—Part of the Mid-Hudson Circuit

\*\*—Part of the Short Circuit

*Join us and sail historic waters during the Bicentennial.*



# MICHIGAN

## 1976 MICHIGAN DISTRICT SCHEDULE:

May 1- 2 Lake Lansing Y.C.  
 8- 9 Spring Thaw -  
 Crescent Sail Y.C.  
 22-23 North Cape Y.C.  
 June 12-13 Pentwater Y.C.  
 19-20 Crescent Sail Y.C.  
 26-27 Lake Fenton (team race)  
 July 10-11 Bay City Y.C.  
 16-17-18 MICHIGAN DISTRICTS -  
 Traverse City Y.C.  
 19-20-21 MICHIGAN JR.  
 DISTRICTS -  
 Higgins Lake Y.C.  
 24-25 Gull Lake Y.C.  
 31- 1 Tawas Bay Y.C.  
 August 7- 8 Higgins Lake Y.C.  
 9-12 Jr. N.A. Milwaukee Y.C.  
 13-20 N.A. Sheboygan Wisc.  
 Sept. 11-12 Pontiac Y.C.  
 18-19 Devil's Lake Y.C.  
 25-26 Clark Lake Y.C.



JOE STUELAND  
 MICHIGAN DISTRICT LIGHTNING  
 TRAVELING TROPHY

In memory of Joseph N. Stueland, Commodore of the Michigan District - 1955, whose presence and support in the regatta circuit for many years provided guidance, camaraderie and spirit to competition.

His untimely death in an airplane crash March 30, 1969, shocked his sailing friends, ultimately inspiring through bequests to create this perpetual trophy in his memory to further the sport he loved so much.

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