



# MIDWEST DISTRICT



## ***1976 Regatta Schedule***

*6/26-6/27	Milwaukee Yacht Club	P & T
7/3-7/4	Burnham Park Yacht Club	Abe Jacobs
7/8-7/9	Chicago Corinthian	Junior Districts
*7/10-7/11	<b>Chicago Corinthian</b>	<b>Districts</b>
*7/17-7/18	Lake Geneva	Oxie
*7/31-8/1	Sheboygan Yacht Club	Brotz
8/10-8/12	Milwaukee Yacht Club	Junior North Americans
8/13-8/20	Sheboygan Yacht Club	North Americans
8/14-8/15	South Shore Yacht Club	Tanger
8/21-8/22	Chicago Corinthian	Hobelman
9/18-9/19	Chicago Corinthian	Red Flannels
*10/2-10/3	Lake Davenport	Polar Bear

\* Lake Michigan Championship Regatta

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Dave Peters
District Secretary/Treas. ....	Merrill Bales
District Measurer .....	David Peters
District Champion .....	John Sommers
District Runner-Up .....	Henry Hodgson
District Junior Champion .....	David Aloisi
District Junior Runner-Up .....	John Morse

**Fleets:** South Haven (30); Devils Lake (31); Crescent Sail Club (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Y.C. (54); Higgins Lake (110) Gull Lake (137); Tawas Bay Y.C. (152); Saginaw Bay (216); Grand Traverse Y.C. (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Les Cheneaux (378); Lansing Sail Club (387); Neahtawanta Y.C. (403); Clark Lake (416); Union Lake Y.C. (458).

The Michigan District hosted thirteen regattas during the season. Lake Lansing started off with Gary Demarest taking first, Dave Peters second and Bill McKinley third.

Lake Fenton team races found the host club taking top honors with their four boat team. Pontiac Lake second and Tawas Bay third.

The Michigan Districts hosted by Crescent Lake really came up fast and made many skippers busy rounding up a crew and whipping them in shape. Thirty-two boats went to the starting line only to have the days races postponed due to lack of wind. The next day three races were sailed in light winds and heavy chop. Sunday the winds picked up some and the following results showed the top ten finishers: John Sommers first, Henry Hodgson second, Gary Demarest third, John Corbett fourth, Bill McKinley fifth, Tom Babel sixth, Clarence Holman III seventh, Joe Dissette eighth, Paul Militzer ninth, and Dave Peters tenth. At the district meeting Dave Peters was elected Commodore and Merrill Bales Secretary-Treasurer. Gary Cameron I.L.C.A. President gave a report on some of his duties and the feelings of other districts of where the class is going.

Pentwater hosted their first Firecracker 30 regatta over the 4th of July week-end. Gary Demarest ended up first, Dave Furrey second, Alan Graettinger from the home fleet was third, Andy Loree fourth, and Chris Cowles fifth.

Garry Demarest evidently likes Bay City water as in the past he has only had firsts and this year was no exception with four firsts. Cameron followed with four seconds, McKinley finished third overall, Peters fourth, and Furrey and Dissette tied for fifth.

At Traverse City twenty-five boats showed up to sail on beautiful Traverse Bay. Local knowledge proved to be of help with the top two finishers from the host fleet. Tom Babel was first, T. Lindsay second, P. Militzer third, Holman III fourth, and Cameron fifth.

The winds blew at Tawas Bay causing the first race to be postponed until 4:00 P.M. Dissette lead the first race only to be nosed out at the finish by the two Garys, (Cameron and Demarest.) Top races were sailed on Sunday in light air with the top five: Demarest, Cameron, Dissette, Peters, and Steve Thomas.

Crescent Lake hosted their annual regatta in July. McKinley took three first places, Bob Mathers second, Jim McCoy third, Dick Drew fourth, and Vince Boyle fifth.

The top finishers at Higgins Lake were: McKinley, Cameron, Corbett, and Charlie Schreck.

Beautiful weather on beautiful Gull Lake in good winds saw Demarest back in the groove taking a first, Dissette second, Bales third, Thomas fourth, and Bud Crow fifth.

Pontiac White Cap ended with the following five finishes: Cameron, McKinley, Dissette, Peters, and Holman III.

At Devils Lake the results were Bob Knop first, McKinley second, George Sipel third, Furrey fourth, and Hodgson fifth.

Clark Lake closed the regatta circuit with trophies going to Bales, Dissette and Hodgson.

The Junior Districts were held at Devils Lake with seven boats sailing a five race series. David Aloisi is the new Michigan Junior Champion with his crew of Beth Crookston and Dan Chapell. Runner-up was John Morse, T. Babel third, Joe Tibbs fourth, and Jim Morse fifth.

Garry Demarest won the Joe Strueland Memorial Traveling trophy again this year.

The Great Lakes Boat show was held in October with a Lightning on display. Much interest was shown in the boat with the most heard remarks "I didn't know they made a fiberglass Lightning, I used to sail a wooden one." Linda Schoonbeck handled the details for this fine display.

The Lightning Book is available from I.L.C.A., 808 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. \$3.00.



# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

## DISTRICT

### 1976 Regatta Schedule

April 10 & 11	Nashville Tennessean Regatta (Open to all Classes)	Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, Tenn.
May 1 & 2	Hernando DeSoto Regatta	Delta Sailing Club-Memphis (at Hernando, Miss. just outside Memphis)
May 15 & 16	Governor's Cup Regatta	Ken Lake Sailing Club Aurora, Ky. (Ken Lake State Park)
May 29 & 30	Wild Turkey Regatta (Lightnings Only)	Ken Lake Sailing Club Aurora, Ky. (Ken Lake State Park)
June 10, 11, & 12	District CHAMPIONSHIPS	LAKE CARLYLE, CARLYLE, ILL.
June 19 & 20	Intercity Regatta (Lightnings only)	Lake Decatur, Decatur, Ill. Lightning Fleet 74
Sept. 4 & 5	McDougall Regatta (Open to all Classes)	Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, Tenn.
Sept. 5 & 6	Impromptu (Lightnings Only)	Lake Carlyle, Carlyle, Ill. Fleet #266
To be announced	Whale of a Sail Regatta (Open to all Classes)	Valley Sailing Assn. at Lake Carlyle, Carlyle, Ill.
Sept. 25 & 26	Watkins Cup Regatta (Open to all Classes)	Ken Lake Sailing Club Aurora, Ky. (Ken Lake State Park)
Nov. 6 & 7	Bluenose Lightning Regatta	Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, Tenn.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... John H. Brewster  
District Secretary ..... Patricia J. Brewster  
District Measurer ..... Nicholas K. Smith  
District Champion ..... Bruce Goldsmith  
District Runner-Up ..... Don Basler  
District Jr. Champion ..... Tryg Jacobson  
District Jr. Runner-Up ..... Peter Kornhaber

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5); Burnham Park (56); Milwaukee Yacht Club (69); South Shore Milwaukee (79); Green Bay (112); St. Joseph (113); Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345); Manitowoc (393); Winnebago (442).

Bruce Goldsmith, our perennial district champ, did it again this year, the championships being hosted by the Sheboygan fleet. We were cheering for him as he went on to win the North Americans for the third straight year. Congratulations Bruce. Now if only you could keep up with those Brazilians....

On the district regatta circuit, John Brewster won the season opener at Fond du Lac. Tryg Jacobson won the Abe Jacobs Regatta hosted by the Burnham Park Yacht Club. The P&T Regatta in Milwaukee was won by Don Basler while the Oxie at Lake Geneva was taken by the team of Jeff Baker and Bruce Goldsmith. The Brotz Regatta in Sheboygan was won by Bob Smither who nosed out Rick Larson by virtue of being able to predict the outcome of the flip of the coin.

The Chicago Corinthian fleet hosted two survival contests this year. The first one, the Hobelman, was won by John Burke. The other one was the Red Flannels in which Bruce Goldsmith showed the way. The final regatta, the Polar Bear, was won by John Brewster. It was highlighted by a dinner dance cruise down the Mississippi River in a River Queen.

Besides Bruce, six other skippers and crews from the district went to Hilton Head for the North Americans. Of these, Don Basler sailed in the Championship Fleet while John Brewster and Bob Smither were in the President's Cup. Dean Cady, Eric Graf, and Tryg Jacobson sailed for the Governor's Cup. It was a great week of sailing and Lightning comradeship that provided all of them with at least a year's supply of "if onlys."

We are naturally excited about the prospect of the 1976 North Americans being held at Sheboygan. Based upon many good memories of past Sheboygan regattas, we know the 1976 NAs will be a memorable event.

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Roger Grohne  
District Vice-Commodore ..... Walter B. England  
District Measurer ..... August Paoli  
District Champion ..... C. Lee Breazeale  
District Runner-Up ..... Tom Hudgens

Fleets: Decatur Lightning Fleet (74); Kentucky Lake Sailing Club (242); Harbour Island Yacht Club (262); Carlyle Sailing Association (266); Memphis Lightning Fleet (274).

The various regattas that have transpired during the 1975 Season have all become part of the record book and have been or will be reported in the Flashes. The writer did hit a few but notes for same have been misplaced. Our most memorable experience of course was our attendance at the North American's. We have been sailing Lightnings for over a quarter of a century and this was our first chance to be a part of the highest level of excellence in our avocation. We strongly recommend that anyone who is sailing these boats with whatever degree of proficiency take time to attend the North Americans as crew, social director, loader or unloader, etc. just to witness how the people of whom you read about and who's pictures you see get it all together.

In our District we see many new boats in evidence and some mighty fine looking sailors coming and buying the older boats as a starting point.

We are sad to report that fleet 330 at Crab Orchard Lake, Carbondale, Ill. has gone on the inactive list. However, we believe we have the nucleus of a new fleet that may be formed out of Louisville, Ky. since Edward L. Benson, Jr. and his Lightning have located in that fair city.

Our main concern in our district as expressed at our last annual meeting during former Commodore John D. Folwell, Jr.'s able guidance will be the weights and measures activity at our next District Championship Regatta.

For the first time the Mississippi Valley District sent six (6) boats to the North American Championships so our challenge now is to get enough paying members so that perhaps next year we can send seven boats.

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Jack Burwell  
 District Secretary-Treasurer ..... Don Brush  
 District Champion ..... John Collins  
 District Runner-Up ..... Don Brush

Fleets: Centerboard Y.C. (14); Newburyport (121); Spofford Lake (145); Annisquam Y.C. (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake S.C. (227); Lake Dunmore (243); Harraseeket Y.C. (244); Winnepesaukee Y.C. (246); Massebesic Y.C. (273); Chequesset (280); Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Cohasset (369); Pontoosuc (417); Androscoggin Lightning Fleet (450); Granite Lake (457).

1975 proved to be another good sailing season in New England. Our boats got an early start this year with five skippers and crews participating in part or all of the Southern Circuit. Some of the better finishes were Georges Peter, sixth at St. Petersburg and Len Pratt, seventh in Miami, and Dave White 10th at St. Pete.

Clear, sunny weather found us opening the racing season at Harraseeket Yacht Club, South Freeport, Me., on June 21-22. Saturday started with light winds but built to a nice breeze in the afternoon. The challenge of the weekend was the tide. Don Brush emerged as winner with Jack Burwell, second and Dave White, third. This was the first time Harraseeket had held a N.E. Lightning regatta and the skill and hospitality was superb. We look forward to future opportunities to sail there.

The following weekend we moved westward to Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., where the winds were VERY light. The finish of the last race will long be remembered by those present - Las Vegas anyone? Don Brush drifted to a first with Jack Burwell sliding into second and Stu Nickerson, third. Traveling further westward we sailed the New Hampshire - Vermont Championship on Lake Champlain at Malletts Bay. Saturday's winds were light, giving us only one race. Sunday's conditions improved to give us two good races. Len Pratt sailed to a well earned first with Don Brush, second and Stu Anderson, third.

The New England Districts in conjunction with the State of Maine Regatta was hosted by Centerboard Y.C. in So Portland. As usual C.Y.C. did a great job in providing great wind and hospitality. Friday started slow and hot. The first race was sailed in light air with the winner being none other than John Collins, reigning District Champ, (prophecy of things to come). The remaining four races were sailed in heavy winds ranging from 15-25 mph. The last races produced a series of close races with the final standings being Collins, Brush, Nickerson, Jim Russell and Jack Burwell.

The State of Massachusetts Championship was sailed in Marblehead in conjunction with race week. John Collins sailed to first place for the second week in a row with Don Brush second and Jim Russell third. Race Week honors went to John Collins, Check Ritt and Len Pratt respectively.

The weekend of August 2-3, Southport Y.C., Maine, held its first New England regatta. The hospitality was excellent, as was the sailing. The top finishers were Len Pratt, Dave White and Jack Burwell. The district looks forward to future invitations from this "Down East" community. The following week activity moved to Wellfleet where the wind gods never arrived! The results of the light air series were Georges Peter first, Stu Nickerson second and Fred Hamblet third. The return to Vermont for Malletts Bay Race Week proved worthwhile for Len Pratt, who won with Bill Dunnington second and John Hughes third.

The weekend following Labor Day was the annual Massabesic Regatta where Buck Wynn, George Huettl and Dave White found the conditions to their liking. The season wound up with the annual Spofford Regatta (Party). This has to be the greatest finals in any district. The hospitality was the greatest and well earned... a weekend WAY out of control. Those people who were able to remain fiercely competitive were Stu Nickerson ??, Len Pratt and Kip Hamblet ??

Several New Englanders raced away from home with excellent results: Cedar Point Early Bird Regatta, Nickerson second; Niantic (North East Championship) Nickerson first, Brush second, Peter third, Pratt fifth, Hamblet sixth, White seventh; (New England domination or what?). Cedar Point Fall Regatta, Pratt first, Nickerson second; Annapolis, Nickerson second.

Seven boats attended the North Americans. They were, Don Brush, Stu Nickerson, Jim Russell, Jack Burwell, Georges Peter, Bud Hamblet and Buck Wynn. We can be proud of the stand out performances of Jim Russell and Buck Wynn. We can look forward to next summer with many new competitors, boats and good times.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT Regatta Schedule 1976



June 12 - 13	Lake Bomoseen Regatta Bomoseen, Vermont
June 19 - 20	Southport Yacht Club Regatta Boothbay Harbor, Maine
June 26 - 27	Winnepesaukee Regatta Gilford, New Hampshire
July 10 - 11	State of Maine Regatta Centerboard Yacht Club, South Portland, Maine
July 16-17-18	New England District Championships Malletts Bay Boat Club, Burlington, Vermont
July 22-23-24-25	Marblehead Race Week Marblehead, Massachusetts
July 24 - 25	Northeast Regatta in conjunction with Marblehead Race Week, Marblehead, Massachusetts
July 31 - Aug. 1	State of Massachusetts Newburyport, Massachusetts
Aug. 7 - 8	Vermont - New Hampshire Regatta Squam, New Hampshire
Aug. 14-15	Malletts Bay Race Week Malletts Bay Boat Club, Burlington, Vermont
Aug. 28 - 29	Wellfleet Regatta Wellfleet, Massachusetts
Sept. 11 - 12	Lake Massabesic Regatta Manchester, New Hampshire
Sept. 25 - 26	Spofford Lake Regatta Spofford Lake, New Hampshire



# 1976

## Ohio District

### Regatta Schedule

*Spring Shake Down	Indian Lake Y.C.	May 8-9
*Great Lakes Championship	North Cape Y.C.	May 15-16
St. Mary's 400	St. Marys Boat Club	May 22-23
	Leatherlips	June 12-13
Independence Day Regatta	Pymatuning Y.C.	July 3-4

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Ohio District Championships	-----	July - - -
C.Y.C. Regatta	Cleveland Y.C.	July 24-25
Steeplechase	Port Clinton & Put-In-Bay	July 31
Inter-lake Yachting Assn. Regatta	Put-In-Bay	Aug. 2-3-4

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Harvest Moon Regatta	Atwood Lake Y.C.	Sept. 4-5
Sandusky Fall Invitational	Sandusky Sailing Club	Sept. 18-19
Snow Flurries Regatta	Port Clinton Y.C.	Sept. 25-26
Snow Ball Regatta	Buckeye Lake Y.C.	Oct. 9-10
Fall In Regatta	Cowan Lake Sailing Club	Oct. 23-24

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Check Flashes or Special Notes for Any Changes

\*Races included in Northern Spring Circuit with Indiana Open Regatta

## OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Bob Baumgardner
District Secretary .....	Bob Strempe
District Measurer .....	Bucky Powless
District Champion .....	Jim Dressel
District Runner-Up .....	Matt Fisher
Junior Champion .....	Randy Ruhlman
Junior Runner-Up .....	Mark Wilkins

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Mentor Harbor (37); Toledo (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Northeast (207); Atwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover Dam (353); Forest City (380); Sandusky Bay (386); St. Marys (400); Hueston (421).

Our 1975 season started in January with the winter meeting held at Columbus, Ohio. Bruce Goldsmith was our guest speaker this year and gave us many helpful hints to improve our sailing. Bruce a three time N.A. Champion went on to make it a fourth this year at Hilton Head Island.

On April 12 and 13, Leatherlips sponsored the Ohio District Seminar. George Fisher did a great job as coordinator, and Jim Dressel and Bill Buckles were the instructors. Saturday's session included rigging, tuning, sail trim, starting, and upwind tactics. After Saturday dinner, George showed some slides and movies, and Jim gave a talk on the psychology of sailboat racing. Sunday's session involved downwind sailing, spinnaker handling and finishing. Portions of the instruction were conducted around a boat set up in the parking lot, portions were in the classroom, and there was opportunity for each of the forty participants to get out on the water for some practical application of what they had learned in the classroom. This portion was split up so that half the class was on the water while the others stayed on shore and listened to George Fisher's critique on what was happening. The two groups then traded places.

The District's racing season started with the annual Shakedown Regatta at Indian Lake on May 10th. The top three boats were Jim Dressel, first; Jack Mueller, second; and Bernie Malcolm, third. This regatta along with the Great Lakes Championship at North Cape Yacht Club and the Indian Open hosted by the Indianapolis Sailing Club comprise the Northern Circuit. This year's trophy winners were Jack Mueller, first; Bill Buckles and John Mueller, second; Steve Thomas, third; Bernie Malcolm, fourth; Burt Preston, fifth.

Sailing enthusiasm continued with the Fifth Lightning Thundermug Regatta at St. Marys Lake. The winner and new caretaker of the coveted Thundermug for the coming year was Dick Pugh. Steve Thomas, Burt Preston, Bruce Girkens, and Mark Wilkins were also awarded trophies.

On June 21 and 22, Leatherlips hosted its first Windshift Regatta. Nineteen boats participated, and Dick Pugh won two of the three races and the series. The remaining five place trophies went to Nelson Caley, Tom Varley, Bucky Powless, Ron Sehulster, and their crews.

Next on the calendar, Pymatuning Yacht Club hosted their Independence Day Regatta. Twenty-five Lightnings representing five fleets from Ohio and points South gathered for the three race series.

In the final standings Jack Mueller was first, Joe Redding, second; and Chuck Maltbie, third.

The Ohio District Championship was held July 10-13 on Grand Lake. Fleet 400 and St. Mary's Boat Club arranged a first class sailing event for 38 Lightning skippers and crew. Five of the scheduled six race series were completed in light shifty wind. The top ten qualifiers for the North Americans were: Jim Dressel, first; Matt Fisher, second; John Mueller, third; Chuck Maltbie, fourth; Bernie Malcolm, fifth; Jack Mueller, sixth; Bob Baumgardner, seventh; Dick Pugh eighth; Rob Ruhlman, ninth; and Jon Ruhlman, tenth.

Early in September, Fleet 212 at Atwood Lake held their 25th annual Harvest Moon Regatta. This regatta was won by Burt Preston with Tom Varley, second; and Calvin Frail, third.

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club showed us the usual good time that has made the annual Snow Ball Regatta a much looked forward event. This year George Fisher sailing his new boat and Birthday present from his sons was the undisputed winner.

The final regatta of the season was the Fall In Regatta sailed at Cowan Lake. The top three finishers were Dick Pugh, first; Bruce Girkens, second; and Merrill Bales, third.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Greg Zettler
District Secretary .....	Jamie Nelson
District Measurer .....	Richard Bevin
District Champion .....	Rod Johnson
District Runner-up .....	George Blumel

Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Vancouver (90); Chinook (229); Columbia (283); Okanagan (368); Juanita Bay (414); Shuswap (436); Comax Bay (437); Klamath (455).

It was another great year for the Lightnings of the Pacific Northwest District. The Eugene Yacht Club Memorial Day Regatta, the traditional season opener, saw 30 baots, from San Francisco to Vancouver, Canada test their skills against one another and the dreaded Blickle Hill. Perhaps it was an omen, but Rod Johnson last year's District Commodore, came out on top ahead of Wayne Fitch (from the California District), Kurt Seiffert and Greg Zettler, both from Seattle.

Two weeks later the District gathered at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club for the second P.I.Y.A. event of the season. Rod Johnson, in "Lightning Rod," again bested us all, finishing comfortably ahead of Greg Zettler and George Blumel. This left Rod as the man to beat for the balance of the season.

The fourth of July saw many of us heading for Klamath Falls, Oregon, to teach the new Klamath Fleet how to win on their own lake — no such luck. Ken and Virginia White of the Klamath Fleet needed no help as Jamie Nelson and Smoke Fischer of the Portland Fleet finished 2nd and 3rd. (By the way, we love those rubber pelicans!)

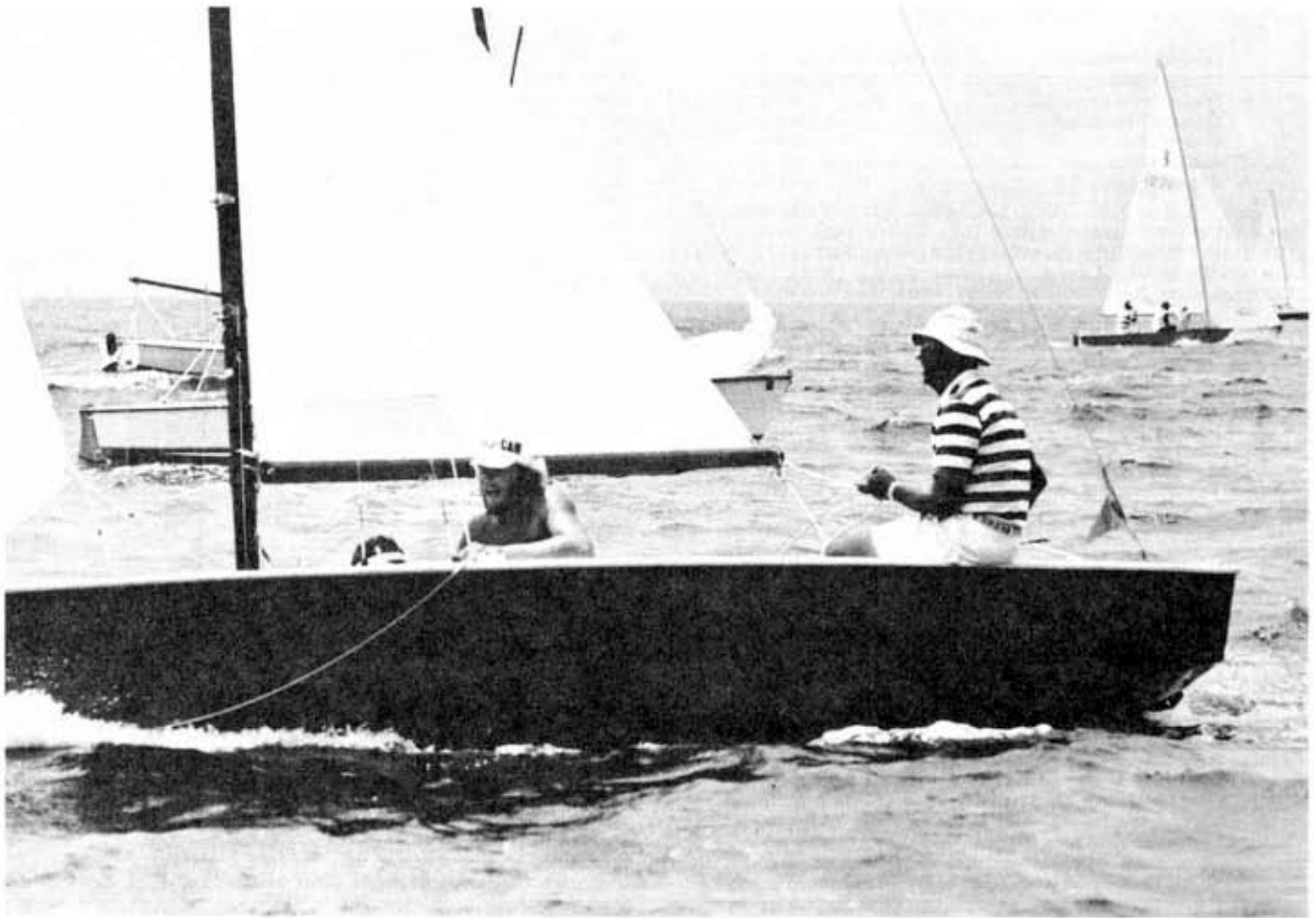
The next two events were hosted by the Vancouver, B.C., Fleet on English Bay. The Kitsilano Y.C. Regatta, in effect a tune-up for the Districts two weeks later, was won by Greg Zettler, followed closely by George Blumel. This set the stage for the 1975 District Championships. This year's winner can truly be termed a champion as the series was held in all manner of wind and weather conditions. The boat to beat was again Rod Johnson who mopped us up with a tremendous four firsts and a second. The runner-up in a close duel for second was George Blumel from Maple Bay, followed by Ken White.

The Pacific Coast Championships, a non ILCA sanctioned Inter District Regatta, were held at Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay. This event helps bring the two West Coast Lightning Districts together and is always challenging and fun. This year, Ken White, of the new Klamath Falls Fleet, put the hurt on everyone, exhibiting eye-opening speed and mastery of the famous Bay winds and chop. Close behind were Wayne Fitch of San Francisco, and Jamie Nelson of the Portland fleet. The Pacific Coast Championship trophy went north with the Northwest District, where it will be held until 1976 when the P.C.C. will be held at Klamath Lake, a perfect halfway point for both Districts.

The sailing season wound down with the final PIYA event at Lake Chelan, won in a clean sweep by Kurt Seiffert of Seattle, and the District Team Races, won on a weather abbreviated schedule by the Juanita Bay Fleet. (The author wonders if the double DSQ he suffered in one race had any effect on his team's results.)

Rod Johnson had a super year and won the overall PIYA Circuit Championship and the whole District had another great year of racing, seeing good friends and meeting new ones.





Regatta Chairman John McIntosh at the North Americans.

Photo Credit: Ellen Horan, Yachting

## SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 10-11  
 April 24-25  
 May 8-9  
 May 22-23  
 June 19-20  
 July 10-11  
 July 31-Aug. 1  
 Sept. 18-19  
 Oct. 2-3

Wateree Sailing Club  
 Augusta Sailing Club  
 Lake Murray Sailing Club  
**District Championship W.C.S.C.**  
 High Rock Yacht Club  
 Savannah Yacht Club  
 James Island Yacht Club  
 Western Carolina Sailing Club  
 Lake Lanier Sailing Club

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 Augusta, S.C.  
 Columbia, S.C.  
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 Atlanta, Ga.



## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Larry Frost  
 District Secretary ..... John Butcher  
 District Champion ..... Cal Herman  
 District Runner-Up ..... Larry Frost

Fleets: Southern Yacht Club (62); Mobile Bay Lightning Fleet (135); Shreveport Yacht Club (175); New Orleans Yacht Club (209); Lake Charles Yacht Club (399); Morgan City Yacht Club (443).

The Southern District provides an active sailing season year after year with many regattas all over the District. We start the year with Mardi Gras in New Orleans, then Holiday in Dixie in Shreveport, Contraband Days in Lake Charles, numerous regattas in New Orleans hosted by both Southern and New Orleans Yacht Clubs, Fall Regatta in Fairhope along with races on the Gulf Coast. We have a very active sailing group as can be seen by the number of participants at most of the regattas.

Our District Championships were held in Lake Charles. Considering the difficult weather conditions the host club did a great job. Cal Herman of New Orleans won with Larry Frost of Lake Charles second. Buck Ballatin of New Orleans was third, Barney March of Fairhope was fourth and Tommy Allen of New Orleans was fifth. Cal, Larry, and Buck represented the District at the North American Championships.

Our second most important regatta in the District is the GYA Championship which was held in Fairhope, Alabama. Buck won the Regatta giving him enough accumulated points to win the John G. Curran Memorial Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the skipper who accumulates the best finishes at both the Districts and GYA.

The Southern District is looking forward to another great year of sailing. We have gained quite a few new members and most of them are young sailors. We hope they will continue to sail and really be an asset to the fleets.

The Southern District extends a warm thanks to Rick Skinner who has done a great job as District Commodore for the last two years.

## SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Hans Konrad Rahn  
 District Secretary ..... Edith Hess  
 District Treasurer ..... Peter Wyler  
 District Measurer ..... Urs Wyler  
 District Champion ..... Urs Wyler  
 District Runner-Up ..... Christoph Luthy

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zurichsee (219); Hallwilersee-Sempachersee (250); Bielersee Vierwaldtstattersee (281); Greifensee (309); Murtensee (358); Bodensee (404); Thunersee (454).

A group of twenty-five boats participated with more or less regularity at the four district races held in Switzerland. 1975 has been a particularly difficult year with respect to wind conditions. At least the first half of the year, most of the events, including the Swiss Championship, ended without significant results. Only one race at the Swiss Championship could be sailed in the wake of a passing thunderstorm. The remaining days were spent in the bright sunshine, with the innkeeper doing a brisk business selling beer and other drinks. The second half of the year was a considerable improvement over the first half. Four races could be sailed with the Wyler family winning each and every race at the Pfauencup, Lucerne, Engelberg near Bienne, Neuchatel. Christoph Luthy, our Lightning 1974 Champion came in second in the overall calculation.

The European Championships were attended by Christoph Luthy and Peter Bernasconi with their respective crews. Is it coincidence that Christoph and Peter obtained the same results at the European as they did for the District Cup? We all in Switzerland were very happy to see Christoph as a runner-up at the Europeans and Peter on fourth place.

The Bernasconi, Grandguillaume and Rahn crews undertook the trip to Salinas, Ecuador, to participate at the Worlds. Ecuador was a new and tremendous experience for the Swiss lakeshore sailors. Open Pacific, shifting winds, tough competition were rather new elements in their experience and helped a great deal to improve skill and speed. Most enjoyable was the friendship extended to us at the host club as well as meeting many overseas friends. Our successful

fight against all the bugs trying to invade our digestive system was part of the fun and coming back home and standing on the weight-scale, we all noted a very much appreciated decrease of the body-weight. This should not have been much of a surprise with the amounts of lobster and fish served by the excellent kitchen of the Salinas Yacht Club.

The district executives are busy getting a new boat builder to start the construction of a competitive Lightning. Much initiative and effort is necessary to bring this project to a successful end and it is gratifying to see with how much enthusiasm our members of the district are participating. If successful, it would make the Worlds in 1977 very interesting.

The Spiez Yacht Club is scheduled to be hosting the Worlds in 1977. The main obstacle is the transportation of boats from overseas, a problem which we are presently trying to solve. The conditions of sailing will be far different from those we have seen at Salinas. They will give many of the Lightning sailors used to lakes a chance to be true competitors in the world class.

The Swiss District has also been active in promoting the Lightning in Germany. This large country with many beautiful lakes in the south has a good potential for our class. Swiss Lightning sailors put their boat at disposal to a testing crew of the German yachting magazine "Die Yacht" and on two consecutive days the Lightning was tested and photographed as never before on one of the lakes near St. Moritz (Engadin), 6,000 feet above sea-level. We would consider it a great success if in one of the forthcoming years, you will read a report on the German District in the Lightning Class Association's Year Book.

## TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Jim Craig  
 District Secretary ..... Ann Wach  
 District Measurer ..... Dr. S. R. Newman  
 District Champion ..... Jim Craig  
 District Runner-Up ..... Duncan Porter

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (35); Rush Creek Yacht Club (435); Galveston Bay Sailing Club (448).

Lightning activity in Texas again centered around the Dallas area in 1975. Bill Mathews is trying to get a fleet started in Waco and we have high hopes there.

In April, several Dallas sailors journeyed to Lake Palestine near Tyler, Texas to sail in an open regatta. They were joined by boats from Shreveport for a fun weekend which was highlighted by Duncan Porter winning the regatta, and Steven Craig forgetting to bring his sails.

At Lake Dallas, it was Dave Pittman leading the pack for his first regatta win. Sears champ Kelly Gough was second, and Roger Wach took third.

District Commodore Bob Thomas held the Texas Districts at Rush Creek Yacht Club near Dallas on June 7 and 8. Bill Garrett took an early lead in the series, but Duncan Porter finished strong and Jim Craig sailed a consistent series, so that at the end Jim Craig was the winner, Duncan Porter second, Bill Garrett third, and Bob Thomas fourth.

The North Americans in August found Jim Craig, Steven Craig, and John Skiles dueling with Bob, Gail and Stewart Thomas, with both boats back in the pack. Those few hours spent ashore were enjoyable at beautiful Sea Pines Plantation. At the annual meeting, Bob Thomas from Dallas was elected vice president of ILCA.

Meanwhile, back in Texas, a regatta was held at the new Chandlers Landing Yacht Club on Lake Ray Hubbard, and Kurt Schuler won his first regatta.

In early fall, Fleet 35 at White Rock hosted the State Fair Regatta which was won by Clark Newman, with Dave Pittman second.

The final Texas Regatta of the year was the Texas Thanksgiving Regatta held at Rush Creek Yacht Club on November 28 and 29. Our own Mark Ploch, now of Clearwater, Florida, was the winner, besting such visiting dignitaries as Bruce Goldsmith, Bill Buckles, Tom Allen, Richie Stearns, John Mueller, and Buck Ballatin.

The Lightning Fleet at Rush Creek continues to grow nicely, and is far away the largest centerboard fleet at the Club. A number of new boats were purchased after being used in the Pan American games, and we look forward to a great 1976 under the able leadership of Jim Craig, the new Texas Commodore.

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