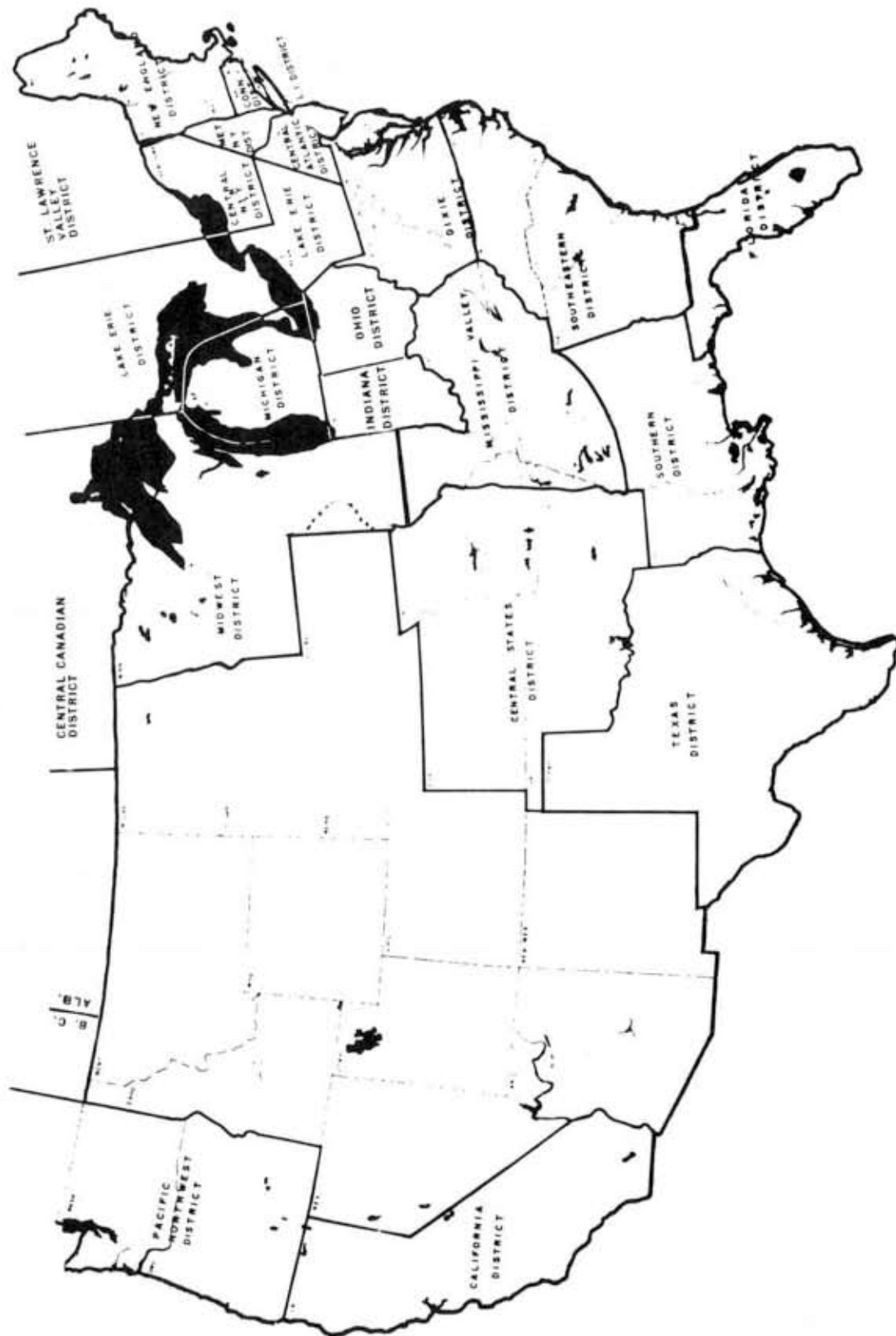
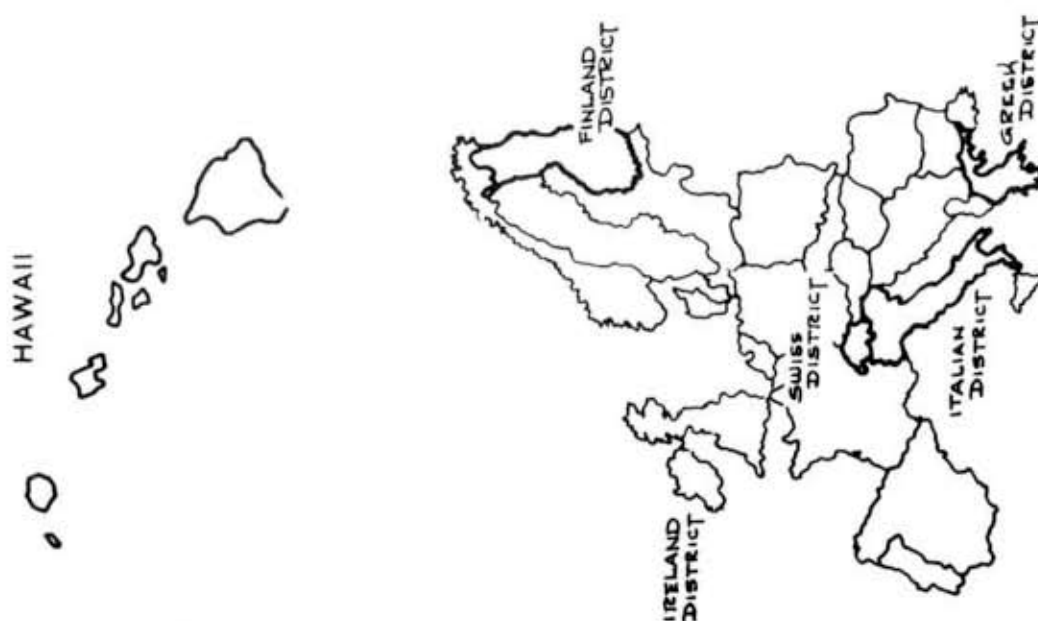
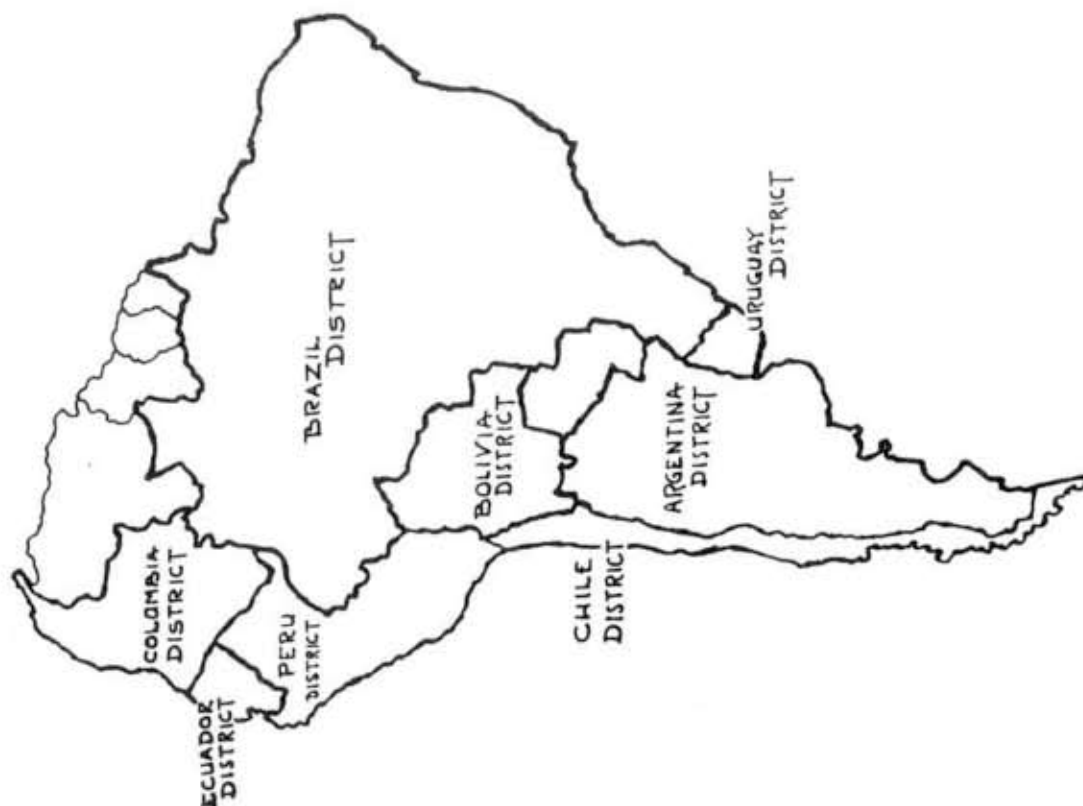


International Lightning



Class Association Districts



Lightning Districts

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore	Robert Buckup
District Measurers	Oscar Weckerle and A. F. M. Treacher
District Champion	Robert Buckup
District Runner-Up	Walmor Gomes Soares

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

The highlight of the 1976 season was the XIX Brazilian Championship. This Championship corresponds to the Brazil District Championship since the whole country is grouped into one district. Twenty-two boats attended representing the fleets from the states of Santa Catarina, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Pernambuco, with the host fleet of Recife. For the Lightning sailors from the South the races in Recife are always a delight. To sail in a tropical climate, under mild but steady winds and not too rough a sea, is extremely enjoyable. The races are run in a large sea area located between beautiful beaches literally covered with palm trees and a well defined line of coral reefs. The hospitality of northeastern Brazilians is a well known fact, but at the Championship they were just superb. The major problems we had to face were the distances we had to cover to reach the city of Recife (from Rio 2,500 km, Sao Paulo 2,700 km and Florianopolis 3,400 km). However all this did pay off by the excellent organization of the Championship, the nice weather and the spectacular closing with a Carnival ball at the host club, Cabanga Yacht Club.

After 6 races considering the five best results were: Champion Robert Buckup, Sao Paulo; followed by Walmor Soares, Florianopolis; Claudio Abramowitz, Sao Paulo, third; Claudio Kunze, Sao Paulo, fourth; and Denis Clemence, Rio, fifth. The next Championship will be run February 1977 in Florianopolis, the capital of Santa Catarina State almost at the south end of Brazil. At international events special mention is to be given to Mario Buckup, current World Champion, who recently was tenth in the North American Championships at Sheboygan. Mario once again was very complimentary about the attentions and friendly hospitality he always receives from our North American friends.

Concerning the South American area, we must comment on the performance of Brazil in the XXII South American Championship which was sailed in October 1976 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Our Argentine friends, under the leadership of Alberto Migone, did a tremendous job in organizing a perfect championship. Our district brought home the following results: Robert Buckup, first; Walmor Soares, third; Claudio Abramowitz, fourth.

Considering the development and growth of our district it should be noted that we are presently being handicapped by severe import restrictions imposed by the Brazilian government affecting boats, sails and related items. Therefore, we will have to keep and conserve our current sailing equipment until things change again. To alleviate this difficult situation we have the local production of oval masts. First units, approved by ILCA will be delivered soon.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Charles Gotschalk
District Secretary	Mark Patty
District Champion	Warren Gross
District Runner-Up	Wendell Harter

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

District activities followed an active schedule starting with the California Circuit Regatta during Easter week and finishing with the Hurricane Gulch Regatta in October. In addition, individual fleet races are held on a year-round basis at all three clubs.

Nineteen Lightnings assembled at King Harbor Yacht Club in Los Angeles on Sunday, April 11, for the opening of the Tenth Annual California Circuit Regatta. Seven boats came from Island Yacht Club in San Francisco, seven from Mission Bay, and five boats represented the Santa Monica Bay Fleet. Two races of approximately seven miles each were sailed in the ocean in relatively light airs. Local talent, Wendell Harter, won the first one, followed by Warren Gross of

Mission Bay, Jack McCarthy of San Francisco; Bob Newman, Santa Monica; and Mark Patty of San Francisco. The leaders switched places in the second race, which was won by Warren Gross, after whom came Harter, McCarthy; Stan Starkey, of San Francisco; and Charlie Gotschalk, of San Diego. That night the fleet at King Harbor Yacht Club put on a great steak dinner!

The final race of this series sailed on Monday, was won by Jack McCarthy, with Gross, Starkey, Myron Lyon, of San Diego, and Wendell Harter following him in. The trophy winners for the King Harbor part of the California circuit were: Warren Gross, first; Jack McCarthy, second; Wendell Harter, third; Stan Starkey, fourth; and Bill Hole, of San Francisco, fifth.

Tuesday was a layover day in which the boats were trailered to Coronado Yacht Club in San Diego for the next segment of the circuit. Wednesday, two races were sailed in San Diego Bay. The first in light airs, the second, in increasing winds. Myron Lyon won the first race with Gross; McCarthy, Harter; and Wayne Fitch, of San Francisco, trying unsuccessfully to catch him. In the next race, Warren Gross nipped Harter and Knauer of San Diego right on the finish line. Stan Starkey and Mark Patty were only a split second behind. All enjoyed a chili dinner that night at Coronado Yacht Club.

Thursday was the day for the marathon race of 15 miles from Coronado Yacht Club in San Diego Bay, around Point Loma, through the ocean to Mission Bay Yacht Club in Mission Bay. High winds and small craft warnings forced the race committee to cancel this race and substitute another in San Diego Bay. However, by the time the boats got to the starting line in the southern part of the Bay, winds were blowing in excess of 25 knots and high seas were putting plenty of water into the boats. As a result, the race was cancelled, leaving trophy winners of the abbreviated Coronado series: Warren Gross, first; Wendell Harter, second; Myron Lyon, third; Jack McCarthy, fourth; Stan Starkey, fifth.

Boats were then trailered to Mission Bay Yacht Club for the third regatta of the circuit. Another great steak dinner was held at Mission Bay Yacht Club that night with about 65 people in attendance.

On Friday, Southern California had strong windstorms with extremely gusty winds topping 25 knots at Mission Bay and up to 80 knots in San Diego County. So once again, the races were cancelled.

The top five of the somewhat abbreviated overall California circuit were: Warren Gross, first; Wendell Harter, second; Jack McCarthy, third; Stan Starkey, fourth; Bill Hole, fifth. Mark Patty, Myron Lyon, Fred Knauer, Wayne Fitch, and Charlie Gotschalk rounded out the top ten finishers.

A district meeting immediately following the circuit voted to make the circuit winner the District Champion this year because of difficulties experienced in scheduling a place and time for separate District Championships. Warren Gross, in addition to winning the overall circuit, is also the California District Champion for 1976. The California district was well represented at the Pacific Coast Championships in Klamath Falls, Oregon in July. There were a total of 42 Lightnings on the line from as far away as San Diego, California, and Vancouver, British Columbia. Six California skippers, finished on the top 3rd of the fleet, with Wendell Harter, sixth; Warren Gross, seventh; Myron Lyon, eighth; Wayne Fitch, ninth; Jack McCarthy, tenth; Stan Starkey, 11th, and Charlie Gotschalk, 14th. The Starkeys' won The Wendell Harter Trophy for the top finishing all family boat.

Six boats from San Diego joined seven boats from King Harbor and five from San Francisco for the Billy Boswell Memorial Regatta at Lake Cachuma, just north of Santa Barbara, on September 11 and 12. All boats traveled through many hours of rain and heavy traffic to get there. Saturday started overcast and blustery with small craft warnings flying but the wind gradually eased off. Myron Lyon won the first race, followed by Mark Patty, Bill Hole, Warren Gross, and Quintin Foster, of King Harbor. The second race was taken by Stan Starkey followed by Warren Gross, Charlie Gotschalk, Bill Arnold, and Linda McCarthy, from San Francisco. That night there was a "cook your own dinner party" at the campgrounds followed by a district meeting at which Charlie Gotschalk was elected District Commodore and Mark Patty, Secretary.

Sunday was sunny with brisk winds of 12 to 18 knots. Gross won the third race over Lyon, followed by McCarthy, Starkey, and Fitch. The fourth and final race was the most interesting. The first five boats rounded mark #3 in the wrong direction. Warren Gross was the first to round correctly, but Lyon, Gotschalk, and Starkey, being so far ahead, did not notice this and proceeded on only to be rewarded

with DNF's. This cost Myron Lyon first place in the regatta and cost Gotschalk a trophy, too. Warren Gross won the race, followed by Mark Patty, Bill Hole, Fred Knauer, and Hugh Kimball, of San Diego. Trophy winners for the Billy Boswell Memorial Regatta were: Warren Gross, first; Bill Hole, second; Jack McCarthy, third; Myron Lyon, fourth; Stan Starkey, fifth. It was as usual a great weekend at the lake.

On September 25 and 26, nine boats sailed in the Bowen Memorial Regatta hosted by Fleet 194 at Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego. Three boats from King Harbor Yacht Club joined six local boats. Saturday morning was so calm the boats had to be towed out into the ocean. The first race was sailed in extremely light airs, including holes and shifts. Warren Gross, Myron Lyon and Chris Gotschalk, son of Charlie Gotschalk, finished first, second and third, respectively. Mark Patty, who recently moved to Los Angeles from San Francisco, and currently of King Harbor Yacht Club, was fourth followed by Hank Fastenau, of Mission Bay Yacht Club. The second race had breezes of two to four miles per hour; again, hardly noticeable. The top three boats from the first race again jumped into the lead, and had a tremendous fight with places changing all the way to the finish mark, where Chris Gotschalk just nipped Myron Lyon and Warren Gross. Fred Knauer passed Hugh Kimball right at the finish line by about three seconds, giving them fourth and fifth places, respectively. At the end of Saturday's racing, Chris Gotschalk and Warren Gross were tied with three and three-quarter points and Myron Lyon only one-quarter point behind. There was a fine steak dinner at Mission Bay Yacht Club that night. (Ed. Note — they certainly eat a lot of steak out west.)

Sunday was a more normal day in the ocean with winds of 5 to 12 knots, starting light and increasing throughout the race. This time Myron Lyon jumped out into an early lead and held it throughout to win the regatta. Warren Gross and Chris Gotschalk followed to clinch second and third places, respectively. Mark Patty took fourth, followed by Fred Knauer who passed Quintin Foster on the last tack of the final beat and also nipped Kimball at the finish line to earn the fifth place trophy. By a rare coincidence, the order of finish of all nine racers in the last race was also the order of their final standings. Unique trophies consisting of a Lightning flash made of red glass, leaded on the borders and joints, and set in a wood pedestal containing a plaque commemorating Bowen Memorial Regatta, were presented Sunday afternoon.

Two weeks later, San Diego and King Harbor fleets again joined together in the Hurricane Gulch Regatta at Redondo Beach. The first race was a long one of over 12 miles in mostly drifting conditions. It was won by Mark Patty, with John Lyon, son of Myron Lyon, and Charlie Gotschalk following. The first race on Sunday was delayed by fog and was also sailed in light winds. Warren Gross won both Sunday races, followed in each by John Lyon. Bob Newman, of King Harbor Yacht Club, was third in the second race and Mark Patty third in the third race. Trophy winners were: John Lyon, first; Mark Patty, second; Warren Gross, third; Charlie Gotschalk, fourth, Quintin Foster, fifth. John Lyon and Charlie Gotschalk also brought home trophies from the first race on Saturday which had an additional designation as the KHYC Cecil R. King Handicap Race.

For 1977, we're looking forward to even greater participation by all fleets at district events. Consideration is being given to an additional regatta at Lake Cachuma because of its relative proximity to both the San Diego and San Francisco fleets in order to promote more state-wide participation. In closing, there are probably few Lightning districts in the world that can boast year-round ocean, bay and lake sailing within relatively easy driving distance. All three fleets again extend an open invitation to all Lightning skippers visiting or relocating to California.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore	William E. Newman
District Secretary	Margaret Mary Dimon
District Measurer	James G. Carson
District Champion	Alan E. Ruiter
District Runner-Up	James G. Carson
Junior Champion	Jay Lutz
Junior Runner-Up	John Skinner

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).

Congratulations are in order to Bob Adams as the 1976-77 I.L.C.A. President. He has been an outstanding member of the Central Atlantic District for many years and we are sure he will also be outstanding in this new undertaking.

We began to THINK SAILING at our annual winter meeting and seminar which was held in conjunction with the Metropolitan District at the Monmouth Boat Club. Guest lecturer was Bruce Goldsmith with interesting facts on sail shapes, mast position, and a lot of "how to" for those of us who are usually not in the top ten.

This early THINK SAILING put a spark in four of our members, Bill Newman, Bob Adams, Jim Carson, and Jack Elfman, to attend the Southern Circuit. Jack and Jim finished in the top eight overall with impressive regatta finishes for Jack with a fourth at St. Petersburg and for Jim with a fourth at Miami.

For the "I don't like to travel too far sailors" our season began with excellent participation at the Long John Regatta at Monmouth Boat Club. Jack Elfman outsailed the other "heavies" to capture top honors. The Spring Series at Metedeconk River was taken by Mike Schon and Jay Lutz, as co-skippers, and the Early Bird Series hosted by Brant Beach went to Glenn and Carl Reitingier.

Bay Head hosted two excellent regattas, the Spring Tune Up and the New Jersey States. Jim Carson, with the Long John as his tune-up, sailed well on "his favorite river" and finished first. In the States, the Green Island Course was to the liking of both Jon Schwartz of Monmouth and Jack Elfman of Surf City who were tied at the conclusion of two races in a twenty-four boat fleet. The third race saw Jack beat out Jon and capture the first place silver with Jon second and Jim Carson third. The Governor's Cup, held at Riverton, was won by Djoerd Hoekstra followed by Gary Swangler and Hugh Hutchinson.

The highlight of this season was our FIRST JUNIOR CAD CHAMPIONSHIP hosted by the Surf City Fleet. Seven different fleets were represented in the five race championship. Congratulations to all sailors and especially to Jay Lutz with Don Schon and Dick "the mop" Thomas who put it all together to win. Metedeconk River dominated the series taking three out of the top four. Second place was won by John Skinner of Surf City, third going to Paul Gelenitis, and fourth to Mark Beaton. This event marks the beginning of a tradition which will only spark new life into the Lightning Class.

The stellar event of each season is the District Championship. The Brant Beach Fleet hosted this series with Alan Ruiter coming from the rear of the fleet in the final race to win just nosing out Jim Carson by one point. The top ten finishers were: A. Ruiter, J. Carson, R. Adams, W. Newman, D. Ruiter, M. Forhez, R. Messersmith, J. Elfman, D. Hoekstra, and W. Schon. Several sailors deserve mention—Mark Forhez for qualifying for the NA's, Butch Schon for his top ten finish, George Betz who seems to enjoy the water at the jibe mark, Barbara and Kris Ann, the all girl super crew for Bill Newman, and "Fubar" for his excellent feat of climbing the mast to insert the mast head fly with glass in hand. It was an excellent regatta enjoyed by all and a thank you to Brant Beach Y.C. and to Ed Serrill and Bob Feiler of the host club for a job well done.

The Junior North American Championship is the new event for the "Junior Heavies". Five juniors from our District travelled to Milwaukee to compete against 19 others for this outstanding title. The wind and the waves conquered many, but not our juniors. Jay Lutz sailed well and finished in second, two points out of first with crewmen Tom and Don Schon. Dave LaPier with Linda Schon and Mark Beaton finished fifth, Teddy Forhez with Janice Maritz and Jim Gelenitis were eighth, Phil Dennis with Debbie Freeth and Mark Schneider were eleventh, and Paul Gelenitis with Dick Thomas and George Francis finished 15th. Our Juniors made an excellent showing and congratulations to all.

There was no stopping Jay Lutz at the NA's held at Sheboygan. Teamed with Dave LaPier and Tom Schon, they did it all by finishing in fourth place. The "handsomes" began a little slowly but finished strongly to place just four points out of second. Jack Elfman, with Joan Frazee and George Gaynor, also had a tremendous series to finish sixth — if they could only have thrown out their disastrous first race.

Atlantic Coast Championship at Severn saw our Jim Carson win decisively with Jay Lutz placing third. In the BBYRA series, Jim Carson did it again by taking the first place silver (first place 18 out of 19 years). The teaming of Dave LaPier, Mimi Dimon, and George Francis proved to pay off with Dave bringing home the second place trophy.

Bringing our sailing season to a conclusion are the many Fall Regattas. Metedeconk River's was won by the Ugly Fuzzy with three different skippers — Jay Lutz, George Francis, and Mike Schon. Second place in this series went to Werner Schon. Brant Beach's Indian Summer Regatta was blown out with 50 knot winds. The Gamma Trophy again this year was won by Bill Clausen with all first place finishes at Penn Manor, Red Dragon, and Riverton. The scores

from each of these regattas determine the winner. Second place in the three weekend series was won by Franz Schneider and third by Bucky Kloss. The 28th Annual Surf City Regatta drew many entries. Arnold Schwartz and Bob Hutchinson, both of Monmouth Boat Club, were tied going into the final race. On the last leg Arnold won. Bob did finish second followed by the Reitingers brothers, Jack Elfman, and Gordon Buzby, Jr. of Ocean City fleet.

This wraps up our annual report, but we must not forget our "also rans". Without them we would not have enjoyed our many events. It is no fun being first, second, or third, unless there is a fourth, fifth, or thirtieth. Remember, it matters not if you win or lose, it's being there that counts. Again our thanks to our skippers, their crews, and the many people at the various clubs who made our races a success. So until next season — SMOOTH SAILING.

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	Fisk Hayden
Junior Champion	Jim Pindell
Junior Runner-Up	Andy Pimental

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Lake Delta Y.C. (4); 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 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).

Cheee! Every year it's the same old thing. I wish somebody would come up with a new plot. You probably thought the Triple Crown was for horses. Well, we have one in the CNYD too, and we have two H's who fight over it every year. The way they go after it, nobody else can get close enough to see what it looks like. At least horses outgrow that sort of thing after a year or two. But not these two guys. Oh no!

This year it started out innocent enough — so it seemed. One of them was second and the other fourth after the first round at Newport. That was just a cover-up though. They had shipped in a bunch of dudes from someplace out west — L.E.D. I think it's called, whatever that means. Anyway, the L.E.D. guys were presented with first and third. One of them said his name was T. Allen in boat number 9! Did you ever hear such a ridiculous story? Well, they tried to keep the smoke screen going at the second leg which was Pultneyville. One of the H's dropped all the way back to fourth. Just another snow job, though. Anyone who looked close could see he was really only one measly point out of second, while the other H was first. Well, they had jockeyed around enough so there was only a point and a quarter separating the two. Meanwhile third place was about 20 laps back.

I can't figure out why, but we humored those two by showing up at Henderson — and boy did we get soaked! By then all pretenses had fallen by the wayside while the two H's went at it. Saturday they took turns with first and second places — real generous I must say — while the rest of us were busy just trying to find a dry pair of pants. So it was all down to the last day. It was a weird finish, I must say. Three legs from the end all the guys in front stopped dead so the guys in back could catch up and mix things up a little. It was almost fun for a change. When all the dust settled — excuse me — when the rain stopped long enough so you could see the R.C., R.H. found himself with a third which gave him the old T.C., while F.H. was tagging along 4 places later. Oh well, at least that's over for another year. You see, it pays to be Commodore! (Being Secretary doesn't help, though, believe me).

There were a couple of highlights of the season, weren't there?

We had regattas at Brockport, Skaneateles, Onondaga, and the Districts were at Willow Bank. Somebody named Hallagan won all those in addition to the aforementioned fiasco at Henderson. Maybe it would be more interesting to talk about second place. Let's see, Hayden was second at the Districts, Skaneateles, Henderson, and Onondaga, but slipped up at Pultneyville with a first. Jeff Penfield was right in there several times with a second at Keuka and thirds at Henderson and Onondaga. Bob Wardwell, another tough customer, had thirds at Brockport and Pultneyville. There were a couple of bright spots in all this, though. Merle Pindell had his new boat all rarin' to go at Pultneyville and came home with a big second place. Another bright spot was Ace Finn's third at the Districts, with a suit of sails from none other than Kirk Reynolds. And how about Dave Parker's third at Skaneateles?

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

1977

Regatta Schedule

May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4

EARLY BIRD SERIES

Brant Beach Yacht Club — Fleet 173

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

SPRING TUNE-UP SERIES

Metedeconk River Yacht Club — Fleet 34

June 11, 12

NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Metedeconk River Yacht Club — Fleet 34

June 18, 19

SPRING TUNE-UP REGATTA

Bay Head Yacht Club — Fleet 3

June 25, 26

GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA

Riverton Yacht Club — Fleet 228

Date to be Announced

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Surf City Yacht Club — Fleet 196

September 10, 11

29TH ANNUAL SURF CITY REGATTA

Surf City Yacht Club — Fleet 196

September 10, 11

PENN MANOR FALL REGATTA

Penn Manor Yacht Club — Fleet 422

September 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16

FALL SERIES

Metedeconk River Yacht Club — Fleet 34

September 17, 18

RED DRAGON FALL REGATTA

Red Dragon Canoe Club — Fleet 357

September 24, 25

RIVERTON LIGHTNING REGATTA

Riverton Yacht Club — Fleet 228

October 15, 16

INDIAN SUMMER REGATTA

Brant Beach Yacht Club — Fleet 173

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Date and Site to be Announced

1977 CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

May 21-22	: Newport Invitational	Irondequoit Bay
June 11-12	x LSLS	Lake Delta
June 18-19	: Niagara Frontier Regatta	Buffalo CC
June 25-26	x Pultneyville Invitational	Pultneyville
July 1	Junior Districts	Red Jacket
July 2-3-4	District Championship	Red Jacket
July 30-31	CNY YRA Regatta	Rochester Y.C.
Aug 6-7	x Champagne Regatta	Kueka Lake
Sept. 10-11	Onondaga Invitational	Liverpool
Sept. 17-18	South Skaneateles Regatta	Cortland
	x — CNY Triple Crown	
	: — Lake Erie - CNY Series	

Then there were the interlopers from Lake Erie District. Mark Bryant joined us for three weekends and went away with a big win in the 60 boat fleet at Keuka's Champagne regatta. That's the second year in a row for Mark and the bubbly stuff. He also had a second at Brockport and a fifth at Newport — fifth place that is. Tom Allen had thirds at Newport and Keuka, while Larry MacDonald, Jr. took top honors at Newport. There were more visitors, and it was great to have them all. They even invited us to join them in Buffalo for the NFIR, but the less said about that the better.

Still looking for the highlights? The guys and gals at Willow Bank really went all out to accommodate everyone and make the District regatta a fun weekend. In fact, you might say that the real highlight of the season was the hard work and planning that all the sponsoring clubs (even Henderson) put in to make the circuit a success. What would the season be like without all those hard workers. The Junior Districts preceded the main event at Willow Bank, and was won by Jim Pindell for the second year in a row. We had seven representatives at the N.A.C. and were thrilled to see (or hear and read about) the speed and skill Fisk Hayden displayed at Sheboygan.

There was one last regatta on the southern part of Skaneateles Lake in September. But what events transpired there is a deep dark secret.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore	Don MacClymont
District Secretary	John Gall
District Treasurer	Fritz Toussaint
District Champion	Donald R. MacClymont
District Runner-Up	John Gall

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

The Central States District started its season with a bang when it held its District Regatta at Lake Perry, Kansas. It was a wild and wooley affair in winds ranging from 18-30 MPH. Don MacClymont in his heavy air boat *Seadeuce II* sailed a consistent series while the others had mechanical failures or decided to wash out the inside of their boats.

The Lake Perry fleet then held their Lightning Invitational with about ten boats attending. From that point on interest in interlake racing of Lightnings deteriorated to nothing. The Jayhawk Fleet 60 cancelled their invitational and the Jacomo Fleet had problems with getting permission to have out of state Lightnings overnight in the dry sail lot.

Unless the fleets in the Central States District promote local, as well as interlake Lightning racing, this area is going to consist of five or six skippers who have to travel many miles to enjoy racing their Lightnings.

CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Dr. Hernan Barahona
District Secretary	Edmundo Perez
District Treasurer	Hugo Cuneo
District Champion	Rodrigo Zuazola
District Runner-Up	Jaime Fernandez

Fleets: Yacht Club Chile (317); Algarrobo (318); Capricornio (319); Higuierillas (342); Pichidanguí (346).

The fleets of the Chilean district sailed hard this season. The races took place in Antofagasta, Algarrobo, Recreo and Pucon. This year the Chile-Peru regatta was held in Pucon, at the Villarrica lake. The first four positions went to Chile. Manuel Gonzalez won the Championship, Jaime Fernandez, runner-up. The Chilean Championship took place in Algarrobo, last April. Rodrigo Zuazola of Fleet 317 was the winner. Jaime Fernandez of fleet 318 was runner-up. In this event 26 crews took part.

Chile sent 6 crews to the South American Championship of the Lightning Class held at Olivos, Argentina. Five of them were qualified in the first ten positions. The best qualified was Manuel Gonzalez, who won a race and in the General Qualification was 5th. The Chilean team was also formed by Pablo Gallyas, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Maldonado and Alberto Gonzalez. Its crew had a bright performance considering that the average age was under 20.

Right before this Championship another Trophy Chile-Peru was disputed, this time in Recreo — Vina del Mar with following results: Pablo Gallyas, first; Rodrigo Zuazola, second; German Maldonado, third; Gunter Ritter, fourth; Gerardo Polette, fifth; Jose Barreda Moller, sixth; Guillermo Schinkel, seventh.

Jim Dressel spent a few days here in Santiago and Vina del Mar. He lectured on preparation of boats, tactic races, etc. His lectures were well appreciated by the members of the Class.

All fleets are very active, the District has 30 fiberglass boats and is now organizing the South American Championship of the Lightning Class. This task was given to the Chilean Association of Lightning at the congress held in Argentina.

CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Dr. Richard Thackaberry
District Vice Commodore	Dave Peterson
District Secretary	Jack Lewis
District Treasurer	Nelson Hoffman
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).

The 1976 Racing Season was marked by generally good breezes, much closer competition, and increased attendance at Regattas.

The season got off to a good start with the Early Bird Regatta at Cedar Point Y.C. This regatta was sailed in good fresh winds and fine weather. Jack Elfman showed the way to a very competitive fleet, followed by young Mark Bryant and Bill Shore.

Our next Regatta was the District Championships held in July in conjunction with the fogged out Connecticut Governors Cup Regatta. Housatonic Boat Club was the host of this Regatta marked by stiff breezes and even stiffer competition. Bill Shore won this regatta, closely pursued by Cedar Point sailors, Phil Griffin, John Cuccio, Christ Wurster, Jack Lewis and Dick Thackaberry in that order. Phil Griffin was awarded the Governors Cup as the top Connecticut boat.

Next came the Long Island Sound Championships held at the Madison Beach Club, Aug. 21, 22. This was a light air series and saw Dick Thackaberry nose out Dave Peterson of Niantic Bay Y.C. for first place. They were closely followed by Tom Green from Long Island.

The final Regatta of our season is one which will be long remembered for its shifty winds and shifting positions. Sailors that still had their sanity after Saturday's shifts lost it in Sunday's races which saw 75° wind shifts in two successive races. Mercifully, the Race Committee restarted one of these. The Series was won by Bill Shore, closely followed by Jim Carson, Don Brush, Dave Fitch, and Phil Griffin.

The District is able to report growth both in competitiveness and size of established fleets. There also was a resurgence of several older fleets which brings the promise of an even better season in 1977.

Finally our District is very proud to have been so ably represented at the 1976 North Americans by Bill Shore who has also been an important factor in the competitive growth of our District.

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

1977 Regatta Schedule

Early Bird Regatta May 21-22
Cedar Point Y.C.
Westport, CT.

Conn./R.I. District &
Connecticut Governor's Cup July 16-17
Black Rock Y.C.
Bridgeport, CT.

Northeast Regionals July 30-31
Niantic Bay Y.C.
New London, CT.

Long Island Sound Champ. Aug. 6-7
Housatonic Boat Club
Stratford, CT.

Fall Invitational Sept. 17-18
Cedar Point Y.C.
Westport, CT.

DIXIE DISTRICT SCHEDULE

April 30 - May 1	Azalea Norfolk Naval Sailing Assn.
May 14, 15	Invitational-Severn Sailing Assn.
May 28, 30	Susquehanna Y.C. (PA)
May 28, 30	Potomac River S.A. (D.C.)
May 30	National Y.C. (D.C.)
June 4, 5	Spring II-Severn S.A.
June 11, 12	Upper Chesapeake Y.C.
June 18, 19	Del. Governor's Cup (Rehoboth)
July 9, 10 & 11	DIXIE DISTRICTS
July 23, 24	Summer Annual-S.S.A.
Aug. 6, 7	Miles River-Easton, MD
Aug. 27, 28	Jr. District Champ.-Upper Chesapeake, Y.C.
Sept. 10, 11	Walter Collier-National Y.C.
Sept. 17, 18	Potomac River S.A.
Sept. 24, 25	Rehoboth Bay S.A. Fall Regatta
Oct. 8, 9	Virginia Inland S.A.
Oct. 22, 23	Frigid Digit-S.S.A.
Oct. 29, 30	Quantico

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	George Shapiro
District Vice-Commodore	Fred Mertes
District Secretary	Art Gatenby
District Treasurer	Kitty Racine
District Champion	Dr. Don Delorme
District Runner-Up	Bill Buckley
Junior Champion	Rick Bisgyer
Junior Runner-Up	Scott Crowder

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

The season started with wind and rain at the Azalea Festival Regatta in Norfolk, Virginia and ended in similar weather at the Frostbite Regatta at Quantico in October. After getting wet at the Azalea, in prior years due to boat instability, the rain made Joe Friebele feel at home and he sailed away with the first place silver. Joe was followed closely by Vice-Commodore Fred Mertes.

The Dixie is the home of the oldest Jr. District Championship. Rick Bisgyer won this years windy event followed by Scott Crowder. Jill Harper and an all girl crew took third place trophies despite a slowing capsized.

This year our Severn fleet hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship. Thirty seven boats showed up, including several of the heavies who were tuning up for the N.A.'s. Visitors Jim Carson and Jimmy Crane took first and second place. Our own Bill Buckley brought in fourth place sailing with sons Dave and Paul. Bill lent son Peter to Jimmy Crane. See what happens when you lend good talent to a competitor.

The Districts were held at Rehoboth Bay—one of the best and most delightful sailing waters on the east coast. The three day-five race championship was sailed in ideal conditions, frontal thunderstorms and wild gusty winds. The last place finisher on the last day even capsized 100 feet from the dock to signal the conclusion of this years districts. Don Delorme and Bill Buckley exchanged first and second place from last year. Joe Frieble, Steve Harper and Jimmy Crane finished in the top five. We had full coverage in the N.A.'s, President's and Governor's Cup.

Come and sail with us at Dixie in 1977.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore	Dieter Dyck
District Secretary	Francisco Sola
District Measurers	Felipe Eljuri and Dieter Dyck
District Champion	Francisco Sola
District Runner-Up	Juan Santos, Jr.
Junior Champion	Juan Santos, Jr.
Junior Runner-Up	Esteban Crespo

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

After having held the South American Championship and the World Championship 1975 in Salinas our sailors seemed to have rested after so much activities, in spite that many new boats were bought before and after these Championships.

Early this year it was agreed between the fleets to hold the National Championship 1976 for the first time at San Pablo Lake, up in the mountains. This event took place from May 22 - 24. Six races were sailed in conditions varying from drifters to 25 MPH winds. First five places were the following: Francisco Sola, Juan Santos, Alfonso Jurado, Dieter Dyck, Werner Moeller. District officers were elected after the championship.

A few days later, early June, fleet 447 of Lake San Pablo, was able to invite Champions from North and South America for a regatta sponsored by LARK-Cigarettes and ECUATORIANA DE AVIACION. Shrub Peters kindly reported in the August 1976 *Flashes*. Mario Buckup was the winner, following by Bill Shore, Bruce Goldsmith, Dieter Dyck, Francisco Sola, and Carlos Arteaga from Peru.

Again, fleets sailed together at the "Salinas World Championship, first Commemorations", sponsored by the Salinas Yacht Club. As usual typical Salinas weather provided tricky medium winds, with compass reading being the only way to win. Francisco Sola was first with 1-1-3-2-3-1, followed by Dieter Dyck with 2-2-1-1-2-4 other finishers were Alberto Maspons, Juan Santos, and newcomer Arturo Iturralde who was showing good speed during all the races.



Commodore Dieter Dyck and sons at the finish.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Antti Aromaa
District Secretary	Lauri Heikkilä
District Measurer	Terho Aromaa
District Champion	Lasse Hammar
District Runner-Up	Antti Ruuskanen

Fleets: Helsinki (166); Pori (306); Oulu (307); Raahel (308); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Nasijärvi (394); Pyhäselkä (428); Tuusulanjärvi (456).

1975 was a very active year for the Finland District. Sixteen new boats were built during the winter. Also we imported 20 new oval masts from the USA for our boats. In January and in April we had two different events about Lightning-sailing. About one hundred people participated in these training days.

Eight Finnish boats travelled to Switzerland for the 1976 European Championships July 10-18. Over forty Finnish people were present in Grandson. Pertti Pyy, Ritva Pyy and Lauri Heikkilä from Tuusulanjärvi Fleet 456 finished third; Markku Paloma from Oulu Fleet 307 was sixth; Hartti Nisonen from Tuusulanjärvi was ninth. Other Finnish results were Antti Ruuskanen, 13th; Antti Aromaa, 15th; Seppo Lähdemäki, 19th; Ahti Immonen, 26th; and Timo Patosuo, 30th.

On The Rocks regatta opened our sailing season in May. Seven counting regattas are sailed during four months. This year the competition was very hard because the four top boats will be elected to the Finnish team for the 1977 Worlds in Switzerland. Antti Ruuskanen from Fleet 166 took first place; runner-up was Lasse Hammar, Leif Haglund, third; and Seppo Lähdemäki, fourth.

Nasijärven Purjehdusseura in Tampere hosted the Finnish District Championships June 3-6, 1976. After four days we could see that Lasse Hammar, Simo Koski, and Harry Hammar finished first. The boat was old *Rio Rita II* from Oulu Fleet. Antti Ruuskanen, Kari Kähkönen and Ilpo Hänninen from Helsinki took runner-up; Antti Aromaa, Timo Halonen and Oki Wikman from Tuusulanjärvi were third; Kari Mäenpää, fourth; Vesa Tapola, fifth; Leif Haglund, sixth; Pertti Pyy, seventh; Lauri Korpinen, eighth; Seppo Lähdemäki, ninth; Markku Paloma, tenth; Ahti Immonen, 11th; Heikki Ulen, 12th; Jorma Lehtonen, 13th; Timo Patosuo, 14th; Hartti Nisonen, 15th; Jouko Lehtonen, 16th; Antti Tapola 17th; Raimo Aromaa, 18th; Esa Nordling, 19th; Osmo Tanskanen, 20th; Pertti Kuuminainen, 21st; Lauri Hamäläinen, 22nd; Antero Westerlund, 23rd; Hemmo Louhivuori, 24th; Pertti Jalonen, 25th, and Reino Moller, 26th.

The 1976 season ended on September 18-19th. During the next winter we are going to publish our own Lightning-Flashes (Litiviesti in Finnish) three times as we did last year.

We hope that next year many Finnish boats will participate at the Europeans in Italy and at the Worlds in Switzerland.

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore	George Buckingham
District Secretary	June Schubert
District Measurer	John Leath
District Champion	Tom McDermott III
District Runner-Up	John Leath
Junior Champion	Charlie Medlock

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).

When the lake you sail on starts to freeze you finally admit that the sailing season is over and it's time to write your report for the 1977 Lightning Year Book.

Our season started on May 1 and 2 with the Indiana Open Regatta sailed on Geist Reservoir and hosted by the Indianapolis Sailing Club. Forty-one boats representing Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan converged on the starting line on Saturday morning, ready to "run for the roses!" Sailing conditions were ideal and after the third race it was Jack Mueller, Hank Hodgson, Augie Pooli, Dick Pugh and Merle Bales holding down the first five places. The two scheduled races on Sunday had to be cancelled due to high winds so Saturday's winners carried the silver away without further challenge from the rest of the fleet.

The Hoosier Regatta was hosted by the Wawasee Yacht Club and sailed on Lake Wawasee the weekend of June 5 and 6. On Saturday the wind fluctuated between light and very light for the 27 boats on the starting line, but we did manage to get three races in before the cocktail hour started. On Sunday the wind held at light to medium

INDIANA DISTRICT

1977 Regatta Schedule

Indiana Open Regatta*	April 30 - May 1
Indianapolis Sailing Club Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Indiana	
Hoosier Regatta	June 18-19
Wawasee Yacht Club Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana	
Indiana District Championship**	June 25-26
Muncie Sailing Club Muncie, Indiana	
Tippecanoe YC Regatta	September 10-11
Lake Tippecanoe North Webster, Indiana	
Fleet 420 "Wanfinlapimup"	October 1-2
Mississinewa Lake, Peru, Indiana	
Lake Monroe Sailing Association Bloomington, Indiana	To be announced

* First Regatta in the Northern Spring Circuit

** Annual Indiana District Meeting will be held

for the two scheduled races, and when the WYC commodore passed out the trophies it was George Buckingham, first; Merle Bales, second; Ronnie Blair, third; John Leath, fourth; and Bruce Baiden, fifth.

The Indiana District Regatta was held at Michigan City on June 12 and 13. The three races on Saturday were sailed in light to medium air, but the wind on Sunday was so high that common sense and good judgment prevailed and the two scheduled races were cancelled. On the basis of the finishes in Saturday's races, Tom McDermott III was declared District Champion, with John Leath second, Bill Beard and Brad Wagner tied for third; and George Buckingham, fifth.

The Tippecanoe Regatta was held on September 10 and 11. Five races were sailed in 5 to 10 mph winds. The battle for first place was intense and not decided until the fifth race between George Buckingham of Wawasee Yacht Club, who won three races and finished second in two, and Brad Wagner of Muncie Sailing Club who won two races and finished second in the other three races. John Bundy of Tippecanoe Lake was third; Georganne Buckingham of Wawasee Yacht Club, fourth; and Herb Gawthrop of Tippecanoe Lake, fifth. Fifteen-year-old Georganne skippered her first regatta with an all junior crew of Steve Stucky, fifteen years old, and thirteen year old Rob Swihart. Experienced veteran, Ray Gans of WYC received extensive recognition by capsizing twice on Saturday. (In 5-10 mph winds!!)

Our final scheduled regatta was the "Wanfinlapimup" sailed on Mississinewa Reservoir near Peru on October 2 and 3. Thirty-three boats had arrived and were rigged for racing by 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Due to very light air the first and only race was more "ghost" than "race", but the day wasn't a total loss. Everyone had plenty of time to clean up and get to the Nixon's for their annual fun cocktail party. This year, in addition to the usual well stocked bar and elaborate hors d'oeuvres, they even trusted us enough to leave the furniture in the house. The wind on Sunday wasn't exactly gale force but it was good enough to provide two fast races so the winners could be established and rewarded. It was Jack Mueller, first; Hank Hodgson, second; "Pappa John" Mueller, third; George Buckingham, fourth; and Jim Disch, fifth.

We in Indiana think it was a good year for Lightning sailors. We saw increased participation in our regattas in particular, and a tremendous growth in the interest in sailing in general. Once the old sailing bug bites, a Lightning is sure to follow. Right? Right! Happy Ice Boating!

ITALIAN DISTRICT

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

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

The 1976 was a year of consolidation for the District. The most active fleets were the Marsala fleet with 2 boats at the Italians and 3 boats at the European Championship; the Marivela fleet with 2 and 1 boats; the Garda fleet with 2 and 2; the Jung Trasmene Fleet with 4 boats at the Italian Championship.

The District Championship was held at Numana on the Adriatic Sea with 17 boats. The winner (out of competition) was Claude Lambelet of fleet 169 Lake of Neuchatel Switzerland. The result of Italian Championship was: 11935 Leccia, L. Merola, M. Lo Sardo, F. Lo Sardo fleet 235, first; 8763 Sindbad N. De Amicis, G. A. Soardi, A. De Amicis fleet 249, second; 12059 Lian G. Pellegrino, P. Zerilli, I. Martinez fleet 449, third; 12537 Luitor, R. Crucitti, G. Maggio, G. Maggio, G. Pecorella fleet 449, fourth; 9450 Tretepe S. Tremante, L. Tezza, G. B. Perin fleet 249, fifth; 12494 Horizon 30, P. L. Nobili, Armeni, Viviani fleet 355, sixth; 7568 Hidalgo G. C. Chielli, F. Nicchiarelli, Mearini fleet 453, seventh; 11168 Suasso, Salvetti, N. Saulini, G. Rameschi fleet 453, eighth; 10781 Schiribilla F. DeRegis, M. Bellini, M. Rufini fleet 453, ninth; 11244 Winny P. Rosi, F. Somaglia, O. Ciurnelli fleet 453, tenth.



Italian Championship — Gianni Pellegrino third.

The other more important regattas were hosted by fleets: 321, Trofeo Augusto Sassi; 355, Trofeo Enzo Di Lorenzo; 449 Sicilian Championship; 453, Meeting's Regatta; see the fleet's reports, please.

Six Italian boats took part in the European Championship at Granson on Lake of Neuchatel - Switzerland. The results were not encouraging but our boats all had old wood masts! We are hopeful that we will have several oval masts for the Europeans and World Championship in 1977.

The 1977 European Championship will be organized in Italy at Numana, June 26 - July 3.

Welcome to the Europeans and Overseas Lightning Sailors.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	John Y. Sloan, III
District Corresponding Sec'y	Judy Walker
District Executive Secretary	Cal Schmiede
District Treasurer	Dave Duchscherer
District Measurer	William Hunter
District Asst. Measurer	Mark Bryant
District Champion	Tom Allen
District Runner-Up	Ed Roseberry
District Jr. Champion	Mark Bryant
District Jr. Runner-Up	Sage Cutler

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 1976 season got underway with the Spring District Meeting at Sandy Beach Yacht Club. An afternoon seminar was followed by cocktails, dinner and an after-dinner talk by ILCA President Bob Smither on "What's New in the Lightning Class."

For the first time, the Newport Yacht Club Invitational Regatta, held in May, was one half of an interdistrict series between the Central New York District and the Lake Erie District with the Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta completing the series. The winner at Newport was Larry MacDonald Jr., with Dick Hallagan second and Tom Allen, third.

At the Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta June 12th and 13th, fifty Lightnings tested the water of Abino Bay. Overall winner was Matt Fisher with Bill Shore second and Ed Roseberry third.

Winners of the interdistrict competition were Larry MacDonald Jr. first, Mark Bryant second and Ed Roseberry third.

Every weekend found us at another regatta, totaling some 75 races during the season for those who chose to travel. It is impossible to recap each regatta, but competition was keen and the Lake Erie District certainly had a successful season.

The District Regattas were held at the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club July 22 to 25. Winner of the John Y. Sloan Junior Championship was our capable Mark Bryant. Sage Cutler was runner-up and Phil Barth was third. In the District Regatta, plagued by high winds and rain, Tom Allen came through the winner. Others who qualified, in order, were Ed Roseberry — BCC, Larry MacDonald, Jr. — RHYC, Jim Neville — CLYC, Mark Bryant — SBYC, Stu Anderson — BCC, Bill Neal — SLYC, Mike Huffman — BCC, Dick Ferrick — BCC and Cal Schmiede — NSC.

The Canadian Open Regatta was held in Hamilton at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Problems included the weather, fifty-odd competitive Lightnings and ocean-going freighters cutting across the race course at precisely the wrong time. Overcoming all obstacles was the winner, Dick Hallagan, with Tom Allen second and Mike Huffman and Mark Bryant tied for third.

In the Junior North Americans at Milwaukee, we were proud and happy to see Mark Bryant win the Championship.

The Lake Erie District placed six boats in the North American Championship fleet at Sheboygan and three in the President's Cup. None of our boats won, but it was a great adventure.

The third annual Old Salts Regatta, for the young at heart (over 50), was held at BCC in August. The old salts ranged in age from 50 to 84! Winner was "forever young" Matt Bryant with former ILCA President Jack Swanson second and Ward Wilday third.

The Northern Fall Circuit includes regattas at Dunkirk on Lake Erie, Silver Lake, and Sandy Beach Yacht Club on the Upper Niagara River. Placing at Dunkirk were Stu Anderson, Tom Allen and Larry MacDonald, Jr. in that order. At Silver Lake, the highest lake east of the Rockies, Larry MacDonald, Jr. was first, Fisk Hayden second and Dick Hallagan third. Mark Bryant was first at Sandy Beach, Dick Hallagan second and Fisk Hayden third. The Northern Fall Circuit winner was Stu Anderson, Tom Allen was second and Larry MacDonald was third.

Congratulations to Larry MacDonald, Jr. who was runner-up in the Sears Cup Finals in Miami. We can expect him to be tough competition on the race course next year.

Overall, the Lake Erie District had a busy and satisfactory schedule. Our Commodore, John Y. Sloan III, is to be commended for his hard work, dedication, and leadership in the interests of the Lake Erie District.

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Richard D. Kopka
District Secretary	Frank Marianaccio
District Champion	Bill Jorch

Fleets: Sheephead Bay (38); Northport Bay (98); Manhasset Bay (133); Great South Bay (178); Woodmere Bay (300); Southampton (431).

The Long Island District had a fantastic season this year with the District Championships being held at the beautiful Centerport Yacht Club. Eighteen boats showed up for the three race series. The event was won by the out going District Commodore Bill Jorch with second going to Wally Carucci of Southampton and third to Tom Green of Narrasketuck. It was a shame that these fine sailors were unable to go to the North Americans due to prior commitments.

Many of the local fleets have shown a decrease in membership throughout the year but this was not so with the people of fleet 178, Great South Bay. This fleet has not only held its own but has gained many new Lightning owners with juniors more than willing to crew for the old folks. Perhaps the reason for the success of this fleet is the excellent weather on the South Shore of Long Island, the water may be a little "Thin" but the wind blows like STINK out of the Southwest every day around 2 PM making for some wild spinny rides.