

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . John Rowley  
 District Secretary . . . . . Tom Bierman  
 District Measurer . . . . . Dennis Farley  
 District Champion . . . . . John Schneider  
 District Runner-Up . . . . . Bob Hutchinson

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

Bruce Goldsmith came east this year to give us tips on sail setting and tactics at the combined Metropolitan-Central Atlantic District's Mid-Winter Meeting. This event was held at the Monmouth Boat Club at Red Bank, N.J. Bruce made it all seem easy as he discussed and answered many questions like how to set jib leads, mainsail leech tension, vang tension, etc. It was a pleasure to have Bruce with us once again. Mary Huntsman organized and put on a spectacular dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings after the individual district meeting.

The first major regatta held in the spring is the Long John, sponsored by the Monmouth Boat Club at Red Bank. It usually draws many heavies. This year was no exception. Skippers from as far away as Ohio, N.Y., Maryland, and Connecticut attended. Jack Elfman of the Central Atlantic District won.

The Mid-Hudson River Circuit this year was won by the Bitler-Lewis partnership from Hi-Tor. They won the Magnus Pederson Regatta held at Nyack in early June, and the following weekend added another first place finish at the Hi-Tor Regatta. At Chelsea they were second to Gary Hurban of Nyack, but with two first places and a second in the three regattas they won handily. Paul Krick of Hi-Tor was second and Gary Hurban ended up third.

Our District Championship was held this year at the Nyack Boat Club located on the Hudson River almost underneath the huge Tappan Zee Bridge. John Schneider is our champ this year finishing with two seconds. Bob Hutchinson, our 1975 champ was second with a fifth and a first. The third race had to be cancelled after we drifted around till noon in a scorching sun with no wind.

We qualified six boats for the North American Championship, and six attended ... namely, John Schneider, Bob Hutchinson, Jon Schwartz, Dennis Farley, Sandy Huntsman, and Tom Bierman. The North Americans were held in this writer's original home town. We had to go!

The first qualifying race was a disaster for almost everyone. (Ed. Note - especially for the editors.) Fifteen boats tipped over, most turtled, and at least two were completely abandoned. We were one of the not-so-lucky to tip over, turtle, break a mast, tear sails, twist knees, etc. ....we got a good "fresh" water bath! However, after all that we bought a new mast from the Huntsmans, patched the sails with the help of Bill Shore, bound up the knees, gathered courage and went out and qualified for the first flight.

Bob Hutchinson and crew also qualified for the first flight and went on to place eighth overall. Look out for him next year. John Schneider, after a tipover in the first qualifying race and several other mishaps, qualified for the President's Cup and in the end placed fourth overall winning the last race. Jon Schwartz followed John around the course and ended fifth.

During the North Americans at the annual meeting, our John Schneider was elected Secretary of the ILCA and Sandy Huntsman was elected a Vice President. We are proud of these two men for their active backing of the ILCA and their constructive participation in class affairs to help make it the fine International Class it is today. We wholly support them in their efforts.

Last, but not least, in the Metropolitan District is the "Short Circuit." This is a series of nine races at three separate locations, sailed on fresh water lakes in the mountains of eastern Pennsylvania and northwestern New Jersey. The regattas take place in the Fall, the first 3 weekends after Labor Day. It has been a tremendous success, drawing over 30 boats at each location.

Bob Graham of Lake Mohawk was the overall winner this year, with Tom Bierman, also of Mohawk, a close second; Sandy Huntsman of Monmouth, third; Roy Sengstacken of Greenwood Lake, fourth; and Dave MacDonald of Lake Mohawk, was fifth. Bob Graham was also the winner at Greenwood Lake and Lake Mohawk, Tom Bierman won at Wallenpaupack. All in all, the Metropolitan District had a successful bicentennial "76" and as we write this article we are looking forward to the mid-winter meeting to once again see our Lightning sailing friends and to hear tales of how Roy Sengstacken is going to take us all with his new boat next year. I'll drink to that, Roy!

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

### 1977 REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 23 & 24	Long John	Red Bank, N.J.
June 4 & 5	*Magnus Pederson	Nyack, N.Y.
June 11 & 12	*Hi-Tor Sutherland	Stonypoint, N.Y.
July 9 & 10	*Chelsea Open	Chelsea, N.Y.
July 16 & 17	DISTRICTS - LWYC	Paupack, PA.
July 30 & 31	National Sweepstakes	Red Bank, N.J.
Sept. 10 & 11	**Whisker Pole	Greenwood Lake, N.J.
Sept. 17 & 18	**Lake Wallenpaupack	Paupack, PA
Sept. 24 & 25	**Lake Mohawk	Sparta, N.J.

\* -Part of the Mid-Hudson Circuit

\*\* -Part of the Short Circuit

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . Merrill Bales  
 District Secretary . . . . . Paul Miltzer  
 District Measurer . . . . . Robert Knop  
 District Champion . . . . . Garry Demarest  
 District Runner-Up . . . . . Bill Babel  
 Junior Champion . . . . . Bill Crow  
 Junior Runner-Up . . . . . Bill Draheim

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).

We welcomed a new fleet this year, Union Lake, and they intend to be active. They even sailed in our District Team Championships.

Our district held 13 regattas, starting with Lake Lansing on May 1st and 2nd, and ending with Clark Lake on September 25 and 26. The Joe Strueland trophy for the best regatta record went to Garry Demarest for the 4th (or is it 5th?) year in succession. Demarest also won the District Championships, which were sailed this year on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay. Bill Babel sailed very well to take a close second. The winds were strong for every race, giving us the heaviest air districts in memory. Our Jr. Championships continued to be successful, held this year at Higgins Lake. Bill Crow won, followed by Bill Draheim. The District Team Championship was won by Tawas Bay Y.C., with their team of Demarest, Cameron, McKinley and Peters.

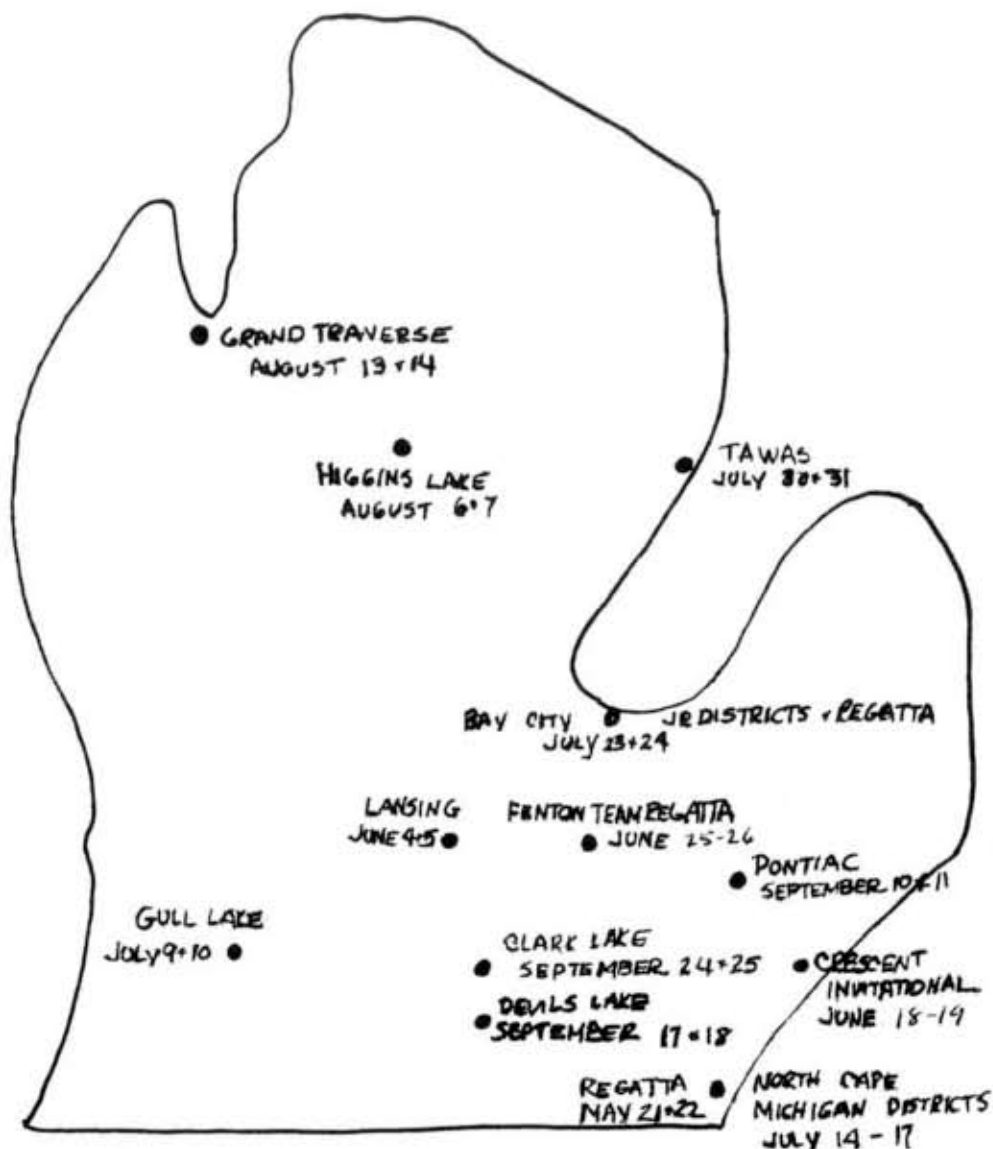
We were saddened by the death of Bob Furey, of Tawas Bay Y.C. Bob was the father of Dave Furey, ex-Michigan District Commodore. Bob crewed for Herm Hickels when Herm won the North Americans in 1959. He was also an official Lightning measurer for many years.

We again displayed a Lightning at the Great Lake Boat Show, which is held annually in October, for sailboats only.



WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER

1977 MICHIGAN REGATTAS



SAIL OUR CIRCUIT THIS SUMMER



# MIDWEST DISTRICT

## 1977

### Regatta Schedule

*June 25-26	P & T	Milwaukee Yacht Club
July 2-3	Abe Jacobs Memorial Regatta	Burnham Park
July 13-14 (or 20-21)	Junior Districts	Milwaukee Yacht Club
*July 15-16-17 (or) 22-23-24	MIDWEST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	Milwaukee Yacht Club
*July 30-31	Oxie Memorial Regatta	Lake Geneva
*August 6-7	Brotz Regatta	Sheboygan
*August 6-7	Hobelman Regatta	Chicago Corinthian
*Sept. 24-25	Red Flannel Regatta	Chicago Corinthian
October 1-2	Polar Bear Regatta	Lake Davenport

\* Indicates Lake Michigan Championship Series — Best 3 out of 5

#### MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . Dean S. Cady  
District Secretary . . . . . Lois A. Cady  
District Measurer . . . . . Nicholas K. Smith  
District Champion . . . . . Bruce Goldsmith  
District Runner-Up . . . . . John H. Esser  
Junior Champion . . . . . Steve Corkell  
Junior Runner-Up . . . . . John Podmajersky

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).

The most exciting happening in the District during 1976 took place at Sheboygan in August. Yes, the N.A.'s were in town and provided all contestants with seven days of top notch racing in you name it type weather. (Ed. Note - AMEN) All of us in the Midwest District are rightfully pleased and proud of the fine production put on by the Sheboygan Yacht Club and Fleet 187, which by the way has been named the winner of the Steketee Trophy, awarded by I.L.C.A. annually to "The North American Fleet who has been outstanding in furthering the purpose of I.L.C.A. in promoting and developing racing in Lightnings." Fleet 187 has also been named the outstanding fleet in the Midwest District for 1976.

The District's only regret for the N.A.'s was the failure of our perennial District champion, Bruce Goldsmith, to repeat as the North American champion. However, we can not think of a nicer person to take his place than Bill Shore, who duplicated his 1971 feat when the N.A.'s were also sailed on Lake Michigan out of the Milwaukee Yacht Club.

Qualifiers from the District who sailed in Sheboygan were Bruce Goldsmith, John Esser, Rick Larson, Ron Blair, Eric Graf, Tryg Jacobson, Bob Novak, Nic Smith and District Commodore, Dean Cady. Both Dick Hinze and John Burke by finishing fifth and eighth respectively in the District Championships qualified, but stepped aside so Nic and Dean went in their places. Bruce and Tryg sailed in the Championship flight; Dr. John, Rick, Nic and Bob Smither were in the Presidents; with Eric, Dean, Ron and Bob in the Governors. Nobody won any silver, but it is reliably reported that they all had

one fine time.

The District regatta schedule was busy as usual with some of the results as follows: The P & T was won by Bob Smither of Hinsdale, Illinois. Second place went to Eric Graf and third to Tryg Jacobson. Both are from Sheboygan.

The Midwest Junior Districts went to Steve Corkell with John Podmajersky second and Peter Kornhaber third. Lake Geneva's Oxie Regatta had a turn out of thirty-eight boats with Greg Florian of Decatur, Illinois winning the five race series with the next four places going to Dick Hinze, Jeff Baker, Tryg Jacobson and Rick Larson.

Sheboygan's annual Brotz Regatta served as a tuneup for the North Americans, including weather, with Tryg Jacobson showing the winning form which would lead to his qualification for the Championship flight in the N.A.'s. Dr. John Esser placed second with Greg Florian, Rick Larson and Eric Graf rounding out the first five places. Chicago Corinthian hosted the Red Flannel Regatta with Bruce Goldsmith capturing first, followed by Dr. Esser, who came up with a second for the third time in a major Midwest District Regatta this season. Dick Hinze came in third with John Gall, Kansas City and Don Basler, Chicago, rounding out the first five places in the twenty-five boat fleet.

The Junior North American's were hosted by the Milwaukee Yacht Club and Fleet 69, who did a bang up job by providing top racing as well as entertainment for the 75 plus in attendance. Mark Bryant of Cheektowaga, New York, took top honors followed by Jay Lutz, Brick Town, New Jersey, and Greg Florian, Decatur, Illinois.

The Midwest Junior District Championship was held at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club in Chicago just prior to the District which they also hosted. First three places were Steve Corkell, John Podmajersky and Peter Kornhaber.

We had a photo finish in the Lake Michigan Championship series this year with Tryg Jacobson taking first, followed by John Esser and Rick Larson. The rankings are determined by averaging the finishes in the best three out of five selected regattas. The regattas for 1976 were the P & T, Oxie, Brotz, Polar Bear and the Districts.

This concludes our report and we wish you all the best of sailing in 1977.



# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

## DISTRICT

### 1977 Regatta Schedule

Date	Regatta	Location	Comments
April 16, 17	Tennessean	Nashville	Open
May 7, 8	Hernando Desoto	Memphis	Invited Classes Dates Unconfirmed
May 14, 15	Governors Cup	Ken Lake	Open
May 28, 29	Wild Turkey	Ken Lake	Date Unconfirmed
June 3, 4, 5	LIGHTNING DISTRICTS	Ken Lake	
June 25, 26	Inter City Regatta	Decatur	
September 3, 4	Impromptu	Carlyle	
September 3, 4	McDougal	Nashville	Open
September 24, 25	Watkins	Ken Lake	Open
November 5, 6	Bluenose	Nashville	



# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT Regatta Schedule 1977



June 4 & 5	To be announced
June 11 & 12	Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta Lake Bomoseen, Vermont
June 18 & 19	Newburyport Yacht Club Regatta Newburyport, Massachusetts
June 25-26	To be announced
July 15-16-17	New England District Championship Harraseket Yacht Club & Centerboard Yacht Club South Freeport, Maine
July 28-29-30-31	Marblehead Race Week Marblehead, Massachusetts
July 30-31	State of Massachusetts Regatta in conjunction with Marblehead Race Week Marblehead, Massachusetts
August 13 & 14	Wellfleet Regatta Wellfleet, Massachusetts
September 10-11	Lake Massabesic Regatta Manchester, New Hampshire
Sept. 24 & 25	Spofford Lake Regatta Spofford Lake, New Hampshire

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . Donald C. Brush, Jr.  
District Secretary . . . . . Georges Peter, M.D.  
District Champion . . . . . Donald C. Brush  
District Runner-Up . . . . . Fred H. Hamblet

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); Harraseket 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).

An active schedule of 13 regattas marked the bicentennial summer in New England. Although several mid-summer weekends were marred by heavy rain and storms, participation on the regatta circuit remained excellent with 15-25 boats at most events.

The Southern Circuit provided the opportunity for two skippers to escape the blustery New England winter. District Commodore Jack Burwell with his wife Marilyn and Jerry Baker sailed (and partied) in Savannah and St. Pete. Stu Nickerson went the route and after a slow start, finished up with a strong second at Miami. Kip Hamblet, who raced Stu's boat to a second in the Bliss race in Miami, and Amy Nickerson crewed.

Fred Hamblet opened the local season with an impressive win at the Lake Bomoseen Regatta under clear skies and a fresh NW breeze, followed by Nickerson, Don Brush, Len Pratt, and Peter Hubbard. One week later in Boothbay, Maine, the Southport Yacht Club's regatta was fogbound. Racing, nevertheless, was held in an adjacent cove and Stu Nickerson won first place. Burwell and Brush followed. In spite of inclement weather, the Southport YC and the Lovejoys made the regatta successful both on and off the water. Three weeks later, the very popular State of Maine Championship at Centerboard YC (in Portland) attracted a strong field from both within and outside of New England. Bill Shore won, followed by Georges Peter, Jack Burwell, Phil Griffin of Westport, Conn., and Nickerson.

The District Championship was hosted by Fleet 301 and the Mallet's Bay Boat Club on Lake Champlain. Don Brush not only served as Regatta Chairperson but, with his veteran crew of Ann Brush and Kurt Kling, captured his first District title after several near misses in previous years. Other top finishers were Fred Hamblet, John Collins, Len Pratt, and Georges Peter. Stu Nickerson was sixth in spite of winning three races. The otherwise successful championship was marred by a near tragedy when a boat was trailed into a high tension wire. No one was injured and property damage was repairable, but this incident serves as a reminder of a potential hazard at many yacht clubs today.

The rejuvenated Newburyport, Massachusetts fleet sponsored the State of Massachusetts Championship. Bill Shore won both races in his former homewaters. Other prize winners in this storm-plagued regatta were Nickerson, Peter and Kip Hamblet (tied for third), and Burwell. Concomitantly, Marblehead and Race Week attracted 17 boats. John Collins was first; Joel Humphrey and Tom Stover were second and third respectively. One week later at Squam Lake, N.H., in another rain-filled weekend, Don Brush successfully defended his Vermont-New Hampshire title, followed by Burwell, Fred Hamblet, and Jim Russell.

Eight New England crews journeyed to the N.A.'s. Stu Nickerson, with his sister Amy and Sean Campbell turned in an outstanding performance to finish third overall. New England also had silverware winners in the other divisions, with Fred Hamblet runner-up in the President's Cup and son Kip runner-up in the Governor's Cup. Other N.E. representatives were Don Brush (again in the Blue fleet), Georges Peter, Dave White, Buck Wynn, and Jack Burwell.

The regatta circuit resumed in Wellfleet where Stu Nickerson expectedly found his homewaters friendly. He was followed by Wynn, Tim Oliver, Jon Swartz, and Charlie Sweet. The Northeast Regatta, hosted by the Annisquam YC, was won by Len Pratt. Second was Lou Pocharski in a brief but successful return to Lightnings, followed by Shore, Collins, and John Cuccio of Westport, Conn. Further north on the same weekend, George Huettl won the Lightning division of the Lake Massabesic Regatta. Other trophies went to Ron L'Heureux, second; and Jim Richmond, third.

The season concluded at Spofford Lake, N.H. with another excellent regatta. The top five were Dave Peterson (Old Saybrook, Conn.), Phil Griffin, Brush, Pratt and Doylestown's Jack Elfman.

The District looks forward to another active season in 1977. We hope that further fleet growth will match the active regatta participation.



# 1977

## Ohio District

### Regatta Schedule

*Spring Shake Down	Indian Lake Y.C.	May 7-8
*Great Lakes Championship	North Cape Y.C.	May 14-15
**Thundermug	St. Marys Boat Club	June 4-5
**Windshift	Leatherlips	June 11-12
Independence Day Regatta	Pymatuning Y.C.	July 2-3

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#### OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

C.Y.C. Regatta	-----	July ---
Steeplechase	Cleveland Y.C.	July 24-25
Inter-lake Yachting Assn. Regatta	Port Clinton & Put-In-Bay	Aug. 6
	Put-In-Bay	Aug. 8-9-10

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Harvest Moon Regatta	Atwood Lake Y.C.	Sept. 10-11
Sandusky Fall Invitational	Sandusky Sailing Club	Sept. 17-18
Snow Flurries Regatta	Port Clinton Y.C.	Sept. 24-25
Snow Ball Regatta	Buckeye Lake Y.C.	Oct. 8-9
**Fall In Regatta	Cowan Lake Sailing Club	Oct. 22-23

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Check *Flashes* or Special Notes for Any Changes

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

\*\*Races included in Ohio Governor's Cup Series



## OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bob Stempel
District Secretary	Ron Sehulster
District Measurer	Bucky Powless
District Champion	Matt Fisher
District Runner-Up	Jack Mueller
Junior Champion	Randy Ruhlman
Junior Runner-Up	Jeff Borland

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

Our 1976 season got underway in February with the annual winter meeting held in Columbus. Instead of a single speaker, we had a panel comprised of Jim Dressel, Jack Mueller, Bill Buckles, Matt Fisher and Greg Fisher. Naturally, from a group such as this, we all picked up a bunch of helpful hints to improve our sailing on all points. After dinner we saw a slide presentation of the 1975 Worlds in Ecuador.

Continuing our emphasis on education, Leatherlips Y. C. hosted the Ohio District Seminar on April 10 and 11. With 50 registrants representing almost every active fleet in the District, it had to be considered a great success. The list of instructors sounded like a "Who's Who" of Lightning sailors. Led and coordinated by George Fisher, the list included such outstanding skippers and crew as Jim Dressel, Jack Mueller, Bill Buckles, Bernie Malcolm, Dick Pugh, Bucky Powless, Barry Wilson, Nancy Mueller and Greg Fisher. The sessions were on water, on land and in the classroom. I'm sure every fleet noticed a lot of improvement in those sailors that attended the seminar.

The District's racing season got underway on May 8 and 9 with Indian Lake's Spring Shake Down Regatta. Jim Dressel was the winner, with Jack Mueller, second; Hank Hodgson (from the Michigan District), third; John Mueller, fourth; and Steve Thomas, (also from Michigan) fifth. The following week the Great Lakes Championship was held at North Cape Y.C., and once again Jim Dressel was the winner. Gary Demarest, second; Bernie Malcolm, third; Gary Cameron, fourth; and Steve Thomas fifth. (Both Garys are also from the Michigan District.)

On June 5 and 6, St. Marys Boat Club sponsored the sixth annual Thundermug Regatta. Dick Pugh was the repeat winner of the coveted (?) Auld Thundermug. Hank Hodgson was second, Bob Stempel, third; Bob Mains, fourth; and Charlie Lutes, fifth. The Leatherlips Y.C. was the host of the second annual Windshift Regatta. Once again, Dick Pugh was the repeat winner. Trophies were also presented to Tom Varley, Jim Young, Bob Mains, Mike Denning and their crews.

On July 3 and 4 the circuit sailors found themselves at Pymatuning Y.C. for the Independence Day Regatta. In all 27 Lightnings sailed, and the local sailors showed the way, with Bob Baumgardner, first; Chuck Maltbie, second; and E. L. Caldwell third.

The next stop was Sandusky Sailing Club for our Districts. A sudden squall with winds up to 80 mph struck the fleet near the end of the first race, and took with it the life of Charlie Lutes, one of the best liked sailors in our District. The crippled fleet voted to abandon the regatta and hold it at a later date. The District Officers and members wish to express our sincere thanks to the Sandusky Sailing Club for all the effort they put into the aborted regatta.

The Districts were rescheduled for July 31 and August 1, and sailed in conjunction with the C.Y.C. Regatta. The first three races of the Districts were sailed for the Freeman Memorial trophy of the C.Y.C. Regatta, and Matt Fisher was the winner; Bill Buckles was second; and Jack Mueller, third. The top three finishers in the five race series for the District Championship were the same, except that Bill and Jack traded places. Rounding out the top ten were Chuck Maltbie, Jim Dressel, Bernie Malcolm, Randy Ruhlman, George Fisher, Rob Ruhlman and Dick Pugh.

The Harvest Moon Regatta was sailed at Atwood Lake Y.C. in early September, and Burt Preston was the winner, with Nelson Caley second and Tom Varley third. The next stop on the circuit was at Buckeye Lake for the Snowball Regatta. If it had only been a few degrees colder, we would have had a real Snowball, with all the cold rain that fell on Saturday, but it was still a great time. Matt Fisher was the winner; Tom Allen was second; George Fisher, third; Jack Mueller, fourth and John Mueller, fifth.

Once again the season closed with the Fall-In Regatta at Cowan Lake. Tom Varley was the winner of this five race series; with Dick Pugh, second; Hank Hodgson, third; Steve Thomas, fourth and Bruce Girkins, fifth.

Also at Cowan Lake, Dick Pugh became the first winner of the Ohio Governor's Cup, presented to the Ohio sailor with the best

overall record in the eleven races of the Thundermug at St. Marys the Windshift at Leatherlips, and Cowan's Fall-In. Dick was an easy winner this year, with Bob Mains, second and Ron Sehulster, third in the scoring.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore	Brian Coleman
District Secretary	Kenneth White
District Measurer	Van Conklin
District Champion	Greg Zettler
District Runner-up	Rod Johnson

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

Our 1976 season officially got under way with the mid-winter meeting in Seattle. It was well attended and featured an exciting all day session with Bill Shore who talked about "speed sailing".

The season opener took place at Kelowna, (Ed Note — great place to sail and party) B.C. with Brian Coleman and Neil McGibbon taking first and second places.

On the following weekend the air bristled with the sound of new sails as 36 boats hit the line in Eugene, Oregon for the annual Memorial Day Regatta. The first four places were still up for grabs as the fleet began the fifth race of the series. Greg Zettler finally squeaked by Jim Nelson by one half point for first place with Rod Johnson third. Wayne Fitch of the San Francisco fleet was fourth and Kurt Seifert fifth.

The Columbia Fleet of Portland serves as a model of organization and hospitality in our district. In June they sponsored a regatta which was to serve as a tune up event for the District Championships the following weekend. Once again Zettler and Johnson of the Juanita Bay Fleet in Seattle demonstrated their ability as they pulled out front with a first and second. Brian Coleman was third. Jim Nelson fourth and Ken White fifth.

The District Championship Series began with fresh breezes and 31 eager skippers. After a general recall the race was on. Defending champion, Rod Johnson, narrowly defeated Greg Zettler on the final beat of the first race with Kurt Seifert maintaining a lead over Johnson for a first in the second race. The Portland fleet dominated the top places in the final race of the day as Jim Nelson and Van Conklin crossed the finish line ahead of Johnson and Zettler.

After a fantastic party at the Nelsons on Saturday evening we arrived early at the club on Sunday with hopes of narrowing Johnsons lead. After a futile attempt to start a race with no wind on Sunday afternoon the race was canceled. With paddles in hand the fleet raced back to the docks. Johnson retained his title with Zettler, Seifert, Nelson and Coleman rounding out the first five places.

The Midsummer Regatta found the growing Klamath Fleet hosting it's second PIYA event. After boasting about our dependable steady winds we had to eat our words as the three race series ended with near drifters. Ken White and Bill Sisemore of Klamath Falls took the first two places with John Sanford and Tom Hawkins of Portland capturing third and fourth.

On the following weekend the Kitsilano Yacht Club at Vancouver hosted another PIYA event with Zettler, Coleman and Johnson taking the top prizes.

Klamath Falls proved to be an ideal location for attracting 42 boats for the Pacific Coast Championships on July 24-25. We believe this to be a record number of boats for this event.

Tension built for defending champion Ken White as entries poured in from San Diego to Vancouver, B.C. The dynamic duo from Seattle (Johnson and Zettler) began the series with their usual good form and continued to dominate the series. Greg Zettler became the new champion and runner up was Rod. White was third, Coleman fourth and Nelson fifth. The next five places went to the California District.

The San Francisco fleet will host the Pacific Coasts' next summer and of course we are looking forward to the great (sometimes too great) winds of San Francisco Bay. We also hope to have some boats from our district in attendance at the 10th annual California Circuit Regatta next March.

The final PIYA regatta of the season was held at Lake Chelan with light winds and a great party. Rod Johnson placed first with John Benedetti and Neil McGibbon placing second and third. Fleet 283 hosted the final event of the season with team racing on the Columbia River in Portland. This exciting series drew teams from Portland, Seattle; Maple Bay, Vancouver, B.C.; Eugene and Klamath Falls. Seattle won the Series with Portland taking second.

Congratulations to District Champion Greg Zettler and runner-up Rod Johnson. Jim Nelson, Brian Coleman and John Benedetti also deserve honorable mention.





Starboard vs Port at the Pacific Northwest Team Races on Columbia River 1976. Photo Credit - John Dees

### PERU DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . Carlos Navarro, M.D.  
 District Past Commodore . . . Hector Sabogal, M.D.  
 District Vice Commodore . . . . Cesar Zanatti  
 District Secretary . . . . . Guillermo Schinkel  
 District Treasurer . . . . . Roger Vansprangh  
 District Champion . . . . . Hector Sabogal, M.D.  
 District Runner-Up . . . . . Gunter Ritter

Fleets: Club de Regatas Lima (261); Yacht Club Ancon (264); Yacht Club Beruano (265); Universitariode Regatas (424); Peruvian Naval School (452).

All of our fleets were normally active nationally as well as internationally during the year of 1975. The National Champion just completed was won by Hector Sabogal, our Past Commodore, with Enrique Conterno and his daughter Gisella Sabogal, acting as crew. The Runner Up was Gunter Ritter, with Paul Devescovy and Enrique Garrido as crew members. As far as international competition, we only had one boat competing in the South American Championship in Buenos Aires (Argentina), that of former ILCA Vice President Dr. Jose Barrera-Moeller, who unfortunately did not do very well. Also three crews from our district competed in Chile for the Peru-Chile cup, but again did not win, although they had great fun and enjoyed the remarkable Chilean hospitality. We hope to have better luck this coming year in the World's Championship to be held in Switzerland and the South American in Chile.

### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . Bill Pleasants  
 District Champion . . . . . John McIntosh  
 District Runner-Up . . . . . Tom Waters

Fleets: Savannah (127); Clark's Hill (257); Lake Murray (341); Lake Lanier (348); Catawba (365); Lake Hartwell (391); Triad (415); Greater Charleston (429); Palmetto (440); Wateree (459); St. John's River (461); Waccamaw (463).



Foreground: L. to R.: John Griffin, Elvira Navarro and Gunter Ritter. Background: Rosita Mulanovich. All members of Peru District, getting boats ready to race.

The SE District has their own circuit racing with participation in a specified number of regattas necessary to qualify for a circuit standing. Participation in regattas was very good.

The first regatta of circuit was hosted by the Wateree Sailing Club in Camden, S.C. The fleet of 25 boats was greeted with light winds on Saturday but Sunday the third race was held in 25 mph winds. The first three overall finishers were: T. Waters, J. Gastright and S. Cheek.

The second regatta was at the Augusta Sailing Club on Clark Hill Lake with 40 boats registering. This was the best attended regatta of the '76 season. The winds were good for the entire weekend with the race Sunday morning starting in the rain. Top five finishers were: McIntosh, Waters, Ettie, Berry and Hintz.

The racing fleet then moved to the Lake Murray Sailing Club close to Columbia, S.C. The races on Saturday were sailed in 15 mph winds and rain. Sunday's race was sunny with light variable winds. The top five finishers of the 32 boat fleet were: McIntosh, Waters, Ettie, Cheek and Grey.

The Western Carolina Sailing Club on beautiful Lake Hartwell hosted the '76 District Championship Regatta in late May. Although the winds were very light for both days the race committee was able to start and finish five races. The top five finishers of the 30 boat fleet were: McIntosh, Waters, Russell, Pfeifferkorn and Sloger.

The fifth regatta of the circuit was at the High Rock Yacht Club in North Carolina. Twenty boats made the trip and had a most enjoyable weekend with medium winds and a lot of rain Saturday evening. Top three finishers were Sloger, Waters and Grey.

Savannah Yacht Club was the next regatta in July. Twenty boats registered. Winds were very light on Saturday and non existent on Sunday. This regatta was scored on the two Saturday races. Top three finishers were: Berry, Oetgen and Waters.

The Charleston Yacht Club held their regatta in August as a warm up for the N.A.'s bound sailors. Winds on Saturday were 20 knots with 10-15 knot winds on Sunday. Thirty-four boats were in attendance. The top five finishers were: Waters, Grey, Berry, Ettie and Sloger.

## SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 2-3  
 April 23-24  
 May 7-8  
 May 21-22  
 June 10-12  
 July 9-10  
 July 30-31  
 Sept. 10-11  
 Sept. 24-25  
 Oct. 8-9

Rudder Club  
 Augusta Sailing Club  
 Lake Murray Sailing Club  
 Wateree Sailing Club  
 District Championship HRYC  
 Savannah Yacht Club  
 James Island Yacht Club  
 Lake Waccamaw  
 Western Carolina Sailing Club  
 Lake Lanier Sailing Club

Jacksonville, Fl.  
 Augusta, S.C.  
 Columbia, S.C.  
 Camden S.C.  
 Lexington, N.C.  
 Savannah, Ga.  
 Charleston, S.C.  
 Whiteville, N.C.  
 Anderson, S.C.  
 Atlanta, Ga.



Five boats from our district traveled to Sheboygan for the N.A. Championships. McIntosh and Ettie were in the Championship flight, Russell was in the Presidents flight and Pfefferkorn and Hintz were in the Governors Cup flight.

The racing fleet moved back to the Western Carolina Sailing Club for the eighth regatta. Winds were very light. The first race was completed, but the second race on Saturday ran out of time. One race was completed on Sunday before the wind died completely. Top five finishers were: Waters, Howard, Efird, Klemann and Sloger.

In addition to the Lake Lanier regatta trophies there were also 17 trophies awarded to circuit overall qualifiers. This year 72 boats sailed in at least one circuit regatta.

Twenty five boats sailed in the necessary 5 of 9 regattas to qualify for a circuit standing.

The top ten finishers for the 1976 South East District Regatta Circuit were:

	Percentage points
1. Tom Waters	0.079
2. John McIntosh	0.084
3. Gordon Ettie	0.168
4. Corky Grey	0.198
5. Bill/Will Sloger	0.200
6. Harry Hintz	0.258
7. Bert Berry	0.268
8. Sam Cheek	0.286
9. Newt/Sputter Howard	0.292
10. Gary Oetgen	0.349

We are all looking forward to the 1977 sailing season under the guidance of Bill Pleasants. The District Championship Regatta has been moved into June on a 3-day weekend and will be held at the High Rock Yacht Club.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore	John K. Butcher
District Secretary	Larry D. Pledger
District Champion	Gil Whitworth
District Runner-Up	Rick Skinner

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 enjoys year-around sailing. Many regattas held throughout the District provide enthusiastic competition at all points. 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, and the Fall Regatta in Fairhope, Alabama. Members of the District participated in the Thanksgiving



District Champion Gil Whitworth with crew, son Robert and daughter-in-law Barbara.

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Regatta in Dallas and the Hospitality Regatta held in Jackson, Mississippi.

The 1976 District Championships were hosted by the Shreveport Yacht Club. Good weather and ideal winds allowed five races to be completed in record time. Gil Whitworth of Southern Yacht Club emerged the winner followed by Rick Skinner, Tommy Allen and Marshall Walker. The GYA Regatta was held at the Pass Christian Yacht Club and was won by Buck Ballittin of New Orleans.

One of the highlights of the year was a tri-district meet of 28 Lightnings representing the Texas, Mississippi Valley and the Southern Districts. This occurred during the Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta in Shreveport. Tom Allen provided a perpetual Tri-District trophy which was won by Jim Craig of Dallas, Texas.

We extend our thanks to Larry Frost and his wife, Fran, for an outstanding job as Commodore for the past year. The Southern District is looking forward to continued good sailing during the coming year and invite anyone passing through to visit the member fleets.

### SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Hans K. Rahn
District Secretary	Edith Hess
District Measurer	Urs Wyler
District Champion	Urs Wyler
District Runner-Up	Dupasquier Jean-Claude

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zurichsee (219); Hallwilersee-Sempachersee (250); Bielersee (268); Vierwaldtattersee (281); Greifensee (309); Murtensee (358); Bodensee (404); Thunersee (454).

With the traditional "Fondue Regatta" (fondue is a famous and very typical cheese dish which is always served after the last races usually taking place at the end of October) another very active sailing season came to an end. Besides, all the various district regattas, Switzerland also organized this year's European Championship, the highlight of the season, in which Finland, Italy and the then I.L.C.A. President, Robert Smither, participated. All in all a total of 38 boats. Unfortunately, the Greeks were among the missing which was regretted.

To the great joy of the organizers, the Wyler crew (Switzerland) qualified as Champion. The Europeans clearly were the best competition in 1976 as far as the wind and weather conditions were concerned. However, this major event was not the only well frequented one. It was noticed that racing activity, although still limited to a small group, seemed to enthuse more sailors than in prior years.

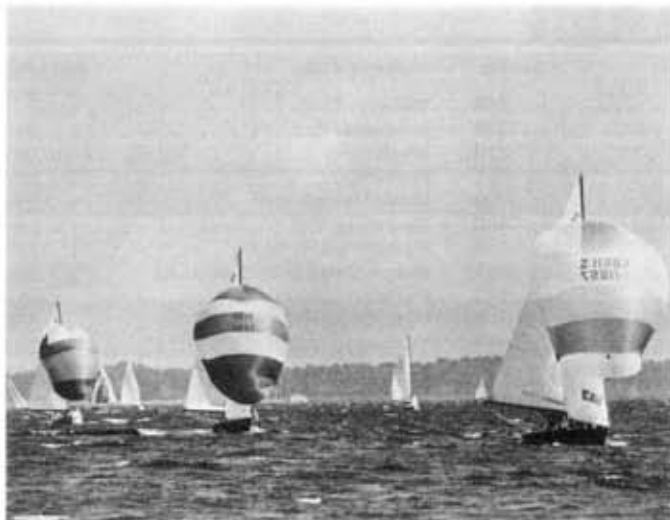
Better publicity may partly have accounted for this, but the main reason will certainly have to be found in the solution of one of the most vital problems we were faced with for a number of years - the supply of a good quality boat at a reasonable price. "Europe-Lighting rf", the prototype of which sailed for the first time in the Europeans, is our solution to this problem. We are confident that all the initiative and the innumerable hours of compulsory labour put in by various members of our district and particularly Rüedi Fluhmann will be well awarded. Since the day "Europe-Lighting rf" left the yard of the famous Swiss boat-builder Siegfried Meier, it has successfully performed in a number of races and is particularly admired for its perfect finish.

Switzerland may be one of the points of interest to the Swiss District, the future of the Class in Europe another. Our next target is Germany. First contacts have been established during 1976 with the German Sailing Association and they have shown their willingness to assist us in setting up a first fleet in southern Germany. Prospects seem good. Also - for the first time - the results of the Europeans as well as a brief report was published in the leading German magazine "The Yacht" and the City of Kiel (Germany) has requested us to submit these results to them for integration in their documentation on racing results, statistics that were initiated during the Olympics of 1972.

Another matter, however, has kept the District busy during the 1976 and will continue to do so for most of 1977 - the IX World Championship, the organization of which has been entrusted to our district. Of the Organization Committee also is the Yacht-Club Spiez, and this major event will take place on one of Switzerland's most beautiful lakes, the Lake of Thoune. The Swiss District feels very honoured to have an opportunity to greet within the border of its country many of its friends from all over the world, to prepare fair and sportive races and to show its guests one of the more attractive holiday resorts we have to offer.

Welcome to Switzerland!





*That's the kind of sailing we like at the District Championship 1976 (Pfauencup) Photo Credit — Daniel Forster, Murten*

#### TEXAS DISTRICT

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

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

The Texas District year of 1976 was successful. We were well represented in all of the local and regional regattas except the Hernando deSota Regatta in Memphis, Tennessee which was on the same weekend of the Holiday in Dixie Regatta in Shreveport, Louisiana. Jim Craig won the Shreveport Regatta along with the Tri-District Award (Texas, Mississippi Valley, Southern) which was donated by Tommy Allen from the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. Three boats went to the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville which was really a lot of fun. Rick Tears paced the Dallas group with a respectable eight out of forty-seven boats.

Stephen Craig went to the Junior North American Championship in Milwaukee and placed sixth. Stephen went on to Sheboygan and for his first try he qualified for the President's Cup while Duncan Porter and Richard Guinan floundered in the Plummers Division.

The Rush Creek Yacht Club Lightning Fleet was the mainstay for the Texas District this year. The White Rock Fleet 35 was inactive as was the Houston Fleet. Big news is that some top flight sailors are considering starting a fleet in Fort Worth. Next year we hope this report will include such an addition. The Rush Creek Fleet added new members, Milo Johnson, Gordon Dysart, Tom Debose, Byron Bynum, Harris Morgan, Vernon Goldberg and Lance Drews, who came over from the White Rock Fleet. The White Rock Fleet also lost Jim Baker which hurt them. We hope Fleet 35 will rebound next year. With stalwarts like John Waskom, Ted Treadway and Al Sather we know they will revamp and come out stronger than ever. Bob Knerr from Illinois is now in Houston, and he and Mentz Billingsley are trying to regroup the Houston Fleet. Fleet 435 lost Dave Pittman to the Memphis Fleet and our loss is certainly their gain as Dave has been super active in the Delta Sailing Association.

The Texas Thanksgiving Regatta ended the racing season in Texas. This years version was almost a carbon copy of last years event. Friday the temperature was 81 degrees and the winds 25-35 mph. We sailed two races and the fast moving cold front blew out Saturday. Again we had the champions here and Bill Shore proved he was the Champion of Champions.

The District Championship was an excellent regatta with good strong winds for planing conditions. Ex-Lightning skipper Tom Cody ran the races which were perfect. Duncan Porter won by squeaking out Bill Garrett in the final race.

We think 1977 will be even better and we look forward to the regattas, friends and the good times.

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