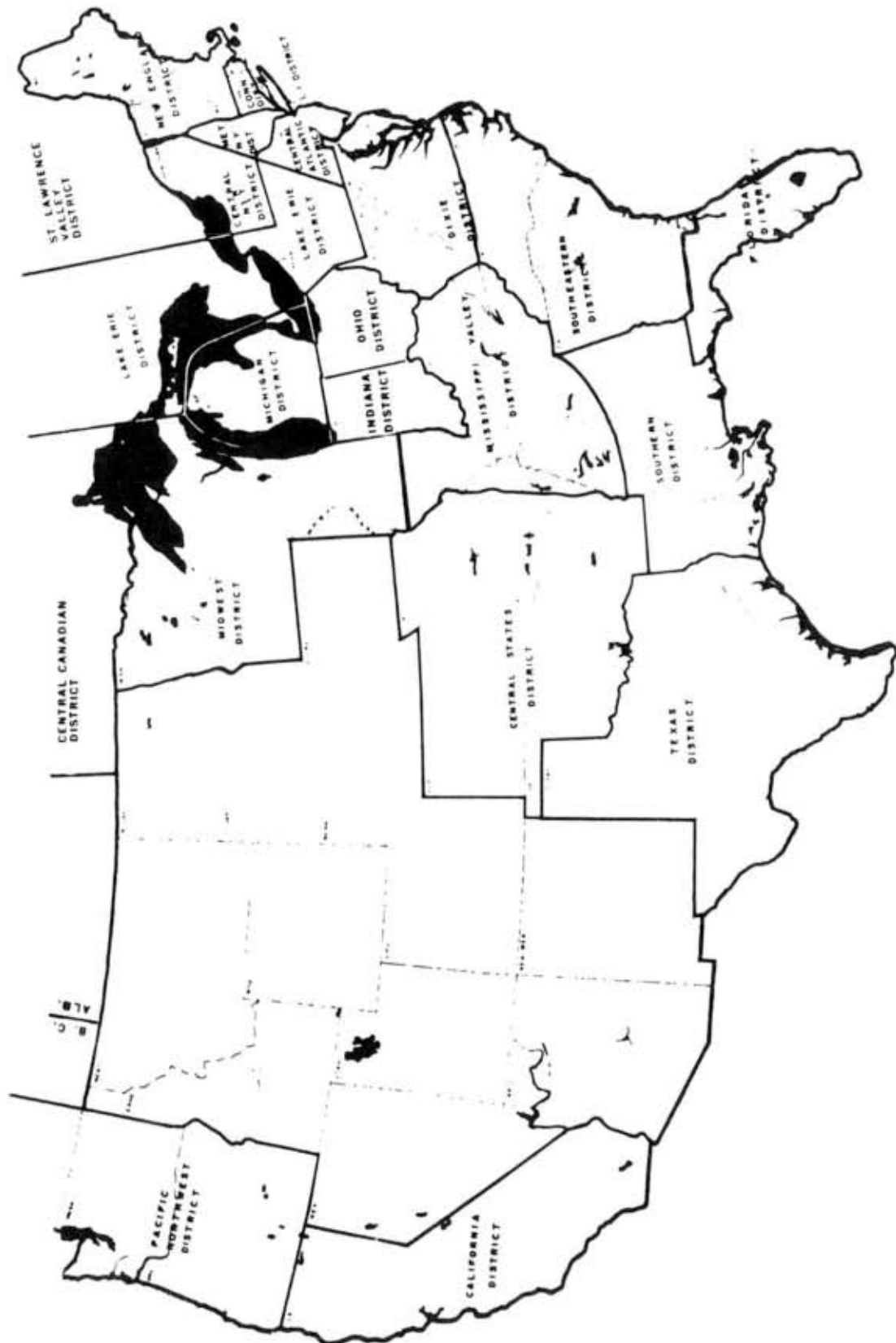
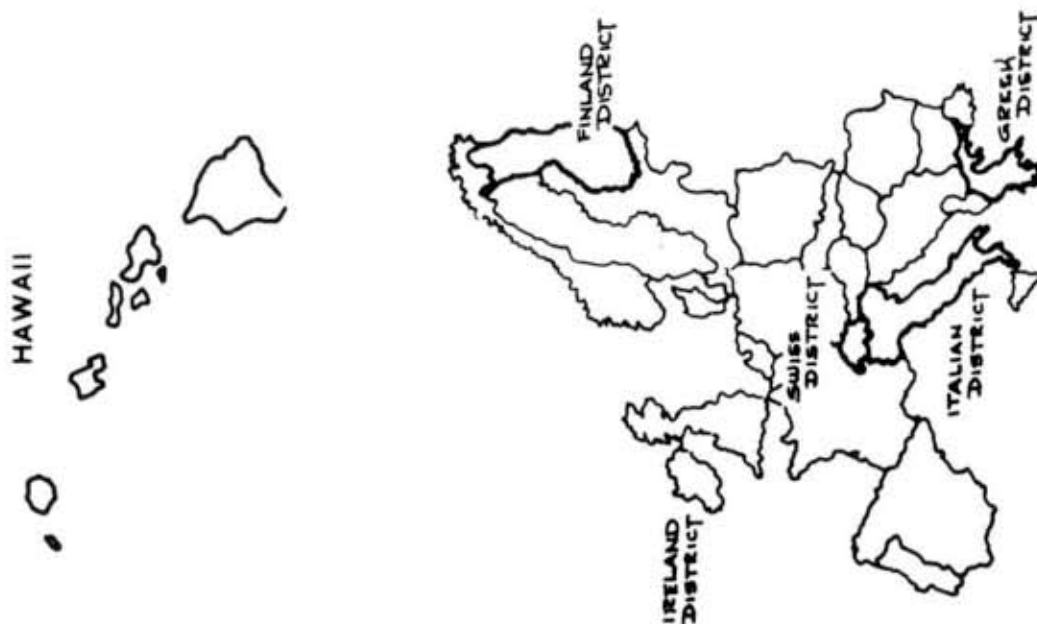
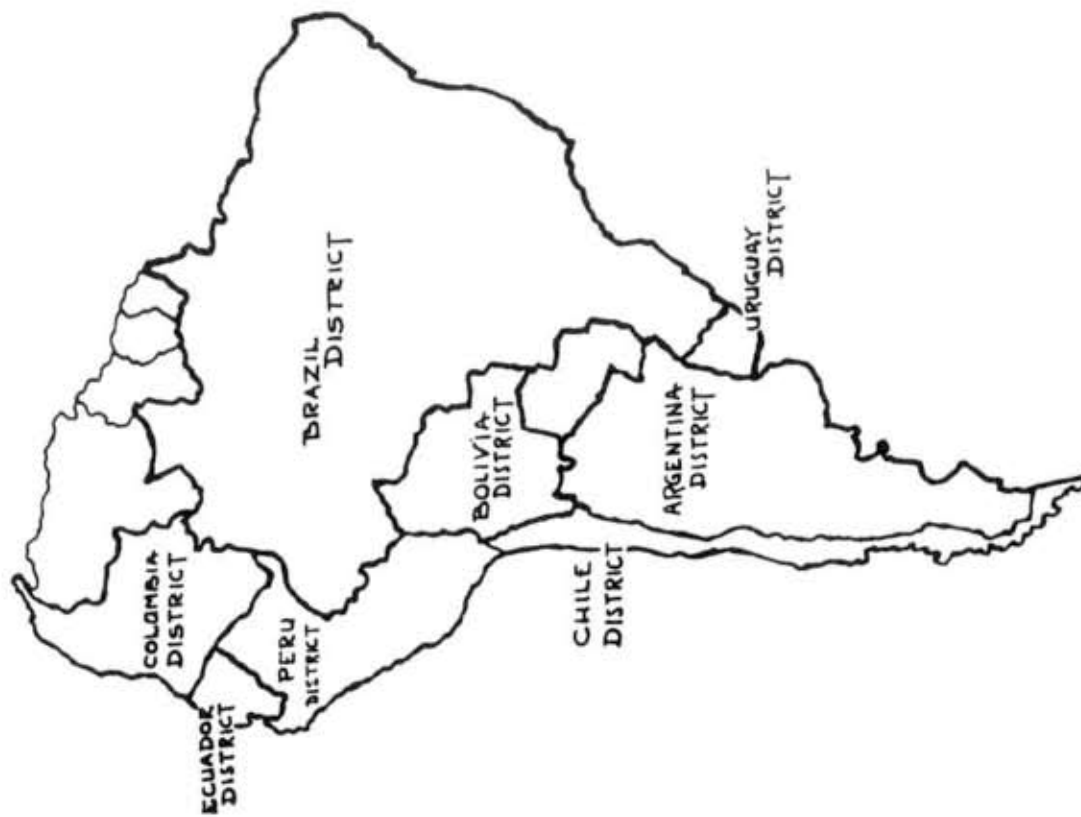


International Lightning



Class Association Districts



Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Mario Isola
District Secretary	Angel Vila
District Measurer	Angel Vila
District Champion	Mario Isola
District Runner-Up.....	Jose Maria Blanco
Junior Champion	Hugo Castro

Fleets: Olivos (206); Yacht Club Olivos (356); Club Universitario De Buenos Aires (446).

This year was a year of normal activity for the Argentina District. The season started with participation in the El Mercurio-Dunhill Trophy race in Vina del Mar (Chile District). We sent two crews to Chile; they were Mario Isola with Luis Buglioni and Gabriel Borgstrom and Angel Vila with Guillermo Calegari and Alberto Zanetti. During March we sent three boats to Lima, Peru for the XXV South American Championship. Those who represented our District were Mario Isola, Jose M. Blanco, and Horacio Tettamanti.

Fleet 206 held the trials for the Pan American Games and World Championship. Mario Isola with Luis Buglioni and Gabriel Borgstrom plus Jose M. Blanco with his crew of Alberto Nayo and Luis Serra attended the Pan Am trials. The following five boats attended the Worlds: Horacio Tettamanti with H. Arazi and J. J. Grande; Angel Vila who had two American crew, Lance Drewes and Ira Johnson; Javier Pascuchi with his wife, Maria, and Dave Peters; Mario Abinzano with his brother, Fidel, and Stewart Thomas; and Anibal Gatti with crew of Antonio Gneri and Walter Gentilini.

Finally, we should mention that Hugo Castro, Rolando Turrado, and Roberto Ricoveri attended the North Americans.

This was a very good effort for us in the International events. Also, the District picked up some boats during this season and at last a new fleet. At our annual meeting, Mario Isola was elected District Commodore and former Commodore Angel Vila was elected Secretary.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Charles Gotschalk
District Secretary	Mark Patty
District Measurer	Myron Lyon
District Champion	Myron Lyon
District Runner-Up.....	Charles Gotschalk

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

California Lightning activity remained at a stable pace of slow but steady growth this past year, in spite of the suspicious gas crisis and the myriad of rationing programs successfully designed to confuse the motoring public.

Although all of the California Fleets enjoy year round sailing, the District Calendar is kicked off annually by the popular California Circuit. Patterned after the concept of the east coast's Southern Circuit, our Easter week event, in its thirteenth staging, draws most of the active California boats, as well as several more from our Northwest friends as far away as British Columbia.

Racing on the Circuit begins at the home of Fleet 102, King Harbor Yacht Club, on Palm Sunday. Off-the-course activities can include surfing, swimming, volleyball, sunbathing, deep sea fishing, etc. The racing itself is well organized and the facilities are excellent. The winds are always manageable in the 8 to 12 knot range with oscillating 10 degree shifts. After the conclusion of Monday's race, most of the fleet scoots the two and a half hours to San Diego while some can't resist the stop at Disneyland on the way.

The last two legs of the Circuit are sailed in San Diego, truly the plumb of the Southern California lifestyle. From beautiful Coronado, the fleets sets off on the famous Marathon race, a from here-to-there race starting under the Coronado Bridge and finishing 17 miles later after sailing out San Diego Bay up the Pacific Coast into Mission Bay and to the Mission Bay Yacht Club.

The day following the Marathon is an off-day spent with a trip to

Mexico, the San Diego Zoo, Sea World or just leisurely sailing in Mission Bay. At the bar-b-cue that night is the time to start campaigning for any cause that will prevent racing inside Mission Bay for the last third of the Circuit. This is merely a tradition and has nothing to do with the actual racing conditions "inside" which always provide for INTERESTING events. Compromise prevails and the two ocean triangle races scheduled for Thursday stand with one "inside" extravaganza on Friday.

The Mission Bay Yacht Club has been accepted as the capable host for the 1980 North American Championships. It has been quite a few years since that privilege has visited the West coast and all participants will be assured a super championship and an unforgettable good time. Very few cities in the nation can offer the relaxing comfort of a San Diego vacation. Very few yacht clubs are as easy to enjoy as Mission Bay Yacht Club.

This year was California's turn to host the Pacific Coast Championships. Traditionally, the San Francisco Fleet is charged with the responsibility of this regatta and again found the Richmond Yacht Club willing to sponsor the racing. As usual, they did a super job on the water in varying conditions. Our District dominated the top five spots with Myron Lyon, fifth; Mark Patty, fourth; and Charlie Gotschalk capturing the 1979 Pacific Coast Championship.

Myron Lyon reigns again as the California District Champion with Charlie Gotschalk as runner-up, after a regatta full of surprises in San Diego.

After the Districts, the fleets intermix again for the Billie Boswell Memorial and Hurricane Gultch Regattas hosted by the Santa Monica Bay Fleet and the Bowen Memorial hosted by San Diego. By the end of October, the pace slows down with some respect to our "sort-of" winter. District Officers for 1980 are Commodore Mark Patty and Secretary Quintin Foster.

Next year? Of course, we are looking forward to meeting many of our Lightning friends from other Districts at the North Americans and hope many of you will investigate the San Diego sailing conditions at our Circuit. In either case, we offer all of you the warmest welcome.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Bruce Kloss
District Vice Commodore	John Parker
District Secretary	Gary Swangler
District Treasurer	Jack Elfman
District Measurer	James Carson
District Champions — tie	Bruce Kloss Jay Lutz
Junior Champion	George Francis

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

The 1979 sailing season started with a very festive annual meeting held jointly with the Metropolitan District at Metedeconk River Yacht Club. George Fisher gave a very interesting lecture on family sailing and crew preparation followed by a great cocktail party and dinner prepared by the local fleet members.

Many CAD sailors got the racing season off to an early start at the Southern Circuit including Jim Carson, Jay Lutz, Mark Beaton, Jack LeFort, Jack Elfman, Bucky Kloss, Rick Tell, and Mark Schneider. Our locals did well with overall finishes of Jay Lutz, fourth; Jim Carson, eighth; and Mark Beaton, 12th. Congratulations also go to Circuit crews Paul Gelenitis (for Jim Carson) and John Parker (for Bob Wardwell) who sailed their skippers' boats to finishes of first and third at the Sanford Regatta.

The Long John Regatta, held each year at Monmouth Boat Club, was won by Jack Elfman with Jay Lutz finishing sixth, Bill Clausen finishing ninth, and Jim Carson taking tenth.

The highlight of the season, the District Championship, was held in June at the Red Dragon Canoe Club on the Delaware River. The two races on Saturday were characterized by light air with holes, 180 degree wind shifts, and lot of current. Under these most trying conditions, Bucky Kloss and Jay Lutz sailed super races to finish tied after two races, far ahead of the rest of the 30 boat fleet. Bucky won the first

race with Jay second, then they reversed positions in the second race.

Unfortunately, Sunday came and went with no wind. The Co-Champions flipped a coin for the first place trophy which Bucky Kloss won. The other top overall finishers were John Fenlin, third; Bill Clausen, fourth; and Jack LeFort, fifth.

Our representatives to the windy (!!) World Championships in Dallas were Jay Lutz, Dave Ruiter, Bob Adams, and Jack Elftman. Congratulations to Jay Lutz who finished ninth. I'm sure we will be hearing stories about this Worlds for many years to come.

At the Atlantic Coast Championship held at Havre De Grace Yacht Club, Jay Lutz was second and Mimi Dimon took sixth. The next event on the calendar was the N.J. States held by the Lavellette Fleet. After several years away from the competitive circuit, Bill Newman of Metedeconk River returned to win this championship with Dave Ruiter taking second.

A highly competitive North American Championship was held at Cleveland in August. Once again, congratulations to Jay Lutz, who captured third (four years in a row in the top five at the North Americans) and to Jim Carson, who finished sixth. Our locals George Francis and Jody Lutz did well in the Junior's placing sixth and seventh respectively, while Mimi Dimon finished seventh in the Women's.

The Gamma Series, a full three weekend accumulation of points was again won this year by Greg Funari, with Bill Clausen, second; and John Parker, third. Generally excellent conditions prevailed.

At the Annapolis Frigid Digit, Jay Lutz finished third and Jim Carson, fifth. The Quantico Frosthite Regatta was won by Jay Lutz with Dave Ruiter, second; and Jim Carson, fourth.

In closing, 1979 proved to be a very exciting and competitive season with the outlook for 1980 just as bright. See you in San Diego!

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Jed Dodge
District Secretary	Walter T. Ryan
District Measurer	Edward F. Beadel Jr.
Asst. District Measurer	Leonard Tiedemann
District Champion	Richard W. Hallagan
District Runner-Up.....	Jed Dodge
Junior Champion	Peter Hallagan
Junior Runner-Up	Jerry Dodge

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. (225); Keuka Y.C. (252); Broekport Y.C. (267); Galway Lake Y.C. (338); Thousand Island Fleet (382); South Skaneateles Lightning Assoc. (439).

This year, we again received warm hospitality from the Red Jacket Yacht Club, hosts for our winter meeting. Plans were made for our Summer schedule, under the direction of our 1979 Commodore Ray Nelson whose hard work did much to make our season a success.

The critical ingredient of wind was, unfortunately, absent at a number of our regattas with frequent "drifters" and lots of mental anguish for skippers. Some of us who usually finish down in the standings hoped to drift well this year, but found our best sailors winning regardless of wind conditions. Dick Hallagan and Jed Dodge went fast throughout the season with a considerable challenge from Merle and Jim Pindell. Ray Nelson and Jeff Penfield continued consistent smart sailing with other fast races turned in by Jungjohann, McAuliffe, Ric Klug, Orlen, and Sals.

The season opener at Newport was won convincingly by Tom Allen whose skillful steering got him through the light winds with three firsts out of three races.

Newport and the Niagara Frontier Regatta made up this year's Lake Erie-Central Challenge with top honors going to Ed Roseberry from Buffalo. We'll get that back next year.

The Triple Crown Series this year put an emphasis on light wind sailing with races at Lake Delta, Red Jacket, and Keuka. All three clubs did an excellent job of hosting the events. The champagne and hospitality continue to make Keuka one of our most popular regattas, but the winds this year showed those of us who thought we were getting a little smarter than it's always possible to go the wrong way. The overall winner of the series was Merle Pindell beating Dick Hallagan by only 3 1/2 points in 10 races. Third and fourth went to Jed Dodge and Tom McAuliffe respectively.

Our District had the good fortune of having our Championship Regatta at Sodus Bay this year and many of us got to see why some of our best sailors are from Sodus. Not only is it a great place to sail, but the surroundings and people of the area seem to generate a heightened enthusiasm for the sport of sailing. Five Juniors got the strongest wind of the weekend with Peter Hallagan taking it in the last race over Jerry Dodge.

The five Championship races were sailed in a variety of wind conditions and even some current which amply rewarded those who were aware of it. The first three overall positions went to Dick Hallagan, Jed Dodge, and Ray Nelson. Jim Pindell sailing his first District regatta as a skipper, took fourth-place.

Six of our sailors went on to the North Americans in Cleveland with three finishing in the Blue, one in the Green, and two in the Yellow. Jim Pindell finished 12th in the Blue and won the Rookie of the Year award. Congratulations!

Onondaga was the final regatta of the season with first going to Jed Dodge and second to Ace Finn.

We hope all the skippers and crews enjoyed the sailing this year and we look forward to a good season in 1980.

1980 CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

May 31, June 1
June 14, 15
June 28, 29
July 18
July 18
July 19, 20
July 26, 27
August 2, 3
September 6, 7
September 13, 14

Reunion Regatta ##
Lake Delta Regatta #
Central N.Y. Districts
Central N.Y. Junior Districts
Central N.Y. Women's Districts
L. S. L. S. #
C. N. Y. Y. R. A. Regatta
Champagne Regatta #
Onondaga Regatta
Harvest Regatta ##

Newport Y.C.
Lake Delta Y.C.
Newport Y.C.
Willow Bank Y.C.
Willow Bank Y.C.
Willow Bank Y.C.
Skaneateles Country Club
Keuka Y.C.
Onondaga Lake
Silver Lake Y.C.

#Central New York Triple Crown

Lake Erie — Central New York Challenge

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore	Fritz Toussaint
District Secretary	Martin Klotzbach
District Measurer	Fritz Toussaint
District Champion	John Gall
District Runner-Up	Steve Thomas

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

Probably the most significant event this past year was the continued growth of Fleet 60 at Shawnee. Even since the end of the sailing season new skippers continue to join the fleet.

The Central States District Regatta was written up this past August issue of the *Flashes*. What was not reported was the hotly and closely contested election of John Gill as the new District Commodore. Also, we did miss racing and visiting with our many Oklahoma friends. Maybe in 1980, under John's leadership, we can have one of the largest gatherings of all time. Fritz and fellow Fleet 60 members conducted a truly enjoyable District in 1979.

CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Hugo Cuneo S.
District Secretary	Gerardo Polette P.
District Jr. Commodore	Juan Pablo Barahona F.
District Measurer	Pablo Gallyas S.
District Champion	Manuel Gonzalez M.
District Runner-Up	Rufino Melero U.
Junior Champion	Sergio Cabezas
Junior Runner-Up	Rafael Mas

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

This season, the Chile District showed a long schedule of National tournaments and a positive participation of yachtmen in International events. The results of this show that the Class has a good place in the Latin-American relationship.

As a promotional and selection system, the Class put into the schedule a Grand Prix comprised of different regattas. The Grand Prix helped us to get an idea as to whom should represent our District at the Worlds in Dallas, USA, and in the Pan-American Games in Puerto Rico.

In the Grand Prix Championship, the Favaro Cup was won by Manuel Gonzalez with Juan Pablo and Christian Barahona as his crew. Following Manuel were Rodrigo Zuazola, Alberto Gonzalez, and Luis Herman, Jr.

The Inter-oceanic Cup was won by Luis Herman, Jr. with Luis Herman, Sr. and Christian Herman as crew; second went to Manuel Gonzalez and third went to Alberto Gonzalez.

In the Lightning Cup, the winner was Rufino Melero with Javier Melero and Victor Mardones as crew. Second place was won by Rodrigo Zuazola and third went to Manuel Gonzalez.

The results of the Grand Prix were: Manuel Gonzalez with Juan Pablo and Cristian Barahona, first; Rodrigo Zuazola with Jorge Zuazola and Carlos Rossi, second; Rufino Melero with Javier Melero and Victor Mardones, third. Following the first three were Alberto Gonzalez, Luis Herman, Isidoro Melero, Gerardo Polette, and others.

For the second time, the Recreo Yacht Club hosted the International Cup "El Mercurio-Dunhill". Participating were the champions from Brasil, Mario Buckup; Ecuador, Dieter Dyck; Argentina, Mario Isola; and USA, Bill Shore; Peru, Jose Barrera Moller; and Argentina, Angel Vila. The results, after a really nice championship, are as follows: Manuel Gonzalez, first; Alberto Gonzalez, second; Bill Shore (USA), third; Mario Buckup (Brasil), fourth; Rodrigo Zuazola, fifth; and Dieter Dyck (Ecuador), sixth.

The Chile District also participated in the XXIV South American Championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Manuel Gonzalez was the Chilean with the best finish.

The Chilean National Championship was held in Algarrobo. First place was won by Manuel Gonzalez; second place went to Rufino Melero and third went to Alberto Gonzalez.

The Chile-Peru Cup was held in Ancon, Peru, before the South Americans. Luis Herman took first and Rufino Melero took second. This is the first time that a Chilean has won this cup in Peruvian waters.

Then in the South Americans in Ancon, Alberto Gonzalez was second and Manuel Gonzalez was third. Their crews were Tristan Aircardi and Fernando Gallyas (Alberto) and Cristian and Juan Pablo Barahona (Manuel).

Chile was also represented in the Worlds by Manuel and Alberto Gonzalez. Manuel and Alberto also participated in the Pan-Am Games with Manuel finishing sixth and Alberto finishing ninth.

Chile will host the XI World Championships and Dr. Hernan Barahona, the Chairman, is working very hard to make this the finest Worlds of all times.

For the next season, our Commodore will be Gerardo Polette with Jaime Silva as Secretary and Hugo Cuneo as Treasurer.



The National Chilean Champion Manuel Gonzalez (at right) with his crew Cristian Barahona (center) and Juan Pablo Barahona (at left) shown at the Pan-Am Games in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Garry Jackson
District Secretary	Rudy Salmang
District Measurer	Gian Luca Fiori/ Roberto Londono
District Champion	Andres Lisocki
District Runner-Up	Gian Luca Fiori
Junior Champion	Santiago Uscategui
Junior Runner-Up	Juan Carlos Uscategui

Fleets: Club Nautico del Muna (73).

1979 was a good year for the class in Colombia as we increased our fleet through the acquisition of 12 new boats, re-initiated National Juvenile and National Woman's Championships, and were able to send representatives to the South Americans, the Worlds, and the Pan Am Games.

The threat or promise of International events is undoubtedly the life blood of the class, from fun-times with our Ecuadorian friends both here and in Ecuador to hairy spills at the windy Worlds. The big news for us, and what has undoubtedly helped in the growth of our fleet, is that the next South Americans will be held in Bogota from January 26th to February 2nd, 1980. This will be the first open South American Championship and we hope for a good participation.

Our District Champion, once again, is Andres Lisocki who has psyched us all into believing that he is just about unbeatable. However, New Year resolutions of all fleet members will include a new name on the trophy next year as already with new boats and lots of enthusiasm in the fleet, Andres is having to pull up his socks to keep his edge.

The most exciting race of the year will be our internal selection for representatives to next year's South Americans. Side bets have been prohibited to avoid confusion. Andres is taking psyche lessons and everyone else is enrolled in transcendental meditation.

CONNECTICUT—RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore John Cuccio
 District Secretary David Fagin
 District Junior Commodore Nancy Young
 District Measurer Bill Gutzwiller
 District Champion Jim Crane
 District Runner-up Phil Griffin
 Junior Champion Jay Renehan
 Junior Runner-Up Chris DeChabert

Fleets: Housatonic Boat Club (6); Black Rock Yacht Club (17); Niantic Bay Yacht Club (85); Cedar Point Yacht Club (126); Madison Beach Yacht Club (129); Noroton Yacht Club (134).

The first place results of the 1979 Connecticut-Rhode Island District Regattas were: Cedar Point Early Bird: Bob Hutchinson; Niantic North East Regionals: Phil Griffin; Cedar Point Districts: Jim Crane; Black Rock Long Island Sound Championship: Bill Lynn; Niantic Governor's Cup: Peter Jordan; Cedar Point Eastern U.S. Championship: Jim Crane.

The Connecticut-Rhode Island District is looking forward to the increased racing activity and number of Lightnings at Noroton Yacht Club in 1980. Jim Crane, who won the 1979 Districts, is spearheading this movement. The rest of the fleets are maintaining the same number of boats, some newcomers having replaced the ones we lost.

Emphasis will also be put on the successful development of the Junior Districts in 1980. Unfortunately, this year's event was run concurrently with Larchmont's Junior Race Week, resulting in few participants. This does not, however, detract from Jay Renehan's splendid victory.

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore Dieter Grotheer
 District Vice-Commodore David Racine
 District Secretary Bill McShane
 District Treasurer Kitty Racine
 District Measurer Ron Buchanan
 District Champion Joe Friebele
 District Runner-Up Don Delorme
 Junior Champion Ron Grotheer
 Junior Runner-Up Howard Edson

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).

If you had to point to the one thing that made the Dixie District 1979 season better than 1978, it would probably be the increase in the level of competition. It is fair to say that in each of the 25 regattas, any one of a number of sailors had the potential to win. This made the racing more exciting and rewarding than ever. Ten different Skippers shared first place laurels in the 25 regattas.

The District Championship, held in Annapolis and hosted by Fleet 329 with Fleet 50's assistance, was won by Joe Friebele with his wife Elaine and Doug Perly crewing. Joe's win made it the fourth year in a row that a different skipper had won the Championship and the first for Joe. Second went to Don Delorme followed by Bill Buckley, Steve Bachman, and Al Mast.

Three of these very same sailors (Delorme, Friebele, and Buckley) then pulled off the hat trick others had been trying to do for some time. Each qualified for the Blue Fleet in the North Americans, thus enabling the District to send one additional competitor to the San Diego North Americans, in addition to the slot vacated by Class President, Don Delorme, who slides in for free. San Diego, gas willing, will look like a Dixie Reunion.

The Robert Purnell traveling trophy, instituted two years ago for the purpose of encouraging sailors to travel to "non-major regattas", was won by Fred Mertes, a very close second went to Steve Bachman.

The Junior Championship went to Ron Grotheer with Howard Edson second. Crewing for Ron were his brother Philip and Rose Gentile.

Of this year's major Dixie Regattas usually attended by sailors from other districts, Jor Friebele took first in both the Atlantic Coasts Championship and the Frigid Digit. Jay Lutz of the CAD was runner up at the Atlantic Coasts so they will be held in Metedeconk next year. Jay also won

the Quantico Frostbite, which incidentally unveiled a new trophy this year. The James Gilbert Trophy will be awarded to the 10th place finisher and bears "Doc's" name because in the 27 years since the regatta's inception, Doc has been there 26 times, an enviable record.

Look for our regatta schedule in one of the Spring *Flashes*; then make plans to drop in for some good racing next year.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore Francisco Sola M.
 District Secretary Dieter Dyck
 District Measurer Felipe Eljuri

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

This was a very active and successful year for our District. In February, Dieter Dyck, Carlos Lecaro, and Francisco Sola participated in the South American Championship held in Ancon, Peru. Paco Sola won the title with Dieter Dyck, sixth, and Carlos Lecaro, 11th.

During May, Club Nautico San Pablo hosted the traditional Regatta between Ecuador and Peru. Dieter Dyck won the races followed by Juan Santos, Paco Sola, Esteban Crespo, and two other Ecuadorian crews.

In November, Club Nautico San Pablo hosted the traditional Club Nautico del Muna (Colombia) vs. Club Nautico San Pablo rally. This time Andres Lisocki from Colombia won followed by Lars Dyck, Mauricio Martinez, Carlos Ramsauer, and Esteban Crespo, all of them from the local Fleet 447.

Our National Championship was held early in November in Salinas Bay and was won by Arturo Iturralde followed by Paco Sola and Juan Santos.

The District Championship is going to be held on Lake San Pablo on December 6-9 and the results will be published in the *Flashes*.

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

1980 District Schedule

Cedar Point	Early Bird May 17-18
Wellfleet	North East Regionals Aug. 16-17
Noroton Y.C.	DISTRICTS July 12-13
Noroton Y.C.	Jr. Districts July 14-15
Madison Beach	Long Island Sound July 19-20
Niantic	Governor's Cup Sept. 6-7
Cedar Point	Eastern U.S. Championship Sept. 13-14



District Champion Pentti Puupera and his crew in Olga.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Juhani Haila
District Vice President.....	Pertti Pyy
District Secretary.....	Lauri Heikkilä
District Measurer.....	Terho Aromaa
District Champion.....	Pentti Puupera
District Runner-Up.....	Lars Hammar

Fleets: Helsinki (166); Kotka (298); Pori (306); Oulu (307); Raase (308); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Nasijärvi (394); Pyhäselkä (428); Tuusulanjärvi (456); Valkeakoski (468); Jamsa (469).

Finnish legislation for associations provides for certain official procedures which differ from those which we are accustomed to using within ILCA. We must have two meetings each year. Our annual meeting was held in November in Helsinki and our electoral meeting was held in June along with our District Championship in Kotka. To get fresh blood into our District, some changes were made in our executive committee. District Commodore, Secretary, Measurer, and one member were changed. We thank all these old members of the committee for their work, especially Commodore Hartti Nisonen, and welcome the new ones to do their best for our class in Finland.

Foreign affairs were handled by our Vice President who made a long journey to the ILCA World Meeting in Dallas, USA. Since the Europeans were in Helsinki this year, the meeting of European Districts wasn't so far away. We had three participants with our Italian and Swiss colleagues in that meeting.

The activity in fleets isn't too high here in Finland. In fact, we only have four active fleets namely Kemi, Tuusula, Kotka, and Helsinki. That is a question which needs ideas and work next year.

If the soul of the Lightning is the people, we could say that the body is the boat itself. Here in Finland the soul feels fine but the body suffers from deficiencies. We got only one new boat number this year. Some more are expected for next season. These difficulties with new boats also influence in some extent the old ones too. Oval masts are fabricated in Finland but the specification of the black color makes us send the tubes to Sweden for surfacing. This odd-seeming detail surprises us because it makes the rig very expensive. Top sailors in our District use American sails because similar ones are not available here. This may be one of the reasons of sufferings in the body of Finnish Lightning.

Our District issues a magazine called *Lightningviesti*. We had three issues last year. Main work for that was done by Lauri Heikkilä. Worth mentioning is that our reports on our big regattas were presented in the Finnish press. Also, PR was made for Lightnings on Finnish TV.

We had two boats attend the Worlds. Our District Championship was in Kotka with 36 participants. Europeans were in Helsinki with 45 boats. Jean-Claude DuPasquier from Switzerland took the trophies to Neuchâtel. Our ranking-series was won by Kari Maenpää.

For next summer, the Finland District is planning to give more to the soul of Lightning and to solve the problems with the body as well. We wait for the good sailing season of 1980.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Frank H. Atkinson, Jr.
District Measurer.....	Frank H. Atkinson, Jr.
District Champion.....	Frank H. Atkinson, Jr.
District Runner-Up.....	Mike Alexander

Fleets: Biscayne Bay Fleet (226).

This year saw a dramatic increase in participation. Even though we are presently a one fleet District, there were 16 boats at our District Championship. We sailed five races in 5 to 15 knots of breeze under sunny skies. It was a perfect weekend for racing. Frank Atkinson, Jr., held off the attack by Mike Alexander, past Sears Cup Champion, in a chartered boat, to win by a one boat margin.

In 1980, there are plans for the addition of two more fleets to the District. The Lightning once again seems to be becoming a popular boat for juniors and adults looking for a boat to race in addition to their cruising-racing boats. With juniors moving into Lightnings, this seems to be a healthy sign. One of our best young sailors, Reid Hutchinson, came away with a second at Miami during the Southern Circuit!!

By the way, don't forget to come to Miami on the last leg of the Southern Circuit, even if only for the steak! Florida is without a doubt, the best place for Lightning racing, bar none!!!

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	William M. Hall
District Secretary.....	Patricia Hall
District Measurer.....	John Leath
District Champion.....	Chuck Medlock
District Runner-Up.....	William Hall

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).

The 1979 sailing season for the Indiana District started with the GREAT Indiana Open which is the first Regatta on the increasingly popular Northern Spring Circuit. This race has attracted the best sailors in the class the last couple of years with names like Allen, Fisher, Goldsmith, MacDonald, and Mueller to name a few. This year was no exception with Matt Fisher winning, followed by Bruce Goldsmith, then Larry MacDonald (last year's winner). There are always good winds in Indiana during May which makes this regatta even more exciting.

The District had the honor of having the third leg of the Northern Spring Circuit this year (with Indian Lake bowing out) at Lake Wawasee. Boy oh boy, the top sailors were in Indiana again, this time in June. Jim Dressel made this one as did Bruce Goldsmith and Larry MacDonald, Jr. How are the winds in Indiana in June? Well, how does 25-30 sound? The winds on Saturday were causing great problems with the gusts saying "Slam Bam" everytime they hit. Sunday was no better, causing some changes in the top ten boats from Saturday. Larry MacDonald capsized at the jibe mark as did Bill Hall which put both out of the running. In all, four or five boats made it into the water. Upon coming back to the club house Sunday, Jim Dressel was overheard saying he loved the wind like that, and understandably so, he won the race and the Regatta followed by Greg Florian, Bruce Goldsmith, Chuck Medlock, and George Buckingham.

Our District Regatta, a five race series, was held at the beautiful Lake Monroe, home of Fleet 464. As usual there was a good turnout of Indiana sailors. Winds began light and variable on Saturday and picked up to 10-12 on Sunday which made for a very enjoyable race series. Chuck Medlock carried home first place, Bill Hall second, and Bob Carter third.

Three of our top sailors, Chuck Medlock, Bob Carter, and Bill Hall, qualified to attend the North Americans in Ohio. Chuck qualified and placed well in the Governor's Cup. Bob qualified for the Presidents' Cup and placed twenty-third. Bill was unable to attend, much to his dismay, as he was on his honeymoon.

Our District did not have the Lake Monroe Regatta this year because of complications, but it is hoped that this new Regatta can be started again next year.

This year was over all a steady year; there were no large changes in the number of boats in the District but we will keep trying to increase the number. The District did lose one of its most loyal skippers and crew from Indianapolis. Tony Chavez and family moved to the west coast, to southern California, so they could sail 365 days a year. They are truly missed as are the Mike Carrols who also moved to 365 days a year sailing in Florida.

INDIANA DISTRICT 1980 Regatta Schedule

- * INDIANA OPEN REGATTA May 3-4
Indianapolis Sailing Club
Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Indiana
(Race against top competitions like — Allen — Dressel — Fisher — MacDonald —
Goldsmith — Mueller — Shore)
- * HOOSIER REGATTA June 7-8
Wawasee Yacht Club
Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana
(Another top skipper attended Regatta)
- ** INDIANA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP June 14-15
Wawasee Sailing Club
Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana
- LAKE MONROE SAILING ASSOCIATION Sept. 13-14
Bloomington, Indiana
(Sail on one of the Best Lakes in Indiana)
(Check Flashes for this Regatta)
- FLEET 420 "WANFINLRAPIMUP"
Mississinewa Lake — Peru, Indiana
(Fun at the Nixons)

*Regatta In Northern Circuit

**ANNUAL INDIANA DISTRICT MEETING WILL BE HELD.

Have you ever wanted something no one else had? We did and we got it, our very own 1,000 lbs. scale, just like the one the class has. In fact, ours was used at the Worlds. But, on the serious side, the District would like to publicly thank the individual who made this possible. "Long Live San Clemente".

Bill Hall thanks all the people who have helped him as District Commodore these last two years which have been challenging and fun.

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Luigi Merola
District Secretary Nando De Amicis
District Champion Luigi Merola
District Runner-Up..... Alberto Vivani

Fleets: Marivela (235); Garda (249); Roma (271); Anzio (278); Lega Navale Anzio (312); La Spezia (321); Flotta degli Estensi (355); Flotta del Faro (390); Marsala (449); Trasimeno (453); del Conero (466); Flotta del Lario (467).

The Italian District is 30 years old!

The official event was held at Trasimeno Lake during the 30th Italian Championship. Captain Luigi Merola of the Italian Navy in 13264 *Excelsior* was the 1979 Italian Champion. This was an extraordinary event because Luigi Merola, at that time a young Lieutenant, was the first District Championship in 1950!

The 1979 Runner-up was Alberto Vivani. Alberto took advantage because of the DSQ of Roberto Crucitti.

Roberto, Antonio De Vita, Giuseppe Palomba, Franco De Regis, and Guido Tulli were the protagonists of the Italian Championship where 21 participants raced.

Two Italian crews took part in the Worlds at Dallas. Roberto Crucitti, with a very good performance, finished 31st where as Nando De Amicis was ignobly the last!

At the European Championship in Helsinki, the Italian District obtained fairly good results; Merola finished fifth; De Amicis, 11th; and Vivani, 22nd.

The Ciga Hotels Inc. gave considerable support to the District International activity and organized the Di Lorenzo Memorial Trophy by the new Excelsior Yacht Club ad Lido of Venice. Jean-Claude DuPasquier of the Swiss District was the winner, followed by Claude Lambelet and Luigi Merola.

The Excelsior Yacht Club is a very good candidate for the organization of the 1983 World Championship if the Italian District will be awarded.



Choppy for the sailors and for the photographer too!

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

1980 DISTRICT SCHEDULE

	HOST CLUB	DATES
DISTRICT SPRING MEETING	SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	April 19
EBY SERIES	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	May 10, 11
* REUNION REGATTA	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB	May 31 - June 1
ERIE OPEN	ERIE YACHT CLUB	June 7,8
CORNBALL REGATTA	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	June 14,15
NIAGARA FRONTIER INVITATIONAL	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	June 21,22
HAMILTON HARBOR INVITATIONAL	ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB	June 28,29
DISTRICT JUNIOR & WOMEN'S	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	July 9,10
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	July 11-13
PARKWAY INVITATIONAL	PARKWAY SAILING CLUB	July 12,13
NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPIONSHIPS	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	July 19,20
GEORGIAN BAY REGATTA	THORNBURY	July 26,27
TRI-CLUB REGATTA	SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	Aug. 23, 24
OLE SALTS REGATTA	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	Aug. 27
** HURRELL SHAKER REGATTA	NATIONAL YACHT CLUB	Sept. 6,7
* HARVEST REGATTA	SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB	Sept. 13,14
** HAUL-OUT REGATTA	SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	Sept. 20,21
TURKEY REGATTA	ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB	Sept. 27
PUMPKIN REGATTA	LONDON CLUB	Oct. 4-6
DISTRICT FALL MEETING	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	Nov. ??

* LED-CNY District Challenge Regattas

** Fall Circuit Regattas