

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Jack Mueller
 District Secretary Carl Clipp
 District Measurer Ralph (Bucky) Powless
 District Champion Will Petersilge
 District Runner-Up..... Bill Buckles
 Junior Champion Will Petersilge

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 (353); St. Mary's (400).

The season got off to an early start with the Winter Meeting. With all the national level skippers in our District, Bill Shore decided not to share any boat speed tips, giving instead an interesting talk on sail design.

Ohio's racing season started with the Great Lakes Championship hosted by North Cape Yacht Club which was won by Jim Dressel.

The Thundermug Regatta was hosted by the St. Mary's Fleet on June 2-3. Jim Dressel was first; Addis Katterheinrich, second; Ron Schulster, third; Mark Wilkins, fourth; and Warren Schieser, fifth.

Leatherlips hosted their Windshift Regatta the following week. The top five sailors were Dick Pugh, Tom Varley, Ron Schulster, Nelson Caley, and Dan Roshon.

The Ohio Districts were hosted by St. Mary's Fleet with the help of Indian Lake. Except for one afternoon downpour, five races were sailed in excellent conditions. The top five were Will Petersilge, Bill Buckles, Rob Ruhlman, George Fisher, and Jim Dressel.

Fleet 71 at Cleveland Yachting Club hosted the North Americans and did their usual great job of making everyone feel welcome. Although Jim Crane won the Championship, Ohio District was well represented by Jack Mueller, Jim Dressel, and Matt Fisher who finished fourth, fifth, and seventh, respectively. Will Petersilge made everyone in the Presidents' Division wish he hadn't been the last boat cut from the Blue Fleet, as he started the series with four bullets and won handily.

Atwood Lake hosted their annual Harvest Moon Regatta September 9-10 with good sailing and great hospitality. Bill Buckles was pushed by Warren Schieser, but won the Regatta with Warren a close second; Jack Mueller was third; George Auer, fourth; and Herb Jestel, fifth.

Hoover, Buckeye Lake, and Leatherlips Fleets got together on Sept. 23-24 for their annual Columbus Mayor's Cup Regatta. With the air gusting up to 2 mph at times, Dan Dressel edged Ron Schulster to become the first Buckeye Lake sailor to win the Mayor's Cup; Ed Whiteman finished third; Warren Schieser, fourth; and Carl Clipp, fifth.

As usual, Buckeye Lake's Snowball attracted the best talent in the east. Bruce Goldsmith proved you don't need a lot of weight to win a heavy air series; Matt Fisher was second; Jim Dressel, third; Bill Buckles, fourth; and Jack Mueller, fifth.

Cowan Lake's Fall-In Regatta closed the season on October 20-21 with 70 degree temperatures and 20+ mph winds. Bill Buckles and his syndicated boat won impressively with five firsts; John Mueller was second; Carl Clipp, third; Ken Irwin, fourth; and Dick Pugh, fifth.

Dick Pugh's fifth at the Fall-In was enough to win him the Ohio Governor's Cup Series. The Governor's Cup Series is based on the best finishes in the St. Mary's, Leatherlips, and Cowan Lake Regattas. Last year's winner, Ron Schulster, finished second and Warren Schieser was third.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore George Blumel
 Vice Commodore Frank Wise
 District Secretary Ralph Mergen
 Treasurer John DeBenedetti
 District Junior Commodore Philip Parshley
 District Measurer David Hickman
 District Champion Greg Zettler
 District Runner-Up Ken White
 Junior Champion Philip Parshley

1980 Ohio District Regatta Schedule

District Seminar & Regatta
 Great Lakes Championship
 St. Mary's 400
 Windshift Regatta
 Independence Day Regatta

Pymatuning
 North Cape Y.C.
 St. Mary's Boat Club
 Leatherlips
 Pymatuning Y.C.

May 10-11
 May 17-18
 June 7-8
 June 14-15
 July 4-5-6

Ohio District Championship
 C.Y.C. Regatta
 Steeplechase
 Inter-lake Yachting Assn. Regatta

Buckeye Lake
 Cleveland Y.C.
 Port Clinton & Put-In-Bay
 Put-In-Bay

July 11-13
 July 26-27
 August 2
 August 4-5-6

Harvest Moon Regatta
 Sandusky Fall Invitational
 Snow Flurries Regatta
 Snow Ball Regatta
 Fall In Regatta

Atwood Lake Y.C.
 Sandusky Sailing Club
 Port Clinton Y.C.
 Buckeye Lake Y.C.
 Cowan Lake Sailing Club

Sept. 6-7
 Sept. 20-21
 Sept. 27-28
 Oct. 11-12
 Oct. 18-19

Check Flashes or Special Notes for Any Changes



Peru District Representatives to the First World Youth Championship.

PERU DISTRICT

Fleets: Maple Bay Fleet (64); Vancouver Fleet (90); Lake Washington (132); Chinook Fleet (229); Columbia Fleet (283); Okanagan Fleet (368); Juanita Bay (414); Klamath Falls Fleet (455).

The 1979 sailing season started with a District meeting in Portland, Oregon, Feb. 10th. Jack Mueller gave an interesting talk about boat construction. His racing stories got everyone excited about the coming season.

The Northwest District is spread over thousands of miles, but is the fellowship of the sailors that makes the distance seem small. The regulars on the circuit form a warm circle of friends and are quick to extend that friendship to newcomers. No other class promotes as much as the Northwest District Lightnings. Promote they must, because racing is on an ebb. The North Americans will be held in San Diego in 1980 and excitement is rising. Several new boats are being ordered, making competitive used boats available for the new sailor.

The Districts were sailed on English Bay, Vancouver, British Columbia. Members of Vancouver Fleet 90 were excellent hosts. The racing was dominated by Greg Zettler with three first place finishes and one second. He was well in the lead in what was to become his throw-out race when he broke a rudder. Ken White and Neil MacGibbon finished in a tie with 12 points but the tie-breaker rules gave second to Ken White.

The second Annual Junior Championship was sailed the day before the Districts and was won by Phil Parshley, Jr. A beautiful new Junior Trophy was unveiled and presented. Phil, Senior and Phil, Junior were the only ones from the District able to go "back East" to sail in the North Americans this year. It was Phil Jr.'s last year to compete as a junior so the trip was a big event for him.

So as 1979 fades, some return their boats to the garage and break out the snow skis. Others spend the winter preparing their boats for next year. As 1980 approaches, it appears the tide has turned and Lightning sailing will be on the increase.

District Commodore..... Cesar Zanatti T.
District Secretary Dr. Jose Barrada-Moller
District Treasurer Luis Bryce
District Champion ... Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich
District Runner-Up..... Dr. Jose Barrada-Moller
District Youth Champion Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich
District Runner-Up..... Alex Zimmerman

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

We are happy to report that as an aftermath of the First World Youth Championship held in Peru a year ago, we are experiencing "Youth Fever". That is, there are more and more young sailors in the scene, some as skippers with youth crews participating in all scheduled activities (seven boats), some others are crewing as steady members in other boats. Their number is increasing fast and there have been six boats added to the Naval Academy where nearly all skippers and crews are 19 years of age or less. This is great as it ensure future growth of the Class in our District.

At the time of this writing, there are 10 boats competing in the Second Youth National Championship, that is four more entries than last year and there are two who are not competing due to illness. In March, we hosted the 24th South American Championship and a full report of it appears elsewhere in this Yearbook. We were sorry not to have the champion come from our ranks but we feel that Paco Sola, our good friend from Ecuador, raced extremely well and consistently and deserved to be the champion. Our congratulations to this fine sportsman, sailor, and good friend.

Cesar Zanatti and Carlos Navarro with their crews represented us in Dallas during the Worlds. They did not win, but did learn a lot about heavy weather sailing and renewed friendship with other world members of the Class.

COMPLIMENTS of

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

We invite you to our 1980 Regattas —

March 1 & 2 Third Annual Ice Breaker at Charleston Yacht Club

March 9 & 10 Deep South Regatta at Savannah Yacht & Country Club

Other Regattas will be announced in *Flashes*.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Harry Hintz
 District Secretary Mickey Boyd
 District Measurer Bert Berry &
 Paul Rodesiler
 District Champion Lennie Krawcheck
 District Runner-Up..... John McIntosh

Fleets: Savannah (127); Clark 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).

1979 was an exciting and interesting year in our area. Unfortunately, we had a smaller number of participants — we hope it was due to lack of gas not lack of interest. Lenny Krawcheck and his gals, wife Townie and Ann Sloger, made it impossible to catch him as the season wore on and is our new Champ. Big John McIntosh, with daughter and son-in-law Aileen and Joe Bel, settled for second place; George Scarborough, his wife Janet, and Billy Smith made third. Will Sloger, sister Maria, and David Sears were fourth; and Tom Waters and his daughters, Cindy and Lisa came in fifth. One thing you can say for the Southeastern District — the families that sail together prevail together.

We are mighty proud that Pete Russell, wife Pam, and Susie did so well in the Worlds and never turned over. And our North American contestants did us mighty proud too. We have been fortunate in having Bob Wardwell of Chattanooga sailing with us frequently; although he has been sailing so well, we may rescind the invitation. Fisk Hayden got smart and moved to the sunny South so we hope he will be sailing with us more often bringing some of the St. John's River Fleet from Jacksonville with him.

Y'all come to the Ice Breaker and the Deep South, you hear !!!

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Jeff Reisch
 District Secretary Walter P. Tyree, III
 District Measurer John "Buck" Ballatin
 District Champion Rick Skinner
 District Runner-Up..... Bob Borneman

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

Things have quieted down in the Southern District. Long gas lines and long distances between clubs have curbed our traveling a little. We did manage to make plans for our own "Southern Circuit" starting with Holiday In Dixie Regatta at Shreveport in April. This regatta is always fun with boats from three Districts participating; then, on to One Design at Southern in New Orleans and finally Wadewitz at Fairhope on Mobile Bay. Because of our fine year-round sailing, our winter regattas draw boats from the northern climes. The Sugar Bowl in New Orleans is always well attended by those "Damnyankees."

The Mobile Bay fleet hosted the Districts this year and walked off with the first three places. However, our hard working Commodore, Rob Bernhardt, spent too much time organizing and not enough time sailing and so he spent his time transom watching.

We have planned to combine Districts with our Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Championships in New Orleans this year. These two regattas will be held on back-to-back weekends to try and ease the traveling burden a little and only incidentally to give us all an excuse to spend a week on "Bourbon Street."

INVITATION TO THE 1980 EUROPEAN LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP



The "Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel" has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 1980 European Lightning Championship which will be held on the Lake of Neuchâtel, at Port du Nid-du-Cro, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

Schedule:

Saturday, June 28:	Welcome, Measurement	Thursday, July 3:	Races
Sunday, June 29:	Measurement	Friday, July 4:	Races
Monday, June 30:	Races	Saturday, July 5:	Races
Tuesday, July 1:	Races	Sunday, July 6:	Reserve
Wednesday, July 2:	Races		

Lightning sailors who are interested are requested to write to Claude Lambelet, Port du Nid-du-Cro, 2000 Neuchâtel 7, Switzerland. Telex 35504. Attention: Claude Lambelet.

SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Urs Wyler
 District Secretary Ernst Schar
 District Champion Bernhard Adam
 District Runner-up Urs Wyler

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zuerichsee (219); Sempachersee (250); Bielersee (268); Vierwaldstattersee (281); Greifensee (309); Murtensee (358); Thunersee (454).

1979 represented a rather positive year to our district. Quite a few members improved their moving facilities and it allowed them to expand their activities from local contests to district and international championships. This is to say that only the very active and strong fleets were able to move in that direction. Yet, most everybody agreed that they found it much more difficult to keep in very "close touch" with each other in such a large group. Our responsible leaders were very much aware of this fact. Their interest is to keep high morals and good sportsmanship among their people.

The Swiss Championship at Greifensee proved to be an excellent event to prove this standard. It turned out to be a hit! Top organization — top entertainment and the timing was also perfect. We proudly started thirty boats.

Here are the top results in the major championships; skipper and crew: La Neuville (Bielersee), Rahn, Huber, Bosshard, first; Pfauencup (Murtensee), Wyler, Wyler, Wyler, first; Neuhaus (Thunersee), Wyler, Wyler, Wyler, first; World Championship (Dallas), Rahn, Huber, Bosshard, twenty fourth; European Championships (Helsinki), DuPasquier, DuPasquier, Eggenberger, first; Swiss Championship Faellanden (Greifensee), Adam, Pfister, Koller, first; Winter European Championship (Marsala), Schmid, Wyler, Stadelmann, first; Kami-Kaze-Cup, Wyler, Wyler, Wyler, first.

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Bob Chilton
 District Secretary Regina Ploch
 District Champion Glen Darden
 District Runner-Up.....Bob Chilton

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (35); Rush Creek Yacht Club (435); Chancellors Landing Yacht Club (473).

1979 was an outstanding year for our District and, in particular, the fleets located at Lake Ray Hubbard. The World Championship being held at Rush Creek Yacht Club stimulated quite a bit of interest and the performance among our fleet members improved immeasurably. As is usually the case, however, when the level of competition increases we lost some of our long time fleet competitors.

Glenn Darden's victory in the Worlds and Stephen Craig's victory in the Junior Worlds were strengthened by Glenn winning the Mallory Cup for the second year and Stephen winning the National Junior title. The other significant individual achievement was by Mark Holman placing third in the Juniors, competing for the first time. With this caliber of talent it is not hard to maintain a superior level of performance during the coming years.

Chandler's Landing Fleet 473 was chartered during the year after a considerable amount of work by George Hatfield, last year's District Commodore, and by Hal Ploch, a Lightning sailor for so many years who recently returned to Dallas. There is a great deal of potential at Chandler's Landing and we look forward to their help in increasing their fleet's activity thereby boosting overall competition within the District.

Plans for the coming year include trying to maintain the quality and quantity of competitors during the World Championship year and investigating the possibility of a new fleet in the Houston area.



Faellanden: Swiss Championship

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Calvin Schmiede
 District Secretaries .. Mark Bryant & Judy Walker
 District Champion Peter Bone
 District Runner-up Mark Bryant
 District Junior Champion Tom Allen IV
 District Women's Champion..... Cherie Neville
 District Measurer Bill Potter

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 Y.C. (115); Royal Hamilton Y.C. (118); Toronto Bay (146); Conneaut Bay (180); Chautauqua Y.C. (198); Dunkirk Harbor (311); London (347); Parkway Sailing Club (406); Lake Arthur L. F. (441); Lake Glendale Y.C. (444).

The 1979 Sailing Season for the LED was, as usual, a great success even though Regatta attendance was less than anticipated. The first major series, The LED-CNY District Challenge, included the combined scores of the Reunion Regatta at Newport Y.C. (for CNY) and the Niagara Frontier Invitational at Buffalo Canoe Club (for LED). Even with first place overall winner Ed Roseberry, the LED could only tie for Challenge honors with CNY due to the second, third, and fourth place finishes of their sailors, Tom Jungjohann, Jed Dodge, and Dick Hallagan. What the LED lacked in top finishers, we made up in numbers to tie the 1979 Challenge.

June saw five of our top competitors off to the World Championships in Texas. The LED was most proud to have Jim Neville, Larry MacDonald, Tom Allen III, Bill Hunter, and Mike Vollmer qualify and sail in this most important Championship of 52 boats. Three of our boats finished in the top eleven with Jim Neville, seventh; Larry MacDonald, Jr., tenth; and Tom Allen III, 11th. Competitors of this quality make winning in the LED difficult but serve to give us all a keen edge in racing to sharpen our skills against some of the best.

The Junior and Women's Districts preceded the District Championship at Sandy Beach Y.C. Competition was keen in both series with aggressive tactics in both groups. Most of the winds ranged from 15-25 mph and, combined with the Niagara River currents, the large group of spectators for these races were continually being thrilled with smart maneuvers, daredevil tactics, and smashing recoveries. Tom Allen IV easily won the Junior's with Skip Wilday and Bruce Hein close behind. Cherie Neville captured the Women's MacDonald Trophy but Ann Allen and Judy Walker finishing second and third respectively made Cherie work all the harder. The District is very happy that Cherie and her crew went on to win the Women's North Americans in Cleveland.

The winds for the Districts were much milder, actually diminishing into drifting conditions. This didn't seem to bother Peter Bone of Silver Lake Y.C. or Mark Bryant of B.C.C. Mark and Peter tied with 30 points each in the Regatta after five races. The tie was broken by horseracing with Peter emerging as District Champion and Mark as Runner-up. Bob Starck of Niagara Sailing kept Peter and Mark honest, finishing with a total of 33 points.

As always, one of the most successful Regattas was the "Ole Salts" chaired annually by John Sloan. The winds were perfect, 12-15 mph, for the 17 boat fleet. The only entry requirement is that skipper and crew must be at least 50 years of age. With his all girl crew of Marge Anderson and Marie Fallon, Stuart Anderson became the LED "Ole Salt" Champion. Luckily, no spinnakers were allowed. Close behind finished Jack Swanson of B.C.C. and Tom Robinson of R.H. Y.C. Among the notables competing was Karl Smith with one of his original crew from 1938, Bob Crane. Ali Hamsen completed this threesome with at least 40 years each of sailing experience.

The Fall Circuit, a three Regatta Series was off to a great start with near perfect sailing at Dunkirk Y.C. Mark Bryant took top honors with Judy Walker, second, and brother Matt Bryant, Jr. finishing third. The following weekend saw Paul Emens of S.L.Y.C. finishing first at Silver Lake along with Stuart Anderson and Tom Allen, second and third respectively. The final series was held at Sandy Beach Y.C. with Tom Allen, first; Matt Bryant, Jr., second; and Clarence Holman, third. The overall Fall Circuit winner was Fritz Dusel who proudly took home the Skaneateles Trophy.

One of our last Regattas was the Turkey Regatta held at Royal Hamilton Y.C. This Regatta is more commonly known as the Canadian-American Feud and, since the Canadians run the Regatta, they usually take care of their own. Only first place winner Ron Cochrane of Toronto Bay took home a coveted Turkey, but many Canadians took home luscious hams as determined by place finishes as drawn from a hat. The best the Americans could do was the conciliatory prize, awarded to the top American finisher, Stuart Anderson, who was awarded a future turkey — known as an "egg".

1979 Regatta Season is over. We all in the LED enjoyed ourselves, made many new friends, and will have fond memories to carry us over into the 1980 Regatta Season. We expect greater attendance at Regattas and plans have been formulated to insure the success and fun of our District Regattas.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 1980 Regatta Schedule

April 13, 20	Spring Series	Red Bank N.J.
May 4, 11, 18		
April 26, 27	Long John	Red Bank, N.J.
MID-HUDSON CIRCUIT		
May 31-June 1	Magnus Pederson	Nyack, N.Y.
June 7-8	Hi-Tor Sutherland	Stony Point, N.Y.
July 12-13	Chelsea Open	Chelsea, N.Y.
June 28-29	DISTRICTS	Stony Point, N.Y.
August 9	Sea Bright Cup	Atlantic Highlands, N.J.
Sept. 13-14	Lake Wallenpaupack	Paupack, Pa.
SHORT CIRCUIT		
Sept. 6-7	Whisker Pole	Greenwood Lake, N.Y.
Sept. 20-21	Lake Mohawk	Sparta, N.J.
Oct. 11	MBC Regatta	Red Bank, N.J.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore..... George Bitler
 District Secretary Denis Farley
 District Measurer Denis Farley
 District Champion Jon Schwartz
 District Runner-Up..... Bob Graham

Fleets: Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); Highton, (41); Red Bank (70); Nyack (75); Awosting (95); Harvey's Lake (350).

One would think that a District called Metropolitan would have all the fleets close to one another and there would be strong ties amongst the fleets. In reality, the Met District is large geographically and is fragmented into three friendly groups: the lake sailors, the Hudson River sailors, and the Monmouth Boat Club. The former two have their own circuits which are open to all while the MBC sailors battle amongst themselves and head in every direction in search of competition.

The season started with the Lightning Southern Circuit for six Met District sailors last March. John Schneider sailed the entire circuit while Jon Schwartz, Bob Graham, Sandy Huntsman, Jack Huntsman, and Denis Farley all sailed at least one regatta.

Gasoline was beginning to be in short supply in April and held

attendance at the Long John at MBC to only 54. Jack Elfman sailed fast and well to top a star studded field. A number of others claimed to have won the party.

The Hudson River sailors held their Circuit in June and July and Tom DeStasio of Nyack emerged as winner for the second straight year. The Mid-Hudson Circuit consisted of regattas at Nyack, Hitor, and Chelsea.

Three Met sailors drove the 1500 miles to Dallas for the Worlds in June. It was a windy and wild regatta and there were great stories told of sailing in winds up to 40 mph. Dennis Farley was 18th; Jon Schwartz, 19th; and Bob Hutchinson, 37th in the 53 boat field.

Light wind and strong tide made the Districts at Chelsea in July an interesting series. A windless Sunday resulted in a two race regatta won by Jon Schwartz. Runner-up was Bob Graham of Lake Mohawk.

Then it was off to Cleveland for the Junior North Americans and the North Americans. Jack Huntsman again did well in the Junior's with a fifth. Kevin Corr finished 10th and then hopped a plane to Boston to sail in the Sears Cup finals. Kevin finished fifth overall in this event.

Top finisher from the Met District in the North Americans was Jon Schwartz at 17th in the Blue Fleet. John Schneider was sixth in the Presidents' Cup with Sandy Huntsman, 11th; Jack Huntsman, 24th, and Joe Sullivan, 26th. Jed Kwarther was 20th in the Governors' Cup and Bill Garder was 30th.

John Schneider won the Sea Bright Cup Regatta on the open water of Sandy Hook Bay in early August. On the next weekend, Bill Ewing moved from another class, borrowed a Lightning, and won the National Sweepstakes at MBC.

The Short Circuit was again held at Lakes Greenwood, Wallenpaupack, and Mohawk. Bob Graham won for the second straight year.

As you can see from the above, we have a diverse District with many opportunities to sail in interesting places. We had a great year and we hope that some of our friends from other Districts will join us in racing on our unique waters.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....James S. McCoy
District Secretary.....Tim Vander Meulen
District Junior Commodore.....John Mathers
District Measurer.....Bob Knop
District Champion.....Terry Timm
District Runner-Up.....Bill McKinley
Junior Champion.....John Mathers
Junior Runner-up.....Brian Hussey, Jr.

Fleets: South Haven (30); Devils Lake (31); Crescent Sail Club (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Yacht Club (54); Higgins Lake (110); Gull Lake Yacht Club (137); Tawas Bay Yacht Club (152); Saginaw Bay (216); Grand Traverse Yacht Club (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Lansing Sail Club (387); Neahawanta Yacht Club (403); Union Lake Yacht Club (458).

The Michigan District began its year with a new, three weekend regatta series starting at Lake Lansing, Union Lake, and ending at Gull Lake. An average of 20 boats participated each weekend with heavy winds and numerous capsize prevalent. Three boats dominated the series however, with overall finishes of one, two & three respectively in each of the three weekends. First place winner was Henry Hodgson and crew from Union Lake; second place was Bob Knop from Pontiac; and third place was Dave Furey from Lake Fenton. A really excellent series for all three boats.

Lake Fenton hosted its annual District Team Race weekend and used their homecourt advantage to win first place overall.

The newcomer to our circuit this year was Douglas Lake which hosted its first annual regatta. Dave Peters gave up his boat to serve as Race Committee Chairman and watched Les Kastura and crew from Pontiac Yacht Club win the series.

The highlight of our season came in July with the Michigan District Championship. This year's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday event was hosted by the Crescent Sail Club on Lake St. Clair who went so far as to invite Fred Eng, our last year's District Secretary, to fly in from Philadelphia and serve as Race Committee Chairman. He forgot to bring wind however, and the first day's racing had to be cancelled. The next two days eventually brought better winds allowing us a three race back-to-back-to-back marathon on Saturday and two more on Sunday. Terry Timm and crew won the series

with Bill McKinley from Pontiac, Dave Peters from Douglas Lake, Clarence Holman III from Pontiac, and Herm Nickels from Lake Fenton rounding out the top five. Terry became the first recipient of the George Sipple Memorial Trophy provided by the Devils Lake Yacht Club. George was killed in a tragic car accident late last year and was certainly missed by all. The old district trophy was retired at Devils Lake. A total of 31 boats participated in this year's championship with Gull Lake providing the largest increase in boat participation by sending seven boats.

Grand Traverse Bay surrendered its 1st place trophy to "outsider" Chuck Medlock from Indiana while Higgins Lake gave theirs to local Mike Dow and crew.

Bill McKinley and crew took first place in the annual Bay City regatta which also was the site of our Junior District Championships. John Mathers and Brian Hussey, Jr. with crews each got two first place finishes and two second place finishes in the four race series to end in a tie. A coin was used to declare John the winner and Brian the runner-up. Nice racing.

Pontiac Yacht Club's White Cap Regatta, traditionally the largest regatta in the district, saw 40 boats challenge several wild windshifts. Michigan's "Ancient Mariner" Herm Nickels emerged on top to better Bruce Goldsmith in second and Clarence Holman III in third.

Garry Demarest took top honors at the Devils Lake Yacht Club Regatta, the world's longest, continuously running regatta series. Localite Merrill Bales finished second.

Clark Lake provided the season finale with Henry Hodgson repeating as winner.

Special congratulations go to our District Commodore Jim McCoy who won the Governors' Cup with crew Keith Thatcher and Bob Mathers at the North American Championships in Cleveland. Tim Vander Meulen qualified for his first North Americans and finished fifth overall in the Presidents' Cup with crew Lynn Pyke and Doug Byerly. He also reigned as this year's recipient of the prestigious "Let It All Hang Out Award" after compiling a three year record of falling out of every boat he has crewed on at least once. Henry Hodgson repeated as winner of the George Stueland Trophy for the overall best performance on the Michigan circuit. He also honored our district by qualifying for the Mallory Cup finals held this year in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

We have a lot of great people in our district who, besides being great sailors, excel in having a good time. Come join us on our circuit next year and we'll show you how much fun sailing can be. See you next year!

MIDWEST DISTRICT

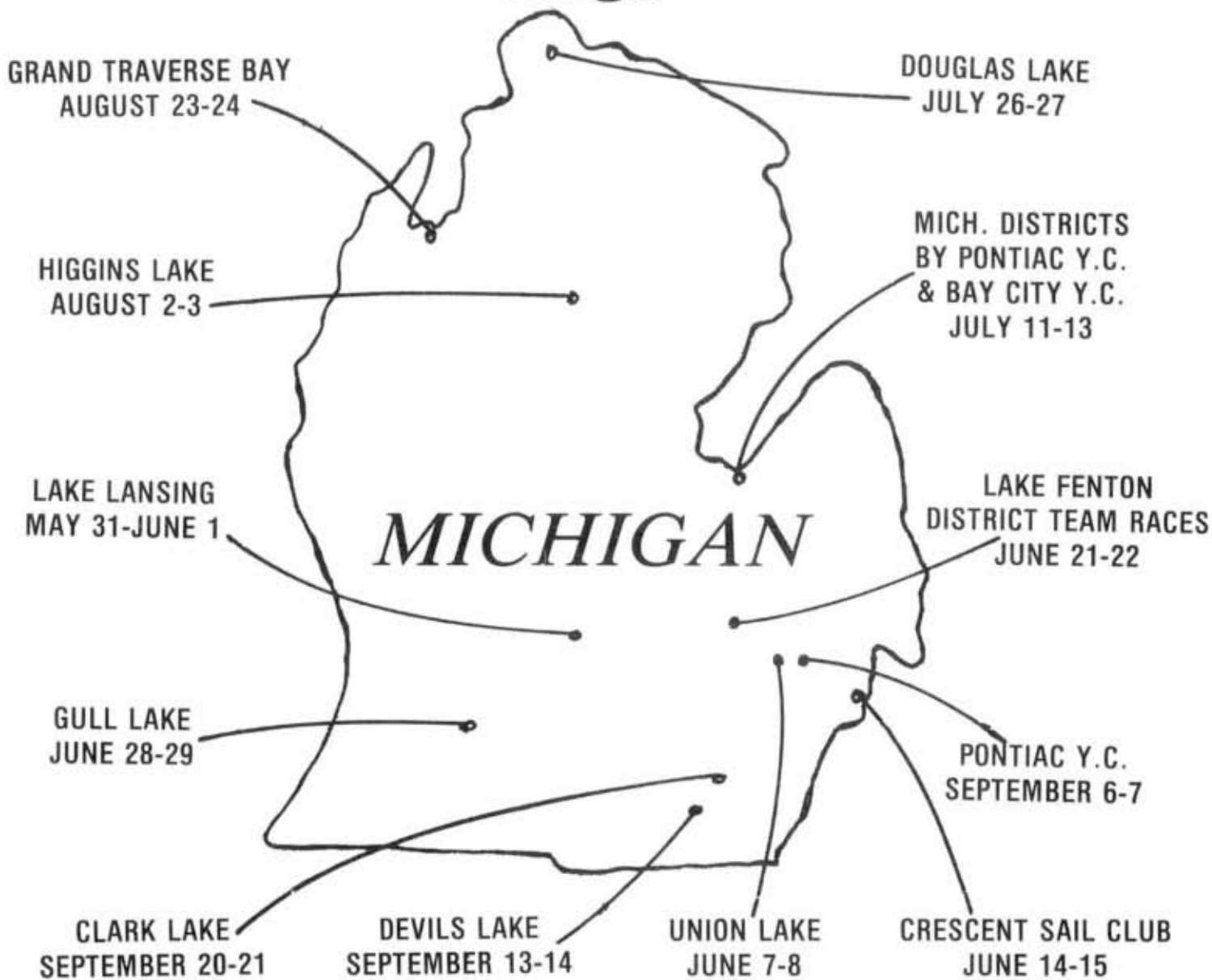
District Commodore.....Gene Matthews
District Secretary.....Vicki Matthews
District Measurer.....Bob Smither
District Champion.....Gordon Ettie
District Runner-Up.....Bruce Goldsmith

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5); Burnham Park (56); Milwaukee Yacht Club (69); Green Bay (112); Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345); Manitowoc (393).

Most of us in our District waited until June to start our sailing and racing but some hardy and venturesome crews were able to start in March with the Southern Circuit. It was then on to some early spring regattas in Indiana. It was great to see skippers participating in other districts when there was an open weekend in the schedule and we welcomed the participation of other districts in our events this season.

The regatta schedule began with the Ice Breaker in Manitowoc which was won by Ron Schaper with Rick Larson, second; and Bob Waid, third. The next event was in Green Bay for the Evans Regatta. The District Commodore won with a close second going to Gordon Ettie only after losing his foredeck crew. Third place went to John Esser. Many thought the Commodore was starting a winning streak when he went on to win the P & T at Milwaukee in light winds. Matt Burridge of St. Louis was second and Rick Larson, third. Another long-distance competitor was Bill Hall of the Indianapolis Sailing Club. The District Championships were held in Chicago at Corinthian Yacht Club. The name of the game was summed up by Gordon Ettie as being patient and consistent, which he finally learned from his crew. See, it pays to listen to the crew. Second place went to Bruce Goldsmith and Bob Smither was third. Gordon's newly acquired skill of patience and consistency helped him win the Oxie in Lake Geneva. It seems many of the other top competitors needed to learn this skill as they were inconsistent with a few of their finishes. Second place went to Bruce Goldsmith, a new member to the host fleet, and Keith Swihart of Wawasee, Indiana, third.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT



***START THE EIGHTIES
WITH THIS 50 RACE
MICHIGAN CIRCUIT***

The Brotz Regatta in the Sheboygan with their famous brats was next on the schedule. They showed their hospitality with brats and beer which was unanimously tapped before the first race which wasn't held until Sunday due to lack of wind. The winners were Gordon Ettie, first; Bob Smither, second; John Esser, third. The Mississippi District was well represented by Matt Burrige and Greg Florian. It was then back to Chicago for the next two regattas, the Hobelman and the Red Flannels. The Hobelman was tied by Gordon Ettie and Bob Smither, second place went to David Blair. The Red Flannels was won by Chicago's Dick Hinze, seconded by Dennis Burke, and third by Buck Wynn. The Polar Bear was the final event of the District. Breaking away from the traditional Polar Bear Regatta comprising of C's, M-16's, and Lightnings, the Lightning Regatta had 17 participants — seven from out of town. Top honors went to Bruce Goldsmith, second to Mike Steffenson, and third to Bob Novak. The Lake Geneva fleet members showed great talent for river sailing capturing three out of the top five places.

The Lake Michigan Championship comprising of the Districts and three other Regattas was won this year by Gordon Ettie with Bob Smither, second; and John Esser, third.

Two of our newer skippers showed their talents as they represented the District in the Junior and Women's North American Championships in Cleveland. They were David Blair with crew Jeff Fishman and John Wis; Vickie Matthews with her crew of Nina Ettie and Lynn Nixon. All agreed that these two events were well worth entering for the quality of competition and great fun. Our District was well represented at the North Americans with three in the top division. Our highest finisher was Bruce Goldsmith taking second over all with his light weight female crew.

Over all, the regattas were well attended in spite of the summer gas shortages. We all look forward to a great season next year.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Mitch Bohnenkamp
Vice Commodore Bill Baxter
District Junior Commodore Matthew Burrige
District Measurer Stuart Bernstein
District Champion Matthew Burrige
District Runner-Up..... Greg Florian

Fleets: Decatur (74); Harbor Island (262); Caryle Sailing Association (266); Memphis (274).

The highlight of our 1979 District activities was the District Regatta held at Kentucky Lake in June. We had 27 boats participating in the five race series, with strong representation from each of our active fleets. The top ten were:

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| 1) Matthew Burrige | Caryle |
| 2) Greg Florian | Decatur |
| 3) Don Sherburne | Harbor Island |
| 4) Jim Bryant | Memphis |
| 5) Bob Wardwell | Unattached |
| 6) Roger Grohne | Decatur |
| 7) Jack Benz | Harbor Island |
| 8) Barney Mead | Harbor Island |
| 9) Lloyd Irish | Decatur |
| 10) Mitch Bohnenkamp | Caryle |

Congratulations on a fine series to each of these sailors!

We are represented by five boats at the North Americans and were proud to have two qualifiers in the Blue Fleet as well as one in the Green. This effort represents a decided improvement in quality as well as quantity

MIDWEST DISTRICT 1980 Regatta Schedule

* June 21-22	Evans Regatta	Green Bay
* June 28-29	Oxie	Lake Geneva
July 12-13	P & T	Milwaukee
July 18-19-20	DISTRICTS	Milwaukee
* July 26-27	Brotz	Sheboygon
August 2-3	Hobelman	Chicago Corinthian
* August 16-17	Ice Breaker	Manitowac
* September 20-21	Red Flannels	Chicago Corinthian
* September 27-28	Polar Bear	Davenport
* Lake Michigan Championship To qualify, the Districts and 3 other * Regattas must be sailed.		

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT 1980 REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 19, 20	Tennessean	Nashville
* May 3, 4	Hernando Desoto	Memphis
* June 13, 14, 15	Lightning Districts	Caryle (St. Louis)
* June 21, 22	Inter City	Decatur
* August 30, 31	Impromptu	Carlyle (St. Louis)
August 30, 31	McDougal	Nashville
September 13, 14	Whale of a Sail	Carlyle (St. Louis)
* November 1, 2	Blue Nose	Nashville

* Prime Lightning Regattas

over recent years and renews our efforts to maintain a strong and viable District.

We continue to have good competition at the fleet level and we encourage participation in the various District Regattas which are listed elsewhere.

Many thanks to Bob Hochstetler for his fine work as District Commodore and Stuart Bernstein for his continuing efforts as District Measurer.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Dr. Georges Peter
District Secretary.....David H. Fitch
District Champion.....Donald C. Brush, Jr.
District Runner-Up.....W. Stuart Nickerson

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Merrimac River Fleet (121); Spofford Yacht Club (145); Annisquam Yacht Club (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake S.C. (227); Lake Dunmore (243); Harras-eket Yacht Club (244); Massebesic Yacht Club (273); Chequesset (280); Lake Champlain (417); Androscoggin Lightning Fleet (450); Granite Lake (457); Casco Bay Lightning Fleet 471).

Uncertainties of gas and fickle winds diminished District participation this summer. In June at the Northeast Regatta, Len Pratt finished third among 21 boats in light air at Niantic, Connecticut. June's real highlight saw Don Brush, Jr.'s near triumph in the Worlds in Texas. One capsized too many dropped him to fifth. Commodore Georges Peter's 16th place finish at the same event was good news to us all.

In mid-June, the Portland Yacht Club Regatta was held in beautiful weather and moderate breezes. Dick Thackaberry of Connecticut won followed by Hale Walcott and Len Pratt. Manchester, New Hampshire hosted a 15 boat fleet on Massabesic Reservoir. Gustly north breezes were to

the liking of Fred Hamblet who posted a win over local Dick Hale while Dave Fitch notched third.

In early July, Dick Hale captured the State of Maine Trophy on Casco Bay in Maine. Our New England Districts followed on Lake Champlain with Friday and Saturday seeing the Mallet's Bay water an unrippled mirror. Sunday was quite a change — southerlies, moderate to heavy, gusting to 25, and three races of screaming muscles, tight reaches, and occasional swims. Dave White showed amazing seamanship unstepping his mast in the three-foot chop, only to be denied as he resteped his mast in the deck supports gave way at the partners. Dick's tiller was graciously lent to Spofford's Tommy Thompson after his first race breakdown. Bill Fastiggi finished second in the first race and was in the top five in the second race when the gudgeons let go and he was through for the day. Don Brush, Jr., with three first place finishes, easily won over Stuart Nickerson while Dick Hale, Georges Peter, Hale Walcott, Jim Russell, Kurt Kling, and Peter Hubbard all sailed extremely well.

It was encouraging to find Brush, Jr., Peter, and Russell in the Blue Fleet at Cleveland and all enjoyed great sailing on Lake Erie. New England's Wellfleet on Cape Cod found the summer's most pleasant sailing and fine hospitality. Dick Hale, Stu Nickerson, Fred Hamblet, Tim Dickey, and Dave Fitch enjoyed it the most. The next weekend, John Collins bested all comers at Marblehead in light air. Great fellowship and little wind made the New Hampshire-Vermont Championship a one-race affair on beautiful Squam Lake. Don Brush, Jr., won it. The State of Massachusetts Championship at Newburyport saw no wind Saturday and 35 knots on Sunday — we shall try again next year!!

Massabesic's fall wrap-up saw Dave Fitch win two Saturday races and hang on for the win over locals Dick Hale and Dennis Collins with Rev. Parkman Howe in fourth.

Our finale at Spofford Lake began with rain but turned perfect despite the momentary lull in the wind on Sunday. Dick Halligan, Don Brush, Jr., Dave Fitch, and Dick Hale were the top finishers. Len Pratt sailed a new builder's Lightning to Sunday's first place finish over the 27 boat fleet.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

REGATTA SCHEDULE

1980

June 28-29	Lake Bomoseen, NH-VT Championship
July 12-13	Centerboard Yacht Club, State of Maine
July 18-20	Marblehead, NE Districts
July 26-27	Newburyport, State of Massachusetts
July 27 - August 2	Marblehead Race Week
August 9-10	Mallet's Bay Race Week
August 16-17	Wellfleet, NE Regatta
August 15-24	San Diego, California Nationals
August 23-24	Open (Junior District Championships - Tentative)
September 6-7	Massabesic Regatta
(September 13-14)	(Westport, Connecticut, Cedar Point)
September 20-21	Spofford!!