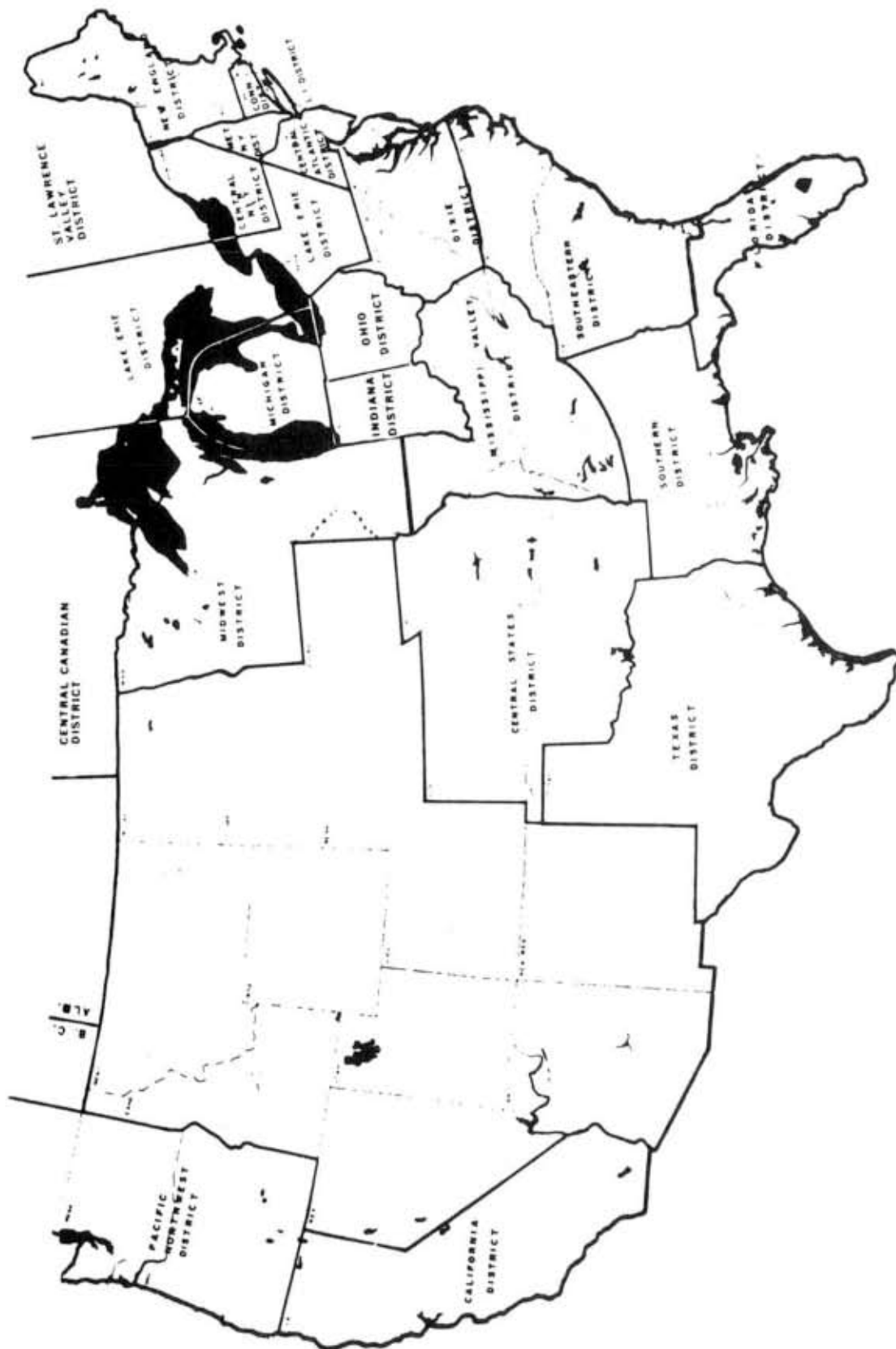
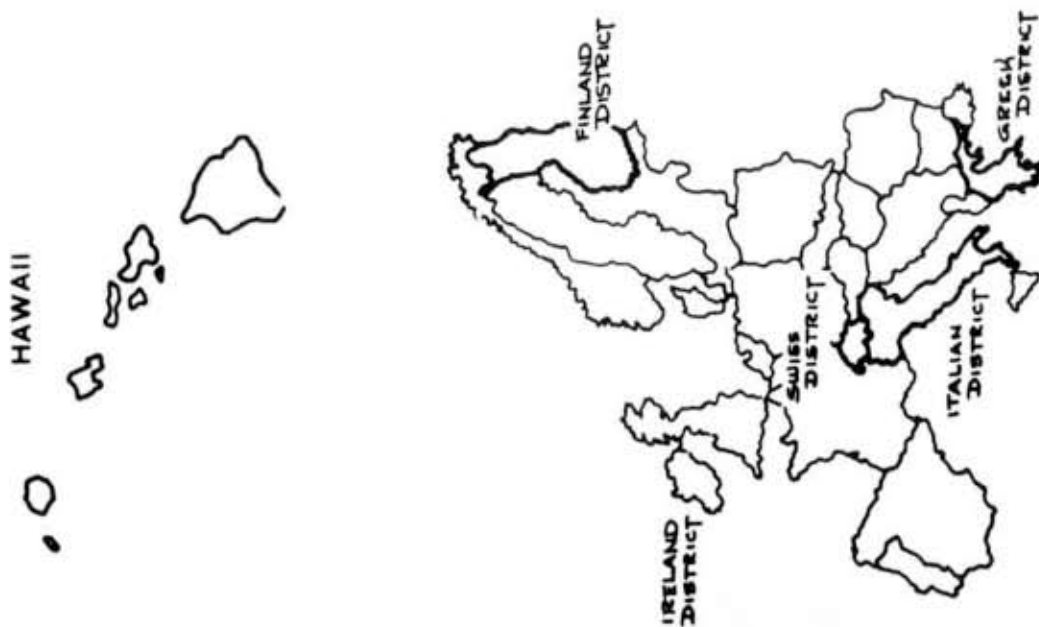
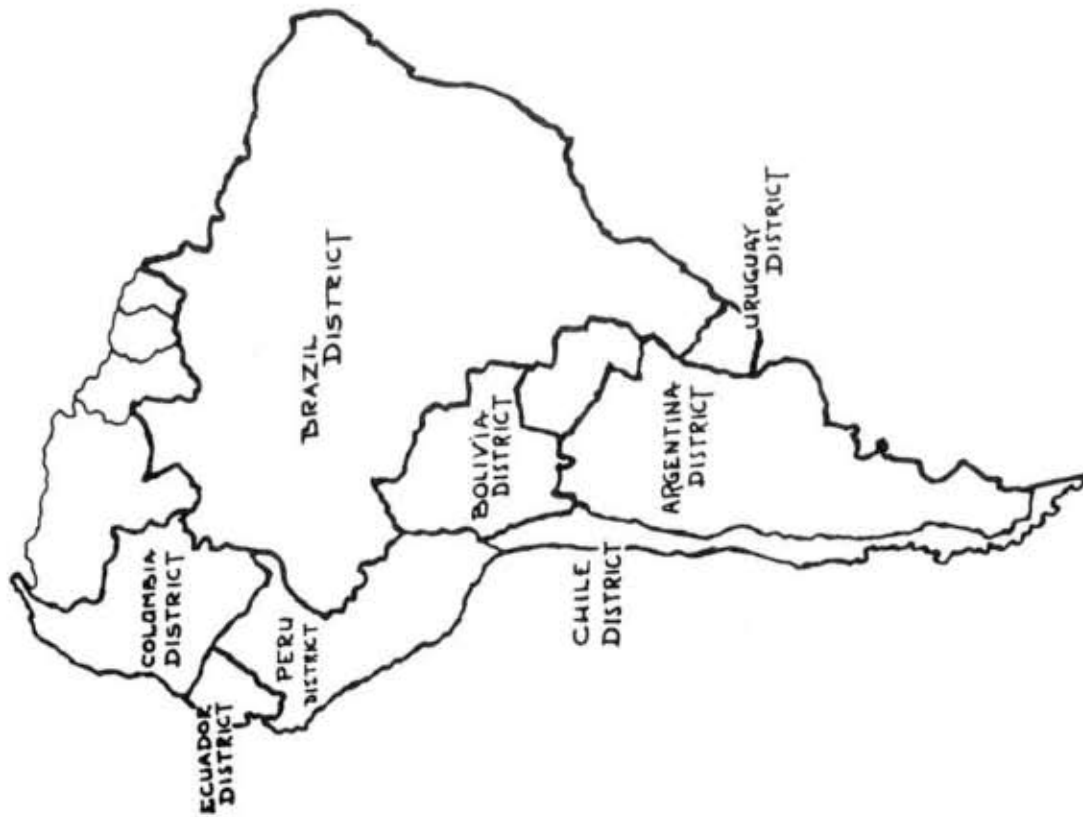


International Lightning



Class Association Districts



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



Brazil — Claudio Bieckark

FLORIDA

Jim Pinion (c)
Eric Stibitz (l)
Randy Clee (r)



MICHIGAN

Hank Hodgson (l)
Karen Hodgson (c)
M. Van Ooyen (r)

CALIFORNIA

Dick Brewer (l)
Steve Erickson (c)
Mike Brewer (r)



*MIDWEST — Bruce Goldsmith (c)
Sherry Goldsmith (l)
Vickie Matthews (r)*



*INDIANA Bob Carter (c)
Dave Brown (l)
David Brown (r)*

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Matt Brridge (c) *
Jay Summerville (l)
Lal Burrige (r)



SWISS Thomas Scharer
Urs Schar
Stefan Scharer

NEW ENGLAND

Dave Curtis (3rd from left)
Mark Beaton (l)
Denis Rogers
Joann Curtis (r)



METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

Sandy Huntsman (c)
Jack Huntsman (l)
Steve Wolf (r)

CONNECTICUT-R.I.

Bill Shore



THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Photo by Mary Huntsman



Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Mario Abinzano
District Secretary	Rolando Turrado
District Measurer	Angel Vila
District Champion	Roberto Ricoveri
District Runner-Up	Angel Vila
Junior Champion	Hugo Castro
Junior Runner-Up	Santiago Lange

Fleets: Olivos (206); Yacht Club Olivos (356); Club Universitario de Buenos Aires (446); Escuela Naval Militar Argentina (474).

1980 was an exciting and interesting year in our area. The season started early in January with participation in the XXVI South American Championship. We sent two crews to Bogota, Colombia: Roberto Ricoveri, Rolando Turrado, Hugo Arazi, and Javier Pascuchi, his wife Maria and Angel Vila.

After this we worked very hard in the Junior activities. Hugo Castro with crew Gabriel Coca and Pablo Montes won the trials and was sailing in the second World Youth Championship with Angel Vila as coach, and he took the third place. In late July Roberto Ricoveri, Rolando Turrado and Hugo Arazi were in the United States and sailing successfully at the North Americans. They took fourth place in the President's Cup.

Fleet 202 and the Club Nautico Olivos was the host of this year's District Championship. This event was also the trials for the XXVII South American Championship to be held at Salinas, Ecuador in April 26, 1981. We had a very close competition, with boats from all Districts' fleets. We now look forward to a good season in 1981.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore	Nelson S. Schmitt
District Secretary	Francisco Del Rey Netto
District Measurers	Oscar Weckerle Erik Schmidt, Enio Lineburger Dillermendo Augusto de Mello and Arne S. Arnesen
District Champion	Claudio Bieckark
District Runner-Up	Manfred Kaufman
District Junior Champion	Otávio M. Almeida

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

Last year Brazil brought home the Gold from the Pan American games with Mario Backup. In 1980 Otavio Machado de Almeida almost did the same in the Junior World Championships. Otavio and his crew were runners-up, only two points behind Ian Jones. In this year's Senior Nationals he placed a very honorable 8th, and first in the Junior category. We shall be hearing more and more of him as his experience grows.

The 1980 Nationals were held in Sao Paulo in March. With lots of rain and light winds, the winner was Claudio Bieckark. Manfred Kaufman was second, Mario Backup third, Robert Backup fourth and Valerio Soares fifth. Due to Bieckark's commitment to the Olympic Team (where he took a fourth in Finns), he couldn't compete in the North Americans.

In the North American qualifiers Manfred Kaufman was brilliant, taking three firsts and a throw-out second. But in the final series Manfred had trouble with choppy seas and could only finish 14th in the Blue Fleet.

Brazil was also in Bogota for the South Americans with two crews. Claudio Abramowitz and Alzyr Faria couldn't get used to the crazy winds and only managed to place fourth and 18th, respectively.

At our last General Meeting two measures were approved that will be giving new growth to our class in Brazil. Approval for the class to purchase its own extrusion die for aluminum spars and to sell spars at cost. Secondly, approval was given for the class to get local builders interested in making a Brazilian fiberglass Lightning by financing the mould. As of this moment, we are very near this dream, as contributions from present and future Lightning sailors are coming in for the project. It is our goal to be able to arrive at the next World's, in Chile, with totally Brazilian made boats.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Mark Patty
District Secretary	Quintin Foster
District Measurer	Charlie Gotschalk
District Champion	Dick Brewer
District Runner-Up	Myron Lyon

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

The highlight of the California District was the North Americans hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club. It has been sixteen years since they were held on the West Coast, and most of the skippers were looking forward to an opportunity to sail against those revered Eastern sailors.

The first district-wide competition is always the California Circuit. This year, Jay Lutz joined us and ran away with the circuit. Jay took two of the three races held in Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles; ground down Max Rosenberg in the modified marathon out of San Diego Bay, and took two of the three races held in San Diego Bay. Following Lutz were Max Rosenberg, Warren Gross, Peter Huston and Al Poindexter. Midway through the circuit, Warren Gross took delivery of his new boat and promptly won the first race in which he sailed it. Bill Buckles, who had delivered Warren's boat, joined us for the San Diego Bay series taking a fourth.

All interest then focused on the District and qualification for the North Americans. The winds ranged from 0 to 30 on the first day, then settled down for the second day. After five heavily contested races, one of the district's really "nice guys" emerged with his first major regatta win - Dick Brewer. Dick was followed by Myron Lyon, Warren Gross, Max Rosenberg and Charlie Gotschalk.

From the Districts, it was up to Klanath Falls for the Pacific Coast Championships. Unfortunately, we did not turn out a large California contingent; only a few boats from San Francisco made the trip. But, what we lacked in quantity was made up by quality as our District Commodore, Mark Patty, showed the Pacific Northwest District how to sail and kept the Pacific Coast Championship trophy in California.

Then the highlight! The North Americans! The apprehensive California sailors were awaiting the East Coast sailors, and wondering if we could squeeze one boat into the Blue Fleet. The combination of chop, swells and light air was old hat to the "locals" as we placed four boats in the Championship Fleet - Myron Lyon, Mark Patty, Warren Gross and Dick Brewer. Not only was Myron our top finisher with a 21, but he wrapped up a year of extremely hard work as Chairman of the North Americans with a well run North American Championship. Although we won no silver in the Blue Fleet, Kirk Johnson sailed to a fifth in the President's Cup while Peter Huston, fourth, and Bruce Arnold, fifth, took home trophies from the Governor's Cup.

The final event for the district is the Billie Bowell Memorial Regatta held on a reservoir north of Santa Barbara. This is one of the perennial favorite regattas of the sailors in this district. The winds are always good (except the second day of racing this year), the camping is always fun and old friendships are once again renewed. And, to top it all off, we sail fresh water for a change. Saturday's races were typical with winds from the north, over the dam, at a steady 12-15. However, Sunday brought very shifty and extremely light air - a rare scene at Cachuma Lake. Charlie Gotschalk managed to survive the fleet spreading and compressing several times and won his first Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta.

The district officers for 1981 were elected at Cachuma. Quintin Foster will serve as District Commodore assisted by Al Poindexter, Secretary.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bruce Kloss
District Secretary	Gary Swangler
District Measurer	James Carson
District Champion	James Carson
District Runner-Up	Jay Lutz

Fleets: Bay Head (3); Metedeconk River (34); Great Egg Harbor (99); Lavallette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Riverton (228); Barnegat Light (335); Red Dragon (357); Penn Manor (422); Ocean City (430)

The Central Atlantic District started 1980 with the traditional joint winter meeting held this year at Monmouth Boat Club. Sailing started for some of our skippers—including Jay Lutz, Jim Carson, Paul Gelenitis, and Djoerd Hoekstra—at the Southern Circuit. Jay also travelled all the way west and won the California Circuit (let the record show he won five of seven races sailed, too). Some of us shook out the cobwebs at Monmouth's wonderful Long John Regatta; others waited til Cedar Point's Early Bird. By the early part of June we were all stoked up and 30 crews, more or less, descended on Ocean City Yacht Club for the District Championship. John Parker, Jim Accardi and Don Gartland and the rest of their fleet were fabulous hosts, though it was a mite difficult sorting out the weather mark from the crowd of anchored motorboats busily fishing and cussing out the passing sailors. The fleet sailed three races on Saturday, but only two counted because a starting mark dragged. Then there was Sunday. Last year when Red Dragon Canoe Club held the districts there were no Sunday races because of an unfortunate lack of wind; this year the Wind Gods blew us right off the water. Jack Elfman went out and sailed around, but when that noted heavy weather hot-shot came back to the dock with his jib down, the rest of the fleet headed for their boats and started dropping masts for the trip home. The winner, was Jim Carson, and Jay Lutz was runner-up.

Central Atlantic District Fleets also were hosts in 1980 for the Atlantic Coast Championship regatta, held at Metedeconk River, and the New Jersey State Championship, held at Brant Beach. The home teams did pretty well, as members of the host fleets won both regattas. Jay Lutz took the Atlantic Coasts, and Glen Reitingier won the Jersey States.

August brought the North Americans. The district sent three boats all the way to San Diego—Carson and both Lutzes. All three qualified for the Blue Fleet, but they could have used some extra luck in the final series. Jody Lutz, brought home a prize, winning the Junior North American Championship, earning a candy-stripe Lightning emblem to match the one brother Jay captured a few years ago.

In the fall, John Parker won the Gamma Trophy for best placing the regattas on the Delaware River. District sailors showed the flag at Cedar Point, Annapolis and Quantico. Jim Carson ended his season on an upbeat with a victory at Quantico.

So another season rolled around. District Commodore Buck Kloss gives way for 1981 to John Parker. When this sees print, we will be looking forward instead of backward. From Barnegat Bay to the Delaware River, the Central Atlantic District wishes all Lightning sailors fair winds and a fine new season.

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore & Measurer Ross Bailey
District Champion Ross Bailey
District Runner-Up Jim Cameron

Fleets: Zig Zag Yacht Club (277); Temple Reef Sailing Club (279); Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club (320).

Our district is quite large, being about 1000 miles across. Lightning sailors have historically been active in several locations throughout this area and individual activity seems to ebb and flow through the years.

While activity at Amethyst Harbour has diminished to a few cruising Lightnings, a very strong core exists in Thunder Bay and we expect excellent growth in the future. The western half of the district has seen interest die quite remarkably in the last few years, but certainly the Lightning is still well thought of there, if not organized.

A very bright spot is Loon Lake which once was a Lightning hot bed. Lou Walsh has always managed to outfox everyone on that Lake, no matter of what class. As Lightning interest on Loon undergoes a strong revival, Lou still outfoxes them.

Competition wise, areas within our district continue to become more organized with their race schedules. The exciting news though is the excellent results our sailors achieved while traveling. Ross Bailey won the President's Cup, and came third at the Canadian Opens in Vancouver. Porter Bailey and Jim Cameron also went to Vancouver and both placed very well. As we are an isolated district, traveling helps us immensely and also provides good times.

Our District Championships are held in two halves, the first half being at Lake of the Woods. Here the beautiful waters and warm temperatures provided Jim Cameron with a win in a hard fought regatta. The second half in Thunder Bay provided more wind and Ross Bailey was just able to

squeeze by Jim for a regatta win and the Districts.

Cruising Lightnings is also becoming more and more popular in our area. With the vast tracts of incredibly beautiful cruising grounds, one can hardly wonder why. Jack Arnold, Don Ellard and actually everyone look forward to more cruising next season.

We are all quite excited that the 1981 Canadian Summer Games will be sailed in Lightnings in Thunder Bay. This youth competition will not only push the class across Canada, but the subsequent sale of the boats will help our area's Lightning fleets considerably.

This year, although a somewhat hectic one, has been a good one, and we look forward to next.

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

1981 Regatta Schedule

Kam River Slush Cup	Thunder Bay May 9
Early Bird Regatta	Thunder Bay May 30, 31
Central Canadian Districts	Thunder Bay June 27, 28
Zig Zag Open	Lake of the Woods July 11, 12
Loon Lake Open	Loon Lake July 25, 26
Temple Reef Trophy	Amethyst Harbour August 22
Crystal Trophy	Amethyst Harbour August 23
Frostbite Regatta	Thunder Bay September 26, 27

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore Jed Dodge
District Secretary Michael Healy
District Measurer Edward F. Beadel, Jr.
Asst. District Measurer Leonard Tiedemann
District Champion Richard W. Hallagan
District Runner-Up Jed 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); Brockport Y.C. (267); Galway Lake Y.C. (338); Thousand Islands Fleet (382); South Skaneateles Lightning Assoc. (439).

The 1980 sailing season was a successful one, even with attendance at some of the regattas down a bit. With better promotion and scheduling, the District hopes to achieve greater participation at its regattas.

Central New York is not especially noted for its heavy air sailing, and 1980 proved no exception. Despite the many light air races that aged many a skipper before his or her time, the same names usually found their way to the top. Dick Hallagan had another excellent year in, and out of the District, as did both Jed Dodge and Jim Pindell.

The opener of the season at Newport saw a great many visitors to our District from all points of the compass. The Lake Erie District in particular

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

1981 REGATTA SCHEDULE

MAY 30, 31
JUNE 13, 14
JULY 17, 18, 19

JULY 25, 26
AUGUST 1, 2

SEPTEMBER 12, 13
SEPTEMBER 19, 20

* LAKE ERIE, CENTRAL NEW YORK CHALLENGE CUP
C.N.Y. TRIPLE CROWN

#*NEWPORT INVITATIONAL
#L.S.L.S. REGATTA

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
C.N.Y.Y.R.A.

#CHAMPAGNE REGATTA

ONONDAGA INVITATIONAL

*HARVEST REGATTA

NEWPORT Y.C.
DELTA LAKE Y.C.
WILLOW BANK Y.C.
RED JACKET Y.C.
KEUKA Y.C.
ONONDAGA Y.C.
SILVER LAKE C.C.

was represented in force. The regatta ended with only two races counting, thus allowing a tie for first between Dick Hallagan and Jay Lutz to stand. Jay also earned the nickname "Lost Lutz" due to his unerring ability to locate marks that weekend.

Lake Delta saw a poor turnout of boats, but the Club did their usual superb job of hosting a fine regatta. Dick Hallagan, sailing a borrowed boat, barely edged out Jed Dodge for the win. Newport Yacht Club on Irondequoit Bay, hosted this year's District Championships. In another hard fought series Dick Hallagan nipped Jed Dodge for the crown in a variety of conditions that only Irondequoit Bay can serve up.

Cazenovia Lake hosted this year's L.S.L.S. Regatta. The five race series saw four races sailed on Saturday, the last three, back to back. If it hadn't been for the "beer fairy" appearing between the last two races, the long hot afternoon would have been much longer and hotter for most of the racers. Sunday's close saw Jed Dodge on top for the regatta, with Jim Pindell in the runner-up spot. A first time regatta winner with a familiar name was Jerry Dodge, youngest of the Dodge brothers, who captured the C.N.Y.Y.R.A. Lightning Championship at Skaneateles.

The Champagne Regatta at beautiful Keuka Lake heralded the return of a former C.N.Y. sailor, Bob Wardwell. Bob won the regatta in fine fashion with good sailing in every race. The Champagne Regatta was the last leg of our Triple Crown Series this year. The first two legs being held at Delta Lake and Cazenovia. Jim Pindell sailing close to the top in all three regattas, showed that consistency counts, by nosing out Dick Hallagan for the Crown. Jim proved sailing Lightnings (and sailing them well) is indeed a family affair, by winning the Triple Crown that his father Merle had won the year previous. Mike Fellows did a fine job in taking the third spot in the series.

Three of our sailors made the long journey to San Diego. Jed Dodge, Dick Hallagan, and Dick Tuttle all represented C.N.Y. in style. The three all sailed in the Championship flight, with each having their best finish ever. Jed Dodge finished 9th and Dick Hallagan finished in a tie for 3rd, only to end up 4th with the tie breaker. Congratulations to all three for a job well done.

1980 was a fine sailing season enjoyed by all. We hope to see all the familiar faces back again next year, and encourage new ones to come out and enjoy the fun.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore & Secretary Bob Florence, Jr.
District Measurer Fritz Toussaint
District Champion Bill Merillat
District Runner-Up Scott Hamilton

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

The District year was, as always, exciting and jam packed with fun races and parties. This year Bill Merillat finally won, much to the astonishment of some skippers who thought that Bill was too old to compete anymore.

Many thanks to John Gall the 1980 District Commodore and to his wife Mary for a great regatta and party. His selection of a Race Committee from the Scow Fleet was a subject of doubt, but Crash Adams, Digger Cary and Captain Jack Hall did as usual, a great job.

CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore Gerardo Polette P.
District Secretary Jaime Silva
District Jr. Commodore Juan Pablo Barahona
District Measurer Jaime Fernandez
District Champion Manuel Gonzalez M.
District Runner-Up Alberto Gonzalez M.
Junior Champion Felipe Cubillos
Junior Runner-Up Jorge Campos

Fleets: Yacht Club de Chile (317); Algarrobo (318); Capricornio (319); Hique Rillas (342); Pichidanguí (346); Club de Yates Pucon (482).

The 1979-1980 sailing season was very active and successful, especially at international events. Chile was represented this year in the South America Championship of Colombia, the North Americans at San Diego, California and the World Youth at Buffalo Canoe Club, Canada. This was possible thanks to the great help of our yachting Federation and enthusiastic support of its President and Lightning Class member Marco Montalbetti, as well as the excellent and increasing level of competition our District is achieving.

Our Championships have been sailed at Algarrobo, Higuerales, Recreo and Pucon. The winners of them and Runner-ups were as follows:

Victor Tapia Cup: Manuel Gonzalez, Rufino Melero; Favaro Cup: Manuel Gonzalez, Luis Herman; Lightning Cup: Manuel Gonzalez, Alberto Gonzalez; Agsa Cup: Cristian Barahona, Gerardo Polette.

At the South Americans held in Colombia, Chile was represented by Manuel Gonzalez and Alberto Gonzalez. Manuel Gonzalez was the Chilean with the best finish.

To the North Americans in San Diego went Manuel and Alberto Gonzalez, Jaime Fernandez and Luis Herman, Jr. with J. Pablo Barahona, Cristian Barahona; Pablo Gallyos, Fernando Gallyos, Tritan Aicardi, Juan Antonio Marino, Cristian Herman and Luis Herman as their crews. Manuel Gonzalez finished 17th, Jaime Fernandez 18th, and Alberto Gonzalez 20th. Luis Herman was second in the President's Cup.

Before the North Americans Juan Pablo Barahona sailed in the Youth North Americans as a crew of an American skipper. They finished second.

In the Youth Worlds held in Canada, Felipe Cubillos with Ronald McIntyre and Cristian Figari as crew obtained the fifth place. Jorge Campos with Marcelo Tapia and Juan Pablo Barahona as his crew also competed.

Due to ratification of next Worlds in Chile (January 1982) at Pucon, our Chairman, Hernan Barahona and class members are working hard to offer a great event.

For the sailing season 1980-1981 our commodore will continue to be Gerardo Polette, with Rufino Melero as Secretary and Jaime Santa Cruz as Treasurer.

CONNECTICUT—RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore John Cuccio
District Secretary Chris Vann
District Measurer Will Wendell
District Champion Bill Shore
District Runner-up Jim Crane

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).

Cedar Point's Early Bird Regatta held on May 17-18, continued to be the most important and well attended season opener on the East Coast. Bill Shore showed the way to everybody. Jim Crane, who had borrowed Dick Thackaberry's boat, collided with John Verelli, who had borrowed John Cuccio's boat, just before the start of the first race and had to withdraw. The ironic and almost amusing aspect of this situation was that these were the only two borrowed boats and only collision in this regatta.

Not many Districts can boast champions of such caliber as Bill Shore and Jim Crane, but ours does. It means that the rest of us usually move automatically down two places. That's how it was the Districts held at Noroton on July 12-13, Bill, first, and Jim, second, but Cedar Point's Dick Thackaberry kept them alert by finishing a strong third, confirming that he has become one of the skippers to beat in our waters, and others.

July 19-20 saw a well run regatta for the Long Island Sound Championship at Madison Beach Yacht Club. David Peterson left everyone behind in his *Woody* (it must be made of balsa wood, has anyone weighed it lately?) using all his great ability and finesse... what a skipper! John Vann raced a terrific series and was first of the fiberglass boats for a second place, followed by Nancy Young, the First Lady of the Connecticut-Rhode Island District, always a top contender and a charming young lady (we like her husband George too. He's so quiet that none of us have been able to find out just how much help he is. Nancy says it's considerable). Nancy Young has just been elected Commodore of the Madison Beach Yacht Club. Our sincere congratulations go out to her.

Niantic Bay Yacht Club hosted the Governor's Cup (which weighs 50 pounds and is about 5 feet high. Some people have suggested that the winner should be made to carry this cup in his boat at the subsequent regatta, as a handicap) was won convincingly by Bob Pinnard in his newly purchased and refinished boat. The emotion of winning his first important regatta touched not only Bob and his family but all the participants. The applause was long, loud and spontaneous. Don Barrett was a strong second, ably assisted by his wife and brother, giving notice that they will be a factor to be reckoned with in our 1981 races. John Collins, always a strong contender, was third, complete with the green Irish Clover on his transom!

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND 1981 District Schedule

Cedar Point	Early Bird May 16-17
Black Rock	Long Island Sound June 27-28
Madison Beach	DISTRICTS July 11-12
Cedar Point	N.A. Women's & Juniors Aug. 19-21 N.A. Championship Aug. 22-29
Niantic	Governor's Cup Sept 12-13
Cedar Point	Eastern US Championship Sept. 19-20

The Eastern U.S. Championship at Cedar Point on September 20-21, confirmed that Mark Bryant, fresh from winning the North Americans on the West Coast, is either the best Lightning skipper at this time or that he cheats a lot — his boat was certainly rigged with a lot of "tricks" and very suspicious! Dave Curtiss thought he was still at the Southern Circuit and came in second. Stu Nickerson, always terrific, but a little more quiet since he got married, finished third, with the apparent ease of a true champion.

Our District has been fortunate in having been selected for the 1981 North American Championship to be held at Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, CT from August 19th to 29th. We all believe that this important event will boost the interests of the Lightning Class on the East Coast. We all must increase our efforts to attract and maintain the enthusiasm of our young skippers, and the ones to come, in order to insure the continued success of the Lightning. The future lies in our Juniors; let's keep at them!

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	David Racine
District Secretary	Bill McShane
District Measurer	Ron Buchanan
District Champion	Don Delorme
District Runner-Up	Rob Pratt
Junior Champion	Ron Grotheer

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

If you enjoy one or more of the following activities connected with Lightning sailing, you should try out the Dixie District next summer. You always have plenty of opportunities, since our season runs from mid-April through the Quantico Frostbite Regatta at the end of October. Here's a sample:

- (1) A peck on the cheek from Miss Azalea at the awards ceremony in Norfolk—the Azalea Festival Regatta in April.
- (2) Severn Sailing Association's No Gas Regatta, where the beer (not the gas) flows and the heavies shake out the cobwebs.
- (3) The Susquehanna Regatta where Bob Wardwell says, "The last shall be first."
- (4) Fleet 50's Potomac River events where you can go from vertical to horizontal in a flash if you get too close to jet plane backwash at National Airport.



Dixie District Regatta Trophy Presentation (left to right): Vickie Brennan; Rob Pratt, second in Districts; Linda Bachman; Steve Bachman, third in Districts; Ron Grotheer, first in Dixie Junior Championship; Don Delorme, first in Districts; Wanda Delorme; Bill Buchanan (behind Wanda).

- (5) The Upper Chesapeake Regatta where Fleet 192 puts on the best steak feast of the summer.
- (6) The Delaware Governor's Cup at Rehoboth—the finest sailing anywhere (except for a few days in 1978)—where Kitty Racine makes 20 reservations for crabs and beer and 47 people show up.
- (7) The Dixie Junior Championship, where our active bunch of juniors show that they certainly know how to enjoy themselves.
- (8) The District Championship, a three day, five race event where we get 30-40 boats each year.
- (9) The Atlantic Coasts, held every other year on the Chesapeake, where we do battle with the hot Jerseyites, particularly the Metedeconk Mashers.
- (10) Miles River on the picturesque Eastern Shore at St. Michaels, where the 100 year-old log canoes still compete.
- (11-25) More of the same activities, where you get to see Rehoboth, Annapolis, and Washington, D.C. several more times. Twenty-five weekends of racing!

If you want to sail Dixie in 1981 and compete against the best in Dixie as well as the top people from the rest of the East, plan on attending the following events at a minimum:

- (1) The Atlantic Coasts at Severn S.A. in Annapolis, to be held over the last weekend in July.
- (2) The Frigid Digit at Severn S.A. also, on the third weekend in October. We had 40 boats this year, including 15 people who sailed in the Blue Fleet in San Diego.
- (3) The Quantico Frostbite on the weekend right after the Digit, which has been going for 28 years and is going to regain its somewhat lost prominence—we promise!

These are the highlights of a typical season in Dixie. Competition is an important aspect of the weekends to be sure, but the pure relaxation and enjoyment are just as important, if not more so.

Regarding results, Bob Wardwell won several regattas; Don Delorme won the Districts and a couple of others; Steve Bachman won a couple (Don and Steve sailed in the Blue Fleet in San Diego); and Ron Buchanan, Fred Mertes, Rob Pratt, Joe Friebe, Dave Racine, Bill Buckley, and Bob Astrove each won a regatta (hope I haven't left anyone out).

Our active membership is at about 100, and the typical regatta draws 18-20 boats with a range from 10 to 40.

Come on down to Dixie sometime next season. We will guarantee you a good time and tough competition. See FLASHES for the 1981 schedule.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore	Deiter Dyck
District Secretary	Santiago Salem
District Measurer	Felipe Eljuri
District Champion	Dieter Dyck
District Runner-Up	Juan Santos, Jr.

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

Highlights for 1980 were:

Paco Sola tied for the first place in 1980 South Americans held in Lake Tomine, Colombia, finally took the Runner-up title after breaking the tie according to the Rules. Dieter Dyck, who had a comfortable lead at the fourth race came in a close fourth. Other two Ecuadorians, Mauricio Martinez and Juan Santos finished also among the first ten.

Districts were held in Lake San Pablo where local Champ Dyck had an easy victory over Juan Santos.

The traditional National Championship, sponsored by the "Asociacion Ecuatoriana de Yates" was held in Salinas Bay in early November. This time Juan Santos and Paco Sola tied in points with an unbreakable 1-1-1-2-2-2. Finally they sailed a match one leg race which was won by Sola who got his 15th National.

Salinas Yacht Club will be host for 1981 South Americans to be held April 26 - May 3, 1981.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Juhani Haila
District Secretary	Markku Aromaa
District Measurer	Marjatta Ollila
District Champion	Lasse Hammar
District Runner-Up	Pertti Pyy



"The Cream" of the Finnish District Championship: First row (l. to r.) Ilkka Lilja (8./c.), Leif Haglund (5./s.), Stig Haglund (5./c.), Ritva Pyy (2./c.), Pertti Pyy (2./2.), Simo Koski (The Champ/crew), Lasse Hammar (The Champ/skipper), Kari Maenpaa (3./s.), Oki Wikman (3./c.), Lauri Heikkila (4./c.). Second row (l. to r.) Pertti Wikman (2./c.), Erkki Maenpaa (3./c.), Harry Hammar (The Champ/crew), Antti Ruuskanen (4./s.), Pekka Penttinsaari (4./c.), Kari Salovaara (5./c.), Terho Aromaa (6./s.), Tapio Paukku (6./c.), Jari Aromaa (6./c.), unknown, Timo Patosuo (11./s.), Mervi Patosuo (11./c.). s.=skipper, c.=crew.

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

The Lightning Class seems to have some kind of future here in Finland. That may not be shown in the figures, i.e., number of boats, number of members of number of fleets, because these have not grown very rapidly; but, it is shown by the number of people, yacht clubs, different kind of organizations etc., who have asked us where to get a LIGHTNING. Unfortunately we can't help them very much at the moment, because we have only two boat builders who are interested in building Lightnings and both of them are making only hulls. To have a sailing Lightning you need besides the hull also a mast, a rudder, a centerboard and a set of sails to start with, and that seems to be the main problem of the Lightning Class in Finland. That makes the main task of the Finnish Class Organization to be getting a "Turn-Key" — Lightning into market.

Our season started with the Annual Meeting in October in Helsinki where District officials both new and re-elected were appointed, the site of the District Championships was named and the regattas for our Ranking Series were picked up from the national calendar of yachting events in 1980. During the winter we tried to activate the fleets sending them "Training Letters" with questions to be solved in fleet meetings and to arouse discussion about Lightnings and how to sail them. These "Letters" were quite nicely welcomed by the fleets and we are planning to continue this training method in the future. In March the Lightning was displayed in the Helsinki International Boat Show, through a slide show with a speaker telling the facts and figures of the Class. In late March we had the traditional "Training Seminar" which lasted over a weekend and presented several lectures by our top Lightning sailors.

The sailing season started in mid-May with the first of the Ranking Series regattas on Lake Tuusulanjärvi. There were more than twenty early birds trying to catch the worm and even if the weather wasn't too warm, the competition was hot. The rest of the Ranking Series regattas, which were spread all over the country, had satisfactory numbers of participants in each of them. The real top score of the season was the District Championship with 40 boats participating. That was the new record of the District. The host of this great event was Valkeakosken Purjehtijat (Valkeakoski Y.C.) and Valkeakoski Lightning Fleet 468. The District Champion Lasse Hammar of Oulu with his crew Harry Hammar and Simo Koski won the title for the fifth time and that is something. Congratulations!

One of the highlights of the season was the European Championship held in Neuchâtel, Switzerland in July. Five boats in a truck and one on a trailer headed for The Alps. The crews and the tourists with kids and gear were

packed in an air-conditioned coach and they followed the truck with the boats. The races were sailed in wet and windy conditions, i.e. rainy and stormy conditions which, seemed to be good enough for Jean-Claude DuPasquier, The Champion, but not for our team. The Finnish finishers were: 8th Osmo Savola, 13th Timo Patosuo, 14th Hartti Nisonen, 19th Ahti Immonen, 20th Leif Haglund and 27th Markku Paloma.

The last of the season's events was the 50th Anniversary of Raimo Aromaa, the Executive Director of Finnish Yachting Association and former District Secretary and Vice President of I.L.C.A. for many years. The unity of the Lightning Sailors made it possible for us to supply Raimo's boat *Mesaheila* with a new set of sails for his 30th District Championships in 1981.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore Frank H. Atkinson, Jr.
District Secretary Tom Septemle
District Measurer Frank H. Atkinson, Jr.
District Champion James O. Pinion
District Runner-Up Jack Swenson

Fleets: Biscayne Bay Fleet (226); St. John's River Fleet (461); Old Port Yacht Club (447); Cedar (478).

1980 saw a year of interest in the Lightning in South Florida. We added two new fleets and hope to have one more by the printing of this article. With the addition of a fleet in Palm Beach and at Fort Meyers, we have seen the renewed enthusiasm in the Lightning has become contagious in other parts of South Florida. Lightnings were represented at regattas in Sarasota, Sanford, Jacksonville, and Miami. Those of us who have traveled around have found the people to be very receptive to the Lightning. We hope that next year will be a larger improvement, and give us the best year yet.

Florida was also represented at San Diego by Jim Pinion who made the Blue Flight. Nice going Jim. Jim did a horizon job on the rest of the District to take the Districts. No wonder, a new boat is nice to have. It's also nice to have the best sailing in the World in south Florida. Hope to see you all at the Southern Circuit. Don't forget the steak at Miami!

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore Keith Swihart
District Secretary John F. Call
District Measurer Bob Carter
District Champion Bob Carter
District Runner-Up Goerge Buckingham

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 Indiana District opened its sailing season as the first Regatta for the Northern Spring Circuit. This year was no exception with a turnout of outstanding skippers and crews. Always trying to improve, the sporty Bruce Goldsmith moved from a second place finish in '79 to the winners spot in 1980.

Following the opening of our Indiana sailing at Indianapolis we moved to Lake Wawasee for the Annual Hoosier Regatta. Again, Bruce Goldsmith improved his 1979 finish by winning his first Hoosier.

The District Championship was held at Lake Wawasee with Fleet (154) Lake Wawasee Yacht Club acting as the Host. After much delay due to weather, Bob Carter of Indianapolis Sailing Club won first place, with George Buckingham of the Host Fleet, second, followed by the out-going District Commodore Bill Hall of the Indianapolis Sailing Club.

We ended our sailing season in Indiana with the "Wanfinlapimu." This regatta has been switched from Mississinewa Lake to Lake Wawasee. Winning this first event at Wawasee was John Call of Lake Wawasee; Gordon Ettie, second; George Buckingham, third.

Chuck Medlock attended the North Americans in San Diego this year qualifying in the Blue (Championship) Fleet.

We from the Indiana District wish to thank each of you who attended and supported our Regattas. We look forward to 1981, and extend to each of you a welcome. See you at the Open!

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Luigi Merola
District Secretary Nando De Amicis
District Champion Lio Coccoloni

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

A lot of news for the Italian District in the 1980s. Three new fleets were established: Fleet 476 at Lido del Savio on Adriatic Sea; Fleet 479 at Bracciano on Bracciano Lake near Rome, and Fleet 480 at Palermo in Sicily.

Six Italian boats took part in the European Championship at Neuchatel in Switzerland.

Roberto Crucitti of the Fleet 449 was a very close runner-up. Lio Coccoloni was third and Luigi Merola was seventh. This was a formidable performance for the District. At last the district's sailors obtained a good result at the Europeans.

Two young Italian skippers with their crews took part in the World Youth Championship at Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada. The District is very happy to announce that Sergio Messina of Fleet 449 obtained a wonderful eighth place (10th, 10th, 11th, 3rd, 10th, 2nd) and Sergio Graldi of Fleet 249 was 18th. For the young Italian sailors this was an unforgettable experience.

INDIANA DISTRICT 1981 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Indiana Open Regatta
Indianapolis Sailing Club
Geist Reservoir, Indianapolis, Indiana

May 2-3

"WANFINLRAPIMUP" **Oct. 4-5**
Wawasee Sailing Club
Lake Wawasee, Syracuse,
Indiana

Hoosier Regatta
Wawasee Yacht Club
Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Indiana

June 6-7

***INDIANA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP**
LAKE WAWASEE, SYRACUSE, INDIANA

JUNE 13-14

**Annual Indiana District Meeting will be held.*

1981 FLORIDA REGATTA SCHEDULE

REGATTA

WINTER SERIES, BBYRA*
EDISON PAGEANT OF LIGHT
WINTER SERIES, BBYRA
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA

MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINTER SERIES, BBYRA

MIAMI MIDWINTERS

SUNBURN REGATTA
BBYRA

FLORIDA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS ++

SUMMER SERIES, BBYRA
SUMMER SERIES, BBYRA
SUMMER SERIES, BBYRA
LABOR DAY REGATTA
LABOR DAY REGATTA
BBYRA
ANNUAL REGATTA
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING REGATTA
ANNUAL REGATTA
TANGERINE BOWL REGATTA
GATOR BOWL REGATTA

HOST CLUB

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
FT. MYERS SAILING CLUB
KEY BISCAYNE YACHT CLUB
PALM BEACH YACHT CLUB
ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB
KEY BISCAYNE YACHT CLUB
CORAL REEF YACHT CLUB
BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
CORAL REEF YACHT CLUB
COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
RUDDER CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE
SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON
COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB, TAMPA
CORAL REEF YACHT CLUB
ORLANDO YACHT CLUB
RUDDER CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE

DATES

JAN. 18
FEB. 7-8
FEB. 15
FEB. 21-22
MAR. 12-15
MAR. 15
MAR. 17-19
APR. 11
MAY 17
JUN. 6-7
JUN. 21
JUL. 19
AUG. 16
SEP. 5-6
SEP. 5-6
SEP. 20
OCT. 24-25
NOV. 28-29
DEC. 14
DEC. 14-15
DEC. 7-8

* Biscayne Yacht Racing Association

++ Annual Florida District Meeting Will Be Held

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Twenty boats took part in the Italian Championship at Anzio on the Tirrenian Sea. Lio Coccoloni of the Italian Navy was the new Italian Champion. Lio is an old friend and was the District Champion in 1969. His re-entry in the class was very much appreciated by all the Lightning sailors. In the meanwhile Coccoloni was Italian Champion in Solings in 1970 and 1972 and 9th in the Soling Worlds in 1973.

Next year the European Championship will be organized by Fleet 449 at Marsala in Sicily from 20th to 26th of July, followed by the Italian Championship from 20th to 26th of July, followed by the Italian Championship from the 28th of July.

The District invites all the Lightning people at Marsala.



The Pellegrini family's nice new entry.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore Mark Bryant
District Secretary Judy Walker
District Measurer Bill Potter
District Champion Larry MacDonald
District Runner-Up Jim Neville

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).

Well, the season is over and the Lake Erie District has 4 champions to boast of: Mark Bryant won the North Americans, Larry MacDonald the

Canadian Open, Ian Jones the World Youth and Brenda Allen the Women's North Americans. This is quite an accomplishment and helped make the whole District stronger. (We had several boats in the top ten at the N.A.'s.)

The Buffalo Canoe Club hosted the World Youth and the entire District helped out loaning the boats necessary for the round robin and putting together a pot luck dinner for all of the contestants and committee members. The regatta was a great success and produced a local champ.

The Districts were held at the B.C.C. in conjunction with the World Youth. It was a hard fought series with Larry MacDonald winner and Jim Neville second.

The annual LED-Central New York Challenge was held at Newport Yacht Club (C.N.Y.) and Silver Lake of the LED. This is a fun series and promotes a friendly rivalry between the neighboring Districts. The individual winner was Dick Hallagan followed by Jed Dodge.

However, the team title went to the LED.

The fall series started with a different twist this year, starting in Toronto instead of Dunkirk. This worked well, bringing out many of the Canadian boats to join the fun. Sandy Beach and Silver Lake completed the circuit as usual. The fall champion is Tom Allen, runner up Matt Bryant Jr.

The stories of racing and partying would fill a book, but we'll save them for some other time. The only losers were those who stayed home.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Denis Farley
District Secretary William C. Gordon
District Measurer Denis Farley
District Champion Sandy Huntsman
District Runner-Up Denis Farley

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

The 1980 sailing season in the Metropolitan District, under the capable leadership of District Commodore George Bitler and District Secretary Denis Farley got under way with the Monmouth Boat Club's Annual Long John Regatta on April 26 and 27. As usual, competition was excellent as many of the best sailors in the area and in the class were on the river. Dave Curtis of the Marblehead (Mass.) Lightning Fleet took first place out of 52 boats with firsts in two out of three races. Mark Beaton of Metedeconk River Yacht Club took second place honors, and Jay Lutz of Newport (and Metedeconk) took third.

The next major event on the calendar brought everyone to the Hudson River for the Mid-Hudson Circuit. Consisting of three three-race regattas at Nyack, High Tor and Chelsea, this circuit is sailed on weekends in June and early July. While many Hudson River one-design fleets found attendance down at regattas this year, the Lightning regattas were relatively well attended. Hudson River competition improved significantly with both the addition of new sailors and the continued improvement of old hands. After a hard fought series, Chuck Tripp of High Tor took first place in the Mid-Hudson Circuit, followed, one-quarter point behind, by Bill Gordon of Chelsea. Ben Hunter, also of Chelsea, took third. Rod Johnson and Howie Rinehart of Nyack showed greatly improved performance and will bear close watching next season. Long time Hudson River Champion Tom DeStasio, who hails from the same section of New York as Rip Van Winkle, apparently slept through the season, not launching *Madame Blue* until after Labor Day.

The District Championship was held at Minisceongo Yacht Club, home of the High Tor Fleet. Sandy Huntsman of Red Bank won the Championship in conditions ranging from very light to heavy. Denis Farley, also of Monmouth Boat Club was runner-up with Jim Schwartz, Chuck Tripp and John Schneider rounding out the top five.

The Junior Championship was held at Monmouth Boat Club in mid-June with Larry Colantuono of the host club the winner.

Four boats from the Metropolitan District made the long journey to San Diego for the North American Championship. Chuck Tripp and John Schneider made the Championship Flight, while Sandy Huntsman and Jim Schwartz raced in the President's Cup. Kevin Corr represented our District, sailing to sixth place in the Junior North Americans.

The Short Circuit, our District's fall regatta series, this year included races at Greenwood Lake, Lake Mohawk and a new one-day regatta at Monmouth Boat Club. Short Circuit winner this year was Tom Bierman of Lake Mohawk. Bob Graham, also of Lake Mohawk, was second. The one-day format was tried as a way to encourage more sailors to participate and appears to have been a success with 24 boats turning out for three good races. We'll look forward to the "Fall Has Fell" Regatta again next year.

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Lake Erie District

While Red Bank this year managed to steal the honor of holding the season's last regatta, the High Tor Blast Invitational Regatta, held the first weekend in October was hard to beat. This regatta always consists of some of the best racing in the District combined with great food, great people and a great party. It continues to be one of our favorites.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 1981 Regatta Schedule

April 12	Spring Series	Red Bank N.J.
May 3, 10, 17		
April 25, 26	Long John	Red Bank, N.J.

MID-HUDSON CIRCUIT

June 6-7	Magnus Pederson	Nyack, N.Y.
June 13-14	Hi-Tor Sutherland	Stony Point, N.Y.
July 11-12	Chelsea Open	Chelsea, N.Y.

June 27-28	DISTRICTS	Red Bank, N.J.
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Sept. 19-20	Lake Wallenpaupack	Paupack, Pa.
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SHORT CIRCUIT

Sept. 12-13	Whisker Pole	Greenwood Lake, N.Y.
Sept. 26-27	Lake Mohawk	Sparta, N.J.
Oct. 10	MBC Regatta	Red Bank, N.J.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	James S. McCoy
District Secretary	Tim Vander Meulen
District Measurer	Bob Knop
District Champion	Henry Hodgson
District Runner-Up	Rick Frank
Junior Champion	John Mathers
Junior Runner-Up	Mark 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); Clark Lake Sail Club (475).

Situation: The 1980 North American Championships are going to be held in a beautiful corner of the world with a promise of great facilities, steady breezes, and of course the usual great people and great racing.

Problem: San Diego is so far away, requiring major time, money, and logistical solutions, that very few District members are expected to make the trip (only 1 boat actually did).

Solution: Make 1980 a rebuilding year for the Michigan District, intensify local racing, encourage regatta participation, and plan the best Michigan District Championship Regatta ever.

Outcome: Success! Our District Regatta was the best ever with 46 Michigan Lightnings participating in our largest championship since 1945, overall regatta participation was excellent, and our local racing intensified dramatically with examples such as Pontiac where only 1.5 points separated the top 5 boats in their championship series. Membership in the Pontiac Club also increased substantially, enough to win an award from the ILCA for the most new members of any fleet in 1980, as it did at Clark Lake where a new fleet was started earlier this year. Things looked so good in our District that we even managed to convince Bruce and Sherry Goldsmith to join us.

Lake Lansing once again got our season underway with a 3-race, 17-Lightning, heavy air regatta on their partially dredged lake. Henry Hodgson (Union Lake) showed that he was the boat to beat and was followed by Clarence Holman III in second and Jim McCoy in third.

Union Lake was next with more heavy air. Clarence Holman III managed to keep his boat upright and held on for the victory.

Our only disappointment of the year came at Crescent Sail Club as the Southern heat wave forced all the air on Lake St. Clair elsewhere on Saturday (we have to blame someone!) and fog in for the Sunday races. Crescent plans to have at least 3 or 4 extra races next year just to make up for this year's cancellations!

The annual District Team Races were once again hosted by defending champion Lake Fenton. This year however, Pontiac bested the seven competing, 4-boat teams by compiling a 5-1 record for the series.

Gull Lake provided the final tune-up for our Districts with an excellent 3-race series. Tom Jungiohann (Douglas Lake) led this 25-boat contest and was followed by Henry Hodgson in second and local Carl Engels in third. Unfortunately, the 3rd Annual Gull Lake Soccer Championship could not be played because of sore muscles. It will return next year!

Our District Championships were hosted by Pontiac Yacht Club at the Saginaw Bay Lightning Club in Bay City. Tim VanderMeulen began the series very strong with two bullets on the first day, but couldn't hold on as Henry Hodgson's consistency took the series. Henry became the second recipient of the George Sipple Memorial Trophy and was followed by Rick Frank (Pontiac), Clarence Holman III (Pontiac), Vander Meulen (Gull Lake), and Joe Disette (Saginaw Bay) to round out the top five.

Pontiac also hosted the Junior District Championships this year and saw 6 boats participate in a 4-race series. John Mathers was a repeat winner from last year and was followed by Mark Hussey in second and David Kastura in third.

Last year's circuit newcomer Douglas Lake hosted its second annual event, this year for 17 boats. Henry Hodgson led the way and was followed by local Dave Peters and Bill McKinley (Pontiac.)

Commodore Jim McCoy won this year's Grand Traverse regatta while Henry Hodgson, after backing his newly refurbished Lightning into the dock, gave in to the enemy, bought a stink-pot (Boston Whaler), and proceeded to buzz every boat on the horizon. Grand Traverse is eagerly (?) awaiting next year and our well controlled (?) group when they host our 1981 Districts.

A near record 44 boats turned out for Pontiac Yacht Club's White Cap Regatta. Localite Wally Smith held back the troops to win with two other locals, Bob Mathers and Les Kastura brining up second and third.

The world's longest, continuously running regatta continued at Devil's Lake with Bruce Goldsmith showing the horizon to the rest of the fleet in the final race. He was followed by Gary Demarest (welcome back!) in second and Henry Hodgson in third.

Clark Lake completed our season by providing a valuable lesson in how to hike in the puffs and how to rest in the lulls. In case anyone forgot these basics, the wind reminded everyone about every 15 seconds. Bruce Goldsmith again showed everyone how it was done and was followed by Tom Jungiohann in second and Bill McKinley in third.

Special congratulations go once again to Henry Hodgson who repeated as winner of the George Steuland Trophy. This trophy is awarded each year for the best overall performance on the Michigan Circuit.

Interest in the Michigan District is at an all time high. Everyone is looking forward to the North American Championships in Connecticut. Come join us as we make next year's season even better!

MICHIGAN

DISTRICT



MICHIGAN DISTRICTS
GRAND TRAVERSE BAY
JULY 9-12

DOUGLAS LAKE
JULY 25-26

HIGGINS LAKE
AUGUST 1-2

BAY CITY Y.C.
AUGUST 8 & 9

LAKE LANSING
MAY 30-31

LAKE FENTON
DISTRICT
TEAM RACES
JUNE 27 & 28

Michigan

GULL LAKE
JUNE 13 & 14
JUNIOR DISTRICTS
JULY 18-19
OCT. 3-4

PONTIAC Y.C.
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

CLARK LAKE
SEPTEMBER 26-27

DEVILS LAKE
SEPTEMBER 19-20

UNION LAKE
JUNE 6 & 7

CRESCENT SAIL CLUB
JUNE 20 & 21

PLAN A RACING VACATION IN MICHIGAN THIS YEAR.