

Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Jose Maria Blanco
District Secretary	Dr. Hugo Arazi
District Measurer	Angel Vila
District Champion	Mario Abinzano
District Runner-Up	Martin Canepa

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

This year's National Championship was used too as qualifying series for '82 Worlds. It was won quite easily by Mario Abinzano who had been travelling through the world for two years; and didn't have much activity in Lightnings lately. It was sailed in variable conditions from light to heavy air passing through medium. Runner-up position showed a close battle between J. Blanco; R. Ricoveri; A. Vila; F. Pascucci and Martin Canepa who finally finished second overall. Abinzano started with four 1sts in a row for the first four series; with a 3rd and a 2nd in the next two which gave him the title before the series was over.

For the record, third was Roberto Rocoveri, followed by Angel Vila, Jose Maria Blanco, Javier Pascucci, Daniel Collet, Alexandro Von Wernich, Eduardo Echarri, Daniel Fort, Jose L. Baraviera, Jose M. Irizar, Heraldo Tramaglia, Daniel Gonzalez, Hector Giavedoni, Hugo Castro and Hugo Mata.

It was a very good championship; Well organized by Yacht Club Olivos and sailed under all kinds of wind. Good luck in Chile!

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore	Nelson S. Schmitt
District Secretary ..	Francisco Del Re Netto
District Measurers	Oscar Werkele, Erick Schmidt, Enio Lineburger, Dilermando A. de Mello de Mello, Arne Arnesen
District Champion	Claudio Bieckark
District Runner-Up	Mario Buckup
District Junior Champion	Guilherme Pinheiro da Silva

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

1981 started with great highlights. Mario Buckup won the South Americans, Claudio Bieckark won his second consecutive District Championship, and our locally-made glass Lightning is a reality.

Mario pulled it again. With crew Joaquin Feneberg and Ralf Christian (ex 1975 World Champion and current Pan American Champion) in the same known waters at Salinas, Ecuador, Marion Buckup won the 27th South American Championship. The top five boats were equal in speed, but the light to medium winds with choppy waves separated them. Marion had a tough time keeping Francisco Sola and Manuel Gonzales off his heels, but took the Championship and an automatic berth to the 1982 Worlds.

In March, Fleet 162 of Florianopolis hosted the 1981 Nationals. Boats started arriving during the weekend before the mid-week to Sunday championship. Claudio Bieckark and Manfred Kaufman were testing the local waters before most of us got there. On Monday, when more crews arrived from the North, Bieckark and Kaufman were sitting on shore waiting for the wind to die down — anemometers read to 40 m.p.h.!

Sao Paul Fleets 147 and 462 trailed and arrived complaining about the 12 hour trip. Not so the Cariocas. The next day five boats from Rio de Janeiro arrived "in caravan" smiling and happy after almost 20 hours of treacherous roads and highways. All told there were 21 of the best in Brazil to compete for the Districts and the berths for the South Americans and the Worlds in Chile in 1982.

After sail measurement and hull weighing, the Championship got under way. With "back to back" races (grueling for some of us in the older category) Claudio Bieckark immediately showed his superiority. He won with light winds, strong winds — any kind of wind. Second was Marion Buckup, third was Manfred Kaufman, followed by Wlaor Soares Jr. and Valerio Soares. With this win, Bieckark qualified to participate in the North Americans where he took a very honorable 15th.

Our Glass Hull is Ready!

Thanks to Sergio Gilaberti of Fleet 401 of Guanabara this is a reality. It took a full year of hard work and persistence and hull number one will be tested by Mario Buckup before it gets into full production.

Our top sailors will be in Chile to bring the coveted World Cup back to Brazil. Look out for those Brazilians!

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore	John Parker
District Secretary	Edward Serrill
District Measurer	James Carson
District Champion	Jody Lutz
District Runner-Up	Jay Lutz
Junior Champion	Tim Robinson

Fleets: Bay Head (3); Metedeconk River (34); Lavallette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Riverton (228); Barnegat Light (335); Red Dragon (357); Ocean City (430).

The 1981 season started with the joint Central Atlantic District/Metropolitan District meeting hosted by the Red Dragon Canoe Club. With the cold winds blowing outside, Mark Bryant warmed our hands with new ideas from the national champion.

CAD members started tuning up with the Southern Circuit, which was attended by Mark Beaton, Jim Carson, Jack Elfman, Paul Gelenitis, Jay Lutz, and Jody Lutz. Jay Lutz placed second at Miami and eighth overall.

The Long John Regatta was dominated by Metedeconk, with Jim Carson, first; Jody Lutz, second; Jay Lutz, third; and Mark Beaton, fifth. Other early season series saw the following CAD members taking top honors, Ralph Messersmith, Red Bank Spring Series; Djoerd Hoekstra, Metedeconk Spring Regatta, and Jay Lutz, Cedar Point Early Bird Regatta.

Our District Championship was hosted this year by the Bay Head Yacht Club. The races were held in light to moderate air, with postponements both days until the seabreeze set in. Jody Lutz walked away as District Champion, with two firsts, a second, and an eighth place finish. Brother Jay was runner-up, followed by Jim Carson, Paul Gelenitis, and Mark Beaton. The combined CAD/Metropolitan Junior Districts were hosted by the Surf City Yacht Club, and Tim Robinson decisively won the three firsts.

On to the North Americans. The CAD was represented by the top eight skippers. Mark Beaton, Jim Carson, Bill Clausen, Jack Elfman, Jay Lutz (second overall), and Jody Lutz whom were all in the Blue fleet. Paul Gelenitis (second overall) and John Parker were in the President's Cup. Jody Lutz and Tim Robinson sailed in the Junior North Americans and took fourth and fifth places respectively.

The Atlantic Coast Championship, held at Annapolis, was won by Jim Carson, and Mark Beaton was fifth.

Surf City Yacht Club hosted the New Jersey States this year, and CAD members were awarded the top five places. Steve Warren was first, Jack Elfman, second; Jim Carson, third; Bill Clausen, fourth; and Mark Beaton, fifth.

The CAD, in its usual fashion, was well represented at numerous other regattas. At the Ocean City Invitational Bill Clausen took first place. Steve Warren led the pack at the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club Invitational. Jay Lutz won at Cedar Point, and Ralph Messersmith took the Manahawkin Cup. The Gamma Trophy went to John Parker again, with first place finishes at the Red Dragon Fall Regatta and the Riverton Fall Regatta.

As this article is written, members of the CAD are finishing up the season at Annapolis and Quantico. 1981 was a good year. In looking forward to 1982, we extend an open invitation to all to join us, making next year even better.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT 1982 REGATTA SCHEDULE

JUNE 5, 6
JUNE 19, 20
JUNE 26, 27
JULY 8
JULY 9, 10, 11
JULY 24, 25
AUGUST 7-8
SEPTEMBER 11, 12
SEPTEMBER 18, 19

#* NEWPORT INVITATIONAL
NIAGARA FRONTIER INVITATIONAL
L.S.L.S. REGATTA
WOMEN'S AND JUNIORS
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
C.N.Y.Y.R.A.
CHAMPAGNE REGATTA
ONONDAGA INVITATIONAL
HARVEST REGATTA

NEWPORT, Y.C.
BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
WILLOW BANK Y.C.
BROCKPORT, Y.C.
BROCKPORT, Y.C.
WILLOW BANK Y.C.
KEUKA, Y.C.
ONONDAGA Y.C.
SILVER LAKE C.C.

* LAKE ERIE, CENTRAL NEW YORK CHALLENGE CUP
CENTRAL NEW YORK TRIPLE CROWN

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore.....George Sereno
District Secretary/Treasurer.....Michael Healy
District Measurer.....Edward F. Beadel Jr.
District Champion.....Peter Hallagan
District Runner-Up.....Jim Pindell
Women's Champion.....Janet Sinn

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Mayfield Yacht Club (13); Newport Yacht Club (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Red Jacket (125); Willow Bank Yacht Club (164); Henderson Harbor Yacht Club (225); Keuka Yacht Club (252); Brockport Yacht Club (267); Galway Lake Yacht Club (338); South Skaneateles Lightning Association (439); Ithaca Yacht Club (484); Port Oswego Fleet (485).

The 1981 sailing season was a most successful one; as usual. Also as usual, the names were on top of the standings at the end of the regattas — with one minor twist. Some of the first names were different.

The season opener at Newport Yacht Club on spacious Irondequoit Bay, was again our most popular regatta. Almost 50 boats attended, representing a good portion of the East coast and Canada. Young Peter Hallagan (familiar last name, different first name) looked like the one to beat in the regatta, after leading Saturday's races with a 1-2-1. Unfortunately, there were two other races. When the dust finally settled on Sunday, Jay Lutz was on top followed by Jed Dodge and Tom Allen. Peter Hallagan finished fourth after having to reround a mark or two in Sunday's races.

The next stop on the District circuit was the L.S.L.S. regatta held at Delta Lake. Here, consistent performance was the key as Ray Nelson of Brockport edged Dick Hallagan for the win. Jim Pindell, Jed Dodge and Jean Hallagan (familiar last name, different first name) rounded out the top five positions.

The Host for the 1981 "District Championship" was Willow Bank Yacht Club on beautiful Cazanovia Lake. Willow Bank surpassed even their own high standards and ran a truly excellent regatta. Janet Sinn returned as our new Women's District Champion and Peter Hallagan who borrowed his Father's (Dick) boat for the season returned as our new District Champion. Jim Pindell had a superb crewing effort and battle back to take the runner's up spot, with Jed Dodge third and Dick Hallagan fourth.

The District was well represented at the "North Americans" sending nine boats. Carrying the torch for the District were the Hallagan's, Dick and Peter. Peter sailed very well and was runner-up in the "Junior North Americans." Dick was the only member of our District to sail in the Blue Fleet this year. With all the young talent in our District, Dick shouldn't be too lonely in this fleet in the future.

Sailing with a stellar crew (Jean Hallagan and Jed Dodge), Bob Dodge showed everyone that he still has that special touch, by winning the "Centrals" on a windy Cayuga Lake.

Central New York is popular territory to former District sailor Bob Wardwell. He made it two in a row by winning beautiful Keuka Lake's "Champagne Regatta" for the second time. Bob said he'd be back next year gunning for three.

The "Triple Crown Trophy," awarded to the best overall finisher in the Newport L.S.L.S. and Champagne regattas, was won this year by co-skippers Peter and Jean Hallagan.

The "Onondaga Invitational" was won by the up and coming Tadd Sinn.

Dick Hallagan, climbing back into his own boat for a change, closed out the Upstate season with a win at the "Harvest Regatta" on Silver Lake. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who did the work to make it a great season. Hope to see all our old friends and meet some new ones in the coming year.

CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore....Gerardo Polette P.
District Secretary.....Rufino Melero U.
District Junior Commodore.....
Juan Pablo Barahona
District Measurer.....Pablo Gallyas
District Champion.....Rodrigo Zuazola
District Runner-Up.....Manuel Gonzalez

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

The 1980-81 Sailing Season was very active at our district. We began our competitions early spring on Higuierilla Yacht club and then in November we held the National Championship at Yacht Club de Chile.

In this event Rodrigo Zuazola was first with Jorge Zuazola and Carlos Rossi as crew and second place was Manuel Gonzalez with Loreto Gonzalez and Juan Pablo Barahona.

Afterward during the first week of January we traveled to the South of Chile, specifically to Pucon for enjoying a championship in which was invited Don Delorme, his wife and daughter. This championship was reported excellent by Manuel Gonzalez in a *Flash*. The purpose of it was that Don could tell to all the people of the Class about the place of the next Worlds, although at the time this report is being read all of the participants will know it well enough and what an excellent place it is.

In the last days of April we traveled to the South Americans at Salinas Ecuador. We shipped five boats and a total of six crews flew to participate. The Championship was successful and we had very good races with excellent winds. Mario Buckup did a great job and won it easily, second was Paco Sola, third Juan Santo, fourth Manuel Gonzalez, fifth Jaime Fernandez and sixth Rodrigo Zuazola.

In the winter season we continued sailing at the Higuierillas Yacht Club one weekend per month in order to maintain the training for the Worlds.

In September we began the sailing season each weekend at the same Yacht Club and had very good races with strong winds and large waves.

All the members of the Worlds Committee is working hard to offer a great event to all the participants that will be at Pucon on January 1982.

CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

Commodore.....Don Barrett
Secretary.....Dave Peterson
Champion.....Jim Crane
Runner-Up.....Dave Peterson

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

The District was fortunate to have the Cedar Point Yacht Club host the 1981 North American Championship. John Cuccio and his crew did an outstanding job. This was the first time the Championship was held in our District since 1957. Cedar Point is the only facility, in our District, large enough to hold the event. Being located in the middle of Long Island Sound with a scheduled August series, everyone knew there would be no wind. John did not let this matter go unattended. He applied the Ted Fontelieu Whammy. Did you see those air currents coming out of the Committee boat? Nice job Ted.

Our series started in May at Cedar Point. The winners were so fast that the score sheet got hot and disappeared. Next was the Long Island Sound Championship at Black Rock. Apparently, there was too much competition elsewhere, as this event was poorly attended. At least it gave a chance for old "Woody" to join. John Cuccio was second and Don Barrett was third. Our Districts were held at Madison Beach Club. Jim Crane thought the marks were a little hard to see, so he served as lead boat for all the races. Thanks Jim. Phil Griffen and Guy Moulton jumped the gun, in one race, and failed to hear their recall. With the North Americans at their home club, it was a little hard to bear. Following the lead boat were Dave Peterson, Dick Thackaberry, Jay Renchan, Don Barrett and John Vann. Out of these qualifiers, Crane was fifth in the Blue flight and Thack was the big winner of the Yellow flight. Twenty pounds of sterling silver — that's what you get to worry about when you win the Connecticut Governor's Cup. The 1981 worrier is Dave Peck followed by Georges Peter, Edson White and Guy Moulton. The Steak Committee was also a big winner. Back to Cedar Point for the Fall blast. Jay Lutz was the top survivor, followed by Jim Carson, Don Barrett, Frank Atkinson and Georges Peter. Many District sailors concluded the season at fabulous Spofford Lake. Priorities are rearranged to assure solid fun. Racing is included if time and conditions permit. The host go all out with the food, cocktails, and good times. A clear, tiny lake provides interesting racing, where your position can be assured, only, after crossing the finish line. Jody Lutz, with his "lousy" crew won the three race event; followed by Don Barrett, Dick (he goofed) Hallagan and Sandy Peterson.

1982 is in the works, with an additional event scheduled, in June, at Newport. Bill Shore will have to do all the work and will, undoubtedly, suffer with his concentration. Therefore, anyone wishing to beat him will have the opportunity.

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND 1982 District Schedule

Cedar Point Early Bird
May 22-23

Newport Northeast Regional
June 12-13

NIANTIC DISTRICTS
July 17-18

Black Rock Long Island Sound
August 7-8

Niantic Connecticut Governor's Cup
September 11-12

Cedar Point Eastern US Championship
September 18-19

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Bill McShane
District Vice-Commodore .. Steve Bachman
District Secretary Frank Gallagher
District Junior Commodore . Ron Grotheer
District Measurer Ron Buchanan
District Champion Bob Wardwell
District Runner-Up..... Steve Bachman
Junior Champion Ron Grotheer
Junior Runner-Up Ted Ganley

Fleets: Washington D.C. (50); Indian River (72); North East River (192); Susquehanna (253); Sassafras River (314); Rehobeth (325); Severn River (329); Marine Corps-Quantico (354); Smith Mountain Lake (377).

1981 was an exceptionally good year for the Dixie Districts in many ways. Several good new skippers have joined our ranks; among them, Jim Capron, Phillip Grotheer, and Doug Dixon. A new regatta was added this year at Kentmore Park on the Sassafras River. With 25 boats appearing for the first start and superb hospitality it was probably the most fun regatta all season.

The Junior Districts were hosted by Quantico with Ron Grotheer taking top honors followed by Ted Ganley, Rose Gentile and Phillip Grotheer among the eight starters. The District Championships were held at Rehobeth with Bob Wardwell winning all, followed by Steve Bachman, Joe Friebele, Frank Gallagher, Dr. Don Delorme and Bill Buckley.

Then it was off the Cedar Point for the North Americans! Cherie Osgood, with Carol Bachman and Claire Osgood as crew, tied for first in the Womens — super job! Bob Wardwell made us all proud with a tenth overall in the Blue fleet. Dr. Don Delorme and Frank Gallagher also qualified Blue but finished a little further back. Joe Friebele after Mark Bryant tuned his boat finished a very respectable seventh in the President's Cup. Tom Hopkins was also a bit nervous in the qualifiers, but once in the Governor's Cup, he really got it in gear with a third overall.

Although the figures aren't finalized yet, it looks like our nine regatta traveling trophy will be won by Ron Buchanan, Dedication and consistency will do it every time! We just finished the regular season with 20-35 mph gear-busters at Rehobeth, Susquehanna, and Annapolis with Bob Wardwell winning all three — Give us a break Bob! Our final regatta was once again at Quantico. Our own John Richardson had a very impressive win with Jim Carson second. Unfortunately, we only had 15 boats at Quantico this year. It would be a real shame to lose this great regatta. Come out and help us support Quantico next year.

Dr. Don Delorme and Steve Bachman are gearing up for the Worlds in Chile in January 1982. Our best wishes go with them.

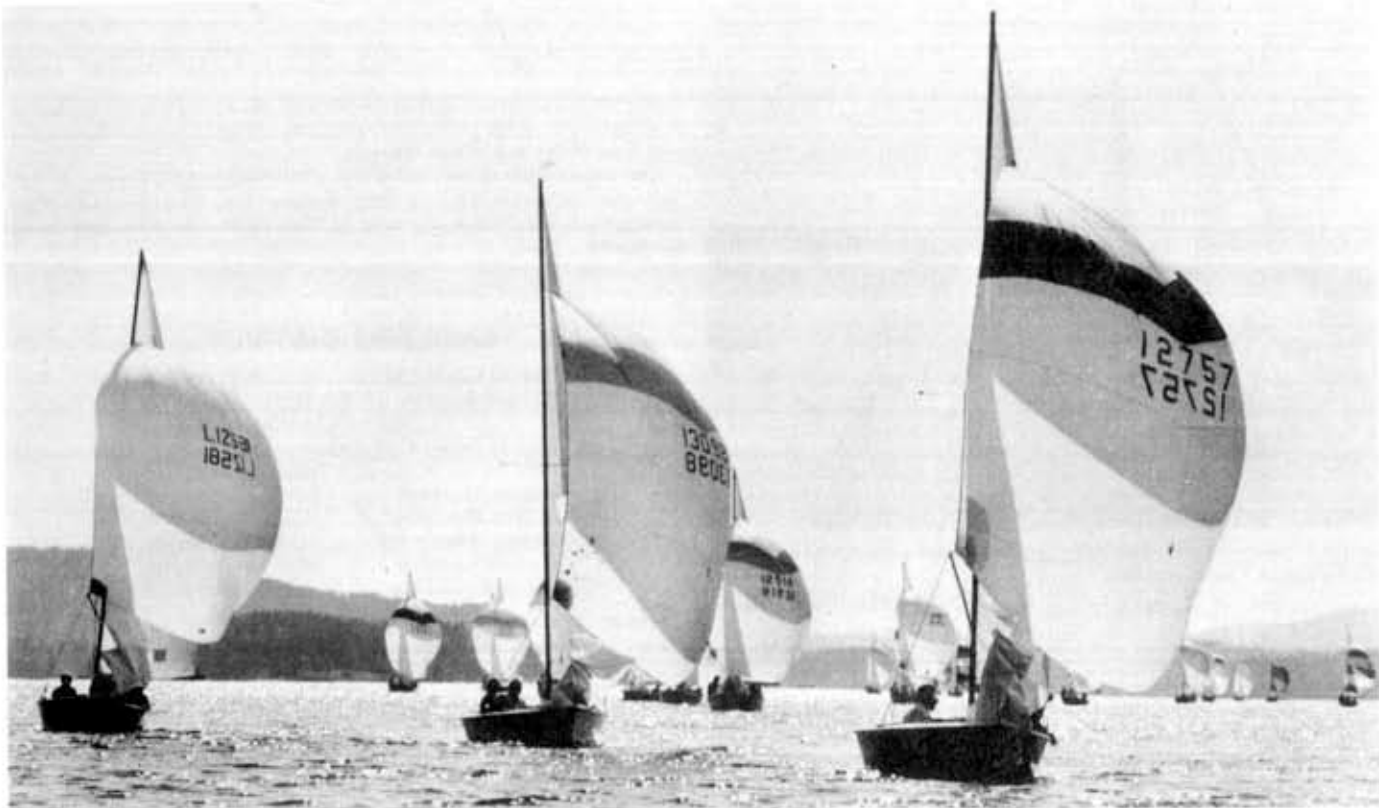
FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Juhani Haila
District Secretary Markku Aromaa
District Junior Commodore Juha Aromaa
District Measurer Marjatta Ollila
District Champion Saku Vento
District Runner-Up Kari Maenpaa
Junior Champion Saku Vento
Junior Runner-Up Pekka Hamalainen

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

As you could read in the last years report, the main problem of the Lightning Class in Finland was the lack of boatbuilders who could get a "Ready-to-Sail" Lightning into the market. Now I am happy to tell you that the problem seems to be solved. Through the effort and enthusiasm of Mr. Jorma Lehtonen and with the help of Class members and the Class organization, we were proud to present a new Finn-made Lightning at the beginning of the sailing season in late May. Furthermore we found a sailmaker who was eager enough to start developing competitive Lightning sails for Finnish sailors. The past season was more or less a testing period for this new equipment and perhaps next summer we'll have a fully equipped competitive Finnish Lightning boat sailing in our regattas.

After the Annual Meeting held in Helsinki in October we had the long winter ahead of us and we had to concentrate in the theoretical and administrative aspects of sailing for the following seven months. The Finnish District bulletin *Lightning-Viesti* was published three times during the year by the editorial staff formed from the Class officials of the District.



12581 Osmo Tamskanen, 13098 Laura Hamalainen, 12757 Pentti Laitinen and the rest of the pack at the Finland Districts.

The first of six Ranking Series regattas was held in Lohja in early June with eleven boats participating. Before that we had had the annual "On The Rocks" regatta in Lake Tuusulanjärvi in mid-May. A total of 39 boats took part in one or more of these Ranking regattas but only 12 boats were officially scored in the Ranking results according to the rules of this series. This gives some idea of the activity of Finnish Lightning sailors at the moment. But active or not there still were 34 boats participating in the Finland District Championships held in Saynatsalo south of Jyväskylä, the home of Fleet 328. The weather conditions during this regatta varied from total calmness and hot sunshine to the worst rainstorm and record rainfall of the summer. The races were most exciting and it was on the last leg of the last race when Saku Vento of Tuusula could have his sigh of relief when he noticed that Kari Maenpää of Helsinki finished sixth instead of fifth in the last race. So, the Champion of 1981 is Saku Vento with crew Petri Wikman and Jussi Vesterinen. Saku, 19 years old, is also the Junior Champion of the year and has thus shown the old folks that we better look out for the juniors if we want to make it in future races. Also the Runner-Up, Kari Maenpää with Erkki Maenpää and Oki Wikman were juniors just a few years ago. Third was Osmo Savola of Kotka with crew Marianne and Reijo Puupera.

Unfortunately we didn't have any entries in the Europeans held in Sicily, Italy, but we are going to make it up next year in Greece. The Worlds which will be held in Chile in January 1982 have aroused interest among Finnish sailors in such a manner that we are going to see two boats with letter "I" on their sails at Pucon, Chile.

We are expecting to have a very active sailing season next year, because the Ranking series of 1982 is also the qualifying series for the 1983 Worlds in Naples, Italy.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Fisk Hayden
District Secretary Fay Regan
District Measurer Frank Atkinson, Jr.
District Champion Frank Atkinson, Jr.
District Runner-Up..... Fisk Hayden

Fleets: Biscayne Bay (226); Lake Eustis/North Florida (461); Old Port Yacht Club (447); Cedar (478).

Well, the sailing season is NOT over in Florida, and because of our year-round activities, we have two District Commodores to thank for a successful and exciting year. Frank Atkinson, Jr. and Secretary Tom Steptembre took us through June and the work of coordinating the Dis-

tricts. Now Fisk Hayden is gearing up for the winter meeting and all it entails with the assistance of Fay Regan, the new District Secretary.

The Southern Circuit is always the highlight of our District's activities, and 1981 was no exception. We love to do the cookout at Miami, and we're really thrilled to know that the 1982 Circuit will add two more races to the Miami Midwinters.

We lost a dear friend, Charlie Beedle, during 1981. Charlie had been an International Lightning Class Association Vice President and Life Member of the Class. The Florida District recognizes the important part Charlie played in the growth of Lightning sailing in Florida, and we are forever grateful.

Once again, the "District Championship" was hosted in June by Biscayne Bay Fleet 226 which sails out of Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Frank Atkinson, Jr. from the host club sailed very well to finish first, with Fisk Hayden from Lake Eustis the runner-up and Jim Alman from Biscayne Bay one point behind for third.

In July, Jack Swenson and Ken Watrous, representing Old Port Lightning Fleet, invited Biscayne Bay to a team race challenge at their facility. After five races, Mike Weber, Jim Alman and Frank Atkinson, Jr. won it for the visitors. A rematch is slated for the summer of '82.

Three Florida skippers sailed at the "North Americans" in '81; Tully Patrowicz and Fisk Hayden from the Lake Eustis Fleet and Jim Alman from Biscayne Bay. Jim won the Thermis Trophy for first-timers, and it was especially meaningful as it has been awarded since before Jim was born!

Also during the North Americans, the Executive Committee approved Fleet 461's request to move from the Southeast District to the Florida District. Our District Commodore, Fisk Hayden, was elected an International Lightning Class Association Vice-President. We're very proud of him!

One of the best regattas in 1981 was the Sarasota Sailing Squadron's annual "Labor Day Regatta" which boasted 318 boats sailing in 33 classes. Although Ralph Suhm of Cedar Lightning Fleet snagged a gorgeous 420 sailor to crew at the last minute (brining the total number of gorgeous crew on *Myxi Blue* to two), he couldn't catch the *Joint Venture* which took Lightning honors for Eric Stibitz/Larry Etheridge of Biscayne Bay.

As of this writing we're working on the agenda for our first Florida District winter meeting. Although winter meetings are nothing new to you northern types, we have a difficult time scheduling it with our busy calendar of sailing.

Any sailors who winter in Florida are especially invited to come and race with us for the few months they're here. If you can't bring your boat, call us to crew. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Lio Coccoloni with crew Digirolano and Innocenti winners of the Italian and European Championships.

Photo Credit: Giulia Battisti

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Nando De Amicis
District Secretary Salvatore Tremante
District Champion Lio Coccoloni
District Runner-Up Sergio Messina

Fleets: Marivela (235); Garda (249); Lega Navale Anzio (312); Flotta Del Faro (390); Marsala (449); Trasimeno (453); Flotta Del Conero (466); Flotta Del Lario (467); Flotta Del Savio (476); Bracciano (479); Delfino (480).

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Marsala represents a very fine Italian skipper who won the European Championship. Lio Coccoloni, officer of Italian Navy, is the new champion and he proved deserving of the title since he finished first in five of the six races.

Our District, even if faced with difficulties, increased its activity. A dozen important regattas are organized on lakes and on the Tirrenian and Adriatic seas, but the principal activity was always in Sicily where the concentration of 14 competitive boats at Marsala make the task easier.

The great problem of the district is the distance which separates the other fleets: Roccheggiani and Viviani of Fleet 466, DeRegis and Nicchiarelli of Fleet 453, Tremante and De Amicis of 249, Merola and Coccoloni of 235, Pellegrini of 467 and Battisti of 479, have travelled many miles (Someone more than 2,000) to take part at the races.

For 1982 the District organizes in Marsala, the World Youth Championship and hopes for the presence of young crews from all European countries and from South and North America.

The organization of the 1983 World Championship has begun, this will take place in Naples, where in 1965, as many surely remember, we had an unforgettable race which was won by Tom Allen with Anne and Bruce Goldsmith.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore Judy Walker
District Secretary ... Bill Potter (Executive)
Mark Dadd (Corresponding)
District Junior Commodore
Mike Zimmermann
District Measurer Dave Sprague
District Champion Jim Neville
District Runner-Up Larry MacDonald
Junior Champion Mike Zimmermann
Junior Runner-Up Sue MacDonald

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club (19); Silver Lake Yacht Club (47); Niagara Sailing Club (59); Sandy Beach Yacht Club (78); Cuba Lake Yacht Club (115); Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (118); Toronto Bay (146); Conneaut Bay (180); Chautauqua (198); London (347); Parkway Sailing Club (406); Lake Arthur Lightning Fleet (441);

The Lake Erie District had its usual active season, with a regatta almost every week from May to October.

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club hosted the District Championship in July. Jim Neville dominated the racing with a low point total of 9, followed by Larry MacDonald and Allen Humphreys with 24 and 27 points.

The Niagara River Championship, hospitality run by the Niagara Sailing Club, was won by Fritz Dusel. Larry MacDonald Jr. and Tom Allen were second and third.

The Old Salts Regatta, an annual event for skippers and crews over 60 years of age, was won by Stu Anderson followed by Matt Bryant.

The Junior District was a close contest. Mike Zimmermann with 6 points just edged out Sue MacDonald second, and Dave Matteson third, who tied with 8 points.

Three first place finishes won the Woman's District Championship for Brenda Allen.

In the Lake Erie District - Central New York Challenge, Jed Dodge was the individual winner; however, the Lake Erie District team won the challenge.

The Fall Circuit, which consists of regattas at National Yacht Club in Toronto, Silver Lake Yacht Club and finally the Sandy Beach Haul Out, has a variety of conditions. It begins with an open water event, followed by a small lake and concludes with sailing in a strong current a few miles above Niagara Falls. Tom Allen won, followed by Dave Sprague, and a boat co-skipped by Matt Bryant and Bill Potter.

I.L.C.A. ADDRESSING SERVICE

Most of the Fleet and District Officers listed in this Year Book held office during the calendar year 1981. Names and addresses of current officers may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

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LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

1982 DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST CLUB</u>	<u>DATE</u>
DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	JAN. 30
SPRING DISTRICT MEETING	NIAGARA SAILING/SANDY BEACH	APR. 17 or 24
EBY SERIES	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	MAY 8, 9
* REUNION REGATTA	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB	JUN. 5, 6
CORNBALL REGATTA	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JUN. 12, 13
NIAGARA FRONTIER INVIT.	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUN. 19, 20
ONTARIO YOUTH'S	NATIONAL YACHT CLUB	JUN. 26, 27
PARKWAY INVITATIONAL	PARKWAY SAILING CLUB	JUL. 10, 11
NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPS	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	JUL. 17, 18
DISTRICT JUNIOR &		
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JUL. 21, 22
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JUL. 23-29
CANADIAN OPEN	THUNDER BAY	31-AUG. 1, 2
WOMEN AND JUNIOR NORTH	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	AUG. 17-20
AMERICANS		
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	AUG. 22-28
OLE SALTS REGATTA	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	SEPT. 1
**HURRELL SHAKER REGATTA	NATIONAL YACHT CLUB	SEP. 11, 12
*/*HARVEST REGATTA	SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB	SEP. 18, 19
**HAUL-OUT REGATTA	SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	SEP. 25, 26
TURKEY REGATTA	ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB	OCT. 2
PUMPKIN REGATTA	LONDON CLUB	OCT. 9-11

*All races to count for Central New York-Lake Erie District Challenge

**All races to count for the District Fall Circuit

**1982 MICHIGAN REGATTA
SCHEDULE**

June	5-6	Lansing Sail Club
19-20		Crescent Yacht Club
26-27		Fenton Team Races
July	9-10-11	MICHIGAN DISTRICTS
		Higgins Lake
17-18		Traverse Bay Yacht Club
24-25		Douglas Lake
31 - Aug. 1		Junior Districts
		Devils Lake
Aug.	7-8	Higgins Lake
14-15		Saginaw-Bay City Y.C.
21-29		N.A.s Buffalo Canoe Club
Sept.	11-12	Pontiac Yacht Club
18-19		Devils Lake Yacht Club
25-26		Clarks Lake Yacht Club
Oct.	2-3	Gull Lake Yacht Club



- 1981 District Champion
Bruce Goldsmith
- 1981 Strueland Traveling Trophy
Hank Hodgson
- 1981 Junior Champion
John Mathers
- 1981 Team Champions
Devils Lake # 31

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Dennis Farley
District Secretary	Robert Graham
District Measurer	Dennis Farley
District Champion	Jack Huntsman
District Runner-Up.....	Dennis Farley
Junior Champion	Larry Calantuono

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

The 1981 season got off to a good start with Mark Bryant speaking at the Mid-Winter seminar at the Red Dragon Canoe Club. Mark makes some interesting modifications on his lightning and those who took his advice had a jump on their fleet when the season started.

Jon Schwartz was the only Metropolitan District participant at the "Southern Circuit" this year. Jon and his veteran crew finished a credible fifth in Miami making the trip worthwhile.

This year's "Long John Regatta" was reduced to a Sunday event due to poor weather on Saturday. Sunday's race was much more suitable for sailing although the shifting northwest wind kept the sailors on their toes. The winner of the event was Jim Carson with Jody Lutz second and Jay Lutz third.

The "Mid-Hudson Circuit" has another successful year with Ben Hunter of Chelsea taking first place honors. Second place went to Alan Crew of Riverton with Bill Gordon of Chelsea finishing third.

The "districts" were held at Monmouth Boat Club. Unfortunately the moon was in a position so the tide was lower than normal. On Saturday it was hard to tell if you were going slow because of the light air or because you were stuck in the soft mud of the Navesink River. Sunday the Navesink River was dead calm for several hours until a nice breeze filled in providing good sailing. Jack Huntsman found the conditions to his liking and did an impressive job of coming from behind to win his first district championship, with Dennis Farley second, Jon Schwartz third, Sandy Huntsman fourth and Bob Graham fifth.

We were lucky to have the "North American's" at nearby Cedar Point Yacht Club. No trophies were brought home but four sailors, Rob Held, Bill Ewing, Jon Schwartz and Dennis Farley, made the Blue Fleet.

Congratulations to the new North American Junior Champion, Kevin Corr. Kevin along with Mike Mergenthaler and Electra Thomas sailed an

excellent series. In the four races Keven finished no lower than third and walked away with a nine point lead.

This fall saw Sandy Huntsman returning to top form to win the "Short Circuit." Rob Held, a newcomer to the circuit, was second with Bob Sengstacken third.

Overall 1981 was a good year for the Metropolitan District. Again, congratulations to Kevin Corr for winning the Junior North American's.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore...	Tim VanderMeulen
District Secretary	Jack Tibbs
District Measurer	Dave Furry
District Champion	Bruce Goldsmith
District Runner-Up.....	Garry Demarest
Junior Champion	John Mathers
Junior Runner-Up	Mike Dow

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); Neahtawanta Yacht Club (403); Union Lake Yacht Club (458); Clark Lake Sail Club (475).

The Lightning Class is alive and well in the state of Michigan! On July 9-12, skippers and crews manning 55 boats gathered at Grand Traverse Bay to compete in the largest Michigan District competition ever held.

The early arrivals on Wednesday had the opportunity to sail in a pre-race wind of 15 knots in 95° heat which warmed Traverse Bay water temperature to at least 58°! Unfortunately, the wind gods escorted the front eastward and the 55 competitors were frustrated to the limits with the light and shifty winds for the three days of racing. (The local weather band predicted 10-20 each day — so much for Nowell weather radio.) Four races were finally posted on the scoreboard — a fifth was abandoned after several hours of floating, frisbee, and tennis ball toss activities.

Bruce Goldsmith (Devils Lake) consistently sniffed out the shifts to finish in the top spot with a very impressive 3-2-1-2 victory. He was assisted in this endeavor by wife Sherry and "Van" VanOoyen. Garry Demarest (always in training for a marathon run or a triathlon event) proved that you could swim, bicycle, run and race a sailboat — all in a day's work. He was particularly effective off the wind and his crew, Paul Bailey — a newcomer to sailing — was overheard to have asked Skipper Demarest if they were going so fast because he was "fluffing" the spinnaker more than the other boats! Never mind the jargon — the technique was very right! Garry's second place position consisted of 4-1-7-5 finishes. Rounding out the top nine which qualified for the North Americans were: Tom Jungjohann (Pontiac), Tom Babel (Traverse), Carl Engels (Gull Lake), Dave Nickels (Fenton), Hank Hodgson (Union Lake), Rick Frank (Pontiac), and Wally Smith (Pontiac).

Many thanks to Grand Traverse Yacht Club for hosting such a successful event. The fact that the National Cherry Festival was in progress added to the fun of the weekend. The festival fireworks display over the Bay was very impressive, and the lawn of the yacht club proved to an ideal spectator stand.

The late scheduling of the North Americans made it impossible for many of the college age crews and teachers to go to Connecticut. And the promise of more light and shifty winds on Long Island Sound during August also dampened the enthusiasm of several skippers. This year was a prime example of why you should plan to attend such events despite "typical" weather patterns. As Brian Hussey so aptly put it upon arising one morning with sore muscles — "How nice! A little wind for a change!"

The Michigan junior sailors followed the example set at districts by setting an attendance record of their own at Junior Districts. Eight crews converged on Gull Lake July 18-19 and were treated to races on one of the most beautiful lakes in Michigan. Defending champion, John Mathers, making his last campaign as a junior, sailed his freshly painted and rigged 10850 to another victory. The excitement of winning the event was still fresh in his mind when on the return trip home, he rolled his car and boat over on the highway. The car was demolished, but skipper and boat survived the mishap in good shape. We understand that John is touring the country with a choral group right now, but hopefully he will be back in time to set his sails next spring.

Now for the rest of season. The first regatta is traditionally held on Lake Lansing. YES, they are still dredging. YES, the lake is still quite small and the weeds can be very challenging as Tom Jungjohann found out. And YES, YES, YES, the committee under the able direction of Harry Spick-

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

1982 Regatta Schedule

April 11 —		
May 2, 9, 16	Spring Series	Red Bank, N.J.
April 24, 25	Long John	Red Bank

MID-HUDSON CIRCUIT

June 5-6	Magnus Pederson	Nyack, N.Y.
June 12-13	Hi-Tor Sutherland	Stoney Point, N.Y.
July 10-11	Chelsea Open	Chelsea, N.Y.

June 26-27 DISTRICTS Nyack, N.Y.

Sept. 18-19 Lake Wallenpaupack Paupack, Pa.

SHORT CIRCUIT

Sept. 11	Whisker Pole	Greenwood Lake, N.Y.
Sept. 25	Lake Mohawk	Sparta, N.J.
Oct. 9	MBC Regatta	Red Bank, N.J.

nall, ran five flawless races under almost ideal conditions (a little drift towards the end of Sunday). Hank Hodgson and Clarence Holman (Pontiac) repeated their first and second place finishes from the previous season. Brian Hussey (Union Lake) third; Mike Dow, (Higgins) fourth, and Jungjohann, fifth.

Union Lake hosted their third regatta June 6-7. The lack of a yacht club facility seems incidental because of the warm welcome the sailors have always received at the member's homes. This year Ralph and Jackie Waibel offered their residence as "base" station. The weather cooperated beautifully on Saturday gracing the course with a steady 12-18 knots. After three races, many stayed on to windsurf, sail Sunfish, etc. til dark. Sunday, as has become so typical of Michigan regattas this summer, turned to drifting conditions, but a four race series was completed. Jungjohann certainly stayed out of the "weeds" this weekend. With "imported" crew Matt Bryant and wife Jackie, they led the way to the finish line in three of the four races to take top honors. Hodgson was second, Holman third, Paul Militzer (Fenton) fourth, and Dow fifth.

Gull Lake hosted the first of its three Lightning events on June 13-14. District Commodore, Tim VanderMeulen found the thunderstorm weather on his home lake to his liking. The sun graced us with its presence just in time for the super Saturday night yard party, but another storm front passed through by early morning causing several postponements and much "sponging" of boats. Tim finished the series with 7-3/4 points with Dave Peters (Douglas Lake) just a point behind. Jack Engels (Gull Lake) was third, Garry Demarest (Douglas Lake) fourth, and Jungjohann fifth.

Crescent Sail Club hosted its annual Father's Day Regatta June 20-21. The weather reversed itself offering the skippers a drifter on Saturday and moderate winds of 10-15 for two races on Sunday. Bill McKinley (Pontiac) bested the group with Dow sailing a consistent series to take second place honors. Hodgson, sailing with daughter Lisa, was presented the Father's Day award for the best finish by a boat with a father and daughter or son team on board.

Lake Fenton sponsored the Team Race the following weekend. Seven teams of four boats each tried their hands at match racing in moderate winds. The Devils Lake team made up of Merrill Bales, Bruce Goldsmith, Jim Sayre, and Jack Tibbs sailed to a convincing victory. Pontiac was runner-up in the contest.

Saturday at Douglas Lake dawned gray and thunderstormy which was the prediction by weather forecasters for the entire weekend. But the Douglas Lake area was given a reprieve and by ten o'clock masts were being stepped and the Race Committee was setting a course — a more enthusiastic committee cannot be found and their efforts are appreciated by those of us who don't mind driving almost to the Mackinac Bridge for a regatta on a huge lake surrounded by virgin Michigan forest. For the first time of the season, a five race series was completed. They take their racing seriously up there! We were on the water til 7 p.m. Saturday and were back on the water in another brisk breeze by 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Arlyn Kinkel of Crescent and Douglas Lake, won his first Lightning regatta, with Hodgson 1/4 point behind. Harry Collier of Ohio was third, Louie Nickels (Fenton) fourth, and Dave Peters fifth.

The Higgins Lake Regatta is traditionally held in conjunction with a points series for Hobie Cats and other catamarans which number about 85. This can make for some very interesting mark roundings, but when the wind cooperates, the results are not quite as devastating. Hodgson was off to a good start with two firsts in the five race series, but Demarest with two seconds and a first was just 1/4 point behind at the end of Saturday racing. Demarest won the first race on Sunday while Hodgson's sixth place finish was hopefully his throw out. Hodgson came back to a second in the final race to tie Demarest in points for the series while Garry had a 13th to pitch. Hodgson took top trophy but winning three of the five; VanderMeulen was third, Hussey fourth, and Fred Krauss (Higgins) fifth.

Skippers gathered the following weekend on Saginaw Bay to experience some "open water" racing sponsored by the Bay City Yacht Club. Dow was not to be denied a victory at this one. McKinley completed the series in second, Joe DiSette (Bay City) third, Dave Nickels fourth, and Militzer fifth.

Following the North Americans and a labor day break, Pontiac Yacht Club, boasting the largest fleet of Lightnings in the world, played host to over 40 skippers. The regatta named "The White Cap" was anything but this year. One race in 1-3 mph was finally completed on Saturday and proved to be the only contest of the entire weekend. Holman won it with Jungjohann second.

The wind was up for Devils Lake September 19-20. Both days were a sailor's delight — Saturday was gusty, Sunday not quite so exciting with the setting of a shifty north-northeaster. Bruce Goldsmith proved he knew his way around his home lake by putting four firsts on the board. Demarest finished the series in second with 20 points, Jungjohann 21, Dave Hatfield



Keen racing on Devil's Lake.

Photo credit: Michigan District

(Gull Lake and newcomer to the Lightning class) placed fourth with 28 points.

Clark Lake, just down the pike from Devils Lake, was not to be outdone! They conjured up a howling wind for both days, with green skies and thunder stirring things up a bit on Saturday afternoon. Everyone survived the squall only to find Sunday even windier. Several boats in all classes tested their "righting" skills. Goldsmith put another three firsts in his pocket, followed by Jungjohann, Nickjels, and Hatfield.

Gull Lake had decided early in the spring to try a second regatta the first weekend of October which proved quite successful with the attendance of 30 boats. It looked like a repeat of Pontiac with one light air race on Saturday, but a moderate breeze set in for Sunday allowing for a three race series. Dave Nickels won his first regatta of the season, followed by Carl Engels, Goldsmith, Jim McCoy (Pontiac), and Hodgson.

Michigan is truly the water wonderland providing excellent sailing on beautiful, crystal clear lakes almost every weekend from May-October. Plan to join the fun in '82.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Byron Roe
District Secretary	Ninfi Roe
District Measurer	Bob Smither
District Champion	Ron Blair
District Runner-Up.....	Pat Considine

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

Our 1981 regatta season was blessed with generally good weather. Many of the regattas had winds in the 20's and 30's with few drifters or fog outs.

The Evans Regatta at Green Bay again kicked off our regatta schedule in June. Not only does Green Bay have the largest fleet in the District but they again managed the largest regatta with 29 boats on the line. First place went to John Esser, second place to Dean Cady, and third place went to Ron Schapee.

Green Bay hosted the Midwest District the following week, consequently many of the out of town sailors were able to leave their boats. Not only did Green Bay offer great food and drink but they also had their super TV coverage from the local stations. The sailors of the 25 boats who raced will not quickly forget the excitement of the last race with winds in the 20's and gusts in the 30's. Needless to say, we had our share of capsizes when the spinnakers went up and even some on the beats. Ron Blair showed his power in breezing to a first, with Pat Considine in second and Dean Cady in third.

The Milwaukee fleet again hosted in early July their annual P & T Regatta, dating back to the 50's and named after a local sailor's children. The weather was on the light side which allowed the 20 skippers and crews to save their energy for funning at a cookout at the home of a fleet member. Dean Cady was first, David Blair, son of Ron, was second and Trig Jacobson was third.

The end of July brought the Ice Breaker Regatta in Manitowoc along Lake Michigan. The Manitowoc fleet is our newest and hosted a 17 boat



MIDWEST DISTRICT 1982 Regatta Schedule



* June 19-20	Evans Regatta	Green Bay
* June 25-26-27	DISTRICTS	Chicago Corinthian
* July 10-11	P & T Regatta	Milwaukee
* July 24-25	Ice Breaker	Manitowoc
* July 31-Aug. 1	Brotz	Sheboygan
* Aug. 7-8	Hobleman	Chicago Corinthian
* Sept. 18-19	Red Flannels	Chicago Corinthian
* Sept. 25-26	Polar Bear	Lake Davenport

*Lake Michigan Championship

To qualify, the Districts and 3 other * Regattas must be sailed.

participation in this year's regatta. Trig Jacobson was first, Dean Cady in second and Bill Dean in third.

Early August saw many of us at Sheboygan for their Brotz Regatta. It was the usual good times with their famous Sheboygan brat sausages and beer. Lake Michigan gave its usual bluster and when the smoke had cleared Bill Dean of Green Bay was first, Pat Considine was second and Dean Cady was third.

The Hobleman Regatta at Chicago in mid-August was our last district regatta to prepare for the North Americans. Dick Hinze of Chicago was first, Pat Considine, second, and John Walter, third.

Chicago Corinthian hosted their annual Red Flannels Regatta for 15 boats in beautiful fall weather. The wind was again one of strong west winds combined with clear skies and no waves. The 20-30 m.p.h. did test the boats and crews with several spinnaker halyards parting and a broken rudder. Dean Cady again sailed an outstanding regatta with super spinnaker work to take a close finish by 1/4 point for first, Pat Considine was second and Dick Hinze was third.

The wrap-up of the season in late September was the Polar Bear Regatta at Davenport, Iowa. The Lake Davenport fleet again challenged all 10 comers with the Mississippi River's wondering currents and winds. John Evans of Green Bay finished first, Mike Steffenson was second and Jim Flick in third.

The Lake Michigan Championship comprising the Districts and any three other regattas was won this year by Dean Cady with a combined total points for the four regattas at 6 1/2 points. Not only did Dean Cady and his crew race in six of the eight district regattas with no finish worse than third, but they also managed to place second in the Milwaukee Fleet Championship as well. Congratulations to a truly outstanding performance. In second place was John Esser and in third was John Walter.

As we enter 1982 with our boats in barns and garages, many of us are thinking new sails, rigs and boats to help us go faster. Maybe the plans we lay to do even better on the regatta circuit could be furthered by a trip to the Southern Circuit — what a pleasant thought of more sun and great racing. We are again planning a full 1982 with eight district regattas, plus strong individual fleet participation.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

District Commodore..... Bob Ohlsen
District Secretary Broady Sharpe
District Measurer..... Stu Bernstein
District Champion Matt Burrige
District Runner-Up..... Greg Florian

Fleets: Decatur (74); Harbor Island (262); Carlyle Sailing Association (266); Memphis (274); and Valley Sailing Association (468).

The Mississippi Valley District is pleased to welcome Fleet 468, Valley Sailing Association, sailing on the Mississippi River at Alton. The new fleet already has 12 boats and it appears they will be quite active in future district events. After conducting an extensive racing program, three of their boats sampled regatta competition, traveling to Carlyle for the Whale of a Sail and two sailed in the Blue Nose in Nashville.

The 1981 Districts were held at Kentucky Lake with 23 boats participating. The Regatta featured ideal wind conditions and flawless race management. Matt Burrige, first; Greg Florian, second; and Brad Currie, third. This was a repeat of their 1980 finishes. This makes three in a row for Matt. Mitch Bohrenkamp lead the "over 50 gang" finishing fourth and Don Sherburne was fifth.

The 1982 Districts are scheduled for June 11-12 at Carlyle, Illinois. It is expected that a large fleet will be on hand to try to end Matt's victory string and to shake up the top three standings.

After sailing in the waters of the Pacific in the 1980 North Americans, Matt Burrige went to Cedar Point, Connecticut, to try the Atlantic in the 1981 North Americans, and again competed in the Blue Fleet. We are proud that Matt will be representing our district in the 1982 Worlds at Chile.

At our annual district meeting, Bob Ohlsen, of Decatur, was elected our Commodore succeeding Bill Baxter of Memphis. Broady Sharpe was elected as our new Vice Commodore.

With the addition of our new fleet, 1982 looks quite promising for our District.

Brush, Jr., John Collins, Jim Crane, and Stu Nickerson won regatta silverware. District qualifiers in addition were Hale Walcott, Dave Fitch, and Georges Peter.

Peter Hubbard won the New Hampshire-Vermont championship at Malletts Bay in the year's most underpublicized event marked by limited participation.

Our youth thrust paid off in the Junior North Americans with Bill Fastiggi, David Pinard, and Meredith Jones representing New England. Great experience, difficult sailing and healthy new sailing comradeship made it all worthwhile. All sailed in the Senior NA's and most on prize winning boats.

Ten New England boats in the North Americans! Our first ever New England North American Champion — Dave Curtis! Silverware winners: Don Brush, Jr. (7th) and Stu Nickerson (8th) with five in the North American top flight. Bud Hamblet — a great fourth in the President's Cup edging out John Collins in fifth. Meredith Jones sailing a super Governors Cup series needed to pass just one more boat for top spot. His explanation, "We were having such a good time, we forgot to win!" His brother Davy Jones, clapped the loudest as he had a last minute entry bid, but was on Matt Burridge's boat enroute to a good blue fleet finish and a crew position with Matt in the Chile Worlds in 1982.

Post season wrap up. Adroscoggin will be the site of the 1982 State of Maine Championship. Provincetown is a welcome addition to our new fleet roster.

Massabesic fall results were John Collins, Dick Hale, Dave Fitch and Dick McClure — a fall tradition of good hospitality, fun racing, and a great time. Massabesic represents one of our stronger growing fleets.

In a fall wind-blown East Coast championship held at the site of the North Americans at Cedar Point, Conn., a fine series was sailed by Ray Harrington. His third place finish earns him a New England Coble trophy for highest finisher. Georges Peter notched fifth.

Finally, Spofford — perhaps the heart and soul of bedrock good-time "not-too-much-pressure — fun sailing"! Jody Lutz complained about his crew, Jay, but won it anyway. Don Barrett sailed a superb series for second and a comeback from a season that has its hard knocks. Over early in the last race turned Dick Halligan and Len Pratt's bid for top finishes aside. It was a great way for memories of 1981 to last through the long, leaf-barren winter for a rebirth of sailing friends and fun in 1982.

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore... Dr. John P. Borland
District Secretary Matt Fisher
District Measurer .. Ralph (Bucky) Powless
District Champion Matt Fisher
District Runner-Up Jack Mueller

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Atwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover (353); St. Mary's (400).

The 1981 season got under way with our annual meeting hosted by Leatherlips Fleet 27 at the Hilton Inn just outside of Columbus. Greg Fisher and Jim Dressel gave two very interesting presentations on sail trim and regatta psychology.

The District racing began at Indian Lake's Shakedown regatta on May 9th and 10th. Dick Collier of the Home Fleet won followed by Dick Brown and Dick Pugh.

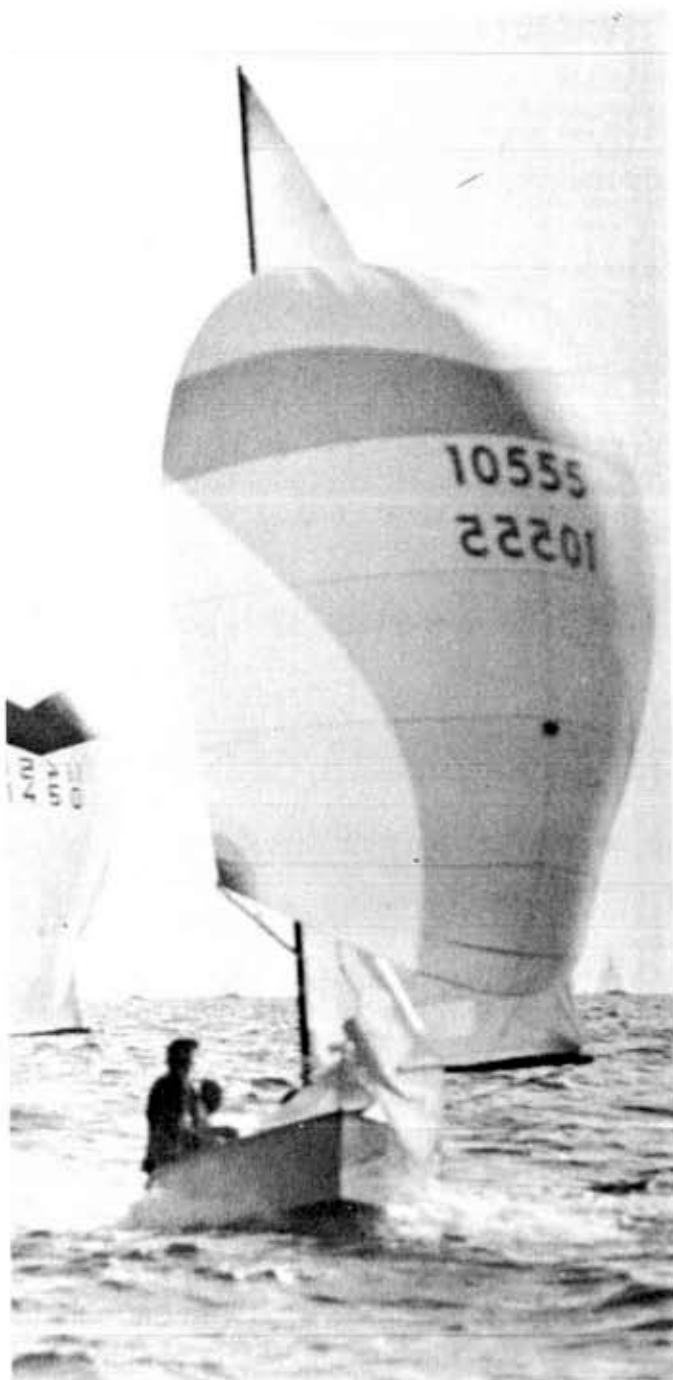
The following weekend, the Great Lakes Championship was held at North Cape Yacht Club with medium air on Saturday and a heavier race on Sunday. Tom Allen won followed by Jim Dressel and Bruce Goldsmith.

The St. Mary's 400 Regatta, with predominantly light air, was won by Dick Pugh followed by Mike Hien and Ron Schulster.

George Fisher won the Leatherlips Windshift Regatta with Dick Pugh second, and Mike Hien third. The annual Fourth of July Regatta at Pymatuning saw a 20 boat turnout and an unusually light air series. Dave Lewis won the Regatta followed by Jeff Borland.

Just prior to the District Championship, Chuck Matlbie lost his battle with cancer and the Ohio District lost one of its most popular, respected, and best all-around sailor in the District's 33 year history. Chuck, several times past champion and an ardent supporter of regattas throughout the country, had been active in our District for over 25 years and has left with us the highest example of sportsmanship and good sailing that we all should try to emulate.

The Ohio District Championship was hosted by Indian Lake Fleet 23 on July 18th, 19th and 20th. The light fluky winds on the water was more than balanced by volleyball games and excellent cocktail parties off the water. Twenty-seven boats turned out with Matt Fisher winning the Regatta by



Dave Curtis on his way to the N.A. title.

Photo credit — Mary Hunstman

one point over Jack Mueller, with George Fisher third, Bob Stemple fourth, and Rob Ruhlman fifth.

The Harvest Moon Regatta was sailed in medium air at Atwood Lake in mid-September. Jack Mueller was the winner, followed by Bill Buckles and Nelson Caley.

The Columbus Mayors Cup is an intracity regatta with participants from Hoover Yacht Club, Buckeye Lake Yacht Club and Leatherlips Yacht Club. This series was won by Dan Dressel for the third year in a row. Carl Clipp was second and Dick Brown was third.

The Buckeye Lake Snowball was held October 10th and 11th, with extremely light air for all three races. Matt Fisher won, followed by George Fisher, Matt Bryant, Will Petersilge and Tom Allen.

1982 OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

SPRING REGATTA	— Pymatuning	— May 8 - 9
GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP	— North Cape Y.C.	— May 15 - 16
ST. MARY'S 400	— St. Mary's Boat Club	— May 29 - 30
WINDSHIFT REGATTA	— Leatherlips Y.C.	— June 5 - 6
OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	— Pymatuning Y.C.	— June 25 - 27
INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA	— Pymatuning Y.C.	— July 3 - 4
C.Y.C. REGATTA	— Cleveland Y.C.	— July 24 - 25
HARVEST MOON REGATTA	— Atwood Lake Y.C.	— September 11 - 12
SANDUSKY FALL INVITATIONAL	— Sandusky Sailing Club	— September 18 - 19
SNOW BALL REGATTA	— Buckeye Lake Y.C.	— October 9 - 10
FALL IN REGATTA	— Cowan Lake Sailing Club	— October 16 - 17

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Neil MacGibbon
District Secretary..... Bill Sisemore
District Champion..... Phil Parshley, Jr.
Junior Champion..... Todd Blumel

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

This year was marked by a return to normal, following the feverish ditch of 1980, what with the North Americans in San Diego.

We had our usual circuit races in the Northwest, but are trying a new format. To cut traveling to distant regattas — we are quite spread out — skippers can group their regatta entries into three different area pairings and still qualify for our overall circuit championships.

Our 1981 Northwest District Circuit Champion is Phil Parshley, Jr., who managed wins at Eugene, Vancouver Lake, Klamath Falls, and Seattle, to firmly trounce the rest of us this year.

The District Championship was held in Seattle this year in light conditions on Lake Washington. The Parshleys won the last race in a drifter to take the Championship — just as they had done four years ago in the same conditions at the same place. Our new District Champion is a student at Oregon State University, and is active on their sailing team.

Our Junior Champion is Todd Blumel, from Maple Bay, B.C., winning for the second straight year.

The last event of the year at the end of October, was held in Seattle. The Portland Fleet held off all comers winning all their races. Virtue does pay off!

PERU DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Dr. Hector Sabogal H.
District Secretary..... Dr. Carlos Navarro, M.D.
District Junior Commodore..... Emilio Levaggi T.
District Measurer..... Luis Bryce
District Champion..... Jose Barreda Moller
Junior Champion..... Emilio Levaggi T.
Junior Runner-Up..... Carlos Navarro M.

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

This year as before all fleets gathered together taking turns to host local championships. Unfortunately the Peru-Chile and the Peru-Ecuador international competitions did not take place this year, but hopefully will resume this coming one.

We are happy that the new generation of young sailors is ever more active and winning more and more championships. This years Youth Nationals were dominated by Emilio Levaggi-Tocci and his crew Enrique Ocampo and Mauricio Barbis. Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich with his crew Antonio Fortunio-Olivera and Cesar Ugaz were runners-up in close competition with his brother Augusto and his crew Wilfredo Fano and Juan Delgado who were third. Surprisingly Hector Sabogal-Vallaza who had won this event on two previous occasions did not do too good this time. The first two will go to Italy for the Youth World's.

At the time of this writing our regular National Championship is yet to start so we have no results. Hopefully we will be able to send them before closure of this edition so that they may be included above.

The following have qualified for the coming South American and World Championships to be held in Chile next January: 1) Emilio Levaggi-Tocci, 2) Augusto Navarro-Mulanovich, 3) Alex Zimmermann, 4) Hector Sabogal-Vallaza, 5) Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich, 6) Luis Bryce and as a substitute, 7) Cadet Fernando Cerdan. We hope they do well.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Bob Borneman
District Secretary..... Robert Bernhardt
District Measurer..... John "Buck" Ballatin
District Champion..... Cal Herman
District Runner-Up..... Barney Merch

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

While the size of our district has not grown as we would like, we have made up for it with good sailing.

Our sailing season starts as most Lightnings are stored for the winter snows; but the "New Orleans Sugar Bowl Regatta," around New Years, provides good winds and Bourbon Street fun to get things going. Several local regattas fill in the void between the larger events and allow us to sharpen our skills. Shreveport, LA is the next stop with good times and close finishes in the cool spring time breezes. Late spring provides time to get the knots out of old lines and tune up for the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Annual Championship. Hosted this year in Shreveport and won by Cal Herman, this was only a tune up for the Districts which was held at Mobile Yacht Club on Mobile Bay. While the poor turnout dampened some spirits, the racing and good times that pursued made up for the numbers. Light to medium air with big shifts were the order of the day. It was not uncommon for boats in the middle of the fleet to fight back to challenge for the lead and break through on the last beat. But alas, the consistency of Cal Herman of New Orleans came through and needed only a mid fleet finish in the last race to grab first place. But second, third, and fourth was hotly contested and the last race made the difference. With Barney March and Bob Borneman of Mobile finishing first and third respectively to rap up second and third places.

As the doldrums of summer pass, we send our top dogs to the North Americans and get ready for Wadewitts in Fairhope, AL. As the third week in October rolls around the last and newest addition to our schedule, The G.R.I.T.S. (Great Racing in the South) race, will be held in Jackson, MS. An event the Lightnings have supported for several years, it has now been turned into a Tri District Championship. Fleet 135 put up a beautiful new trophy which Brad Currie of Memphis, TN promptly took home in a run away. Oh well, we all hope to get more southern boats out next year and build on a great beginning, as this is the best time of year for us and conditions warrant nothing but great sailing.

We look toward another year with a growing New Orleans fleet. If the winter has got your sailing in the storage shed give us a call and an opportunity to show our southern hospitality.

SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore	Christoph Luthy
District Secretary	Ernst Schar
District Measurer	Urs Wyler
District Champion	
	Jean-Claude DuPasquier
District Runner-Up	Christoph Luthy

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zurichsee (219); Sempacher- and Hallwilersee (250); Greifensee (309); Murtensee (358).

1981 was a quite good sailing season with some great regattas from the beginning of May to the end of October. End of May the Swiss Championship was held at Murten and a good series of three races with winds up to beaufort 7 could be sailed. Then the wind fell asleep. Because only these three races could be sailed, and because only 19 boats instead of 25 took part at this championship, Jean-Claude DuPasquier didn't receive the official title of Swiss Champion by the USY (Union of Swiss Yachting-clubs). Nevertheless he won the title of a Swiss District-Champion 1981 ahead of Luthy, Lambelet, Weilenmann, Wyler and Durr.

A series of three other regattas throughout Switzerland were counted for the annual trophy "Kam-Kaze-Cup." The winner in Sempach and Falanden was our light-wind-specialist Urs Schar. The regatta in Murten could not be sailed because of lack of wind. A fourth regatta was sailed at Gravedona on lake of Como with our Italian friends of Flotta-del-Lario (467). This event was won by Hanspeter Schmid with three firsts in steady and strong winds of beaufort 5. The best three swiss boats won the trophoe Ludovico de Marzi declared by us as the greatest regatta of the season. In the overall standing in the annual scoring Christoph Luthy was finally one point ahead of Schmid followed by Schar, Scharer, Weilenmann and Jager.

Nine boats travelled south to Marsala, Sizily to participate in the European Championship. For us Swiss it is always a great pleasure to sail at this fine place because we seldom have strong wind and sunshine the same time on Switzerland lakes. Hanspeter Schmid, who won the last Winter-European-Championship held at Marsala, was third in the overall standing and the best Swiss, although he is still sailing his older wooden boat and had less speed in planing conditions against the Swiss Euro Lightnings, the Sizilian, (also wooden) Pellegrino boats and the American Allen-boats. The former Champion, J. C. DuPasquier was sixth and Claude Lambelet who was elected again as vice president of the Swiss District was seventh, Luthy 12th and Wyler 13th.

Although we had several Lightning regattas in Switzerland, only three of them could be sailed with a participation of more than 12 boats. The most active was the Greifensee fleet 309, which will organize the next Swiss and District Championship in Uster. Our aim of the District is, to have three races with a participation of more than 15 boats next year. Only then, the Lightning Class with high activity will be privileged by the USY, to get the Swiss Champion title in the future. We hope to succeed.

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore	Dr. Sylvan Newman
District Secretary	Regina Ploch
District Measurer	George Hatfield
District Champion	Glen Darden
District Runner-Up	Rick Tears

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

Some of the best sailing to be found anywhere is right here in Texas — a long season, good winds, plenty of lakes, fine yacht clubs, and some excellent sailors. But, try as we will, the great majority of Lightning sailing in our district is still at the Rush Creek Yacht Club. The Dallas Corinthian Fleet is getting some new momentum and now has about six boats, but we have not yet been successful in getting fleets going at Fort Worth or at the Chandlers Landing Yacht Club (just up the lake). Expansion of Lightning activity in Texas has to be our top priority.

The 1981 District Championship regatta brought some interesting results. World Champion Glen Darden again showed his form and took the series. Rick Tears showed up in a Lightning again, dressed in his customary white shirt and tie, to take second. Incoming District Commodore Sylvan Newman watched his son and pupil Clark walk off with the third place trophy, and former International Lightning Class Association kingpin John Schnieder was fourth. The two mainstays of Lightning activity in Texas are George Hatfield and Richard Guinan, and they rounded out the top finishers. Not only are they active in the International Lightning Class Association at the national level and missionaries for our District, but they are neck and neck in the race for the fleet championship again this year.

The District owes its thanks to Regina Ploch who has agreed once more to handle the secretary/treasurer duties.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT SCHEDULE

March 27, 28	Mid-winter Training Seminar — Lake Murray
April 17, 18	Augusta
May 1, 2	Lake Hartwell
May 15, 16	District Championship Lake Murray
June 5, 6	High Rock
July 10, 11	Savannah
July 31, Aug. 1	Charleston
Sept. 11, 12	Waccamaw/Raleigh At Waccamaw
Oct. 2, 3	Atlanta

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

SOUTHERN

Art Herman
Cal Herman (s)
Debbie Hermar



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Matt Burrridge (s)
Jay Summerville
Lal Burrridge

METROPOLITAN

Frank Mergenthaler
Jack Huntsman (s)
Kevin Corr



— SKIPPERS AND CREW



CENTRAL STATES

Mary Gall
John Gall(s)
Kenneth Gall

FLORIDA

Dave Nickerson
Frank Atkinson, Jr. (s)
Sally Mitchell
Photo — Lea Pinion



MIDWEST

Jeff Fishman
Dave Blair
Ron Blair (s)
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