

Celebration of Spring Regatta

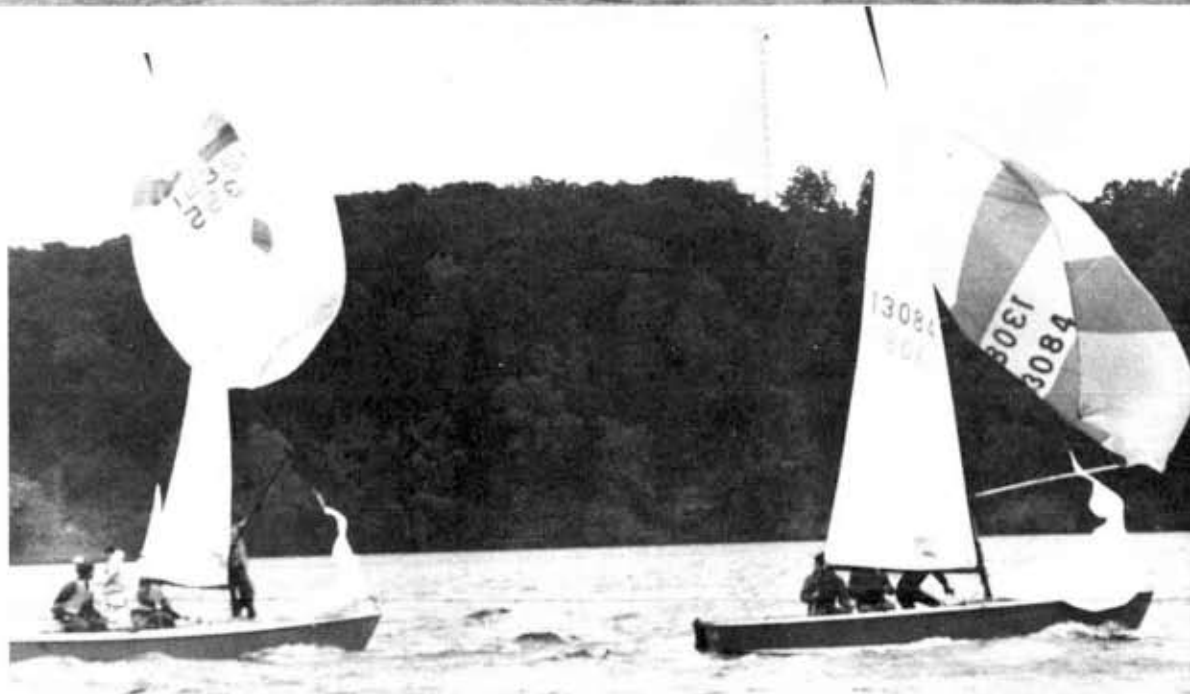
Newport Yacht Club 1982 — drifters & dusters. Forty-two boats and lots of people.



#12355
Peter Hallagan

#13084
Dick Waage

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

MICHIGAN

Colin Park(s)



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bob LeBeau
Matt Burrige(s)
Dave Jones



FLORIDA

Kathi Gross
Reid Hutchinson

Magnus Liljedahl(s)

—SKIPPERS AND CREW



SOUTHERN
Cal Herman(s)
Mark Alvaraz
Dr. Ward Pitard

CENTRAL
ATLANTIC
Jay Lutz(s)



Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Martin Canepa
District Secretary	Angel Vila
District Measurer	Angel Vila
District Champion	Horacio Tettamaniti
District Runner-Up	Roberto Ricoveri

Fleets: Olivos (206); Yacht Club Olivos (356); Club Universitario de Buenos Aires (446); Escuela Naval Militar Argentina (474); Salto Grande (483).

Our District was very active during the past season. Early in 1982, four boats crossed the Andes Mountains on trailers, and travelled 2500 miles over all kinds of roads to attend the South American Championship and the Worlds, held on the beautiful lake of Pucon in Chile. Mario Abinzano, with crew Marcelo Abinzano and Claudio Fassardi, obtained a nice ninth place in the Worlds. Our other travellers were Roberto Ricoveri, Rolando Turrado and Hugo Arazzi; and Angel Vila, Valeria Vila and Pablo Soldano. The fourth boat, 12824, was loaned to Osvaldo Bordino from Venezuela and crewed by Heraldo Tramaglia of our District and a sailor from the Chile District.

When the boats and people got back to Buenos Aires, we started the season's sailing at Olivos, in the River Plate. The District Championship was held in October. In July 23 sailed with our friends of Concordia in Lake Salto Grande, which is 200 miles from Buenos Aires.

We are now working very hard for the next South American Championship, which will be held at Olivos, near Buenos Aires, in late March. We hope to sail good races with all of our friends from South America.

BRAZIL DISTRICT REPORT

District Commodore	Nelson S. Schmitt
District Junior Secretary	Jens Rushman
District Measurers	Oscar Werkele Erick Schmidt Enio Lineburger Dilermando A. de Mello
District Champion	Walmor Soares F
District Runner-Up	Robert Backup
District Jr. Champion	Octavio Machado de Almeida

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

We closed last year's year book report with "Our top sailors will be in Chile to bring the coveted World Cup back to Brazil. Look out for those Brazilians!" Well, we did it again! Brazil has produced its second World Champ in Walmor Soares Filho. Walmor has been sailing for many years. He started in Snipes and last year starting using his dad's boat *Goiabada* after Walmor Senior developed chronic back problems. Under dad's watchful eye and coaching, Walmor and his crew starting working after qualifying for the Worlds in March, 1981. They trained for eight months, racing every Saturday and Sunday, and doing calisthenics three times a week at a health center. Part of their training on the water was "match sailing" against Valerio Soares' *Lixa* in Florianopolis Bay. It was difficult for them to decide which of the family boats to take as both had equal speed, but *Goiabada* (#11721) went better in flat waters.

Walmor and his crew started their long journey of 3700 kilometers right after Christmas Day and completed the trip in 4½ days. They sailed badly in the South American Championship, taking a mediocre sixth place. But they managed to get *Goiabada* sailing superbly for the Worlds the following week. It was marvelous sailing, mostly in light winds. Their finishes were 11-2-1-5-8. The championship ended without a throw-out race and they won with their 27 low points. Congratulations to Walmor Gomes Soares Filho. Brazil District is very proud of you!

In March, Fleet 401 of Jardim Guanabara, Rio de Janeiro, hosted the Brazilian Districts. With predominantly light winds, the Champ, Walmor Soares Filho, won it brilliantly with three firsts, a fifth, and a sixth. In second place was Robert Backup, followed by Otavio Machado de Almeida (who finished second in the 1980 World Youth Championship) in third, and Micheal Norris close behind in fourth place.

In March, 1982, the first fiberglass hull was presented to the public. Made by Sergio Gilaberte, a Lightning sailor of many years, it has undergone extensive testing since March under the watchful eye of Mario Backup, and is now going into production. To Sergio, we wish you all the luck and perseverance necessary in this development. It's the greatest incentive we could have for the Lightning Class in Brazil.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Al Poindexter
District Secretary	Bruce Arnold
District Measurer	Charlie Gotschalk
District Champion	Johnny Greene
District Runner-Up	Max Rosenberg

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay (102), San Diego Bay (194), San Francisco Bay (372).

The California District had another good sailing year with our usual traveling schedule. The season started with the traditional California Circuit sailed during Easter week. Although economic conditions prevented participation by our friends from the Pacific Northwest District and our usual guest "hotshot" from points eastward, the Californians made a good showing. The circuit turned out to be a tight contest between Johnny Greene, who had chartered Warren Gross's boat, and Mark "Captain Turkey" Patty, with Johnny finally winning. Mark, second and Myron Lyon, third.

The next district wide regatta was held on the 19th and 20th of May at Lake Cachuma, just north of Santa Barbara. This time Warren Gross sailed his boat and came back a winner, with Mike Brewer, second and Ed Spurl, third.

The District Championship Regatta was held at Mission Bay Yacht Club, the site of the 1980 North American's. This time Johnny Greene had the tiller of the beautiful blue boat and came away with the silver. In second place was Max Rosenberg, with Quintin Foster, third.

This year it was the Pacific Northwest District's turn to hold the Pacific Coast Championships, and Klamath Yacht Club was the host. Unfortunately, the only California boats to make the trip to Klamath Falls were Mark "Captain Turkey" Patty, Bruce Arnold, and John Hoffman, all from San Francisco. However, Mark managed to capture a third place trophy.

The final district regatta of the year was the "Billie Boswell Memorial" Regatta at Lake Cachuma the weekend after Labor Day. The weather is traditionally hot with plenty of wind. Warren Gross managed to get his boat back from Johnny Greene for the regatta, and surprise, surprise, came home number one again. Mike Brewer took second place and Kirk Johnson was third. Mark Patty was actually leading on Saturday when he decided to give everyone a demonstration on sailing a Lightning in a fresh breeze, with spinnaker and NO rudder. As one might expect, the demonstration was not too successful, dropping Mark out of contention.

On Saturday night we held our annual District meeting and elected Bruce Arnold as District Commodore for 1983 and Ed Spurl as District Secretary.

This was also the year of the building of the first aluminum Lightning. Chuck Schwab from San Diego now has the boat finished and measured. Rumor has it that Chuck will be sailing it in the 1983 California Circuit during Easter week. Another possible new entrant in the circuit is Mark Patty's creation, now under construction using the "west system".

So, if you want to see what's new and exciting in Lightning construction, come west for the California Circuit, Easter week, 1983.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore	Edward Serrill
District Secretary	A. Richard Thomas, Jr.
District Measurer	James Carson
District Champion	Jay Lutz
District Runner-Up	Paul Gelenitis
Junior Champion	Glen Zimmerman
Junior Runner-Up	Keith Taboada

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

1982 saw another season of topflight competition and fine individual performances for the sailors of the Central Atlantic District. As always, CAD sailors have extended their Lightning sailing far beyond the District boundaries. This year is of special significance, with District members making outstanding performances on three continents.

Jim Carson and Jay Lutz began their seasons early with a trip to Chile for the Worlds in January. After four races, Jay was leading, but a disastrous fifth race and a blown out sixth race let the title elude his grasp. He still finished fourth, while Jim sailed consistently to finish third. Great sailing, men.

Closer to home, the joint CAD/Metropolitan District Mid-winter meeting was held at the Huntsman's house with a panel discussion with Jody Lutz, Jim Carson, and Jack Huntsman. In our District meeting it was revealed that the 1985 Lightning Worlds had been awarded to Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club with our District sponsoring it. We are eagerly looking forward to hosting this great event.

Jay Lutz and Jim Carson further tuned up by sailing the Southern Circuit. Both finished in the top ten, but failed to garner silver. We made our yearly travel to Monmouth for the Long John, but couldn't catch Rob Held, who won. Bill Clausen took fourth. The New Jersey States, held at Riverton, saw Jim Carson emerge from a logjam of a four way tie entering the final race to win. John Parker finished second and Dave Ruiter fourth. Jay Lutz won the Cedar Point Early Bird Regatta and Jim Carson edged out Bill Clausen to win the Bay Head Tuneup.

The District Championship was held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, with sailing conditions ideal on Barnegat Bay. Showing a portent of things to come, Jay Lutz dominated the weekend, winning all four races. Paul Gelenitis, Jim Carson, Jack Elfman, and Ralph Messersmith all sailed strong regattas to finish in the top five. The succeeding Monday, Metedeconk held the New Jersey Junior Districts with Monmouth's Tom Fink winning, followed by Glenn Zimmermann and Keith Taboada.

A special note for Keith Taboada who made a trip to Italy for the Junior Worlds in August. In winds often surpassing 25 knots, Keith and crew Russ Schon and John Schon sailed excellently to finish third. Keith followed this with a runner-up in the Junior North American's in Buffalo, narrowly losing the championship to Mike Hein. Congratulations to Keith for a great year, and a warning to the rest of the District: Keith is getting his own boat this winter and our sailors will be seeing a lot of his transom next year.

The North Americans provided us with the highlight of the year as Jay Lutz endured Lake Erie's survival test to become North American Champion. After years of near misses, it is especially gratifying to see Jay win. Ralph Messersmith, Jody Lutz, and Bob Adams all qualified for the Championship fleet. Jim Carson (second) led the CAD contingent in the green fleet, also participated by Keith Taboada and Dave Ruiter. Paul Gelenitis emerged from early troubles to finish second in the Governor's Cup.

The fall saw Jay Lutz continue his hot sailing to win the U.S. Easterns at Cedar Point. Jack Elfman won the Surf City Annual. In September, the 3rd Manahawkin Cup at Surf City Yacht Club was held, which is a growing regatta with great sailing. Jody Lutz, with a little help from his all-star crew of North American Champion and Runner-up won, with Jack Elfman second, and Glenn Reiting third. John Parker was fourth and Henry O'Hern pulled the skippering trio of O'Hern, Clausen and Huntsman up to fifth. Jim Carson was a top finisher at Annapolis, finishing second.

Congratulations to all who make this District such a fun place to sail and a pledge to make next year another great one.

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Ross Bailey
District Secretary Cece Girard
District Measurer Jack Arnold
District Champion Ross Bailey
District Runner-Up Jim Cameron

Fleet: Temple Reef Sailing Club (279)

The big news is that Fleet 279 hosted the 1982 Canadian Opens. This fleet was down to three boats four or five years ago, but is the most active one design fleet in the area now. Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior lets this group really enjoy the potential of the Lightning. The racing steadily improves and more are travelling to outside regattas. Jim Cameron came in fourth at the Canadian Opens, thus gaining a Canadian berth at the Worlds. Ross Bailey finished 12th at the North Americans and competed at the Pucon, Chili, Worlds.

Lake Superior is a huge, sometimes fierce, but always fascinating lake and more and more Lightning sailors are exploring it. The most notable trip

would have to be the cruise to Animal Island. Three intrepid boats battled storms, calms, rain, and shine to reach this mythical island, but the sail home was worth it.

The western end of the district has been a bit of a disappointment for a few years, with little activity, but now we have a brand new, and keen Lightning sailor in Regina out in the prairie wheat. Bob Ellard passes on rumors of another Lightning also in Regina. Lightning dancing on the horizon is called sheet lightning and we are hoping for more displays shortly.

The Loon Lake Lightning sailors are gathering real depth, with Lou Walsh still showing the Laser sailors (the correct way) around the lake. In fact, Lightnings seem just poised to make a recovery on that tricky place, and since the parties are so great, wouldn't we all love it.

Amethyst Harbour also has new talent, but the old gave a pretty flashy showing in the race around Caribou Island. Bill Tamblin jumped in his son-in-law's new boat, #9663, walked the rest of us, then was bold enough to pass aboard gin and tonics as we landed. It was great losing.

Taken together, Lightning sailing in the Central Canadian District is on the upswing. Where there are Lightnings, real strength is in evidence. Where Lightning have died out, efforts are being made to bring them back and we do hear rustlings.

In the meantime, those with Lightnings and who are using them, are cruising along in the fast lane, and enjoying their boats very much.



Preparing for a Mid-summer sail in Thunder Bay!

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore George Sereno
District Secretary Dan Koretz
District Measurer Jed Dodge
District Champion Peter Hallagan
District Runner-Up Jed Dodge

Fleets: Mayfield Yacht Club (13); Newport Yacht Club (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); 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).

What do the following names bring to mind: Lutz, Shore, Allen, Hallagan, McDonald, Dodge, Gelenitis, Wardwell, Elfman? The blue fleet at the North Americans? Not really. These were some of the participants in the Central New York District's opening regatta, the Newport Invitational, once again one of the largest, most competitive regattas in the northeastern United States. Forty four boats attended this five race challenge which traditionally kicks off the spring season. This year's victor was Jed Dodge, winning a 24% point tie breaker with Bob Wardwell out of the Keystone State. R. W. Hallagan just missed with 26 points, being hurt badly with an eleventh in the last race.

Our next stop on the tour was the L.S.L.S. Regatta at Willow Bank Yacht Club. This beautiful setting nestled south of Syracuse attracted twenty two boats on a wet weekend. The light winds on Cazenovia Lake were mastered by Dick Hallagan as he easily captured the three race series.

I must mention a new skipper who beat out Mark Bryant, Tom Allen, and Jed Dodge for second place: none other than Jean Hallagan. Just when we thought we had Peter and Dick figured out, daughter Jean grabs a tiller and proceeds to wipe out a few egos. I have it on good authority, though, that son David isn't interested in skippering.....yet! Wanna buy a few Lightnings, Dick?

Next, on to the District Championship expertly hosted by Brockport Yacht Club, Lake Ontario, Mother Nature, and a fine race committee combined to make this one of the finest regattas of the season. For the second year in a row, Peter Hallagan was District Champion with Jed Dodge and Dick Hallagan in second and third, respectively. Along with the above three, Jim Millard, George Sereno, Tadd Helmer, and Dick Tuttle shuffled off to Buffalo to represent C.N.Y. in the North Americans.

The C.N.Y. Yacht Racing Association Regatta was held at Willow Bank Yacht Club this year. The Lightning division was won by Dick Doherty, who, after 35 years of sailing Lightnings, won his first regatta. Talk about happy! Actually, lest the reader be misled, Dick is a fine sailor who just never put the right combination of bullets together to win a regatta.

We wrapped up the C.N.Y. circuit with the traditional stop at Keuka Lake for the Champagne Regatta. Bob Wardwell topped the 41 boat fleet in an abbreviated three race schedule. Jed Dodge finished second and Jean ("No Fluke") Hallagan was third. Dick Hallagan was named winner of the C.N.Y. Triple Crown, and later went on to win the Lake Erie-C.N.Y. Challenge at Silver Lake.

Special mention here to Jed Dodge who finished seventh in the Blue Fleet at the North American's, and Peter Hallagan who finished third in the President's Cup and also represented Central New York in the Junior Worlds in Italy.

Finally, it is my sad duty to report the passing of one of the finest gentlemen and sailors this district has ever known. Anthony (Tony) Orlen died at age 56. All those who knew him were touched by his extraordinary warmth and generosity. He will be missed.

When writing a report such as this, it is inevitable that people and events will be overlooked, results will be sometimes erroneously reported, and names will be misspelled. For this I apologize.

I won't overlook the fine job our out-going secretary, Mike Healy, has done over the past two years. Thanks, Mike, you were indispensable.

We'll start it all again at Newport in '83. See you there!

CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore Rofino Melero
District Secretary Luis Herman S.
District Measurer Pablo Gallyas
District Champion Manuel Gonzalez M
District Runner-Up Rufino Melero

Fleet: Aculso (490).

Our 1982 season began early in order to get ready for the Worlds and South American Championships. Regattas at Higuera Yacht Club in September (1981) and at Aculeo Lake in October were tune-ups for the South Americans which were held in Pucon in December.

Mark Bryant, with crew Bill Shore and Giselle Wagner, came on strong and their consistent sailing won the series at Pucon. Finishing second, but still crowned South American Champion, was Jaime Fernandez. Fellow Chile District sailors Manuel Gonzalez and Luis Herman were fourth and fifth.

Our district continued to sail well in the Worlds, placing three boats in the top ten: Rodrigo Zuazola, fifth; Alberto Gonzalez, sixth; and Manuel Gonzalez, tenth.

The National Championship was sailed at Algarrobo. Manuel Gonzalez, with Pablo and Cristian Barahona as crew, was first. Runner-up was Rufino Melero.

Nicolas Cubillos and Ricardo Barbera represented our country at the Junior Worlds in Italy. Nicolas finished fifth overall after winning the last race.

We are now in training for the next South Americans, Worlds, and the Pan Ams. And we thought we were busy last year!

The Lightning Class is the strongest one design class sailing in Chile. Our thanks to our Sailing Federation for its help and enthusiastic support. Special thanks to its president (and Lightning sailor) Jaime Santa Cruz; and to Hernan Barahona, Isidoro Melero, Manuel Gonzalez B., Fernando Magnasco, and Marco Montalbetti for the many hours of hard work involved in hosting the Worlds.

CONNECTICUT/ RHODE ISLAND

1983 District Schedule

Niantic Bay	Seminar May 14-15
Cedar Point	Early Bird May 21-22
Newport/Ft. Adams	Northeast Regional June 11-12
CEDAR POINT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	July 9-10
Long Island Sound Championship	Site & Date to be announced
Niantic Bay	Connecticut Governor's Cup September 10-11
Cedar Point	Eastern US Championship September 17-18

CONNECTICUT RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Donald Barrett
District Secretary Dave Peterson
District Champion Jim Crane
District Runner-Up Bill Shore

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).

1982 sailing in Long Island Sound went smoothly, with the usual regattas and the usual winners. It was a year that Jay Lutz refused to take a back seat to anyone. Jay won the Cedar Point Early Bird and the Cedar Point Eastern U.S. regattas. He didn't win any of our other events because he didn't show up. Congratulations go to Jay for his super North American Championship victory. Ched Proctor (in Jim Crane's boat) won the Conn. Gov. Cup. Jim had gotten the boat all cranked up by winning the Atlantic Coast Championship, at Cedar Point, and the District Championship at Niantic. Bill Shore got off to a slow start, but ran off with back to back wins in the final two races to finish second. Other boats showing bursts of speed were Don Barrett and Tom Ingram.

Enthusiasm for 1983 is in the making; those who took the hardware in 1982 better not relax.

DIXIE DISTRICT

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

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

The Dixie District had a very active year with many well attended regattas and a large number of new sailors in the District. While several boats from the District got an early start by doing the winter circuit, the District activities started with the No Gas Regatta at SSA. Top three were Wardwell, Delorme, and Astrove. The next major event was the Delaware Governor's Cup at Rehoboth where "Smokin" Joe Frieble, with such notable lightweights, Bucky "Gorilla" Beaver and Dave "Animal" Buckley, as crew, did three impressive HJ's to win the breezy regatta, distantly followed by Wardwell, and Grotheer.

The Junior Districts were won by Philip Grotheer, which has created a problem in the Grotheer family with Dad, Philip, and brother Ron all wanting to point the boat at the same time. Anyone have a triple decker trailer for sale?

Susquehanna played host to the Districts and the real hero was Mother Nature. Whoever heard of good wind in July on a river? The wind was so good all races were sailed in two days and those that had taken Monday off to sail had a chance to rest up. Bob Wardwell successfully defended, but was pushed all the way by Bachman, Delorme, Frieble, and Grotheer.

A strong and confident contingent consisting of Wardwell, Delorme, Bachman, Grotheer, McShane, Richardson, and Capron went to Buffalo and returned weaker and meeker. Exceptions were Bachman, President's Cup, seventh; and Richardson, Governor's Cup, fourth.

Outside the District, Steve Bachman was second in the Atlantic Coast Championships, and Bob Wardwell won the Keuka Champagne Regatta for the third time.

The fall is a busy time in the Dixie District with no less than seven regattas scheduled after Labor Day. The Collier Cup was captured by John Richardson, followed by Astrove and Bachman. Bob Wardwell won the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup, followed by Dick Hallagan, John Richardson, Jed Dodge, and Glen Reitingier.

The Frigid Digit lived up to its name with many capsizes, lots of wind, and reports of snow flurries to the north. Steve Bachman survived better than anyone else to capture the regatta followed by Jim Carson, Bob Wardwell, and Mark Beaton.

1982 was a great year and we are all looking forward to 1983.



District Champion 1982; Lasse Hammar (left), Pentti Suorsa (center), Harry Hammar (right).

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FINLAND DISTRICT

Fleet Captain	Juhani Haila
Fleet Secretary	Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen
District Junior Commodore	Juhani Aromaa
District Measurer	Marjatta Ollila
District Champion	Lasse Hammar
District Runner-Up	Kari Maenpaa

Fleets: Helsinki (166), Kotka (298), Oulu (307), Kemi (310), Tuusulan-jarvi (456) Valkeakoski (468), Jamsa (469).

The sailing season 1982 began very early, in January, when two boats from Finland sailed in Pucon in the Worlds; Terho Aromaa and his crew Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen, Pertti Pyy, and Pentti Laitinen and his crew, daughter Leena and Visa Hietalahti.

The European Championship was held in Athens, in July, and two boats were trailered all the way to participate: Hartti Nisonen and his crew, Asko Autio; Antero Uitto and Timo Patosuo and his crew, wife Mervi and Kari Porthen.

The World Youth Championship sailed in Marsala, Italy, in August and

Kimmo Aromaa and his crew, Heikki and Jukka Nurmi from Fleet 166 participated.

District Championship was organized by Bjoerneborg YC in August. Due to the very light winds only four races could be sailed.

District Champion is "Old Salt" Lasse Hammar and his crew, brother Harry and Pentti Suorsa from Fleet 307. Runner-up is Kari Maenpaa and 3rd, Juhani Haila, our DC, having only one point in difference.

This was the first time we had a complete women's crew to participate in our District Championship and not only one crew, but two to open up a new era; Marjatta Ollila, skipper and District Measurer, and her crew, Tuulikki Westerlund, Pirjo Laurila, as well as Anja Rasi, skipper, and her crew, Ritva Poikonen and Pirjo Kauppinen. Totally 32 boats participated.

A series of ranking regattas was sailed between May and September, four best scored of seven regattas; first, Kari Maenpaa and second, Seppo Hanninen, both from Fleet 166, third, Hartti Nisonen, from Fleet 456. Totally 41 boats sailed, at least in one of these regattas.



Florida women finish 2nd at Buffalo!

Kathy Breiding (l); Fay Regan (c); Kathi Gross (R)

Jim Pinion Photo

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Fisk Hayden
District Secretary	Fay Regan
District Measurer	Eric Stibitz
District Champion	Magnus Liljedahl
District Runner-Up	Jim Alman

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

Florida had another wonderful year! Our winter sailing season always begins with the Tangerine Bowl Regatta in Orlando. Early risers Saturday watched the famous Tangerine Bowl Parade, after which we all chased Eric Stibitz of Coconut Grove around the course. CGSC's Mike Pearl finished second and Fisk Hayden of Lake Eustis was third.

CGSC's Annual Regatta in February saw 18 Lightnings on the line, including visitors Bruce and Sherry Goldsmith, Stu Anderson, Larry MacDonald, Sr., and Matt Bryant, Sr. Through the heavy air and a few capsizes of the competitors, Eric Stibitz emerged victorious, with Dave Helmick, second, and Stu Anderson, third. Fisk Hayden finished fourth and Knute Young was fifth.

The Southern Circuit attracted lots of our favorite sailors and it was great to have them all sailing in our "home waters". As always, everyone enjoyed the cookout at Coconut Grove during the Miami leg.

The Florida Sailing Association's Annual Regatta was sailed out of Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, on May 9 and 10. Fisk Hayden won that won, with Eric Stibitz, second, and Jim Alman of Coconut Grove finishing third.

The District Championship, held at Miami's Coconut Grove Sailing Club was won by Magnus Liljedahl and crew Kathi Gross and Reid Hutchinson. This was the third year in a row that a different skipper had won the Championship, and the first year for Magnus, who comes to us from the Finn class, and has recently taken delivery of a Flying Dutchman in preparation for an Olympic campaign. Second place was won by Jim Alman, followed by Fisk Hayden, Dave Helmick, and Eric Stibitz.

Magnus was unable to attend the North Americans, but Jim and Fisk qualified for the Blue Fleet. Jon Ewing, our third representative at the North Americans, finished respectably in the Governor's Cup, having broken a rudder and a shroud. The wonderful story about Jon is that he bought his boat only six weeks before sailing in the Districts, and had only skippered a Lightning on two previous occasions. We're all extremely proud of Jon's performance in this heavy weather regatta. Jon claims his experience at Buffalo is one of the highlights of his life!

Our gals did well, too! Fay Regan, Kathy Breiding and Kathi Gross finished second in the Women's Championship, the first year the Florida District has been represented. And our Steve Hayden sailed in the Junior Worlds in Italy with Peter Hallagan, where they finished 4th. Steve is getting some "stick time" in at our local regattas, and soon his dad, Fisk, will be needing another boat!

Sarasota's Annual Labor Day Regatta was won by Randy Clee of Coconut Grove. Eric Stibitz was second, and Bill Myers of Tampa finished third.

While activity at Old Port Yacht Club has diminished recently, the new arrival of Stu Anderson and Matt Bryant should spark that fleet back into travelling. Dr. Jack Swenson of Old Port Yacht Club sailed in the Laser World's (Seniors) this past summer, and we look for him to get back into his Lightning soon.

As you read this, you'll be packing up your boats for the Southern Circuit. We look forward to seeing everyone again in St. Petersburg and Miami, and remember, there's a steak at CGSC with *your name* on it!



Indiana District's first five skippers and crews.

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore John Leath
District Secretary Patricia Leath
District Measurer George Buckingham
District Champion Bob Carter
District Runner-Up Doug Schmahl

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club (154); Indianapolis Sailing Club (270).

The 1982 season in Indiana was highlighted by four regattas. May 1-2 was the season opener, the ISC Indiana Open. This annual regatta is the first for area skippers to get used to starting times and racing tactics after the winter layover. This year Bruce Goldsmith took the top honors to the next stop on the Northern Spring Circuit. Pat Considine was second; John Call, third; Hank Hodgson, fourth; and Mike Houffman was fifth.

The Hoosier Regatta was hosted by the Wawasee Yacht Club on June 12-13. The winner at this event was George Buckingham; Doug Schmahl was second; and Dave Blair, third. A week later at Indianapolis, the Indiana District Championships were held in light to moderate air. Of fourteen entries, Bob Carter was first; Doug Schmahl, second; Keith Swihart, third; Ken Wood, fourth; and John Leath, fifth. Carter could not attend the North American's, so Indiana's team was Doug Schmahl and Steven Jay.

On October 2-3, the Wanfinlapimup Regatta was held at Wawasee. Eleven boats attended this "fun type" regatta. Saturday gave no wind till after noon, then three races were held back to back. Hot buttered rum and popcorn around the fireplace rounded up the day, along with George Nichol's very interesting talk on boat construction, materials, and details. Sunday morn gave heavy fog and no wind, but the two final races were

eventually held, with the following overall results: first, Dave Hatfield, Richland, MI; second, John Call, Wawasee, third, Ken Wood, Indianapolis; fourth, George Nichols, Linden, MI; and fifth, Keith Swihart, Wawasee.

INDIANA DISTRICT

1983 Regatta Schedule

Indiana Open Regatta April 30, May 1
Indianapolis Sailing Club, Geist Reservoir
Indianapolis, Indiana

Hoosier Land Regatta June 18-19
Wawasee Yacht Club, Lake Wawasee
Syracuse, Indiana

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP June 18-19
Wawasee Yacht Club, Lake Wawasee
Syracuse, Indiana

WANFINLRAPIMUP October 8-9
Wawasee Yacht Club, Lake Wawasee
Syracuse, Indiana

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Giovanni Arciprete
District Secretary Nando De Amicis
District Treasurer Salvatore Tremante
District Measurer Gianni Battisti
District Champion Sergio Messina
District Runner-Up Lio Coccoloni
District Junior Champion Pasquale Vitaggio
District Junior Runner-Up ... Gaetano Pellizzaro

Fleets: Napoli (191); Marivela (235); Garda (249); Lega Navale Anzio (312); Garda (249); Marsala (449); Trasimeno (453); Flotta Del Conero (466); Lario (467); Flotta Del Lario (467); Flotta Del Savio (476); Bracciano (479); Delfino (480).

The 1982 season was very active and successful, especially for international events.

Two young Italian crews, skippered by Sergio Messina and Alessandro Attina, took part in the World Championship at Pucon, Chile. Five Italian boats went to the Europeans in Greece.

Fleet 449 and the Circolo Velico Marsala organized the Youth World Championship at Marsala. Unfortunately, only seven countries were represented by 15 boats. Chile was the only South American district represented. Canadian G. Anderson is the new World Youth Champion. Runner-up is P. Vitaggio from Italy, followed by U.S. skippers Taboada and Hallagan. In fifth place was the Chilean skipper, Cubillos, and in sixth place was another young Italian skipper, Tano Pellizzaro.

The 1982 Italian Championship was held at Gravedona on Lario Lake and was organized by the A.V.A.L. and Fleet 467. Sergio Messina and crew, Nono Nizza and Pasquale Vitaggio, won very easily. For the first time in 34 years, the Italian Champion is a very young crew (their combined ages equal 56 years!). Runner-up was Lio Coccoloni of Fleet 235 and in third place was Roberto Crucitti of Fleet 449.

Sergio Messina and his crew were the runners-up at the European Championship at the Piraeos Bay to complete a very formidable season

Other Italian District skippers who had good performances in 1982 are: Alessandro and Marcello Attina, Angelo Zerilli, and Gianni Pellegrino of Fleet 449; Marco Barra of Fleet 191; Alberto Vivani and Bruno Roccochegiani of Fleet 466; and new skipper, Tato Pellizzaro of Fleet 476, who deserves honorable mention for his win at the "Di Lorenzo Memorial Trophy", one of the more important district regattas.

Next year the Italian District will organize the European and World Championships at Naples, where our Vice President Admiral Mario Lo Sardo and the resurrected Fleet 191 are planning a hearty reception.



Italy: the sun is shining and the regatta is delightful.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore..... Bill Potter
District Secretary .. Judy Walker (Corresponding)
District Secretary Dave Sprague (Executive)
District Junior Commodore Mike Zimmerman
District Measurer Matt Bryant Jr.
District Champion Mark Bryant
District Runner-Up..... Tom Allen Jr.

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 sailing season in the Lake Erie District starts in early May with the EBY Series at the Buffalo Canoe Club, and goes to mid-October ending with the Turkey Regatta at Hamilton and the Pumpkin Regatta in London.

At least 10 boats set out for the first leg of the Lake Erie-Central New York Districts challenge in Rochester, New York. Lake Erie's Larry MacDonald was our top finisher with a 4th overall. This regatta set the tone for most of the May-June racing with GREAT hospitality and awful weather (lots of rain and little predictable wind). As the new season started we were all very happy to see all the new children being brought to the regattas by the proud new parents. Mark and Maggie Dadd's newest addition has the looks of a great sailor being twice the size of all the others his age.

Also held in the District was the Canadian Junior Worlds eliminations at Toronto. The regatta was easily won by Gordie Anderson of Nova Scotia who eventually went on to win the Worlds in Italy. Second was decided only in the last race as there was a 4-way tie for second going into it. Susan MacDonald won the last race to be second overall and our other Canadian qualifier to the worlds.

The next major District regatta was the Niagara Frontier Invitational, again sailed in the rain and weird winds. As the North Americans were to be sailed at the B.C.C., the N.F.I.R. attracted a top crowd. The Ontario Open, held at Bronte Harbour where they have 5 Lightnings in residence and plan to charter a new fleet, was also sailed in strange winds. This was won by Ron

Cochrane who was challenged by John Gorrie. Although no Americans showed up, the organizers are hoping for a contingent in 1983 as Bronte is even closer to the U.S.A. than Beautiful Toronto.

Chautauqua Lake hosted the Cornball as a warm up to the Districts and it certainly was that, as both regattas had very little wind.

The Districts attracted a good sized fleet as the LED was hosting the North American's at B.C.C., the home of Fleet 12. The light tricky winds hurt most people's consistency but not Mark Bryant's. Mark was the eventual winner and he never finished worse than 3rd in a race. Tom Allen Jr. beat his father out for second. Tom Sr. was third, with Jim Neville fourth and Larry MacDonald Jr. fifth.

Larry Jr. then went on to finish 2nd in the North Americans as the top LED sailor of the 5 representing us in the Championship fleet. The LED also did well in the Women's North Americans with Anne Allen winning it and Katie Nicoll of Toronto coming 3rd.

The Ontario Junior (under 19) 3-person championships were held in Lightnings at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club in September with Sue Macdonald 1st, and David Jarvis of Toronto, 2nd.

The Fall Series started in the Horrible Humber Bay in Toronto with light winds, so light that there were no sailing races on Saturday. To keep us busy while we waited for wind, a war canoe race was arranged with 8 people per Lightning. (They looked like war canoes anyway). The final winner was a crew from Toronto's host National Yacht Club due in large part to the suspected skuldugery by the elderly father of Sue and Larry Jr. and the husband of the current Women's Champion. We did get some real honest racing off the next day with first going to Sue MacDonald after her 2 bullets. Second was taken by Rob Muru, a member of Canada's America's Cup Challenge who wanted some small boat practice. Third went to Tom Allen.

The second leg of the circuit was held at Silver Lake, the home of great hospitality. Jed Dodge and Dick Hallagan of the Central New York District took first and second, with Tom Allen third. Notwithstanding the strong CNY contingent, the LED won the two district challenge, which pooled the results of this regatta and the Newport Invitational Regatta earlier in the year.

The final leg of the Fall Circuit was held at Sandy Beach, a few miles above the Niagara Falls. Plagued by light winds, the 1st race abandoned as only 2 boats even got to the 1st mark by the time limit. The next race went past the time limit but the fleet agreed to count it so Tom Allen won, with Sue MacDonald 2nd and Tom Ward 3rd.

Hamilton hosted the Annual Turkey Regatta where Doug Heussler won, and 4 other people won turkeys.

The final LED regatta was up at London, Ontario, where Dave Kopec of London and Hugh Roper of Bronte were 1st and 2nd in the Lightning Class and were first and second in the handicap as well, beating over 100 other boats.



Lake Erie District Championship



LED Women's Champion Julie Digel and Crew: L to R Barbara Turney, Julie, and Jackie Turney.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT 1983 DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

EVENT	HOST CLUB	DATE (TENTATIVE)
SPRING DISTRICT MEETING	NIAGARA/SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	APRIL 16
EBY SERIES	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	MAY 14, 15
PAN AMERICAN TRAILS	TORONTO	MAY 14, 15
*REUNION REGATTA	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB	JUNE 4, 5
CORNBALL REGATTA	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JUNE 11, 12
NIAGARA FRONTIER INVIT.	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUNE 18, 19
BRONTE HARBOR INVIT.	BRONTE HARBOR YACHT CLUB	JUNE 25, 26
DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUL 6, 7
DISTRICT WOMENS CHAMPS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUL 6, 7
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUL 8, 9, 10
CANADIAN OPEN	ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB	JUL 15, 16, 17
NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPS	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	JUL 23, 24
OLD SALTS REGATTA	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	AUG. 10
WOMEN & JUNIOR NORTH AMERICANS	RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB: DALLAS	AUG. 15-19
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPS	RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB	AUG. 19-26
**HURRELL SHAKER REGATTA	TORONTO	SEPT. 10, 11
**HARVEST REGATTA	SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB	SEPT. 17, 18
**HAUL-OUT REGATTA	SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	SEPT. 24, 25
TURKEY REGATTA	ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB	OCT. 1
PUMPKIN REGATTA	LONDON CLUB	OCT. 8, 9

*LAKE ERIE-CENTRAL NEW YORK CHALLENGE

**LED FALL CIRCUIT



LED Junior Champion Jim Allen (L) with Crew Cabel Baynes. Not pictured Chuck Manney.