## LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore .... Elizabeth Brewer Weiss District Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . Frank Marinaccu District Measurer . ............... Frank Atkinson District Champion . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thomas Green District Runner-Up .......... Frank Marinaccio
Fleets: Great South Bay Flet (178).
The 1982 District Championships were held on July 17 and 18. Two races were run Saturday, and one on Sunday in the waters of the Great South Bay off Babylon, New York. The weather was hot, sunny, and windy, All of the participants were delighted to be on the water rather than sweltering on land. For three boats that participated, the weekend was less than perfect. Two boats limped for home. The third. Malcolm Hendry, jury rigged and finished the race

In the first race, Frank Marinaccio did a horizon job on the fleet, with the rest of the boats bunched up. In the second race, our four time District Champion Tom Green, who arrived Saturday morning with a brand new, untuned spar, came in first. He had received the spar three days previously. and tuned it during the first race. The race was made more interesting by a roving windward mark which was moved by the tide. Tom also won on Sunday to lock up the title.

There was one near capsize and the commodore slid into the drink from the foredeck during a gybe, causing her skipper to lose two boats as he doused the spinnaker and returned for her. As the last boat was being boisted out of the water on Saturday evening, at the Long Island Yacht Club, the hoist stopped working. All the crews gathered round, put the smallest person we could find, skipper Ben Schwartz, into the boat, unhooked it, and lowered it to the trailer. The Sunday race was delayed because the hoist was still out of order and all boats had to be launched from the shore. The trailers were ferried to Babylon Yacht Club and the weekend ended with awards being presented there. All in all, it was an exciting weekend. Our thanks go to Roger Goodwin, Doug and Paul Meyhoefer for a job well done as race committec.

With growing numbers of Lightnings getting together at Wet Pants Sailing Association and in Hewlett Bay, we are hopeful that another fleet or two will be chartered by this time next year.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

## 1983 Regatta Schedule

| April 10 | Spring Series | Red Bank, N.J. |
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| May 1, 8, 15 | Spring Series | Red Bank, N.J. |
| April 23, 24 | Long John Regatta | Red Bank, N.J. |
|  | MID HUDSON CIRCUIT |  |
| June 4 | Magnus Pederson | Nyack, N.Y. |
| June 11-12 | Hi -Tor Sutherland | Stoney Point, N.Y. |
| June 25-26 | DISTRICTS | Lake Wallenpaupac, Pa. |
| July 9-10 | Chelsea Open | Chelsea N.Y. |
| Sept. 17 | Lake Wallenpaupac | Paupack, Pa. |

## SHORT CIRCUIT

Sept. 10
Sept. 24
Oct. 8

Whiskerpole
Lake Mohawk
MBC Regatta

Greenwood Lake, N.J. Sparta, N.J.
Red Bank, N.J.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Robert Graham District Secretary ................................ Robert Sengstacken
District Measurer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Denis Farley
District Champion . ............................................ Bill Ewing
District Runner-Up . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Denis Farley
Fleets: Paupack (16): Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Red Bank (70); Nyack (75): Awosting (95)

The 1982 season got started with the midwinter meeting held at the home of Sandy and Mary Huntsman. The discussion centered around the new rigging on the Lightning and was interesting to all who attended. After the meeting, the usual excellent party was held for the members of the CAD and Metropolitan Districts.

Several district members traveled south for the Southern Circuit. Jack Huntsman sailed an excellent regatta at Savannah winning two races and missing first by one point. Denis Farley and Jon Schwartz also sailed parts of the circuit.

The Long John Regatta was a great success with Rob Held of the home club winning, followed by MBC member Bill Ewing. Third went to Dick Hallgan.

This year's Mid-Hudson Circuit was won by Gary Hurban. Gary does a good job of keeping his old wooden boat going and sailed an excellent three regatta series.

The Districts were sailed at Nyack Boat Club. The date of the Districts was moved up hoping for stronger spring breezes. Unfortunately, the tide was stronger than the wind most of the weekend. When the drifting was over, Bill Ewing was the winner, followed by Denis Farley and Rob Held. Rounding out the top five were Bob Graham and Sandy Huntsman.

The Metropolitan District had a strong showing at the North Americans in Buffalo, Competing in the blue fleet were Bill Ewing. Rob Held, Jack Huntsman and Jon Schwartz. The President's Cup saw Bob Graham take fifth with Denis Farley finishing strongly. Rich Miner and Sandy Huntsman sailed in the Governor's Cup.

At the Lightning Class annual meeting at Buffalo Canoe Club, Sandy Huntsman was elected Class President. We all wish Sandy a successful year.

The Fall regatta circuit was active on the lakes and rivers. Tom Bierman won the Whiskerpole Regatta at Greenwood Lake, while Bob Graham won at Lake Wallenpaupack. Franz Schneider won the Mohawk Regatta, while Rob Held won the regatta at Monmouth Boat Club. Tom Bierman was the Short Circuit winner, with Mark Schneider second and Rich Miner third.

1982 was a successful year for the Lightning and we are hoping for a bigger year in 83 .

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

| District Commodore | $k$ Tibbs |
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| District Secretary | Tom Vickers |
| District Junior Comm | Dave Kastura |
| District Measurer | Dave Furey |
| District Champion | Colin Park |
| District Runner-Up | Bruce Goldsmith |
| Junior Champion | George Sipel |
| Junior Runner-Up | John Hussey |

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 Yahct Club (458): Clark Lake Sail Club (475).

Michigan is touted as THE WATER WONDERLAND, and the District Lightning sailors took full advantage of the crystal clear waters every weekend from June I - October I. While weekly fleet racing in several areas seemed to suffer from lack of wind, those traveling on the "circuit" were almost always treated to fair winds.

The season was off to a good start at Lake Lansing. June 5-6, where winds ranged $12-15$ both days. The dredge was removed just in time for racing and those who didn't mind playing their centerboard in conjunction with their mainsheet were rewarded with a fine five race series. Hank Hodgson and Dave Peters, both of Douglas Lake, were tied going into the last race, but Hodgson got the gun and the regatta, with Peters and Mike Dow of Higgins Lake, taking the rest of the hardware.

The following weekend, the day dawned gloomy and rainy over Crescent Sail Club on Lake St. Clair. District officers and volunteers spent the morning measuring sails and boats in anticipation of the Michigan District


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District Champion Colin Park
Strueland Traveling Trophy Colin Park Junior Champion

George Sipel Team Champions Devils Lake \#31


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competition. The faucets turned off just in time for race call and a good $10-20$ breeze replaced the drizzle. As if they hadn't been wet enough all morning. Bob Knop of Pontiac and Peter Paullin of Devils Lake decided to take a dip in the cool spring waters of Lake St. Clair before calling it a day. Peters and Hodgson again enjoyed a close series which left them tied in pointsafter the four races. Peters took home first place honors, followed by Hodgson and Arlyn Kinkel of Cresent. All will remember the new wind setting in during the final race to provide an exciting planing reach the first of the season. The Father's Day Trophy was awarded to Hank and Lisa Hodgson for the best performance by a Father Child Team on Father's Day Weekend. We left as we arrived - in the pouring rain - such timing!

Lake Fenton entertained ten entrics - 40 boats - for the annual team racing event June 26-27. Winds were light, but the races were completed and Devils Lake went undefeated The winning combination consisted of Merrill Bales. Bruce Goldsmith. Jim Sayre, and Jack Tibbs

Districts were held for the first time in many years on an inland lake. Higgins is truly one of the most beautiful lakes anywhere, and the District gave its true support by showing up 59 strong. The Higgins contingent, whose facility is on an island, did an admirable job of transporting people and food to the race site each dav. The series was called with four races posted when the Sunday cold front came in on 30- winds. Navigation to the mainland was a challenge! Good winds and hospitality (especially on Saturday night when all were marooned on the island during a rainstorm that lasted for hours) made it a memorable Districts. Our top ten were: Colin Park. Bay City and new member of the class; Bruce Goldsmith. Devils Lake; Joe Disette, Bay City, Dave Hatfield, Gull Lake; Jim McCoy, Pontiac; Bob Mathers, Pontiac; Tom Jungjohann, Pontiac; Garty Demarest. Tawas; Lou Nickels, Pontiac, and Carl Engles, Gull Lake.
Rain greeted travelers to Traverse Bay Yacht Club, July 17-18, An attempt to race on Saturday was met with a thunderstorm which set all participants flecing for shore and safety. Two races were finally held late in the day, both won by Dave Hatfield of Gull Lake. Sunday was a NO GO which sent Hatfield home winner of his first Lightning regatta since joining the Class last fall. Mike Rathbun, also of Gull Lake, and Tom Vickers of Crescent tied for second.
The winds were back for Douglas Lake - they never seem to leave that body of water, they just blow from three different directions at the same time. The winds built all day Saturday to a gusty $18+$ and again on Sunday to 12-14. Hodgson won tour of the five races, but a capsize in race two proved to be his demise. Ron Sherry of Crescent (a Thistle sailor), sailed a very consistent series to win the regatta, followed by Hodgson. Peters, and Kinkel.
Our junior sailors are coming on strong! Thirteen crews arrived at Devils Lake July 31st to compete on the best weekend the local fleet had seen all season. Winds of $10-15$ graced the lake both days as the parents stood by and watched their offspring enjoy the ideal conditions. When the last gun sounded. local George Sipel. Jr., had sailed to a convincing win in his first Lightning competition. John Hussey of Union Lake was in close pursuit. followed by Paul Kinkel of Crescent, Dave Kastura of Pontiac, and Dan Norton of Devils Lake.
Back to Higgins Lake for some light air racing on August 7-8. District Champion. Colin Park, again found Higgins to his liking and sniffed out the shifts admirably posting five first place finishes. Hodgson was second; Dow, third; Fred Drauss of Higgins fourth and Jim "Doc" Gilbert, fifth.

Saginaw Bay offered light winds the following weekend to those attending the Bay City Yacht Club invitational, but five races were completed. Dave Nickels won his first regatta of the 82 season, besting Colin Park. second; Bruce Goldsmith, third; George Nickels of Fenton, fourth; and Joe Disette of Bay City, fifth.

Pontiac made a wise choice in selecting their regatta date of September 11-12. The fall winds contributed to a fine series - sailors are always happier when there is wind! Colin Park did a fine repeat performance and won the White Cap Regatta. As in previous years, Pontiac gave hardware to the top ten finishers. The Nickels family dominated the trophy presentation. Every Nickels entered in the regatta won a trophy. The top finishers were Colin Park, first; George Nickels, second; Clarence Holman III, third: Jim McCoy, fourth; Rick Mullen, fifth; Dave Nickels, sixth; Louie Nickels, seventh; Bill McK inley, eighth; Herm Nickels, ninth; and Jack Tibbs, tenth.

Traditionally, a nip in the air arrives in time for the Devils Lake invitational and this year was no exception. Cool, strong breezes pushed down from the northwest and hot coffee and chocolate were the order of Saturday morning. On Sunday, the wind shifted constantly and boats on opposite legs of the course were seen with spinnakers flying! Goldsmith, who had Devils Lake as his "training field" when growing up, proved he hadn't lost his touch. Without winning a race, he locked up first place. Rounding out the top five were Dave Nickels, Scott Andrews/Mark Godwin (coskippers). Hank Hodgson, and Peter Paulin.

The circuit sailors finally got their due at Clark Lake. When the heavy fog lifted both days, we were left with no wind and no races - a far sry from last year's blustery fiasco.

The season finale was hosted by Gull Lake October 4-5. Thirty-seven crews lined up on the starting line to show they weren't ready for summer to come to an end. Light to moderate winds prevailed, and when the points were tallied. Bruce Goldsmith was in first place; Park, second; McCoy, third; Hatfield, fourth; and Fred Rozelle, fifth.

Colin Park was awarded the JoeStrucland Traveling. Irophy at the winter meeting, November 21 st. Each year, the beautiful silver punch bowl and ladle is presented to the skipper who has participated in at least four regattas and posted the eight best finishes.

The Steketee Trophy has been awarded to the Pontiac Yachr Club this year. The fleet has an outstanding membership roster of total boats in the Fleet and of $100 \%$ membership in 1.L.C.A.

The Michigan District this year can boast the largest District in the Class with 202 members. We are proud of that. proud of the beautiful lakes we have to offer, and proud of our fleets who provide us with some great sailing all season. Try to join us for a regatta or two next season.


Michigan District Dispiay at the Great Lakes Boat Show:

## MIDWEST DISTRICT

| Districi Commodore | Byron Roc |
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| District Secretary | Ninfi Roe |
| District Measurer | Bob Smither |
| District Champion | Ron Blair |
| District Runner-Up | at Considine |

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5): Milwaukee Yacht Club (69): Gireen Bay (112): Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345). Manitowoc (393): Racine (489).

The Midwest opened the circuit in June at Green Bay. Wisconsin, with the Evans Regatta. The old-timers said they had never seen Cireen Bay so smooth. but we did manage to run two of the three scheduled races. Sunday brought a front with wind and rain. Pat Considine prevailed over John Esser on as tic for first, while Gary Marshall was third.

The Districts were kicked off at Chicago Corinthian the following week for the 25 boats who attended. Chicago lived up to its name as "The Windy City," Amen! Friday afternoon was sunny and pleasant of breere when. about one hour before the start and with most of the boats on the way to the starting area, a cold front hit from the north. Wind went from 8 to 25 m.p.h. and gusting higher with the temperature dropping 25 degrees. By the time many of the boats reached the windward mark, the waves were huge, and Norstrom. Smithers and Knorr were over. The jibe mark took its toll with Buck Wynn also getting dunked. Needless to say, no chutes were flown as Ron Blair finished first. The fleet headed for the shelter of the harbor as rescue boats tried to recover the busted-up boats. After the survival sailing of Friday, we were all looking forward to calmer sailing. Yes, we received steady breeres for the next two days, but with pea soup fog. On Sunday, the out-of-towners packed up their boats with the understanding that we would complete the Districts at the P \& T Regatta in Milwaukee.

July arrived with Lake Michigan fog to greet the 24 boats in Milwaukee to compete in the P \& T Regatta as well as to complete the Districts. Not to be outdone by Chicago. Sunday saw Milwaukee dish up more breeres in 20 +

- June 18-19
- June 25-26
- July 9-10
- July 15-16-17
- August 6-7
- August 13-14
* September 17-18
- September 24-25

Evans Regatta<br>Ice Breaker

## Green Bay <br> Manitowoc

## $P$ \& $T$ <br> DISTRICTS

Brotz<br>Hobleman

Red Flannels<br>Polar Bear

## Milwaukee <br> Milwaukee

Sheboygan
Chicago Corinthian

- Lake Michigan Championship

To qualify, the Districts and 3 other * Regattas must be sailed.
range with gusts in the 30's. Again the rescue craft were busy picking up boats downed on the reaches or jibes.

The P \& T Regatta finishers were Brian Phelan, first: Dick Hinze, second; and Ron Blair, third. After several scoring card corrections to work up the combined totals, we had the finishers in the Distriet: Ron Blair, first, Pat Considine, second; and Brian Phelan, third. This makes the second year in a row for Ron Blair as District Championand Pat Considine as RunnerUp.

Sheboygan ran their annual Brotz Regatta in late July with excellent weather for 12 boats. Tryg Jacobson finished first: John Esser, second, and Dennis Bursch, third. Early August was to see the District racing the Hobelman at Chicago Corinthian. Again good skies prevailed as John Walter finished first: Pat Considine, second: and Dennis Burke, third. These were the last regattas to be sailed by those attending the North Americans.
Beautiful fall weather greeted 15 boats in September at this year's Red Flannels at Chicago Corinthian. Pat Considine showed us how its done with finishes of 1, 1, and 2 for a solid first; Dean Cady, second; and Mike Huffman, third. The Red Flannels continues to be one of our outstanding regartas on the Midwest circuit.

To wrap up the season, 14 boats turned out for the Polar Bear Regatta at Lake Davenport. Iowa, on the Mississippi River. It was one of mild breezes and some current on Saturday, while Sunday offered no wind or racing. Mike Steffenson finished first: Jim Romanshek, second: and Ken Jensen, third.

The Lake Michigan Championship, comprising the Districts and any three other regattas, was won this year by Pat Considine of Chicago with a combined total points for the four regattas at $51 / 2$ points. In second place with 11/4 points was Brian Phelan, while in third place with 15 points was John Esser.

We would like to greet our newest fleet (489) at Racine. Wisconsin, and wish you well. In passing, it is truly impressive to see how well some of our younger sailors, such as Pat Considine, have taken to the Lightning racing. Maybe we should spend more time taking our children along instead of hunting for the "ringers." With 1982 regattas now history, we all look forward to 1983 and, hopefully, the winner's circle.

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

| District Comer | Broadus Sharpe |
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| Distric: Secretary | . . Matt Burridge |
| District Measurer | . Stu Bernstein |
| District Champion | Matt Burridge |
| District Runner-Up | Dr. Cully Cobb |

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

The 1982 District Championship Regatta was held at Lake Carlyle on June 12 and 13. Twenty six boats participated. Four races were run out of six which were scheduled. The wind was 15 knots on Saturday morning and it diminished throughout the day. The third race on Saturday was a bit slow so the last race of the day was cancelled. On Sunday, the wind was eight knots and again it diminished during the morning. The sixth race was cancelled.
The regatta was sailed according to plan - Matt Burridge's plan that is. Matt won first place in each of the four races sailed. To make victory complete, Matt did his thing in a chartered boat. Papa Lal Burridge, weary of sailing in the shadow of son, Matt, removed the family Lightning from Matt and raced it himself. It did not change anything much and Matt continued to be the perennial winner of the District. The French have a saying that the more things change, the more they are the same,

Dr. Cully Cobb was the runner up with places of $7,2,4$, and 2 for a score of 15. Cully gave renewed hope to the geriatric crowd of skippers who never seem to give up. Cully, with his quiet relentless style never seems to let up. Like Old Man River, he just keeps rolling along. Greg Florian placed third and Brad Curric was fourth. Papa Lal Burridge managed a fifth place.

Broady Sharpe was elected to be District Commodore and Matt Burridge was elected as District Viee Commodore and Secretary at the annual meeting. The District pattern of location selection has run its course and is due for a change. The shore facilities at Ken Lake have deteriorated beyond acceptable limits and we have reluctantly had to look elsewhere for a site. The 1983 District Regatta will be held at Lake Arkabutla. Mississippi, It is
the home waters of Memphis Fleet 274. The regatta will be under the auspices of the Delta Sailing Association. This is an interim measure and a revised site selection criterion will be considered at the next annual business meeting in June 1983


Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Spofford Yacht Club (145)(: Annisquam Yacht Club (151): Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake S.C. (227); Massebesic Yacht Club (273); Chequesset (280): Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Androscoggin Lightning Fleet (450): West End Racing Club (487)

The New England Lightning District initiated its 1982 season with the State of Massachusetts Championship held in Newburyport, Massachusetts, on June 19 and 20th. Saturday the 19th was a very rainy and overeast day with an increasing wind and sharp chop throughout the inner bay. The first race was started after several delays because of the shifty winds, with about 17 boaters showing up. George Peter was first at the weather mark and led the entire race throughout the 7 legs, with Dick Hale finishing 2nd. Several boats capsized and after attempting to start a second race, the Coast Guard finally came out "stating no more races"

Unfortunately on Sunday the winds had not abated and in fact had increased and after several hours of waiting the racing was cancelled resulting in a one race championship. George Peter was the winner of the State of Massachusetts Championships with Dick Hale in the runner-up position

New England sailors then moved to Lake Androscoggin for the State of Maine Championships held on July 10th and IIth. We had not sailed at Androscoggin in quite a few years, but as it turned out this was the highlight of the season with an outstanding regatta from both the racing as well as
social standpoint. The first race on Saturday was held with light and shifty winds of 3 to 5 knots . There were many holes, but Ed Hinds was able to piek his way through the low spots and won the first race In the afternoon, waiting for the winds to come up, everybody enjoyed swimming on the fine beach in front of the Yacht Club, but after several hours of waiting the racing was called for the day and we settled down to a barbeque that was out of this world. The dinner was topped off with strawberries and ice cream and a dance with a local musician finishing off the evening. Sunday's two races were held under ideal conditions with winds in the 10 to 12 knot range. After very close racing with George Peter leading the charge during the day, the State of Maine Championships was decided with Dick Hale first, George Peter second, Ed Hinds third. Dave Fitch fourth tied with Bill Mahoney. Bob Foster our host, and the entire Androscoggin crew are to be congratulated for an outstanding Regatta.

The next regatta was our New England District Regatta held on July 16 th thru the 18th, hosted by the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass. After weighing and measuring boats and sails, we sailed five races on the outside Olympic Circle. Stu Nickerson led the charge with lots of local competition, including Dave Curtis, the 1981 North American Champion. Stu Nickerson sailed brilliantly with four firsts, however, he also had a bad race when he was over early, Going into the last race there were 6 points separating first place from fifth place and in the last race Dave Curtis who is laying third, Dick Hale who was second and Stu Nickerson who was laying fifth split from the fleet and went left. In the light air race that followed, these three traded the lead with Stu Nickerson finally winning his fourth race solidifying his fifth position overall. The 1982 New England District Champin was Hale Walcoff who had sailed an extremely consistent series followed by Dick Hale, Dave Curtis, Don Brush, and Stu Nickerson. 28 boats were in attendance.

On July 24th and 25th the New England District hosted its second annual Junior Championship at Spofford. New Hampshire. Eight boats showed up with fine racing and many social activities supporting the event. First was Mike Renell, second Dave Pinard, third George Deyette, fourth Tom Fitch.

August 7th and 8th found the New England boats sailing on Cape Cod at MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

## 1983 Regatta Schedule

April 16, 17
May 14, 15
June 10, 11, 12
June 18, 19
September 3, 4
September 3, 4
September 17, 18
September 24, 25
October 8, 9
November 5,6

Tennesseean
Hernando DeSoto
Lightning Districts
Inter City
Impromptu
McDougal
Whale of a Sail
Cotton Pickin
Fleet 486
Blue Nose

Nashville
Memphis
Memphis
Decatur
Carlyle (St. Louis)
Nashville
Carlyle (St. Louis)
Memphis
Alton Lake (St. Louis)
Nashville


Photo Credit: Sandy Gemmell
Two of thirty-two entrants driving for the finish at the New England District Regatta Finale Lake Spofford, NH

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT PROPOSED 1983 SCHEDULE

May 21-22
June 4-5
June 11-12
June 25-26
July 9-10
JULY 17-18-19
July 23-24
Aug. 13-14

Aug. 20-27
Sept. 10-11
Sept. 17-18
Sept. 24-25

Early Bird Cedar Point Yacht Club New Hampshire/Vermont
N. East Championship Fort Adams State of Massachusetts
State of Maine
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICTS
New England Juniors
Wellfleet, Chequesset YC Mallets Bay Race Week
North American Championships
Massabesic Fall Regatta
Eastern Championships
Spofford Regatta

Westport, CT
Lake Massabesic, NH
Newport, RI
Newburyport, MA
Lake Androscoggin, MA
HARASEQUETY, MAINE
Spofford, NH
Cape Code, MASS
Burlington, VT
Dallas, Texas
Manchester, NH
Westport, CT
Spofford YC, NH

Wellfleet Harbor with a strong turnout from boats outside the district as well. After outstanding sailing with winds in the 10 to 14 knot range building to 20 on Sunday and four capsizes, Jay Lutz ended up in first place with 3 points. Stu Nickerson in second place with 6 points. Edson White finished third, Dave Fitch fourth for an outstanding Regatta.

The New England District sent seven boats to the North Americans held in Buffalo, New York, during August 21st thru 28th. This regatta turned out to be one of the heaviest wind regattas evet encountered. Through the qualifiers Stuart Nickerson. Don Brush. and George Peter all qualified for the Blue Flect. Dick Hale, Ray Harrington and Curt Kling all qualified for the Green Fleet and Rick Humphery qualified for the Yellow Fleet. Many capsizes and broken gear ensued during the final racing, but the New England contingent was well represented with Stu Nicherson placing fourth in the Championship Fleet. Don Brush placing eight in the same fleet as well as Rick Humphery placing sixth in the Governors' Cup;
September 18th and 19th found the flect racing at Lake Massabesic's annual Fall Regatta. Winds were light with two races held on Saturday and none on Sunday. End results were Bob Shapiro placing first for his first regatta win. Dick McClure placing second, and Dick Hale and Ed Hinds tying for third place overall.

September 18th and 19th was the Eastern U.S. Championships held at Cedar Point Yacht Club with 36 boats in attendance, including six New England boats. Jay Lutz was first and Bill Shore was second with Dave Fitch leading the charge for the New England boats placing seventh overall

Our final regatta of the year was the traditional Spofford race party Thirty three boats attended and Dick Hallagan continued his recent dominance of this regatta with a first place finish in the only race that was held on late Sunday, Light and fluky winds with many holes typified the race, but Bonnie Shore, coming from the back of the pack, placed second with Len Pratt placing third. Edson White fourth and Dave Fitch fifth.

All in all, the 1982 New England District season was a busy one and wil envoke many fine memories throughout the long winter as we prepare with anticipation for the 1983 season.

## OHIO DISTRICT

| Districi Sceretary <br> District Champion <br> District Rumner-U |
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Fleets: Indian Lake (23); L.catherlips (27); Tarkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Buckeyc Lake (43); Rocky River (71), Mansfield (150); Acwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover (353): St. Mary's (400)

The Ohio District regatta schedule opened with the annual Shakedown Regatta hosted by fleet 23 of Indian take. Warm weather, good air and a super Saturday cookout were enjoyed by all those in attendance. Mark Wikins was first, followed by Dick Collier, giving the home fleet the first two spots. Carl Clipp of Leatherlips was third.
Due to a schedule problem, the St. Mary's regatta was held on Memorial Day weckend, which somewhat cut down on attendance, but not the fun Mike Hein got "lucky" and won three stranght races and, needless to say, the regatta. Bob Wilkins and Phil Cornett, both of St. Marys, weresecond and third.
Leatherlips wasthe next stop on the vehedule, withtheir usual great party and spinnakers on the windward legs. Dick Brown of the home fleet finally got his boat turned around and won convincingly. Mike Hein of Buckeye Lake was second, Tom Varley of Leatherlips was third. Carl Clipp, fourth. and Dick Pugh of Cowan Lake was fifth

30 boats from six clubs participated in the District Championship hosted by Pymatuning Fleet 36. For some reason, the Buckeyc Lake Fleet thought this was a Sunday club race as they nailed down the first four places. Dan and Kathy Dressel were able to overcome the "guest" on 13250 and talk Jim into first place. George and Matt Fisher finished second and third. followed by Willy Petersilge fourth. Jack Meuller of Cleveland. undoubtedly the premier Bloody Mary mixer of the Ohio District, was fifth.
From the Districts to the North Americans was a step the Ohio District handled well. Mike Hein got things off to a great start by winning the Junior North Americans. Not only was Mike first, but Dan Dressel finished third.

## 1983 OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

SHAKEDOWN REGATTA<br>GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP<br>ST. MARY'S 400*<br>WINDSHIFT REGATTA*<br>OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP<br>INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA C.Y.C. REGATTA<br>HARVEST MOON REGATTA

SNOW BALL REGATTA
FALL IN REGATTA*

- Indian Lake
- North Cape Y.C.
- St. Mary's Boat Club
- Leatherlips Y.C.
- To Be Announced
- PYMATUNINGY.C.
- Cleveland Y.C.
- Atwood Lake Y.C.
- Buckeye Lake Y.C. -
- Cowan Lake Sailing Club - October 5-6
- Cowan Lake Sailing Club $\quad$ October 5-6

May 7-8
May 14-15
June 4-5
June 11-12

July 3-4
July 23-24
September 10-11

[^0]If you think the Oho District is proud of these two juniors. you're absolutely rizht: Our former juniors did well too, as Matt Fisher was fifth and Jim Dressel was tenth. Willy Petersilge took home some silver for the highest finish, thirteenth, for a first time blue fleet skipper.

Next stop on the schedule was the Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake. As sometimes happens, light air turned a three race series into a one race regatta. No one really cared, though, as the Atwood folks really know how to throw a great cocktail party. Jack Mueller drifted the fastest. followed closely by Carl Clipp and Gus Austin of Cleveland.

The three central Ohio fleets got together for their annual Mayor's Cup Regatta, held for the first time at Buckeye Lake. Marty Headlee of Buckeye won convincingly, followed by Carl Clipp and Tom Varley of Leatherlips. and Mike Hein of Buckeye.
Buckeye Lake hosted its annual Snowball Party, oops Regatta. in October. After the way these people dominated the Districts, there were still quite a few people who showed up hoping to win. Fat chance! The locals ran off with the top four places: Immediate Past II.CA President George Fisher was first followed by Jim Dressel. Matt Fisher, and Marty Headlee.

As always, the curtain was brought down on the season at the Cowan Lake Fall-In Regatta. For those who have been there, enough said. For those who haven't this is one not to miss. Burt Preston of Mansfield was first. Mike Hein second. Carl Clipp third, Dick Pugh fourth, and Carolyn Evans of Leatherlips, skippering in her first Lightning regatta, was fifth. Mike's second place finish here gave him the Ohio Governor's Cup, a series composed of the St. Marys: Leatherlips and Cowan Lake regattas. Congratulations to Mike!

We are cagerly atwatting the 1983 season and hoping for increased participation at all out regattas. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by and see us. You're always welcome.

## PACIFIC DISTRICT

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| District Measuret | Dave Hic |
| District Champion | Erik Lind |
| District Runner-Up | e Hick |
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Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Vancouver (90): Lake Washington (132): Columbia (283); Okanagan (368); Klamath (455)

The Pacific Northwest District starts each year with a mid-winter meeting. This year the meeting was held in Seattle at the Corynthian Yacht Club. home of Fleet 132. The Circuit Trophy was awarded to Philip Parshley for the first time. The Parshleys have always had a shot at it in the past, but haven't been able to put together the minimum three regattas each year. Following the usual dynamic and fast paced business meeting and the trophy presentation, our guest speaker took over and gave everyone food for thought concerning strategy and tactics. This year our speaker was none other than Seattle favorite Carl Buchan, past winner of Laster Nationals, a World Youth Championship, and Collegiate Sailor of the Year. We weren't able to talk him into buying a Lightning, but we still enjoyed his presentation.

The District dominated the Pacific Coast Championship held in Klamath Falls, Oregon, this year. There was a very close battle fought between Greg Zettler and Bruce Deitz, with Deitz dominating by winning the last heavy race. The final standings were: Deitz, first; Zettler, second; a well known drunk from Southern California, third; Dave Hickman, fourth; and John DeBenedetti, fifth. Bruce has been without a boat this season and has been leasing, begging, and borrowing other boats for the regattas that he has attended.

This year's Northwest Lightning Circuit was the closest battle in memory with Greg Zettler winning by one point. Had Dave Hickman beat one other boat in one race in the final regatta he would have won the circuit. Had Deitz beat one other boat in one race in the opening regatta he would have won the circuit. That's close racing.

This year's District Championship was won by a hot new sailor. Eric Lindahl. Eric has been around Lightnings for several years crewing for different people and he even owned his own Lightning, but didn't race seriously until his wife Marilyn caught the Lightning bug last season. When a newer boat came on the market this season he jumped at the chance to buy it, sailed it a few times, took it to the Districts, and proceeded to blow everybody off the course with three bullets in the first three races. Watch out old timers...


Southeastern Lighming District Regatta Series Winners Front row left to right: Wanne Catoc, 5th, Lenns Krawcheck, Ist: Bill Sloger, 6th. Second row left to right: Paul Rodesiler, 9th; Del Foster, 7th; Sam Cheek, 2nd: Fom Waters, Srd: Gordon Kellogg, 4th.

## SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore . . . . . . . . . . . Paul Rodesiler District Measurer . . . Paul Rodesiler \& Bert Perry District Champion . . . . . . . . . . . Lenny Krawcheck District Runner-Up ................... Sam Cheek

Fleets: Savannah (127): Clark Hill (257); Lake Lanier (248); Catawba (365): Lake Hartwell (391); Triad (415); Greater Charleston (429); Palmetto (440); Wateree (459): Waccamaw (463): Wake (481).

The sailing season starts in early spring with the Iee Breaker Regatta held in Charleston. This regatta is a tune-up event for the Southern Circuit which begins with the Deep South Regatta at Savannah and continues in St. Petersburg and Miami. The District Regatta Series follows, starting with the Augusta Lightning Invitational in mid-April and finishing with the Atlanta Cup at Lake Lanier in October.

A sailor may qualify for the District Regatta Series by sailing in a majority of the District Regattas. In addition, one regatta must be a salt-water affair (Charleston or Savannah). For each regatta sailed beyond five regattas, one throw-out race is awarded.

The 1982 District Regatta Series began at the Augusta Sailing Club on April 18 \& 19, with Lenny Krawcheck placing first, Wayne Catoe finishing second, and Sam Cheek placing third. This order of finish would be repeated several times during the 1982 District Series.

The fleet moved to the Western Carolina Sailing Club for the next District Regatta. Lenny Krawcheck. Wayne Catoe, and Tom Waters were the top place finishers.

The District Championship Regatta was hosted by the Lake Murray Sailing Club. This regatta is a five race series rather than the normal three races and determines which skippers qualify for the North Americans. After the usual sail measurement and boat weighing, five races were sailed in light winds. Capturing the first four positions were Lenny Kraweheck. Bill Pleasants, Tom Waters, and Sam Cheek.

The Triad Lightning Fleet at High Rock Yacht Club hosted the fourth District Regatta. Gusty, shifting winds caused one skipper to fall over board. The final results were Sam Cheek, Wayne Catoe, and Dell Foster.

The Savannah Yacht Club held the first salt-water regatta of the 1982 season. Fisk Hayden and Dave Backus from the Florida District joined the Southeastern skippers for a regatta that offered a full range of winds capped off by a summer thunder storm. Lenny Krawcheck placed first, Fisk Hayden placed second, and Sam Cheek placed third.

The second salt-water regatta was hosted by the Charleston Fleet on July 31 and August I with temperatures in the low 80 's and winds of $15-20 \mathrm{mph}$. How pleasant and unusual for the South in the middle of summer. This regatta was also unusual in that L.enny Kraweheck did not place first sailing on his home course. The regatta was won by former District Champion Will Sloger. Sam Cheek placed second and Gordon Kellogg placed third. The


Raleigh Fleet deserves special honors for attendance at this regatta with five boats present.

The Waccamaw Fleet hosted the seventh District Regatta assisted by the Raleigh Fleet. The sixteen skippers were greeted with overeast skies and winds of $10-15$ knots that turned into rain for the second race. The final standings were: Lenny Krawcheck. Wayne Catoe, and Bill Sloger.

The last District Regatta was hosted by the Lake Lanier Fleet and is appropriately named the Atlanta Cup Regatta. The long drive from Florida to Atlanta paid big dividends for first place winner Fisk Hayden. Lenny Krawcheck was second, and Bill Sloger, third.

The Southeastern District Series trophies were also awarded at the Atlanta Cup Regatta. The order of finish and the average scores are: first, Lenny Krawcheck (2.00); second, Sam Cheek (3.71); third. Tom Waters (3.76); fourth, Gordon Kellogg (4.80); fifth, Wayne Catoc (5.11); sixth Bill Sloger (6.50); seventh. Del Foster (7.19); eighth Wilburn Brewer (8.75); and ninth. Paul Rodesiler ( 9.00 ). Special note of praise should be given to Lenny Krawcheck and various crew (Townie Krawcheck, Johnny Krawcheck, Will Sloger, and Ann Boyd Sloger) for the outstanding season in winning the District Championship and the District Regatta Series.

A summary of the eighth District Regattas shows that forty-five different skippers sailed, with an average attendance of fourteen boats.

Bill Sloger will serve as District Commodore for the 1983 season. The Wateree Fleet and the Raleigh Fleet will host regattas in 1983, bringing the number of District Regattas to ten. Please join us if you are in the area.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

| District Commodore | Roger Evans |
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| District Secretary | . Glen Higgins |
| District Measurer | John "Buck" Ballatin |
| District Champion | Cal Herman |
| District Runner-Up | Robert Bernhardt |

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

The 1982 Southern Districts were again dominated by Cal Herman from Fleet 209 who captured the District Championship, sailed at New Orleans Yacht Club, for the third year in a row. Cal has been District Champion in 1975, '78, 80, 81 and now '82. He was strongly pressed in the Districts by veteran sailor "Buck" Ballatin, who was one point behind Cal going into the last race. Unfortunately, for Buck, he was involved in a barging incident with Cal in the last race and lost out in the protest room.

Another outstanding sailor this past season was Robert Bernhardt, Jr. from the Mobile Bay fleet who easily won the Gulf Yachting Association Championship, struggled hard against Barney March to take the G.R.I.T.S. regatta (at Jackson Yacht Club), and was our District runnerup. The Mobile Bay fleet also saw its senior member. Robert Jeffcott, using his years of experience racing Lightnings, win the Wadewitz Regatta at Fairhope, Alabama.

On the minus side of the ledger, the District lost a great sailor when Tommy Allen of Southern Yacht Club decided to hang up his hikingstraps after 40 years of Lightning sailing. Tommy won every major championship regatta in the District at least once, except, ironically, the Holiday-in-Dixie Regatta at Shreveport, for which he donated the trophy: He participated in more North American Championships (ten) than any other sailor from the District and was always a strong supporter of the Class. While Tommy will be absent from the class, he will still be present on the race course at the helm of his recently purchased Ranger 29.

For 1983 the Southern District is looking forward to implementing an aggressive new program aimed at attracting more sailors into the Class and increasing participation out on the race course. Hopefully, this plan will strengthen our fleets and in the process make the Lightning the pre-eminent centerboard sailboat on the Gulf Coast and in the Southern District.

The District invites all Lightning sailors to race with us in the Mardi Gras. G.R.I.T.S., Holiday-in-Dixie, and Sugar Bowl Regattas. Please see our 1983 race schedule printed elsewhere in the yearbook for more information.

## SWISS DISTRICT

| District Commodore | Christoph Luthy |
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| District Secretary | Ernst Schar |
| District Measurer | ... Urs Wyler |
| District Champion \& | on. Urs Schar |
| District Runner-Up | Gilbert Despland |

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169), Zurichsee (219), Sempacher- and HalIwilersec (250), Greifensec (309). Murtensee (358).

1982 was a typical sailing season for Switzerland: you may go to a regatta and have no wind at all, or you may go to it and you'll have survival conditions. So it is not astonishing that many active Swiss teams are travelling south to Italy to have normal winds!

We had a quite good sailing year beginning in early May in Fallanden, Greifensee, and ending late in October in Neuchatel at the Fondueregatta. The two races in spring (Fallanden and Beinwil), the regatta in June on the Lake of Garda (Brenzone), and the Pfauencup in Murten in August were counted for the annual trophy, the "Kami-Kaze Cup." The winner in 1982 was Hanspter Schmid in his new boat which he bought last winter during the Mid-winter European Championship in Marsala, Sicily. Urs Schaar was second. followed by Despland, Luthy, Weilenmann, and Wyler.
Schmid and his crew were very successful with the new boat, winning the Marsala race over New Year's and the great regatta in Brenzone at the Lake of Garda. They were runners-up at the Italian Championship in Gravedona on the Lake of Como, and fourth at the European Championship in Piraus, Greece.
Swiss teams travelled thousands of kilometers throughout southern Europe sailing in Brenzone. Gravedona. Tasimeno, and Piraus. Stefan Scharer and Peter Gral took part in the Junior World Championship in Marsala this summer, but were too light to have much chance in those survival conditions of that regatta.

The most active fleet in Switzerland was again the Greifenseefleet 309. They had good luck with the wind and could sail three races this summer. They organized the Swiss Championship in Uster on October 2-3, All 25 teams participating had a great time, although it was not blowing very hard. Waiting in the clubhouse for the wind is always good coffee time. Urs Schaar, with father Ernst and sister Susanne on their Black Hausi, a fine boat, is the Swiss Champion. The family Schaar team is famous as light weather specialists, and we say in Switzerland "it was blowing those days typical "scharwind" again" (that's a little bit from each side). They won deservedly over Despland, Gmur, Wyler, Schmid, Luthy, Beyer, and Lambelet, counting three races after one throw-out.

The Swiss District once again participated in the spring boat show in Zurich. Paul Gmur did a great job and his Brasil with its red stripe and a new suit of sails made a beautiful display.

During the summer a hard selection for the next Worlds was made, counting the Swiss and Annual Championships of 1982, as well as the 1981 and 1982 Europeans. Therefore, we are looking forward to a coming good year sailing both in Switzerland and down in Naples, too.


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G.R.I.T.S. REGATTA

FROSTBITE REGATTA
SUGAR BOWL REGATTA

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