

International Lightning Class Association Districts



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Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore Heraldo Tramaglia
District Secretary Valeria M. Vila
District Measurer Angel Vila
District Champion Horacio Tettamanntti
District Runner-Up Roberto Ricoveri

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

The District activities during '84 were normal and we sailed practically all weekends between March and December. In April three crews attended the XXX South American Championship at beautiful Guarapiranga Lake in Sao Paulo, Brazil, hosted by the Santo Amaro Yacht Club. The crews were: Mario Abinzano with crew Roberto Ricoveri and Rolando Turrado; Angel Vila with crew Valleria Vila and Eduardo Clark and Heraldo Tramaglia with crew Willie Monroy and Roberto Gatti. The other International regatta was sailed in our country in Lake Salto Grande against skippers from Uruguay District. J. Manuel Irizar was the winner, crewed by Heraldo Tramaglia and Roberto Gatti. Next year we expect to attend the XXXI South American Championship at Lima, Peru, and the Worlds in the States. For this reason we have scheduled a very full calendar of training regattas in 1985.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore Jens C. Ruschmann
District Secretary Peter Spink
District Measurers Oscar Weckerle
District Champion Mario Buckup
District Runner-Up Walmor Soares F.
Junior Champion Karin B. Sampaio
Junior Runner-Up Alexandre Soares

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

The season opened for many of the Brazilian District at 5:00 am on the 15th of February as members of fleets 147, 462 and 401 left Sao Paulo and Rio to bounce their boats over the mountains and down to Florianopolis in the south. Everybody made it, through temperatures of over 40°C, to be met by our hosts, the Soares family, and fleet 162. Base for the regattas was a small farm tucked under the trees with a private beach facing the bay. Sunshine, shade, blue sky and sea, plenty of wind and lots of cold beer. Mario Buckup had the control of reaction. Teaming up with Michael Norris and Joaquim Fenemberg in *Flash Rider*, he battled it out with former World Champion Walmor Soares and brother Robert Buckup to make it in straight ones.

Florianopolis was the qualifier for the South American Championships, held this year on the Guarapiranga Lake in Sao Paulo — home of fleets 147 and 462. The story repeated itself with boats once more bouncing over mountain passes — this time from Argentina, Chile and Peru — and Mario, Michael and Joaquim holding off the opposition to win five in a row with Robert Buckup second and Walmor Soares third.

June was the ladies' month. Led by Christina Norris and a host of fellow shute flyers and jib sheeters, the traditional rules of the ladies championship (a lady at the helm) were thrown in the bin and it became an all female event. The men grunted, but the girls won out and 48 of them in 16 Lightnings took to the water for a two race series. Pamela Cavazza crafted her way through in Perrereca to win, with crew Ingrid Raedler and MaryJane Spink giving the men a lesson in how to handle the gybe mark.

Local news has Nelson Schmitt elected as our District Vice President and Jens Ruschman taking over as District Commodore. Jens turned up too early for the general meeting during the South Americans and received the poor prize of South American Commodore. Jokes aside, this latter role is becoming increasingly important for the survival of the class down here both to maintain a presence in the Pan-American Games and to resolve the question of new boats. There were no Lightnings at the Olympics (yet) but Lightning skipper Claudio Biekarck of Fleet 147 was selected as the official reserve sailor for the Brazilian squad and gave great technical support to the team.

We are still struggling with the problems of getting together a good locally built fibre boat but in the meantime are witnessing the reappearance

of the wooden boat. Not new boats, but the boats of the 60's stripped down and varnished, kitted out with up to date gear and fighting the starting line along with the best of them. What more can you want from a Lightning: something that will last for ever and never go wobbly, pretty as a picture when varnished and still capable of hooking out in front at the first buoy. The rest is a question of touch.

Next year has the District off to Rio for its annual meet with the innovation of a second cup presented by retiring commodore Nelson Schmitt for the B group skippers. After that, well we hope to be able to persuade you all to come over for the Worlds some year soon.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore A. Richard Thomas, Jr.
District Secretary Glenn Reitingner
District Measurer James Carson
District Champion Jody Lutz
District Runner-Up Bill Clausen
District Junior Champion Tony Fink

Fleets: Bay Head (3); Metedeconk River (34); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Riverton (228); Barnegat Light (335); Ocean City (430); Tohickon Creek (491).

The Central Atlantic District, located along the scenic Jersey Shore has entered the "World" Spotlight, as we showcase the World Championship events of the Lightning class. Last September the Lightning Youth Worlds was held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club and this year, Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club will be the host of the Lightning World Championship, come June.

The Youth Worlds were something special. Chilling temperatures, strong winds, couldn't detract from the scintillating competition. Jody Swanson, showing she needs no patronization from her male foes, edged out Tony Fink and Paolo Clan to become World Champion. Jody sailed a remarkable series. District members lent their boats and stopped in to catch some of the show. The young sailors added to a flavor which all world sporting events should seek to have. We feel fortunate to have played a role in this event. Congratulations to the Metedeconk River Yacht Club, a superb job.

Our sailing season began with those fortunate few able to venture south in March for the Southern circuit. Jim Carson didn't forget how to sail over the long winter, finishing second overall. Returning to New Jersey, the local inaugural event is the Long John held at Monmouth Boat Club. It is an event in which CAD sailors have strongly figured in the past, and 1984 saw three of the top six from our district. New York's Dick Hallagan won, with Jody Lutz, Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter, all from Metedeconk River Yacht Club finished second, fifth and sixth, respectively. Carson continued his hot sailing, winning the New Jersey State Championship held at Bay Head Yacht Club, followed by Jack Elfman of Surf City and John Parker of Ocean City.

The Central Atlantic Districts were held at Surf City Yacht Club, always a favorite spot for District parties. The continuing Saga of fine cocktail parties was added by a teen dance at the Yacht Club Friday night; a great new way of attracting sailors. On the water, it was a repeat performance for Jody Lutz as he won his second consecutive Districts, and three of the last four. Jody won three of the four races to comfortably win. A tight battle for second saw Bill Clausen of Surf City edge our Metedeconk's Keith Taboada and Elfman. Thank you Surf City Yacht Club, and keep holding great regattas.

The Atlantic Coast Championship was held at the future World's site, Little Egg Harbor. Matt Fisher of Columbus Ohio won everything but the trophy. (Ohio is not yet adjacent to the Atlantic Coast) which was picked up by Bill Shore. Jack Huntsman came in third, followed by Dave Ruiter and Keith Taboada. The fine race management provided by Little Egg will be a good omen for the worlds.

Many CAD sailors set out to Seattle for the North Americans in search of fun and a spot in the Lightning Worlds. They did not fare real well. As of now, only Jim Carson will represent the District at Little Egg. Jack Elfman, Keith Taboada, Ralph Messersmith also qualified for the championship flight. District sailors battled it out for the President's Cup, with Paul Gelenitis of Metedeconk winning and Jody Lutz third.

Surf City also was the host of the Manahawkin Bay Cup in September. Jody Lutz, the scourge of Long Beach Island, won again. Since the inception of this regatta, Jody has been on the winning boat, either as crew for brother Jay, or skipper. Jack Elfman saw his regatta hopes go up in a knotted spinnaker halyard, finished second with clubmate Ralph Messersmith taking third. Glen Reiting from Brant Beach fourth, Fran Temme of Surf City fifth. Jody then kept his boat going fast enough to win the Frigid Digit at Annapolis, with Rich Warren of Surf City third and Jim Carson fifth.

We're looking forward to the Worlds. Plans have been underway for months and participants can look forward to a perfect race course with great conditions. Little Egg's Race Course is a spot we've always envisioned for great events such as this and we're glad to offer it.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore	Ric Klug
District Secretary	Daniel J. Koretz
District Measurer	Tadd Helmer
District Champion	Richard Hallagan
District Runner-Up	Peter Hallagan
District Runner-Up	Peter Hallagan

Fleets: Lake Delta (4); Mayfield Yacht Club (13); Newport Yacht Club (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Conesus (140); Willow Bank Yacht Club (164); Henderson Harbor Yacht Club (225); Keuka Yacht Club (252); Galway Lake Yacht Club (338); South Skaneateles Lightning Association (439); Ithaca Yacht Club (484); Port Oswego Fleet (485); Selkirk Fleet (498).

The 1984 Central New York Lightning District's regatta schedule started with the Newport Invitational regatta on June 2. Attendance was high with 46 boats on the starting line. This regatta was the first part of the Challenge Series with the Lake Erie District and was well attended by boats from both Districts. The top five places were some familiar faces. Larry MacDonald was first, followed by Jay Lutz, Jed Dodge, Peter Hallagan and Dick Hallagan.

The Cazenovia Invitational was held on June 30. Twenty-one boats attended this one and the winners in order of finish were Dick Hallagan, Peter Hallagan, Tadd Helmer, Bob Wardwell and Jed Dodge.

On July 14 the Districts were held by one of our newer fleets, Port Oswego sailing on Lake Ontario at Oswego, New York. The efforts of this club were certainly impressive. Their facilities were excellent with plenty of room to store and move boats and, of course, sailing on a large lake gives the race committee plenty of room to set a course. The enthusiasm of this club seems unlimited and certainly bodes well for the future of Lightning racing in the District. The computer program for scoring the racing was a first for our District and certainly made things easier for everyone. The winners there in order of finish were Dick Hallagan, Peter Hallagan, Mark Sertl, Jed Dodge and Tom Doran.

Next on the schedule was the Central New York Yacht Racing Association regatta at Geneva Yacht Club. The winner of this one was Jean Hallagan, followed by Dick Doherty and Doug Fien.

The Champagne regatta was held in early August at the Keuka Lake Yacht Club. Thirty-four boats finished the regatta which was the second leg of the Triple Crown. Top five finishing were Jed Dodge, Dick Hallagan, Doug Fien, Tadd Helmer and Peter Hallagan.

Twenty-four boats traveled to the L.S.L.S. regatta at Henderson Harbor on August 25. The top finisher there was Eric Eiffert, followed by Dick Hallagan.

The Silver Lake regatta was the second part of the Lake Erie — C.N.Y. Challenge and two sailors from our District did very well. Jed Dodge was second and Eric Eiffert was third. While our sailors did well at the regatta, the Lake Erie District won the Challenge due to a large number of participants at both regattas. Hopefully, next year we can get more boats out there and win the Challenge.

Winners of the Triple Crown, which was made up of the Cazenovia, Keuka and Henderson regattas were Dick Hallagan, Jed Dodge, Tadd Helmer, Doug Fien, and Tom Doran.

All-in-all it was a successful year with good attendance and a lot of new sailors on the circuit. We hope that this will continue into next year and encourage any of our District sailors who haven't ventured out of their home waters to come to some of the regattas. We are sure you'll enjoy it.

Come Sail With Us in the Dixie District in 1985! Good Sailing, Friendly People (off the water), Good Times

Tentative Schedule

May	11,12	No Gas	Seyvern Sailing Association	Annapolis, MD
	18,19	Spring		
	25,26	Spring		
June	8,9	Annual	Seyvern Sailing Association	Annapolis, MD
	15,16	DE Governors' Cup		
	29,30	Open		
July	6,7	Firecracker	Susquehanna Y.C.	York, PA
	13-15	Dixie District Championship		
	20,21	Annual		
August	3,4	Miles River	Potomac River S.A.	Washington, D.C.
	24,25	Women/Junior District Championship		
	30, Sept. 1	MD Governors' Cup		
September	7,8	Purnell Memorial	Podickory S.A.	Annapolis, MD
	14,15	Presidents' Cup		
	28,29	Fall		
October	5,6	PA Governors' Cup	Rehobeth Bay S.A.	Rehobeth Beach, DE
	19,20	Frigid Digit		
	26,27	Borderline		

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CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore	Robert French
District Secretary	Martin Klotzbach
District Measurer	Fritz Toussaint
District Champion	Ralph Persson
District Runner-Up	John Gall

Fleets: Jayhawk (60); The Sooner Fleet (343).

Fleet 60, located at Lake Shawnee in Topeka, Kansas, was the only active fleet in the Central States District, until late in the year when Fleet 343 was reactivated. Our principal event is conducting the District Regatta to qualify entrants for the North for the North American Championship. As previously reported in *Flash*, the Central States Champion is Ralph Persson, an experienced Lightning sailor who enjoyed a fine season, also winning Fleet 60's 1984 Sunday Series.

Attendance at the District Regatta was disappointing this year, with only one out-of-town boat participating, and with several no-shows from host Fleet 60. Art Jones will be District Commodore for 1985, and Fritz Toussaint will serve as District Measurer.

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Garry Jackson
District Secretary	Philippe Jacob
District Measurer	Rudolf Salmang
District Champion	Andrew Lisocki
District Runner-Up	Garry Jackson
Junior Champion	Jose Gonzalez
Junior Runner-Up	Andrew Jackson

Fleet: Club Nautic del Muna & Club El Portillo (73).

1984 has been a very poor year for the Colombian District. Activities centre on Tomine Lake, just outside Bogota, which due to low rainfall was unfit for sailing from January to August.

As of September, activities re-initiated with the Colombian National Championship, won once again by super sailor Andres Lisocki against competition from a total of 18 boats.

After the long forced rest, enthusiasm is high. Before a year end, we shall again compete against our old friends from San Pablo, Ecuador and vindicate or change our ladies and Juvenile Champions.

CONNECTICUT RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Edson White
District Secretary	Sandy Peterson
District Vice Commodore	Charles Walz
District Treasurer	Nelson Hoffman
District Champion	Phil Lotz
District Runner-Up	Jim Crane

Fleets: Black Rock Yacht Club (17), Niantic Bay Yacht Club (85), Cedar Point Yacht Club (126), Madison Beach Club (129).

The Connecticut-Rhode Island District enjoyed another summer filled with good keen competition and, best of all, good fun.

Our season began in early May with the Niantic Bay Yacht Club hosting for the second time a tune-up, tactics and boathandling seminar. Some good talking by our District's greatest booster, Don Barrett again convinced the current North American Champion to instruct the session. Bill Shore conducted on-water sessions Saturday and Sunday in addition to giving an interesting after dinner discussion of the evolution of the Lightning. All who attended would like to thank Bill for sharing his time, and his knowledge with us.

The party then moved on to Cedar Point Yacht Club for their Early Bird Regatta. Ken Read, the winner of the past CPYC fall regatta returned to win the spring. Jim Crane, Bill Shore, Ched Proctor and Jim Carson followed close behind.

On to Newport — although this year did not see Ted Turner drive his Twelve Meter through the fleet, we did see the same kind of blustery winds as the previous year and the same Stuart Nickerson repeat his winning way.

In July, our Districts were held at the Black Rock Yacht Club. Phil Lotz showed us all his great speed and tactics in the varying conditions to win the regatta with a 3, 1, 1 over Jim Crane and Bill Shore. All three, along with Don Barrett and Randy Browning, went on to Seattle for the North Americans.

The Madison Beach Club hosted the gala Long Island Sound Championship. This year two Niantic sailors, Bill Veit and Jim Gannon battled it out all weekend. Jim had the better race on Sunday to take the series.

The summer seemed to go by so quickly and there we were, back at Niantic for what is probably the most hospitable regatta on the east coast. Phil Lotz returned from Seattle to edge out Georges Peter to win this regatta and keep the "Auld Cup" for yet another year.

On to Cedar Point for the final regatta of the season. The renamed "Fall Classic" is always a weekend which attracts the best sailors in the class. On the water, windy but shifty Northeast winds kept everyone guessing. Following two races on Saturday, Betsy Gelenitis held a commanding lead in the series. Sunday's race saw this lead disappear as Jim Crane picked up ten boats on the final beat to edge out Betsy for the trophy. Off the water, everyone had a great time at the Saturday evening cocktail party and steak dinner. Even a D.J. was onhand playing requests for all kinds of dancing and all around good fun.

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	E. Joseph Friebele
District Secretary	Robert Astrove
District Junior Commodore	Philip Grotheer
District Measurer	David Racine
District Champion	Fred Mertes
District Runner-Up	Dr. Donald Delorme

Fleets: Washington D.C. (50); Susquehanna (253); Sassafras River (314); Rehoboth (325); Severn River (329); Smith Mountain Lake (377); Swift Creek Fleet (496).

I.L.C.A. ADDRESSING SERVICE

Most of the Fleet and District Officers listed in this Year Book held office during the calendar year 1983. Names and addresses of current officers may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

Some of the Members listed in the Registry of Lightning Owners have moved since the Registry was prepared (months ago). Current addresses may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

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The Dixie District had a very successful 1984 with growth in the number of regattas, skippers, new boats, fleets, and even Lightning couples. With good air in the spring and fall, the sailing was excellent. Fred Mertes gave a good tutorial in heavy air boat handling at the District Championship and won the regatta handily. We welcomed Swift Creek Fleet 496 in Richmond, Va. into the district and appreciate the efforts of Jim Richards in making it happen. Both they and Podickory offered new regattas for the Dixie District schedule. Several skippers traded their older boats for new ones, and the old ones were snapped up by up-and-coming skippers like Peter Jones, who proceeded to win the Sassafras Open regatta. With the decline and fall of the Quantico Frostbite regatta in October, the SSA Frigid Digit combined with the Kerr Lake Borderline regatta to make a dynamite pair on the last two weekends in October. A large number of out of town boats came for both, swelling the starting lines to 37 boats.

Since most of the juniors have now grown up past the age limit and since the seedling crop of Gallaghers, Friebeles, Clarks, Slocombs, Masts, Richards, et al. hasn't quite made it yet, the junior activity was light this year. However, we had a lot of activity in women's sailing. SSA ran the Chesapeake Bay Adam's Cup eliminations/ Women's District Championship. Cory Fisher, a Snipe sailor, won the honors, but Mary Anna Portner and Robin Turner made good showings. Both of them have sailed in other regattas this year, fighting off the MCP's on the starting line. Mary Anna even came in 5th in the Borderline—the best Dixie District finisher! Her crew in the regatta were long-time Lightning sailors Doug Dixon and Gina Hendrickson, who had earlier in the year decided to tie the knot, and then sell their boat and get ready for 1985 in a new boat. Speaking of 1985, I hope you all will consider coming to the Dixie District for their invitational regattas. The sailing is great, the off-water activity fun, and the people friendly. Join us!

Finally, we were saddened by the death of Bo-Bo Purnell, an avid Lightning sailor who always seemed to be able to find wind when the rest of us were sitting with limp sails. Although he had not raced for a number of years due to illness, he had kept up his interest and dedication to Lightning sailing and the Dixie Districts. We will miss him.



Jim Capron goes high in the last race of the Dixie District Championship.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore ... Carlos Luis Lecaro Velez
District Secretary Miguel Plaza Merino
District Measurer Felipe Eljuri
District Champion Ricardo Crespo
District Runner-Up Diety Dyck

Fleets: Guayaquil Yacht Club (272); Club Nautico San Pablo (447).

With great pleasure we can report a very good activity of the Lightning Class throughout 1984.

Three of the four fleets were not very active in the past but 1984 has been definitely a turning point for the class.



Fleet regattas held at the New Guayaquil Yacht Club site at the Estero Salado in Guayaquil. Winner of this Championship Miguel Plaza M. Boat 9411.

Our friends from Club Nautico San Pablo (Fleet 447) were the host in May for the District Championship which was held in Lago San Pablo, showing not only excellent boat handling in calm breezes but most of all incredible hospitality as usual.

Fleet 272 was the host for the later part of 1984 for a series of championships held at the new Guayaquil Yacht Club site at the Estero Salado in Guayaquil.

In the second week of December we have planned the qualification races for the XXXI South American Championship to be held in Lima, Peru in early January, right after that we will begin a series of regattas to be in good shape for the 1985 World Championship in Heaven Beach, New Jersey.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Pentti Laitinen
District Secretary Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen
District Measurer Marjatta Ollila
District Champion Terho Aromaa
District Runner-Up Lasse Hammar
Women's Champion Leena Meisalo
Junior Champion Jussi Karkkainen

Fleets: Helsinki (166); Kotka (298); Oulu (307); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Tuusulanjärvi (456); Valkeakoski (468); Jamsa (469).

Our district has enjoyed an active and international 1984 season. The main event of the season was the European Championships of Lightnings held in Kallo near the city of Pori. All together 33 boats participated. We were very pleased to host crews from Greece, Italy and Switzerland.

The Europeans were won by an experienced Greek sailor George Andreadis, the runner-up was Luthy from Switzerland. The third place was taken by our Lasse Hammar from the city of Oulu. We are very happy for his good performance. Many thanks also to BSF for the well organized Europeans.

The major events of the season were the Finland Championships held in Vammala together with the Junior and Women's Championships, both held on Lake Tuusulanjärvi at the same time. The Women's Championships were won by Leena Meisalo crewed by Leena and Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen. The Junior Championships were taken by Jussi Karkkainen with his crew Mikko and Heikki Jaatinen.

The Finnish Championships in Vammala were won by Terho Aromaa sailing with his sons Mikko and Kimmo. The race was very even. The runner-up Lasse Hammar had the same score as Terho. Third was Jussi Karkkainen from Lake Tuusulanjärvi, whose young crew gave herewith a splendid performance.

We are already looking forward to an active international 1985 season hoping that many Finnish sailors will participate in major international races besides the ones at home.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Fay Regan
District Secretary	Kathi Gross
District Measurer	Eric Stibitz
District Champion	Fisk Hayden
District Runner-Up	Dave Helmick

Fleets: Biscayne Bay (226), Lake Eustis/North Florida (461); Old Port Yacht Club (477), Cedar/Ft. Myers (478).

Once again this year, the Florida district was represented in every event at the North Americans, and we had the farthest to travel!! Stu Anderson captured the Old Salts trophy again, Fay Regan finished second in the Women's, and Steve Hayden sailed to fourth in the Juniors, qualifying him for the Junior Worlds, where he finished eighth. Fisk Hayden's Blue Fleet 15th place qualified him for the Worlds in June.

Our first Florida District Triple Crown was won by Fisk Hayden, with Florida Fay, second, and John Foster, third. The series consisted of five races at the Coconut Grove Annual Regatta, three at the Lake Eustis Lightning Invitational, and five more at Tampa's Davis Island Thanksgiving Regatta.

One of the highlights this year was the match race hosted by the Royal Turkey Yacht Club and the Jack Swenson family in North Palm Beach. Eight races over two days provided fun and competition. Fisk Hayden sailed a perfect series for the win, followed by Fred Hutchinson with 7 wins, 1 loss, and Knute Young's 6-2 performance gained him third.

Districts were sailed at CGSC on Memorial Day weekend. Saturday's three races were sailed in moderate breezes and, on Sunday, RC Chairman Sidney Doren announced cancellation of all further races due to high winds and squalls. Winner, Fisk Hayden, served up a batch of *killer Bloody Marys* just before he performed the traditional victor's water ballet with his crew, Steve Hayden and Tim Keltner. Second place in the 19 boat fleet went to Dave Helmick, with Knute Young, Fay Regan and Eric Stibitz rounding out the top five.

At this writing, we are celebrating with Becky Martin and John Schoendorf who were the lucky winners of the Lightning raffle. Another new boat for the Florida District!!

Our District is flourishing and it seems we're getting lots of new faces on the Lightning scene. For detailed info on regattas see our individual fleet reports.

Good sailing and we'll see you in March!!



Left to right: Indiana District Regatta top five skippers and crews. Sitting: Jim Nathan, John Leath, Ray Trotta, Doug Schmahl, David Schmahl, Dan Danielson, and Bruce Higgins. Standing: Meg McGinity, Ken McGinity, Bill Birsfield, John Panozzo, Steve Jay, Grant Curry, Bob Kinsey, and Karl Sutter.



Florida District Champs Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden and Tim Keltner just moments before he helped them perform the traditional "Winner's Water Ballet."

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Steven Miller
District Vice Commodore	Stephen Jay
District Secretary	Betty Miller
District Measurer	George Buckingham
District Champion	Doug Schmahl
District Runner-Up	John Leath

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club (154).

The Indiana District consists of the Indianapolis Sailing Club at Geist Reservoir and the Wawasee Yacht Club at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana. Together there are three major regattas held throughout the season beginning with the Indiana Open held at Geist in early May. This is always a great tune-up regatta for many of us "just thawing out" midwesterners that brings in some top-notch sailors from all over. The facilities, racing, and parties are unsurpassed! This year Pat Considine from Chicago was first followed by Colin Park of Michigan and George Buckingham of Wawasee.

Next on the agenda was the Indiana District Regatta. This is held on a home and away basis and because of the long distance to Seattle, participation was down to 13 boats. The five race series was conducted on Saturday in almost nonexistent air where fortunes and places changed with the blink of an eye. On Sunday the breezes picked up somewhat and the racing improved. Doug Schmahl of Wawasee was most consistent in all conditions and finished first followed by John Leath, Steve Jay, Ken McGinity, and Bob Kinsey all of Indianapolis.

	Race	1	2	3	4	5
1.	Schmahl	2	1	5	1	3
2.	Leath	1	5	4	5	5
3.	Jay	5	3	10	3	1
4.	McGinity	3	3	1	7	9
5.	Kinsey	8	8	11	2	2

Indianapolis then hosted part of the White River Festival which is made up of all types of sporting events and sailing races for both juniors and seniors. All who participated had very favorable comments and this could be the beginning of a yearly amateur spectacular.

The last event of the district was the Hoosier Regatta which changed dates from June to October because of scheduling conflicts. The Hoosier Regatta now takes the place of the Wanfinlapimup and becomes the fifth of six regattas in the Michiana Fall Circuit. October 6 and 7 were overcast days but the wind was fairly steady and there was no motorboat chop so sailing was excellent. Bruce Goldsmith, with a pick up crew, once again won the huge Hoosier Trophy placing just ahead of Matt Fisher, who wishes it had been a four race series. Colin Park, David Nickels, and Louie Nickels placed third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

The Indiana District is going through some changes and hopefully will improve itself in the coming years. We are making more of an emphasis to travel and improve our sailing techniques. We invite all of you to come and visit us at either Indianapolis or Wawasee. If any additional information is needed contact Steve Jay at ISC or Steve Miller at WYC.

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Nando De Amicis
District Secretary	Gaetano Pellizzaro
District Measurer	Gianni Battisti
District Champion	Sergio Messina
District Runner-Up	Antonio Marino

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

The 1984 season was a temporary negative moment for the District. The activity came down and only a dozen regattas were raced.

After the World Championship's organization in 1983, we went through a crisis same as after the 1965 Worlds in Naples.

Nevertheless, two boats took part in the European Championship at Pori in Finland. A very long trip from Sicily!

Pasquale Vitaggio and his crew obtained 4th place and Attina was 6th.

Two Italian teams took part in the World Youth Championship on Atlantic coast at Metedeconk River Yacht Club in Brick, New Jersey. We are happy to announce the beautiful 3rd place (very close) of the young Napolitains Paolo Ciani, Marco Lo Sardo and Mario Sassi, and the good 5th place of the young Sicilians Pasquale Vitaggio, Alessandro Messina and Francesco Sorrentine.

For 1985, the new Commodore and the new Secretary are well disposed toward a good job and we hope to get over the crisis.

Good news is indicated by Fleets 249 (Garda Lake) and 553 (Trasimeno). On the Trasimeno Lake we will be organizing the 1985 Italian Open Championship (May 27 - June 2). We invite the Lightning Sailors of all the World. Housing and food will be free for all the participants. The Trasimeno Lake is in Central Italy near Florence, Perugia Rome and other Italian towns famous for art treasures.

More interesting touristic surprises will be planned by the organization.

Welcome in the "Chianti" region!

The 1985 District Officers will be Luigi Merola, Commodore and Sergio Rustichelli, Secretary.



Nando's Chicks

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bill Neal
District Executive Secretary	Tom Ward
District Corresponding Secretary	Judy Walker
District Measurer	David Sprague
District Junior Commodore	Jim Allen
District Champion	Mark Bryant
District Runner-Up	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
Junior Champion	John Swanson, II
Junior Runner-Up	Kurt Taulbee
Women's Champion	Judy Walker

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club (12); Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club (19); Silver Lake Yacht Club (47); Niagara Sailing Club (59); Cuba Lake Yacht Club (115); Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (118); Toronto Bay (146); Conneaut Bay (180); Chautauqua (198); Parkway Sailing Club (406); Bronte Harbour (492).

1984 will be remembered by Lake Erie District Lightning sailors as the year of the champions with its members winning the major Lightning Championships. Mark Bryant won the North American Championships



Action at Cornhall Regatta on Chautauqua Lake, Lake Erie District.

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for the second time with Trevor Born winning the Junior NA's. Jody Swanson won the Youth World Championship and Larry MacDonald, Jr. won the Canadian Open Championship.

The first regatta in which Lake Erie District sailors participated was the Newport Invitational Regatta in the Rochester, New York area in early June. This is the first leg of the challenge series with the Central New York District. This regatta and the second half of this challenge at Silver Lake Yacht Club in September, were both won by Larry MacDonald. MacDonald's victories led the district to an overall victory over the Central New York sailors.

The Niagara River Championship was won by Cal Schmiede of the host Niagara Sailing Club with Tom Allen, Sr., second and Tom Allen, Jr., third. The Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club had thirty-eight Lightnings competing. This regatta was won by Mark Bryant in a convincing manner with two firsts and a third. Tom Allen, Sr. was second with Charles Proctor third and Jon Schwartz fourth.

The District Championship was held at Niagara Sailing Club in conjunction with the Club's 50th anniversary. The Junior Districts were won by John Swanson II with Kurt Taulbee second. Judy Walker won the Women's Championship. The District Championship was won by Mark Bryant with 2-1-1-5 finishes and unbelievable speed throughout the regatta. Larry MacDonald also sailed well to place second with Tom Allen, Jr. and Tom Allen, Sr. third and fourth respectively.

The Canadian Open Championship was held at the Boulevard Club at Toronto. In spite of a well organized regatta, the weather resulted in a total lack of wind for all but one of six scheduled races over three days, much to the disappointment of the competitors. Larry MacDonald, Jr. won the sole race sailed on Friday to take the regatta. Tom Allen, Sr. was second.

The District sent six boats to the North Americans in Seattle where Mark Bryant emerged the winner. Tom Allen, Jr. placed fourth and Tom Allen, Sr. was sixth. Jim Neville was eighteenth in the top flight. Jody Swanson placed second in the President's Cup with David Sprague tenth. The Junior NA's had four representatives with Trevor Born and Jody Swanson placing first and second respectively. Jim Allen and Geoff Jarvis also competed.

The Ninth Annual Old Salts Regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club was won by Ward Wilday of Cuba Lake Yacht Club. The Cornwall Regatta on Chautauqua Lake was won by Doug Heussler.

The traditional fall circuit was again held at National Yacht Club on the Niagara River. This series was won by co-skippers of Larry MacDonald and Rick Hayden who won the Toronto and Silver Lake Regattas. Tom Allen, Jr. placed second by winning the Sandy Beach portion of the regatta, with his father Tom and brother Jim placing third for the series.

The Buffalo Canoe Club hosted a new Fall Regatta on the last weekend of September, which was won by Todd Jones with Tom Allen, Jr. placing second.

The final major regatta of the year was the Youth World Championship in New Jersey which was won by Jody Swanson and a crew of Joe Stark and Joe Donovan. Trevor Born, Jim Allen and Geoff Jarvis also competed.

Our congratulations to our champions. We also wish to congratulate David Sprague on his election as Chief Measurer and Vice President of the Class and Anne Allen as Class Secretary. We are proud that the Lake Erie District continues to show leadership on both the race course and the administration of the Class.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT 1985 REGATTA SCHEDULE

EVENT	HOST CLUB	TENTATIVE DATE
SPRING DISTRICT MEETING EBY SERIES*	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	APRIL 13 May 11,12 May 18, 19?
REUNION REGATTA CORNBALL REGATTA ONTARIO YOUTH CHAMPS.* ONTARIO OPEN NIAGARA FRONTIER INVIT. NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS DISTRICT WOMEN & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS CANADIAN OPEN WOMEN, JUNIOR & MASTERS NORTH AMERICANS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPS. OLD SALTS REGATTA CUBA LAKE REGATTA HARVEST REGATTA # and * HURRELL SHAKER REGATTA * HAUL-OUT REGATTA * BCC FALL REGATTA *	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB TO BE ANNOUNCED BRONTE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB BUFFALO CANOE CLUB NIAGARA SAILING CLUB BUFFALO CANOE CLUB BUFFALO CANOE CLUB BUFFALO CANOE CLUB TAWAS BAY, MICHIGAN TAWAS BAY, MICHIGAN BUFFALO CANOE CLUB CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB BOULEVARD CLUB SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUNE 1, 2 JUNE 8, 9 JUNE 15, 16 JULY 6-7 JULY 13, 14 JULY 20-22 JULY 23, 24 July 26-28 AUG. 5-10 AUG. 10-17 AUG. 21 AUG. 24-25 SEPT. 7, 8 SEPT. 14, 15 SEPT. 21, 22 SEPT. 28, 29

= LED — CNY Challenge

* = Led Fall Circuit (3 out of 4 Regattas to count)

To confirm dates, call

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Mark Bryant:

Jody Swanson:

Trevor Born:

Larry MacDonald, Jr.:

North American and District Champion

Youth World Champion

Junior North American Champion

Canadian Open Champion

It's tough sailing in the Lake Erie District.



Mark Bryant
NA and District
Champion



Jody Swanson (C)
with Crew, Joe Stark (L)
and Joe Donovan (R)
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