

## LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Ray Rumph
District Secretary .....	Philip Sweeney
District Measurer .....	Frank Atkinson
District Champion .....	Tim Rumph
District Runner-Up .....	Frank Atkinson

**Fleets:** Hewlett Bay (58); Great South Bay Fleet (178); South Hampton Yacht Club (431).

Twelve Long Island District crews gathered at Southampton Yacht Club for the 1984 District Championships, held July 7th and 8th. Many of us Great South Bay and Hewlett Bay fleet members who attended were glad to have an opportunity to sail in the relatively deep waters of picturesque Shinnecock Bay, rather than "drag our centerboards through the mud" at low tide in our home waters.

The cold front/stationary front which had been inching toward us all week was still not past on Saturday morning, and an exceptionally strong southwesterly was blowing, with heavy rains. The combination of the high winds and poor visibility forced the cancellation of races for Saturday.

Sunday broke clear and cool, with a gusty north-northwester on the bay. Tim Rumph jumped out to an early lead in race one, while Frank Atkinson struggled to hoist his jib on the spinnaker halyard, after a jib halyard failure right at the gun. Rumph rounded first, followed by Bruce Atkinson. The heavy breeze made for a fine ride on the reaches, but proved too much for Bruce Atkinson's mast, which broke in three places on the first reach. Tim Rumph managed to sail to a comfortable win, while Frank Atkinson passed Mike Gargiulo on the final beat to take second.

Tim Rumph, in the lead again at the weather mark in race two, could not hold his spinnaker on the first reach, and watched Frank Atkinson sail by under main and jib. Atkinson built an impressive lead to win, followed by Rumph and Bud Dailedouze. Going into the final race, Atkinson and Rumph were tied for first, with Gargiulo and Dailedouze tied for third.

The wind moderated for race three. The first shift after the start was to the right, and Bill Weiss and Erich/Gary Glanz seemed in good shape on the right side. However, the next shift was left, and Tim Rumph took that one right into the lead, and was never seriously challenged. Atkinson won a tactical battle with the Glanz brothers on the final beat for second place.

Congratulations to Tim Rumph, Ray Rumph, and Laura Meyer for top honors at the 1984 Long Island District Championships.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Robert Sengstacken
District Secretary .....	Rich Miner
District Champion .....	Jack Huntsman
District Runner-Up .....	Sandy Huntsman

**Fleets:** North Shrewsbury (11); Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Red Bank (70); Nyack (75); Awosting (95).

The Metropolitan District's 1984 season started with the Mid-Winter Seminar and Meeting held together with the Central Atlantic District and hosted by the newly revived North Shrewsbury River Fleet at the home of Mary and Sandy Huntsman (former ILCA President). Jack Huntsman and Jim (Fuzzy) Carson gave a seminar on high performance rigging. After short meetings the Huntsman's put on an excellent cocktail party and dinner.

Mets' sailing got underway with 40 boats sailing the Long John Regatta at Monmouth Boat Club (Fleet 70) on April 28-29 in 5-10 knot, shifty winds. In the first race the wind started out from the east. Most of the fleet went to the right but, when the wind shifted to the northeast the few boats that went to the left, led by Mark Doran, Jack Huntsman and Denis Farley, had a commanding lead. Jack passed Mark downwind and went on to win, followed by Mark, Denis, Jim Carson and Jody Lutz. In the second race, the wind was shifting between south and southeast. Playing the shifts, Sandy Huntsman rounded the weather mark first followed closely by his son Jack. Although Jack took the lead from his father at the jibe, Dick Hallagan of Newport Yacht Club was inside on a good lift to take over the lead on the second beat and went on to win. Sandy was 2nd, followed by Mark Sertl, Jack Huntsman and Glen Reitering. In the third race Dick Hallagan won the start at the weather end and stretched his lead into a horizon job in the race and victory in the regatta. Jody Lutz came in 2nd in the race and the regatta, and Jack Huntsman finished 3rd in the regatta.

The two Huntsmans, Jon Schwartz and Rob Held of MBC journeyed to Seattle for the North Americans. Jack finished 9th in the Blue Fleet and Jon came in close behind in 12th. Rob Held was 27th. Tony Fink of MBC was third in the Junior N.A.'s in the Seattle and tied for first in the Junior World's at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Ocean County, New Jersey. Larry Colantuono of MBC came in ninth in the Junior World's. Jack Huntsman also added second place finishes in the Atlantic Coast Championship, held at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey and in the Delaware Governor's Cup at Rehoboth Bay to his long list of honors.

The Mets' Districts were held on Lake Mohawk in Sparta, New Jersey on June 16-17. Saturday began warm and sunny with no winds. After a postponement a light, shifty breeze filled in from the NE, which is normally the worst direction because of the steep hills on the east shore. The conditions resulted in various parts of the lake being heavily favored for a few moments at a time and consequently positions throughout the fleet changed radically and often. Finally, Mark Schneider of Lake Wallenpaupack managed to keep his boat moving with or without wind and finished first by a wide margin. Sandy Huntsman was second, followed closely by Denis Farley, Jack Huntsman, and Bob Graham of Lake Mohawk.

The second race was sailed in similar conditions, but this time Denis Farley avoided the light spots and won the race. Rob Held of MBC was second and Mark Schneider third. By the third race the wind had shifted to the SE but was still light and variable. Jack Huntsman jumped into an early lead and went on to win. Jon Schwartz was second and Tom Bierman of Lake Mohawk third. Most of the leaders had trouble adjusting to the wind shift as five of the top six boats in the regatta used this race as their throwout. Saturday night the Lightning sailors headed to the Lake Mohawk Country Club for an excellent cocktail party and sumptuous buffet dinner.

On Sunday a much stronger and steadier wind was blowing out of the south. Jack and Sandy Huntsman engaged in a close battle for the District Championship all day. Sandy won the fourth race, after several lead changes, with Jack right behind. Bob Graham was third, followed by Denis Farley and Rob Held. In the fifth race, Jack didn't seem to care that it was Father's Day and went on to win the race with Sandy on his transom. Mark Schneider, Bob Graham and Denis Farley were the next three finishers. The final results were close. Jack Huntsman had become District Champion again, beating out his father for the second year in a row by one point (8 to 9). Denis Farley, Mark Schneider and Rob Held rounded out the top five.

The Met's Mid-Hudson Circuit is sailed each year in June and July and consists of three regattas held, respectively, at the Nyack, Minisceongo and Chelsea Yacht Clubs. Once again, this circuit provided the full spectrum of wind, weather and current conditions. At Nyack, as the Lightnings began to leave the sheltered dock area for the starting area for the first race, a series of very strong gusts blew down the Hudson causing two Lightnings to

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

**1985 District Championship**

**Regatta**

**JUNE 8, 9**

**Chelsea Yacht Club,  
Chelsea, New York**

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capsize. The remaining Lightnings decided to head for shelter and most were glad just to get in safely. Although the first race was abandoned, two races were sailed after lunch. And would you believe it? After too much wind in the morning, there was barely enough wind to sail against the current in the first race of the afternoon. Finally, the wind settled back in for the final race, permitting some solid competition.

Todd Klinger of Nyack won the regatta with near perfect first and second place finishes in the two races, while Tom Ingram of Cedar Point was second with a first and a third. Frank Atkinson from Great South Bay, Long Island, came in third overall. Stephanie Mayo of Nyack took home the fourth place trophy for her consistent sailing. Bill Cook of Nyack was very happy to finally get a trophy, even though it was a brass anchor for finishing guess where.

One week later there was a heat wave for the Sutherland Regatta, the second leg of the Mid-Hudson Circuit, held at Minisceongo Yacht Club. Light winds and a strong current out of the north made it very difficult for the fleet to start the first race on starboard. Gary Hurban of Nyack did a dip start on port tack and was off in front. Then he crossed the main channel early, worked his way up the weaker current on the western side and left the fleet way behind. Bob Sengstacken of Greenwood Lake finished second and Rich Miner of Lake Mohawk was third, followed by Paul Krick of Minisceongo and Mike Pike of Chelsea.

In the second race, with slightly stronger winds, Mike Pike only looked at the fleet once as he crossed the starting line on port tack and never looked back as he led all the way to the finish. Rich Miner was second, trailed closely by Paul Krick and Bob Sengstacken. In the third race, the Bitler/Lewis team of Minisceongo won the start on port tack at the pin and, despite a barge in their way on the final leg, went on to win. Rich Miner was second in front of a fast-closing Bob Sengstacken. In the final tally, Rich Miner won the regatta on consistent sailing, followed by Bob Sengstacken, Paul Krick, Mike Pike and Gary Hurban.

In the Chelsea Open, the third leg of the Mid-Hudson Circuit sailed on July 14-15, the currents were the dominant factor even though the southerly winds were fairly good. The Bitler/Lewis team played the currents well, particularly in the second beat, to win the first race with Bob Sengstacken right behind. River sailor Gary Hurban also played the currents well finishing third, followed by Rich Miner. In the second race Sengstacken took an early lead and finished first, followed by Hurban. Due to an equipment failure, Rich Miner had to jury-rig his spinnaker with the jib halyard to hang on to third place. As the sailors headed for the cocktail party, dinner and dance (at which a good time was had by all) the results in the overall Circuit had become very close. After a throwout, Hurban was first with 12½, Sengstacken was second with 12¼ and Miner third with 13¼.

In Sunday's race Rich Miner played the current the same way the river sailors had on Saturday and finished first. The Bitler/Lewis team held off a strong charge by Gary Hurban in the last beat and finished second by two boat lengths. Bob Sengstacken was fourth. These finishes gave Sengstacken first in the Chelsea Open, followed by Miner, Hurban, Bitler/Lewis and Mike Pike. However, in the very close overall Circuit, Rich Miner took home the first place silver again with 14½, Gary Hurban was second with 15½ and Bob Sengstacken was third with 16¼.

The Mets' Short Circuit is sailed in the fall each year at Greenwood Lake, Lake Mohawk and Monmouth Boat Club. At Greenwood on September 8, after a wind delay, the first race was sailed in light winds in the south end of the lake with weeds being a major factor. Tom Bierman of Lake Mohawk won, followed closely by Bob Sengstacken and Nick Santoro, both of Greenwood Lake. After lunch, the next race was held further up the lake in good winds, deep water and no weeds. Rich Miner started on port and, after ducking a few sterns, was off to a good lead in clear air. Tom Bierman almost caught Rich on the second time downwind, but Rich hung on to win the race. In the third race a big wind shift to the left at the start made it difficult for the starboard pack of boats to get over the starting line. Ron Wulff of Greenwood Lake, who was above the pack, got off to a clear start and led most of the way. Tom Bierman caught him the second time around at the drop mark and won the race as well as top honors in the regatta. Bob Sengstacken was second in the regatta, followed by Ron Wulff, Nick Santoro and Rich Miner.

At Lake Mohawk on September 22nd, the second leg of the Circuit was sailed in light to medium southerly winds. In the first race, Ron Ingram of Cedar Point was first around the weather mark, but a pack of Lightnings was on top of him by the jibe mark. When the pack jibed, Bob Graham, who had been trailing the pack, out-foxed the whole group by not jibing and had a substantial lead by the drop mark. Bob went on to win, followed by Mark Schneider and Rich Miner. In the second race Graham led all the way to the finish. In the third race Wayne Catoe of Lake Mohawk got an early lead and rounded the weather mark first. Graham had a bad start but worked his

way up to second by the weather mark on two good tacks. Bob slipped by Wayne at the jibe and was off to his third straight bullet and victory at the regatta. Mark Schneider was 2nd overall, followed by Tom Bierman, Bob Sengstacken and Rich Miner.

In the last leg of the Circuit at Monmouth Boat Club on October 13, the Lightning sailors were met with 20-25 knots of wind which resulted in screaming reaches during all three races. Rob Held took top honors. The second place boat was skipped alternately by Sandy Huntsman, Bill Ewing and Larry Colantuono. Denis Farley came in third. No boats completed the overall Circuit, so Tom Bierman keeps the trophy for one more year.

Minisceongo's Last Blast Regatta was held September 29th, featuring good winds and tricky currents. George Bitler, who was retiring from racing Lightnings after 27 years, won the regatta followed by Paul Connell of Nyack and Bob Sengstacken. We are all glad that George won his last regatta as a Lightning sailor, but regret to see him retire to a Laser 28 and will miss the Bitler/Lewis team — George, his wife Barbara and Mark Lewis — who have participated in countless Lightning regattas over the years. After the sailing, the Last Blast cocktail party and dinner were an even bigger blast than usual.

As the 1984 season comes to a close, the Mets sailors are already looking forward to an even bigger and better season next year with good times, old friends and great sailing.



*Metro District Champions Jack Huntsman, Randy Dickerson, and Henry O'Hern.*

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Jim Schofield
District Secretary .....	Hank Hodgson
District Measurer .....	Dave Furey
District Champion .....	Colin Park
District Runner-Up .....	Bruce Goldsmith
Junior Champion .....	George Sipel
Junior Runner-Up .....	Doug Summers

**Fleets:** 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); Leland Yacht Club (184); Saginaw Bay (216); Grand Traverse Yacht Club (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Lansing Sail Club (387); Union Lake Yacht Club (458).

1984 was a good year for the Michigan Lightning district. A number of new boats appeared — courtesy of our two builders —, regatta attendance

was up, and winds were good. Our traveling circuit has been strengthened through increased Michigan participation, as well as from more visitors from Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. In fact, the fall series is now officially comprised of regattas in Indiana and Ohio as well as Michigan.

The season starts early for those who visit Indianapolis on the first weekend of May. This regatta is well attended due to the great Hoosier hospitality and the long Midwest winters. This year, Pat Considine from Chicago was an easy winner with Bay City sailors, Colin Park and John McCree second and fourth. George Buckingham of Wawasee, Indiana was third.

The Michigan circuit officially starts in Lansing which, thanks to recent dredging operations, is no longer classified as "unnavigable" water. Bill McKinley, Louie Nickels and Colin Park took turns winning races with Colin and Louie ending up in a first place tie. Experience won out in the end as Colin beat Louie at the official coin flipping ceremony.

On to Gull Lake and Mike Rathbun's hot tub! The bad news was that the hot tub was down for repairs; the good news was that it was promised to be in working order for the fall regatta—and the winds for the weekend were good! Clarence Holman showed the fleet what reaching in heavy air was all about as he ate up the competition downwind. For the series, Clarence (crew of Bert Okma and Amy Hodgson) and Colin (crew of Glenn Hallett and Tracie Park) match raced down to the wire. Clarence won the fourth race, but Colin clinched the final race and the first place hardware. Jack Engels sailed very well but self-destructed in a couple of races and ended up losing a tie breaker to Dave Hatfield. The Family Hodgson—Henry, Karen and Wendy—showed consistent heavy air speed for "lightweights" and ended up fifth.

Clarence was not to be beaten the following weekend at the Crescent Sail Club's annual Father's Day Series. Doug Summers took the helm of Dad's Boat for the weekend and was off to a very good start on Saturday with a 1-3. The wind piped up on Sunday and storms threatened, but the five race series was completed. Dave Nickels was second, Tom Jungiohann third, Hank Hodgson fourth, and Arlyn Kinkel, fifth.

The Fenton Fleet rose to the occasion of their annual Team Racing event which requires a good deal of organization. Four man teams compete in match racing tactics which this year, resulted in a "duel" to the finish. It offers a different kind of challenge to the skippers and crews and is a pleasant diversion before the district competition. The final "duel" was between Bay City (Andre-Godwin, McCree, Schofield, Park) and the host club of Fenton (D. Nickels, G. Nickels, H. Nickels, Militzer). In this one instance the hosts were not very hospitable as they blew the Bay City team away, with the help of the very blustery breeze.

The 1984 Districts were held at Bay City July 5-8 in lots of sunshine and good wind. After a general recall which NOBODY went back for, and an individual recall which EVERYBODY went back for, the fleet got down to serious racing. The race was finally underway in a 12-14 knot breeze which built to 20 by the final leg. Bruce Goldsmith led all the way with Colin Park, Clarence Holman, and Hank Hodgson behind in that order. While the Race Committee thought about the wisdom of another race, the fleet made up its mind and sailed in. Race 2 could wait. Saturday morning came with big waves and 20-25 knots of wind across the bay, but the breeze dropped abruptly, and two races were sailed in moderate wind with a bit of leftover slop. Park was fast upwind and won them both, Holman took a 2-4 and Goldsmith a 3-1. Militzer, D. Nickels, and Hodgson each had a good race. The two Sunday races were sailed in a puffy dying off-shore breeze. The series results almost went topsy-turvy in the last 100 yards of the final race, but Park salvaged a good enough finish to be champion. Goldsmith, Holman, D. Nickels, G. Nickels, Hodgson, Marriott and McKinley followed in that order.

Women and juniors gathered at Devils Lake later in July for their own Districts and a great social weekend topped off by a pizza party at the Tibbs' home. Bonnie Nickels made it a family affair with mom, Esther, and sister, Ruth, assisting her in the win in a five boat fleet. George Sipel led the junior fleet around his home lake, defending his '83 title. George was ably assisted by Dan Norton and Greg Walz, also of Devils Lake.

Traverse City moved their regatta to July and had a good turnout of 30 boats, but it should be better. It is a beautiful family vacation area, offers excellent sailing, and a very hospitable yacht club. Next year—be there! Garry Demarest showed up with a borrowed boat amidst rumors that he may be back sailing in the class in '85. Betty and Tom Vickers provided entertainment to the tune of "No, I thought YOU were holding the boat!" Betty showed true dedication by sacrificing dry clothes for boat and marriage! The races were sailed in a steady Northerly thermal on Saturday and a puffy offshore breeze on Sunday. Park won with John McCree and Regina Weiera on board, while Holman and his regulars finished second. Demarest was always in it for third nosing out a consistent (?) George Nickels (15-2-2-3-2). Paul Militzer with wife Louise and son Kyle sailed their new black boat to some nice finishes and fifth place. Mike Dow, out of

semi-retirement, had two good races on Sunday but did not crack the top five overall.

Higgins Lake was a little short of sailing due to light winds, but the party was great! Doug Summers reportedly surveyed previously uncharted parts of the island and is presently preparing a revised topographical map. "Mom" Vickers was worried during his absence. McCree finished fourth, Fred Krauss third, Vickers second, and Park first.

After a five week break the fleet reconvened at Pontiac for the start of the fall series. The next six weekends had good turnouts and some very close racing. The results can be summarized pretty easily—Bruce Goldsmith was unbeatable! A couple of times he showed unique ways of doing it, but five straight weekends with good competition proved who was best. At Pontiac, it was close on Saturday between Goldsmith, Park and Holman, but Bruce posted two firsts on Sunday in strong breezes to sweep the series.

The following weekend at Devils Lake, Holman was off to a super start chalking up a first, but ended up second overall. George Buckingham, D. Nickels, and Jim Sayre (Devils Lake) were all hot on Sunday. Sayre was sailing his new boat for the first time and outsmarted the competition to win the fourth race. Buckingham was third for the regatta and D. Nickels fourth. Sunday morning Bruce showed another side of his many talents as he put together a great breakfast of omelets and Bloody Marys—then sewed up the regatta with steady sailing.

Matt Fisher joined us at Clark Lake and sailed a good series, but fell prey to "Smith's Corner" at the finish line as (Gold)smith pulled off a last minute miracle. Holman again sailed steadily in the puffy air and would have been the winner, but for being disqualified in the last race.

Gull Lake and Mike's hot tub were finally ready. The hot tub may never be the same. Everyone helped Mike celebrate his 30th birthday, complete with a very appropriate cake! Saturday's races were sailed in light air while Sunday's were not sailed at all because of even lighter air. Park, Holman, and McCree followed Mr. Smith.

Wawasee is a fairly large lake in Northern Indiana, just across our border. This regatta was added to the Fall Series in 1983 and has proven very popular due to the unbeatable Hoosier hospitality and the good sailing. The race committee uses a modified olympic course, starting and finishing mid-leg. Going into the last race, the series looked pretty well nailed down. Matt Fisher had been sailing very consistently and had about four points on Goldsmith. Louie Nickels was in third with brother Dave fourth. The standings flip-flopped, however, and Bruce had pulled out another one with Fisher second, Park third, D. Nickels fourth, and L. Nickels fifth.

For the wrap-up of the year, Bruce did us all a favor by staying home. It was this author's first trip to Buckeye, and it was all we were promised. The turn out read like a "Who's Who" in Lightning sailing which meant you could be 25th and still in good company. Jim Dressel was a runaway winner in the light air on Saturday. The third race started with a little wind but turned into a drifter. Dressel got the ends of the fleet mixed up while George Fisher and Park played tag for the series lead. Fisher came out on top, Dressel second, Park third, Holman fourth, and Tom Allen Jr. fifth.

Custody of the beautiful silver punch bowl — Joe Stueland Traveling Trophy — again went to Colin Park.

A GREAT SEASON! See You all at the N.A.'s at Tawas.



Devils Lake Regatta



# MICHIGAN DISTRICT — TAWAS BAY

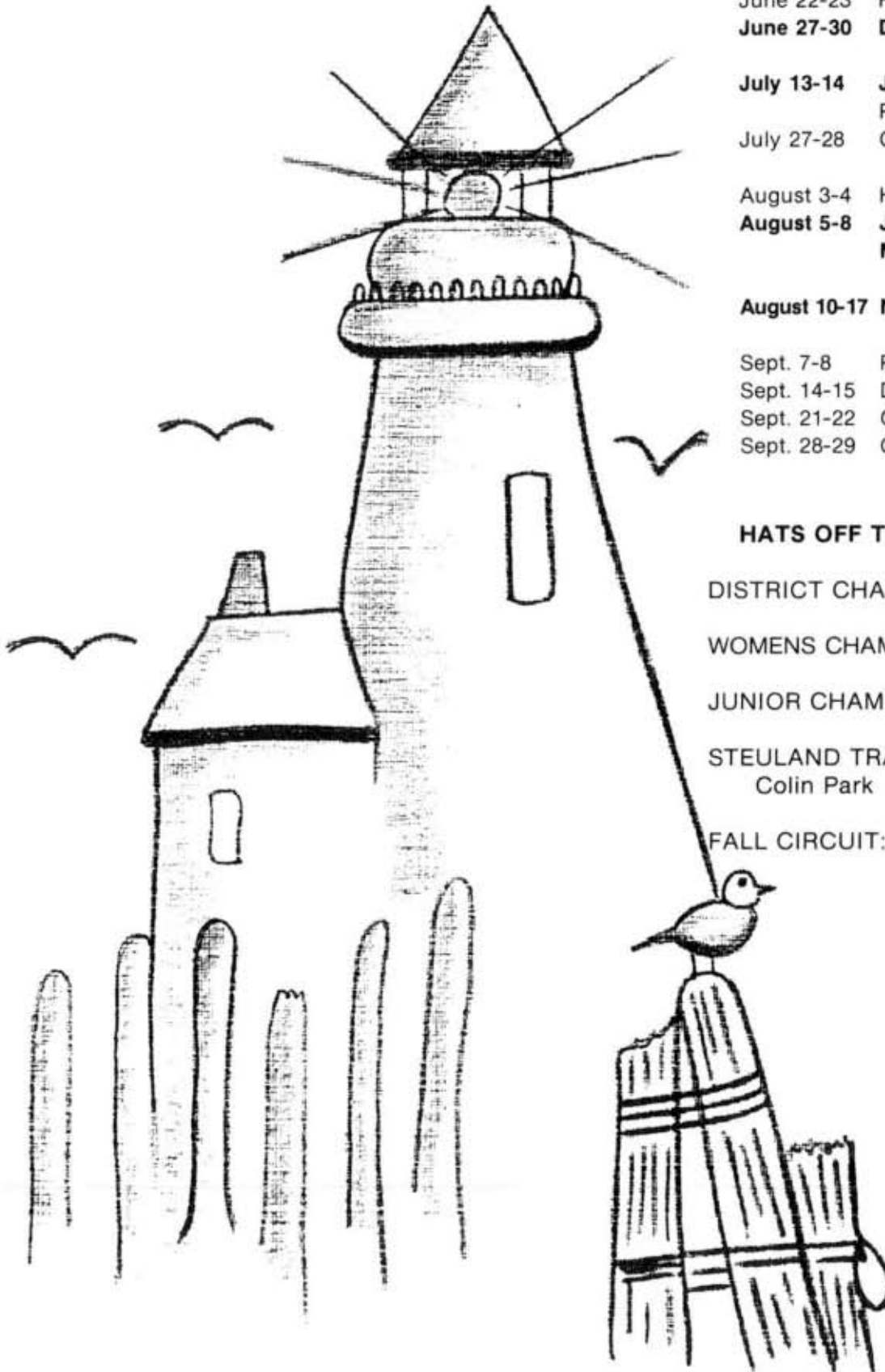
## HOST — 1985 NORTH AMERICANS

### Regatta Schedule

June 1-2	Lake Lansing
June 15-16	Bay City
June 22-23	Fenton Team Race
June 27-30	<b>DISTRICTS—Crescent</b>
July 13-14	<b>JUNIOR DISTRICTS—</b> Pontiac Yacht Club
July 27-28	Grand Traverse
August 3-4	Higgins
August 5-8	<b>JUNIOR-WOMEN'S—</b> <b>MASTERS NATIONALS</b>
August 10-17	<b>NORTH AMERICANS</b>
Sept. 7-8	Pontiac
Sept. 14-15	Devils Lake
Sept. 21-22	Clark Lake
Sept. 28-29	Gull Lake

### HATS OFF TO THE VICTORS:

DISTRICT CHAMPION: Colin Park  
WOMENS CHAMPION: Bonnie Nickels  
JUNIOR CHAMPION: George Sipel  
STEULAND TRAVELING TROPHY:  
Colin Park  
FALL CIRCUIT: Bruce Goldsmith



# MIDWEST DISTRICTS

## 1985 REGATTA SCHEDULE

June 15th - 16th	Evans Regatta — Green Bay
June 22nd - 23rd	Ice Breaker - Manitowoc
July 6th - 7th	P & T Milwaukee
July 12th - 13th - 14th	Districts — Green Bay
July 27th - 28th	Brotz - Sheboygan
August 3rd - 4th	Hobelman — Chicago
August 10th - 11th	Racine
September 14th - 15th	Red Flannels — Chicago
September 21st - 22nd	Polar Bear — Lake Davenport

### MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Doug Olson
District Secretary .....	John Evans
District Measurer .....	Frank Vandersteen
District Champion .....	Mike Huffman
District Runner-Up .....	Rick Larson

**Fleets:** Chicago Corinthian (5); Milwaukee Yacht Club (69); Green Bay (112); Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345); Manitowoc (393); Racine (489); Quarter Barrel (494).

New boats with veteran skippers seemed to be the necessary combination if you wanted to be successful in the Midwest District.

Rick Larson, after taking a short sabbatical, proved that old habits never die, they just get refined. Sailing a new boat, Rick finished first in the Evans, P&T, and Brotz with a strong second in the District Championship. This was enough to give him an edge in overall competition.

The ever present Gene Matthews, with his new boat, took second place honors by winning the Red Flannels in Chicago and the Polar Bear in Davenport. Third place goes to Tryg Jacobson.

Overall membership in the District took a disappointing drop from 114 boats to 103. However, out of the eight Regattas including the Districts, we averaged 17 boats on the line with a high of 27 in Milwaukee and 7 in Racine. We expect the turnout to increase in Racine since this is only their second Regatta since joining the Circuit. We are also confident that membership will stabilize since the I.L.C.A. and the Lightning design are tops when it comes to great fun and strong competition.

Doug Olson, District Commodore, would like to give his thanks to all those who assisted him these past two years as he turns the reigns over to John Walters from Chicago. Without the volunteers to run the races, prepare the food, etc. we would not be as successful as we have been over the past years.

Congratulations also goes out to the following skippers and their crew for strong racing performances.

Jim Gagnon - second place - Evans and Red Flannels; Mike Huffman - first place - Districts, third place Hobelman; John Walters - first place - Hobelman, third place - Red Flannels; Kevin Blair - second place - Ice Breaker; Matt Burridge - second place - P&T; Bob Penticoff - third place -

P&T; Pat Considine - second place - Hobelman; Brian Phelan - second place - Polar Bear; Bill Sims - third place - Polar Bear.

### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

District Commodore .....	Cully Ward
District Secretary .....	Cully Ward
District Measurer .....	Stu Bernstein
District Champion .....	Bob Wardwell
District Runner-Up .....	Brad Currie
Junior Champion .....	Rob Zerban
Junior Runner-Up .....	Scott Zerban

**Fleets:** Decatur (74); Harbor Island (262); Carlyle Sailing Association (266); Memphis (274); and Valley Sailing Association (486).

Good breezes characterized the 1984 sailing season which got underway at the Hernando-Desota Regatta on the western border of our district in Memphis. Last years district champion, Brad Currie, (formerly of Memphis but now of Harbor Island) exhibited the form that had brought him that honor winning the overall in fine competition.

The 1984 districts were held in Carlyle, Illinois, in June. The wind varied no more than 5 degrees on the average over the entire week-end and blew consistently between 20 and 30. Bob Wardwell of Chattanooga spoiled Brad Currie's chances of a repeat performance by sailing brilliantly in the heavy air to take first with consistent finishes. Brad was second in the regatta which found father and son, Lal and Matt Burridge, swimming in the waves at the jibe mark looking at each other, while Cully Ward sailed off into Netherland without a rudder.

The real story in our districts, however, is the young Zerban team, consisting of Scott, brother Rob and crew member Dan Moriarty. They finished first in the Districts, finished eighth in the Junior Championship and finished third in the Governors Cup in Seattle.

And when Wayne Watson spear headed the Junior District Regatta, Rob and Scott went down to the last race before the Junior District Champion was decided. Rob beat his brother to take the championship.

Watching the three man team perform together, however, is quite the treat and both of the Zerban boys praised the finesse with which Dan Moriarty



*District Champion Bob Wardwell, covering Runner-Up Brad Currie.*

executes his tasks on board. It is great to see these young men so active and competitive. They will be no doubt heard again and again.

The Districts were followed by the Inter City Regatta the following week-end in Decatur, Illinois. Matt Burridge, Greg Florian and Bill Buckles battled fiercely with Matt pulling it out in the last race, followed by Greg. Matt won the overall trophy on a Portsmouth handicap rating system against Lasers, Thistles and others.

The North Americans found Bob Wardwell in tenth place in the championship flight, Matt Burridge and Don Johnson in fifth and nineteenth respectively in the Presidents' Cup. Lal Burridge and Crit Currie were ninth and twelfth in the Governors' Cup.

In the Fall, Carlyle held its Impromptu Regatta on September 1st and 2nd. Matt Burridge handed the helm over to his crew, John Morley. John,

Matt and Matt's new bride, Kathy, outdistanced the 18 foot fleet to take first place with 4½ points. Greg Florian was next followed by Poole, Grohne and Irish. Lal Burridge ran a fine Regatta.

The Muddy Rudder Regatta hosted by Fleet 486, Valley Sailing Association found Augie Paoli in first and Stu Bernstein in second. Wayne Watson, the District Vice-Commodore put on the Fleet's Second Annual Regatta in fine style.

The season was capped off by the Blue Nose Regatta at Harbor Island in Nashville. 46 boats attended. The light air jinx was broken as winds consistently blew 10 to 15 on Sunday allowing for a five race series. The Michigan contingent fared well as Colin Park, this years Michigan Champion and former Olympic representative won, followed by Bruce Goldsmith, last years District Champion and this years runner-up. Pat Considine from the Mid West District, Tom Allen, Jr. followed. The only boat from our district which finished in the top five was---you guessed it---the Zerbans.

Next year we expect another fine year of sailing and comradery in the 1985 season.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Stu Nickerson
District Secretary .....	Dick Fastiggi
District Champion .....	Stu Nickerson
District Runner-Up .....	Don Brush
Junior Champion .....	Ken Deyette
Junior Runner-Up .....	Tom Fitch

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

The New England District enjoyed a successful sailing season highlighted by unusually good weather and winds. Most fleets appear strong, with a good nucleus of young sailors. Outgoing Commodore Dick Hale deserves hearty congratulations for his efforts to maintain the competitiveness and enthusiasm that has become synonymous with New England sailing.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### 1985 SCHEDULE

May 18-19	Early Bird	Westport, Conn.
June 1-2	Champlain	Burlington, Vt.
June 8-9	Newport	Newport, R.I.
June 14-21	Worlds	Little Egg Harbor, N.J.
June 29-30	Great Harbor Regatta	Provincetown, Mass.
July 13-14	State-of-Maine	Lake Androscoggin, ME.
<b>July 19-21</b>	<b>District Championship</b>	<b>Marblehead, Mass.</b>
July 27-28	Junior Championship	Massabesic, N.H.
August 3-4	State-of-Mass.	Wellfleet, Mass.
August 10-17	North Americans	Tawas, Mich.
August 10-11	Squam Regatta	Squam, N.H.
August 17-18	Newburyport	Newburyport, Mass.
September 7-8	N.H./VT. Championship	Massabesic, N.H.
September 14-15	Eastern Championship	Westport, Conn.
September 21-22	Spofford	Spofford, N.H.

Dave Curtis and Don Brush traveled south for the Southern Circuit this year, with Dave finishing second overall and Don placing third at St. Pete.

Many district sailors ventured to Rhode Island for the Annual Newport Regatta in early June. Stu Nickerson remained upright in the steady 18 to 25 mph. winds to beat a competitive fleet of 30 boats for the victory. Don Brush was third and Ken Read was fourth. There were many aching bodies on Saturday night and by Sunday afternoon people were crawling while the boats were being put away. This Regatta is one of the true highlights of the year for New England sailors.

In mid-June, 11 boats arrived in Marblehead for the State of Massachusetts Championships. Stu Nickerson bested John Collins in the increasing winds of Sunday to capture the crown. Rich Humphrey of the home fleet did an excellent job putting this regatta together. Hale Walcott was seen racing a J-22 and Dave Curtis an Etchells' (they both won BIG)! Dave and Hale promise to be back in Lightnings next year.

At the end of June, our newest and most enthusiastic fleet, Provincetown, conducted their first-ever Regatta. Despite light winds, three excellent races were sailed in scenic Provincetown Harbor. A great cookout/cocktail party was held on the deck of the Red Inn Saturday evening. Stu Nickerson edged out an awesomely quick John Hughes in the last race to preserve victory. John finished second, David Jones third, Kurt Kling fourth, and Bob Shapiro fifth. The trophy presentation was again held on the deck of the Red Inn, followed by a few beers and finally the sun; which was enjoyed by all. This regatta run by the phyched fleet in Provincetown, is destined to become one of our district's best.

Next it was on to Androscogin, where 17 boats arrived to vie for the State of Maine Championship. Traditional Maine hospitality provided by Bob Foster and Gang was excellent. High winds prevailed, and in the end Bob Shapiro prevailed, winning his first regatta this year. He was followed by Dick Hale.

Our Districts were hosted by the Lake Champlain Fleet in Burlington, Vt. This fleet has set our district standard for a well-organized, crisp run

regatta. The sailing consisted of heavy, medium, and light winds in that order. Stu Nickerson finally copped his first District Championship, followed closely by Don Brush. Rounding out the top six were: Ken Read, Jim Alman, Georges Peter and Kurt Kling.

The next destination was Wellfleet where 18 boats appeared to race both against each other and the tide. Edson White with sister Maria and Nina Cuccio outdualed Stu Nickerson to take home the gold. Dick Hale finished third. It was good to see Rob Pratt return to New England sailing, and he won the final race in convincing style.

Six boats from New England ventured to Seattle for the 1984 North Americans. We had five boats qualify for the '85 Wrolds; with Ken Read fifth, Don Brush seventh, Stu Nickerson eighth, Jim Alman 13th and Georges Peter 24th. Bill Hole sailed in the Governor's Fleet.

The Massebisic Fleet hosted the Junior District Championship. Key Deyette of the local fleet won, with Tom Fitch of Spofford Lake second.

The Massebisic Fall Regatta found Ned Hines first and Len Pratt second.

The Fall Regatta at Cedar Point in Westport, Conn. was well attended by New England sailors. David Jones, with dinghy expert Stu Neff crewing, finished third behind Jim Crane and Betsy Gelenitis. We New England sailors always enjoy the races run by Ted Fontileu. Saturday evening featured a steak dinner with an 'all you can eat' ice cream contest complemented by live dancing.

New England's traditional final regatta is hosted by the Spofford Fleet, (just outside of Keene, N.H.). Thirty-one boats eagerly arrived on Saturday morning. The winds were fluke and frustrating, but everyone had a blast, especially Dick Hallagan who won again. However, this year Dick had to win on a tie-breaker with Ray Harrington. Dave Fitch, displaying some old magic, finished third followed by Stu Nickerson/Maria White, Kip Hamblet, and Kurt Kling. Completing the season at Spofford is ending on a real upper that leaves us yearning for next spring. It's been a great year! Come sail with us soon!

**1985 OHIO DISTRICT**

**REGATTA SCHEDULE**

**11570**

**13308**

**SPRING CLASSIC\***

**ST. MARY'S 400\***

**WINDSHIFT REGATTA\***

**OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA**

**C.Y.C. REGATTA**

**HARVEST MOON REGATTA\***

**SNOWBALL REGATTA**

**FALL IN REGATTA\***

**Pymatuning**

**St. Mary's Boat Club**

**Leatherlips Y.C.**

**To Be Announced**

**Pymatuning Y.C.**

**Cleveland Y.C.**

**Atwood Lake Y.C.**

**Buckeye Lake Y.C.**

**Cowan Lake Sailing Club**

**May 18-19**

**June 1-2**

**June 8-9**

**July 6-7**

**July 27-28**

**September 14-15**

**October 12-13**

**October 19-20**

**\*Included in Ohio Governors Cup Series**



## OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Will Petersilge  
 District Secretary ..... John Werley  
 District Champion ..... Jim Dressel  
 District Runner-Up ..... Will Petersilge

**Fleets:** Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Buckeye Lake (43); Mansfield (150); Atwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover 353).

The Ohio District held its winter meeting on February 11 at the Christopher Inn in Columbus. Our guest speaker was Bruce Goldsmith who shared his experiences in making an Olympic campaign with the group. At the meeting it was decided that the Ohio Governor's Cup would be expanded to include the following regattas: Saint Mary's, Leatherlips, Pymatuning, Atwood, and Cowan. Each participant will keep his three best overall finishes to determine the winner. Dick Pugh took home the honors this year. Congratulations Dick!

Leatherlips hosted the district seminar which was well attended. Participants were treated to informal discussions, sail shape demonstrations, and on-the-water instruction by the top sailors in the district.

The District Championships were held at Buckeye Lake on July 13-15 in light to moderate winds. Jim Dressel jumped to an early lead in the series leaving George Fisher, Dan Dressel, Matt Fisher and Will Petersilge to vie for the remaining top five positions. Meanwhile back on shore, Nancy Dressel was setting up a wonderful cocktail party and cook-out for the group. Thanks Nancy!

## PERU

District Commodore ..... Luis A. Bryce, D.  
 District Secretary ..... Carlos Navarro, Jr.  
 District Junior Commodore ..... Emilio Levaggi T.  
 District Measurer ..... Emilio Levaggi A.  
 District Champion ..... Emilio Levaggi T.  
 District Runner-Up ..... Jose Barreda-Moller  
 Junior Champion ..... Emilio Levaggi T.  
 Junior Runner-Up ..... Augusto Navarro M.

**Fleets:** Club Regatas Union (497).

We are happy to report that for the first time our district is run by officers which are mostly juniors. It is a radical change but we hope to do a good job. During 1984 we were represented by Augusto Navarro at the Youth Worlds in Metedeconk River Yacht Club, New Jersey. Augusto won the first race, however, the next races were difficult for him because of high winds and stormy conditions all of which are abnormal in our sailing area. He finally placed a good seventh and we think under the circumstances that was a good place for him to finish. We can not report on our 1984 Championships since they will not take place until the month of December. Also next year we are hosting the next South American Championship and we hope to have representatives from all countries.

Finally we are glad to report the formation of a new fleet at the Club Regatas Union, located in La Punta and sailing in the bay of Callao. The fleet has been formed as a transfer from the previous Fleet 265 (Yacht Club Peruano) since, in recent times, the policies of said club became incompatible with the sports activities of the Lightning sailors. It is doubtful at present whether that fleet will continue to exist or not. So far we have had a very enthusiastic reception by the people from the Club Regatas Union and we think with the facilities they are giving us we can look forward to increasing Lightning activities and future growth of the new fleet. They have, in fact, already manifested interest in hosting future international activities such as South American and World events in their locale. Already they have other classes actively sailing for several years such as the Sunfish, Windmill and J-24 classes. We hope some of these sailors will eventually switch to the Lightning Class once they have a chance to become familiar with it and see it in action.

## SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Rick Ferguson  
 District Measurer ..... Paul Rodesiler  
 District Champion ..... Tom Waters  
 District Runner-Up ..... Bill Sloger

**Fleets:** Savannah (127); Clark Hill (257); Lake Lanier (348); Catawba (365); Lake Hartwell (391); Triad (415); Greater Charleston (429); Palmetto (440); Waccamaw (463); Wake (481).

## 1985 SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

April 20-21	BYSC Open Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club Beaufort, SC
May 4-5	HRYS Lightning Invitational High Rock Yacht Club Lexington, NC
May 18-19	WCSC Open Western Carolina Sailing Club Anderson, SC
June 1-2	Lightnings & Thistles Lake Murray Sailing Club Columbia, SC
<b>JUNE 14-16</b>	<b>S. E. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Augusta Sailing Club Augusta, GA
July 27-28	Charleston YC Open Charleston Yacht Club Charleston, SC
Sept. 7-8	Waccamaw Lightning Invitational Waccamaw Sailing Club Lake Waccamaw, NC
Sept. 21-22	Y-Flyers & Lightnings Columbia Sailing Club Columbia, SC
Oct. 5-6	Atlanta Cup for Lightnings S.E. DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING Lake Lanier Sailing Club Atlanta, GA

These regattas are counted toward the S.E. District Season Championship.  
 One throwout race is allowed for each regatta sailed after five.  
 See District newsletter for dates of other Lightning regattas in the District.  
 Come sail with us!

One of the highlights of Southeastern District sailing is the District Championship Circuit, which consists of ten regattas throughout the district, the scores from which are tabulated to arrive at season standings. This year, due to the regrettable decline in one-design racing in general and Lightning racing in particular, we included several open (multi-class) regattas on the circuit and combined one with another one-design fleet. This worked out rather well, and though we would all like to return to the days of the 40-boat Lightning-only regattas, including opens and regattas with other fleets is a way to have lots of races and it has the advantage of showing off the Lightning to more people than when we went off and raced by ourselves.

Race attendance was about the same as last year (10-15 boats), but we are seeing some new, enthusiastic skippers taking the place of a few of the old regulars; c'mon you guys, let's ALL come out and race! The Kerr Lake fleet hosted its first District event this year, the District Championship Regatta with 18 boats; Tom Waters showed the way, with Bill Sloger and Gordon Kellogg close behind. Beaufort hosted the circuit sailors at its open regatta, and the Carolina Yacht Club Open replaced the Charleston Lightning Invitational; the Western Carolina Sailing Club Open replaced the Jib n' Tonic, and the Columbia Sailing Club hosted a combined regatta for Y-Flyers and Lightnings.

Those qualifying for the District Season Championship by sailing in at least five of the scheduled events included Bill Sloger, Bob Harkrider, Rick Ferguson, Del Foster, Tom Hudgens, Gil Samuelson and Craig Thayer. Sloger's consistently high finishes prove that experience counts, but some of the newer guys like Harkrider, Foster and Ferguson are beginning to get the hang of it. (See photo for season champs.)

For the first time this year, in what is planned to be an annual affair, the scores for the Frigid Digit Regatta (Severn River Fleet 329, Annapolis) and the Borderline Regatta (Wake Fleet 481), Kerr Lake) will be tabulated and the Barney Mead perpetual trophy will be awarded to the skipper with the best combined score. We look forward to sailing with the Dixie District sailors (and others) in these events; the competition should be tough.

In closing, I'd like to urge all Lightning sailors and especially those in the Southeastern District to get out their schedules THIS MINUTE and make plans to come out and race in the upcoming year; mark 'em down on your calendar. Remember how much fun it is when the wind's blowing, the sun is shining and the spray is flying? Remember the camaraderie? Come on out and race — and bring a friend. You'll be glad you did.



## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... David McCary  
 District Secretary ..... Marshall H. Walker  
 District Measurer ..... John "Buck" Ballatin  
 District Champion ..... Larry Frost, Jr.

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

Unusually strong winds prevailed at the Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta in Shreveport, at District Championships in Mobile, and at G.R.I.T.S. in Jackson this year. The District registration dropped from 31 to 26, but we still have the same 8 - 10 boats at most District meets. I know Shreveport, has 2 new boats (imported from Dallas), so somebody isn't paying their I.L.C.A. dues.

So much to do — no time to do it. This seems to be the theme of the District. We each have hundreds of Fleet Races, Series, and Holiday Regattas. Competition is fair at home so there's no reason to go out of town or is there? Better competition, challenging conditions, and a change of scenery. Also don't forget the camaraderie of this District. So try to travel next year and make a fellow sailor go also.



Readying for second race Jackson, Mississippi (Hospitality Regatta) G.R.I.T.S.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

### 1985 Regatta Schedule

February 23-24	Mardi Gras Regatta	New Orleans, Y.C.
April 20-21	Holiday in Dixie	Shreveport Y.C.
May 4-5	Contraband Days	Lake Charles
May 18-19	Spring Regatta	Buccaneer Y.C.
May 25-26	One Design Regatta	Southern Y.C.
June 7-8	<b>Southern Districts</b>	<b>New Orleans Y.C.</b>
June 15-16	Gulf Yachting Assoc.	T B A
Sept. 28-29	Wadewitz Regatta	Fairhope Y.C.
October 19-20	G.R.I.T.S. Regatta	Jackson Y.C.
October 26-27	Frostbite Regatta	Pass Christian Y.C.
Dec. 28-29	Sugar Bowl Regatta	New Orleans, Y.C.

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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## SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Jurg Weilenmann  
 District Vice-Commodore ..... Gilbert Despland  
 District Secretary ..... Paul Gmuer  
 District Measurers ..... Urs Wyler, Oscar Weber  
 District Champion ..... Hanspeter Schmid  
 District Runner-Up ..... Urs Wyler

**Fleets:** Lac de Neuchatel (169), Zurichsee (219), Sempachersee (250), Greifensee (309) Murtensee (358).

The sailing year 1984 finished with our traditional "Fondue"-regatta in Neuchatel. It was a beautiful season with plenty of wind on most race courses.

The season started promising with a strong Swiss participation in Marsala/Sicily. Magnificent weather and strong winds set the pace for the year to follow. The Italians demonstrated their superiority and took the first places. Nevertheless, they met strong resistance from our Swiss crews Wyler and Schmid. Doped with that Italian spirit we could hardly wait for the regattas in Switzerland.

The class participated at the important Zurich boat show in March, where we exhibited a Nickels and a Pellegrini. We had many visitors at our stand but nothing materialized out of it. Were our efforts and costs futile? Maybe, and yet our presence was necessary and important for the class.

In the first half of the year we had the district regattas of Sempach, Hallwil and Murtlen on our programme. Moderate winds were the training ground to get in shape for the Europeans in Finland. Urs Wyler and his crew did best and confirmed his results with a second overall at Pori. Our trip to Finland was a great experience. The Finns proved that even a small club can host a first class championship with excellent organization and charming hospitality. George Andreadis could not be beaten but our crews Urs Wyler, Urs Schar and Jacques Perret did nicely with 2nd, 5th and 7th.

The second half of the year normally starts with the Trofeo di Marzi sailed at Gravedona on lake Como (Italy). For the first time since this race is held there were more Swiss than Italians on the starting line. It just looks as if enthusiasm has somewhat left the northern area of Italy. However, good wind and our strong performance made good for poor participation ... and, we had fun as usual.

The district championships at Grandson was the next event to follow. Vice-Commodore Gilbert Despland together with his sympathetic club staged an efficiently organized race. It blew with up to 7 Bft and many a fitting went to pieces. Hanspeter Schmid won with a super result of 0 points. Fallanden finally hosted the last district race for the season. Participation was as mediocre as the wind and the race committee for which even the good food at the YMCA didn't compensate.

Poor participation of an average of 10 boats somewhat dampened the high spirits on the race course. We must see to it that Lightning sailing doesn't become an exclusive hobby of a selected few. Our efforts for next year have to concentrate on bringing the inactive back to racing.

## TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... John B. Waskom, III  
 District Secretary ..... Eileen Guinan  
 District Measurer ..... Dr. Sylvan Newman  
 District Champion ..... Ken Huggins  
 District Runner-Up ..... Don Johnson

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

We have two fleets in the Texas District, White Rock and Rush Creek, both located in the Dallas area. The White Rock fleet is a "reborn" fleet and is doing great. Their racing program is strong and the fleet is growing. Rush Creek is the larger fleet and, as such, hosted this year's District Championships. It was a great regatta! Twenty-two boats turned out for five races in winds that ranged from steady, light to shifty, medium. It was very demanding, so the winners deserve all the credit they receive. The top three were Ken Huggins, Don Johnson and Richard Guinan. The district sent five boats to the North Americans in Seattle. One made it to the Blue Fleet, two to the Green and two to the Yellow.

After serving a number of years as district secretary, Regina Ploch has resigned, handing over her duties to Eileen Guinan. We are grateful to Regina who served graciously beyond the call of duty.

Fleet 435 annually hosts a Thanksgiving regatta at Rush Creek. We can look forward hopefully to five races Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend with some pretty hefty winds. With or without good sailing weather, the regatta provides some good times.

One other note: We lost Lance Drewes from Dallas to Houston. That was sad but...he dragged his boat with him and is trying to start a fleet in Houston. Go, Lance!