

International Lightning Class Association Districts



Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

District Commodore Heraldo Tramaglia
 District Secretary Liliana Reguera Azcuenaga de Schenone
 District Junior Commodore Valeria Vila
 District Measurer Osvaldo Bordino
 District Champion Horacio L. Tettamanti
 Junior Champion Axel Rodger, Ian Roger, Frederico Engelhard
 Junior Runner-Up Guillermo Parada, Valeria Vila, Pablo Weber

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

District activities started in March, showing the goals of the authorities' efforts — Vice President Bordino with his Bulletins and Commodore Tramaglia with his continuous presence and "service-boat" support during the Argentine Championship, in which 80% of the competitive boats were present. There reappeared excellent skippers as Horacio Tettamanti (first in the Argentine Championship), Manuel Irizar, Javier Pascuchi and Jorge Heller.

Also the great event of this year was the V World Youth Championship — Vice President "Lalo" Bordino put all of himself in organizing it in this country, and also worthy Commodore "Lali" Tramaglia, who was in charge of the repairs of the boats for their rotations, even sleeping in them. It was of importance the presence of Mr. Fisk Hayden and Tom Allen who gave their knowledge in this task. The first quality racers of U.S.A., Canada, Chile, Ecuador and Brazil were welcome here in Argentina. And the prize was kept and won by Argentina. Valeria Vila, one of the first place crews is the daughter of our last Vice President Angel "Lite" Vila, a great supporter of Lightning boats. Another report of this event will be published elsewhere.

Now we are preparing for the Qualifying Regatta for the Pan Americans and South American Championship, where we hope to meet all the skippers shown at the Argentine Championship as well as others such as Avinzano and Kouyoumdjian who have promised to be there.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore Michael A. Norris
 District Secretary Christina Norris
 District Measurer Oscar Weckerle
 District Champion Claudio Bieckark
 District Runner-Up Mario Buckup

Fleets: Sau Paulo (147); Guanabara (401); Guarapiranga (462).

Our season started with the District Championship being held in May at the home waters of Fleets 147 and 162. It was a very disputed championship with Claudio Bieckark and Mario Buckup fighting it out to the last race which was won by Claudio with Mario second and Robert Buckup finishing third.

Claudio Bieckark was our representative at the North Americans, however he did not place very well mainly because of two break-downs.

The single most important happening in the Class, was the arrival of our mold made by Tom Allen, together with Tom himself who helped us make our first boat. Currently (Dec. 86) we are delivering the second boat and getting started on our third.

We are sure now that our Class in Brazil will grow and hopefully will be starting new fleets in other areas of our country. We also hope to initially start selling boats to neighboring countries such as Argentina and Uruguay and therefore help expand the Class in those countries as well.

I would like to end this report thanking Tom Allen for all his help and dedication in making such a decisive contribution for the development of the Class in Brazil and South America. In our minds, Tom represents the true spirit of the Lightning Class.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore Scott Finkboner
 District Secretary Mike Boswell
 District Measurers ... Bruce Arnold/Myron Lyon
 District Champion Warren Gross
 District Runner-Up Scott Finkboner

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay (102); Mission Bay (194); San Francisco Bay (372).

The California District in 1986 had a great year of growth and close competition. Our California Circuit held in San Diego in April drew the largest number of entries (19) in many years. The Tom Allens dashed across the country in two days while Dave Hickman and John DeBenedetti travelled from Portland and Seattle to attend. John Greene sailed to win top honors with the Allens second and third. New fleet member at Mission Bay, John Harrop showed his collegiate sailing experience with a great showing. He'll be a force to reckon with for some time.

The Spring Lake Cachuma Regatta hosted by Fleet 102 drew 13 entries from San Diego to San Francisco. Kirk Johnson finished first with Harrop second in "light" air conditions only to be bested by the great gatherings in the evenings at the barbeque and campfire following the sailing.

The Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta in August at Lake Cachuma was won by Scott Finkboner for the fourth straight year followed by Warren Gross and John Lyon.

The District Championship hosted by Fleet 194 in San Diego drew a large fleet and was sailed in light conditions. Warren Gross sailed a very consistent series to take top honors with Scott finishing second.

To tune up for the North American Championships, John Lyon and Scott Finkboner from MBYC joined Mark Patty from San Francisco and 15 entries from the Northwest District for the Pacific Coast Championships July 5-6 at Klammoth Falls, Oregon. After starting slowly, John Lyon came on strong in the final three races to win it all. He nosed out John DeBenedetti on the last leg of the final race in a great boat battle. Scott was third and Mark Patty fourth. John DeBenedetti won the "All Family Crew" Trophy.

Traveling east to the North Americans was John Lyon and Scott Finkboner both of whom finished in the President's Fleet.

Scott's son Jon competed in the Junior North Americans finishing eighth while Scott crewed for second place finisher Crit Currie in the Masters at Henderson Harbor, New York.

John Sundsmo moved to the San Francisco Bay area and is actively racing in the fleet there. Cindy Salerno has moved boat belongings, to the Baltimore, MD area and is racing in the fleet there.

The California District and Mission Bay Fleet are proud to have been awarded the 1988 North American Championships by the ILCA.

We invite you to tune up for this great event by attending the Olympic Class Regatta to be held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, April 3-5 and the fabulous California Circuit April 12-18 in 1987. Make plans now to be in San Diego in August 1988!

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore Richard Hallagan
 District Secretary Daniel J. Koretz
 District Measurer John Barnes
 District Champion Kirk Reynolds
 District Runner-Up Richard Hallagan

Fleets: Skaneateles Country Club (1); Lake Delta (4); Crescent Yacht Club (9); Newport Yacht Club (77); Great Sodus Bay (108); Willow Bank Yacht Club (164); Henderson Harbor Yacht Club (225); Keuka Yacht Club (252); Galway Lake Yacht Club (338); Ithaca Yacht Club (484); Port Oswego Fleet (485); Selkirk Fleet (498).

The Central New York Lightning District decided to have fewer regattas this year in an attempt to increase participation and it seems to have worked. There were 30 or more boats at the invitational regattas and 22 at the District Championship.

The sailing season for 1986 started just when the 1985 season ended, as several of our District sailors took part in the Frostbite Series at the Rochester Yacht Club where they sail Interclub Dinghies on the Genesee River for much of the winter.

The Lightning sailing got started in earnest in March with the Southern Circuit. Dick Hallagan won the Deep South Regatta at Savannah and finished sixth overall for the Circuit. Clay Murphy sailed at St. Petersburg and Miami with his crew of Pam Tuttle and Ron Hughes.

Newport Yacht Club held its regatta at the end of May. This was the first leg of the CNY-LED Challenge and was won by Jody Lutz. Second place was taken by Larry MacDonald, Jr. Two sailors from our District, Dick Hallagan and Kirk Reynolds were third and fourth.

Our District Championship Regatta was held in June at the Willow Bank Yacht Club in Cazenovia. This year's winner, as he was last year, was Kirk Reynolds. He was followed by Dick Hallagan, Mark Sertl, Dave Grogono, and Tom Doran in that order.

Port Oswego held its Michelob Lightning Classic in mid-July. It was well attended with several boats coming from the Lake Erie District as well as from our District. Mark Sertl won this one with Dick Hallagan coming in second. With some re-calculating after the awards ceremony, Tom Doran was fifth. The District certainly appreciated the efforts of the Port Oswego Lightning Fleet and of the local Michelob distributor and hopes that this regatta continues for a long time.

Keuka Yacht Club held its traditional Champagne Regatta on the first weekend in August. This year, Walter Taylor supplied the wine and champagne and it surely was appreciated. The regatta was won by Jed Dodge with second place going to Dick Hallagan.

The Champagne Regatta was the third leg of the Triple Crown Trophy Series, with the first two being Newport and Oswego. Nine sailors sailed in the three regattas and were eligible. Dick Hallagan easily won the trophy with 54.25 points. Tom Doran was second with 103 points and Kirk Reynolds was third with 135.25 points. Kirk would have probably have won except for his three DNS's at Keuka. Fourth and fifth places went to Jim Gocker and Art Tirrell.

The Central New York District did very well at the various championships held at Henderson Harbor and at Kingston. Pam Tuttle with her crew of Leslie Tuttle and Sharye Skinner won the Women's Championship. Dick Hallagan with his crew of Sandy Stephens and Larry MacDonald, Sr. won the Master's Championship with Dave Bull as second.

At the North American Championships, Mark Sertl with his crew of Bob Bryant and Cory Fischer were fifth and Kirk Reynolds with his crew of John Reynolds and Brian Hughes were 11th. Dick Hallagan and his crew of Bob Bush and Dan Fein were 29th. In the President's Cup, Tom Doran, Dave Lacey and Ed Hawkins were 28th and Dave Grogono, Leslie and Pam Tuttle were 36th. In the Governor's Cup, Jim Gocker with Kristen Gocker and Doug Fein were sixth. George Sereno, Donna Sereno and Tammy Jamison were eighth. Dick Tuttle, Sharye Skinner and Alister Thomson were 10th, and Joe McCloskey, Ron Castaldo and Frank Palmer were 12th. Jesse Miller, Virginia and Thomas Miller were 36th.

The final regatta of the season was the Silver Lake Harvest Regatta held in early September. This was the other half of the Challenge Series with the Lake Erie District. After all the points were added up, it was a draw with each District having 11 points. Larry MacDonald, Jr. was first, with Central New York District sailors taking the next three places.

Altogether it was a good year of sailing for the Central New York Lightning sailors. We eagerly anticipate having even greater success next year.

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore John L. Gall
District Measurer Fritz Toussaint
District Champion John L. Gall
District Runner-Up Richard Mallinson

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

The only District activity this year was the District Championship which was hosted by Fleet 438 at the Perry Yacht Club. The event was held the weekend of June 28-29 under a new format of six races with one throw out.

Eleven boats representing Kansas City and Norman, Oklahoma and Top-eka, Kansas registered for the event. Trophies were presented to the following skippers and crews: John Gall, Kenny Gall, Beth Gall of Fleet 438, first; Richard Mallinson, Bryan Worley, Howard Haines of Fleet 343, second; Robert Exon, Karon Exon, Jamie Exon of Fleet 60, third; Doug Edwards, Joy Hanshaw, Pat Farrell of Fleet 296, fourth; John Corkill, Hank Bishop, Marcy Leonard of Fleet 438, fifth.

Richard Mallinson representing the Sooner Fleet 343 was elected 1987 Central States District Commodore. The 1987 District Championship will be held at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma.

CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore Manuel Gonzalez M.
District Secretary Rufino Melero
District Champion Manuel Gonzalez M.
District Runner-Up Alberto Gonzalez M.
Junior Champion Pablo Amunategui

Fleet: Aculeo (490).

The 1985-86 season included six championships starting in October at Vina del Mar and won by Rufino Melero. We then went to Aculeo Lake, home of Fleet 490. Here Manuel Gonzalez won the regatta.

There were three more championships at Vina del Mar including the Chile District Championship. Manuel Gonzalez was first with crew Rodrigo Zuazola and Luis Herman. Runner up was Alberto Gonzalez with crew Jorge Zuazola and Gerardo Irrazabal.

Next December, we will have the Odesur Games at Algarrobo. The games will include two representatives from each country. We are also planning an active season and looking forward to the World Championship in Colombia. Our 1986-87 season will begin the first two weeks in October at Aculeo Lake. We are expecting increased participation at our regattas this season. That's all the news from the Chile District.

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

District Commodore Fernando De La Concha A.
District Secretary Hernando Higuera
District Measurer Rudolf Salmang
District Champion Andres Lisocki
District Runner-Up Garry Jackson

Fleet: Club Nautico del Muna (73).

The Colombia District has Fleet 73 which incorporates Club Nautico del Muna (some 30 boats) and Club El Portillo (10 boats). On Lake El Penol, near Medellin a new fleet is in development under the direction of Garry Jackson, who is buying the wooden boats from Bogota.

In January, the Club Nautico del Muna was the host of the Copa San Pablo Muna between Ecuador and Colombia, and the XXXII South American Championship (see report in *Flashes*). Both events were very successful. Since those regattas, the activity of sailing has been very poor.

Most of the Colombian sailors have been working on different aspects of the XIV World Championship in Cartagena, June 27-July 4, 1987. The organization, under the direction of Admiral Edgar Garay Rubio and the help of the Navy, the Federation Colombiana de Vela and the city of Cartagena will make a memorable Championship. See you in Cartagena!

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

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

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 once again enjoyed a "Season of Champions." Members of our District ran off with practically every major regatta trophy.

The season for many of us began in March down south at the Southern Circuit. An impressive number of boats from this area went south. Jim Crane won the Midwinters at Miami, as well as the Circuit as a co-skipper with Dave Curtis.

Ched Proctor, for the second straight year gave away all his secrets during his tuning, tactics and sail trimming seminar. A thorough, on land tuning and rigging discussion followed by a day on the water prepared all the attendees for the upcoming season.

The Cedar Point Early Bird Regatta, this year sailed in a reasonable amount of wind compared to the past two years, saw Jim Crane simply walk away from everyone else. Jim won both races sailed.

On to Newport! For the third straight year, this regatta showed excellent competition and above all else, what true sportspersons Lightning sailors really are. Rain for the entire weekend had been forecasted all week and true to form, it showed up. Four races were sailed in the most bizzare conditions anyone had ever seen; rain, sun, hot, cold, clear and foggy and with 200 foot naval ships coming out of nowhere. Peter Hall of Montreal won with Stuart Nickerson second and Ched Proctor third.

The Niantic Bay Yacht Club was the host of this year's District Championship. A big hand to NBYC for a job well done! The Race Committee did a super job when faced with difficult and changing wind conditions; difficult for most, that is. Jim Crane once again walked away with the regatta winning four out of four races. Phil Lotz was second followed by Ched Proctor, Tom Ingram, and John Oldham. Niantic Bay lived up to its reputation as the most hospitable club in the District with their Saturday evening festivities.

Our District's showing at the North American Championship this year exceeded even last years. Nine entries, six of those nine in the Blue Fleet, the first and second place boats in the Presidents' Cup, and the North American Champion. Congratulations to Bill Shore, North American Champion and Tom Ingram, Presidents' Cup Champion.

With the summer giving way to fall, our District members went to Niantic for their Annual Fall Regatta. The wind conditions, the race management, the turn out, and last but not least the incredible party complete with a D.J. were all tremendous. Phil Lotz won the regatta with Edson White second and Donald Barrett third.

Not to be outdone, the Cedar Point Fall Classic Regatta was once again a huge success; five races, a great turn out, and a big steak dinner followed by a dance party with a D.J. Phil Lotz kept his hot streak going by winning this regatta too. Edson White was second and Kip Hamblet, who won both races on Sunday, was third.

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bob Astrove
District Vice Commodore	Reed Barrett
District Secretary	Jim Richards
District Treasurer	Kitty Racine
District Measurer	David Racine
District Champion	Steve Bachman
District Runner-Up	Fred Mertes
Women's Champion	Ramsey Murray

Fleets: Washington D.C. (50); North East River (192); Susquehanna (253); Sassafras River (314); Rehoboth (325); Severn River (329); Smith Mountain Lake (377); Swift Creek Fleet (496).

Usually these reports start out by saying nothing big changed this year as opposed to the last 10 years or so. Well, this year things did change. Steve Bachman finally won our District Championship after finishing second at least five times. Even more unusual is that neither Joe Frieble or Don Delorme were in the top five at our Districts. Actually, I think both parties did a little swimming. Fred Mertes finished second in the Districts, followed by Chris Raubacher, Philip Grotheer, and Ted Ganley. Another interesting note here is that three of the top five finishers were sailors under 25 years old. (The other two just think they're under 25.)

This year was like all previous years in that we had our usual 17 invitational regattas spread among active fleets in Annapolis, Rehobeth, Washington, Richmond, Susquehanna, and Kentmore Park.

The District was well represented at the North American Championships this year sending five boats; Steve Bachman, Fred Mertes, Philip Grotheer, Tom Clark, and Mary Anna Portner (Who's the father?). Mary Anna also attended the Women's North American Championship but was unsuccessful

defending her title. As for the finishes of the others???

Some of the other popular events of the year included the Swift Creek Invitational won by Frank Gallagher, sailing his glitter boat. Frank was followed by Don Delorme, and Frank Gentile. This event sponsored by our new (two years old) fleet in Richmond, Va. was attended by 15 boats.

The Fall Regatta in Rehobeth, a perpetual blow out, was a wimp this year. The top four finishers were Philip Grotheer, Steve Bachman, Ron Grotheer, and Simeon Cox. As always, Steve Bachman was invited never again to return to the go-cart slick track. Outdoing his previous success, this year he broke the car before being asked to leave.

Predating Bachman's problems in Rehobeth was a run in with the Harbour Police in Annapolis. The Delormes invited the group over to their home following the first day of the Maryland Governor's Cup for a quiet little social. Our District kids (Bachman and Frieble) couldn't resist going after the police with their Funnelator. Thank God for Delorme's smooth-tongued way with the police or we'd all have been in the pokey. By the way, the regatta results were; Philip Grotheer, first, Simeon Cox, second and the team of Doug Dixon and Bob Astrove, third.

The President's Cup was held on the mighty Potomac River Sept. 13-14. As always, it was won by Frank Gallagher, followed by Jim Dillard, Frank Gentile and the Dixon/Astrove partnership. As expected, sailing on the Potomac is interesting; beats on every leg of the race, 30 foot long starting lines, and 12 classes racing on the same course. On top of all this, our Vice Commodore learned that a Lightning requires more than six inches of water to sail.

The Frigid Digit was our final regatta of the year, held the weekend of Oct. 18-19. Unfortunately, none of the District sailors did better than sixth place. The top five finishers were Stu Nickerson, Mark Sertl, Peter Hallagan, Jim Carson, and Dave Hallagan. This year's regatta was one of the better ones ever; 39 boats attended, from as far away as Buffalo, Cape Cod, and North Carolina. On Saturday, the winds were ideal, in the 15 to 20 range, and on Sunday dropped to the 5 to 10 range. No one froze to death as in past years, and only one boat went over. Of course, we had a great party, and special thanks go to Mary Anna Portner who organized the whole affair.

The Women's District Championship is one of the unique events of our District. We used to have a strong Junior Program, but they all grew up. In its place we've developed a strong Women's Program, which holds its own championship every year. This year's event was held at Rehobeth, and was attended by six boats of all female crew, and their male support groups. Ramsey Murray won the event with finishes of one, one, two. Following were Mary Anna Portner, Robin Turner, Marquette Jones, Pam Racine, and Maureen Gallagher. Next year we're looking for an even bigger event and hope the District can recapture the Women's North American Championship.

We had a lot of other events throughout the year for which I don't currently have results. I apologize if I've missed something important. In any event, we hope to see all of you support our regattas again next year. For those of you who didn't sail with us, give it a try. We've got 17 invitational regattas stretching from May to October.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore	Ing. Santiago Romero Barst
District Secretary	Dieter Dyck
District Measurer	Felipe Eljuri
District Champion	Juan Santos Garces
District Runner-Up	Miguel Plaza Merino

Fleets: Guayaquil Yacht Club (272); Salinas Yacht Club (405); Club Nautico San Pablo (447).

The year 1986 witnessed a revival of Fleet 411 belonging to the Ecuadorian National Army. All the fleets were represented at the Estero Salado in Guayaquil for the 1986 District Championship. Juan Santos won the tournament winning five of the six regattas.

During this event, we named the new authorities of the Class. For the 1986-1987 period, Francisco Sola M. was re-elected as Vice President, Santiago Romero the new Commodore and Dieter Dyck the Secretary.

The Class will have a great amount of activity for the rest of the year and for 1987. For October, we have scheduled the Ecuador-Peru Cup. The San Pablo Tournament is scheduled for November and in April 1987, the South American Championship in Salinas, Ecuador.

The Ecuadorian District is going through some changes for the better. We have high hopes for the coming year as we are concentrating great emphasis on the incorporation of new boats into our fleets.



District Champion Kari Maenpaa just before falling into the water of Vesijärvi.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Pentti Laitinen
 District Secretary Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen
 District Junior Commodore ... Pekka Hurskainen
 District Measurer Marjatta Ollila
 District Champion Kari Maenpaa
 District Runner-Up Hartti Nisonen

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

The future of Finland District seems to be very safe and secure. It is full of good sailing, tight competition, training, fun and the continuous development of Lightning sailing. This was noticed at the latest board meeting of our Class in Finland. We have all the tools by which we can procreate the Class in the future: a lot of new young sailors, continuous training programs for top sailors, a large based training for all the members, the availability of new boats, masts and sails from Finland and the step-by-step increasing knowledge of the Lightning among the people. This was started during the past season and will continue the coming season.

We can divide the 1986 sailing results into three parts. The first one is the District Championship which was held in Vaaksy, on the lake of Vesijärvi just one hundred kilometers north from Helsinki. A total of 27 boats took part in this regatta, which was sailed under very different, but exciting wind conditions. By the way, there were over 40 tents and caravans just on the bank of the beautiful channel of Vaaksy. Oh, what a place it was!

The final results of the six best are: Kari Maenpaa, Erkki Maenpaa, and Oki Wikman sailing *Vahine II*, first; Hartti Nisonen, Antero Uitto and Pentti Puupera sailing *Asterix*, second, Markku Paloma, Hanna Keituri and Jari Leinonen sailing *Kikka* third; Lasse Hammar, Harry Hammar and Pentti Suorsa sailing *Ro Rita II*, fourth; Samppa J. Salminen, Keijo Tulomaki and Tero Kotimaki sailing *Kristina* fifth and Jussi Karkkainen, Heikki Jaatinen and Mikko Jaatinen sailing *Marigold*, sixth.

In the 1986 ranking series, we had eight regattas, one of which was a long distance sailing race called *Paijannepurjehdus*. It is about 60 miles long and lasts overnight. The Champion Skipper of the ranking series is Kari Maenpaa followed by Hartti Nisonen, Jussi Karkkainen, Samppa J. Salminen, Terho Aromaa and Jyrki Maatta. To these eight regattas a total of 39 boats participated. I think this shows the increased activity of our Class.

The Finland District had seven Lightnings participating in the European

Championships in Athens, Greece. Six of seven boats, including two new Finish Lightnings, were carried to Athens on the trailer of a truck and organized by Hartti Nisonen. All the crew took the charter flight from Helsinki to Athens. Some of them stayed only the week of the regatta but quite a few also spent the other week on the beaches of Greece. The success of Finish sailors in the Europeans did not come up to expectations. The best of the Finish Team was again Kari Maenpaa finishing 12th. Other Finish results were Nisonen 17th, Karkkainen 18th, Aromaa 22nd, Hurskainen 25th, Salminen 26th and Hammar 32nd.

When writing this article, it is time for us to store our boats over the winter. In the beginning of May we start the new sailing season with new hopes and expectations.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore John Foster
 District Secretary Alix Morgan
 District Measurer Eric Stibitz
 District Champion Dave Helmick
 District Runner-Up Fisk Hayden

Fleets: Biscayne Bay (226); Lake Eustis/North Florida (461); Cedar/Ft. Myers (478).

As one season tends to endlessly run into the next down here in the sunny south, it is hard to figure where to start a year end report as sailing here continues. The Lightning year officially begins with the Coconut Grove Annual Regatta held in October. This is also the first leg of the Florida Triple Crown, won this season by Eric Stibitz. And so, although we officially finished a year in September with the Annual Labor Day Regatta at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (this year we weren't postponed for hurricanes) we already started a new year!

1986 was a great year for the Florida District. We welcomed seven new boats and skippers to our traveling set: Kevin Blair, from Wisconsin (although we don't see enough of him), Howard Sutter (not new to Lightnings but renewed and going fast), Onofre Torres and family, (all of whom are learning fast), Clive Daem, (spending a lot of time fixing up *Honeycomb*), Eamonn de Lisser (is the Districts newest boat 14908 and going too fast for our liking) and Jim and Mary Anne Nolan (lately of Cedar Point Yacht Club, Connecticut), and Greg Bartz (who just showed up from the north in time for a Florida winter).

The District Championship Regatta was held at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club June 14-15 and was won by Dave Helmick with crew Tom Breman and Mark Pincus. Since 1980, the District Championship has been won by six different skippers; the crews, however, have not always been different...Mark Pincus has been on the winning team two years running. Sailing against so many champions keeps us all on our toes.



Florida District Champion Dave Helmick with crew Tom Breman and Mark Pincus.

We would like to congratulate Knute and Denise Young, Robert and Eileen Baker and John and Debra Schoendorf all of whom were married during the past year.

Florida was represented by four teams in the North American Championships, one in each division. Congratulations to Steve Hayden and crew, Tom Degan and Eric Annis, who placed second in the Juniors and qualified for the Youth Worlds in Argentina. Fay Regan and Alix Morgan also sailed to a second in the Women's North Americans with Kathy Burridge in *Northern Lights* from St. Louis. Fisk Hayden used the Masters to tune up for the North Americans, finishing fourth at Henderson Harbor and an impressive third place finish in the Blue Fleet at Kingston with crew Steve Hayden and Clay Murphy. We are proud of all of our long distance travelers.

Florida has already started talking about the 1987 Buffalo North Americans and look forward to filling our quota next summer. Until then, start digging your boat out from under those snow drifts and plan on joining us for a little "Southern Hospitality" at the Southern Circuit. It has been a long winter and you deserve a break.

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore Ken McGinity
District Secretary Pam Suter
District Measurer George Buckingham
District Champion Doug Schmahl
District Runner-Up Bob Kinsey

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

Change has been in the Indiana air during 1986. There are two active fleets, Fleet 154 at Lake Wawasee and Fleet 270 at Geist Reservoir in Indianapolis.

During the season, quite a few boats changed hands with the more active skippers buying new boats and there are more on order for 1987. Our three major regattas were the early May, the Indy Open, the Districts in late June and the Hoosier in early October at Wawasee. One boat attended the North Americans at Kingston and learned a great deal about heavy weather sailing.

We are now looking forward to a special regatta to be held in Michigan City, IN on Memorial Day weekend as a tune up for the Pan American Games in August at the same site. Planning is underway to host many visiting Lightning sailors at both these events. Why don't YOU plan to come?

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore Tom Ward
District Executive Secretary Ron Hughes
District Corresponding Secretary Judy Walker
District Treasurer Anne Allen
District Measurer David Sprague
District Assistant Measurers Todd Jones/
Norman Clegg
District Junior Commodore Ned Roseberry
District Champion Larry MacDonald, Jr.
District Runner-Up Mark Bryant
Junior Champion Jim Allen

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

One again our sailing season has come to a close. This year we have seen continued growth in some fleets. Much of this has come from new youth participation in District events. The news, however, is not all good. We still have far to go in many of our smaller fleets.

Our sailing season in the Lake Erie District began normally with the EBY series in May at the Buffalo Canoe Club. This event was won by Larry MacDonald Jr. The LED and CNY Districts initiated the annual LED and CNY Challenge at Newport with an outsider, J. Lutz winning, and Larry MacDonald, Jr. finishing in second place.

As we proceeded into June at the Cornball Regatta, we discovered Dave



The Ole' Salts gets ready to sail

Photo Credit John Sloan

Matteson, who finished in first place and Todd Jones, who followed closely behind coming in second. Peter Humphrey came in third.

In July, the sailing season moved into high gear, with an overwhelming turnout at the BCC for the Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta. First place went to Jim Crane, who obviously had inside information!!! In mid-July it was off to Oswego for the Ontario "Michelob Classic". Thanks to those thoughtful folks for the keg at our Spring Meeting.

Our District Championship were hosted by the Boulevard Club in Toronto. Once again, Larry MacDonald Jr. won, with races of 1,1,3,1,1. Second place went to Mark Bryant, eight points behind. Todd Jones squeezed out Ed Roseberry for third place. Back up in first, Larry should take pride in his exceptional crew members, Montani and Born. Congratulations are also extended to Jimmy Allen and crew in regards to their triumph at the Junior Districts and Junior North Americans.

The LED sent a full slate of sixteen boats to Kingston. Mark Bryant and Larry MacDonald Jr. finished fourth and sixth respectively in the Championship flight. Other notables included Ed Roseberry, with a fourth place in the President's Cup.

Congratulations to LED member David Sprague on being elected ILCA President. We know he will do a great job.

The Old Salts went sailing again this year at the BCC. After three races, the all female crew of Allen, Swanson and Adams showed scores of 1,2,2 for a first place cannon.

As September rolled in, we looked forward to a four regatta Fall Circuit. For the first time, we led off at Silver Lake, with a 37 boat fleet. For those uninformed, Silver Lake is the home of the only after-race party/regatta, with more boats than the real one. Don't miss the boat next year. Back in the lake, first place went to, you guessed it, Larry MacDonald Jr. Second place went to co-skippers Sertl and Bobby Bryant. Third was taken by Tom Doran, of Oswego, YC.

Silver Lake Harvest Regatta was also the second and final leg of the LED-CNY District Challenge. We did tie with CNY in points for the Challenge Cup but figure we won since we had more boats than CNY. Individually, Larry Jr. of LED won the Challenge with Dick Hallagan and Tom Doran of CNY District taking second and third respectively. The next leg of the circuit was held up north, at Toronto Bay/Boulevard Club, home of the great hurrel shaker. Peter Hall won this one, beating out Larry MacDonald Jr. by two points. Ross Bailey was close behind at third.

The Haul-Out Regatta at Sandy Beach Yacht Club had its annual battle with wind, or the lack of this year. Local river knowledge played a large part in Calvin Schmeige's victory. Bobby Bryant came in second, and Paul Niederlander finished third.

The last regatta of the season was held at the BCC. The home club fleet swept up with the top three positions: Larry MacDonald Jr., first; Tom Allen second; and Ed Roseberry third.

Many thanks for your participation at the regattas, and we look forward to seeing you all next year on Lake Erie for the 1987 North American Championships. P.S. Back in March, Tom Allen Jr. won the Mid-Winters in St. Pete's. Congrats!



International Lightning Class Association

Lake Erie District

EVENT	HOST CLUB	DATE
SPRING DISTRICT MEETING	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	APRIL 4
EBY SERIES	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	MAY 9, 10
PAN-AM TRIALS-CANADA (Open & for Snipes)	BOULEVARD CLUB	MAY 16-18
PAN-AM TRIALS-U.S.	NOROTON, CT	MAY 23-25
REUNION REGATTA	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB	MAY 30, 31
CORNBALL REGATTA	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JUNE 6, 7
NIAGARA FRONTIER INVITATIONAL	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	JUNE 20, 21
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA	JUNE 27-JULY 4
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ONTARIO-CANADIAN YOUTHS	BOULEVARD CLUB	JULY 18, 19
DISTRICT WOMEN & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JULY 23, 24
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB	JULY 25, 26
CANADIAN OPEN	BOULEVARD CLUB	AUG. 1-3
CHAMPAGNE REGATTA	KEUKA YACHT CLUB	AUG. 8, 9
PAN-AMERICAN GAMES	MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA	AUG 11-18
OLE SALTS REGATTA	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	AUG. 12
ONTARIO CLASSIC (MICHELOB)#	OSWEGO YACHT CLUB	AUG. 15, 16
WOMEN, JUNIOR & MASTERS NORTH AMERICANS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	AUG. 17-21
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	AUG. 22-28
CUBA LAKE REGATTA	CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB	AUG. DATE?
HARVEST REGATTA # & *	SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB	SEPT. 12, 13
CANOE CLUB FALL REGATTA*	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	SEPT. 19, 20
HAUL-OUT REGATTA*	SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB	SEPT. 26, 27
HURRELL SHAKER REGATTA*	BOULEVARD CLUB	OCT. 2, 3
#LED-CNY CHALLENGE		
*LED FALL CIRCUIT (3 out of 4 Regattas to count)		

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Ray Rumph
 District Secretary Thomas Hering
 District Champion Doug Meyhoefer
 District Runner-Up Tim Rumph

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

The increased sailing activities of Hewlett Bay and South Hampton Yacht Clubs added to the Great South Bay Fleet's usual busy schedule shows that the Long Island District is on its way. The three fleets scheduled three invitationals this season (spring, midsummer and fall) and had good participation.

The 1986 Long Island Districts (19 boats) were held at Southampton Yacht Club on Shinnecock Bay on July 19-20. This has to be one of the finest bodies of water for Lightning racing on the East Coast. Shinnecock Bay is separated from the ocean only by a sand dune peninsula, which enables the southerly to come in unobstructed. The dune also acts as an excellent breaker providing Lightning sailors with virtually flat water sailing in a bay that has very little boat traffic.

The weekend, as hoped, was nothing less than excellent racing with superb conditions. The first race set the stage with Doug Meyhoefer, sailing in a borrowed boat, taking the honors. Tommy Hering and Tim Rumph were close behind. The second race looked like a replay until the last leg. Meyhoefer has a 300 yard lead ahead of Hering and was beating toward the finish. Rumph, who was in third decided that going way left was worth a shot. Hering stuck with him to protect his position, while Meyhoefer split and went to the right. No one realized how much the left was favored until Hering surprised everyone by crossing the line first with Meyhoefer about 20 yards behind.

The second day of racing proved to be even more exciting with better conditions, a SSE 10-14 knots. With Meyhoefer establishing himself as having the fastest boat, the battle in race three was for second. After two hours and 10 minutes of racing, Rumph squeaked out a second by: 01 seconds ahead of Hering, who finished 02 seconds ahead of Alan Pearlman, who finished 02 seconds ahead of Bruce Atkinson. The fourth and final race again contained the same level of excitement with Rumph beating Hering literally by about five inches after eight miles of racing.

One of the only disappointments came at the end of the day when Tom Hering was told by the Race Committee that he had started early in race three and was disqualified, dropping him from a solid second to fourth overall. But all in all, it was a fantastic regatta with great people, beer, clams, barbecued chicken and more.

Two boats also traveled to Kingston, Ontario for the North Americans this summer: Tim Rumph with crew members Paul Krzenski and Ray Rumph and Tom Hering (defending his 1985 Governor's Cup win at Tawas Bay, MI) with crew Lowell Copeland and Michael Donahue. Both boats were in the President's Fleet with Tim Rumph edging out Tom Hering for 15th place by one point. A great time was had by all.

The District Championship will be held at Southampton Yacht Club again in 1987. The probable date is July 18-19.



Skipper Doug Mayhoefer with Crew members Paul Meyhoefer and Paul McCann accepting the District Trophy from District Commodore Ray Rumph.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Richard Miner
 District Secretary William Cook

Fleets: North Shrewsbury (11); Paupack (16); Lake Mohawk (25); Chelsea (39); High Tor (41); Red Bank (70); Nyack (75); Awosting (95); Harvey's Lake (350).

This year the Metropolitan District got started the way it has for years; shivering at Red Bank in early April. The water is cold, breezes are stiff and competition is stiffer; but the hospitality of the Monmouth Lightning Fleet raises more than sails. The really impressive part is that not only are they nice in April; but they keep on smiling through a big regatta (the Long John), and don't mind if your boat stays there until early May. Maybe that's because the locals win a lot; in any case they are gracious winners.

In June, the action shifts up to the Hudson River and the Magnus Pedersen Regatta at Nyack. Sandy Huntsman from Red Bank, led numerous luminaries to victory in this one. The rest of the Mid-Hudson Circuit included sparkling water and sunny skies at Stony Point and drizzle at Chelsea. District Commodore Rich Miner, ably advised by wife Gail, came from behind to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of Gary Hurban. All the regattas did credit to their organizers.

The Districts were held at Red Bank under the direction of Monmouth Boat Club's able gang. Race Committee Les remained spotless through two hot days on the Navesink. Details are hazy at this remove, but Jack Huntsman beat Sandy in a father-son one-two performance that was only outshone by the party thrown afterwards by mother Mary. If you have no other excuse to visit New Jersey, go there just to have a party at the Huntsman's; it's worth the drive.

The lake clubs didn't just sit back and sip gin and tonics while the river fleets slaved away providing nautical experiences for the masses of deprived Lightning sailors. Lakes' Wallenpaupack and Greenwood each chipped in with midsummer events, providing racing away from home for those who wished to travel inland. Then, they had parties.

The fall season is again a time of merriment in the Metropolitan area. No less than five regattas grace our schedule, and hardly a week goes by that an out-of-district fleet doesn't try to get you to go somewhere. Greenwood, Mohawk, and Monmouth hosted the Short Circuit; won by Rich Miner, with Larry Kenney in second. Wallenpaupack threw its Fall Classic in the leafchanging Poconos. Nyack ran the (everybody-wins-something-dispite-however-awful-you-sailed) Last Blast Regatta. All these regattas were unique and wonderful.

Next year the Districts will be held at Nyack, where the Day Liner sails up the Hudson River. The probable date is the third week in June. Come on down; see Gary Hurban's new Hawaiian shirt, watch Mike Pike capsize, see Sandy demolish a keg, and Franz Schnieder put up his mast singlehanded while wearing wingtips. All this and more will only be available at the Nyack Boat Club come June of '87. See you there.



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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1987 REGATTA SCHEDULE

May 16,17	Devils Lake
June 6,7	Lake Lansing
June 13,14	Bay City
June 20,21	Crescent Sail Yacht Club
June 27,28	Lake Fenton-Team Races
July 9,10,11,12	Districts — Tawas

July 18,19	Junior & Womens Districts — Pontiac
July 25,26	Grand Traverse Bay
August 1,2	Higgins Lake
September 12,13	Pontiac
September 19,20	Devils Lake
October 3,4	Gull Lake

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore David Hatfield
 District Secretary Louis Nickels
 District Measurer Dave Furey
 District Champion Colin Park
 District Runner-Up John McCree
 Womens Champion Beth Tibbs
 Junior Champion George Sipel
 Junior Runner-Up Dan Norton

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); Saginaw Bay (216); Grand Traverse Yacht Club (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Lansing Sail Club (387).

The 1986 sailing season brought few surprises when the champions were crowned, but a close look at the results shows that there may soon be new faces in the winners circle!

The Districts were sailed on Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City. The conditions varied from drifter to blowout, but it made little difference to Colin Park as he posted two seconds and three firsts to capture the title. The only other boat to stay in the first ten places in the thirty-five boat fleet was John McCree. His 5, 2, 6, 5, 4 series was good for second place which broke the Goldsmith, Park, Holman, Stranglehold on the first two places at recent district regattas. Rounding out the top ten were Garret Demarest, Clarence Holman III, Bruce Goldsmith, Dave Marriot, Bill Babel, George Nickels, Hank Hodgson, and Tom Vickers.

The Junior & Womens Districts were held at Devils Lake in breezy conditions. A very competitive five boat fleet of Juniors sailed a tight series which saw four different winners in the five races! It looked like Sean Fidler had a chance to challenge perennial Junior Champ George Sipel (when is he gonna be 20?) for his title. In the fourth race, Sean was on his way to a horizon job which would have sent him into the final race tied for the lead. But we all know it "ain't over 'til it's over", and they lost the guy at the jibe mark causing a capsize which wrapped the chute around the top of the mast. George was then able to cruise home and take the crown making him the first recipient of the Bill McKinley Memorial Trophy which was pres-

ented by Bill's lovely wife Camile.

The Womens Championship was also very close. Defending Champ Bonnie Nickels was not able to sail the first race due to a car accident on the way to the regatta, which left her boat with a hole in the bow and a broken transom. Beth Tibbs won the first two races, but Bonnie took the last three. Beth was forced to come from behind in the last 200 yards of the last race to grab a second and capture the title by one point. Devils Lake was spectacular in the Hospitality Department as always. They provided housing for all the participants, the Tibbs held a pizza party featuring videos of the Saturday races, and Bruce Goldsmith lent his boat to Bonnie after the accident.

The true measure of the strength of your District is how your people do when they travel to the National's. Our congratulations go to Garry Demarest, runner-up at the 1986 North Americans in Kingston. A "well done" also goes to John McCree, a runaway choice for most improved in our District. John was runner-up at the Districts, runner-up in the Fall Regatta Series, and in his first crack at the North American's, a qualifier for the blue fleet.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore John Walter
 District Secretary Karen Johnson
 District Measurer Robert Smither
 District Champion Ric Larson
 District Runner-Up Ronald Blair

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

The Midwest Regatta schedule kicked off as usual in Green Bay. By winning this regatta Tryg Jacobson gave fair warning he was to be reckoned with. Following Tryg were Mr. Wonderful Matthews, Terry Phelan, Kevin Blair and Jim Knorr.

The action then moved to Milwaukee. Here, Tryg did it again over 21 other boats. Ric Larson kept his boat upright this weekend to finish third followed by Gene Matthews and Ron Blair in his brand new boat.

Then came the Districts in Sheboygan. Twenty-two boats measured up in the morning. We sat out the afternoon watching surf memorable of the Sheboygan North Americans pound the breakwalls. Saturday, we practiced watching fog roll in and roll out and by Sunday we were ready to box or wrestle if we didn't sail.

The two races were screamers. On one reach leg, a puff came through capsizing boats like target ducks at a carnival: boom, boom, boom. Ric Larson survived with a broken pole and took the regatta with a first and second. Ron Blair was one point behind. Kevin Blair was third even with a capsized, followed by Terry Phelan and Jim Gagnon.

Next was the Brotz Regatta in Sheboygan, Ric prevailed again even against the challenges of the Burridges, Matt and Lal. Gene Matthews was fourth and John Walter, fifth.

The Ice Breaker in Manitowoc was won by Terry Phelan with three firsts.

The revitalized Red Flannels brought in 27 boats from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. Despite Matt Burrridge's taking two firsts, Ric Larson was more consistent and took his third first place finish of the season, Matt was second, Dave Nickels took third followed by Kevin Blair and Colin Park. David Blair received the "Aw Nuts" Award for being only one point out of the money.

The season wrapped up at the Polar Bear on the Mississippi. This regatta was in the middle of record rains in Illinois and the Mississippi was running fast and high. Sunday's races had to be cancelled because the current was faster than the wind. Brian Phelan was the victor followed by Gene Matthews, Mike Steffenson, Jim Knorr and Kevin Blair.

In our District we gave awards for those doing the best on our regatta circuit. This Lake Michigan Championship is based on finishes in the Districts and three other regattas. Not surprisingly, the winner was again Ric Larson with three firsts and a third. Second was Kevin Blair and third Tryg Jacobson. Congratulations to all our racers.



District Winners: Right to left back row: Ric Larson (first), Mike Kuechle (crew), Terry Phelan (fourth), Kevin Blair (third), Ron Blair (second), and Jim Gagnon (fifth). Front row, right to left: Mike Peterson, Scott Shackelford, Dean Cady, Andy Bartz, Doug Schumwalt, David Blair, Jeff Fishman, Steve Bielefeldt and Brian Phelan.

MIDWEST DISTRICT 1987 REGATTA SCHEDULE

June 6th - 7th

June 20th - 21st

July 11th - 12th

July 17th-18th-19th

July 25th - 26th

August 1st - 2nd

September 26th - 27th

October 3rd - 4th

Lighthouse Regatta — Fond-du-lac

Evans Regatta — Green Bay

P & T — Milwaukee

Districts — Manitowoc

Brotz — Sheboygan

*Hobelman — Chicago

Red Flannels — Chicago

Polar Bear — Lake Davenport

* Non Lake Michigan Championship

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

District Commodore	Chuck Konesky
District Vice Commodore	Lloyd Irish
District Measurer	Stu Bernstein
District Champion	Bob Wardwell
District Runner-Up	Don Sherburne
Junior Champion	Matt Burridge
Junior Runner-Up	William Baxter

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

The Mississippi Valley District had a very successful 1986 season.

The Mississippi Valley District Championship was held on Lake Carlyle, IL, on June 6-8. The contest this year shows that the Lightning is gaining momentum in the Midwest as a near record of 33 boats participated. Each fleet in our vast District was well represented.

The first race started in a nice six to ten mph southwest breeze. Don Sherburne broke loose to take the race followed by Bob Wardwell, Brad Currie, and Glenn Carr. Race two started in much of the same conditions but the wind started to play havoc by shifting and dying. Lal Burridge put together a good first beat. After the wind came back, those who managed to get to the right of the course paid off. Lal finished first with Cully Ward in second and Crit Currie third.

After a short lunch break, race three began. Stu Bernstein had his turn to show everyone around the course as he jumped into first at the weather mark and stretched his lead. Sherburne again sailed a solid race to place second with John Folwell third and Wardwell a close fourth. Jim Ward showed his consistency by finishing fifth.

The fourth and final race of the day was Brad Currie's turn to take top honors. Bob Cotton, who had improved each race, finished second, Lloyd Irish third, Jim Ward nosed out Wardwell for fourth and Sherburne fifth.

The annual meeting went well and we elected Chuck Konesky of Nashville, TN, our new District Commodore and Lloyd Irish, of Decatur, IL, as Vice Commodore.

Sunday morning dashed any hopes of completing a full series. The wind was zero to nothing and the humidity was climbing. Bob Wardwell showed why he is one of the best by consistent sailing in frustrating conditions. He claimed first overall with Don Sherburne, second, Jim Ward third, and Cully Ward fourth.

Our Junior District Championship was held June 28-29, at Harbor Island Yacht Club in Nashville, TN. Boats from Decatur and Carlyle, IL, and Nashville and Memphis, TN, participated.

After the three races on Saturday in moderate wind provided by the aftermath of Hurricane "Bonnie," Rob Zerban of Belleville, IL led the competition with three firsts followed closely by William Baxter of Memphis.

Sunday's light air race didn't change the standings even though William Baxter grabbed the lead early on and fought off Rob Zerban taking first in the last race. Rob claimed the Junior Championship followed by William Baxter in second and Glen Carr of Belleville, IL, third.

The District continues to prosper with excellent regattas at each fleet and a lot of traveling by District members thus putting 25 to 50 Lightnings on the starting line. Competition is very strong within the Mississippi Valley District, challenging even the very best.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Christopher Hamblet
District Secretary	Pat Macqueen
District Measurer	Don Brush
District Champion	Don Brush
District Runner-Up	Rob Pratt

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Newburyport (121); 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); Bow Lake Lightning Fleet (493); Pioneer Valley Lightning Fleet (495).

This year's New England District sailing was distinctive for lousy weather but seemingly increased interest and competition. The season started with the Lake Champlain Regatta won by Bill Shore followed by Stu Nickerson and Kip Hamblet. On the last day of the regatta, a line squall with 55 mph

winds ripped through the fleet capsizing all but two who had gotten their sails down. It was a little early in the year to be doing much swimming in Lake Champlain.

This blowout was followed by a more sedate Maple Leaf Classic at Bomoseen Lake, VT. More than 20 boats competed in light fluke winds only to be bested by a very active local sailor, Ray Harrington.

Bomoseen was followed by two regattas fast becoming famous for their hospitality, scenery and good times; Provincetown and Androscoggin. Stu Nickerson took the marbles at Provincetown and young George Deyette bested a large field at Wayne, Maine. (where the heck is Wayne, Maine?—a well kept secret!)

The New England Districts were held at picturesque Annisquam Y.C. in Gloucester, Mass. Except for a weather hole in the middle on Saturday, it was a well-attended (approx. 30 boats), well-run series; very competitive and very enjoyable. Don Brush emerged from the fray as our new District Champion. Rob Pratt was second and Kurt Kling was third. Congratulations to Don and thanks to Georges Peter for organizing this fine event.

The Junior Districts were held at Wellfleet. C. B. Currier of Wellfleet emerged victorious. Inadvertently, the State of Mass. Regatta also at Wellfleet, conflicted with the North Americans. Even so, about 12 boats made the trip to Wellfleet. Kurt Felix won for the second year in a row.

New England was well represented by New England sailors at the North Americans. Stu Nickerson, Bill Hole, George Deyette, Georges Peter, Don Brush and Ray Harrington all competed. Stu took 14th and Don took 16th in the Blue Fleet. George Deyette brought home some marbles in the Governor's Cup by finishing fourth.

The last five District regattas of the season, while offering plenty of competition, served as the perfect counter-balancing wind-down to the intensity of the District Championship and North Americans. In very light air, Ray Harrington, driving directly from the North Americans, won the NH/VT Championship Regatta on beautiful Squam Lake. Sailors who haven't tried this regatta are missing a treat. Rick Humphrey swept the two races at Newburyport in medium air, George Deyette beat a large fleet on his home ground at Massabesic, and Ray Harrington won the up-and-coming one day regatta at Bow Lake.

The finale to the New England District Season, as always, was the Spofford Regatta. Dick Hallagan's grip on this 30 boat event was finally broken by Stu Nickerson's first and Kip Hamblet's second. In two light air races on Sunday, Dick Hallagan still managed third. Also awarded at the Spofford ceremony was the trophy for the winner of the First NH/VT Championship Series. Congratulations to Ray Harrington for taking this new Series of New Hampshire/Vermont Regattas as organized by Dwight Gertz.

Outside of New England, Kip Hamblet took third in the fall Cedar Point Regatta finishing Sunday with two heavy air firsts. Then Stu Nickerson, sailing Kip Hamblet's boat teamed up with Hale Walcott and Kip to take top honors at the Annual Frigid Digit Regatta at Annapolis, Md.

Congratulations New England sailors. The enthusiasm continues to grow. Special thanks to all those unsung heroes who work so hard to make New England Lightning regattas the unique competitive family-fun events they are.

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore	John Werley
District Secretary	Phillip Cornett
District Champion	Matt Fisher
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); St. Marys (400).

After waiting all winter, and excitedly looking forward to the upcoming sailing season, what a disappointment! Several of our clubs experienced very low water, and their members were unable to sail at their home clubs. However, that didn't stop them — our district sailors just traveled to other clubs for regattas!

Our spring seminar, despite good intentions and up-to-the last-minute scrambling by Jake Rider (Cowan Lake Sailing Assoc.) and others, was a victim of the low water and had to be canceled.

So the season began with the Pymatuning Yacht Club Spring Classic. Again this year PYC was excited to draw from a large geographic area. Dick Hallagan from Rochester, NY and Larry MacDonald from Ontario,

1987 OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

Spring Seminar	To be announced	To be announced
Spring Classic*	Pymatuning Y.C.	May 16-17
Thundermug Regatta*	St. Mary's Y.C.	May 30-31
Windshift Regatta*	Leatherlips Y.C.	June 6-7
District Championship	Pymatuning Y.C.	June 27-28
Independence Day Regatta	Pymatuning Y.C.	July 4-5
C.Y.C. Regatta	Cleveland Y.C.	July 25-26
Harvest Moon*	Atwood Lake Y.C.	Sept. 12-13
Snowball Regatta	Buckeye Lake Y.C.	Oct. 10-11
Fall-In Regatta*	Cowan Lake S.A.	Oct. 17-18

*Sailing 3 of 5 qualifies for Ohio Governor's Cup Series

Canada made the long trip to make this regatta a growing event. Matt Fisher made his debut with his new boat 14045, John Werley showed up with his old boat 7126; and the two found themselves just 1½ points apart going into the last race. But true to form, John choked and dropped mega-boats, finishing fourth overall. Meanwhile Matt, also true to form, maintained his position and won the regatta. Rob Ruhlman, sailing consistently, took good advantage of others' blunders to finish second overall, and Dick Hallagan hung on for third.

Next came Leatherlips Yacht Club's Windshift Regatta. Though we were devastated by the absence of Terry Ottenweller, a perennial supporter of this regatta (he had significant conflicts and just couldn't make it!), the show did go on. Shifty winds and steady friendships make this regatta what it is, and this year was no exception. The top finishers were: Jim Dressel, Dan Dressel, George Fisher, Tom Varley, and Carl Clipp. See you next year, Terry!

The next regatta on the circuit was the St. Mary's Thundermug, which this year served as a warm-up for the Ohio District Championship. St. Mary's enjoys a beautiful body of water that lends itself to good racing, and wonderful fresh, homemade strawberry pies that lend themselves to good eating! Jim Dressel was untouchable in the drifting conditions on Saturday and the near-perfect conditions on Sunday. Phil Cornett finished second; Carl Clipp was third; first-timer Dave Ganhelli was fourth; and Pete Hagar was fifth.

The St. Mary's fleet is actually one of the smallest fleets in Ohio, and yet they are one of the hardest-working fleets. This was evident to all when we showed up on their doorstep again the following Thursday evening for the Ohio District Championship. Once again St. Mary's did a fine job, and everyone enjoyed the sailing, fun, and pies! Friday had heavy winds and tight spinnaker reaches, which separated the men from the boys, and Saturday's drifters separated the patient from those who were not. When it was over, Matt Fisher had won, Willy Petersilge was second, Dan Dressel was third, George Fisher fourth, and Jim Dressel fifth. A special thanks goes to Leatherlips Yacht Club for refurbishing the District Sportsmanship Trophy. Congratulations to Jack Borland, this year's recipient.

The Harvest Moon Regatta was next on the schedule, sponsored by Atwood Yacht Club. Atwood is famous for its unusual winds and fantastic hors d'oeuvres, and they continued the tradition in 1986. Dick Pugh showed up with his bright new boat and proceeded to win top honors. Second went to Dave Gall (we've missed you on the circuit, Dave!); Tom Varley was third; George Auer was fourth; and Tim McCain was fifth.

Another long-standing tradition in the Ohio District, and for many sailors outside the District as well, is the Snowball Regatta at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. The Snowball this year featured good air, good attendance, and a great band! This regatta draws sailors from Chicago to Buffalo, and often even further, and so it is a great opportunity to sail against many of the finest Lightning sailors in the country. After a lot of good racing, and a lot of very tight reaches, Matt Fisher won the regatta, followed by Jim Dressel, Tom Allen, Jr., Sean Fidler, and George Fisher.

Our season finale is always the Fall-In Regatta at Cowan Lake Sailing Association, and is looked forward to by many as one of their favorites of the year. This year was perfect — beautiful weather, colorful trees, good air, good races, and really good friends. Dick Pugh's bright yellow boat once again took top honors, with John Werley second, Tom Varley third, Carl Clipp fourth, and Phil Cornette fifth. Dick's win also gave him, for the umpteenth time, the Governor's Cup, with Tom Varley second and John Werley third. Congratulations, Dick!

Our district was saddened this year by the loss of Dave Lewis, a member of the Pymatuning Yacht Club Lightning Fleet. Dave always gave freely of himself, as he worked closely with the Junior-Program at PYC and served the District as a measurer for many years. Dave was a good sailor and a very good friend, and we miss him.

For the 1987 season, our District has moved from the three-day District Championship to a Saturday/Sunday Championship in the hope of reducing personal costs and increasing participation. The first club to host this new format will be Pymatuning Yacht Club on June 27-28. We hope to see you all there next year, as well as all the other circuit regattas!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore Bruce Deitz
 District Measurer Dave Hickman
 District Champion Dave Hickman
 District Runner-Up Eric Lindahl

Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Vancouver (90); Seattle (132); Chinook (229); Columbia (283); Okanagan (368); Klamath (453).

Although most of the fleets in the Pacific Northwest District actually start their season sometime in April or early May, the real gathering of the Northwest Lightning clan begins on Fern Ridge Reservoir near Eugene, OR on Memorial Day. This classic regatta usually draws as many boats as the Districts and offers the best facilities of our entire circuit. It also offers some of the most interesting wind conditions imaginable as line squalls bounce their way east up the valley from the ocean, some going by south of the lake, some north of the lake, and some right through it.

Going into the last race Alan Hunt had 10 points, Phil Parshley 11, Bruce Deitz 13, and Eric Lindahl 13.5. The wind was blowing 18-25 with the majority of it out of the west. After two planing reaches and a fierce tacking duel, Dave Hickman finished first, Eric took second, and Phil finished third. This year was the exact opposite of last year's regatta that Mark Fisher won with four firsts and a fourth. Phil Parshley won this year's regatta without winning a race!

The Vancouver Lake Sailing Club put on one of the best regattas in several years with sunny skies, plenty of water, and great food. This year there were few other boats due to another regatta close by so it was mainly Lightnings on the lake. After three races on Saturday the point standings were Dave Hickman 8, Eric Lindahl 9.5, Alan Hunt 15.75, Morrie Craig 16, and Bruce Deitz 17. A nice 12 knot northerly filled in for the start of the fourth race on Sunday. Pam Hsu was first around the weather mark followed by Parshley and Hickman. After some excellent shift playing, Eric came out on top with Phil second. Dave won the last race handily with Eric second and Phil third. Final standings were Hickman first followed by Lindahl, Parshley, Hunt, and Craig.

The Districts were also held in Eugene this year. Many thanks to the Eugene Fleet for putting on a great regatta. The wind and weather were almost perfect allowing a full complement of six races with a throw out. It seemed like Eric Lindahl and Dave Hickman were duking it out the whole regatta with Dave finally winning on the tie breaker. Eric took another second with Alan Hunt third, Phil Parshley fourth, and Bruce Deitz fifth.

The Kitsilano Regatta was Alan Hunt's favorite; his first circuit regatta win. Alan went clamming on the left shore on every weather leg of every race to win this hotly contested regatta. The bride's maid, Eric Lindahl took his usual second, with Bob Bazett from Kelowna third.

Going into the final circuit regatta in Seattle, four skippers were tied for first with 4 points each: Bob Bazett, Phil Parshley, Eric Lindahl, and Alan Hunt. Dave Hickman had 5 and John DeBenedetti had 6. It promised to be a great battle. Going into the last race, the top three boats were within 2 points of each other with Eric breaking his string of seconds to win the regatta and the circuit trophy.

PERU

District Commodore John Rodriguez Asti
 District Secretary .. Augusto Navarro-Mulanovich
 District Measurer Hector Sabagal Vallaza
 District Champion Jose Barreda-Moller
 District Runner-Up Augusto Navarro-Mulanovich
 Junior Champion Wifredo Fano
 Junior Runner-Up Bruno Levaggi

Fleets: Club Regatas Union (497).

For this year, the new Board Officers scheduled several championships within our competitive area. We had approximately 10 boats in every race and which represented a similar competitive level as in previous years in the Peru District.

The winners of the different trophies were as follows: the Atlas Trophy won by John Rodriguez Asti, the Club de Regatas Lima Trophy won by Hector Sabagal Vallaza, the Hector Sabagal Trophy (selected from the Peru-Ecuador Championship) won by Emilio Levaggi Tocci, the Papa Schinkel Trophy won by Max Zimmerman Nevea and the Carles Gandolfo Trophy won by Hector Sabagal V.

In October, the traditional Peru-Ecuador Championship was held in Guayaquil, Ecuador. For this event, Peru entered six crews. The two from

the Escuela Navy were skippers Giancarlo Pelar and John Rodriguez. In this championship, the Max Zimmerman crew placed third, the Augusto Navarre crew fourth, the Emilio Levaggi crew eighth and the Hector Sabagal crew was 11th.



Hector Sabagal and John Rodriguez during the first Peru National 1986 Championship.

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore Russel C. Scrim
 District Secretary Anthony McBride
 District Measurer William Layton
 District Champion Anthony McBride
 District Runner-Up ... Eddy Martin/Perry Owen

Fleets: The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (215); Pointe Claire Yacht Club (499).

It was a great year for our District. First of all, we doubled in size. For years, members of Fleet 215 have encouraged their friends at our neighboring Yacht Club — Pointe Claire to get into the act with Lightnings. Happily, this year, owing to inspiring leadership on the part of Tony McBride, things got going. Fleet 499 was formally recognized at the North American Championships at Kingston with five boats. Not only that, but there is a lot of promise that this Fleet will grow into a much more substantial size as time goes on.

Our District was host to a number of major sailing events this year. The Canadian Open was hosted by Fleet 215 at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club during the first weekend in July. There were 19 boats participating and while the weather did not exactly favor the event, we managed to get in four good races. The ultimate winner was Larry MacDonald, Jr. Our District went on to host the North American Championships at Kingston, Ontario. There was a participation of 116 boats (a new record) and it went off well.

All in all, we are very encouraged at the progress being made in our District with Lightnings. There is a lot of enthusiasm and interest evident and we look forward to a bigger and better season in 1987.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore Tom Hudgens
 District Secretary Bob Harkrider
 District Measurer Bill Sloger
 District Champion Lenny Krawcheck
 District Runner-Up Bob Harkrider

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); Tennessee Valley (500).

This past year we sailed in nine regattas which made up our Season Championship. All of the regattas during the year were well attended with participation up a good 20 percent across the board. This increased activity improved our level of competition from both new and old time Lightning sailors. We anticipate that we will see a continued increase in 1987. Several of our members have ordered new boats and all of our fleets are enjoying increased activity.

Our District sent Lenny Krawcheck, Bob Harkrider, Arthur Levin, Benny Moultrie and Aubrey Blanchard to the North Americans; Lenny represented us well in the Blue Fleet, Bob Harkrider in the President's Cup and Arthur, Benny and Aubrey in the Governor's Cup. From the enthusiasm shown by the sailors who attended the North Americans, we anticipate that we'll fill our quota for the next year's championship.

Thirteen sailors qualified for our Season Championship by sailing in at least five of the nine scored regattas. They included Lenny Krawcheck, Bob Harkrider, Bill Sloger, Rick Ferguson, Arthur Levin, Rick TenEyck, Gil Samuelson, Clay Rumble, Bob Shingler, Benny Moultrie, Gil Klemens, Clayton Walters, Bob Lamb, and Tom Hudgens. We commend these sailors for their efforts in supporting the Season Championship.

The Southeastern District Championship was held at the Beaufort Yacht Club with 22 boats competing. Arthur Levin and Rick TenEyck did a great job in putting this regatta on. Lenny Krawcheck was almost unbeatable as he won the first four races. Bob Harkrider was always close but could not beat Lenny until the fifth race Arthur Levin finished third with Clayton Walters and Jeff Annis, both newcomers to the Class, completing the top five.

In 1987, we are scheduling ten events and look forward to again seeing our many friends traveling the circuit again. Also, we look to a big turnout from the Southeastern District for the Deep South Regatta in Savannah in March 1987.

SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore Jurg Weilenman
District Vice-Commodore Gilbert Despland
District Secretary Paul Gmur
District Measurers Urs Wyler, Oscar Weber
District Champion Urs Wyler
District Runner-Up Urs Schaar

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

Marsala in Sicily, like every year, marked the beginning of the season. Only two Swiss crews preferred sailing to skiing and went to race against the Italians between Christmas and New Years. This time, the Sicilians were not to be beat in the prevailing tough winds.

Lighter winds were found at our traditional spring regattas in Sempach and Hallwil. Six boats were racing against each other but the predominant event was the Herzog family's generous invitation to a hearty dinner in front of the clubhouse's cosy fireplace.

The light winds continued at the Pfauencup. Only a single regatta could be sailed. The winner was the Schaar family ahead of Jacques Perret and crew. Fleet 358 offered a delicious raclette in the hospitable house of Mrs. Divernois.

The Europeans in Greece were the clear highlight of the season. More than 30 crews were competing, the Greeks having reactivated all of their Lightnings. Although the famous Meltemi-wind held back until the last race, sailing was fun in the waters of Faliron Bay and the spirit of competition good. For once the winner wasn't George Andreadis but the young Sicilian crew of Attina, followed by the President of the host club, Coutisikos and our Swiss Champion, Urs Wyler with crew Stauffer and Gasser. Those that couldn't match with the best boats were largely compensated by the quality and quantity of Greek sea-food and the famous white wine. Everyone is already looking forward to the Worlds in 1989.

In Gravedona, again the Swiss outnumbered the Italians in their own district. Urs Wyler and crew won the 30 pound silver prize for Switzerland.

The Districts in Faellanden saw 15 boats on the starting line, a number we haven't seen for a long while. The usual light winds prevailed but sailing was fun and the mood very relaxed. Urs Wyler and his crew won (as usual) with Schaar second and Luthy third. As for the social part of it, the host club Faellanden did it's utmost to keep mind and stomach happy.

When autumn leaves fall and the wine is harvested, time has come for our last race of the year, the Fondue regatta. On Saturday, the wind was very light, we could barely finish one race. The traditional fondue was delicious

as ever and the District Meeting well attended. On Sunday however, the wind went berserk — only three out of ten dared to go out and finish a race in the foamy and ice-cold waters. Urs Wyler again...

It was a worthy finish to a good season with plenty of exciting sailing and many pleasant social events. We certainly look forward to 1987 and Marsala at the end of this year.



Swiss skippers getting their boats ready to participate in the District Championships in Faellanden.

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore John B. Waskom, III
District Secretary Sandy Mercier
District Measurer Dr. Sylvan Newman
District Champion Warren Lewis
District Runner-Up Richard Guinan

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

The 1985 Thanksgiving (Turkey Day) Regatta was held after the Year Book went to press and was reported in the winter 1986 Flashes. We had fair weather and variable winds making for close races. Warren Lewis won with Gil Mercier a very close second.

Our sailors also participated in the Holiday in Dixie Regatta (Shreveport), the Hernando DeSota Regatta (Memphis) with Warren winning again and the Indian Summer Regatta (Chandler's Landing Y.C., Lake Ray Hubbard).

Our District Championship races were held June 14-15 and reported in the September Flashes. Warren Lewis took first and we are very pleased to see Honorary Commodore Richard Guinan getting his touch back and taking a close second.

Fleet 435 has added several new members to replace those who have moved away and Fleet 35 has two new members for a gain of one.

We have not given up on the Houston Fleet but the economy is working against us with people moving out of town. Paul Emens is doing his best to get the remaining Lightning owners together.

Fleet 35 will be 45 years old in 1987. As I told Donna, it might be a good idea to have our celebration next year as some of us might not be able to hang on until the 50th Anniversary.

We have a short and very windy spring but the sailing in October and early November is absolutely perfect. Temperatures range 69 to 79 degrees with a slightly cooler wind of 5-18 with occasional puffs and shifts to give everyone a chance. This is the reason both of our fleets schedule races into November and Fleet 435 is not able to name their Fleet Champion until after the Year Book goes to press. This is also what gave us the idea of the Thanksgiving Regatta. This is scheduled for Nov. 28-29 this year and while we cannot control the fronts that come through this late in the month, we do have a good or better than average chance of good weather. If you have not tried the "Turkey Day" event, you might be missing something good. We hope that you will be able to make it this year.