

# International Lightning Class Association Districts



# Lightning Districts

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Mike Boswell
District Secretary .....	Martha Grant
District Measurer .....	Bruce Arnold
District Champion .....	John Lyon
District Runner-Up .....	Scott Finkboner

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

Scott Finkboner and Carl Eichenlaub sailed in the North Americans in Rochester. We had many successful regattas in the District. Come to the California Circuit!



*California District Champion John Lyon with daughter Alexandra Marie sitting in the big silver trophy.*

## CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Paul Gelenitis
District Vice Commodore .....	David Coward
District Secretary .....	David Faus
District Measurer .....	James Carson
District Champion .....	Keith Taboada
District Runner-Up .....	Jack Elfman
Junior Champion .....	Greg Kinzel

**Fleets:** Bay Head (3); Metedeconk River (34); Spray Beach (91); Lavallette (104); Brant Beach (173); Surf City (196); Riverton (228); Barnegat Light (335); Ocean City (430); Tohickon Creek (491).

The Central Atlantic District had another great Lightning year in 1990. Our sailors traveled from the bays of Florida to the lakes of New York State. Our racing season got started at the Long John Regatta at the Monmouth Boat Club, which has proven to be one of the most competitive spring tune-ups around. Jack Elfman and crew, David and Holly Faus, sailed a fine regatta placing second behind N.A. champ Greg Fisher. Many C.A.D. sailors used this race to test new equipment and figure out new sails; it was fun for all who attended.

June saw several C.A.D. members traveling to various regattas with great success. Rich Warren from Surf City fleet and crew took a third in the Cedar Point spring tune-up. Jack Elfman continued his winning streak at the Governor's Cup in Rehobeth, Maryland. Brian Taboada and crew also made a good showing in this regatta as well as on the go carts on Saturday night.

Brant Beach hosted the New Jersey States in late June with the top three places going to C.A.D. sailors. Judy Lutz from Metedeconk fleet took home the gold with Keith Taboada and Jack Elfman following closely behind. This continues to be a fun regatta where several neighboring districts get together on a yearly basis for an enjoyable weekend of racing and socializing.

The District Championships were held at Bay Head/Metedeconk Y.C. this year and proved to be a highly competitive regatta vying for the opportunity to sail in the North Americans. Keith Taboada and crew, Brian Taboada and Russ Schon, fresh from an impressive victory at the Rochester Classic, looked to be the boat to beat. With winds blowing heavy on the first day, the Taboada crew showed their skill down wind and pulled away from the fleet. The final standings saw Taboada with first, Elfman in second, Djoerd Hoekstra in third, and Jim Carson of Metedeconk, Bob Adams of Bay Head, Rich Warren, Craig Dooran of Metedeconk and Paul Gelenitis rounding out the top eight boats. The following Monday, Metedeconk River Y.C. hosted the Jr. C.A.D. regatta which proved to be equally competitive and a great showcase for our younger skippers. Greg Kinzel of Metedeconk and crew took the Championship with Andy Temme of Surf City following with a close second and Will Bogardus in third. The C.A.D. is extremely proud of our younger sailors and are excited about their enthusiasm and success. Names like Vogt, Maiden, Lang, Temme, Kinzel, and Bogardus are ones you will hear about in the future!

The C.A.D. was amply represented in Rochester for the North American Championships with all seven qualifiers making the trip north. We had three boats in the Championship fleet and four in the President's cup as well as one boat in both the masters and juniors. Keith Taboada and crew took a sixth in the championships with consistent finishes, qualifying for both the Pan-American Trials and the World Championships. Congratulations to the Taboada boat! Jack Elfman and Paul Gelenitis struggled through the fog and finished in the middle of the Blue fleet. Djoerd Hoekstra and crew, Will Bogardus and M. Buczkowski, finished second in the President's Cup for the second year in the row — nice sailing Djoerd! Rich Warren, Jim Carson, and Craig Dooran also sailed in Green fleet. Jim Carson, and crew, Bob Burrige and Joe Buczkowski, sailed to fifth in the hotly contested Masters Championship; which Greg Kinzel and crew, Todd Pierce and Nancy Schon, took a sixth place in the Junior Championship. (Personally, the highlight of this writer's N.A.'s was the time spent in Silk O'Loughlin's waiting for the fog to lift.)

The 1990 season ended with several fine finishes in some of the Fall Regattas. Keith Taboada kept up his winning ways at the Manahawkin Bay Cup. Glenn Rietinger of Brant Beach and John Faus of Barnegat Light both placed in the top five at the Southampton Fall regatta. Jack Elfman won a very competitive frigid digit regatta in Annapolis, while Jim Carson took a second out of forty-one boats at the Borderline Regatta.

The Central Atlantic District continues to grow in number of new young sailors and in spirit. The number of weekend sailors involved in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association and the Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association is growing and includes a list of many impressive sailors. In order to have all this racing, there has been a lot of behind the scenes help with race committees, crash boats, and social committees and we thank you all for another great season!

## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Tom Doran  
 District Secretary ..... Daniel Koretz, M.D.  
 District Measurer ..... John Barnes  
 District Champion ..... Kirk Reynolds  
 District Runner-Up ..... Richard Hallagan

**Fleets:** Skaneateles Country Club (1); Lake Delta (4); Newport Yacht Club (77); 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 1990 sailing season certainly was successful, and without a doubt, the highlight was hosting the 1990 North American Championships. The Rochester Lightning North American Championships were co-chaired by Dick Hallagan and Mark Sertl, and also included Chip Euval, George Sereno, Jim Goecker, Landy Atkinson and Debbie Wright. They spent many long hours planning and organizing and with the help of the sailors of the Central New York Lightning District were able to cover all the bases in organizing the championship. Now, if they could only have done something about the fog.

Congratulations are in order to Dick Hallagan who won the Master Championship and Women's Champion Jean Palm. They represented our district well.

We saw some interesting things while going over our regatta statistics. The total number of boats sailing in our regattas was down from 186 last year to 180 this year, but we had one less regatta in 1990, and the average number of boats per regatta increased from 31 to 36. Triple crown participation remained the same with seven boats in both years.

The season started off with the Newport Invitational in early June. Racing was held on the waters (and in the fickle winds) of Lake Ontario and Irondequoit Bay. CNY sailors who placed in the top 10 were Mark Sertl, Tom Doran, Kirk Reynolds, Bram Palm, and Dick Hallagan.

Two weeks later the District Championship Regatta was at Cazenovia. There were 33 boats vying for the 20 spots allotted to our district for the North Americans and the competition was intense. The Race Committee was able to get in 5 races despite the very light winds on Saturday and the top 5 finishers were Bram Palm, Mark Sertl, Kirk Reynolds, Clay Murphy, and Dick Hallagan.

Keuka once again held its fabulous Champagne Regatta after taking a brief hiatus in 1989. Bully Hill Winery has sponsored this regatta for several years and we were glad to hear that Walter Taylor, founder and owner, was making a good recovery from the serious injuries he sustained in an auto accident. We took turns signing a large get-well card for him and hope that he will be returning to the up-state area soon. Fleet 252 did its usual great job with its champagne cocktail party, dinner and dance. The top 5 finishers (in sailing, not at the cocktail party) were Dick Hallagan, Art Tirrell, Clay Murphy, Jim Goecker, and Landy Atkinson.

Henderson Harbor held its ELYC Regatta in mid-July. Attendance was up with 27 boats for this event as word spreads that there is good racing, great food and a friendly atmosphere there. First place went to Bob Wardwell, who sailed out of Henderson Harbor for many years. CNY sailors who finished in the top five were Dick Hallagan, Art Tirrell, and Tadd Helmer.

The CNYRA Regatta was held at the Ithaca Yacht Club on July 28-29. Landy Atkinson won his first regatta and was treated to a dip in Cayuga's waters by his appreciative crew.

The annual Michelob Lightning Classic was held in Oswego on August 11-12. They matched their attendance of 60 boats from the year before and outdid themselves with their organization, food, beverages and racing. Eagle Beverage has sponsored the regatta for many years and has earned the gratitude of sailors from all over the country who have attended this great event. There were many out-of-district sailors this year because they were using this as a tune-up for the North Americans being held the next week at Rochester. Sailors from our district who placed in the top ten were Bram Palm, Mark Sertl and Jim Goecker.

The Triple Crown regattas this year were Newport, Keuka, and Henderson. Seven sailors attended all three events and, in order of finish, they were Dick Hallagan, Tom Doran, Clay Murphy, Dave Bull, Jim Finn, Jack Jones, and Dan Koretz.

The season ended with the Silver Lake Regatta which was the final event in the Central New York — Lake Erie District Challenge. Thirteen boats attended the two designated regattas, Newport and Silver Lake. Seven sailors from our district went to both: Dick Hallagan, Clay Murphy, Landy Atkinson, Dave Bull, Dan Koretz, George Sereno, and Dick Doherty. Unfortunately, we could not make up with numbers what we lacked in skill, (or is it visa-versa?) and lost the challenge by one point. However, we do not

intend to let this minor setback dampen our enthusiasm for sailing or next year's racing season. We hope to see even more sailors on the circuit.



Winner Michelob Lightning Classic — Brad Read and crew Ned Roseberry and Randy Shore.

## CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Robert Exon  
 District Secretary ..... Bud Hunt  
 District Measurer ..... Art Jones  
 District Champion ..... Robert Exon  
 District Runner-Up ..... John Gall

**Fleet:** Jayhawk (60).

The Central States District recently lost two active skippers, Fritz Toussaint and Bob French to the deep south. A few new ones have moved in and will become active.

The 1991 Central States District Regatta will be held the third weekend in June at Perry Yacht Club, Lake Perry (near Topeka, Kansas). We hope to see more Colorado and Oklahoma boats next year.

## CHILE DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Manuel Gonzalez B.  
 District Secretary ..... Angel Fantuzzi  
 District Champion ..... Manuel Gonzalez M.  
 District Runner-Up ..... Alberto Gonzalez

**Fleet:** Aculeo (490).

The season began in September at Algannobo. We sailed a couple of championships. Our local championship have shown increasing interest with some of our old friends getting their boats ready and joining us in the regattas.

In March seven crews went to Callao to sail the South American Championship. Manuel Gonzales won and his brother Alberto came in second.

We are working now in order to make the 1992 World Youth Championship.

# Central New York's Celebration of Spring

Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, New York



## The Newport Invitational Regatta June 1 - 2, 1991

Top Competition — 5 Race Series — Racing on Lake Ontario & Irondequoit Bay

For Information Call: Dick Hallagan, Regatta Chairman (315) 331-5664

Lori Foster, Fleet Captain (716) 288-7398

Jim Gocker, Housing (716) 381-0596

## Don't miss any of the 1991 Central New York Regattas

June 1-2	Newport Invitational <sup>1 2</sup>	Newport
June 15-16	Caz Flash Bash <sup>1</sup>	Cazenovia
June 29-30	Champagne <sup>1</sup>	Keuka
July 13-14	CNYYRA (Centrals)	Skaneateles
<b>July 20-21</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Henderson</b>
August 10-11	Michelob Classic <sup>3</sup>	Oswego
September 7-8	Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Silver Lake
October 5	"One Day"	Cazenovia

<sup>1</sup> Triple Crown

<sup>2</sup> Central New York — Lake Erie District Challenge

<sup>3</sup> LSLS (Lake Shore Lightning Squadron)



## COLOMBIA DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Rodolfo Salmang  
 District Measurer ..... Rodolfo Salmang  
 District Champion ..... Federico Meira  
 District Runner-Up ..... Andrew Lisocki  
 District Junior Champion .... Marcela Recaman  
 District Junior Runner-Up . Eduardo Colmen-res, Jr.

**Fleets:** Club Nautico del Muna (73); Club Nautico del Portillo (501).

The 1990 season had several events we want to recapitulate here. We had a District Championship with 19 participants. Federico Meira, in close competition, won the Championship over Andres Lisocki. After several years without it, we had enough Junior sailors to stage a Junior Championship. There were six boats participating. The victorious crew attended the World Junior in Buffalo.

Thanks to the interest devoted by P. Jacob, a new International Regatta, between Colombia and Ecuador, was created. It will be a yearly competition, hosted alternatively by each country. The Regatta rules allow eight entries per country, plus the previous year champion. The first edition will be sponsored by Colombia, early January 1991.

The South American Federation of the I.L.C.A. gave to the District of Colombia the honor to host the 1991 South American Championship, to be held in Lake Tomine, January 11 to 19, 1991. We are expecting participation of every country in South America.

## CONNECTICUT RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Tom Ingram  
 District Secretary ..... Lori Davis  
 District Measurer ..... Dave Dickerson  
 District Champion ..... Dave Dellenbaugh  
 District Runner-up ..... David Peck

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

The Connecticut/Rhode Island District enjoyed another active season with good representation by its members at District events and elsewhere.

Tim Healy with crew Bob Almeida and Mike Vann from Niantic Bay, sailing his first season in a new Lightning quite convincingly won the first event on our District schedule, the Early Bird Regatta at Cedar Point. Tim also won the Atlantic Coast Championships (also at Cedar Point in July), and finished 3rd in the District's. Definitely a team to watch in the future. (They weren't kidding when they came up with the name "Can't Touch This!")

Getting back to the Early Bird at Cedar Point; this regatta really gets quite a far-reaching turnout: Richard Warren (New Jersey), second; Jean-Francoise Serine (Montreal), third; George Fisher (Ohio) fourth; and Peter Hall (Canada), fifth.

Fleet 85 at Niantic Bay was the site of this year's District Championships. The conditions were good, and as always, the competition was quite tough. Dave Dellenbaugh, sailing in Niantic for the first time, took 1st place honors, and David Peck from Niantic, sailing wife Nina's Lightning (transplanted from Cedar Point), was 2nd. David, along with Tim Healy, is another formidable competitor joining the ranks this year at the helm of a Lightning.

The CT/RI District easily filled its quota for the N.A.'s in Rochester, sending 10 boats, half of which qualified for the Blue Fleet! Jim Crane was the highest finisher, coming in 4th and Ched Proctor won the Presidents' Cup.

The next event on our schedule was the CT Governor's Cup at Niantic Bay the 2nd weekend in September. David Peck came away in first place to retain that coveted mega-trophy for his home for another year! John Oldham was 2nd, and Bill Healy (sailing brother Tim's boat), finished 3rd. Sadly, we had to say good-bye to John, as he has accepted a job in California. I'm sure we will see him at the N.A.'s, as he is a perennial "Blue-Fleeter", but we will miss him tremendously at our Club and District events. We wish him luck, good sailing, and hope he's not there forever!

The following weekend was Cedar Point's Fall Classic. Typical of New England weather, Saturday was blowing (resulting in swimming and break-downs), and Sunday was light and shifty. When it was all over, Phil Lotz won, Jody Lutz was second and Tony McBride from Canada was third.

Last year, the District decided to combine the results of these two regattas and award an overall perpetual trophy, as well as individual trophies at both regattas. Phil Lotz, with a repeat performance of last year, was again the recipient this year. This is a great series, and we really hope to increase the turnout at these two regattas in the next couple of years. It's a beautiful time of year to sail at both clubs, the competition is always top-notch with some of the best Lightning sailors in the Class, and then you add to that the excellent steak dinner at the Governors' Cup and the scrumptious lobster feast at the Fall Classic — you can't beat it! Make sure to reserve your calendars next year for the **2nd and 3rd weekends in September** and join us on the Sound!

The big news for our District is that, along with the New England District, our bid was accepted to host the 1991 N.A.'s in Newport. Phil Lotz, Don Barrett and Kip Hamblet are Co-Chairmen for this event, and will be looking for support from all the Fleets in the District. It's a tremendous undertaking, but with a little help from everyone, we think we can do a good job. You couldn't ask for a better place to sail, party, and vacation; it should be a great event.

Tom Ingram from Cedar Point will be taking over for Phil Lotz as our District Commodore, as Phil will obviously be quite busy with the N.A.'s. We missed seeing our friends from Madison and Black Rock Yacht Clubs, but understand that there might be more Lightning owners in at least one of these Fleets, and we hope to see more participation from them next season.

And finally, updating the "Baby Boom" trend in our District of the last couple of years: congratulations to Phil and Wendy Lotz on the birth of their daughter, Megan; to Paul and Giselle Myerson, also on the birth of a daughter, Emily; to Edson and Barbara White and their first, another little girl, Elizabeth; and to Dave and Debbie Smith, also a daughter, and also named Emily. All are from Cedar Point (must be something in the water there). Anyone else have any future Lightning sailors on the way?

Everyone have a good Winter, stay in shape, and we'll see you next year!

## CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

### 1991 DISTRICT SCHEDULE

May 18 & 19	Early Bird Regatta Cedar Point Yacht Club
July 13 & 14	DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS Cedar Point Y.C.
July 27 & 28	Atlantic Coast Championship T.B.A.!
Sept. 7 & 8	Connecticut Governor's Cup* Niantic Bay Yacht Club
Sept. 14 & 15	Fall Classic* Cedar Point Y.C.

\*Combined Trophy

### HOME OF THE

———— 1991 NORTH AMERICANS! ————

## DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Mike Denning
District Vice Commodore ....	Mary Anna Elliot
District Secretary .....	Ron Grotheer
District Treasurer .....	Kitty Racine
District Measurer .....	Dave Racine
District Champion .....	Dr. Donald Delorme
District Runner-Up .....	Steve Bachman

**Fleets:** Washington, DC (50); North East River (192); Susquehanna (253); Sassafras River (314); Rehoboth (325); Severn River (329); Swift Creek (496).

The Dixie District had a great year of close competition with over 17 invitational regattas sponsored by many active fleets in Annapolis, Rehoboth, Washington, DC, Richmond, Kentmore Park, and Susquehanna.

The District kicked off the 1990 season with a new invitational regatta — The Chesapeake Olympic Class Regatta. This event was sailed in six separate sailing locations hosting over fourteen different classes. Lightnings sailed out of West River Yacht Club along with Flying Dutchman, International 470's and 505's, Flying Scots, and Jet 14's. Although the winds were light, the sailing conditions proved enjoyable for everyone. Fred Mertes took first place, second went to Ron Grotheer, and third to Bob Wardwell.

The No Gas Regatta brought three boats from Canada and one from Connecticut for a total of thirteen boats. Light fluky winds plagued Saturdays races where only two races were held. Sunday, heavy winds and cold conditions forced the race committee to cancel all races. Jay Mann of Canada took first place, Bob Wardwell was second and Don Delorme was third.

Washington's Fleet 50 held the Annual Potomac Cup at their soon to be new sailing site — Leesylvania's State Park. Because the ramps and hoists hadn't yet been installed the thirteen boats relied on 4x4's to tow the boats across sand which then were carried into the water. The great sailing conditions and cold Becks beer proved for a lot of fun which makes this regatta one of this District's highlights. The top finishers were Bob Wardwell - first, Jim Dillard - second, and Ron Grotheer - third.

Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association was the host for the Dixie District Championships. Once again the beach provided for great competitive sailing and post sailing activities. Saturdays sailing was moderate and shifty. Although the conditions were inconsistent Don Delorme sailed consistent, winning the first race. Bob Wardwell took the second race. RBSA provided a great clubhouse dinner, and then it was off to an evening of amusements. Soon after the dinner, sailors converged at the "Slick Trak" to see how long they could last before getting kicked off by the attendants. Even after Steve Bachman's sailing absence, he easily reclaimed his "Slick Trak" title.

Sundays steady breezes of 15 to 18 mph made the races very close with race three going to Steve Bachman, race four going to Ron Buchanan, and the fifth race to Fred Mertes. Again it was consistency by Don Delorme and his crew which earned him the championship in a very well sailed regatta. The top three finishers were all within two points, with second going to Steve Bachman, and third going to Fred Mertes.

The District was represented in the North American Championships in Rochester, New York with three boats. Fred Mertes, Bob Wardwell, and Simeon Cox. Both Bob and Fred sailed in the Presidents' Cup and Simeon rallied for third place in the Governors' Cup. Dr. James Gilbert of Alexandria placed 9th at the Masters which was sailed at the Newport Yacht Club, in a fleet of 21 boats.

Kentmore Park held its almost bi-annual Sassafras Regatta. This regatta always features great fun and lots of great sailing. Don Delorme sailing consistently Saturday was in top place after Saturdays racing, but after Sundays racing, top awards went to Mark Schnieder in first, Dr. Tom Hopkins in second and Howard Edson in third place.

Fleet 50's mid September Presidents' Cup attracted nine boats sailing on the Potomac River near Haines Point. Fleet 50's own John Butler took first prize followed closely by Reed Barrett in second. The Annual Lightning Thistle Challenge attracted 18 boats nine of each class, which was won by the Thistle Class this year.

The Frigid Digit was the second to the last regatta of the year, held the weekend of October 20-21 at Severn Sailing Association with 38 boats attending. Sailing conditions on the Chesapeake again were light and fluky. Top three finishers were Jack Elfman, Matt Fisher, and Jody Swanson in third. The Frigid Digit Regatta is the first half of the combined trophy. The second half was the Borderline Regatta. The Borderline was the final

regatta sailed in North Carolina on Kerr Lake and attracted 41 boats. Saturdays races provided light winds, and Sunday heavy winds were encountered where five boats capsized. The top five finishers were Dick Hallagan, Jim Carson, Tom Allen, Jr., John Pelosi, and Tom Allen, Sr. The combined trophy for both regattas went to Tom Allen, Jr.

Altogether it was a good year of sailing for the Dixie District Lightning sailors. We eagerly anticipate having even great success in 1991. We are now, as you are aware, planning and preparing for the 1991 Lightning Worlds. We invite you to come and enjoy this honor with us during this event in either the logistics or in the activities. Also we invite you to tune up for the Worlds in the No Gas Regatta to be held in mid May, and in all regattas in our active District.

## EUCADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore ....	Ing. Santiago Romero B.
District Secretary .....	Jaime Martinez
District Measurer .....	Felipe Eljuri
District Champion .....	Juan Carlos Plaza
District Runner-Up .....	Carlos Luis Lecaro

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

Both Fleets 272 and Fleet 405, sailing off Salinas, have been organizing new and different events, with the purpose of bringing new people in and building enthusiasm among members.

In September 1990 we organized the first ever "Crews' Regatta," where a crew member could take the helm and yell at his captain. The event was a success in terms of getting the sailors together, racing and having fun.

For the months of October and November, we will keep racing in Salinas every other weekend. All races will be valid for the Francisco Sola Franco trophy, the purpose of which is to have the most people sailing throughout the year. Also, the last 6 races will be valid as the qualifiers for the South American Championship, to be held in Bogota, Colombia.

Members of Fleet 272 and Fleet 405 have started to receive a newsletter, "TACKS," which is our local version of the *Lightning Flashes*. In this by-monthly publication we show regatta schedules, results, photos, and any article of interest.

The Ecuador District looks forward to have a very active 1991, having as many boats as possible sailing.



*Ecuador District Sailors.*



Action at the Finland District Championship Regatta — 1990.

## FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Antero Punttila
District Secretary .....	Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen
District Measurer .....	Jari Aromaa
District Champion .....	Kari Maenpaa
District Runner-Up .....	Leo Korhonen

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

Though the sailing in our District starts in May we do some activities before that. 1990 we arranged a sailing seminar in two parts. The first part was full of theory like "how to forecast and recognize the changes in wind conditions before and during the racing". The second part was sailing in two boat groups under the control of our district trainer Terho Aromaa. That was something we have to do more!

In the end of June, 10 Lightnings from Finland travelled to Switzerland for the 1990 European Championship. This is the greatest number of Finnish Lightnings that ever had participated to the Championships outside our country. The best Finn among 31 competitors was Hannu Hurskainen with crew Pekka Hurskainen and Samppa J. Salminen. In July one Finnish crew raced in Buffalo where the 1990 Youth World Championships were held. They were also sponsored by our District.

Kallan Purjehtijat in Kalajoki hosted the Finnish District Championships this year. The racing area was open sea between Finland and Sweden so we had a lot of wind and also big waves. The weather was nice, the hosting club did a great job and accommodations were super. We only had twenty boats participating, and this was disappointing. We have to do something! The 1990 Finnish District Champion is Kari Maenpaa with Erkki Maenpaa and Mikko Maatta. Leo Korhonen with Anne-Marie Korhonen and Rainer Korhonen was second; Kimmo, Jari and Mika Aromaa was third; Hartti Nisonen, fourth; Hannu Hurskainen, fifth; Pertti Pyy, sixth; Jaakko Herttua, seventh; Askko Autio, eighth; Jyrki Maatta, ninth; Samppa J. Salminen, tenth; Markku Paloma, 11th; Aulis Naykki, 12th; Antero Punttila, 13th; Aimo Jokiniemi, 14th; Heikki Ulen, 15th; Pentti Jarvinen, 16th; Terho Aromaa, 17th; Kari Iso-Pahkala, 18th; Johannes Liimatta, 19th; Esa Holopainen, 20th.

In the meeting during the District's we asked for sailors concerning on going to next years European and World Championships. The result was very encouraging, again ten to twelve crew were planning a trip to Europeans and four to five to Worlds. This is great! But how do we get all to participate in the District's which will be arranged next time in Saynatsalo, Jyväskylä. The target will be to see over thirty boats on a starting line. We will see.

## FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	William Meyer
District Secretary .....	Heather McGonagle
District Measurer .....	Dave White
Assistant Measurer .....	Jeff Shaw & Eammon DeLisser
District Champion .....	Mark Bryant
3 District Runner-Up .....	Jim Alman

**Fleets:** Biscayne Bay (226); Lake Eustis/North Florida (461); Suncoast (502), Clearwater (504).

Word is finally starting to get around that the Florida District is not only very hospitable to Northern refugees needing a late Fall-Winter, early Spring change of climate, but provides some of the most consistently intense competition around. Mark Bryant's permanent relocation to Florida's West Coast, occasional "snow-bird" migrations of Bruce Goldsmith, Tom Allen and Hank Hodgeson, as well as the ability to sail year round keeps the District on its toes.

May's Districts was definite proof of "up-and-coming" and quality veteran Lightning sailors, evidenced by a needed tie-breaker to determine second and third place between recent returnee Jim Alman and perennial Fisk Hayden. Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Fleet 226 hosted a light to moderate air — full of holes — "the wind is always better on the other side of the course" kind of regatta. Mark Bryant, Joni Palmer and Will Jeffers convinced everyone they had sand between their toes and the shift gods on their side.

The Ray Dodge Trophy, first place perpetual, was presented to Mark Bryant. Jimmy Alman kept the Florida Fay Regan Trophy for second place in Coconut Grove (at least for one year). Tom Degan won the Competition Trophy (abdicated by Mark Bryant suffering from embarrassment of riches) for the Best First Time Skipper in the Districts. The Corinthian Trophy for Mid-Fleet finish went to Jon Ewing. Corinthian could well describe the event for all those involved.

The District was not allowed to rest on its laurels after the Districts. A request from the Key West Yacht Club to come and show our "stuff" to their members, garnered boats from all four fleets in the middle of the summer. All indicators point to a new fleet forming there. Usually a trip to Key West is during those "cold" months, but it was an opportunity to sell Lightnings to an interested buyer, the Key West Yacht Club. Of course for those of us who have already been smart shoppers, there is only one choice.

Congratulations to 1989-1990 Triple Crown winners Carol Stout, Fay Regan/Tom Degan, and Bill Meyer, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively. The Florida district also sent six boats to the North Americans. The first leg of the Triple Crown for the 1990-1991 season is Thanksgiving weekend at Davis Island Yacht Club, Nov. 24-25 (work off some of that turkey). The second leg is the Coral Reef Annual at Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami, Dec. 9-10. The third leg is at Melbourne Yacht Club, Feb. 2-3. Never say no to the Red Lobster Regatta in Sanford, Dec. 1-2. All of these are in addition to local Fleet races held every month. Next year the Pam-Am Trials for Lightnings will be held at Davis Island two weeks before the Districts which are at Davis Island on April 27-28. Call Bill at 813-886-1962 for information on Florida Racing.

Florida District is most proud of our new President, Fisk Hayden, who has been actively promoting Lightning sailing for decades, and just so now sits at the head of the class.

## INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Greg Miles
District Secretary .....	Susan Calder
District Champion .....	Brad Wagnon
District Runner-Up .....	Greg Miles

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

The Indiana District had three great regattas this year.

The first regatta was the Indiana Open May 5-6, at Geist. This year we had great weather and no snow. Competition was great with Colin Park coming out on top.

The second regatta was the Indiana Districts held at Geist on June 15-16. There were light winds both Saturday and Sunday, but the race committee was able to get five races in. Brad Wagnon was first followed by Greg Miles and Joe Cassaux was third.

The third regatta was the Hoosier regatta held at Wawasee on Oct. 6-7. The 23 boats were greeted with strong, gusty winds on Saturday causing capsize by some of the best sailors. Sunday brought lighter winds and rain. Colin Park ended up first for the sixth year in a row.

The Indiana District would like to thank everyone for supporting our regattas.

## ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Francesco de Regis
District Secretary .....	Sergio Rustichelli
District Measurer .....	Gianni Battisti
District Champion .....	Marcello Attina
District Runner-Up .....	Pasquale Vitaggio



**Fleets:** Marsala (449); Trasimeno (453); Flotta Del Conero (466); Flotta Del Savio (476).

Many skippers participated in the Italian District Championship and nine crew travelled to Switzerland for the European Championship. Gaetano Pellizzaro is the new European Champion. Congratulations to him and his crew Falcini and Cappucci.

The District is looking forward to another successful sailing season.

## LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Anne Allen
District Executive Secretary .....	Bryan Milne
District Corresponding Secretary .....	Judy Walker
District Treasurer .....	Kathy Taylor
District Measurer .....	David Sprague
District Champion .....	Jody Swanson
District Runner-Up .....	Mark Sullivan
District Junior Champion .....	Tom Starck
Runner-Up .....	Mark Sullivan

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

Has another year passed? It seems that each year with the Lightning Class is passing by with lightning speed and it is time to recap the Lake Erie District's activities and regattas.

Again, the sailing in the Lake Erie District gets harder, tougher and more competitive. Our sailors continue to travel throughout North America perfecting their techniques and abilities. The juniors especially made their mark in international competition, not only winning, but finishing well in the Junior Worlds held in our home waters at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

Our 1990 season started at the Boulevard Club in Toronto with the annual April Fool's Regatta coupled to the District Meeting and an afternoon of curling. No, we didn't race Lightnings but instead tested skipper and crew abilities singly in the one-man (and girl) Optimist dinghies. After a number of elimination heats it came down to the one winner, Martin Essig of Hamilton Boating Club.

Spring and early summer was spent in the smaller regattas around the District. Top winners changed frequently depending on regatta attendance, crew availability, weather conditions and local funnies. All paths led to the District Regatta to see who would qualify for the North Americans.

One of our largest regattas was the Canadian Open hosted by the "Flying Beaver Fleet" of the Hamilton Yacht Club. The Beavers did an outstanding job in every facet of Regatta Management including local sponsorship, great meals and congenial hospitality. With three light air races, two heavy air and one "oh my God whatever" race, the winner was American David Starck followed by Top Canadian Peter Hall.

The 1990 LED Districts were hosted by the Buffalo Canoe Club in a two-day Regatta followed by the Junior Worlds. A number of out-of-District Lightnings were invited to sail with us on the condition that they loan us their new Allens for the Junior Worlds. The top five finishers in the Districts were all LED sailors: Jody Swanson, first, Mark Sullivan second, David Starck, third, Jill Swanson fourth and Cal Schmiede fifth.

The Junior Worlds was a great event. The best possible result was a winner from the BCC Juniors and Ned Roseberry and crew lived up to that commitment. Tom Starck (USA), Marty Essig (Canada) and Greg Millar (USA) also sailed well and will represent their countries (and the LED) in future Junior Worlds. Sixteen year old Marty just got his own competitive Lightning so we expect to hear a lot from him in the future.

For the North Americans the LED proudly sent entries to all fleets. Ned Roseberry triumphed in the Juniors, Cal Schmiede fifth in the Masters and Judy Walker third in the Womens.

The LED sent 13 entries to the North Americans including: Mark Sullivan, David Starck, Cal Schmiede, Larry MacDonald Jr., Bill Neal, Skip Wilday, Mark Dadd, Keith MacDonald, Jim Allen, Peter Humphrey, Tom Allen Sr., Judy Walker and Defending Champion Tom Allen IV. No great honors were won, but we all enjoyed the meeting with old friends from the Lightning Class. You never knew who you would meet sailing out of the fog....

We were able to retain the LED-CNY District Challenge Cup from the Central New York District due to the efforts of Tom Allen Jr. and the other LED participants. It takes more than one Lightning to win the Challenge, but first place sure helps.

Our Fall Circuit consisting of three Regattas, Harvest, Haul-out and Hurrell-Shaker was taken by Tom Jr. overall with David Wood second, Judy Walker third and John Rogers fourth.

Our 1991 Regatta Schedule is somewhat complete and is shown in our ad along with some of our District Champions. We are busy making plans for our District Spring Meeting in May in conjunction with the Eby Series at the Buffalo Canoe Club. A Pot-Luck Dinner is planned at one of the Point Abino homes. We invite all Lightning sailors to join us at one of our Regattas during the 1991 season for tune-up practice. We want everyone to learn first hand just how tough it is to sail in the Lake Erie District.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Ralph Wilson
District Secretary .....	Jack Huntsman
District Measurer .....	Franz Schneider
District Champion .....	Gary Hurban
District Runner-Up .....	Sandy Huntsman

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

The highlight of the 1990 season was the Metropolitan District winning the Steketee trophy for having the greatest percentage of increase in membership for 1990 versus 1989.

It will be very difficult for the Metropolitan District to repeat as 1991 winners of the Steketee trophy as we are on the minus side with the reactivation of the Riverton Yacht Club (Fleet 228). Although we wish Mark Schneider (our past District Commodore) the very best, we wish that this fleet were in our district.

The saddest moment was the passing of Arnold Schwartz on March 30th. Arnold had served as Captain of Fleet 70, Commodore of the Metropolitan District, and President of the I.L.C.A.

The best attended regattas were the Long John at Red Bank, the District's at Nyack, and the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Lake Wallenpaupack. The first and last were memorable for strong winds and the middle for very light winds and tidal current that was stronger than the wind. Perhaps this was training for the 1990 North Americans.

The 1991 Long John will be April 27-28 at Red Bank and we're looking for a huge turnout for the 1991 Districts which will be hosted by the North Shrewsbury Fleet.



Steketee Trophy winners 1990.

## MICHIGAN

District Commodore .....	Colin Park
District Secretary .....	Phyllis Callahan
District Measurer .....	Tom Vickers
District Champion .....	Bruce Goldsmith
District Runner-Up .....	John McCree

**Fleets:** Devils Lake (31); Crescent Sail Club (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Yacht Club (54); Higgins Lake (110); Gull Lake Yacht Club (137); Macataw Bay (204); Saginaw Bay (216); Grand Traverse Yacht Club (326); Pentwater (340); Douglas Lake (374); Lansing Sail Club (387).





# International Lightning Class Association

*Lake Erie District*

## 1991 DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

EVENT	HOST CLUB	DATE
CANADIAN SAILING — CURLING REGATTA	BOULEVARD CLUB	April 7
PAN-AM TRIALS U.S.	DAVIS ISLAND Y.C., FL.	April 12,14
SPRING DISTRICT MEETING	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	May 11
EBY SERIES	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	May 11,12
#REUNION REGATTA	NEWPORT YACHT CLUB	June 1,2
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	ANNAPOLIS, MD	June 1,9
CORNBALL REGATTA	CHATAUQUA LAKE Y.C.	June 8,9
NIAGARA FRONTIER INVIT.	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	June 15,16
CANADIAN OPEN	BOULEVARD CLUB	June 22,23
CANADIAN YOUTH OPEN	TBA	TBA
ONTARIO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	HAMILTON YACHT CLUB	June 29,30
CUBA LAKE REGATTA	CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB	June 29,30
ONTARIO YOUTH OPEN	TBA	TBA
LSSA CHAMPIONSHIP	TORONTO BAY	July 6,7
DISTRICT WOMEN AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB	July 11,12
<b>DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB</b>	<b>July 13,14</b>
NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPIONSHIP	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB	July 20,21
PAN AMERICAN GAMES	CUBA	August 6,15
ONTARIO CLASSIC (MICHELOB)	OSWEGO YACHT CLUB	August 10,11
WOMEN, JUNIOR & MASTERS	NEWPORT, R.I.	August 12,16
NORTH AMERICANS	NEWPORT, RI	August 16,23
OLD SALTS REGATTA	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB	August 28
#*HARVEST REGATTA	SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB	September 7,8
*HURRELL SHAKER REGATTA	BOULEVARD CLUB	September 14,15
*HAUL-OUT REGATTA	SBYC or BCC	September 21,22
TURKEY REGATTA	HAMILTON YACHT CLUB	September 28

# = LED—CNY DISTRICT CHALLENGE  
\* = LED FALL CIRCUIT



*The LED Congratulates the 1990 Junior World Champions  
L-R: Skipper Ned Roseberry, Randy Shore and Guy Adema*

To confirm regatta dates, please contact District Secretary, Judy Walker at home 716-839-3552 or work 716-893-1100.

The Lightning Class is alive and well in Michigan! This year our District had another strong sailing season, with the addition of a new fleet at Holland, Michigan and the reinstitution of the Tawas Regatta, thanks to Guy and Blair Moulthrop. We are fortunate in Michigan to have a group of sailors who actively support the travelling regattas — a key to healthy regattas and ultimately for healthy fleets. Between the addition of an enthusiastic group at Macatawa, Holland and a bunch of young rock stars, enthusiasm is up and the competition is better than ever. The younger group of Sean Fidler, Dan Norton and George Sipel are starting to win regattas and are looking tougher every weekend. Between them and a dark horse contender, co-owners Mark Whatley and Leslie Fink, the top of the fleet is getting to be brutal.

The Bruin is back! Our new(?) District Champion is Bruce Goldsmith. Bruce, with wife Sherri and Vicki Mathews did it in all conditions over three days at Higgins Lake for a well deserved victory. John McCree was a close second with Sean Fidler a very close third. Colin Park was a not very close fourth.

The travelling regattas in Michigan are pretty much split up into two seasons, June and September. The spring sailing saw Fidler, McCree, Norton and Park up in the front with Whatley/Fink showing flashes of brilliance, especially in heavy air.

The fall series consists of Pontiac, Devils Lake, Gull Lake and Wawassee (ex-officio Michigan fleet) in Northern Indiana. This year the Barney Crittendon trophy, awarded to the winner of the fall series was won easily by Sean Fidler. Winners of individual regattas in the fall were Parks, McCree and Norton. George Nickels, racing in the circuit for the first time in a while, won the inaugural Macatawa regatta with pick-up crew. Welcome back George!

Michigan was well represented at the North Americans, starting with a second place for Joe Disette in the Masters. Mark Whatley, Leslie Fink and Bob Mathers won the yellow fleet with a pair of firsts, while last years winner, Joel Humphrey from Pontiac was second. The Harris brothers, also from Pontiac were fourth. Colin and Karen Park with Glenn Hallett in the middle repeated as runner-up in the blue fleet. Karen and Colin also won the Steuland trophy, the overall travelling trophy for the Michigan circuit.

See you all next year!

### MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Adrian Irving
District Secretary .....	Vernal Equinox
District Treasurer .....	Meg Huffman
District Measurer .....	Mike Huffman
District Champion .....	Bill Faude
District Runner-Up .....	Mike Huffman

**Fleets:** Chicago Corinthian (5); Milwaukee Yacht Club (69); Green Bay (112); Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345); Manitowoc (393); Fond Du Lac (442).



Don't forget the hubcaps, Bill.

1990 saw good participation at our regattas. Bill Faude, Jared Drake and Dean Cady, Jr. supplanted Ric Larson and crew as the boat to beat on the Midwest Circuit. The questions was, "which boat?" Faude was out of work, necessitating a constant borrowing of boats, cars, etc., but on the race course Bill was able to concentrate on winning. Bill took the Districts and finished seventh at the North Americans.

Regatta recap: Fond du Lac (rescheduled to August after a tornado in June) — Wurtzbaach, Larson, Esser, P&T — Larson, Faude, Reichelsdorfer. Districts (Sheboygan) — Faude, Huffman, Wurtzbaach, Brotz — Dave Nickels, Schelwat, Larson, Evans — Reichelsdorfer, Larson, Jacobson, Red Fannels — J. Allen, Moriarity, Huffman. Polar Bear — Wurtzbaach, Stephenson Quaitance.

Kudos to the Esser and Wurtzbaach yachts for hitting the road around the district. And to the Fondy Folks for hosting a great party and then a regatta two months later.

LMSRF Champs — 1. Faude 2. Larson 3. Huffman 4. Reichelsdorfer 5. Franke 6. Esser.

Thanks to Greg Fisher, who spoke at our annual meeting. Thanks also to all who helped run our races.

### Mississippi Valley District 1991 Regatta Schedule

The Tennessean	April (TBA)
Harbor Island, Nashville	
Hernando DeSoto	May 18-19
Lake Arkabutla, Memphis	
<b>District Championship</b>	<b>June 14-16</b>
<b>Lake Arkabutla, Memphis</b>	
Intercity	June (TBA)
Lake Decatur, Decatur, IL	
Junior Championship	(TBA)
(To Be Announced)	
The Muddy Rudder	September 7-8
Alton Lake, St. Louis	
The Cotton Pickin'	September 28-29
Lake Arkabutla, Memphis	
The Impromptu	October (TBA)
Lake Carlyle, Carlyle, IL	
The Bluenose	November 2-3
Harbor Island, Nashville	

### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Lynn A. Jones
District Vice Commodore .....	Doug Floyd
District Measurer .....	Terry Burke
District Champion .....	Matt Burridge
District Runner-Up .....	Cully Ward
District Junior Champion .....	Peter McDonnell
Junior Runner-Up .....	Toby Heisler

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

Fleets in the Mississippi Valley District conduct six regattas where we can match skills with one to two dozen other boats, and the Bluenose by Fleet 262 where its more like five dozen. Events in the District made up a big part of our sailing activities, and 1990 was no exception.

The District's first action was at the Tennessean in April in Nashville.

## Michigan District 1991 Regatta Schedule

May 18-19	Devil's Lake Tune Up
June 1-2	Lake Lansing
15-16	Crescent Sail Club
22-23	Bay City Yacht Club
29-30	Lake Fenton Team Races
July 6-7	Traverse City
12-14	Districts at Macatawa
20-21	Women's & Jr's Districts, Devil's Lake
August 3-4	Higgins Lake
10-11	Tawas Beach Club
12-23	N.A.'s at Newport
September 7-8	Pontiac Yacht Club, Cass Lake
14-15	Devil's Lake 48th Annual Regatta
28-29	Gull Lake

The Michigan District Congratulates Bruce Goldsmith,



1990 Michigan District Champion

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where Tom Emch, a member of the Memphis fleet's record breaking class of '89, won the event.

The District's championship regatta was held June 9-10 on Lake Carlyle. The Lake had receded just enough to allow launching from trailers and weeks of guessing were ended. A 25 boat fleet was on the starting line Saturday morning with light winds that got patchy and eventually died by mid-day. The first of the two races that day was won by Matt Burridge, Cully Ward, and Stu Bernstein in that order. The second race, sailed on a shortened course and a last leg that seemed to last forever, was won by Cully Ward, with Bill Hofmeister, and Matt Burridge in second and third. Sunday's light northeast breeze allowed two races, the first of which was won by Don Sherburne, followed by Rob Zerban, Matt Burridge, and Cully Ward. The final race was won by Crit Currie of Memphis, followed by Gerry Paoli, and Matt Burridge. Matt Burridge was the District Champion followed by Cully Ward, Don Sherburne, Dan Busher, Gerry Paoli, and Crit Currie. Fleet 266 put on a fine regatta under the direction of 1989-90 District Commodore Terry Burke and Race Committee Chairman Jack Caldwell and his crew did their usual great job.

Fleet 486, Valley Sailing Association, hosted their Muddy Rudder Regatta, September 8-9 with Dan Busher of Nashville (and sometimes Memphis) taking the honors. Bill Baxter (always of Memphis) and Rick Conaway of Valley followed in the 13 boat fleet. Rick Conaway won the Governor's Cup in convincing fashion this year with four firsts in five races.

The Hernando DeSoto and the Cotton Pickin' Regattas, hosted by Fleet 274 in May and September respectively, attracted almost two dozen boats each time. The winds were good for both and made for great sailing. Warren Lewis of Dallas returned for the inevitable (it seems) recapture of the first place trophy in the Hernando DeSoto, with Cully Ward and Bill Hofmeister following. In the fall event, Cully Ward took the prize followed by Bill Hofmeister and Dr. Bob Cotton, to make a Nashville sweep.

Fleet 74 had an active year that included travel to St. Pete, that was led by Roger Grohne, as well as to several favorite regional regattas. The fleet's 35th edition of the Inter City Regatta attracted 16 boats June 2-24 with the Fleet's own Greg Florian taking first. Carlyle Sailing Association's Terry Burke was second with Memphis' Bill Baxter in third.



*"Seven Regattas are held within the Mississippi Valley District."*

Fleet 266's 21st Impromptu Regatta was held at Lake Carlyle on October 13-14, with 16 boats. Two races were completed Saturday after a long day waiting for wind. Gusty winds Sunday allowed a full five race regatta. With five bullets, Dan Moriarty was the clear winner, followed by Terry Burke, Greg Florian, Ron Blair, and Dan Busher, in that order.

Fleet 262's Bluenose Regatta the first weekend in November keeps drawing better competition and more boats every year. This year's edition saw 60 boats on the line across Old Hickory Lake. The event, sailed with light air Saturday and beautiful fall conditions Sunday, was won by Brad Read. You know the steaks were great Saturday evening and the hospitality was assured.

All in all, the District was active this year and saw Lightnings as strong as ever in the middle of the country.

## NEW ENGLAND LIGHTNING DISTRICT

### 1991 SCHEDULE

June 1-2	Champlain, Mallet's Bay	Burlington, VT
June 15-16	Maple Leaf Classic	Bomoseen, VT
* June 29-30	Newburyport	Newburyport, MA
July 6-7	Androscoggin	Wayne, ME
<b>July 12-13-14</b>	<b>New England Districts</b>	<b>Bomoseen, VT</b>
July 20-21	Juniors/Womens	Manchester, NH
* July 27-28	Casco Bay	Portland, ME
August 3-4	Squam	Squam Lake, NH
* August 10-11	Wellfleet	Wellfleet, MA
August 13-16	91 N.A.'s Junior's	Newport R.I
	Women's & Masters	
August 16-23	91 North Americans	Newport, RI
September 7-8	Massabesic Lake	Manchester, NH
September 21-22	Spofford Lake	Spofford, NH

\*NEW ENGLAND LIGHTNING CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... John Hughes  
 District Secretary ..... Norman Deyett  
 District Measurer ..... Don Brush  
 District Champion ..... Stuart Nickerson  
 District Runner-Up ..... Brad Read  
 District Circuit Champion ..... George Deyett  
 Junior Champion ..... Chris Wright

**Fleets:** Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Merrimac River (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 (450); Casco Bay (471); Bow Lake (493).

Congratulations for a job well-done to Pat MacQueen and Curt Felix. Their service to the N.E. Districts has been outstanding over the past two years.

Right from the start of 1990 at the Southern Circuit, the New England District sailors showed the way. Stewart Nickerson, Kip Hamblet, Hale Walcott had folks from around the country checking out their power plants in winds of 15 to 25 knots. It was a pleasure to watch how well they made their boat go to win the Southern Circuit.

At our two day Districts Stewart Nickerson led the way again with Brad Read, Bill Fastiggi, George Peter and John Hughes respectfully. As always the Lake Champlain Fleet did an outstanding job, hosting 32 boats and a special thanks to Tom Robb and family for their fantastic race committee work for the New England Districts.

Over ten per cent of the boats in the North American Blue Fleet were from the New England Districts. They made their presence felt. Stewart Nickerson, 8th; Brad Read, 16th; George Deyett, 25th; and Bill Fastiggi, 33rd. I'm sure Bill Fastiggi will remember this Rochester, N.Y. N.A.'s and "Broadcast News" for years to come.

The results from 7 District regattas had 6 skippers tasting victory. Stewart Nickerson at Lake Champlain and Provincetown, Bill Fastiggi at

Boomoseen — a 720 is no Father's Day present Bill?, George Deyett at Androscoggin with 8 bullets, Ken Deyett at Bow Lake — Congratulations Ken and Julie on Kenny, Jr., Ray Harrington at Massabesic and Kip Hamblet at Spofford.

The 1990 season proved to be a winner for all those who participated. In particular our congratulations to Stewart Nickerson, the District Champion, George Deyett the District Circuit Champion, and to Pat MacQueen the 1988-1990 District Commodore.

The New England District is going strong with new boats and sailors appearing each season. We look forward to 1991 and the North American Championship in Newport, R.I.

## OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Thomas Varley  
 District Secretary ..... Karl Erickson  
 District Measurer ..... Ralph Powless  
 District Champion ..... Greg Fisher  
 District Runner-Up ..... Matt Fisher

**Fleets:** Indiana Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Atwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover (353).

The Ohio Districts had the best year ever in 1990. In addition to the fantastic turn out at the district regattas, we had a superior showing at the 1990 North American Championship. Greg Fisher won, while brother Matt Fisher came in third. Two other district members came in the top 15. Rob Ruhlman finished 10th and George Fisher finished 12th. All four qualified for the 1991 World Championships in Annapolis in June. We wish all good luck.

The Ohio District would like to thank all the out of district sailors who participated in our district regattas. 1991 promises to be another great year. See you in Annapolis and Newport!

## 1991 OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

Spring Classic	Pymatuning Y.C.	May 11-12
Windshift Regatta	Leatherlips Y.C.	June 1-2
<b>District Championship</b>	<b>Pymatuning Y.C.</b>	<b>June 29-30</b>
Independence Day Regatta	Pymatuning Y.C.	July 6-7
C.Y.C. Regatta	Cleveland Y.C.	July 27-28
Harvest Moon Regatta	Atwood Lake Y.C.	September 7-8
Snowball Regatta	Buckeye Lake Y.C.	October 12-13
Fall-In Regatta	Cowan Lake S.A.	October 19-20

## ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Tony McBride
District Secretary .....	Jay Mann
District Measurer .....	Bill Layton
District Champion .....	Peter Hall
District Runner-Up .....	Tony McBride

**Fleets:** Lake Deschenes (188); The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (215); Hudson (376); Pointe Claire Yacht Club (499).

The St. Lawrence Valley District's season began early this year as we used the fall and winter to drum up enthusiasm for new Lightning Fleets in Hudson, Quebec and Ottawa, Ontario and to find new members for the existing Fleets at the Pointe-Claire and the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Clubs. We welcomed aboard eleven new members in total. Hats off to Ted Bowser, Ross Leveret and Bob Yuile for organizing the new fleets. Interest in Lightnings keep getting stronger and we hope to be able to add two new fleets to the Montreal region in 1991.

While participation at local events was on the rise it did not interfere with our members enjoying the challenge of meeting Lightning sailors from other districts and racing in events they organized. 1990 saw the Districts combined total mileage travelled (CTMT) exceed 28,900 miles, a total that we challenge any fleet to top!!

T. McBride, J. Mann, N. Tabet, J. & F. Simard, P. Hall, R. Scrim, P. Owen, and crew sailed in the Midwinters in Florida for a total of 9600 miles of driving. P. Hall, J. & F. Simard, J. Mann, and P. Owen sailed in the No Gas Regatta at Annapolis — 2,800 miles. P. Hall, J. & F. Simard, J. Mann, P. Owen, and N. Tabet sailed at Cedar Point in the Early Bird Regatta — 3,000 miles. P. Hall, J. & F. Simard and T. Staples drove to Burlington, Vermont to sail — 600 miles. T. McBride, P. Hall, J. Mann, P. Owen, J. & F. Simard, M. Gagnier, N. Tabet, R. Scrim, T. Bowser, T. Harris, and B. Yuile all sailed in The Canadian Open Championship at Hamilton, Ontario for a total of 7,000 miles. P. Hau, T. McBride, J. & F. Simard sailed in The Hamilton Invitational — 1,600 miles. T. McBride sailed in the Lake Erie Districts in Buffalo — 800 miles. T. Harris sailed at Henderson Harbor — 500 miles. B. Yuile sailed in The North American Championships at Rochester — 600 miles. T. McBride sailed in the Fall Classic at Cedar Point — 1,000 miles. And, P. Hall sailed in the Fall Regatta at Annapolis — 1,400 miles.

The 1990 District Championship was held at Pointe-Claire Yacht Club and a record 18 boats turned out. Peter McBride was the race chairman and did his usual extraordinary job. Jan Brown hosted a super party on Saturday night which was especially appreciated by all the hard working crews who spent their day hiking (to leeward) to keep the boats going (forward). The 1990 District Champion is Peter Hall (1989 Lightning World Champion), the first runner-up Tony McBride (Vice-President) and second runner-up, Jay Mann and Perry Owen.

Our District Juniors continue to show great speed, Tony Staples won the Canadian Junior Championships held at the Royal St.-Lawrence Yacht Club earning the right to a berth in the World Junior Championships.

The highlight event this year for District members was the Canadian Open Championship hosted by the Flying Beavers in Hamilton. Nine boats made the trip contributing to the record turnout of 52 boats. Two members cracked the top ten in this the first qualifier for the Canadian Pan-Am Games selection, Peter Hall placed 2nd (1st Cdn.) and Jay Mann and Perry Owen placed 3rd Cdn.

The District's most improved sailor and one of its most enthusiastic goes to Nabil Tabet who in a few short years of Lightning sailing has proved to us all that if you work hard and have fun you may some day be able to catch Peter Hall!

A special thank you to all new members for taking the Lightning Challenge because you keep Fleets everywhere going and growing.

New Members: P. Baehr, T. Bowser, D. Cameron, M. Gagnier, R. Leveret, M. Leveret, M. Levy, P. McDuff, M. Osterman, B. Rikely, G. Taylor, and B. Yuile.

## SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	John Pelosi
District Secretary .....	Clayton Rumble
District Measurer .....	Bill Sloger, Jr.
District Champion .....	Lenny Krawcheck
District Runner-Up .....	Bob Harkrider
Junior Champion .....	Judah Rubin
Junior Runner-Up .....	Cerr Boyd

**Fleets:** Savannah (127); Clark Hill (257); Lake Lanier (348); Lake Hartwell (391); Triad (415); Greater Charleston (429); Palmetto (440); Waccamaw (463); Wake (481); Tennessee Valley (500).

Eleven different regattas were sailed by about 50 different Lightning skippers in the Southeastern District for the 1990 season. Thirteen boats, up from nine last year, qualified for the season championship by sailing in at least five regattas. Those qualifying in order of finish are: Lenny Krawcheck, Bob Harkrider, Bennie Moultrie, Clay Rumble, Karl Suter, Kent Mullikin, John Pelosi, Michael Rees, Dick Mayne, James Taylor, Grant Wolslagel, Bob Wilkins, and Carr Boyd. Carr qualified in his first year with his new boat. It was the first time Karl, Kent, Michael, James, and Grant qualified. We should have more next year!

All 13 skippers and their crew received rather elegant trophies made possible by our supporters: Layline, Fisher Sails, and Bryant Performance Spars. Walt Brown, president of Layline, gave district skippers added incentive this year by providing two \$100 gift certificates to be raffled off among qualifiers. The winners, in a drawing held at Lake Lanier, our last regatta, were Lenny Krawcheck and James Taylor.

The first two regattas were held on the same weekend, April 28-29, due to scheduling problems. Five boats attended each, with the result that Bob Harkrider finished ahead of South East District boats at the Dutch Treat Regatta in Knoxville, and Clay Rumble took top honors at the Western Carolina Open at Lake Hartwell.

Sixteen boats sailed our next regatta at High Rock, May 5-6. Bob Harkrider won it on the tie-breaker over Bennie Moultrie in the kind of sailing conditions we usually only dream about.

The District Championship Regatta was next, held at the Augusta Sailing Club June 7-9. We had 25 boats on the line for six races sailed in mostly light and fluky conditions. Lenny Krawcheck, appearing in this first regatta of the season, nosed out Will Sloger for top honors. Bob Harkrider and John MacIntosh placed third and fourth, respectively.

The North Carolina Governor's Cup on Kerr Lake was attended by 17 Lightnings the next weekend. Clay Rumble broke in to the winner's circle by tying with Bob Harkrider for first place. The most exciting thing at this regatta was the First Annual Robert Harkrider Living Memorial Croquet Tournament attended by 30 Lightning sailors.

Bill Sloger added variety to our list of top-flight skippers by beating 12 other Lightnings at the Beaufort Open (S.C.) June 23-24. Clay Rumble took second by a quarter of a point over John Pelosi, who won third on a tie-breaker against Neff MacIntosh and Bob Harkrider.

The sixth regatta of the season, June 30-31, was the Lake Norman Open, a first-time regatta for Lightnings, replacing one at Lake Murray cancelled this year because of low lake levels. Karl Suter won it, with the ever-present Bob Harkrider following in second, and Clay Rumble and Bennie Moultrie rounding out the top four of the 13 boats. We were lucky to get Karl and Pam from the Indiana District where Karl was commodore.

Our last regatta before the North Americans was at the Charleston Yacht Club on July 21-22 as part of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association In-Shore Championships. Lenny Krawcheck's three bullets sealed his first over second-place Bob Harkrider and 10 other Lightnings.

We "fielded" six boats for the North Americans. Lenny Krawcheck, Bob Harkrider, Bennie Moultrie, John MacIntosh, Judah Rubin and John Pelosi took their boats to Rochester. Judah Rubin sailed in the Junior Championships the week before, taking fifth place. John MacIntosh placed third in the Master's and third in the Green Fleet. The rest of us had a very good time.

The fall season brought us the last three regattas. Lake Waccamaw led off with 17 boats and beautiful winds (a rarity for the past few years), the second weekend in September. Lenny Krawcheck won again, with Kent Mullikin, Bob Harkrider and Michael Rees taking the rest of the silver. The weekend after that, our usual Columbia (Lake Murray) Regatta was replaced by a Coronado 15/ Lightning Dual Regatta, again won by Lenny. The Lake Lanier Atlantic Cup Regatta, with 24 boats, completed the season. Perennial champion Lenny Krawcheck won again, making it four in a row and winning the season championship. Marty Headless, Bob Harkrider, Clay Rumble and Ken Wallace rounded out the top five.

Efforts to be succinct about our district regattas pay a disservice to the great hospitality we experience on our circuit. Race committee work has been exceptional this year, and we thank our sailing clubs for their efforts, which include fine food, drink and partying.

We worked hard to try to increase the number of active members in our district. We increased our number by 17 over last year, but feel we can do better.

Our Commodore for 1991 will be Tom Schroder, and our Secretary/Treasurer will be Dick Mayne, both residing in Martinez, Georgia. We look forward to the 1991 season with its renewed promise of faster sailing in great competition and a lot of fun doing it.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Cal Herman  
 District Secretary ..... Dennis Mahler  
 District Measurer ..... John "Buck" Ballatin  
 District Champion ..... John A. Ballatin  
 District Runner-Up ..... Larry Frost, Jr.

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

The Southern District began the 1990 sailing season in 1989 with the Sugar Bowl Regatta. While air temperatures were in the 60's, water temperatures were in the 40's, because of very cold weather two weeks before. For the last time in anyone's memory parts of Lake Pontchartrain had frozen solid. The wind was 12-20 mph out of the southeast and Mark Bryant and Greg Fisher traded firsts on Saturday. Mark Bryant won the regatta on Sunday with the wind moderating some that day. New Orleans is a great place to spend New Year's weekend and N.O.Y.C. and S.Y.C. invite all our Lightning friends to attend this year's Sugar Bowl Regatta.

March 31 and April 1 we traveled to Morgan City for a real treat. Debbie and Norma Lallande hosted the Cajun Classic Regatta featuring a great dinner on Saturday evening. Mississippi Valley district sailors also were in attendance and vowed to return as everyone had a great time. On an unusual note, the winner of this series, Cal Herman capsized before the first race, but came back to win that race.

In mid April the annual Crawfish Regatta held in Lake Arthur, Louisiana was a real hit. Winds were light and shifty. If you didn't like your position going up the windward leg then wait 10 minutes, you could go from last to first to last again. L.A.Y.C. served a crawfish dinner Sunday after the last race that was great. Anyone not from Louisiana will see a pattern developing here. Food is part of the racing!

Lake Charles was host to the Contraban Days Regatta. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate as the winds did not fall below 25 mph. With the One-Design and District Championship in New Orleans in two weeks, no one wanted to risk breaking a spar. We are looking forward to good sailing at Lake Charles in '91.

In late May action moved to New Orleans, with the One Design Invitational hosted by Southern Yacht Club. This is the beginning of hot weather in Louisiana. Larry Frost, Jr. won the series.

Lake Pontchartrain was the venue for the 1990 Southern District Championship and Buck (I know the way to "Z" mark) Ballatin sailed a nearly flawless regatta with 4 bullets and a third with a spectacular come from behind victory in the second race in which the whole fleet sailed to the wrong mark except the "S.B.". Sailing conditions were southerly 10-16 Friday and Saturday, but fell off Sunday morning with winds under 8 mph. These light conditions allowed Dennis Mahler to win Race 5. The Southern District meeting was held Saturday afternoon and Larry Frost III was elected Commodore for 1991.

On June 30 and July 1st the Gulf Yachting Association Championship was held at Bay, St. Louis. Although the weather was hot, the Mississippi

sailing conditions were beautiful, clear blue skies and wind around 10-12 mph. Charlie White won the series, but Larry Frost, Jr. won the G.Y.A. which is a combined total of this series and the Districts.

In mid September, Mobile, Alabama held the Wadewitz Series on Mobile Bay. Cal Herman took first in a hard fought series.

The Southern District enjoyed good racing and great friendship this year and we are all looking forward to the '91 season.



*Swiss Crews (L-R) Luthy - Merg - Bricker; Scharer - Baumgartner - Baumgartner; Perret - Monnier - Merieult.*

## SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Gilbert Despland  
 District Secretary ..... Kathy Herzog  
 District Measurer ..... Urs Wyler  
 District Champion ..... Urs Wyler  
 District Runner-Up ..... Urs Schar

**Fleets:** Lac de Neuchatel (169); Sempachersee/ Hall-Wilersee (250); Murtensee (358).

The most important regatta for our district, this year, was the organization of the European Championship. It was held from July 7 to 14 on Lake Biel. 31 registered crews confronted each other. As it was in 1956, the organization of our friend from La Neuveville Club was perfect and the wind was at the appointment. It was the crew of the Italian Pellizzaro who was first, and Swiss Wyler was second.

To note, during the European's meeting, an appointment was taken for

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the European Championship in 1991, by our Italian friends, on the Lake of Trasimeno.

We most regret the disappearance of the Fleet 309; the remaining members are now joining the Fleet 250.

Our District Championship was held on the Lake of Morat, with a nice victory of Urs Wyler and his crew, followed by Urs Schar.

The Kami-kase-cup, which was held over 4 regattas, Sempach, La Neuveville, Avenches, and Neuchatel, shows the final victory of the Santa-Fiamma belonging to our new Commodore Jacques Perret. Our Senior Commodore, Gilbert Despland, taking up the post which was left free by Christoph Luthy to the Vice-Presidency.

I would like to thank everyone who have been working for the Lightning Class during my mandate and give you an appointment to the next 1991 season.

## TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Arthur M. Wilson  
District Secretary ..... Blair C. Johnson  
District Measurer ..... Dr. Sylvan Newman  
District Champion ..... Richard Guinan  
District Runner-Up ..... Dr. Sylvan Newman

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

The winter winds swept away the sailing season of 1990, leaving us the passion for yet another wonderful year lurking upon the horizon. Yes, it's true, Texas closely holds some of the best inland sailing, accompanied with the level of competition it's certainly a challenge. That's what 1990 was all about — big challenges.

Rush Creek Yacht Club, Fleet 435 consisted of three series that began in March and ended in November. Fleet 35 at Corinthian Yacht Club began in April with two series ending in November.

Rush Creek welcomed new members. Paul Harvener is the owner of Lightning 10014 and plans to come on strong in 1991. Kurt Schuler bought

his ex-skippers old boat 13953 and has it sailing as smoothly as Warren Lewis once did. Craig Anderson joined us with his talent of Lightning sailing, "Michigan style". Warren Lewis bought a new boat 14428 and has already put definite road time on the trailer. The fleet has managed to always provide enough boats for sailing due to the continued support of George Hatfield and other dedicated Fleet members.

The Corinthian Yacht Club on White Rock Lake, home of Fleet 35 had a very strong season with excellent local participation. They kept an average of six boats on the start throughout the series.

Once again the fleet supported the Texas State Fair Regatta with eight boats participating. New member, Wayne Catoe, first, Ralph Bilnoski was second and third place went to Joel Good, all local sailors. The fleet also road tripped to the Holiday In Dixie despite the fact another fleet member married that same weekend. The skippers were Ralph Bilnoski, Gay Griffith and Joel Good. Some newly welcomed members, B. C. Boren and Bob Wenning are both looking to come on strong for the season of 1991.

The Texas Districts were hosted by Rush Creek Yacht Club with a good turnout, but always room for more as we continue to grow. The race was off to a slow start due to the high winds from the local storm. Saturday afternoon was make-up time for not having morning races. We managed to get three off. The races were back-to-back, by then the storm cell broke pulling the winds around 180 degrees with gusts in the upper 30's ... some boats went in, while others finished. After Saturday and two races on Sunday, Richard Guinan won the championship with Dr. Sylvan Newman second, Warren Lewis in third and Greg Hatfield in fourth place.

Fleet 435 also hosted the annual Spring Fest Regatta in April with many One Designs accommodating two race courses. This Regatta offers the opportunity for visitors from other districts to enjoy competitive Lightning sailing. Come join us in 1991.

The Texas Districts owes many thanks and praise for the many years that John Waskom III held as District Commodore. He certainly sailed on the right heading for continued growth. We now acknowledge the future driven by Arthur M. Wilson, Ph.D., to spin off another fleet. One that truly wants to be apart of the Texas Style, One-Design, seat of the pants Lightning Racing at its finest.

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