

# International Lightning Class Association Districts



# Lightning Districts

## BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Claus Bromberg  
District Secretary ..... Christina M. M. Norris

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

With our minds focused on the Worlds in '93, we had a very active year at the Fleet and District levels.

Two crews lead by Nelson Schmidt and Michael Norris represented our District at the Worlds in Annapolis, having brought a number of ideas to be introduced in our Worlds.

Mario Buckup attended the NA's in Newport where he reported on the "light" winds.

Claudio Bickarck was our representative at the Pan American Games, having placed third in a very competitive fleet.

With a high participation level fleets 147 and 462 have done great work in promoting the Class. Fleet 401 from Rio is increasing participation at regattas with new members and boats and a lot of team work from fleet members. Renewed interest has been shown from our members from Santa Catarina and we expect the Class to grow there shortly.

The Committee for the Worlds in Ilhabela are already at work and we will be keeping everyone informed through *Flashes* and at the NA's in Buffalo.

Start planning your trip, May '93 is closer than you think.

## CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Jim Cameron  
District Secretary ..... Innes Martin  
District Measurer ..... Jack Arnold  
District Champion ..... Jim Cameron  
District Runner-Up ..... Ross Bailey

**Fleet:** Temple Reef Sailing Club (279).

Fleet 279 sails out of Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada on Lake Superior, the largest fresh water lake in the world. The fleet sails in the shadow of the Sleeping Giant a natural rock formation which is the symbol of the city. The marina is downtown Port Arthur amidst the shopping, restaurants and office buildings surrounded by a large public park called Prince Arthur's Landing. Our fleet is becoming more active every year and the quality of the competition becomes better with every event and race.

Jim Cameron, Charlie Spence and Willie Evans attended the World Championship in Annapolis, Maryland on Chesapeake Bay in June. Jim and crew sailed to a respectable 18th finish. Finishing in third place in the last race, nipping out Dave Dellenbaugh the 1991 World Champion.

The Canadian Open Championships were held at Toronto in late June. Ross Bailey, Blair Sandberg and Steve Cranton attended as well as Jim Cameron, Janice Cameron and Charlie Spence. Jim, with the assistance of the crew, sailed a great regatta and won the Canadian Championships. Ross and crew finished 23rd, a good effort. Jim's new boat performed spectacularly.

Jim then pumped up for the North American's, took Janice and Charlie to the major regatta of the season. After dodging hurricanes and heavy winds posted an all time Thunder best of 6th.

Other activity in our District included the Loon Lake Regatta attended by six boats from Thunder Bay. Ross Bailey, Don Wilson and Laura Mc won the Regatta by edging the Canadian Champion by one half a point.

Ross Bailey and Kurt Broll skippered their boat at Falcon Lake Manitoba in an open class regatta and finished first and second respectively. An excellent showing for their sailing ability.

The Canadian Open Championships will be held in Thunder Bay in

August 1992. Considering that Thunder Bay is one of the most scenic places on the North Shore of Lake Superior, with the best sailing facilities on Lake Superior, we expect a good turnout of serious and not so serious sailors. It is important for the serious sailor to realize that the Canadian Open Championship is the qualifier for the 1993 World Championship.

So plan on "Sailing A SUPERIOR Lake."

## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... David Bull  
District Secretary ..... Daniel Koretz, M.D.  
District Champion ..... Mark Sertl  
District Runner-Up ..... Kirk Reynolds

**Fleets:** 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).

We had a great 1991 sailing season in the Central New York District. We had good turn-outs at the regattas, had better racing, and had the best parties. It will be hard to top that next year.

The season began with our traditional opening event, the Newport Invitational at Rochester in early June. Twenty-six boats came to sail and unfortunately, on the first day, most of them got to drift on Lake Ontario. One boat had finished the second race, when the wind died and the rest of us had the option of waiting for the wind to come back or getting a tow into the club. Slowly, ever so slowly, one-by-one, a boat here, a boat there, a tow was asked for and a tow was given. Almost half of the fleet went in early. Almost half of the fleet stayed out late. We toasted them heartily as they went by the club at 7:00 in the evening and welcomed them to the almost empty beer keg when they came ashore. The steaks never tasted so good. The top five finishers were Kirk Reynolds, Peter Hallagan, Dick Hallagan, Dan Fien, and Tom Doran.

Two weeks later, the Caz Flash Bash was held on beautiful Cazenovia Lake in idyllic Cazenovia, New York. It's just a short drive from the Carrier Dome, home of the Syracuse Orangemen, perennial football and basketball powers. It's an even shorter drive from the home of Dave Bull and his pool table. The racing was tricky with shifty wind preceding the lightning storm which canceled the third race. Fortunately, the Race Committee Chairman, Art Diefendorf, was able to get the sailors in before the storm hit. The steak dinner was great, as usual, and the pool tourney went late into the night, as usual. The regatta winners were Tom Doran, Dick Hallagan, Clay Murphy, Landy Atkinson, and Peter Hallagan.

The Champagne Regatta at the Keuka Lake Yacht Club finished out the month of June. This always popular event in the heart of Finger Lakes wine country was attended by 18 sailors and their crew. The champagne cocktail party and the dinner were a success and enjoyed by all. For the first time during the sailing season, five races were completed and the winners were Clay Murphy, Landy Atkinson, Jim Gocker, Steve Sahs, and Dick Hallagan.

The Triple Crown was made up of the Newport, Cazenovia, and Keuka Regattas. Those boats that participate in three designated regattas compete for a trophy donated by Dr. John McIntosh many years ago for the purpose of encouraging attendance at Central New York regattas. The top finishers this year were Dick Hallagan, Clay Murphy, Landy Atkinson, Jim Gocker, Dave Bull and Dan Koretz.

The District Championship Regatta was held at the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club in mid-July. The format this year was a little different than usual. This was an open regatta with several boats from outside the District allowed to sail, but not have their results count towards the championship. Several boats from Canada and Vermont, as well as Bob Wardwell returning to his home club from Richmond, Virginia, competed in the races. Everyone had a great time on the race course and enjoyed the party and

dinner on Saturday night. The regatta was won by Mark Sertl, followed by Kirk Reynolds, Tom Doran, Bill Fastiggi and Dick Hallagan.

August 10 found 47 sailors at Oswego for the Michelob Lightning Classic. Since its inception in 1984, this regatta has grown into one of the best attended Lightning regattas on the East Coast. Recent years have seen as many as 60 boats on the starting line. This year's attendance was hurt by the weather forecast which called for very high winds and heavy seas. While it was not too bad on Saturday, it was quite rough on Sunday and the races had to be canceled. Nevertheless, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the great chicken dinner and entertainment Saturday night. The winners were Bram Palm, Tom Doran, John Swanson, Rob Ruhlman and Dick Hallagan.

The final event of the season was the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake. This is the second part of the Lake Erie — Central New York Challenge, the first leg being the Newport Regatta. There is a complicated scoring system, only fully understood by Judy Walker, and this year... It's ours! We won it! No contest! It wasn't even close! No mas!

Overall, the season was a success. The quality of the sailing seems to be improving from top to bottom of the fleet and we expect this will continue into next year. We look forward to the 1992 season.

## CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

### 1992 DISTRICT SCHEDULE

May 16 & 17	Early Bird Regatta Cedar Point Yacht Club
July 11 & 12	DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS Madison Beach Club
July 25 & 26	Atlantic Coast Championship Niantic Bay Yacht Club
Sept. 12 & 13	Connecticut Governor's Cup* Niantic Bay Yacht Club
Sept. 19 & 20	Fall Classic* Cedar Point Yacht Club

\*Combined Trophy

### CONNECTICUT RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

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

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

This was quite a season for our District! I don't know of too many

previous hosts of a North American Championship that can claim having prevailed over a hurricane ("inverting lakes" maybe, but a hurricane!). More about that later.

This year, sailors in our District took many of the top honors to be had in the Lightning Class. I'll just start from the beginning and hope I haven't left anyone out.

CT/RI sailors captured three out of the top ten places at this year's Southern Circuit: Brad Read with crew Betsy Alison and Terry Hutchinson, took first place overall, winning the Miami regatta. Jody Lutz finished second overall, and Dave Dellenbaugh was 6th overall, winning the Savannah Deep South regatta.

The 1991 Lightning World Championships were held in Annapolis in June and Dave Dellenbaugh bested the 39 boat fleet. The next highest finish by a District sailor was John Oldham in 6th place. Other CT/RI participant finishes were at follows: Jim Crane, 9th; Jody Lutz, 13th; and Phil Lotz, 28th.

The Early Bird regatta at Cedar Point in May had another strong turnout with a fleet of 28 boats. Jim Crane won this event in a tie-breaker with Brian Hayes. Our Districts were also held at Cedar Point Yacht Club, and with the NA's being held so close to home, the competition was keen. The top five were: Dave Peck, Jody Lutz, Jim Crane, Gianni Cuccio, and Tim Healy.

This year's Atlantic Coast Championship was hosted by the Southampton Yacht Club, and Tim Healy won that regatta quite convincingly.

After sitting out last year, the Lightning Class was invited to rejoin the Newport Volvo regatta if we could guarantee at least a twelve boat turnout. Newport being the site of this year's North American's, we had no problem meeting the minimum, with 15 boats participating. It was largely a CT/RI event, with 10 of the fifteen boats from our District. Dave Peck, tuning up with a NA's crew Gisselle Wagner and Dave Dyson won, with Brad Read 2nd, Jon Schwartz from New Jersey 3rd, Tim Healy 4th, and Don Barrett 5th.

As was mentioned earlier, our District, along with the New England District, hosted 102 boats at this year's North American's in Newport. It was the first time that they've ever been sailed there (and probably the last), as by now, you've all heard of how "Hurricane Bob" decided to pay a visit to New England, specifically, Narragansett Bay!, in the midst of the event. However, due to some incredible dedication, organizational skills, the action on the part of our Co-chairmen, Phil Lotz (with a lot of help from his wife, Wendy), Don Barrett, and Kip Hamblet, and Social Event Chairperson Barbara Vann, all was not lost, and five out of the six Championship races were completed, and *all* of our social events took place.

The results for our District sailors were most impressive. Seven boats made the Blue Fleet: Tim Healy, Bill Healy, David Peck (all three sailing in their first NA's), Jody Lutz, Tom ("What's-one-more-mast") Ingram, Tim Naeser, and Ward Woodruff. When it was all over, Jody Lutz with crew Ched Proctor and Hale Wolcott emerged as the North American Champions in the 35 boat fleet.

The CT/RI District also has the 1991 Governors' Cup Champion and Crew on it's roster, that being Chris Vann from Niantic, sailing with his wife Barbara and Teresa Parker. How Barbara managed to sail a North American Championship *and* be our Social Chairperson under the circumstances of "Hurricane Bob", and remain as cheerful (albeit tired) through it all was remarkable. Well, Chris, that's two North American Fleet Championships out of three (he won the Presidents' Cup in 1989). There's only one left to complete the cycle!

And last, but not at all least, Betsy Alison from Newport, sailing with Wendy Lotz and Kathryn Josenhans overwhelmingly won the Women's Championship with 5 bullets! In fact, it wasn't even necessary for them to sail the 6th race.

So that's three Championships out of six events! Congratulations again to the winners and all the participants just for getting through this one! Also, thanks again to everyone at the ILCA office and to the many volunteers from both Districts who worked tirelessly to make this North American Championship happen.

The final two regattas on our schedule, the Connecticut Governor's Cup at Niantic Bay and the Cedar Point Fall Classic in September is a combined event. Bill Healy won the Governor's Cup, with Dave Peck finishing 2nd, and Don Barrett 3rd. The Fall Classic was won by Brian Hughes; Phil Lotz was second, Gianni Cuccio 3rd, and David Peck 4th, making Dave the winner of the overall trophy.

Looking forward to next year's schedule, the Atlantic Coast Championships will be hosted by Niantic Bay Yacht Club on July 25 & 26, and our Districts will be hosted by Madison Beach Club on July 11 & 12. Also, don't forget our "Fall Northern Circuit": CT Governors' Cup at Niantic September 12 & 13 followed by Cedar Point's Fall Classic on September 19 & 20. Hope to see you then!

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May 30-31	Newport Invitational <sup>2</sup>	Newport
June 13-14	Caz Flash Bash <sup>1</sup>	Cazenovia
July 11-12	CNYYRA (Centrals) and Districts	Rochester YC
July 18-19	Eastern Lightning Regatta <sup>1</sup>	Henderson Harbor
August 1-2	Michelob Classic <sup>3</sup>	Oswego
August 22-23	Champagne Regatta <sup>1</sup>	Keuka
September 12-13	Harvest Regatta <sup>2</sup>	Silver Lake
October 3	Caz "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)

## DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Mike Denning
District Secretary .....	Bucky Buchanan
District Junior Commodore .....	Chris Dillard
District Measurer .....	Dave Racine
District Champion .....	Bob Wardwell
District Runner-Up .....	Ron Grotheer
Junior Championship .....	Phil Grotheer
Junior Runner-Up .....	Ron Grotheer

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

What an unbelievable year!!!

Great regattas! Unbelievable parties and lots of other fun stuff to share:

★★ Ron and Becky Buchanan had a baby boy, Mark (actually Becky had the baby but Ron was a contributor!). / ★★★ Wanda had her 39th birthday. ★★ Chris Dillard made a great showing this year giving a few of us a real run for our money. ★★★ Freddy Mertes won a few regattas this year thanks to the magnificent crew-work of Bucky Buchanan and Debbie! ★★ The Potomac Cup was one of the best attended regattas this year... 62 boats were in attendance!!! ★★ We were lucky enough to host the WORLDS. ★★★ Much thanks goes out to Simeon Coxe, Don Delorme and all the zillions of worker-bees who helped to make the WORLDS a great success! The video's were really neat! ★★★ Doc Gilbert was in great form this year as usual. His enthusiasm and energy is *unmatched!* Doc gets the most traveled skipper award again for the 42nd year in a row! ★★★ Ron and Sandy Grotheer had a baby this year...a baby doggy. Boris has still got to learn to jibe the pole a little faster. Mary Catherine made some of the best sandwiches of the year...Wanda still holds the record for the *most* sandwiches. Robin was a woman of fewer words this year ... but she did a fine job as the Fleet Captain for 329! ★★★ Bob Wardwell showed everyone that not only is he a good dancer, but he occasionally steers the boat in the right direction. He won the Big Trophy this year. Ron wants everyone to know that he tied Bob for the District Championship but lost it on a tie breaker...better luck next time Ron! ★★★ It seems that Doug Heisler figured out the air-foil this year (and won a regatta). He should know about these things ... he drives an air-foil on a daily basis for USA Today? or American? or US NEWS? ... Agony? ... one of those. ★★★ Buddy Melges raced with us on the Chesapeake this year... that was fun. He had a really fast boat too! ★★★ Fleet 329 won the Borderline party with its 'kite flying from the back of a jeep entry' and don't forget that silly streakin' jugglin' roller blader! ★★★ Well, all in all it was a really great year — with some great regattas and totally awesome parties!

## ECUADOR DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Juan Manuel Meira
District Secretary .....	Francisco Sola
District Measurer .....	Miguel Plaza
District Champion .....	Juan Santos
District Runner-Up .....	Miguel Plaza

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

Salinas was very active with Lightning sailing in 1991. During the summer we sailed almost every weekend, having a record of 13 boats on the starting line.

In April the class held the Second Annual Cup of Champions, to which we invited Dave Starck, Brad Read and Colin Park. Aside from being a wonderful experience, we had the opportunity to learn from our experienced visitors. They, too, were quite impressed with Juan Santos' and Miguelito Plaza's performance.

This year we have participated in may international regattas. Five boats went to Colombia for the South Americans, where Miguel Plaza finished as Runner-Up.

Juan Santos represented us in the Worlds at Annapolis and in the Pan American Games in Cuba, while Carlos Luis Lecaro went to the Southern Circuit.

We have a very busy agenda preparing for the upcoming South American Championship, as well as the third edition of the Cup of Champions. Both will be held in Salinas.



Leeward mark rounding. Qualifiers Cup of Champions.

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## FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore .....	Antero Punttila
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District Champion .....	Leo Korhonen
District Runner-Up .....	Samppa Salminen

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

When writing this report, I am looking out the window and see the grey sky, trees without leaves and cool rainy weather. This time of the year it is

nice to remember the past sailing season and regattas.

First of all, it is good to see that Kuopio is again raising the activity in Lightning Class. Four new club boats is a good start to wake up the old fleet again. The Yacht Club of Kuopio is also target to arrange the District Championship in 1993.

The 1991 District Championships were held the end of June in Saynatsalo, near Jyväskylä. We got only twenty-one boats to the race, which was again disappointment to us. The weather was changing many times, and we could sail sometimes without wind and then also in heavy winds. This year we got a new District Champion family, when Leo Korhonen with his daughter Anne-Marie and son Rainer won the title. The second were Samppa Salminen, Keijo Tulomäki and Tero Kotimäki with their new boat Nikea. Jaakko Herttua, Niko Lappalainen and Pasi Hannila placed third.

Six boats from Finland travelled to Italy, to the Lake of Trasimeno, which was the site of the 39th Lightning European Championship. Unfortunately only three races were sailed in very light winds. Pertti, Maija and Leena Pyy with Amarillo placed fifth followed by Hannu Hurskainen, Pekka Hurskainen and Mikko Maatta with boat *Ressta*.

Our District was represented also in the 1991 Worlds in Annapolis, Maryland. Hannu Hurskainen, Maija Pyy and Antero Punttila formed a crew, which was by the way the only crew from Europe. We are a little bit concerned what is happening?

This year the Ranking Series consisted of eight regattas during the whole season. A total of twenty-nine boats participating in these races, which means a little increase in activity. Hannu Hurskainen is the new Ranking winner followed by Samppa Salminen. Pertti Pyy was 3rd, Jaakko Herttua 4th, Markku Paloma and Asko Autio 5th.

The Finland District will host the 1992 European Championships in the Lightning Class. The place is Hanko, which is the southeast end of our country. We wish welcome all Lightning sailors from Switzerland, Italy and Greece. We hope to see also some new countries represented.



*Congratulations to District Champions! Rainer (left), Anne-Marie and Leo Korhonen.*

## LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... David Sprague  
District Executive Secretary ..... Larry MacDonald, Jr.  
District Corresponding Secretary ..... Judy Walker  
District Treasurer ..... Anne Allen  
District Measurer ..... Cal Schmiede  
District Champion ..... John Swanson  
District Runner-Up ..... David Starck  
Jr. Commodore ..... Marty Essig

**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).

Sailing activities started early in the LED with the Curling Regatta held at the Boulevard Club in Toronto on April 7th. The morning was spent sailing Optimists around in elimination heats in front of the boathouse followed by heavy competition on the Curling Rinks.

We were fortunate to have Matt Fisher on hand for our Eby Series, April 12-13. Matt talked at our following District Meeting at the Swansons and

laughed at the antics of auctioneer Keith MacDonald as he auctioned off memorabilia from past regattas and beautiful duffel bags donated by North Sails. Matt even won the Regatta after he purchased some of our auction specials.

In between and around, many LED sailors went to the Worlds at SSA. Representing Canada-LED were John Aitchison and Larry MacDonald Jr. Representing the US-LED was David Starck. Although we had only three skippers, many other LED sailors participated as crew on Lightnings from other Districts. We then followed our busy LED schedule sailing at Newport Yacht Club for the LED-CNY Challenge, Cornball Regatta at Chautauqua Lake, Niagara Frontier Invitational at the BCC, Cuba Lake for the Bold Mothers, Canadian Open at Boulevard Club (won by Jim Cameron) and finally back to Cuba Lake for the LED Districts.

John Swanson won the Districts followed closely by David Starck. The twelve boats that went to the NA's from the LED were John Swanson, David Starck, Skip Wilday, Calvin Schmiede, Tom Allen, Jr., Jim Allen, Tom Allen, Sr. (1st Presidents' Cup) Dave Wood, Ron Barr, Bill Neal, Ed Roseberry (2nd Governors' Cup), and Judy Walker, with six qualifying for the Blue Fleet, four for the Green Fleet, and two for the Yellow. Judy said it was her best NA's being the top qualifier for the Green Fleet — just one point out of the Blue.....and then came Hurricane "Bob". Good representation in the other NA's with Calvin Schmiede in the Masters, Judy Walker in the Women's and Tom Starck (2nd), Warren Emblidge (3rd), Greg Millar, Kathy Tocke and Pascal Buckley in the Juniors. This was great representation from the LED in the NA's.

Back from the NA's we started the Fall Circuit and the last leg of the LED-CNY Challenge at Silver Lake Yacht Club, September 7-8 Harvest Regatta which was won by Dick Hallagan of the CNY District. This win along with participating Lightnings gave the CNY the victory Cup for the LED-CNY Challenge for the first time ever.

Next to the Boulevard Club in Toronto for the second leg of the Fall Circuit won by Kevin Robinson and finally the third leg at the BCC won by Tom Allen, Sr. This made the overall winner of the Fall Circuit, Tom Allen.

Another busy season for the LED closed with the Turkey Regatta at Hamilton Yacht Club. All participants, skipper, crew and race committee had the chance to take home a turkey for Thanksgiving and lots of turkeys came back across the border to grace the American tables on Turkey Day. Naturally, the Canadians kept their share as well.

The 1992 LED Regatta Schedule is already complete. It looks like another busy season, especially with the BCC hosting the North Americans. The District is planning several great parties for the Mastrs, Juniors and Women's and the NA's as well. We will be on hand to serve on committees but more importantly, we will be out there, sailing our best to place among the top sailors in North America.

## LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Richard Warren  
District Junior Commodore ..... Dylan Stott  
District Secretary ..... Thom Hering  
District Measurer ..... Gary Sortino  
District Champion ..... Rich Warren  
Junior Champion ..... Dylan Stott  
District Runner-up ..... Thom Hering

**Fleets:** Little Neck Bay Fleet (55); Hewlett Bay (58); Great South Bay Fleet (178); South Hampton Yacht Club (431).

It was another successful season on the Southern shores of Long Island, starting with what is now the popular Spring Invitational at Southampton Yacht Club. Each year this event draws more boats from further away. Testament to the fact that great conditions exist in this area. After a slow start, the regatta was won by Larry Colantuono, with local favorite Tim Rumph as Runner-Up. Conditions were uncommonly light on Saturday, with the usual 15 knot SW filling in on Sunday.

The next significant regatta featured the Districts, hosted by the Narragansett Fleet at Long Island Yacht Club. With torrential winds and rain cancelling the Saturday races, the Districts were limited to only Sunday, with moderately light, fluky winds. Congrats went to Rich Warren, who sailed a smart series and got his name on the perennial trophy for the first time. Tommy Hering, who was Runner-Up, did not help his cause by sailing without a spinnaker pole.

The big news in 1991 was that the Long Island District and Southampton Yacht Club, in particular, were proud to host the infamous Atlantic Coast Championships for the first time ever. Kudo's go to Tim Rumph, who with a little help from his friends, organized a terrific weekend. In fact, every-

thing went so smoothly, there are whispers of the NA's on Long Island being a possibility sometime down the road. (Get those charcoals fired up, Ray!) Stay tuned!

The Atlantic Coasts started off with a strange weather system offering only teasing, light air not suitable for racing. A fickle breeze eventually did fill in from the North which gave us two afternoon races in atypical conditions. Sunday gave us more of the "real deal" with a steady Southeastern of about 12-15 knots. The triangles were true with each leg stretched out to about 1 1/3 miles. Honorable mention goes to Eric Glanz for running a professional R.C. The fastest boat of thirty-four was Tim Healy from Connecticut, who clearly won the regatta. 2nd place was much tighter with Brad Read squeezing in with consistent sailing. By the end of the day, on shore chatter heard many of the competitors impressed enough with the conditions that they were already promising to try for the Long Island Fall Invitational. In fact, not only did they try, they came. The Fall Invitational was one tough hombre in 1991 for twenty-four boats. Saturday provided us with northerlies of 18-24 MPH, and Sunday with Southerlies of 22-27 MPH. To say some boats crashed and burned is an understatement, but none will say it was boring. The out-of-towners took honors in this order: K. Taboada, G. Reiting, L. Colantuono, D. Barrett, and J. Eflman. The now famous Indian Clam Bake was a first for many and enjoyed by all.

For those of you who have not yet sailed on the Southern shores of Long Island, you don't know what you're missing. The conditions are as good as anywhere in the country, which is a strong but true statement. Couple that with warm hospitality and accommodations, and you are looking at a great weekend everytime. Hope to see you in '92, look for our schedule in *Flashes*!

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Jack Huntsman  
District Secretary ..... David Drosdick  
District Measurer ..... Sandy Huntsman  
District Champion ..... Jack Huntsman  
District Runner-Up ..... Jon Schwartz  
District Junior Champions . . . Dave Clausen,  
Travis & Kyle Freund

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

Are we having fun yet? Well, if you are like me I'm ready for sailing despite the fact that winter is still here. Memories of the past year sailing pervades my thoughts during the winter doldrums. For instance, the Metropolitan District Regatta, which was held in Red Bank, New Jersey, was an enlightening event. The Huntsman family organized a terrific dinner on Saturday night with plenty of hospitality, food, and good company. Son Jack was elected District Commodore and ended up winning the Districts. Mary Huntsman worked diligently to prepare all of the trimmings while husband Sandy cooked the steaks. Meanwhile, numerous sailing discussions could be heard from all levels of sailing competence. But, for the most part, we sailors all shared stories of years past, various regatta parties, and just how long it has been since "we last saw you".

Yes, we like to compete against each other and win, but this is just one small facet of being a Lightning Class sailor. The other facets of our Class should include socializing, sharing war stories, teaching each other new techniques, and recruiting new members. Without the humanistic qualities, new sailors are afraid to join in on the fun. After all isn't this the reason that many of us travel to regattas or just stay at home within our own fleets?

Being a member of ILCA and the Metropolitan District should inspire confidence, camaraderie and the knowledge that we have some of the best sailors in North America. Whether or not you actively participate in local club racing, regattas or other district events doesn't necessarily mean that you can't compete. Sure, some sailors are more experienced than others, but for the most part, people like Bob Sengstacken will accept mistakes from less experienced sailors like myself even in the District Qualifiers.

Overall, the past year was a tremendous success. Many regattas were held throughout our area. Some with better levels of participation than others. Countless individuals need to be thanked, our Fleet Captains, our Fleet Secretaries, our dedicated Members who build rudders, masts, and assorted gismos for the rest of us, and last but not least the District leadership. Unfortunately, I couldn't possibly name everyone who shares in the responsibilities of organizing the many events that most of us take for granted, but thanks for all of your help.

As we move forward into 1992, we all need to consider how we can increase the participation within our own Fleets, within the District and how we can increase our membership. Simple things like finding new crews for needy skippers, hosting parties, finding boats for possible new owners, and spreading the word that racing a Lightning isn't just for the ultra-

serious athlete.

Lastly, be sure to mark your calendars for the Metropolitan District Regatta which will be held June 20 and 21 in Sparta, NJ. Lake Mohawk Yacht Club, Fleet 25, will be hosting this event with plenty of food, fun, and places to stay.



Guess who's "30"? The Metro District Champ!

## MICHIGAN

District Commodore ..... Phyllis Lozart  
District Secretary ..... John McCree  
District Measurer ..... Tom Vickers  
District Champion ..... Colin Park  
District Runner-Up ..... Sean Fidler  
Junior Champion ..... Bill Thomas  
Women's Champion ..... Amy Hodgson

**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); Douglas Lake (374); Lansing Sail Club (387).

Lightning sailors in the Michigan District started the year off right with the ever-more-popular Devil's Lake Tune-Up Event. Brad Read served up this year's color commentary around the Goldsmith/Hodgson handicap course (two weather marks—"top" sailors took the long course). Tom and Sue Bryant were declared overall winners based on style points. Joe DeCarli won the boat race that counts on Saturday Nite.

John Johnson and Tom Niles found the short drive to the Lake Lansing Regatta worthwhile, taking the top two places from sailors in the local fleet. Tom unveiled the infamous "lips" chute, goaded Larry Koster and a few Lansing sailors to join us at other travelling regattas (and distinguished himself by travelling to every regatta this year).

Co-owners Mark Whatley and Leslie Fink captured an abbreviated Crescent Regatta. Tom Niles was second again. John Johnson won the Father's Day trophy, with daughter Jennifer and friend Alan Krauss crewing.

Those that waited out the wind until Sunday at the Bay City regatta were treated to three fast and furious double triangles in good company. John



# International Lightning Class Association

*Lake Erie District*

## 1992 DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MARCH 29 SAILING (OPTIMISTS SUPPLIED) AND CURLING

BOULEVARD CLUB TORONTO

### MAY

9-10	TORONTO TUNE UP — GOOD START	BOULEVARD CLUB
16-17	EBY SERIES & SPRING MEETING	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
23	TEAM RACING	HAMILTON
30-31	CNY AND LED CHALLENGE	NEWPORT/ROCHESTER

### JUNE

6-7	CORNBALL	CHATAUQUA LAKE
13-14	NIAGARA FRONTIER	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
20-21	CUBA LAKE	
27-28	LSSA REGATTA —ONTARIO OPEN	TBA

### JULY

4-5	CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	HAMILTON
11-12	NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPIONSHIPS	NIAGARA SAILING CLUB
16-17	JUNIORS AND WOMENS LED CHAMPIONSHIPS	HAMILTON
18-19	LAKE ERIE DISTRICTS	HAMILTON

### AUGUST

1-3	CANADIAN OPEN	THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO
3-7	WOMENS, JUNIOR, AND MASTERS NORTH AMERICANS	BCC
8-15	NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	BCC
26	OLD SALTS	BCC

### SEPTEMBER

12-13	HARVEST REGATTA	SILVER LAKE
19-20	HURRELL SHAKER	TORONTO
26-27	BCC	

### OCTOBER

3	TURKEY REGATTA	HAMILTON
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McCree threaded the sometimes crowded approach to the weather mark to edge out Mark Whatley by tie-breaker, with Colin Park just one point back.

Devils Lake finally put together the right combination of age and beauty (Bruce Goldsmith, Dan Norton, Hank Hodgson) to win the Lake Fenton Team Races. George Sipel was awarded the title "Little chief running moon" (you had to see it to believe it).

Our newest fleet, Macatawa, hosted a fine for forty boat District Regatta. A light and variable Friday tripped up some of the favorites, and tested the RC's patience and reserve shell supply. Building breezes on Saturday and Sunday gave us six races with a throw-out. Colin Park (wife Karen Park and Glenn Hallett) regained the Michigan District Champion title. Up one notch from the last two years was Sean "always-on-time" Fidler (Diana Fernando, Rick Fennier). New to the top five circle were Mark Whatley (significant-other Leslie Fink, Big John Morely) and the "Happy Boat" family team of Steve, Mike and Bill Thomas. Dan Norton (finance Linda Schulte, Chris Marzke) waiting in the wings again.

Devils Lake hosted the Womens/Juniors Districts. Local favorites Amy Hodgson and Bill Thomas won their respective events in their Dad's boats.

Higgins Lake served up conditions to suit everyone, from a drifter on Saturday, to a breezy Sunday afternoon. Mark Whatley outmaneuvered Colin Park, with sharp downwind tactics and Hobie Cat avoidance skills.

The brothers Moulthrop ably filled the gap in the schedule created by the cancellation of the Traverse City regatta, with a well-managed, off-the-beach regatta at Tawas Bay. John McCree took advantage of the extra downwind legs, and Colin Park's absence from his boat in the 4th race. Dan Norton was a close third.

The Fall Series (Pontiac, Devils Lake, Gull Lake, Wawasee) was well attended again, with some guest appearances from the "Chicago mafia" adding to the size of the fleets, as well as displacing Michigan boats from the winners circle more than we might like to admit. Many of us must have read our Dave Perry over the long Michigan winter, as there were noticeably fewer boat crashes and a few more 720's than in some previous years.

Bruce Goldsmith blanked the fleet at Pontiac in three races Saturday, with no wind on Sunday for Sean Fidler or Colin Park to close the gap. Dan Norton captured the Devils Lake Regatta from Saturday's leader Sean Fidler with a fine display of traffic skills. Forty-five boats struggled to squeeze through the starting line, but negotiated the jibe mark in gentlemanly (or ladylike) fashion.

The visiting Paul Wurtzebach survived some tough fleet inversions and edged the visiting Rick Kaiser by a point to win the Gull Lake Regatta. Many had their convictions tested, as the "wind" alternated from opposite sides of the course, leaving the middle stranded.

Several Michigan sailors extended the season with a trip to Wawasee. Winner Mike Huffman (Class President and "mafia" boss) avoided the traditional Wawasee boat inversions, and accepted the trophy with the wry observation that it was indeed personally rewarding to be the one to finally break Colin Park's winning streak.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Paul Wurtzebach  
District Secretary ..... Vernal Equinox  
District Treasurer ... Margaret Roberts Huffman  
District Champion ..... Mike Huffman  
District Runner-Up ..... Rick Kaiser

**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).

It has been a great year for the Midwest District. Years come and go and blend into one another. Time fades memories of particular mark roundings, capsizes and regatta finishes (except for Doc Esser who remembers every mark rounding and leeward leg of every race he's been in since before electricity!) But this year some things have happened in our District that don't take place every year.

Foremost among them is that for the first time since 1977, a member of our District sits as President of the ILCA. We are very proud of the contribution Mike Huffman is making to the Class, particularly in getting to the bottom of the apparent drop in worldwide membership. It's a big job Mike, you're doing very well, but thank God you're better doing this than you were as District Commodore!

Our significant contributions to the Class were made this year by Bob Smither who worked very hard as a liaison between the ILCA, the IYRU and the Pan American Games Committee to assure a larger number of competitors in the Lightning fleet at the games; by Bill Faude who was named a Vice President at large of the Class and who, with Terrance Fox, has been handling advertising and promotional elements of the ILCA

marketing plan. Bill also holds the rare distinction of having sailed worse than anyone else at this past year's US Pan Am Games Trials. Recognition should also be given to Dr. John Esser who completed his service as ILCA Vice President of International Affairs after more than ten years. Thanks Doc for a job well accomplished. Congratulations to Bob Franke, Amy Simonsen and Mike Broderick on bringing home some silver from the Governors' Cup at the Newport NA's, for only bringing home a small dent on the truck from flying Hurricane Bob debris at the Newport NA's and to Bob and Amy on their nuptials pending for April '92!

Welcome or welcome back to the following owners who are now part of the Midwest District Fleet: Rick Kaiser, boat number 14365, Good sailing this year Rick and thanks for helping out running the Red Flannels! Mike Considine, boat number 14526, Pat Considine, boat number 14527, great job in winning the 1991 Bluenose in one of your first regattas back. Now put some mast blocks behind the spar like the rest of us! Bill Faude, boat number 14530, no, you may not borrow anything from anyone in this or any District ever again. Is that clear?!

Winners of The Midwest District's regattas are as follows: Fond Du Lac Lighthouse — 1st Mike Huffman, 2nd Rick Kaiser, 3rd David Stix; Green Bay Evans Regatta — 1st Paul Paul Wurtzebach, 2nd John Evans, 3rd Terry Phelan; Milwaukee P&T — 1st Paul Wurtzebach, 2nd David Stix, 3rd Bill Faude; Sheboygan Brotz — 1st Bill Faude, 2nd Eric Graf, 3rd Eric Larson. Midwest Districts — 1st Mike Huffman, 2nd Rick Kaiser, 3rd Rick Larson (tie), 4th Adrian Irving (tie); Chicago Red Flannels — 1st Bill Faude, 2nd Pat Considine, 3rd Derek Ettie; Davenport Polar Bear — 1st Mike Steffenson, 2nd Jon Pohlman, 3rd Ken Jensen.

1991 was a fine year for our District. Our Chicago fleet is a major success story in its area, seemingly able to attract top talent from other one design classes at will. Our other fleets are very strong too. We look forward to a great sailing season in '92.

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Doug Floyd  
District Secretary ..... Frank Kelly  
District Measurer ..... Terry Burke  
District Champion ..... Matt Burridge  
District Runner-Up ..... Gerry Paoli

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

At this moment the Bluenose Regatta is in progress, hopefully with better conditions than we have in Central Illinois this morning with a temperature of 20° and 25 mph winds. The Bluenose, hosted by Fleet 262 is the last and largest regatta of the Mississippi Valley District, and this year may live up to its name. It is hard to believe another sailing season is coming to an end.

Sailing on Lake Arkabutla was great for Fleet 274 this year, with good winds and increased participation. The Memphis Fleet and Delta Sailing Association were host to three regattas, the Hernando DeSoto, the Cotton Pickin' and this year's Mississippi Valley District Championship. The District Championship was held June 15 & 16, with twenty-eight boats participating. Saturday brought good winds for the first four races, leaving Matt Burridge in first place, Cully Ward in second and a three-way tie for third between Doug Floyd, Terry Burke and Bill Hoffmeister. Sunday was another story, with light to nothing winds doing in several of the top contenders, with the first race a throw-out for many — the only problem was the wind disappeared and the 12:30 PM deadline appeared with no sixth race. Too bad! The final standings had Matt Burridge in first, Gerry Paoli in second and Cully Ward in third. All in all, it was an excellent event thanks to the southern hospitality of Fleet 274.

October 5 & 6 the Carlyle Sailing Association and Fleet 266 were host to the Impromptu. This regatta was moved from September to October a few years ago, partly in search of more wind. 1991 — Jackpot! Saturday winds ranged from 18 to 25, with Sunday showing gusts to 30 and very cool temperatures. Fifteen boats participated, with only seven brave souls taking to the sea on Sunday. The final results were Dan Moriarity first and Gerry Paoli second.

Valley Sailing Association got off to a rocky start this year, with the ups and downs of the Mississippi River. That's right, not one but two floods plagued Fleet 486; however, they seemed to get things under control by late summer in time for the Muddy Rudder. It's evident where this name came from; just participate in this one when 'Ol Man River is low and you'll understand. Eighteen boats were present for good wind (rare?) on Saturday, easing to more normal winds Sunday, if you know what I mean. W. Baxter won the regatta, with H. Cochrane second and Doug Floyd third.

Fleet 74 and Commodore Decatur Yacht Club were host to the Inter-City Regatta, as well as the District Junior Championship. There was a good turnout for the Inter-City, with Gerry Paoli taking the honors. This regatta

*Michigan District  
1992 Regatta Schedule*

May  
16-17 Devil's Lake Tune-Up

June  
6-7 Lake Lansing  
13-14 Bay City  
20-21 Crescent Sail Club  
Fathers' Day Regatta  
26-28 Districts at North Cape YC

July  
11-12 Macatawa Bay  
18-19 Lake Fenton Team Races  
25-26 Women's & Juniors Districts  
at Pontiac YC

August  
1-2 Higgins Lake  
29-30 Tawas Bay

September  
12-13\* Pontiac YC White Cap Regatta  
19-20\* Devil's Lake 49th Annual Regatta

October  
3-4\* BEAUTIFULGULLLAKE Regatta  
10-11\* Wawasee YC, Lake Wawasee, Indiana

\* Michiana Fall Series

*The Michigan District Congratulates  
Colin Park and crew Karen Park and Glenn Hallett*



*1991 Michgian District Champions*

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is a favorite of many. The Junior Districts produced six boats — three from out of town and three locally. The majority of the local sailors were products of a newly-founded youth sailing program supported by CDYC. The competition was good, with veteran Peter McDonnell taking first, Mark Sanford second, Tobi Heisler third and Matt Floyd fourth. Decatur has the honor of hosting the 1992 District Championship June 13 & 14. See you there.



Bill Baxter, III of Memphis has helped make Southern Lightning sailing exciting.

Photo credit J. Conaway

### Mississippi Valley District 1992 Regatta Schedule

The Tennessean	April 11-12
Harbor Island, Nashville	
Mid Continent	May 9-10
Lake Carlyle, Carlyle, IL	
Hernando DeSoto	May 16-17
Lake Arkabutla, Memphis	
<b>District Championship</b>	<b>June 12-14</b>
Lake Decatur, Decatur, IL	
Intercity	June 20-21
Lake Decatur, Decatur, IL	
Junior Championship	(TBA)
The Muddy Rudder	September 12-13
Alton Lake, St. Louis	
The Cotton Pickin'	September 26-27
Lake Arkabutla, Memphis	
The Bluenose	November 6-8
Harbor Island, Nashville	

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	John Hughes
District Secretary	Norman Deyett
District Measurer	Donald Brush, Jr.
District Champion	Bill Fastiggi
District Runner-Up	Stuart Nickerson
District Junior Champion	Laura Milne

District Women's Champion	Julie Deyett
District Masters Champion	Jim Leamy
District Circuit Champion	Brian Hughes

**Fleets:** 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).

It was the last day of May when my crew and I (Norman Deyett) headed north to Burlington for the first New England regatta. We all had high hopes for the next day as this was the first time the three of us had sailed together. About midnight our sailing talk was interrupted by a shower of sparks from the boat trailer. As we slowed to a stop the inevitable happened. We had a flat on the trailer and no spare. So much for an early start! Luckily we found a commuter parking lot where we spent the night.

The next morning we were up at 6:00 AM and driving north on 89 looking for a tire shop. In Montpelier we found one open and purchased a new tire and rim. A half hour later we were on the road headed back to the boat. This was a minor set back. We just couldn't get to the Mallet's Bay Boat Club as early as planned.

Upon arriving back at the boat, John got the jack out and removed the old rim while Jim brought the new tire out of the camper. "Hey, Norm, this is a great new rim and tire. You got a great price, but did you pay for the air?" What air? Sure enough the tire was as flat as a pancake. Back in the camper off to Montpelier to the tire shop.

By the time we got to the starting line Bill Fastiggi was already to the jibe mark. We finished dead last. The bright side, it was only the first race with plenty of room for improvement.

Bill Fastiggi continued to sail well for the rest of the series and came in first, with Curt Felix second, T. McBride third, Don Brush fourth, and Bill Berry fifth. So ended the first regatta of the new season.

The next race on the circuit was at Lake Bomoseen. This time we had a spare trailer tire with us. The Bomoseen fleet will be the host fleet for our district race in July and they had a new regatta site. This was going to be the test run in preparation for the district race. After getting off to a slow start in the first race we were in good shape in the second, not far from the finish with Don Brush and Ray Harrington out in front. We were looking good for a third. George was out in the middle with no wind and Moe was on the shore with the same conditions. My friend Murphy must have climbed aboard somewhere along the way, because the wind filled in the middle and on the shore at the same time. Everyone went by leaving us just sitting. Don Brush won the regatta with George Deyett second, and Moe L'Heureux third.

Newburyport was the first of three regattas for our Circuit Championship trophy and the wind Gods showed up with plenty of wind. From what I hear there were some exciting races. Brian Hughes came in first by a country mile with George Deyett second, and Moe L'Heureux third.

Androscoggin is like a pilgrimage for Fleet 273. The entire fleet packs up and heads north to Wayne Maine every year on the weekend after the 4th of July. You know everyone's asked "Where in the \*\*\*\* is Wayne, Maine?" Well, if you head north on the Maine pike until you run out of road and then take some rights and lefts you finally get there from here. If you are coming from Vermont it's just a lot of rights and lefts. As always George Place had the field mowed on top of the hill overlooking the lake. We all set up camp for the weekend and the kids played volleyball down on George's back lawn. What a beautiful spot this is! I believe the regatta is just a nice excuse to camp on George's hill.

The next day gave us sun and a fair wind and we got off to a good start rounding the weather mark in first place with John Hughes hot on our transom. We had a poor jibe at the next mark and John passed us. We never did catch him but managed to place second in the first race. In the second race we got off to a great start. Then my friend Murphy paid us another visit. He released the front hiking strap. Jim Mann went for a quick dip in Androscoggin Lake. This was not the time for Jim to go swimming. Well, we never did recover from this minor set back. To this day I don't know who won that race. In the last two races we had some nice duels with Tom Toohey. Tom finally prevailed and finished fourth over all, with John Hughes coming in third, Moe L'Heureux second, and George Deyett the winner of the regatta. This was to be the last regatta on Androscoggin. The Lightning sailors of the New England District have spent many great and heart warming weekends at Androscoggin with great hospitality from the folks at Wayne. It truly has been the highlight of our summers. Many thanks to the Foster family and all the folks who have helped put on the regattas over the years. "George, keep the field mowed. We will come see everyone anyway".

For the second time this year we were heading north up 89 to Route 4 over Quechee Gorge past Killington and down thru Rutland to Bomossen for our District race. We spent the night parked in Ray's driveway. In the

morning we went down to the regatta site and found Ray and Bruce getting everything set up for measurement. That afternoon there was supposed to be a practice race. But as things go on small lakes, the wind never showed up. It was a beautiful summer day with the temperature in the high 80's. Boat measurement continued on all day until dark.

Saturday brought clouds and rain and rain and some more rain. It was nice of Ray to supply a boat wash along with all the nice things he did for this regatta. Dave White (the Race Committee Chairman) made several trips out on the lake looking for wind. This was the second day in a row with no wind. Dave White was desperately trying to get races off. Indian wind dances, bowing to the west, nothing worked, so we abandoned for the day. That evening we all got together for dinner and a dance down at the grange hall. This was truly great Vermont hospitality. Everyone danced late into the night.

All that dancing on Saturday night paid off because the next morning the sun came out and the wind followed right behind it. "Oh boy, did the wind follow behind it." By the third race the wind was really blowing hard with 30 degree shifts. When Bill Berry was on the last down wind leg he took off in a puff and opened a huge gap between him and the second place boat. He later told us that he had never gone that fast in a Lightning. Kip Hamblet went for a swim as well as Brad Read. When it was all over Bill Fastiggi had captured first place, Stuart Nickerson second, Georges Peter third, Bill Berry fourth, and Kip Hamblet fifth. Bill Berry got the most improved award, Moe L'Heureux middle of the fleet, Dick Fastiggi received the sportsman award, and Jim Leamy captured the District Master's trophy. Our thanks go to Ray Harrington, Bruce Atkinson and all the members of Fleet 227 for a great weekend in Vermont.

Massabesic hosted the first Women's regatta in the District. Julie Deyett came in first, Ellen Atkinson second and Nancy Peace third. In the Junior Fleet, Laura Milne became District Champ. I believe we should do another Women's regatta next year. I understand there were some exciting races this year.

Casco Bay was the second regatta in the Circuit Championship series. This would be the first regatta held in Portland in a long time. Tom Toohey

put on a down east clam bake Saturday night that everyone enjoyed. George Deyett won this regatta, Moe L'Heureux second, Pat McCormick third and Ken Pederson fourth.

The Squam Lake regatta found Brian Hughes in first, with Brian Hayes second, Dwight Gertz third.

Wellfleet was the warm up for the NA's and the third and final regatta in the Circuit Championship series. First place was Stuart Nickerson, Betsy Alison second, Georges Peter third, Curt Felix fourth and Brian Hughes fifth. With fifth place Brian had captured the New England Lightning Circuit Championship.

Next came the main event — the NA's at Newport. With Newport in our back yard and the New England District being co-host, we had twenty-one boats sailing in one of the six different fleets over a two-week period. John Hughes and myself sailed in the Masters; Janice Lange and Christine Jones in the Women's; William Currier in the Junior's. I remember going out for the practice race. I was sailing in the chop when a wave came over the bow and commenting, to myself, "Boy, this back pond sailor is out of his element. We are going to set a spinnaker in this stuff???" As always Murphy was on board. On the second spinnaker set, the guy went over the bow and under the boat taking the spinnaker with it. What a sea anchor this turned out to be. This really is slow. The rest of our group showed up for the festivities on the second week. Saturday morning we left Newport and my friend Murphy stayed behind. I understand Murphy teamed up with another fellow named Bob. The week we had at Newport was very enjoyable and the sailing was great. Sailing one race a day is just great! You get off the water early enough to be first in line for the beer regardless of your finishing position.

Massabesic turned out to be a small regatta this year with Ray Harrington first, Moe L'Heureux second, and Norm Deyett third. From the reports I got, Spofford also had a low turn out. Stuart Nickerson first, Curt Felix second, and Dave Fitch third.

Although regatta attendance was down this year, many of us had a great time meeting new friends and enjoying this thing we call sailboat racing. We all are looking forward to the 1992 season with a lot of enthusiasm.

# NEW ENGLAND LIGHTNING DISTRICT

## 1992 SCHEDULE

* May 30-31	VT/NH Championship	Champlain Mallett's Bay Burlington, VT
* June 20-21	Maple Leaf Classic	Bomoseen, VT
July 17	Junior's/Women's/Masters	Champlain Mallett's Bay Burlington, VT
<b>July 18-19</b>	<b>New England Districts</b>	<b>Champlain Mallett's Bay Burlington, VT</b>
July 25-26	Casco Bay	Portland, ME
August 1	Wellfleet (1 Day Invitational)	Wellfleet, MA
August 3-7	'92 N.A.'s Juniors Womens & Masters	Buffalo Canoe Club
August 7-14	'92 North Americans	Buffalo Canoe Club
August 22-23	Squam	Squam Lake, NH
August 29-30	Newburyport	Newburyport, MA
* September 12-13	Massabesic Lake	Manchester, NH
* September 26-27	Spofford Lake	Spofford, NH

\*NEW ENGLAND LIGHTNING CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

District Commodore ..... Jacques Perret  
 District Secretary ..... Kathy Herzog  
 District Measurer ..... Urs Wyler  
 District Champion ..... Gilbert Durr  
 District Runner-Up ..... Hans-Peter Schmid

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

After a wonderful season in 1990 with a record participation of twelve Swiss boats at the European Championship in La Neuveville, this year the Lightning Class activity was reduced at a minimum.

In spite of a good beginning in Marsala (Sicilia) at the European Winter Championship with the participation of three boats from Switzerland, we have had great difficulties to bring five boats on the starting line at our district regattas and just the Commodore with his youth crew travelled to Italy to sail the European Championship on the Lake Trasimeno (not enough wind; only three races; no champion!!)

Our District Championship was held in Neuchatel at the "Fondue" regatta: six boats, five races, Champion Gilbert Durr with Captain Urs Wyler as crew!!

To try to keep the Lightning Class active in Switzerland we decided at the European meeting in Passignano to organize the next Youth World Championship in Europe on the Lake of Neuchatel. We hope to find enough boats in 1994 with the help of our European friends!?

Next year the European's will take place in Hanko, southern tip of Finland. I hope for better participation.

## TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Arthur M. Wilson  
 District Secretary ..... Ardis Good  
 District Measurer ..... Dr. Sylvan Newman  
 District Champion ..... Richard Guinan  
 District Runner-Up ..... Warren Lewis

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

An outstanding effort by Fleet 35 in recruiting new members resulted in their claiming the Steketee Trophy for the year. This is the second time the District has won the Steketee, Fleet 435 took it in 1983. The secret of 35's Success? Foremost in the effort is the years John Waskom III spent as the District Commodore, promoting Lightning sailing. John Waskom IV has followed in his father's footsteps, and supported by Rodney Wallace and Joel Good have always had their eye out for good used Lightnings to refurbish and bring up to racing condition. That way there is always a boat available for prospective members. There is a standing invitation for people, no matter what their experience, to participate in the fleet races or day sailing on John Waskom's boat. Fleet 35 sets its own fixed buoys at White Rock Lake to take advantage of the prevailing winds. They run their own starts from the member's boat who is responsible for race duty. This



*Texas Fleets 435 and 35 support the Shreveport Regatta.*

minimizes their loss of participants, because the race chair person becomes a starter also after the five minute warning whistle. Also the fixed buoys provide a readily available training course evenings after work. All-in-all, a job well done. Congratulations to Fleet 35!

The District has seen a renewed interest in Lightnings in the Houston area. Steve Harris, wife Pat and crew Marlene have made it to several District Regattas, the District Championship and the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville. And they do it with five children in tow, the oldest about seven years of age. Guess who baby sits? Marlene's husband, of course! Who says young families cramp your racing style? Also, Jim Stewe and family came to the Octoberfest Dinghy Regatta at Rush Creek Y.C. Now if we can just get them all together at Arthur MacArthur's boat house we will have the nucleus of a Houston Lightning fleet.

The area regattas have seen an increase in Lightning participation this year. Eight at the Holiday in Dixie in Shreveport, seven at the Spring and Fall Dinghyfests at Rush Creek Y.C. on Lake Ray Hubbard in Forney and sixteen at the State Fair Regatta at the Corinthian Sailing Club on White Rock in Dallas.

Only nine Lightnings took part in the Districts in June at Rush Creek, but the competition was keen. The first four boats were within one point of each other! Next year we hope to hold it at the Corinthian Sailing Club and double our attendance. Who knows, in a few years we may have a District Championship in Houston.

We did not get any boats to the North American's or the Worlds but we did have spectators there. Joel and Ardis Good went to the Severn Sailing Club to witness the Worlds and meet many old and new friends. The District Commodore was on a convenient "Business Trip" to New England and found his way to Newport to pick up the Steketee Trophy. Again a good year comes to a close with a November Blue Norther. We are looking forward to March 1992.

## I.L.C.A. ADDRESSING SERVICE

Most of the Fleet and District Officers listed in this Year Book held office during the calendar year 1991. Names and addresses of current officers may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

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