

# International Lightning Class Association Districts



# Lightning Districts

## BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Nelson Schmitt  
District Secretary ..... James Sumner  
District Champion ..... Claudio Bieckark  
District Runner-Up ..... Alzir Farias

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

This year has been very active and competitive in our district. With the 1993 World Championships in Ilhabela just around the corner, preparations and qualifiers are keeping crews and committees very busy.

Our Brazilian Championship was held over Easter weekend in Rio de Janeiro with Claudio Bieckark as 1992 Brazilian Champion, Alzir Farias in second place and Michael Norris in third.

We are having two qualifying championships for the 1993 World Championships. The first qualifier was held in early September in Florianopolis, Santa Catarina. Twenty-one boats traveled an average of 900 kms to join the Florianopolis fleet in a very tight and arduous competition. The first two race days were cloudy with good winds and four races went according to schedule. The last day of competition brought plenty of sunshine but left the winds behind. Both final races had to be cancelled with lack of wind. Final positions were: 1) Fernando Hackerott, 2) Claudio Bieckark, 3) Michael Norris. The second qualifier will be the 1993 Brazilian Championships held in Ilhabela, site of the World Championships a week later. Tight competition is expected since everyone here wants to sail in the Worlds.

Brazil was very well represented in the Junior World Championship in Chile by Gabriel Ferreira, Juan de la Fuente and Bruno Ruthenberg placing third overall.

1993 South American Championships will be held in February over Carnival weekend on Guarapiranga Lake in Sao Paulo. Good competition and training opportunities for the Worlds.

We hope to see you all in Ilhabela and best of luck to all the participants.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Fred Grant  
District Secretary ..... Martha Grant  
District Measurer ..... Bruce Arnold  
District Champion ..... Scott Finkboner  
District Runner-Up ..... John Harrop

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

The California Lightning District is made up of only three fleets: Fleet 194 in San Diego, sailing out of Mission Bay Yacht Club, Fleet 102 in Los Angeles, sailing out of King Harbor Yacht Club and Fleet 372 in the Bay Area, sailing in San Francisco Bay. Almost 500 miles separate the Bay area and San Diego fleets, so getting together to sail isn't easy.

The big district-wide regattas and winners this year were (1) the Olympic Classes Regatta in Long Beach, hosted by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in March. John Lyon took the gold medal, Scott Finkboner the silver, and Kirk Johnson the bronze. (2) The California Circuit in San Diego during spring break in April. This circuit comprises three separate regattas. Scott Finkboner won the Coronado series and the Mission Bay series, and John Lyon won the Marathon. (3) The California Districts, hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club in June. Scott Finkboner won the Districts, followed closely by John Harrop, John Oldham, Kirk Johnson and Rob Pinkel. (4) The Pacific Coast Championship. This is not strictly a district regatta since it's sailed in Klamath Falls, Oregon every other year, as it was this year. Finkboner brought the trophy back to San Diego. Next year Pacific coast skippers will probably have to travel to Richmond Yacht Club to try for this trophy in windy San Francisco Bay.



*Scott Finkboner — '92 California District Champion.*

Two women's teams from the California District competed in the Adams Cup this year. Sue Arnold and Elissa McQuillan crewed for Stephanie Wondollock. Sue and Elissa are members of Fleet 372; they already know how great the Lightning family is. San Diego sent Dawn Miller with Kim Hemphill and Sandy Vissman as crew. They hadn't sailed Lightnings until this campaign, and they were extremely impressed with the kindness and courtesy with which they were treated (like royalty, according to Kim), and with the efficiency and expertise of the race committee and everyone involved with running the regatta.

Lightnings in California have a lot of competition from other boats, especially big boats that can be raced all year in the mild blue Pacific, but the class is alive and well out here. Come on out and sail with us. The 27th annual California Circuit is April 4-9. The Olympic Classes Regatta is April 16-18. Come sail the Circuit, take a week to see San Diego, then sail the OCR. A great vacation!

Our 1993 District Commodore is Mike Molina, and the District Secretary is Scott Finkboner. Mike can tell you all about sailing in northern California, and Scott can tell you about southern California. Give one of them a call.

Hello, Leonardo, wherever you are.

## CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| District Commodore ..... | Richard Thomas  |
| District Secretary ..... | Mark Schneider  |
| District Measurer .....  | James Carson    |
| District Champion .....  | Keith Taboada   |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Glenn Reiting   |
| Junior Champion .....    | Mike Buczkowski |
| Junior Runner-Up .....   | Joe Buczkowski  |

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

This has been an interesting year for the Central Atlantic District (CAD's). You could say it focuses around the District Championships. The weather didn't help us this year; unfortunately, Hurricane Andrew blew by during Surf City's Manahawkin Bay Cup, and a powerful "North Easter" (storm) crippled the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club's Invitational.

We are proud to have had Bay Head Yacht Club hold the Adam's Cup this year which went off without a hitch. This wouldn't have been such a success if it wasn't for those members making their boats available, and for a class with boat builders who take pride in their work. I think everyone there had a great time and left having enjoyed sailing Lightnings on one of our great courses. Before I end this paragraph, I must thank everyone who was involved.

The key regatta for every district is the District Championships, and it should be. With 23 boats attending, Brant Beach Yacht Club provided us with four races on their unique course which challenged everyone there. Keith Taboada, managed to capture the honors by sailing an impeccable regatta. Next year's districts will be held at Surf City Yacht Club, let's see if Keith can hold everyone off there. Keith went on to the NA's and achieved 12th, qualifying for the Worlds.

Following the districts, that Monday, the Junior Championship was held for junior members from the CAD's and the Metropolitan District. Six boats from five different yacht clubs sailed five races resulting in Mike Buczkowski taking the honors followed by his brother Joe both from Metedeconk Yacht Club. They were followed by Howard Brand, David Clausen, Justin Monnig, and Luke Renn. Everyone there had a great time. Joe Buczkowski went on to finish sixth in the Junior NA's, also qualifying for the Junior Worlds. Good luck, Joe.

Other action came from the Jersey State Championship which was won by Allan Crew, the Bay Head Tune Up Regatta won by Paul Gelenitis, Ocean City Regatta won by Mark Schneider, Riverton's Fall Wind-Up won by Dick Hallagan and the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship won by Paul Gelenitis.

The district consists of fleets all actively sailing their own series races. The fleet activities are an important part in keeping the Lightning active in the area; please read the activities under each fleet.

Next year we are looking forward to another active year. To list some of the regattas coming up: Districts — Surf City; Jersey States — Barnegat Light; Spring Tune-Up — Metedeconk River; Atlantic Coasts — Red Bank; Manahawkin Bay Cup — Surf City; Little Egg Invitational — LEHYC; Fall Wind-Up — Riverton; Pumpkin Bowl — Barnegat Light.

## CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

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| District Commodore ..... | Jim Cameron  |
| District Secretary ..... | Innes Martin |
| District Treasurer ..... | Kurt Broll   |
| District Champion .....  | Jim Cameron  |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Ross Bailey  |

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

The premier event of the racing season was the hosting of the Canadian Open Championships on August long weekend. The hard work of the members of Temple Reef Sailing Club, Fleet 279, made a memorable event. The expected thermal did not occur until the event was over. However, the Northwest winds did not disappoint the racers as there was an abundance. The winner of the Canadian Open was Larry MacDonald who went on to win at the North American Championships, which obviously proves that the Canadian Open was a good practice race.

The District Championship was broken into two series. The first series was held at Falcon Lake in Manitoba in an attempt to restore interest in

Lightning sailing at the west end of the District. Six boats and crews along with various members of their families travelled the 350 miles to Falcon Lake. The Temple Reef Fleet did particularly well as Jim Cameron, Mark Sandberg and Ross Bailey finished 1,2,3. The second half of the Districts was held on June 27 weekend and the winners of this half were Jim Cameron and Ross Bailey second. Overall District winner was Jim Cameron, runner-up Ross Bailey.

Two boats skippered by Jim Cameron and Mark Sandberg attended the North American Championships at Fort Erie from this District.

Interest in Lightning sailing in this District is being sponsored by Temple Reef Sailing Club by members of this club actively getting involved in Open Regattas in the District. The response has been a renewed interest in Lightning sailing.

Active participation by youth sailors is being actively promoted since the future of Lightning sailing is in their hands. Richard Walsh, Laurie Walsh and Paul Martin attended the Canadian Youth Lightning Championships in Hamilton which shows the dedication of our Northern youth since they had to travel 1000 miles to attend.

There are many Lightnings in Central Canada District. Many owners have to be convinced to return to active racing to improve their own ability and to teach others. Racing a Lightning is a wonderful experience, environmentally safe and it keeps you young. See you on the water.



*A spinnaker reach during the Canadian Open on Lake Superior at Thunder Bay.*

## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

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| District Commodore ..... | David Bull          |
| District Secretary ..... | Daniel Koretz, M.D. |
| District Champion .....  | Bram Palm           |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Mark Sertl          |
| District Measurer .....  | Clay Murphy         |

**Fleets:** Skaneateles (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 1992 sailing season in the Central New York Lightning District has come to a close, and we're already making plans for next year. As we do so, we look back on our successful sailing season which began with the seventeenth annual Newport Invitational Regatta held on May 30-31, 1992. There were thirty-one boats attending with sailors from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Buffalo, Canada, and our own district. The winds were erratic, with heavy winds on Saturday (seven boats turned over) and almost no wind on Sunday. As an experiment, the races were sailed using a windward-leeward course and everyone seemed to think that this made the racing more competitive. The top five finishers were Matt Fisher, Dave Starck, Mark Sertl, Jody Swanson, and Dick Hallagan.

The Caz Flash Bash was next on June 13-14 at the Willow Bank Yacht Club on Cazenovia Lake. Attendance was down due to the Hallagan-

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Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, New York



## The Newport Invitational Regatta June 5-6, 1993

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### Don't miss any of the 1993 Central New York Regattas

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| June 5-6        | Newport Invitational <sup>1,2</sup>      | Newport          |
| June 12-13      | Caz Flash Bash <sup>1</sup>              | Cazenovia        |
| June 26-27      | CNY Districts <sup>1</sup>               | Ithaca           |
| July 10-11      | CNYRA (Centrals) <sup>1</sup>            | Seneca           |
| July 17-18      | Champagne Regatta <sup>1</sup>           | Keuka            |
| July 24-25      | Eastern Lightning Regatta <sup>1,3</sup> | Henderson Harbor |
| September 11-12 | Harvest Regatta <sup>2</sup>             | Silver Lake      |
| September 25    | 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)



Gocker wedding on Saturday, but those who made it had a great time, both on the water and off. Fleet 164 did its usual great job organizing the regatta and the Saturday night dinner. Tom Doran gave a boat tuning and sail trim seminar after the racing which was very helpful. Tom Doran was the winner, followed by Tadd Helmer, Bob Bush, Jack Jones, and Dick Tuttle.

On July 11-12, the District Championships were hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club in conjunction with the Central New York Yacht Racing Association's annual regatta. This was an effort by our district to showcase the Lightning Class to the many sailors and prospective sailors who come to this event. Dick Hallagan, Mark Sertl and Landy Atkinson did the planning and deserve a round of applause for their efforts. It paid off and 35 boats attended — the most of any of the classes there. The sailing was great and everyone who made it to the line on time could attest to that. The RYC arranged a wonderful chicken dinner followed by a fantastic show put on by the Sky Coasters. The regatta was an open event, so several sailors from the Lake Erie District were in attendance and they did well too. Jody Swanson was second, Jim Allen was fourth, and Tom Starck was fifth. The top five finishers from our district were Bram Palm, Mark Sertl, Frederico Meira, Tom Buechner, and Tom Doran.

July 18-19 found 27 boats attending the ELYC Invitational Regatta at the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club at the eastern end of Lake Ontario. The weather cooperated for most of the weekend, although the last race on Saturday was sailed in a fading breeze and made for a truly fantastic finish giving new meaning to the moniker "tricky Dick." The Saturday evening cocktail party and dinner was, as usual, great and everyone had a good time. Dick Hallagan won the regatta and was followed by Mark Sertl, Bram Palm, Bob Wardwell, and Landy Atkinson.

The Michelob Regatta at Oswego was held on August 1-2. This time the weather didn't cooperate. The winds were over 25 mph on Saturday and it didn't appear that anyone would dare go out of the protected harbor, but while most of us were on shore, we were surprised to see Kirk Reynolds sailing out through the breakwater and spend at least an hour tacking back and forth. He certainly impressed the rest of us mere mortals. The race committee was able to get off two races later that day when the winds died down and three more the next day in more moderate winds. With the support of Eagle Beverages and Fleet 485, the regatta was again a success and western New York sailors are looking forward to another regatta next year. The top finishers were the team of Coleman, Palm, and Coleman who were first; Sertl, Sertl, and Swett who were second; Gonzales, Urzua, and Schacht who were third; Reynolds, King, and Fleckenstein who were fourth; and Hallagan, Snyder, and Webster who were fifth.

The Champagne Regatta was held on August 22-23 at the Keuka Lake Yacht Club. Fleet 252 again did an outstanding job in organizing their regatta and all those who attended appreciated their efforts. The regatta gets better each year. The top sailors in order of finish were Tom Doran, Dick Hallagan, Tadd Helmer, Tom Buechner, and Dave Bull. The trophies were made by Tom Buechner in his glass shop and were truly breathtaking. This regatta was the third leg of which the Triple Crown was won by Tom Doran. Dave Bull was second. Attendance for the Triple Crown was down this year and hopefully more will turn out next year.

The Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake was held on September 12-13. This was the second part of the Central New York — Lake Erie Challenge Trophy and for the second year in a row, the "good guys (and gals)" won by the dint of our skill and numbers. Let's make it three in a row next year.

The season ended on October 3 at the Caz One Day Regatta at Cazenovia. This is the third year for this event which features many (seven this year) short one-lap races which give every-one the sense that if they blow one start or race there's going to be another chance very soon. Lunch was great with two different chili recipes. Maybe next year, everyone will bring their favorite chili and we can vote on the best (and everyone will be sailing in bad air). The protest committee was innovative with each sailor having one minute to present his or her case and the decision was by vote of the other sailors. It was very informal and very enjoyable. The top sailors were Mark Sertl, Frederico Meira, Dick Hallagan, Dick Tuttle and Lori Foster.

Several sailors from our district attended the North American Championships held in Buffalo. Chad Atkins, with Scott Kinsella and Justin Damore as crew, participated in the Junior Championships placing ninth. Dave Bull, with Scott Finkboner and Joan Duncan was eighth in the Masters Championship; Dick Hallagan, with Nancy Barger and Len Tiedemann, was tenth; and Neal Smith, with Eva Smith and Bob O'Kane, was twentieth. Tom Buechner, with Peg Farber and Marty Schad, placed 28th in the Governors' Cup. In the North American Championship, Mark Sertl, with Cory Sertl and Brad Swett, was 23rd; Dick Hallagan, with Bob Bush and Lori Foster, was 24th; and Tom Doran, with John Germain and Ray Cudney, was 26th.

As can be seen, Lightning sailing in the Central New York Lightning District is alive and well. We hope and expect that it'll be even better next year.

## COLOMBIA DISTRICT

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| District Commodore .....        | Rafael Gutierrez                |
| District Secretary .....        | Jochen Raute                    |
| District Measurers .....        | Rodolfo Salmang/Felipe Castillo |
| District Champion .....         | Philip Jacob                    |
| District Runner-Up .....        | Juan Carlos Uzategui            |
| District Junior Champion .....  | Miguel Gonzalez                 |
| District Junior Runner-Up ..... | Juan Carlos Recaman             |

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

Good year for the District of Colombia which comprises Fleet 73 from Club Nautico El Muna and Fleet 501 from Club Nautico el Portillo. We have 38 boats, 20 of which have registered their crews and skippers to the ILCA. A summary of the main activities follows:

1) February, 1992. Seven boats and crews along with the families participated in Salinas, Ecuador in the South American and the Salinas Tomine Regattas. We had a wonderful time - 2 weeks sailing, excellent championships and a good to fair showing. The ocean is not the best friend to sailors from the District of Colombia where 10,000 feet above sea level, cold temperatures 10-15°C, low tides, waves and calm and puffy winds are our secrets. Wives and children enjoyed the sea, we, the sailors, struggled with the waves.

2) District of Colombia. June 27-28-29. Hosted by Fleet 501 Club Nautico el Portillo, 12 boats participated. Excellent championship, dramatic moments and finally the championship went to Philippe Jacob/Santiago Douat/Felipe Castillo. A good summary of this District was sent to the ILCA.

3) The Colombian Nationals, August 22, 23, 29 & 30, hosted by Fleet 73-Club Nautico el Muna, 21 boats registered, excellent commercial sponsorship and championship. The Champion, a very strong and aggressive young skipper Juan Carlos Uzategui (second in the District) crewed by Jochen Raute, our District Secretary.

4) Sent a crew to Vina del Mar, Chile, for the Lightning Class World Youth Championship. We had a fair showing, but it really created a lot of interest in the young sailors. Over ten boats participated in the selection.

**GOOD THINGS:** Coming up strong: Rudi Salmang/Richy Salmang (3rd District, 5th Nationals); Richard Deeb (2nd Nationals - See picture, 04 Richard, 2 Rudi); Fernando Venegas (5 & 6). A lot of interest to sail, good boats, and excellent Clubs hosting the sport AND MORE IMPORTANT, A LOT OF YOUNG SAILORS.

**BAD THINGS:** A minority of adult sailors are creating a negative image by their unsportsmanship behavior by solving their internal problems in the regattas. A lot of effort and energy is being burned by the District officers solving these problems. We have to correct this.

For all of you, Merry X'mas and a Happy and windy 1993 from Colombia, South America.



At the Colombian Nationals — Richard Deeb, 04, finished 2nd, Rudi Salmang, 2, 5th.

## CONNECTICUT RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

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

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

Once again in 1992, CT/RI sailors enjoyed a full season with well run district/club events and success at the National level. We owe our gratitude to the race committees, clubs and fleet volunteers who support Lightning racing in Long Island Sound. In addition, the CT/RI District is fortunate to have a combination of involved sailmakers, active juniors/collegiate sailors and accomplished adult racers who provide an environment to improve us all. This year's events offered some of the toughest competition you can find in Lightnings. We've also enjoyed some new faces on and off the water with the mini baby boom in recent years, converts to our class and friendly visitors from outside the district. It's fair to say it was a FUN year!

The year started with a bang, with six CT/RI teams participating in all or part of the Southern Circuit. Four of our boats finished in the overall top ten with Jody Lutz of Cedar Point taking first. Ched Proctor was 3rd with the team of Phil Lotz and Jim Crane 6th and Brad Read 7th. One of Niantic Fleet's founding teams, Nelson and Helen Hoffman, were at St. Pete in spirit with *Puff-Puff* being sailed by the Vanns. Heidi Dickerson led her sister/father team to a strong finish in Savannah and handled the wind well in St. Pete.

Back on home's colder waters, the District began a five event schedule with the Early Bird Regatta hosted by Cedar Point. Still in high gear and in a new boat Phil Lotz had two bullets the first day and in his words came back from the dead on Sunday to win the event. Jody Lutz, Dave Peck, Brad Read and Keith Taboada rounded out the top five.

Madison Beach Club provided an elegant setting for this year's Districts. Sailors were treated to a moderately strong 'yet shifty' northerly on Saturday followed by cocktails and endless sea stories on the porch overlooking the Sound. Sunday proved to be for many District sailors, the most frustrating conditions we saw all year. When it was over, Dave Peck prevailed to repeat as District Champion and Tim Healy was Runner-Up. Jim Crane, Ched Proctor and Chris Vann were 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

District Commodore, Tom Ingram found no lack of applicants for the coveted NA slots.

Niantic Bay was host for the Atlantic Coast Championships which attracted a fleet of thirty-six boats from all of the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. After three challenging light air races in which visitors were quoted to comment that there is a clause to the going right rule at Niantic, Tim Healy won his THIRD ACC IN A ROW! and retained the Schwartz Memorial Trophy. Dave Peck, Bill Healy, Jack Huntsman, Phil Lotz, Jon Schwartz, Brad Read, Franz Edson, Jody Lutz and Don Barrett completed the top ten.

Twelve boats, countless crews and support teams found their way to BCC for this year's NA's. Of those twelve CT/RI teams, seven finished in the top twelve of the Championship Fleet! As successful as we were on the water, our District also immersed itself in the social events as well. One woman skipper had set a pre-regatta objective of enjoying the event and finding out what the NA's were all about. How'd that work out T.P.? The combined CA/CT Oldham team has 'Origins' and 'Body Shots' to remember. Another District crew, observed that our young Niantic teams shouldn't be disappointed with top ten finishes, they won the party.

On the water Jim Crane, Bill Crane and Brian Hayes led the CT/RI finishers, in fourth place. CT to CA transfer, John Oldham, was seventh, topping a pack of CT/RI boats including Bill Healy, Phil Lotz, Brad Read, Dave Peck and Tim Healy in eighth through twelfth positions respectively.

Niantic Bay's Governor's Cup in September attracted strong women's teams tuning up for the '92 Adams Cup. District Champion, Dave Peck remained true to form finishing 1st, with Betsy Alison and Joni Palmer in 2nd and 3rd. Don Barrett and Theresa Parker rounded out the top five.

The final District event was won in convincing fashion by Don Barrett. Don also won the combined Governor's Cup — Fall Classic Trophy. Larry Colantuano, who has been seen in CT/RI waters frequently this year, Lightning newcomer Pete Kelly, Gianni Cuccio and George Deyett were in the money.

No rest for the weary!! CT/RI District was represented by two teams at the U.S. Women's Sailing Championship Adams Cup finals. Sailed in Lightnings, the series had many competitors from the ILCA. Jody Swanson, Cory Sertl and Abby Ruhlman took National honors as the CT/RI team of Theresa Parker, Debbie Hopkins and Barb Vann overcame another District Team of Betsy Alison, Pat Raymond and Marshall Lawson in a tightly contested battle for 2nd.

So ended an exciting and full year. Our District's sailors thank outgoing Commodore, Tom Ingram. Please note that our 1993 District Schedule will include a change. Niantic Bay will hold the Governor's Cup on June 19, 20.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN 1993 TO HAVE FUN AND RACE LIGHTNINGS!**

## CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

### 1993 DISTRICT SCHEDULE

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| May 22 & 23   | Early Bird Regatta<br>Cedar Point Yacht Club            |
| June 19 & 20  | Connecticut Governor's Cup +*<br>Niantic Bay Yacht Club |
| July 10 & 11  | <b>DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS</b><br>Niantic Bay Y.C.       |
| Sept. 18 & 19 | Fall Classic*<br>Cedar Point Yacht Club                 |

\*Combined Trophy

+NOTE: CHANGED FROM SEPTEMBER TO JUNE!



*Dixie District Sailors at the SSA Annual Regatta — Those pictured with friends are Doug Heussler, Bucky Buchanan, Barb Heussler, Carol Mertes, Jeff Burns, Fred Mertes, Simeon Cox, Wanda Delorme, Kathy Cox, Rick Paullin, Phil Grotheer and Christy Dillard.*

## DIXIE DISTRICT

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| District Commodore ..... | Ronald Grotheer |
| District Secretary ..... | Howard Edson    |
| District Measurer .....  | Dave Racine     |
| District Champion .....  | Fred Mertes     |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Howard Edson    |

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

1992 was a very good year for the Dixie Districts. Attendance was up at all the regattas with some new skippers emerging from their crew days. Fred Mertes was the skipper to beat this year. He won seven out of eight regattas entered including the District Championships. Bob Wardwell was always present and in the hunt for the top spot in the races he entered. The brothers Grotheer are very pesky and are the new breed of racer within the district. Watch out for these two because they both have their own boats now. We missed Simeon Cox (without boat) who is always a very tough competition. The Dillards have gotten back into racing with Jim attending many regattas and daughter Christy emerging as a pretty good skipper in her own right.

The Dixie District Championships were combined with the Delaware Governor's cup this year. Attendance was up and hopefully will continue to rise. The regatta went to the last race with the top four boats within six points of each other. Fred Mertes won on a tie breaker with Howard Edson second and Bob Wardwell third. Four boats then proceeded to the NA's in Buffalo with Wardwell and Grotheer in the green fleet and Edson and Dillard in the yellow.

## ECUADOR DISTRICT

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| District Commodore ..... | Francisco Sola T.    |
| District Secretary ..... | Jose Manuel Gonzales |
| District Measurer .....  | Miguel Plaza         |
| District Champion .....  | Miguel Plaza, Jr.    |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Miguel Plaza         |

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

For yet another year the Ecuador District had plenty of activities during 1992. But best of all, we had a year full of trophies!

It all started with the III Annual Cup of Champions, sponsored by American Airlines, to which we invited Larry MacDonald, Jody Lutz and Matt Fisher, all of whom had just won the most important Lightning regattas in the world: the North Americans, Worlds and Pan Am Games. The results: we beat them all! The teams of Paco Sola, Sr., Juan Carlos Plaza and Juan Santos occupied the three first spots, leaving our guests in 4, 5 and 6. It was a beautiful regatta in which everyone enjoyed themselves.

Then came a back-to-back regatta. First, the Salinas Yacht Club hosted the II Annual Salinas — Tomine Cup (a friendly Ecuador-Colombia regatta), which was also dominated by Paco Sola, Sr. and his crew of Ricardo Sola and Kike Granja. We were quite happy to have seven boats from Colombia participating in the races.

Right after the Salinas — Tomine we were hosts of the XXXVIII South American Championship, which had a record showing of twenty-nine boats. All the time spent preparing for this wonderful regatta was well worth it when our good friends Juan Santos, Oscar Viteri and Werner Moeller came on top of a very competitive fleet and dominated the six race event to capture the South American title.

The Districts were held in July, and this regatta was for Miguel Plaza, Jr. to show us how to steer a Lightning. Beware of this guy in a very near future! His half proud-half upset father came in second this year after a very tough series.

Enough for the winning streak. Ecuador was also represented at the North Americans in Buffalo, and although the results were not as expected, our two teams had an excellent experience and helped Larry MacDonald celebrate his second North American title. Then it was our junior teams of Miguel Plaza, Jr. and Esteban Meira who represented us in the World Youth in Chile. Miguel had an excellent performance and finished fifth in the regatta. Esteban didn't do as good but definitely acquired a lot of knowledge from this exposure.

Fleet 411 of the Naval School acquired two new boats during this year, and although the fleet was not re-activated for 1992, it will be active during 1993 with at least three boats.

There are also hopes of activating Fleet 447 of Lake San Pablo during 1993. We tried to organize a get together regatta for November 1992, but

time was against us and we finally had to quit the idea.

The Ecuador District looks forward to a wonderful 1993, and wishes all its sailors good winds and great wins.



*The Junior teams who went to the World Youth in Chile (l to r): Jose M. Gonzales, Justus Kemplerer, Miguel Plaza, Jr., Helmut Kemplerer, Esteban Meira, Francisco Pons.*

## FINLAND DISTRICT

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| District Commodore ..... | Antero Punttila       |
| District Secretary ..... | Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen |
| District Measurer .....  | Jari Aromaa           |
| District Champion .....  | Pertti Pyy            |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Rainer Korhonen       |

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

During the 1992 season in Finland we had a little increase in the number of membership dues. Some new boats and crews appeared at the events which were arranged by our district. Also before the end of the year we will register a new fleet in Kuopio which is situated in the eastern part of Finland.

We made a smooth landing to the past season by arranging a weekend Sail & Ski Seminar in Korpilahti, at the end of March. The whole day Saturday we spoke about sailing theory and in the evening we had the badminton championship before a sauna party. The badminton Champion is Leo Korhonen and runner-up Harri Nisonen. Sunday morning most of us went to ski at Himos, which is only 20 kilometers from Korpilahti.

From May to September we sail the ranking series which consists of eight different regattas around Finland. The ranking 1992 Champion is Rainer Korhonen with crew Leo Korhonen and Kari Salenius.

The 40th European Championship together with Finland District Championship were hosted by Kuopio Pursiseura in the middle of July. Over thirty boats from Finland, Greece, Italy and Switzerland participated. After very tight competition we got a new European Champion, an Italian, Mario Noto with crew Fabio Spano and Francesco Parrinello. The best Finnish team, Pertti, Leena and Maija Pyy, was fifth.

After twenty years sailing in the Lightning class, Pertti Pyy finally achieved the title of Finland District Champion with his daughters Leena and Maija. Pertti has already gotten the bronze medal in the 1976 Europeans, silver medal in 1977 and 1980 Districts and bronze medal in 1987 Districts. This year the runner-up skipper is Rainer Korhonen with crew Leo Korhonen and Kari Salenius. In third place is Samppa J. Salminen, Keijo Tulomäki and Tero Kotimäki.

During the 1992 European Championship there was a meeting of the European Districts where it was accepted that Finland will be the host for the 1995 World Championship. The opinion of the delegates was that the suitable dates for the Worlds is the latter part of July. Finland District works on that subject.

It is good to head that Lightning activity is heating up in Ireland. We also hope to see in the future some Irish sailors in the European Championship.





Over 80,000 people visited the Helsinki Boat Fair, where a Lightning was on display.

## FLORIDA DISTRICT

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| District Commodore ..... | Steve Hayden |
| District Secretary ..... | Carol Stout  |
| District Measurer .....  | David White  |
| District Champion .....  | Jim Alman    |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Doug Fisher  |

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

Florida's Districts were sailed in May this year, at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club in Miami. We had a nice turnout with some new transfers from other classes sailing Lightnings. The Regatta was won by Jim Alman followed by Doug Fisher, Mark Bryant, Fay Regan, and Steve Hayden. The annual so-called elections of officers took place and Ft. Meyer's new club was designated as the 1993 site for the Districts.

Florida was represented at the North Americans by Doug Fisher and Steve Hayden and their crews. Doug's team finished in the Blue fleet and Steve's team won the Presidents' Cup. Great job everyone. We hope to see more teams go to Milwaukee.

Unfortunately, South Florida's visit by Hurricane Andrew put a damper on sailing down there for a couple of months. Eventually everything was dug out and cleaned up in time for our Triple Crown to begin in October. The Labor Day Regatta was sailed at Sarasota Sailing Squadron with Steve Hayden winning the Commodore's Cup with crew — then fiancée Angie Rimes and Dad, Fisk Hayden. The Triple Crown began with the Chris Young Memorial in Miami, won by Eammon DeLisser with Mike Alexander a close second. The second leg of the Triple Crown was sailed Thanksgiving at Davis Island Yacht Club — won by Doug Fisher, followed by Steve Hayden. December 5-6 the Annual Sailfest is held at Sanford (Orlando), Florida. This is always quite an event. This year's northern visitor was Hank Hodgson. Hope that there are more of you all next year. Once again the fest was sponsored by Mt. Gay Rum — I am sure I don't need to say any more. The Triple Crown will end Feb. 6-7 at Melbourne, FL. Feel free to attend and warm up before the Circuit. The Florida District had a few weddings over the year. Congratulations to Mark and Shannon Taylor, Stu and Kim DeLisser, and Steve and Angie Hayden. We look forward to seeing everyone at both Florida Regattas in March.

## LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

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| District Commodore .....               | David Sprague        |
| District Executive Secretary .....     | Skip Wilday          |
| District Corresponding Secretary ..... | Judy Walker          |
| District Treasurer .....               | Anne Allen           |
| District Measurer .....                | Cal Schmiede         |
| District Champion .....                | Bill Neal            |
| District Runner-Up .....               | Larry MacDonald, Jr. |
| 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).

The Lake Erie District had a very busy and most successful year. We were the hosts for the North American Championship at the Buffalo Canoe Club in 1992 with 125 boats in the Regatta. Co-chairman Dave Adams and David Fretz, with their committees, did an excellent job of organizing and managing the Championships.

Nineteen entries from the LED participated in the North Americans. Skippers included: Tom Allen, Sr., Tom Allen, Jr., Jim Allen, Tom Ward, Warren Emblidge, Dick Aubrecht, Bill Neal, Bob Starck, Keith MacDonald, Larry MacDonald, Jr., David Sprague, Judy Walker, Ed Roseberry, Jr., Peter Bone, Allen Leibel, Jody Swanson, David Starck, Mark Sullivan and Cal Schmiede. Larry MacDonald, Jr., with crew Trevor Born and Ian Jones from the LED, were the big winners. Larry has had other outstanding successes in the recent past, being second in the Worlds and winning the Canadian Open this year. Runner-up honors went to David Starck with crew Kevin Robinson and Tom Starck, also from the LED.

In the N.A. Jr. Championships, Warren Emblidge was first and Tom Starck was runner-up.

In the Masters Championship, Tom Allen, Sr. was first for the one and only time he has entered. Ex-LED member and perennial Lightning winner Stu Anderson was fifth.

The 1992 LED Championship was held at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, home of the "Flying Beavers". Bill Neal, sailing a wooden Etchells #6983, won the regatta. There must be parity between wood and fiberglass "goldplaters". Runner-up was Larry MacDonald, Jr., followed by Jody Swanson, Jim Allen and Marty Essig. Twenty-seven boats were on the starting line. The "Beavers" did their usual exceptional job of regatta management.

The Adams Cup, national women's sailing championship, was won by LED member Jody Swanson. Jody's crew included Cory Sertl and Abby Ruhlman. Jody previously won this event in 1989.

The Old Salts Regatta, which was the fore-runner of the North American Masters, was won by Cal Schmiede, with crew of Larry MacDonald, Sr. and Don Allen. With talent like that aboard, how can you lose? Second was Dick O'Connor and third was Bob Starck.

The overall Fall Circuit was won by Marty Essig. Dick Hallagan from Central N.Y. was first and Marty was second at Silver Lake. Thirty boats were on the starting line. At the Boulevard Club in Toronto, it was Tom Allen, Jr. the winner and Marty Essig was second. Back to the Canoe Club and Marty was first, and Jody Swanson was second.

Fleet 19, Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club is growing at a phenomenal rate, thanks to Jim McDonnell and his enthusiasm. Several new Lightnings have been added to their fleet. The 1993 Districts will be on Lake Chautauqua.

The last LED regatta of the season is the Turkey Regatta at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. This is usually held a week before the Canadian Thanksgiving and the first place boat receives a turkey. However, the crew must then draw to determine if the skipper, main or jib actually gets to take the bird home. Turkeys are also awarded by drawing for various finishes. Future turkeys (turkey eggs) are also awarded by drawing. It's a real fun regatta. This year 15 boats participated and Larry MacDonald, Jr. won the first place turkey.

The District remains very strong and competitive. Something is offered for everyone, including the Juniors, Masters, and Women. We hope you have smooth sailing in 1993.

## LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| District Commodore ..... | Richard Warren |
| District Secretary ..... | Thom Hering    |
| District Measurer .....  | Gary Sortino   |
| District Champion .....  | Tim Rumph      |
| District Runner-Up ..... | Rich Warren    |

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

The Long Island District enjoyed another great year of sailing. We saw the inclusion of two new boats to the District Fleet. Our District Commodore, Rich Warren, made his first trip to the Southern Circuit with ILCA Vice-President, Paul Gelenitis, as Co-Skipper, and is planning to return in 1993.

The District season began with the Spring Regatta held at Southampton Yacht Club on June 13-14 with visitors from Connecticut and New Jersey. We had two days of superb sailing on Shinnecock Bay. Thirteen sailors





# International Lightning Class Association

*Lake Erie District*

## 1993 DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

### MAY

|       |                                    |                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9     | TORONTO TUNE UP — GOOD START ..... | BOULEVARD CLUB     |
| 15-16 | OHIO-LED .....                     | PYMATUNING         |
| 22-23 | EBY SERIES .....                   | BUFFALO CANOE CLUB |
| 29    | TEAM RACING .....                  | HAMILTON           |

### JUNE

|       |                         |                    |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 5-6   | CNY-LED CHALLENGE ..... | NEWPORT/ROCHESTER  |
| 12-13 | CORNBALL .....          | CHATAUQUA LAKE     |
| 19-20 | NIAGARA FRONTIER .....  | BUFFALO CANOE CLUB |
| 26-27 | CUBA LAKE               |                    |

### JULY

|       |  |                        |
|-------|--|------------------------|
| 2-3-4 | CANADIAN OPEN .....                    | MONTREAL/R. St. L.Y.C. |
| 10-11 | NIAGARA RIVER CHAMPIONSHIPS ....       | NIAGARA SAILING CLUB   |
| 15-16 | JUNIORS AND WOMENS LED CHAMPIONSHIPS . | CHATAUQUA              |
| 17-18 | LAKE ERIE DISTRICTS .....              | CHATAUQUA              |

### AUGUST

|      |   |           |
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| 3-6  | WOMENS, JUNIOR AND MASTERS N.A.'S ..... | SHEBOYGAN |
| 6-13 | NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS .....      | MILWAUKEE |
| 25   | OLD SALTS .....                         | BCC       |

### SEPTEMBER

|       |   |             |
|-------|---|-------------|
| 11-12 | HARVEST REGATTA/CNY-LED CHALLENGE ..... | SILVER LAKE |
| 18-19 | HURRELL SHAKER BOULEVARD CLUB .....     | TORONTO     |
| 26-27 | BCC OPEN                                |             |

### OCTOBER

|   |                      |          |
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| 3 | TURKEY REGATTA ..... | HAMILTON |
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### DECEMBER

|   |                   |         |
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| 5 | ICE BREAKER ..... | TORONTO |
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competed in five races along with the usual support of fine food and beverage which made for a great weekend.

Our District Championships were held at Bayshore Yacht Club on July 11 in blustery northwesterly conditions. Five boats ventured out on Great South Bay for five races. Prior to leaving the dock, the Race Committee proposed to complete the regatta in one day so that we all might get a day of rest on Sunday; it was agreed to unanimously. Luckily everyone remained upright and as the day ended Tim Rumph and crew survived to win with Rich Warren outlasting Thom Hering for second place. The five extremely tired Crews and Race Committee made it to Pearlman's house for a delicious barbecue and awards ceremony.

Ending our season with the Fall Regatta at Southampton Yacht Club, twenty-three crews showed up for the skipper's meeting. Everyone was anticipating great sailing and the much-heralded clambake on Saturday night. The weather didn't cooperate on Saturday with the wind a steady 30 knots by the time of the harbor start signal. The Race Committee wisely canceled racing for the day to allow all involved to relax and enjoy the area. Everyone returned for the barbecue and clambake, which were a great success. Racing started early Sunday morning with a promise of three races to be completed by early afternoon. The local crew of Tim Rumph with wife, Susan and Jim McCarrick, was winner with Brian Hayes and crew finishing second.

Our District is excited about the news of another fleet taking shape on the Island. Orient Yacht Club located on the end of the north fork of Long Island is rumored to have eight potential Lightnings ready for racing in the 1993 season. The District Commodore has been in touch with the organizers to help them as much as possible.

We look forward to more great sailing in the 1993 season, especially with the inclusion of a new fleet and another body of water to visit and sail.



Long Island District Champion Tim Rumph (top center) with other District members who braved the blustery conditions during the District Championships at Bayshore Yacht Club.

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... David Drosdick  
District Secretary ..... Franz Schneider  
District Measurer ..... Franz Schneider  
District Champion ..... Jack Huntsman  
District Runner-Up ..... Chris Sprole

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

At the District level our season opened on April twenty-fifth with the Long John Regatta hosted by the Monmouth Boat Club's Fleet 70. This year thirty boats were on the line. Of these thirty, fifteen had been in the Blue Fleet at the 1991 North American's. The top finish went to a "Home Town Skipper", Larry Colantuono. Mark Sertl from Rochester finished second and another local hero, Jack Huntsman finished third.

Lake Wallenpaupack held its Cold Duck Regatta on Saturday May 23rd, Memorial Day weekend. This low key, fun event was won by Robert Baron.

The Magnus Pederson Regatta, sponsored by the Nyack Boat Club, was another one day event. Rich Miner, from Lake Mohawk, took the top spot in this one. In close pursuit were Chris Sprole and then Gary Hurban from

the host club.

This year, the Metropolitan District Championship was held on the weekend of June 20th on Lake Mohawk. We all owe Chairman Bob Graham a hardy vote of thanks for a well run regatta and a very pleasant weekend. Jack Huntsman retained his district title beating a field of seventeen boats representing five fleets. Second in this closely contested series went to Chris Sprole from Nyack. Bill Clausen, also from the Monmouth Boat Club, finished third.

On September 12th the Awosting Yacht Squadron hosted the first of our fall regattas. This year they held their Whiskerpole Regatta in the middle of Greenwood Lake near the New York border at the facilities of Dieber's Castle. The excellent hoist and eating accommodations were complemented with fair winds and a beautiful fall day. Franz Schneider from Lake Wallenpaupack finished first, followed by Rich Miner of Lake Mohawk and Gary Hurban from the Nyack Boat Club.

The Pennsylvania Governors Cup Regatta was held on the weekend of September 19th at the Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club. Eighteen boats participated representing fleets in the Dixie, Central Atlantic, Central New York and Metropolitan Districts. State Representative Ted Duffy awarded first place to Jack Huntsman from Monmouth Boat Club. Second was last year's winner, Dick Hallagan, from the Newport Yacht Club in Rochester, New York. Third was Mark Schneider who represented the Riverton Yacht Club in New Jersey.

The season wrap up was the Last Blast Regatta run by the Nyack Boat Club on Saturday, October 17th. This year's event was a genuine screamer with no less than 30% of the fleet capsizing. It was exciting and great fun. John Faus, from the Barnegat Light Yacht Club won this one. Second was Franz Schneider from Lake Wallenpaupack and third went to Greenwood Lake sailor Bob Sengstacken. The Last Blast Regatta was also the last of the Mid Hudson Series Championship. Scored on the basis of individual finishes at Lightning regattas held at Chelsea (Fleet 39), High Tor (Fleet 41) and Nyack (Fleet 75) first place went to Nyack's Garry Hurban. Second went to Rich Miner from Lake Mohawk and third to Chris Sprole of Nyack.

Next season we look forward to more of the same sailing fun and sociability. Our District Championship will be sponsored by the Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club and is scheduled for the weekend of June 26th.

## MICHIGAN

District Commodore ..... John McCree  
District Secretary ..... David Decker  
District Champion ..... Colin Park  
District Runner-Up ..... Terry Hutchinson  
Junior Champion ..... Mike Thomas  
Runner-Up ..... Keith Shaw

**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); Burt Lake (254); Grand Traverse Yacht Club (326); Douglas Lake (374); Lansing Sail Club (387).

Fourteen regattas, plus the North Americans ... sit down and grab a beer, this might take a while! Okay, it started at Devil's Lake, with the annual Spring Fling. The wind blew hard, nobody went swimming, and nobody kept score! But it was fun! Then Lake Lansing: the wind didn't blow, five races were "drifted", and Mark Whatley edged Colin Park for first, followed by Dave Decker, Terry Kleiman and Tom Hudson.

Saginaw Bay produced great sailing conditions and Whatley was followed by local talent John McCree, then Park, Greg Smith and Jim Harris.

Crescent's regatta, sailed on the little big water of Lake St. Clair, saw Colin Park win his first Michigan regatta of the season. We also learned not to put our fingers where they don't belong Mark, or else!! Ouch!

North Cape was site of the District Championship, and the thermal blew in, with a steady 15 hours from the Southeast. Unfortunately, the thermal didn't show up until noon on Sunday and we finished racing at noon on Sunday! Thirty-five boats were led by Colin Park, with crew/wife Karen, and Greg Bull. Close behind were Terry Hutchinson, Dan Norton, Sean Fidler, and Bruce Goldsmith.

Macatawa, sailed on the big water of Lake Michigan, saw Sean (Ludicrous Speed) Fidler exhibit just that, as he led the fleet. Park, Tom Vickers, Whatley, and Tom Niles rounded out the top five.

Races at Lake Fenton produced an upset! The Devil's Lake Team Two, with Bruce Goldsmith, Steve Thomas, and Pontiac's Keith Shaw defeated all challengers for first. (Can the team with Bruce really be the underdog?) Bay City and the Devil's Lake Team One followed.

Seventeen boats headed north to Higgins Lake for the last regatta before the NA's. Norton was first overall, just edging Whatley, followed by

Vickers, Decker and Park. The "big gust" on Saturday left the leeward mark surrounded by wet fiberglass, but everyone got up, dried off, and went back out on Sunday.

Now for the NA's: Four Michigan boats qualified for the Blue Fleet, led by Terry Hutchinson in fifth overall. Twelve more boats were in the Green and Yellow. Congratulations to Pontiac's Jim and Connie Harris, and crew Jerry Decker, with a first place finish in the last race in the President's Cup. Jim's brother Steve, (a deported Michigander?) followed by taking first in the last race in the Governors Cup. Devil's Lake's Hank Hodgson, with wife and daughter, Karen and Amy as crew, had a first in a Presidents Cup race, too.

The Tawas Bay regatta, hosted by Guy and Blair Moulthrop, is one of Michigan's finest. Visitor's from the west (Chicago's Paul Wurtzebach and Rick Kaiser) enjoyed launching from the white sand beach, barbecued chicken for dinner, and great wind with a short course just off shore. Fidler was back in form, with Wurtzebach, Whatley, Decker, and Vickers sailing almost as fast.

The Fall Series began with Pontiac, and Hutchinson, Fidler, Louie Nickels, Park and Charlie Hess were the top five. Devil's Lake featured District Champ Park edging District Runner-Up Hutchinson. Then on to Chicago ... wait, isn't that part of the Midwest District ... yes, but what is that lake they sail on? ... besides, seven Michigan boats were there, with Gull Lake's Smith and Decker capturing second and fourth, and Bay City's Park third, and Pontiac's Fidler fifth. Gull Lake hosted a 25 boat regatta, and McCree showed how to sail in Saturday's light westerly, and Sunday's honking easterly, to take top honors. Chicago's Kaiser, Fidler, Tom Allen, Sr. and Devil's Lake Steve and Mike Thomas took home hardware. And then there was Wawasee, with Park recapturing the trophy. Goldsmith was third.

The District awarded the Strueland Trophy for the 12 best finishes in official district races to Colin Park. Colin is also this year's recipient of the Crittendon Fall Series Trophy. Congratulations, Colin!

## MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore ..... Paul Wurtzebach  
District Secretary ..... Vernal Equinox  
District Champion ..... Paul Wurtzebach  
District Runner-Up ..... Mike Huffman

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

We've attracted some new faces, welcomed back some familiar faces, been introduced to youngsters. Some folks are peripatetic; others are putting down deeper roots at home. Some owners have introduced new crew; some crews have developed their own skippers or recruited new owners. There's a great source of Lightning sailors in your local frostbite fleets: Penguin, Laser, Sunfish, Dyer Dinghy, etc., all of whom sail primarily during the non-summer seasons. Get 'em in a Lightning for the warm weather! We've included as many crews names as possible to recognize the team effort involved in all facets of competition.

The team of Bill Faude, Greg Fisher, Rene duPaquier started the year right by winning the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Then in March several boats went down to the Southern Circuit: Patrick Considine, Dave Wagner, Steve Lowery (ninth at St. Pete); Mike Considine, Brian James, Bill Kindra (tenth at Miami); Paul Wurtzebach, Michael Elmergreen, Karen Johnson, Rick Kaiser, Josh Kerst, Bonnie Hawkins; Carey Long, Mara Doughty, Michael Huffman; Bob Franke, Amy Simonsen, James Berry. District wanderers also turned up throughout the year at such far-flung regattas as: Nashville's Tennessean (won by Wurtzebach's Team Dandelion), the Indy Open in Indianapolis, Lake Carlyle's new Mid-Continent, Devil's Lake Spring Thing, the Canadian Open in Thunder Bay, Tawas Bay, Devil's Lake Fall Thing, the Hoosier in Wawasee, Gull Lake in Michigan, and HLYC's Bluenose.

At home, Paul Wurtzebach's Team (s) Dandelion and the Huffman Team were consistently front runners at the Midwest District regattas, but there were a lot of teams snapping at their heels, notably newcomers (to this class) Steve Lowery/Dave Wagner/Steve Diaz. The Lake Michigan Championship, awarded to the team with the best finishes in three of four (Lighthouse, Evans, Brotz, and Polar Bear) regattas, was won by Dan Reichelsdorfer. To recap the top three finishers at the midwest District regattas:

Fond du Lac Lighthouse (16 boats): Paul Wurtzebach, Bob Segil, Karen Johnson; Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Jim Blair; Ric Larson, Mary Reid, Pete Orlebeke.

Green Bay Evans (17 boats): Paul Wurtzebach, Jane Long, Adam

## MIDWEST DISTRICT SCHEDULE 1993

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| June 5-6          | Lighthouse       | Fond du Lac      |
| June 12-13        | Evans            | Green Bay        |
| <b>JUNE 18-20</b> | <b>DISTRICTS</b> | <b>MILWAUKEE</b> |
| July 3-4          | P & T            | Milwaukee        |
| July 31- Aug. 1   | Brotz            | Sheboygan        |
| Aug. 7-8          | Hobelman         | Chicago          |
| Sept. 18-19       | Polar Bear       | Davenport        |
| Sept. 25-26       | Red Flannels     | Chicago          |

Bowen, Terry Phelan, Vicky Vann, Mike Faugust; Dan Reichelsdorfer, Steve Orlebeke, Mark Wessel.

Milwaukee P&T (23 boats): Paul Wurtzebach, Bob Segil, Karen Johnson; Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Jim Blair; Bob Franke, Amy Franke, Marshall.

District Championship (21 boats): Paul Wurtzebach, Bob Segil, Karen Johnson; Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Jim Blair; Steve Lowery, Steve Diaz, Dave Wagner.

Sheboygan Brotz Regatta (12 boats): Dan Moriarty, Matt Burrige, Arthur; Bill Faude, Jane Lewis, Jared Drake; Michou Braun, Chris Kronich, Kris Simonson.

Davenport Polar Bear (12 boats): Mike Steffenson, Jean Steffenson, Doug Steffenson; Ken Jensen, Mike Higgins, Mara Doughty; Dan Reichelsdorfer, Steve Orlebeke, Mark Wessel.

Chicago Red Flannels (33 boats): Steve Lowery, Steve Diaz, Dave Wagner, Greg Smith, Carl Engels, Tom DeVisser; Colin Park, Karen Park, Greg the Bull.

Barb Fox, Jeannie Ehrenberg, and Beth Huston qualified in our district for the Adams' Cup. Barb and Jeannie borrowed skipper Dave Stix's boat to practice during the summer and "accidentally" won Chicago Corinthian's Summer Series. More great competition for next year's Women's Championships!

Chris Kronich, Michou Braun and Greta Reichelsdorfer represented the Midwest District at the Women's North Americans this year. Sheboygan, site of the next Women's Championships, is their home port.

The District sent its quota to Buffalo this year. Ric Larson, Al McReynolds and Michou Braun sailed in the Blue Fleet. Bill Faude, Jared Drake and Perry Lewis finished a very close (tied) second in the President's Cup, and Mike Huffman, Meg Huffman and Bruce Hein finished a very close fourth. Also in the President's Cup were Brian James, Bonnie Hawkins, Dean Cady, Jr.; Dan Reichelsdorfer, Hans Graf, Greta Reichelsdorfer; Carey Long, Mara Doughty, Pete Orlebeke; Adrian Irving, Patrick McBriarty, Kris Simonson. Second in the Governor's Cup went to Paul Wurtzebach, Terry Phelan, Karen Johnson; and third to Rick Kaiser, Josh Kerst, Matt Berg.

In 1993, Sheboygan Yacht Club of the Midwest District is hosting the Women's, the Juniors' and the Masters' Championships, and Milwaukee Yacht Club of the Midwest District is hosting the North Americans. We'll see you there!

## *Michigan District 1993 Regatta Schedule*

### MAY

1-2 Indianapolis  
22-23 Great Lakes Championship,  
North Cape

### JUNE

5-6 Lake Lansing  
12-13 Lake Fenton Team Races  
19-20 Crescent Sail Club  
24-27 **District Championship, Bay City**

### JULY

10-11 Macatawa  
17-18 Great Lakes Womens/Michigan  
Junior Championships, Devils Lake  
24-25 Higgins Lake  
31 Tawas

### AUGUST

1 Tawas  
4-7 NA Master's/Women's/Junior's  
7-13 NA Championship

### SEPTEMBER

11-12 Pontiac\*  
18-19 Devils Lake\*

### OCTOBER

2-3 Gull Lake\*  
9-10 Wawassee\*

\* Michiana Fall Series

*The Michigan District Congratulates  
Colin Park and crew Karen Park and Greg Bull*



*1992 Michigan District Champions*

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