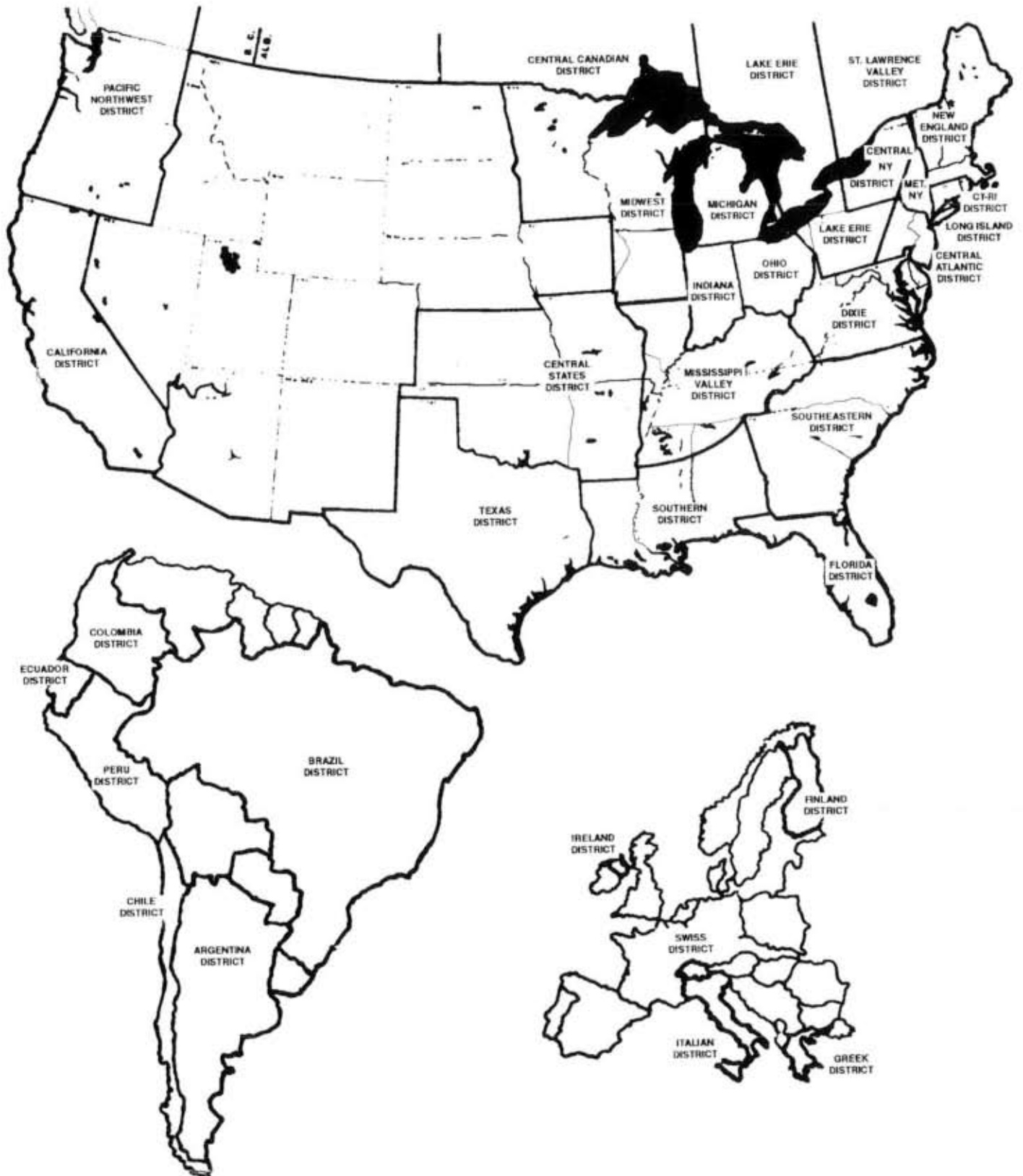


International Lightning Class Association Districts



Lightning Districts

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

Contact.....Osvaldo Bordino

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

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Jens Cristiano Ruschmann

District Secretary.....Andrea Cristina Ruschmann

District Measurer.....Claus Bromberg

District Champion.....Mario Buckup

District Runner-Up.....Claudio Biekark

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

Organizing a World Championship is like a long race where the windward buoy is the objective. As a race, local conditions, strategies, physical endurance and tactics are the components with which we have to succeed to organize a World Championship.

And at the end, when we receive the compliments, like the one written by Matt Fisher on "The Brazilian people were warm, friendly and made all of us feel very much at home," we have a feeling of happiness because we crossed that finish line. It is the best recognition, thank you to all the Lightning crews and friends that came to Ilhabela.

We should also thank Nelson Schmitt for his enthusiastic work leading us as a skipper in this race. His crew was magnificent: Suzy, Claus, Giuliana, Edgar and Michael.

This was an exciting year since in addition to the Worlds we organized the South American and Brazilian Championships as well as several fleet regattas.

We are proud of the performance of our crew, after all, with the first three positions in the Worlds, we saw Manfred's strategy, Hacherott's concentration and Claudio's consistency.

We hope to see you all again in Finland.



Opening ceremony at the World Championships.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Michael Molina

District Secretary.....Scott Finkboner

District Measurer.....Bruce Arnold

District Champion.....John Lyon

District Runner-Up.....Scott Finkboner

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

1993 turned out to be an exciting year for the California District. Several new members and boat owners continue to revitalize the racing and social scene.

The San Francisco Fleet was very active sailing not only in the SBRA regattas in the Bay, but attending regattas as far south as San Diego and as far north as Clear Lake.

Wendell Harter keeps the Santa Monica Bay Fleet active with many new prospects attending local regattas.

All three fleets were represented at the California Circuit in April. The successful on and off the water social activities drew boats as far away as Oregon. John Lyon took top honors this year.

In May Scott Finkboner with crew Ron Siemer from Mission Bay and Tammi Jamison from New York traveled to Ilhabela, Brazil to compete in the World Championships, finishing a respectable 16th place.

The Pacific Coast Championships were expertly hosted by the San Francisco Fleet in September. The sunny conditions and perfect weather provided the competitors with close racing and planing reaches! There was virtually a three-way tie going into the fifth and final race. John Lyon won the overall title followed by Scott Finkboner and Dave Hickman of Oregon. John also won the District Championships in June hosted by the Mission Bay Fleet.

The Brewers attended the North Americans in Milwaukee in August. They said they had a super time. Mike and Dick's third crew flew in all the way from England. This was their nephew's third NA's since '89!

In October Scott won a tie breaker from John Lyon in the Bowen Memorial while Kirk Johnson and the Brewers were attending the perennial Hurricane Gulch Regatta in Redondo Beach. The Santa Monica Bay fleet under Wendell Harter's leadership drew an excellent turnout. Keep it up, Wendell!

For 1994 the California District looks forward again to a full calendar of regattas. Participation is on the rise, so please come out, all of you!

The Bowen Memorial Regatta at Lake Cachuma (which has been postponed for five years due to drought caused low lake levels) should be back on for August. Check your calendars. The PCC's should again be in July at Klamath Lake, Oregon.

Our welcome mat is always out for visitors - come and sail with us - we have a full calendar of regattas. District Commodore for '94 is Scott Finkboner and the District Secretary is Elissa Hall McQuillin.....Aloha.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Richard Thomas
 District Secretary.....Mark Schneider
 District Measurer.....James Carson
 District Champion.....Mark Schneider
 Junior Champion.....Mike 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).

The highlight of the 1993 CAD season occurred in a three week span in July where CAD clubs held three prestigious regattas. The first was the Central Atlantic Districts held at Surf City Yacht Club. The weekend saw strong but shifty winds causing postponements, abandonments and only three of the four race series to be sailed. Jack Elfman of the host club won the first two races but faltered in the final race to finish 3rd overall. Mark Schneider of Riverton Yacht Club took the championship with consistent sailing, finishing 2nd in all three races. The following weekend saw Barnegat Light Yacht Club hold the New Jersey State Championship. Jack Huntsman of Monmouth Boat Club won with Keith Taboada of Metedeconk River following. The final weekend in July saw the Atlantic Coast Championships sailed at Metedeconk River Yacht Club. Visiting sailors dominated the event with Hannah Swett winning, followed by Huntsman, Theresa Parker, Jody Lutz and Jon Schwartz.

Things were quiet on the national regatta front for our sailors as most elected to travel only locally this year. Mike Buczkowski of Metedeconk River did well in the Junior North Americans, placing 3rd. Mike also won the New Jersey Junior State Championships, held at Surf City immediately following the Districts.

Other District regattas included the Spring Tuneup, held at Metedeconk River and won by Keith Taboada. Paul Gelenitis of Metedeconk won the prestigious Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship for Lightnings. Glenn Reitingier won Brant Beach's spring regatta. Riverton, home of the 1994 CAD Championship, was host of two large regattas which attracted competitors from New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Dick Hallagan, Bob Wardwell and Jack Jones followed behind Schneider.

A similar full racing schedule will follow in 1994. As always, competitors outside the District are more than welcome, with regattas in the Barnegat Bay, Manahawkin Bay and Delaware River areas. Keep an eye in Flashes for the schedule and see you on the race course.

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTRICT

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

Fleets: Temple Reef Sailing Club (279).

Congratulations, to Fleet 279 for the fantastic accomplishment in winning the Steketee Trophy for 1993. The success of registering unaffiliated boats from the Thunder Bay area was a fleet triumph and the executive is to be commended for the leadership in achieving this milestone. This accomplishment is a strong endorsement of Lightning Class sailing in Northwestern Ontario and the ILCA. For further information on how it was done you will have to read the Fleet 279 report.

The Canadian Open Championship in Montreal was attended by four boats and full crews from Fleet 279, Jim Cameron, Janice Cameron and Paul Martin on 15507, Bob Maki, Don Ellard and Bob Walsh on 13115, Mark Sandberg, Andre St. Jacques and Trevor Looker on 13267, Ross Bailey, Don Wilson and Doug Ankrom on the newest boat in the fleet, 14612. Montreal is a long trip from Thunder Bay and these twelve sailors are to be commended for their commitment to the sport. Statistically, Fleet 279 made up 13% of the fleet at the Canadian Open Championships.

The Central Canada Districts were held at Thunder Bay on Lake Superior in medium winds. Jim Cameron placed first followed by Ross Bailey and in third place was Kurt Broll.

Mark Sandberg, Blair Sandberg and Jeff Jacobson attended the North American Championships in Milwaukee. It was appropriate that Blair Sandberg, 1993 Fleet Captain, was available to receive the Steketee Trophy for Fleet 279. Donna Sutherland drove down and spent a portion of the week supporting the crew and participating in the festivities.

The new commodore of the fleet was elected on November 20 and is Ross Bailey. Congratulations, Ross. He replaces Jim Cameron. Thanks, Jim, for your support of Lightning Class sailing in the Central Canada District.

Good luck to all the Districts in 1994. Good Sailing!



"The Best Sailing in Canada"
 "Clear Air, Clear Water"
 "Thunder Bay"

Central New York Lightning District

1994 Regatta Schedule

June 11,12	Caz Flash Bash • (Scott McBurney 315-423-0218)	Willow Bank YC
June 25,26	Champagne Regatta – <u>CNY Districts</u> • (Tom Buechner 607-936-8010)	Keuka YC
July 9,10	CNY Centrals Regatta (Landy Atkinson 716-436-9315)	Ithaca YC
July 23,24	Eastern Lightning Regatta • (Jack Jones 315-232-2853)	Henderson Harbor YC
August 26	CNY Women's & Junior's Regatta (Dick Hallagan 315-331-5664)	Newport YC
Aug 27, 28	Newport Invitational – <i>Summer Fiesta</i> •,# (Brad Poulos 716-381-3954)	Newport YC
Sept 10,11	Harvest Regatta # (Landy Atkinson 716-436-9315)	Silver Lake CC
Sept 24	Caz One Day (Scott McBurney 315-423-0218)	Willow Bank YC

• – Counts toward Blue Jacket Trophy

– Central New York / Lake Erie District Challenge

*Come join the **FUN**. Over **500** boats participated in **CNY Regattas** in **1993**. Young or Old, Novice or Expert, you will find good **competition**, **camaraderie** and excellent **hospitality**. Housing can usually be arranged with advanced notice. We look forward to sailing with **YOU** in **1994**.*

A special invitation is extended to the Canadians, LED, CAD, NED, Ohio and Met NY District boats. Come see what Lightning sailing is all about.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore.....David Bull
District Secretary.....Daniel Koretz, MD
District Measurer.....Clay Murphy
District Champion.....Bram Palm
Runner-Up.....Lori Foster

Fleets: Skaneateles (1); Newport Yacht Club (77); Willow Bank Yacht Club (164); Keuka Yacht Club (252); Galway Lake Yacht Club (338); Ithaca Yacht Club (484); Port Oswego Fleet (485); Selkirk Fleet (498).

Winter is fast approaching in the Central New York Lightning District. The cold wind is starting to blow and the icicles are starting to form as we sit back in front of the fireplace with our ration of rum and think back to the just completed 1993 sailing season. We all had a lot of fun, starting in early June with the Newport Invitational Regatta won by Mark and Cory Sertl and later in the month with the Caz-Flash Bash, won again by Mark Sertl. At the end of June, Bram Palm won the District Championship at the Ithaca Yacht Club. Jack Jones won the Commodore's trophy and Lori Foster the Rookie Trophy and the 'Ugh' Trophy. Mark Sertl finished his hat trick by winning the CNYRA Regatta at the Seneca Yacht Club in July. Dick Hallagan won the Champagne Regatta and Bill Fastiggi took top honors at the ELYC Invitational Regatta at the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club. The season finale was the Caz-One-Day which was won by Bob Cole.

At last year's fall meeting, the district decided to change the way it scored the Triple Crown Trophy which had its origin in 1969, when Dr. John McIntosh saw the need to encourage participation at the regattas of our district. He donated the trophy, at a time when there were fewer regattas, and the district designated three regattas that would count for the trophy. Over the last few years the number of regattas has increased and the number of sailors has decreased. When it was first started, 15 or more sailors would have participated in all three regattas but more recently as few as two sailors would qualify. The District decided to use a high point scoring system that counted every race of the season, and while it was time consuming to calculate, it did result in 66 skippers having points towards the newly renamed Blue Jacket Trophy. The winner was Dick Hallagan by 4.6 points over Clay Murphy.

In addition to creating the Blue Jacket Trophy, the District also voted to accept a proposal that our Commodore, Dave Bull, worked out with the Lake Erie District to change the scoring for the Central New York - Lake Erie District Challenge Trophy. Just as the Triple Crown participation was down, so was the Challenge Trophy and it was hoped that by having a true district vs. district competition that this could be changed. Scoring was to be by a low point system using the score of the top finishing boats from the district equal to the number of boats competing from the district with

the fewest boats in the regatta. The losing district must take out an ad in the "Flashes" after the last designated regatta to congratulate and name all winning skippers and crew plus any barbs he wants to throw in. After the Newport regatta, we thought the Central New York District was in good shape to win, but, unfortunately, at the end of the Silver Lake Regatta, we did not prevail. We intend to do better next year.

CHILE DISTRICT

Contact.....Alberto Gonzalez Mas

Fleets: Acuelo Lake (490).

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

Contact.....Rudi Salmang

Fleets: Club Nautico Del Muna (73); Club Nautico El Portillo (501).

CONNECTICUT-RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

Contact.....Don Barrett

Fleets: Niantic Bay Yacht Club (85); Cedar Point Yacht Club (126); Madison Beach Club (129).

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Ronald Grotheer
District Vice Commodore.....Howard Edson
District Secretary.....Mike Beaver
District Treasurer.....Fred Mertes
District Measurer.....Dave Racine
District Champion.....Bob Wardwell
Runner-Up.....Simeon Cox

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

Once again the Dixie District enjoyed a highly successful sailing season in 1993. As always, we found the level of competition to be very high with great camaraderie both on and off the water.

This year we kicked off the season with Washington D. C.'s Fleet 50 sponsoring the Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup and the celebration of their 50th anniversary. This event was much anticipated and brought out most of our old friends and even a few new ones. Although the wind was light and shifty for the weekend, it did give everybody a chance for glory and nobody seemed to complain.

The District Championship was hosted by Swift Creek this year, and was sailed out of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club facilities. This proved to be a perfect combination and offered us some of the best sailing waters on the Chesapeake Bay. Once again, Bob Wardwell showed us the way around the race course and ended up walking away with the first place silver.

Our last major regatta before putting our boats away was, as always, the Frigid Digit Regatta, hosted by the Severn River fleet in Annapolis. This year started differently when the wind decided to pull a "no show." Saturday's certain doom

was averted by the quick thinking work of the regatta organizers. They saved the day by starting the party early and keeping it going late into the night. Sunday proved to be a real treat with modest winds which allowed us to sail three races in time for our guests to return home at a decent hour.

As usual, our very active fleets "offered up" a whole slew of fun regattas which kept us going all season long. The year's cream of the crop saw Simeon Coxe, Fred Mertes, Phil Grotheer, Bob Wardwell and others taking the silver home.

We thank everybody for their usual exceptional job of regatta management, and please keep up the good work in 1994.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

Contact.....Francisco Sola

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

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Antero Punttila

District Secretary.....Pasi Hannila

District Measurer.....Jari Aromaa

District Champion.....Leo Korhonen

District Runner-Up.....Kari Mäenpää

Fleets: Kelsinki(166); Oulu (307); Kemi (310); Jyväskylä (328); Tuusulanjärvi (456); Valkeakoski (468).

In Finland, Lightning sailing and interest in the class is finally growing slowly. During 1993 we got some new boats in our district and the influence of the Worlds in 1995 can already be noticed.

Excluding sailing, the most important thing in Finland in 1993 was to find and choose the host yacht club for the Lightning World Championships for 1995. This is now done, and as you may already know, they will be in Kuopio.

One crew from Finland participated in the Worlds in Brazil in May. Terho and Jari Aromaa with Juha Hämäläinen were 39th in the final results which actually did not satisfy them.

In June, Juha Hämäläinen, Tuomo Pirinen and Heikki Hämäläinen sailed in the Europeans in Athens, Greece, and also this time the Finns came back a little disappointed from the regatta.

District Championships 1993 were sailed in Helsinki after 19 years. Twenty boats participated. The weather was different every day so everybody got something to himself or herself. District Champions 1993 are Leo Korhonen skipper and crew Hartti Nisonen and Antti Varheenmaa. Second skipper was Kari Mäenpää and crew Keijo Tulomäki and Tero Kotimäki. Saku Vento with Waltteri Karhusaari and Maija Pyy was third.

A total of 29 boats and crews participated in our Ranking Series during the season. Seven different regattas were sailed and the 1993 winner is Leo Korhonen, second Kimmo Aromaa and third Samppa J. Salminen.

Next year our Ranking Series added with the Districts is the qualification series for the Worlds in 1995. This means more competition and activity during 1994.



Winter! All you American skiing sailors take note. Here's Juha Hämäläinen practicing in a Kuopio swimming hall.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Steve Hayden
District Secretary.....	Carol Stout
District Measurer.....	Mark Bryant
District Champion.....	Jim Alman
District Runner-Up.....	Steve Hayden
Masters Champion.....	Fisk Hayden
Masters Runner-Up.....	Stu Anderson

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

Our Florida Districts were held in April at the Edison Sailing Center in Ft. Myers this year. It is the first time the event was held in Ft. Myers and proved to be a fun and exciting regatta. Jim Alman's team held on to win a squeaker over Steve Hayden's team. Mark Bryant, Doug Fisher, and Carol Stout rounded out the top five.

Steve Hayden's team of Barr Batzer and Latham Pali went on to Milwaukee for the North Americans in August. They finished second in the blue fleet, yes, the BLUE fleet! Yes, there is some very good competition down here in Florida. Hopefully, we will send more teams to Toronto this summer for an even stronger showing from Florida. Florida was represented in the Master's North Americans by Fisk Hayden, Fay Regan and Steve Hayden. They gave the local favorites a run for their money but finished second in a very, very competitive fleet.

Sarasota held the annual Labor Day regatta with Steve Hayden and Mark Taylor tying for first. The 11th Annual Florida District Triple Crown began at the Chris Young Memorial Regatta in Miami. Jeff Linton won, Eammon DeLisser 2nd, and Jim Alman 3rd. The second leg was sailed at Lake Eustis in central Florida. This was won by Steve Hayden, followed by Doug Fisher and Eammon. Our final leg was raced at the Thanksgiving Regatta at Davis Island in Tampa. Eammon won, with Steve second and Liz Lombardo third. The Triple Crown couldn't have gotten any closer than a three way tie. Once broken, Steve Hayden won, with Doug Fisher 2nd, and Eammon DeLisser 3rd.

This year showed many new faces trying out the Lightning, something we are hoping to continue into the future. The Florida District is a fun, competitive group to sail with. We hope to see everyone on the Southern Circuit this year. Go Noles!

GREECE DISTRICT

Contact.....George Andreadis

Fleets: Salamis Fleet (251); Parthenon Fleet (286).

INDIANA DISTRICT

Contact.....Brad Wagon

Fleets: Wawasee Y. C. (154); Indianapolis S. C. (270).

IRELAND DISTRICT

Contact.....Raymond Killops

Fleets: Killyleagh (427).

ITALIAN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Giuseppe Valenti
District Secretary.....	Sergio Rustichelli
District Measurer.....	Gianni Battisti
District Champion.....	Mario Noto
District Runner-Up.....	Stefano Reina

Fleets: Garda (249); Lega Navala Anzio (312); Marsala (449); Trasimeno (453); Como (466); Savio (476); Roma (479).

We had a great 1993 sailing season in our district, the most important events being the European Championship in Greece, organized by the Yacht Racing Club of Athens, and the Italian Championship, organized by Circolo Velico Tiberino on Bracciano's lake, near Rome.

For us, in regard to the first event, six Italian crews took part, five from Marsala Fleet 449 and one from Trasimeno Fleet 453. The period (20-26 June) was unusual for a European Championship, and with only one month's communication in advance many more skippers were unable to participate. We obtained fourth position with the crew of Reina, Maggio, and Ottovaggio; the sixth position with Alagna, Alagna, Paxia; the seventh position with Rustichelli, Mearini, Scarpocchi; the tenth position with Valenti, Puletto, Vitaggio; and thirteenth with Tramati, Prinivalli, Montalto. It cannot be considered a true European Championship but a meeting of Italy versus Greece.

With regard to the second event, there were nineteen Lightnings on the starting line, two with Swiss crews. Of the Italian crews seven were from Fleet 449 in Marsala, three crews from Fleet 453 in Trasimeno, one crew from Conero Fleet 466, and six from Rome Fleet 479. This championship confirmed the return of the Rome fleet activity and this is very important for us because it establishes again a geographic homogeneity of our district, and represents a central place which cuts down the traveling expenses. So we met at Anguillara Sabazia on the lake, received by the organizers with commendable hospitality. Only five races were sailed because meteorological conditions provided a hard wind. And in those conditions the Sicilian crews had the advantage for in Marsala the wind is often very heavy. Mario Noto won the Championship, with Francesco Parrinello and Mario Alagna from the Sicilian club "Societa Canottieri Marsala." Fleet 449, on *De Vita E Pellegrino*, Lightning #14361. Mario and his crew are the travelers of our district, already winners of European Championship on the lake of Kuopio in Finland in 1992.

Thanks to F. I. V. (Italian Sail Federation) that has held us in great esteem, because the Lightnings have developed true champions. And thanks to FERDINANDO DE AMICIS, who has done everything possible for the Lightning Class in Italy, working many years for our beautiful toy. He is retiring as our Vice-President of the Class. Franco De Regis is our new Vice-President.



Our revered Nando De Amicis, who has served the Italian District well as Vice-President of the ILCA



Lake Bracciano during the Italian Championships.



Rustichelli, Mearini, and Scarpocchi



Alrazzi, Alrazzi and Cespa



Tramati, Montalto and Prinziralli



Well, the Italians know who they are. Sorry.



Reina, Maggio and Ottoveggio

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

SCHEDULE FOR 1994

APRIL 10

**APRIL FOOLS REGATTA - SAILING (OPTIMISTS SUPPLIED)
AND CURLING - BOULEVARD CLUB - TORONTO**

MAY

7-8

PYMATUNING

21-22

EARLY BIRD - B.C.C. - **LED MEETING?**

28

TEAM RACING - HAMILTON

JUNE

4-5

CORNBALL - CHAUTAUQUA

18-19

NFIR - B.C.C.

25-26

CUBA LAKE

JULY

10-11

ONTARIO OPEN - BOULEVARD CLUB - TORONTO

14-15

WOMEN'S AND JUNIORS' DISTRICTS

16-17

LED DISTRICTS B.C.C.

30-31-AUG 1

CANADIAN OPEN - B.C.C.

AUGUST

2-5

WOMEN'S, JUNIORS' AND MASTERS' NORTH AMERICANS -
HAMILTON

5-12

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - TORONTO

27-28

NEWPORT - ROCHESTER - **CNY & LED CHALLENGE**

SEPTEMBER

10-11

HARVEST REGATTA -SILVER LAKE - **CNY & LED CHALLENGE**

17-18

HURREL SHAKER - TORONTO

24-25

B.C.C.

OCTOBER 1

TURKEY REGATTA - HAMILTON

DECEMBER 4

ICE BREAKER REGATTA - TORONTO - PARTY at SPRAGUE'S

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

Our season started in mid-April at the Monmouth Boat Club with their Spring Series which goes until the end of May. Of course we skip two weekends during the spring series for Easter and the annual "wild" Long John Regatta. Monmouth Boat Club, which has hosted the Long John Regatta for over 30 years, has had as many as 75 boats for this event. As always, the regatta this year drew many top sailors in the class and Jack Elfman (who has sailed this regatta for as long as can be remembered) broke out on top early and never looked back. He was followed by another Jack, Jack Huntsman who nipped out Jon Schwartz. Look forward to another great time in 1994.

Nyack Boat Club hosted their annual regatta, the Magnus Peterson Regatta, on the Hudson River. Winds were light and as usual the currents tricky. One of the class' light air wizards won the regatta, Dick Hallagan. He was followed by Rich Miner from Lake Mohawk and John Haiges (Riverton).

The Metropolitan District Championship was hosted by Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club. What a great regatta! The "northeaster" came in, 10-20 knots, Saturday with not a cloud in the sky. As usual Jack Huntsman whipped everybody. The next four finishers were Theresa Colantuano (MBC), Sandy Huntsman (MBC), Franz Schneider (LWYC), and Richard Miner (NBC).

September was a busy time for regattas in our district. Awosting Yacht Squadron hosted the first of four fall regattas. In moderate winds, Gary Hurban (Nyack) had only ones ringing in his head as he finished with all bullets. He was followed by Bob Sengstacken (Awosting) with all seconds and Rich Miner (Nyack) with all thirds. This regatta is sailed in open deep water on Greenwood Lake near the New York border at the "Siebers Castle." Awosting is definitely a place that should be checked out by many a Lightning sailor. Accommodations are great in a beautiful setting.

On Sept. 18 and 19 the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup was held at Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club. The usual zephyrs of wind from 0-5 knots seemed to be just what Dick Hallagan travelled down for from Rochester. This was a great time. They had a jazz band, Dixieland pianist and everyone was wearing out their heels. Oh, yes, back to sailing. Sailors came from the Dixie and Central New

York Districts to test their skills against the "Light Air Wizard." Again, Dick Hallagan from Newport Y. C. in Rochester won, followed by Mark Schneider from Riverton Y. C. and Bob Wardwell from Fishing Bay Y. C. in Virginia. The final regatta of the year is the "Last Blast" Regatta run by the Nyack Boat Club. This year's regatta was not quite as windy as last year's with steady 10-15 knots. Sailors came from as far as Maine. Dick Hallagan came down from Rochester to pick on us again. Dick had one of his better seasons (although he didn't win the big 50/50) winning the qualifiers at the NA's and almost winning it all. Great time was had by all. Top five finishers were Dick Hallagan, Rich Miner, Jon Haiges, Gary Hurban and Chris Sprole.

This year our district champion Jack Huntsman and Jon Schwartz travelled to "Beer City, U. S. A." to the Lightning NA's. Jon finished seventh and Jack twelfth overall in the Blue fleet. Dan Vought and Laura Milnis did a great job crewing for Jon Schwartz.

Next season many of us that have been sailing Lightnings for years hope to see more youth in the boats.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	John McCree
District Secretary.....	David Decker
District Co-Measurers.....	Steve Thomas Leslie Whatley
District Champion.....	Colin Park
District Runner-Up.....	Dan Norton

District Women's Champion....	Bonnie Nickels
District Women's Runner-Up.....	Linda Norton

Junior Champion.....	Mike Thomas
Junior Runner-Up.....	T. J. Whitehouse

Fleets: Devil's Lake (31); Crescent Sail Club (51); Lake Fenton (53); Pontiac Yacht Club (54); Higgins Lake (110); Gull Lake (137); Macatawa Bay (204); Saginaw Bay (216); Lansing Sail Club (387).

The Michigan District started its season at Indianapolis. Yes, that is not part of Michigan, but the snow is melted there, the water is soft, and the Michigan traveling team always enjoys the great Hoosier hospitality. Dan Norton, with wife/crew (crew/wife?) Linda and Bill Thomas showed us how to get around the course fast, a practice he would continue throughout the season. Devil's Lake's Bruce Goldsmith and Craig Gabel were 2nd and 4th, Gull Lake's Dave Decker, with Jerry Decker and Rick Kohl, was 3rd, and Colin and Karen Park, with a mystery crew in the middle (where did I put those keys?) were 5th.

The Great Lakes Championship Regatta at North Cape replaced the Devils Lake "This One's for Fun", reclaiming its spot on the Michigan District race calendar for the first time since 1979. Four races were held Saturday, and a big blast on Sunday kept most boats off the water. Colin Park, with Karen and crew John Guba

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17th. In the Women's Hannah Swett took first place, and in the Junior's Andy Horton won.

In the NA's New England District sailor Brian Hughes crewed on the boat that won the qualifier's and finished 3rd overall in the NA's (the blue fleet). Stuart Nickerson was 2nd in the qualifier's and 10th in the NA's (blue fleet), Bill Fastiggi was 3rd in the qualifter's and 34th in the NA's (blue fleet), Hannah Swett, 33rd in the qualifier's and 35th in the NA's (blue fleet). Andy Horton finished 16th in the President's Cup (green fleet) and David Gorman was 27th in the Governor's Cup (yellow fleet).

The Cedar Point Fall Classic was September 18-19 with Stuart Nickerson 1st, Whit Batchelor 5th, and Ray Harrington 10th. Also attending were Brian Hughes and Pat McCormack.

And to round up the season four (4) New England boats travelled to Southampton NY for their Fall Classic Regatta. Ray Harrington was 5th, Bruce Atkinson 9th, and Curt Felix 10th. Pat McCormack also attended.

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Dean Caley
District Secretary.....Dick Pugh
District Champion.....George Fisher
District Runner-Up.....Rob Ruhlman

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

The 1993 sailing season saw a continuation of the trend toward increased participation at both the fleet and regatta levels.

The District Championship Regatta was held at Atwood Lake for the first time in Fleet 212's 42 year history. This lake is nestled in the wooded hills of north-eastern Ohio and consists of two distinct sailing areas separated by the dreaded...."Dog-Leg". Anyone attempting to race through this feature of the lake knows that concepts such as "safe leads" or "hopelessly last" have no meaning here. The racing for this regatta was wisely confined to the larger end of the lake. Six good races were sailed in light to medium winds. A windward-lee-ward course was used with an offset windward mark and a leeward gate. This course took best advantage of the water and wind available and greatly enhanced the strategic and tactical options on the downwind legs. George Fisher won the Ohio District Championship Trophy again, followed by Rob Ruhlman, Dick Pugh, Jon Anstrom, and Tom Varley.

This was the second year that current District Commodore Dean Caley has distributed the Ohio District Newsletter each month of the sailing season. This informative and well written newsletter concentrates primarily on the theme that regattas are loads of fun for all participants and that newer members are encouraged to join in regardless of their skills on the race course. It also does an excellent job of keeping all of the district members up

tion has developed, the Mid-Continent 66, Carlyle. The annual Mid-Continent ed for the second weekend in May, was ent 12-16 knot winds. There were six packed with gut wrenching beats and reaches. Dan Moriarity drowned the five bullets and a 'who cares about the -out. Carlyle is a first rate sailing facility a has become an annual event and entral location and large body of water, it ell beyond our district. This year Carlyle 4 Olympic festival.

y Regatta was held on Lake Decatur by a great place to run a lot of short, sprint this year they did. Seven races were Paoli squeaked out Bill Buckles for first. ke, in addition to the Hernando DeSoto was once again the site of the annual egatta, hosted by Fleet 274 with guests nd St. Louis. The weather didn't damp- , he beat his father five points to eight. Sailing Association was unable to sail all ng Association hosted the "Flood of '93 Regatta Within a Regatta" for the St. tandings: first, Rick Conaway; second, third, Wayne Watson, and fourth, Bryan

boats registered at our famous Bluenose or Island Yacht Club in Nashville the first ember. Friday night the Mount Gay went e hor d'oeuvres. If you don't want to sail ne for the party. Colin Park, with blazing er speed, dominated. (Good crew). istricts were held at Carlyle Sailing obi Heisler won this event. This type d way for the younger people to show off only on the race course, but by letting trol of the management of running a Where's your regatta report, Tobi? Oh ollege kid. ne circuit. Have a good winter.



eisler (l) District Junior Champion
lsets and Dan Gass were her crew.)

1994 Ohio District Regatta Schedule*

May	7-8	Pymatuning Yacht Club	Spring Classic Regatta
May	21-22	North Cape Yacht Club	Great Lakes Championship
June	11-12	Leatherlips Yacht Club	Windshift Regatta
June	25-26	Cleveland Yacht Club	CYC Regatta
July	2-3	Pymatuning Yacht Club	Independence Day Regatta
July	9-10	Cowan Lake Sailing Assoc.	District Championship Regatta
Aug	20-21	Indian Lake Yacht Club	Stumpbuster Regatta
Sept	10-11	Atwood Yacht Club	Harvest Moon Regatta
Oct	1-2	Buckeye Lake Yacht Club	Snow Ball Regatta
Oct	15-16	Cowan Lake Sailing Assoc.	Fall-In Regatta

*Tentative

to date on recent race results and includes regatta notices for upcoming events.

The Ohio District Governors' Cup Trophy is a huge silver award that is presented each year to the skipper with the best record on the regatta trail. To qualify, a skipper must compete at the District Championship regatta, and at least three of the other district regattas. The best four regattas are counted in the scoring. This year, the Governors' Cup was won by David Gall, with Dean Caley second and Tom Varley third.

1993 was a great year for Lightning sailing in the Ohio District and all indications point to an even better year in 1994.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Bruce Deitz
District Champion.....Bruce Deitz
District Circuit Champion.....John DeBenedetti

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

The recent season seems to blend with previous ones as typical for our district: traveling to circuit regattas for some members, staying at home for local activities for others.

First traveling event was the annual trek south to San Diego in springtime for the California Circuit. Jerry and Sandy Neuberger, with Alan Weiser as crew, and John DeBenedetti, with Roger Artigues and Dave Webber as

crew, all from Fleet 283, competed. Jerry loved the ocean sailing off Mission Bay, finishing fifth overall. John seemed to prefer the flatter water of San Diego Bay, ending sixth overall.

But when you look at Northwest Circuit results, you see several different winners. At Kelowna, Bob Bazett; at Eugene, John DeBenedetti; at VLSC it was Darrel Peck; at Kitsilano it was Bob Bazett again, and at Seattle in the fall, Jerry Neuberger won. So who won the Circuit Championship? John DeBenedetti, with the most consistent finishes, takes it.

The District Championships were sailed at Seattle in June with superb racing conditions on the Saturday of the weekend. Bruce Deitz was in a groove, winning four of the five races sailed, an awesome performance. Rounding out the next positions were John DeBenedetti, second; Bob Bazett, third; Alan Hunt, fourth and Phil Parshley was fifth.

On another note, we are looking at holding sailing events at Cascade Locks, in the Columbia River Gorge. A nice sailing area with good winds.

PERU DISTRICT

Contact.....Francisco Ayula

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

Contact.....Mark Osterman

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

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....John Bohnenkamp
 District Secretary.....Richard F. Mayne
 District Measurer.....John Pelosi
 District Champion.....Robert E. Harkrider
 District Runner-Up.....Will Sloger
 Junior Champions.....Will & Josh McIntosh

Fleets: Savannah (127); Clark Hill (257); Lake Lanier (348); Catawba (365); Greater Charleston (429); Waccamaw (463); Wake (481); Tennessee Valley (500).

Ten regattas were held in the Southeastern District in 1993, with fifty six (56) Lightning skippers sailing in at least one event, down from an all time high for the region of sixty-five (65) last year. Eleven (11) skippers sailed in at least five events to qualify for the district traveling Championship. This is down from the the sixteen in 1991. Those qualifying in order of finish were: Robert E. Harkrider, Will Sloger, Clay Rumble, Lenny Krawcheck, Jim Taylor, Ed Michels, John Pelosi, Neff MacIntosh (boat), Michael Rees, Peil Kennedy, and Jeff Brault. All eleven competing skippers and crews received very nice trophies with their finishing place embossed on them.

The season opener was held at Augusta Sailing Club by the Clark's Hill Lightning fleet April 24-25. The weather was the heaviest of the season and was won by Robert Harkrider, followed by Will Sloger. Twelve boats survived.

The second series, May 1-2, was at Highrock, with honors going to Clay Rumble, Bob Harkrider was second, followed by John Pelosi. Fourteen boats.

Then a week later, May 8-9, we traveled to Knoxville where five boats registered, and the tie for first was broken on who was first in the last race - Stan Milorr, followed by Dave Rasmussen.

Half a month later, May 21-23, we were at historical Charleston for the Districts, where six races with a throw-out were sailed in varying conditions. Bob Harkrider was the District Regatta Champion, followed by Will Sloger, and Ross Griffith. Eighteen boats.

Next was Lake Murray SC with decent wind. The tightly contested series went to Bob Harkrider on low point bonus over Will Sloger. Clay Rumble was third. Twelve boats.

Carr Lake June 19-20 with a five race series, and a fresh winner in Jim Taylor. Second went to Bob Harkrider, and a fight for third went to Peil Kennedy over Peter Milorr. Seventeen boats.

Back to salt water at Beaufort SC with Bob Harkrider in first place followed by Ross Griffith and Patrick Hogan in a tight 4-5-5 on even points series. Fifteen boats.

July 10 on the Olympic course at Savannah with plenty of wind, and at a lower key Sunday July 11 on the river ended the summer. Jim Taylor was first, followed by John McIntosh, Sr. and Ed Michels. Fourteen boats.

To start the fall, we traveled to the great regatta site Lake Waccamaw September 11-12. Again, we had tight

sailing with Bob Harkrider prevailing over rival Lenny Krawcheck. Ed Michels was third. Twenty-two boats.

To finish up the circuit, we went to Lake Lanier north of Atlanta where all seasonal grudges are settled. And again Bob Harkrider proved why he is the 1993 District Champion. Second was Lenny Krawcheck, followed by Fisk Hayden from somewhere way south.

Five District crews traveled to the North Americans in Milwaukee, Wisc. Finishes: Joe Waters C19, Ross Griffith C21, Bob Harkrider P6, James Taylor G22. (See Championship listing for worthy crews) John McIntosh was fourth in the blue ribbon Masters Championship.

The District thanks John Bohnenkamp, District Commodore, for a great season in 1993.



Our traveling District Champion Bob Harkrider (r), with his lovely wife, Sharon, and Tom Schroder, practicing (?) at the 'Bluenose' in Nashville.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Larry Frost III
 District Secretary.....Frances Frost
 District Measurer.....Larry Frost III
 District Champion.....Lawrence N. Frost III
 District Runner-Up.....Lawrence N. Frost, Jr.
 GYA Champion.....Larry Frost, Jr.

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

The Southern District was not as active as in past years, but there were several big regattas. Traveling was minimal, but Larry Frost, III did make a trip to St. Pete and weathered the storm of the century. The season started with Contraband Days in Lake Charles. While it is not the regatta it used to be, it is always fun. This year Larry Frost, III took first with Larry Frost, Jr. taking second. Holiday in Dixie had a great turn out with a lot of participation from the Texas District. Steve Harris, who hails

from Texas, won this one.

The next regatta was Southern Yacht Club's One Design Regatta. This was the warm-up for the District Championships. This regatta was hard fought between Larry Frost, III, Steve Harris, and Buck Ballatin. The three were within 1/4 of a point going into the final day of sailing. Larry Frost, III pulled this one out and took the trophy home.

The Districts were sailed at Southern Yacht Club. In spite of the low turn out, everyone had a good time. Larry Frost, III won his first District Championship by beating his father, a three time champion. The final results were as follows: first - Larry Frost, III; second - Larry Frost, Jr.; third - Debbie Lallande; fourth - Buck Ballatin; fifth - Joe Hunt.

The Gulf Yachting Championship was sailed at Bay Waveland on the Mississippi coast. After all was said and done, Larry Frost, Jr. sailed away with first place. With this win and his finish in the Districts, Larry won the John Curren Memorial Trophy.

This year the Sugar Bowl Regatta was held early. This regatta had no entry fee but really had great parties. Thirteen Lightnings vied for the top prize. Steve Harris from Texas took this one with three bullets. Second place was taken by Jennifer Eldredge and third went to Warren Lewis. Larry Frost, III finished fourth.

As District Commodore, I would like to thank everyone who participated and sailed in the Southern District this year. Here's to next year's sailing season.

SWISS DISTRICT

Contact.....Gilbert Despland

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

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Ardis Good
District Secretary.....Jennifer Eldredge
District Measurer.....Dr. Sylvan Newman
District Champion.....Steve Harris
District Runner-Up.....Warren Lewis

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (35); Rush Creek Yacht Club (435); Lake Conroe Yacht Club (505).

As the 1993 sailing season comes to a close, Texas District Champ Steve Harris with his Conroe Yacht Club team, and Rush Creek Yacht Club teams of Warren Lewis, Paul Harvener, and Jenny Eldredge just haven't had enough fun, so they are on their way to the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans.

Texas District activity was on the upswing this year, and we expect even better participation in 1994. Warren Lewis with crew Kurt Schuler and Scott Anderson of Rush Creek Yacht Club started off 1993 with a second (yea!) at the midwinters in St. Pete.

White Rock Boat Club teams of Joel Good and John Wascom participated in the Holiday in Dixie Regatta in April in Shreveport as did Steve, Patty, and Jim Harris

from Conroe, and Rush Creek Teams of Art Wilson, Kurt Schuler, and Jenny Eldredge. The Harris Clan won this regatta, and Jenny Eldredge with coach Chris Shipman took a second.

Rush Creek Yacht Club Fleet 435 hosted the annual Spring Dinghy Regatta in May, all was going well for Kurt Schuler until he lost his mast in this windy series. The Conroe team of Steve Harris, Billy Bennett and Bruce Bierlink won the regatta.

Warren Lewis with team Mike Dill and Bob Perkinson representing "the Creek" took a sixth at the Hernando DeSoto Regatta in Memphis in May. Fellow "Creeker" Kurt Schuler, equipped with new mast, also participated in this regatta.

The Districts were held once again at Rush Creek and the Harris' won again! Ten boats participated from the Rush Creek Yacht Club and Conroe Yacht Club. To encourage greater participation in the 1994 Districts also to be held at Rush Creek, complimentary boat delivery will be offered to any Lightning in the district that didn't participate in the districts this year.

Steve and Patty Harris with Bruce Bierlink got a 10th in the President's Cup this year at the North Americans! After hearing about how much fun the Harris' had at the NA's this year, several other boats from the Texas District are hoping to participate in the '94 NA's.

The Harris team didn't surprise anyone by winning the Rush Creek Fall Dinghy Regatta, but current Rush Creek Champions Dr. Sylvan Newman with his "all star" team of Deanna Newman Gronke and Liz Harvener gave them a run for their money by finishing second by only a quarter of a point!

We had a good mix of boats from the White Rock Boat Club and the Rush Creek Yacht Club in the State Fair Regatta held on White Rock in September. Joel and Ardis Good won the regatta, Jenny Eldredge with "the Shipman" and new Lightning owner Spencer McGowan placed second, and Paul Harvener was third.

The teams of Sylvan Newman, Vernon Goldberg, Scott Anderson, and Paul Harvener from Rush Creek couldn't miss the Commodore's Cup in October on Lake Conroe. Locals Steve and Patty Harris won the regatta, Paul Harvener took a second - looking fast with that new boat!

The teams of Scott Anderson, Paul Harvener, and Jenny Eldredge participated in the Blue Nose this year. Patty Harris left the kids at home with Steve to give some of the "Harris Magic" to Paul Harvener. Jenny was amazed on the drive to Nashville to discover that devoted team member Christine Corbett even calls puffs in her sleep!

Two Conroe Yacht Club boats participated in the annual Toys for Tots Regatta held on Lake Conroe. The north Texas Lightnings missed this fun regatta this year, but promise to attend in '94!