

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



ARGENTINA DISTRICT

Argentina Vice President

& District Commodore Osvaldo Bordino

Fleets: Club Nautico Olivos 206; Buenos Aires 446

No Report.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

Brazil Vice President Michael Anthony Norris

District Commodore Claudio Biekarck

District Secretary Michael Anthony Norris

District Treasurer John Julio Jansen

District Measurer Claus Bromberg

Fleets: Sao Paulo 147; Guanabara 401; Guarapiranga 462

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.

'99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto Alegre - RS. *Manfred Kaufmann, Jr. Secretary / District Brazil*

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

April 10 to 12, 1998 Clube de Campo de São Paulo São Paulo

5 from 6 scheduled races with 1 throwout

final sail #	skipper/crew	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
1 14203	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Marcelo B. da Silva	3	9	1	1	4
2 14378	Mario Backup, Marc Backup, Telma Backup	6	10	2	2	1
3 1172	Fernando Hackerott, Ricardo Costa, Frederico Costa	5	2	5	4	2
4 14498	Enrico Francavilla, Fabio Bodra, Juan de la Fuente	1	1	11	7	6
5 146	Per Hornell, Claudio Kunze, Pedro Soares	9	7	6	3	5
6 12657	Renato Almeida, Sergio Godoy, Otavio Sampaio	4	3	9	OCS	7
7 14101	Manfred Kaufmann Jr., Otavio Almeida, Guilherme Monteiro	ocs	12	4	6	3
8 13008	Thomas Backup, Tania Backup, Thomas de S. Backup	2	4	14	8	ocs
9 14602	Michael Norris, Thomas Kirsten, Cristina Norris	10	5	10	5	12
10 11710	Dietmar Heydenreich, Peter Zacher, Richard Zietemann	8	20	8	10	11
11 13405	Claus Bromberg, Manoel Blanco, Bernd Bromberg	7	11	12	9	13
12 11693	Carlos Fannuchi, John Jansen, Fernando Bocciarelli	ocs	6	15	12	8
13 11713	Sergio Gilaberte, Marcelo Gilaberte, Murilo Gilaberte	13	16	3	11	dnc
14 11721	Isabela Malpighi, Heloisa Uelze, Roberta Cosulich	12	13	13	16	10
15 12524	Carlos Sodre, Nelson Carvalho, Ricardo Costa	18	8	19	17	9

16 1460	Nelson Schmitt, Katia Niewert, Thomas Schmitt	11	15	18	13	dnc
17 11709	Robert Backup, Willi Tietze, Helmut Coting	21	17	7	15	ocs
18 14169	Jose Maia, Caio seabra, James Sample	17	14	17	14	19
19 14167	Antonio Figueiredo, Francisco Bueno, Julio Auler	14	18	23	19	15
20 14330	James Sumner, Hans Ludwig, Ricardo Del Nero	15	22	20	18	16
21 3090	Jan Zacher, Martin Zacher, Inge Zietemann	16	24	16	20	18
22 14168	Fernando Garrafa, Alexandre Garrafa, Ramy El Dorry	20	19	21	22	17
23 13406	Eduardo Magalhaes, Pedro Parente, Hugo Uelze	23	23	22	21	14
24 13027	Karen Riecken, Antonio Martins, Manon Martins	22	21	24	23	dnc
25 6591	Christian Susemihl, Mathias Susemihl, Lamartine Mendes					

JUNIOR NATIONALS (Qualifier for the Junior Worlds / 2 teams)

June 11 to 14, 1998 Yacht Club Santo Amaro São Paulo -SP

7 races with 1 throwout

final sail #	club	skipper/crew	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7
1 14203	YCSA	Bruno Ficker, Marcos Biekarck, Patrick Fleury	1	1	1	1	3	2	7
2 1420	YCSA	Fernando Bocciarelli, Martin Zacher, Richard Zietemann	2	2	2	3	2	3	1
3 111	RYC	Eduardo Lebreiro, Pedro Campos, Pedro Caldas	3	3	4	2	4	4	2
4 3090	YCSA	Paulo Pomerantzeff, Arthur Silva, Tatiana Proenca	7	4	3	7	1	1	3
5 14169	CDMI	Luis Simardi, Sergio Godoy, Adrian Meusburger	7	7	5	4	5	5	4
6 11693	SPYC	Fabio Nascimento, James Sample, Marina Cruz	7	7	6	7	7	7	7

SÃO PAULO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

October 24 and 31, November 1 and 2, 1998

Federação de Vela do Estado de São Paulo

São Paulo Yacht Club Clube Desportivo Municipal de Iatismo São Paulo

10 races with 2 throwouts

final sail #	level	skipper/crew	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
1 14203	A	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Marcelo Silva	3	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	1	4
2 14498	A	Enrico Francavilla, Fabio Bodra, Samaia Siebert	2	3	1	2	1	7	3	2	7	5
3 12657	A	Manfred Kaufmann Jr., Sergio Godoy, Guilherme Monteiro	1	5	3	6	7	3	1	5	4	2
4 14283	A	Bruno Ficker, Marcos Biekarck, Patrick Fleury	5	2	5	3	2	6	6	3	10	3
5 146	A	Per Hornell, Michael Norris, Pedro Soares	7	4	dnc	5	6	4	4	6	2	1
6 14378	A	Tomas Whately, Marc Backup, Telma Backup	4	6	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	7
7 1420	A	Fernando Bocciarelli, Martin Zacher, Richard Zietemann	6	dnc	7	9	9	2	9	7	5	6
8 13008	A	Thomas Backup, Tania de S. Backup, Tais de S. Backup	11	8	8	8	5	8	7	dnc	6	8
9 11710	A	Jan Zacher, Peter Zacher, Fabio Astrauskas	dnc	12	6	7	8	9	11	dnc	9	9
10 12524	B	Carlos Sodre, Nelson Carvalho, Ricardo Costa	13	13	10	12	10	11	10	8	8	10
11 1460	A	Nelson Schmitt, Katia Koch, Cesar Hirsch	8	dnc	9	10	dnc	10	8	dnc	dnc	dnc
12 11693	B	James Sumner, Hans Ludwig, Ricardo Nero	dnc	11	11	11	11	13	12	dnc	11	11
13 13406	B	Hugo Uelze, Pedro Parente, Eduardo Braga	10	9	12	13	12	12	dnc	dnc	12	dnc
14 460	A	Eduardo Chapchap, João Mendonça, Fabio Bocciarelli	12	7	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc
15 11721	B	Team did not file entry	9	10	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc
16 13027	B	Marina Martins, Antonio Martins, Manon Martins	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District CommodoreElissa Hall
 District SecretaryScott McBurney
 District MeasurerBruce Arnold
 District ChampionScott Finkboner
 District Runner-UpMike Brewer

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

The 1998 season was a great year for the California District. The district had good participation from all three active fleets at the major west coast regattas. The most notable story of the district is the growth in the number of active boats.

The start of the season in California was signaled by the 32nd annual week long California Circuit put on by the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego. This years circuit found boats from up and down the west coast. Participants traveled from Portland, San Francisco, King Harbor and Michigan (No Joel, we won't forget you!). This years overall Circuit was won by Steve Ross, followed by Scott Finkboner in second and John Debenedetti from Portland in third. Most notable from the circuits races was the infamous sail around from Coronado to Mission Bay via the Pacific Ocean. All was well until Mike and Dick Brewer in first place led the fleet around the wrong channel marker 1.5 miles out in the Pacific. Only Al Poindexter and crew had the sense to round the proper mark in last place (sailing 3 miles less than the rest of the fleet) to win this race. The rest of the fleet was disqualified for not rounding the proper mark leaving Al to buy a lot of beers post race. The Brewers won the "Bowling Trophy" for their gallant efforts in leading the



Mike Brewer leading the way



Beating to windward in the Ocean



Al Poindexter



Kirk Johnson



Michael Poltorak



Scott McBurney
 All CAL District Photos courtesy Edna Johnson

fleet around the wrong mark. As always this is a high quality event with 5 days of great sailing. Come join us in 1999!

The next major event of the season was the district championships also sailed at Mission Bay Yacht club. This event saw 10 skippers competing, representing all of the active California Fleets. The event was won by Scott Finkboner followed by Mike Brewer, then Mike Poltorak finishing third. The district championship rotates between our three fleets and will be held in King Harbor in 1999.

California was well represented at the 60th anniversary regatta in Skaneateles by Scott Fink boner who finished 10th overall. Scott also donated a photo of the hundreds of boats which he shot at the 50th anniversary to the Skaneateles Yacht Club for hosting the event. Also representing California at the North Americans was Mike and Dick Brewer along with Scott Finkboner and Fred Chandler.

Back home on the west coast the next big event is our Pacific Coast Championships which was held in Eugene, Oregon. This regatta brought boats from mostly San Francisco and Portland. The perpetual trophy for this event is really top notch. Names such as Lowell North and the Barber Brothers are there from years past and so it is an honor to add your name to the ranks. Congratulations to Jerry Neuberger from Portland for winning this years event. The location for this event moves between the Pacific Northwest District and the California District every year. Next year the races will be sailed at the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay.

In general the California District is alive, well and growing. The rebirth of the Santa Monica Bay fleet with three new boats along with the ever present Mission bay fleet gives the southern part of the state a strong presence. The San Francisco fleet grew in 1998 from 4 active boats to 11 active boats sailing in the 1999 season. With a brief visit from Ex-President Faude to the bay area and several other prospective buyers we're having a shortage of boats as the biggest obstacle to growing further. If your moving to California don't forget to bring your boat as it seems every Lightning sailor who moves here sells their boat first (and there are several!). The competition in the district is increasing and the regatta schedule for 1999 is very active.

A few of the new regattas the district is planning on attending include the "Ski/Sail" at Lake Tahoe in April, the "High Sierra" Regatta in July and of course the "Firecracker Regatta" in Klamath Falls (complete with a _ section old woodie Lightning for a bar) on the 4th of July. These regattas in addition to the PCC's, Districts, CA Circuit and regular fleet racing will keep the California District racers busy in 1999. Also plans for a North Americans 2002 at the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay are in the works! Hope you can join us in 1999 for some fun in the sun Lightning sailing on the west coast.

Scott McBurney - District Secretary

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore Don Brennan
District Secretary Robert Bush
District Treasurer Jack Elfman
District Measurer James Carson
District Champion Brian Taboada
District Runner-up Paul Gelenitis

Fleets: Bay Head 3; Metedeconk 34; Lavallette 104;
Little Egg Harbor 26; Brant Beach 173; Surf City 196;
Riverton 228; Barnegat Light 335; Ocean City 430;
Nockamixon 491

Brian Taboada sailed excellently the first day of the District Championship and came far enough back in the last race the second day to capture his first District Championship. Paul Gelenitis was once again a close second. The regatta was well attended with 30 boats. Three long races were held the first day in heavy air with Jack Elfman, Paul, Keith Taboada and Brian sailing consistently in the front of the pack. The second day brought less wind and the committee had to wait for a light sea breeze to fill in. Kudos to the Brant Beach Yacht Club committee for a job well done. Next year's championship will be sailed from Surf City Yacht Club.

The District was fully represented at the NA's this year with eleven boats at Buffalo. We had two boats in the blue (Brian and Jack), five in the green (Paul, Jim Carson, Ryan Dunn, Bob Bush, Dave Ruiter, and George Francis) and three in the yellow (Dave Kunz, Dick Moyer, and Matt Reiser). We also had three boats at the Master's Championship (Jack, Dave and Jim) and Sterling Bush skippered in the Women's Championship. Let's see if we can keep the numbers up at beautiful Carlyle Lake in 1999.

Sail Expo, in February this year and in 1999, in Atlantic City is hosted by Sandy and Mary Huntsman with plenty of help from CAD sailors. It is always lots of fun to talk sailing for a few hours in the winter and get antsy to go to the Southern Circuit.

Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to all participants. Look for the regatta schedule in the April Flashes and mark your calendars. Bob Bush

CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT

District Commodore Ross Bailey
District Secretary Malcolm Crooks
District Measurer Innes Martin

ZigZag Zeroes at Clearwater Bay 277;
Temple Reef Sailing Club 279

No Report.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore Jean Palm
District Secretary Daniel Koretz
District Measurer Ed Seyerlein
Assistant Measurer Chad Atkins
District Champion Dick Hallagan
District Runner-Up Jack Jones
District Junior Champion Charlie Wardwell
District Masters Champion Dick Hallagan

Fleets: Skaneateles 1; Newport Yacht Club 77;
Willow Bank 164; Henderson Harbor 225;
Keuka Lake 252; Galway Lake 338; Ithaca 484

The highlight of the Central New York District's 1998 season was the Lightning Class 60th Anniversary Regatta which was held at the Skaneateles Country Club on July 3-5, 1998 with more than 180 participants sailing in three fleets. Bob Wardwell, a former Central New York District sailor from Watertown, won the regatta. Mark Sertl along with his crew of Bob and Linda Bryant, won second place, and Dick Hallagan and his crew of Alister Thomsen and Nancy Barger took fourth place in the seventy-two boat Blue Fleet which was made up of the more competitive racers. Logan

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT TENTATIVE 1999 RACING SCHEDULE

May 22-23 Newport Invitational
June 12-13 Caz Flash Bash
June 26-27 Keuka - Champaign
July 10-11 Centrals at RYC
July 24-25 Districts at Ithaca
TBA District WJM - Henderson
August 10-13 WJM Championship
August 14-20 North American Championship
August 28 Onondaga One Day
September 11 Skaneateles One Day

McReynolds sailing with his sister Erin and his father Alan, was third in the eighty-seven boat Green fleet. Logan, who is twelve years old, won the youngest skipper award for the regatta. Peter Cunningham with his crew of David and Elise Cunningham was fifth. In the "Woodie, Old-Timer" Yellow Fleet, Craig Thayer and his crew of Dan Pope and Jack Ennis were first. Craig won the award for the best finishing Skaneateles-built boat. Of special note, 96 years old, Dr. John McIntosh, and his son Jim and granddaughter Heather Lockwood sailed in this fleet and finished nineteenth out of the twenty-three boats that competed. Dr. McIntosh was the oldest crew in the regatta.

The Regatta was organized by Lightning Fleet 1 at the Skaneateles Country Club with Dave Penfield as Regatta Chairman. He was ably assisted by so many people from our District that it would be impossible to list them all, but they did a superb job. Now, if it only hadn't rained!

The "Coach" series sponsored by the ILCA, once again had Kelly Williams spending a day at the Newport Yacht Club in early July. Twenty-one junior sailors participated and they found it to be very productive and worthwhile.

The District had a number of world travelers this year. Dick Hallagan and his crew of Lori Foster and Craig Thayer traveled to Tuusua, Finland in late July and won the Masters European Championship. In addition, John Boxberger went to Salinas, Ecuador to compete in the World Youth Championship which was held on November 23-28, 1998.

The traditional sailing season opened with Newport's "Celebration of Spring" which was won by Kirk Reynolds who returned to Lightning sailing this year. Kirk followed this up by winning the Willow Bank "Caz Bash" two weeks later. Twenty-four boats were at the District Championship which was held at the Keuka Yacht Club on June 27-27. This one was won by Dick Hallagan. Chad Atkins won the "Centrals" at Fairhaven, NY and Kirk Reynolds won the Crescent Yacht Club Regatta held at Chaumont. The WJM's were hosted by the Henderson Harbor fleet on July 31, 1998. Jack Jones won the Master's, Jean Palm won the Women's, and John Boxberger won the Junior's. The fall series of one-day regattas began with the Onondaga One Day won by Kirk Reynolds, followed by the Caz One Day won Federico Meira, and finally the Ithaca Frostbite won by Dick Hallagan. The Blue Jacket Trophy, which goes to the sailor who has the most points for all the two day regattas, went to Dick Hallagan.

CHILE DISTRICT

Chile Vice PresidentAlberto "Tito" Gonzalez Mas
District CommodoreEric Velasquez Beltran
District SecretaryIgnacio Bazaure
District Class SecretaryGuillermo Arriagada

Fleets: Antofagasta 318; Aculeo Lake 490

No Report.

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

Colombia Vice PresidentRoberto Laignelet
District CommodoreRichard Deeb

Fleets: Club Nautico el Muna 73;
Club Nautico El Portillo 501

No Report.

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District CommodoreGianni Cuccio
District ChampionChed Proctor
District Runner-UpJim Crane

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

The CT-RI District was active this year. Participation was up at all our district regattas and, as usual, the competition was very high. The first stop on the district trail was Cedar Point Yacht Club's Early Bird Invitational. This has consistently been a great regatta that always attracts a lot of boats and a lot of top sailors and this year was no exception. Unfortunately there was only racing on Sunday as Saturday's weather was poor. The top five in the three race series were Ched Proctor with 6 points, Gianni Cuccio with 8, Ted Duffy was third with 13, Stu Nickerson 4th with 14 and Theresa Colantuono fifth with 19. Next was the CT Governors Cup which is hosted annually by Niantic Bay Yacht Club. This is another popular regatta, but this year, it too was plagued was lousy weather. Top five in the one race series: cleverly won by Dave Peck followed by Tim Healy, Chris Vann, Stu Nickerson and Don Barrett. In July, C.P.Y.C. hosted the CT-RI District Championships and did a great job getting off 5 good races. Ched won it, followed by Jim Crane, Peter Hall, Jody Lutz and Theresa Colantuono. Many boats from our district did some traveling, placing well at various regattas - most notably Tim Healy and Ched Proctor for their top finishes at the Southern Circuit and North Americans. We are also extremely proud of Cedar Point Yacht Club for being selected this year as the recipient for Sailing World's prestigious St. Petersburg Trophy, a National award for outstanding race management. We now know, when Cedar Point hosts a regatta, the boats will come. - Thanks, Gianni

DIXIE DISTRICT

District CommodoreHarry Keith
District Vice CommodoreAmeé Devine
District ChampionPhil Grotheer
District Runner-UpDoug Heussler

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

The 1998 season for Dixie District opened with several District boats attending the most memorable Southern Circuit to come along for a while. Two notable attendees were Phil Grotheer with the inaugural regatta in his new 14881, and Harry Keith making his first Circuit in his vintage 11767. At the winter meeting, two new fleets were added to the District, a visible indicator of the phenomenal growth that the District is experiencing. We look forward to seeing and hearing more from Ron Buchanan's Fleet 509 in Fishing Bay, Virginia, and Dave Meiser's Fleet 508 in Solomon's Island, Maryland.

The Circuit was a prelude to a District schedule loaded with 12 District events and several major out of District events — a schedule that could easily supply 20 regattas of serious competition and even more serious fun. Our District schedule opened with Fleet 50's heavily attended Potomac Cup on the Potomac River in early May, and closed with Annapolis Fleet 329's equally popular Frigid Digit in mid October. In between, venues included Fleet 325's Delaware Governor's Cup on the incomparable Rehoboth Bay (featuring Carl Robinson's first race in his 11028), two invitationals at the newly formed Solomon's Fleet 508 (including our Districts!), and an invitational at the newly formed Fishing Bay Fleet 509. With District boats attending other regattas including the Long John, the ACC's and the NA's, the Borderline, the Bluenose, and of course the 60th, our District was represented at no less than 16 different locations this year!

Growth in the District is really exciting. We added two new fleets to the District this year. Fleet 329 in Annapolis is growing rapidly, with expectations of TRIPLING the number of active members by the end of 1999. Solomon's Island has several active boats, and may well break a dozen by the start of 1999.

Annapolis Fleet 329 out of Severn Sailing Association is starting to gear up for two significant regattas. Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer is starting to work up the details of the ACC's in 1999, and hopes to use that regatta as a "warm up" to the NA's in 2000. With the growth that the District has seen over the last couple of years, these two regattas could well provide the extra push to make the Dixie District even better than it is today.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

Ecuador Vice President Francisco Sola Tanca
 District Commodore Paco Sola T.
 District Champion Juan Santos
 District Runner-Up Miguel Plaza, Jr.

Fleets: Salinas Yacht Club 405; San Pablo 447

Como todo niño malcriado, EL NIÑO dañó los planes que teníamos preparados para los primeros meses de 1998, desde Diciembre, todo fue llover y llover, así que parte de la flota se refugió bajo los paraguas, destapó sus cervezas y se puso a navegar Santa Barbara.

Pese al niño, programamos todo un calendario de eventos bajo el auspicio de Diners, con Campeonatos de Sábados y Domingos cada 15 días, lastimosamente solo se pudieron realizar dos.

Finalmente el sol salió, las aguas descendieron y para el 6 y 7 de Junio corrimos el primer Campeonato del Verano 98. Los resultados fueron en el siguiente orden: Lecaro, Parker, Meira Jr, Santos, Solá, Meira Sr. Mantuvimos la actividad en Salinas con torneos mensuales, siendo uno de los mas importantes, el organizado por la Armada del Ecuador, en Julio, en las ya famosas regatas "Glorias Navales". Las posiciones fueron: Lecaro, Parker, Santos, Santacruz, Meira Jr., Tito Plaza Jr. En el mes de Agosto, nuestro Distrito estuvo representado en el Campeonato Norteamericano en Búfalo por Carlos Luis Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmiño y Sebastián Meira quienes terminaron 8 en President's Cup.

A nuestro Distrito le correspondió la organización en conjunto con la Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting de los Juegos ODESUR, los mismos se realizaron en Salinas con la participación de tripulaciones de Chile, Colombia, Perú y Ecuador, el ganador fue Tito Gonzalez, los nuestros Santos y Lecaro, terminaron 4 y 6 respectivamente.

En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY, los resultados fueron: Santos, Lecaro, Tito Plaza Jr., Santacruz, Meira Jr., Parker Los Juniors, Sebastián Meira y Tito Plaza, tuvieron un entrenamiento muy fuerte en los meses Septiembre y Octubre, al final se les unió Juan Carlos Vidal y así nuestro distrito estuvo representado por tres botes en el Mundial Juvenil de Salinas, al final luego de un gran Campeonato, con mucho viento y sol, el ganador fue Sean Carroll de EEUU, los nuestros se ubicaron: Meira 6, Plaza 10, Vidal 16.

Esperamos en el 99 retomar la Copa American Airlines, la misma que fue suspendida este año por el niño.

Nos vemos en Salinas en el Mundial 99.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Martti Lähteinen
 District Secretary Maija Pyy
 District Measurer Jari Aromaa
 District Champion Kari Huusko
 District Runner-up Kimmo Aromaa

Fleets: Helsinki 166; Oulu 307; Kemi 310; Jyväskylä 328; Tuusulanjärvi 456; Valkeakoski 468

Last season was a very special one for the Finnish District, as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The season was filled with all sorts of activities; some more or less traditional, some especially created for this special season. The more "traditional activities" included participating in the annual Helsinki Boat Show, which is the main event for promoting sailing and boating in Finland. It really is the most effective (and unfortunately the most expensive) forum to promote Lightning sailing in Finland, so plans are already being made for the 1999 show held in February.

The main event of the season was the 50th Anniversary Regatta hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat and fleet 456. The regatta was also European Championship Regatta as well as the first ever Lightning European Masters' Regatta. A more detailed report on the regatta can be found at the Fleet 456 Annual Report - check it out! All in all, it was a week of great sailing and fun after-sailing!

A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was written and edited by district members Jari Aromaa, Pentti Laitinen, Antero Uitto and Lauri Heikkilä. They made a great job collecting data and publishing a really unique, entertaining as well as educating book about half a century of Finnish Lightning sailing! It was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts (won by Kari Huusko of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen from Valkeakoski coming second, and our fleet's Olli Lähteinen coming in third). For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members :-)

The 1998 Finnish Circuit started in May and ended in September. It included six regattas: On The Rocks on Lake Tuusula, Helsinki Regatta, Europeans* in Tuusula, Näsijärven Juhlaregatta in Tampere, Kemi Ranking and Valkeakoski Ranking. 24 skippers participated, which is (second year in a row:-) improvement from the 21 participating last season. The Circuit title went to Kari Huusko, Mika Viide and Tommi Ahonen of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen, Lassi Järvinen and Mikko Hellman of Valkeakoski challenging them



Hämäläinen x 3 from Savo at the Europeans. Photo courtesy Walteri Karhusaari.

throughout the season. Third place went to Olli L hteinen, Martti L hteinen and Erkki Puntila of Tuusula.

These were just some of the many activities we had last season. As you can see, it was a season to remember. On the behalf the Finnish District Board, I want to express my warm thanks to all of you who made it happen!

Maija Karhusaari

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bill Meyer
District Secretary/Treasurer	Alix Shaw
District Junior Commodore	Sam Septembre
District Measurer	Steve Hayden
District Champion	Steve Hayden
District Runner-Up	Jeff Linton
District Masters Champion	Fisk Hayden

Fleets: Biscayne Bay (Miami) 226; Cedar (Ft Myers) 478; North Florida (Orlando) 461; Suncoast (Tampa) 502

1998 was a great year for Florida sailors in Lightning regattas. Six Florida boats sailed the entire Southern Circuit including - Linton, Hayden, Mauk, Atkinson, Gochberg, and Birkholz. Jeff Linton, Steve Hayden and John Gochberg placed in the top 15 and qualified for the Pan Am Trials. In addition, Steve Hayden, Jeff Linton, and Bill Mauk qualified for the Blue Fleet at the North Americans and placed 9th, 12th, and 23rd respectively. Jeff Linton won the Thermis Award for the best finish by a first time skipper at the N.A.'s. Bill Mauk won the McDermott Trophy for the most improved from last year's qualifiers.

Fleet 502, headquartered at the Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida, hosted the Districts in April of 98. The top five boats were Hayden, Linton, Atkinson, Clee, and DeLisser. Steve Hayden and wife/crew Angie introduced their new son to the fleet and the world by placing him in the empty punch bowl perpetual trophy, and the picture was featured in the Lightning Flashes. The District and the ILCA may be losing Steve for a while, at least until he learns how to change a diaper. After the District Dinner on Saturday night, we elected Bill Mauk our new commodore, who immediately appointed our District "Mother", Florida Fay Regan, as District Secretary. 1999 District site will be fleet 226 at CGSC (Coconut Grove Sailing Club).

The Florida District Triple Crown was decided at Davis Island Yacht Club's Thanksgiving weekend regatta. The combined team of Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor, with crew, Amy Linton, won the Triple Crown for the third time in as many years. They were followed by Bill Mauk in second place, Bill Meyer in third place, and "Ragin" Johnny Ward in fourth place.

Also, Florida Juniors, Sam Septembre with sister Danielle and Eric Goldman, placed 2nd in the Jr NAs on their first attempt. We had two FL Masters as well, with Stu Anderson and Fisk Hayden who each won a race. Fisk took home the 3rd place masters trophy, and Stu placed 5th.

Four FL boats sailed in the Pan Am trials: Linton, Hayden, Mauk, and Gochberg. The race was not kindly to our sailors as Kim Logan crewing for John Gochberg suffered a severe laceration of two fingers in a capsized. We are advised that Kim is sailing again, and on the mend.

Our long time Southern Circuit Chairman, Fisk Hayden, has been elevated to Vice President. Relatively new mother, Carol (Stout) Ewing is taking on the Rear Commodore position at the Coral Reef Yacht Club next year, and it may be up to husband John to campaign the Lightning.

GREECE DISTRICT

Greek Vice President	George Andreadis
District Commodore	Costas Liberakis
District Secretary	Andrew Sinopoulos

Fleets: Salamis 251; Parthenon 286; Dolphin 287

Following the recommendation of the Vice President of ILCA and Commodore of the Yacht Club of Greece, Mr. George Andreadis, the Board approved the proposal to offer to host the ILCA Youth World Championship for the Year 2000. We are also hoping to host the World Championship in 2001.

We also look forward to hosting the European Championship will be held in Greece in 2000.

Members of our fleets include skipper Costas Merentitis, crews Elias Manolakis and Michael Coulianos, and coach Stelios Sotiriou, who traveled to Salinas, Ecuador in November this year and won the second place in the Youth World Championship.

Andrew Sinopoulos

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Walter Tinsley
District Secretary	Ken Woods
District Champion	Craig Cobbum
District Runner-up	Bill Allen

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club 154; Indianapolis Sailing Club 270

The Indiana District still enjoys Fleet 154 located on Lake Wawasee and Fleet 270 located on Geist Reservoir. Both fleets enjoy sailing from mid-spring until mid fall. Although the fleet membership has not grown, both fleets race regularly on the weekends.

This year, the Indiana District was held at Geist Reservoir on the 13th and 14th of June. The winds were favorable. The standings were as follows:

1st Place:	Craig Cobbum 14475
2nd Place:	Bill Allen 13910
3rd Place:	Joe Lassaux 14359
4th Place:	Peter McGinity 12316

Both fleets held their open regattas and as usual the Michigan "out-of-towners" won top honors.

Ken Woods, District Secretary

ITALY DISTRICT

Vice President	Franco De Regis
District Commodore	Antonio Marino
District Secretary	Sergio Rustichelli
District Champion	Stefano Reina - Piero Tripoli - Gabriele Tripoli
District Runner-Up	Vito Tripoli - Pasquale Prinzivalli - Giuseppe Rallo

Fleets: Garda 249, Lega Navale Anzio 312, Marsala 449, Trasimeno 453, Cornero 466, Savio 476, Roma 479

The 1998 Italian Championship was held in Porto S. Giorgio, the first week of July, at the "Lega Navale Porto S. Giorgio", which hosted the race and gave a tribute to its success. The weather was good and we had medium air conditions. Reina won the Italian Championship due to his consistency. Tripoli was 2nd and Marino was 3rd. A special regards to Swiss Crew (and our friends) Perret-Lambelet-Monier whose presence contributed more interest and competitiveness to our championship. The "Lega Navale Porto S. Giorgio" is the club of the previous District Secretary Carlo Jommi who, due to his personal problems, resigned at the class meeting from his charge. Thank you Carlo for your work. Unfortunately, the Italian participation to the European Championship failed because no crew had the possibility to go for the Championship in Finland. We hope to recover this situation next year going with a lot of crews to the next European Championship in Switzerland. At the class meeting, held in November 1998, the reasons for the reduced activity of the District during this year were widely discussed. Renzo Bozzi, as Public Relations Chairman for the District, is responsible for helping the new secretary Sergio Rustichelli to contact all current and old members of the Lightning Class and to try to increase competitors joining the 1999 major events.

The next Italian Championship will be held in Bracciano, near Rome, from the 18th to the 21st of June 1999.

This is the calendar of 1999 major events:

18-21 June

ITALIAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, Bracciano

27 June-2 August

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Switzerland

Antonio Marino

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District CommodoreSkip Wilday
District Recording SecretaryJudith Walker
District Secretary/TreasurerBrian Starck
District MeasurerCal Schmiede
District ChampionDavid Sprague
District Runner-UpSkip Wilday

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

Our first LED regatta of the summer was Chautauqua's 34th Annual Cornball, organized by Jim McDonnell. A nice breeze enabled the committee to run 5 races for the 10 boat fleet. Everyone seemed to get in a couple of good races, and there was a bit of controversy concerning the scores after Sunday's races; but when the dust settled, Mike Kane in his new red boat won by a clear margin.

The next regatta, held two weeks later, was the BCC One-Design Open. This regatta was experimental for our district in several respects. First, it took the place of the old "NFIR" and attempted to draw a number of one-design classes (eg., Lightnings, Sharks, Lasers, Hobies, etc.) for a major regatta. It was also the first time our district ran its championship in conjunction with another multi-class regatta. And, because the regatta was scheduled for the third week of June, our district championship was probably earlier than its ever been. The regatta worked out well for the Lightnings. A competitive 28 boat fleet, which included 3 non-LED boats, sailed three races on a breezy Saturday. Larry MacDonald won, and Dave Starck finished second. Cuba Lake plans to hold next summer's Districts in conjunction with its "Bolde Mothers'" regatta in July.

This year's Bolde Mothers' was another great party. About a dozen boats participated in the light-air affair. The Coleman brothers, right after picking up a new boat at the Allen Boat Company, drove directly to Cuba Lake, rigged it, and won the regatta. The North Americans kept us busy through the remainder of August. We did manage to fill our quota. MacDonald was the top LED skipper.

Silver Lake led off September's schedule with the Harvest Regatta. Tom Allen, Jr. ran away with this one; Bob Starck finished second.

The BCC's Fall regatta concluded the season for us the following week. Again, about a dozen boats competed.

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District CommodoreBruce Hendry
District SecretaryThomas Hering

Fleets: Little Neck Bay 55; Hewlett Bay 58;
Great South Bay 178; Southampton Yacht Club 431;
Orient Yacht Club 506

No Report.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District CommodoreMary Huntsman
District Secretary/TreasurerGeorge McDonnell
District MeasurerKathryn Connell
District ChampionJack Huntsman
District Runner-UpTed Duffy

1999 REGATTA SCHEDULE FOR METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

April 24-25Long John, Red Bank, NJ
.....Mary Huntsman 732/842-5292
June 5-6Magnus Pederson, Nyack, NY
.....Joan and Gary Hurban 914/359-6054
June 26-27DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, Nyack, NY
.....Joan and Gary Hurban 914/359-6054
September 18-19Pennsylvania Governor's Cup,
.....Lake Wallenpaupack, PA
.....George Madel 610/265-2554
October 9Last Blast, Nyack, NY
.....Joan and Gary Hurban 914/359-6054

As always the dates are subject to change.

Fleets: North Shrewsbury 11, Paupack 16;
Lake Mohawk 25, Red Bank 70; Nyack 75; Awosting 95

We began our 1998 year with a CAD-MET District meeting at the lovely home of Kep and Sandy Heacock. Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter provided many good suggestions on training young people to enjoy and participate in our Lightning sailing world.

Our "Lightning" had a perfect location at the entrance of the annual Sail Expo in Atlantic City from February 4th-8th. The boat was a popular exhibit and we talked to hundreds of spectators.

The always popular Long John at Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank, NJ, was held on April 25-26. There were 34 boats registered for 5 races. Jon Schwartz won the very competitive regatta followed by Phil Grotheer in 2nd, Gianni Cuccio in 3rd while Ted Duffy and Dick Hallagan had 4th and 5th.

June 6-7 found us at the Magnus Pederson in Nyack, NY for 5 races. There were 23 boats on the line and Jack Elfman took the honors with 11 points. Gianni Cuccio had 13 for second followed by Gary Hurban, Bob Bush and Caroline Hoedemaker.

For our Metropolitan Districts on June 27-28 we returned to Red Bank. After 5 races Jack Huntsman was our District Champion with an impressive 8 points. Ted Duffy had second place followed by Jon Schwartz. Bob Sengstacken and Chris Sprole.

The Pennsylvania Governor's Cup, September 19-20 at Lake Wallenpaupack, featuring five races, was won by Dick Hallagan with Bob Bush second and Sandy Huntsman 3rd.

Winds were heavy for the 29 boats that met on the Hudson at Nyack for the ever-popular Last Blast Regatta. Jack Elfman, who obviously likes the Hudson, took home the winners trophy. Bill Fastiggi took second and third went to Paul LoGerfo followed by Gianni Cuccio and Dick Hallagan.

Many of our Metropolitan District sailors attended the 60th Anniversary as well as the Southern Circuit and the North American Championships.

Please to see the participation at our regattas is increasing and we look forward to another year of good sailing in 1999

George McDonnell

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District CommodoreLarry Koster
District SecretaryChris Jacobson
District TreasurerKevin Nickels
District ChampionColin Park
District Runner-UpJim Allen
Traveling ChampionDan Norton
Fall Series ChampionSean Fidler
Doc Gilbert Spirit AwardJack Tibbs

Fleets: Devils Lake 31; Western Lake Erie 42;
Crescent Sail Yacht Club 51; Lake Fenton Sailing Club 53;
Pontiac Yacht Club 54; Higgins Lake 110;
Gull Lake Yacht Club 137; Macatawa Bay 204;
Saginaw Bay 216; Burt Lake 254;
Grand Traverse Yacht Club 326; Douglas Lake 374;
Lansing Sailing Club 387

The 1998 Lightning season for the Michigan District started with the Great Lakes Championship at North Cape Yacht Club in Southern Michigan. Twenty-six competitors turned out for a windy weekend on the open water of Lake Erie. Paul Wurtzebach from Chicago stayed upright in a puff that wiped out seven boats including, Dan Norton, Colin Park, Sean Fidler and Jeff Hagman, and took home first place honors.

The second regatta of the season was held at the Lansing Sailing Club. Twelve competitors turned out for moderately windy weekend. Tom Klaban from Pontiac took home top honors for the second year in a row.

Fenton Sailing Club held their annual Team Races. As a change of pace each year we travel to the birthplace of the Nickels Lightning, divide boats into teams of three and enjoy a different style of racing. Each boat attending the regatta is ranked and then teams are seeded to provide as much parity as possible. Unfortunately, numbers for teams of three don't always work out. This year we had 14 boats so Kevin Nickels and John Garrison had a rotating teammate and still won the regatta.

The Michigan Districts were held at Pontiac Yacht Club. Winds were light and fluky, typical for a June weekend at Cass Lake which fit perfectly with John McCree's sailing style. John sailed a very consistent regatta early and then stayed off a late charge by the Norton team to win the regatta. Dan Norton was second, Mark Whatley third, Jim Allen fourth and Sean Fidler fifth.

In mid July, we traveled to western Michigan to sail at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. Seven boats turned out to sail at one of the most scenic venues in Michigan. Macatawa is one of the few places where Michigan sailors tune up on open water prior to the North Americans. Diana Fernando won by sailing a consistent regatta with no finishes worse than a third. Macatawa will be the host site of the Michigan Districts in 1999.

Bay City Yacht Club hosted their 44th annual regatta sailing on beautiful Saginaw Bay. Fourteen boats turned out to get some final open water practice before heading to Buffalo. Colin Park forged through a couple of 60 degree wind shifts and changing weather conditions to win.

The first weekend of August took us to Higgins Lake Boat Club. Higgins Lake, in Northern Michigan, is one of the most unique venues in Lightning sailing. The Yacht Club is located on a island about three quarters of a mile from shore. Boats are wet sailed overnight during the regatta and the locals run float boat water taxis to the mainland. Jim Allen and crew enjoyed the scenery and the sailing and took home first prize.

The rigorous sailing schedule Michigan slows a bit in August but then hits full stride in September. Some of the best Lightning sailing in the US is the Midwest Fall Regatta schedule which includes four regattas in Michigan. The first regatta was the Pontiac Yacht Club's Whitecap Regatta. Sean Fidler sailed a consistent regatta in light winds to bring home top honors. Special thanks to Dick Hallagan for traveling from Central New York to sail with us.

The next regatta on the schedule was Devil's Lake Yacht Club's "This One's For Fun" Regatta. The fun starts by meeting Bruin at the bar Friday night for a couple Martins and ends only because most of us are forced back to work or school on Monday. Craig Gabel did the Gabel Wobble around the buoys and won first place honors.

Then we were off to Detroit for the 1st annual Crescent Fall Regatta. Crescent has hosted the summer Father's Day Regatta for years but jumped at the chance to host a fall regatta when Gull Lake was dropped from our schedule. Tom Allen Jr. traveled from Buffalo to tie Sean Fidler with a pair of bullets and a pair of twos. Tom won the tie breaker based on winning the last race won.

The final event on the Michigan schedule is the North Cape Blowout. This year seven boats attended the one day event on Lake Erie. Jim Davis held off George Sipel and Jeff Hagman for the victory.

Michigan was well represented on 4th of July weekend at the Lightning 60th Anniversary regatta. Four boats - Jim Allen, Sean Fidler, Jeff Hagman and George Sipel - competed in the "hot shot" fleet. Sean came in ninth and Jim came in tenth in the 70+ boat fleet. Pete Morley sailed in the "woodies" and finished third. But the best showing came from the five Michigan boats in the "club racer" fleet. Forever young Joe Disette (is he 100 yet??), with Super Crew John McCree and Jim Schofield, overcame very trying conditions, a rapid

heart beat, and some blue fleet boats to take top honors in a 80+ fleet. Bob Shaw pulled a horizon job on the fleet in the last race and finished second overall. Tom Vickers and crew sailed a strong regatta and finished 7th. Congratulations to all who attended the A+ event.

At the North Americans, Michigan was well represented with eleven boats attending. Sean Fidler, Colin Park, and Jim Allen qualified for the blue fleet and Jim finished 9th overall. Mike Thomas had a difficult qualifier but bounced back with a good yellow fleet finish taking 2nd. Bruce Goldsmith found his old groove and finish second in the Masters.

Proving Michigan strength in regatta travel, Michigan had two sailors qualify for the 1st annual Intersectional (Intergalactic?? Faude was asking for names) Series. The series was setup by President Faude to push summer participation in regional regattas. This year, the Long John, Pymatuning's Spring Classic, the Lightning 60th Anniversary, Chicago's Red Flannels, and Nashville's Bluenose were the selected regattas and participation in four of five is required to qualify. Sean Fidler and Jeff Hagman logged the miles and were two of only four boats to qualify. Congratulations to both Sean and Jeff.

In late October, the Lightning Class held the Pan Am Games Trials at Lake Carlyle near St. Louis. The regatta was invitation only using the Southern Circuit, North Americans and the California Circuit to qualify. Twenty boats were invited to St. Louis to win the chance to represent the USA in the '99 Pan Am Games. The district was represented by Sean Fidler and Joel Humphrey. Sean sailed consistently in the top pack and finished fifth overall.

At the end of each season the Michigan District Traveling Champion Trophy was awarded to Colin Park, the Fall Series Champion was Sean Fidler and the Doc Gilbert Spirit Award was presented to Tom Vickers for his tireless effort organizing and running the 1997 North Americans Championships and the 1998 Collegiate Sloop Championships. Both regattas were hosted by Crescent Sail Club in Detroit.

We would like to thank everyone who traveled to Michigan to sail with us and those who did not, please mark your calendars for a road trip to Michigan in 1999 for some great competition, friendly Midwestern hospitality and some good old fashioned fun.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore:	Bob Franke
District Secretary	Amy Simonsen
District Treasurer	Doug Schelwat
District Champion:	Ric Larson
District Runner-Up	Paul Wurtzebach

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club 5;
Milwaukee Yacht Club 69; Green Bay Sailing Club 112;
Lake Davenport 167; Sheboygan 187; Fond du Lac 442

This year's District events again started out with the annual Winter meeting held at Milwaukee Yacht Club. After review of last years Districts in Milwaukee, it was decided to return to a 3 day District event. Tim Healy concluded the meeting with a presentation on Lightning sail trim and his 1997 North American Championship.

Due to scheduling problems in Fond du Lac, the Evans Regatta hosted by Green Bay Fleet 112 was on deck first including the annual Coaching. This rescheduling turned out to be a major plus for the regatta and the participants since Ched Proctor attended this year's event as our Coach. Twenty-two boats sailed. The Saturday night social along with revisiting the day's events on video was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bill Dean for the hosting the Saturday social event. Sunday's races were sailed in the left-over 20-25 mile an hour Northwest from the cold front passage which left a path of destruction from the Dakotas to the East Coast. David Stix was 1st, Paul Wurtzebach 2nd, & Terrance Phelan was 3rd. Bill Faude and Brian Phelan finished 4th & 5th respectively.

The Lighthouse Regatta in Fond du Lac hosted by Fleet 442 was sailed in light and shifty winds. Once again Elmo & crew provided a great regatta and exceptional race management. First place when to Paul Wurtzebach, followed by Doug Schelwat, and Dan Reichelsdorfer in third. Ric Larson was fourth followed by Dave

1999 MIDWEST DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Lighthouse	Fond Du Lac	May 29 & 30
Evans	Green Bay	June 5 & 6
Districts	Chicago	June 10 - 12
P & T	Milwaukee	July 10 & 11
Brotz	Sheboygan	July 24 & 25
Hobelman	Chicago	August 7 & 8
Adams Cup	Milwaukee	August 24 - 28
Red Flannels	Chicago	September 25 & 26
Polar Bear	Davenport	October 2 & 3

All dates tentative - check Flashes for more information

Stix. One cannot forget Paul Wurtzebach gracing us with his relaxing story of driving through the peaceful rolling corn fields of Wisconsin.

The Midwest Districts were hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club Fleet 187 with 18 boats attending. The winds were light and shifty; however, Rich Reichelsdorfer provided outstanding Race Committee work including getting the final race on Sunday started seconds before the time limit. The Saturday night social was hosted by Tryg Jacobson and a big thank you to Hans Graf for preparing dinner. Ric Larson was crowned the champion on the Sunday, followed by Paul Wurtzebach, Bill Faude, Dan Reichelsdorfer and Bob Franke. Fleet 187 presented warm fuzzy sailing vests embroidered with the Lightning logo for the trophies.

Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet 69 experienced superb growth this year with purchase of four new boats by Doug Schelwat, Walt Kramel, Mac Slater and Dennis Bersch. Fleet 69 managed to sail 34 more races than in 1998. This success is mainly due shifting the season series from the long weekend races to short competitive Wednesday night sailing.

The P & T regatta in Milwaukee followed with 12 boats in attendance. The Saturday night informal party was hosted by the Franke's. Unlike last year's social, Paul Wurtzebach was able to refrain himself from riding Rose & Luke's rocking horse. Ric Larson finished first, Bill Faude second, followed by Bob Franke.

The Brotz regatta was again hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club. The first race started out as a drifter and then was abandoned after a thunder cell packing winds of 40 mph blew in out of nowhere. Racing resumed on Sunday with four great races sailed in the ever familiar Southeaster. Jim Cameron of Thunder Bay, Canada won the regatta. David Stix, Pauly Wurtzebach, Ric Larson and Chris Graf rounded out the top five.

This year's Hobelman Regatta hosted by Chicago Fleet 5 featured our very own Lightning Coach Kelly Williams. The weather cooperated to provide two fine days of sailing.

The Polar Bear regatta normally hosted by Davenport Fleet #167 was not sailed this year.

The Red Flannels Regatta hosted by Chicago's Fleet 5, saw 36 boats from all over North America. Saturday winds were traditional for the this weekend except temperatures were in the 80's. Unfortunately by the time of this year's first start the winds had increased to 25-30 mph. The Race Committee, having flashbacks to 1997, exercised good judgment and sent the fleet back to the harbor for the day. Fleet 5 continued the hospitality Saturday night with live band called the Four Man Acoustical Band. These guys were great. Sunday forecast called for a cold front passage which became a non-event except for a slow shift in the winds. Two great races were sailed to complete the regatta. Pauly Wurtzebach on Chicago won the regatta, followed by Sean Fidler of Pontiac, Michigan. Terry Burke from Lake Carlyle, Illinois, was third followed by Dick Hallagan from Rochester, New York. Jim Allen from Michigan rounded out the top five. The Red Flannels is once again a must do regatta in 1999.

At press time, several Midwest Districts sailors are preparing for the Pan Ams trails which will be sailed in Lake Carlyle.

Bob Franke, District Commodore



Top: Winners at the 1998 Brotz Regatta in Sheboygan
Below: Bonnie Hawkins' "humpty pumpkin birthday cake" celebration



Top: Red Flannels regatta chairman David Stix returning to the harbor after a no-go on Saturday
Below: Winners at the 1998 Red Flannels Regatta in Chicago
Photos courtesy Amy Simonsen

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore	Herbert Cochrane
District Secretary	Rick Bernstein
District Measurer	William N. Baxter III
District Champion	Matt Burridge
District Runner-Up	Dan Moriarty

Fleets: Decatur 74; Harbor Island Yacht Club 262;
Carlyle Sailing Association 266;
Delta Sailing Association (Memphis) 274;
Valley Sailing Association (Alton) 486

Every sailing season is a great one and 1998 was no exception. I must begin by expressing that it is all of the wonderful people in the Lightning Class both locally and nationally that have kept me enthused about the class for nearly nine-years.

The Mississippi Valley District (MVD) cranked up the season with the Tennessean in Nashville and winded down with the infamous Bluenose, also in Nashville. Of course, there were several other regattas in between such as: Cotton Pickin', Hernando Desoto, Inter-City, McDougal, Mid-Continent, Trials, and the Muddy Rudder just to name a few. I suggest that one read each and every fleet report to get an accurate account of the individual regattas.

The Mississippi Valley District has the honor of being the host district for the 1999 NA's. I must say if anyone has half the fun that I did in Carlyle for Districts in 1998, hold on to your hat. If you attended and were not aware of who won the party, you were either asleep or too busy sailing. If you speak pig-latin here is one for you; inkpay amingoflay (Pink Flamingo). Look for the girl wearing the lifesaver candies when you arrive next summer. Bruce Goldsmith is the Vice President responsible for NA site selection. Therefore, I'll calculate the fuel saved by not driving say, to the West coast in 1999 and treat him to a refreshment with the savings.

Congratulations to Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein for their top finish as crew in the 98 NA's. What a way to pass time while your promoting the 99 NA's. Congratulations to Mandy Hofmeister as well for being on the winning boat in the Womens Championship 99 NA's. It seems to be a regular occurrence for Mandy these days, keep it up! Kat and Jim Ward along with Ronn Frerker had a very respectable finish in the Juniors.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis for the 1999 MVD DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP the second full weekend in June. Great job and a great season to all MVD members.

Herbert Cochrane

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Chris Dwinal
District Secretary	Lisa Brauer
District Measure	Bruce Atkinson
District Champion	Andy Horton
District Runner-Up	Ray Harrington
District Master's Champion	John Hughes
District Junior Champion	Nick Mercier
Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club 14; Merrimac River 121; Spofford Lake 145; Annisquam Yacht Club 151; Marblehead 189; Bomoseen Yacht Club 227; Massabesic Yacht Club 273; Chequesset 280; Champlain 301; Squam Lake 332; Bow Lake 493	

The 1998 District Championship was held on Lake Massabesic in Manchester, New Hampshire in conjunction with Massabesic's 60th Anniversary celebration. Strong puffs, good competition and great on-shore team work characterized the event. The Women's Juniors' and Masters' competition was held July 10th. Congratulations to Women's Champions Heather Rowe, Ann Brush and Stacey Johnson; Junior Champions Nick Mercier, Pike Severance and Dave Adams; and Masters Champions Dave Gorman, Andy Horton and Lisa Brauer. The District Championship was contested July 11th and 12th. Congratulations to New England District Champions Andy Horton and the 2 Andrews. A special mention

goes to Massabesic Fleet 273, their super effort made the weekend special. Memorable moments include Cindy's fleet of crock pits and Marcel grilling muffins at the hot dog stand Sunday morning.

The season was crowded with the traditional weekend regattas. District members also participated in national and international competitions. We are particularly proud of the performance of our younger members. Not only did Andy Horton win the District Championship, but he also bested the country's top contenders at the Pan Am Trials held in St. Louis in October. Nick Mercier was the number one North American Junior and went on to compete in the Youth Worlds in Salinas, Ecuador in November. Fellow junior Sean Carroll qualified for the blue fleet in the North Americans and then won the Youth Worlds in Ecuador. Congratulations to these three great sailors and their crew. We look forward to many years of competing with you.

The New England District has a strong core group of racers, a few large fleets and a number of smaller fleets. The emphasis in 1999 will be on attracting new members and finding ways to increase the interest and participation of the casual racers and sailors.

Lisa Brauer, 1999 District Commodore

NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT

District Contact Raymond Killops

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No Report.

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bridget Frymier
District Secretary	Kay Varley
District Treasurer/Newsletter	Bobbie Stone
District Champion	Matt Fisher
District Runner-Up	Dan Dressel

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

The Ohio District had a great year with wind and good weather at all seven of the District regatta with the exception of a few races. The District had several boats that traveled to all the District regattas making it good competition and good times throughout the sailing season.

PYC's Spring Classic started the year off right with some good winds and pretty nice weather for early in the season. The competition, with 29 boats, was hot as four races were completed by the end of Saturday afternoon with 20 knot winds. As usual the cocktail party and great dinner, followed by some good partying made us forget how beat we were. Sunday morning brought decent air and we sailed two more races. When it was all over, the "out of staters" showed us how it's done by taking all the top positions with Jack Elfman first, Jim Allen second, and Sean Fidler third.

LYC's Windshift Regatta fell right in with our year with beautiful weather and wind. With 14 boats and some close competition Saturday proved to be a great day of racing. After a great dinner, we participated in a party held to celebrate the marriage of long-time Ohio District member Zach Austin. On Sunday morning we sailed two more races in, believe it or not, good air. George Fisher finished first overall, Tom Varley was a close second and Dave Gall was third.

The Ohio Districts came next held at PYC this year on our 50th Anniversary. 40 boats participated in the regatta, with all having a great time largely due to the efforts of Commodore Bridget Frymier and her co-chairperson Anne Borland, along with all their PYC assistants. The wind did not follow suit as the air was light on Saturday, but three races were sailed leaving Matt Fisher on top at the end of the day. A cocktail party and the great !!! giveaway followed, as all kinds of gifts were given to lucky winners, A buffet din-

FUN AT OHIO DISTRICT REGATTAS

photos courtesy Kay Varley



Party after dinner at the Windshift Regatta, Leatherlips YC



Jon Varley taking a break between races at the ILCA 60th



Winner Dick Pugh thrown in by fellow skippers at Indian Lake



Dick's crew Luke Shingledecker joined him



*Indian Lake's
Mr. Lightning Jim Young*



*Indian Lake Winners Dick Pugh
crew Clark & Luke Shingledecker*



*Tom Varley 2nd,
crew Jon and Kay Varley*



*Dan Hertz 3rd with crew
Don Schregardus & Karla Varley*



*Heated tactics discussion between races at the
Bare Bones Regatta, Mansfield*



*All the trophy winners at the
Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta*



*Brett Balliett going in as
first-time first-place crew*

ner and DJ music finished off the evening. On Sunday morning the air was better and two races were sailed. Winning the District Championship was Matt Fisher, with Dan Dressel second, Sjoerd Vanderhorst third, George Fisher fourth and Rob Ruhlman fifth.

The 60th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles, NY found eight boats from Ohio in attendance. Two boats each from Cowan Lake, Leatherlips, Mansfield, and one each from Atwood and St. Mary's made the trip, in addition to at least three people from the District crewing on boats from other Districts. We all had a great time and are looking forward to the next anniversary.

Indian Lake's Stumpbuster Regatta proved to have nice weather, but started out with light air on Saturday which steadily increased for the second race. A delicious roasted chicken dinner followed the races. Afterward, the Youngs provided water skiing, a little cruising and swimming, while others enjoyed a band at a nearby club. On a bright Sunday morning we got in a third race to finish off the regatta. Taking first was Dick Pugh; Tom Varley was second; Dan Hertzner was third. After trophies were presented, the district skippers decided that even though the tradition is to throw a first-time regatta winner into the drink, it had been a while for Dick, so in he went. In recent years, with unavailable first-time winners, first time crews have been thrown in, so Dick's crew Luke Shingledecker joined him.

Atwood's Harvest Moon Regatta proved to be very interesting this year, since the Flying Scots were having their Districts at this regatta. The Lightnings had the honor of starting between their "A" fleet and their "B" fleet; but the Lightnings managed to sail through most of their "A" fleet before the finish. After the racing on Saturday, we were treated to the ever-famous Atwood cocktail party. The Lightning Fleet ended the evening with golfing and pontooning. After a third race on Sunday morning, Tom Varley took first place, Steve Weeber second, and Kurt Andrews third.

The Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta could not have had any better weather. Saturday brought us warm and windy conditions with two boats going swimming and others getting close. The race committee was able to get four races completed in good time with the steady winds. After hauling out the boats, all gathered for snacks under the pavilion, then on to a cook-your-own steak or chicken dinner. At dinner's end most participants returned to Varley Valley to camp and party by the bonfire. Sunday morning turned out to be another great day for sailing. We had two more races. Finishing first was Steve Weeber, second Dan Hertzner, third Kurt Andrews. After trophy presentation the skippers and crews followed their new tradition of throwing in first-time winning first place crew, so Brett Balliett, crewing for Steve Weeber, went into the drink after giving them a good chase.

Buckeye Lake's Snowball Regatta the following weekend proved to have wind, but rainy and cool conditions. After the first race, the club house and a bowl of hot chili were very inviting. Two more races were sailed Saturday afternoon with the competition all sailing close together almost every race. Cocktails and dinner in the clubhouse after racing warmed everyone up Saturday evening. Sunday morning conditions were more of the same with less rain. The winners after five races were George Fisher, Kurt Andrews in second, and John Werley in third.

Cowan Lake's Fall-In Regatta brought the year to a good end with more warm and windy conditions all weekend. Saturday afternoon we sailed four back-to-back races in good air. We returned to the clubhouse late for a great cocktail party and some much-needed rest, followed by a steak and chicken dinner, then partying at the club with all our friends for the last time of the season. Sunday morning was even windier and they were able to get in two more races easily. Taking first overall was Bill Young, second James Taylor, and third Dick Pugh.

The Ohio District Governor's Cup was won by Tom Varley, sailing with son Jon and wife Kay. Following closely were Steve Weeber and Kurt Andrews.

Congratulations to Matt Fisher, District Champion and North American Champion, and to George Fisher, North American Masters Champion.

We all owe Bobbie Stone a special THANK YOU! for all the work she puts in on the Ohio District newsletter and to Bridget Frymier for the great job as Commodore for two years - THANKS!

Already looking forward to next year's sailing season and to seeing all our sailing family again.

Kay Varley

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore John DeBenedetti
District Secretary Sandra Neuburger
District Champion Roger Hicks

Fleets: Maple Bay 64; Vancouver 90; Seattle 132;
Chinook Eugene Yacht Club 229; Portland 283;
Okanagan 368; Prairie Fleet 507

Pacific Northwest activity started with three boats represented at the California Circuit in San Diego in early April. Roger Hicks and John DeBenedetti took their boats and Roger Artigues chartered a boat with his brothers for the Circuit. They all had a great time in the spring California sun!

District activity continued with circuit regattas at Kelowna, Eugene, VLSC, Klamath Falls, and Kitsilano in Vancouver, BC. Overall circuit winner for the year was Jerry Neuburger of Vancouver Lake Sailing Club.

In August we were treated to a visit from the Lightning Coach, Kelly Williams, at VLSC. We had scheduled a District Championship in Seattle, but since no one from Seattle was going to make the regatta, we moved it to VLSC, giving Coach Kelly a better place to do his instructional program. Matt Henley from Vancouver came down to take advantage. Roger Hicks wound up winning the event, sailing a consistent series.

In September, the District held the Pacific Coast Championship at Eugene Yacht Club. Fourteen boats entered, with three from California. Great winds were the scene all weekend, and Jerry Neuburger won the event.

We're looking forward to an even more active new year.
John DeBenedetti

PERU DISTRICT

Peru Vice President Francisco Ayulo
District Commodore Augusto Navarro
District Champion Augusto Navarro
Runner-Up Sergio Levaggi

Yacht Club LaPunta 265; Lima 424

During 1998 we have had elections and the new team started to work on increasing the fleet numbers. We have had about 10 boats sailing all year, and we expect to import new boats for 1999, since our newest boat is 13367.

Our District Championship was sailed last weekend (December 19 and 20), and we managed to sail 5 races. Our winner was Augusto Navarro with his crew Bruno Levaggi and Hector "El Cholo" Sabogal. Second place was Sergio Levaggi with his crew Antonio Remy and Wilfredo Fano, and in third was Luis Portugal with his crew Javier Flores and Jose Luis Canessa. This regatta was very competitive among the first three finishers, with the possibility of any one of them winning the event. The Championship was also the classifying event for the South American Championship in Tomine scheduled for February 1999 and also for the Pan American Games in Gimli in 1999.

We also had a Junior team attend the World Youth Championship. Skipper Derek Marston, with crew Juan Andres Marchini and Gianfranco Martinelli, finished 8th in that event. They also won race number five by the biggest margin of the series.

We think the Lightning Class in Peru has been asleep, but now with young people gaining interest in the Class, we should have about 20 boats sailing in 1999. We have many boats interested in going to the World Championship in Sailinas next year.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Augusto Navarro, District Commodore

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District CommodorePeter Hall

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

No Report.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District CommodoreJim Harris
District Secretary/TreasurerCindy Booke
District MeasurerJohn Pelosi
District ChampionLen Krawcheck
District Runner-UpJim Harris

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

It was another fun and exciting season of racing here in the Southeast District. Our district includes North and South Carolina and Georgia. We have a good mix of coastal sailing (such as Charleston, SC, Wilmington, NC and Beaufort, SC) and inland lake sailing (such as Augusta and Atlanta, GA; High Rock and Waccamaw, NC).

Our season started in mid April at Catawba Yacht Club, just outside Charlotte, and then to Augusta the following week. Jim and Connie Harris drifted the fastest to secure the wins in both.

The High Rock regatta (near Lexington, NC) in early May highlighted great sailing by Lenny Krawcheck and great partying at Sam and Cindy Booke's lake house. High water levels made the lake an obstacle course with floating trees, islands of weeds and even bloated livestock!

This year our district championship regatta was held in beautiful Charleston and local favorite Lenny Krawcheck was champion once again. Team Augusta rounded out the top 3 with Harris second and Bob Harkrider third. Towney Krawcheck did a fantastic job with the Saturday night food and festivities, which was held at their beach house.

June brought the gold medal to John Pelosi at the steamy Kerr Lake Regatta.

The last weekend in June brought the Low Country regatta in Beaufort, which features challenging sailing with brisk current and shifty winds, and a great low country boil on Saturday night. Harkrider went on a crazy flier the last downwind leg and smoked the fleet for the win. Harris was left bewildered on the other side of the river.

Lenny Krawcheck wiggled between the Laser and Sunfish fleets at the Wrightsville Beach regatta in early August to take the gold.

At Waccamaw in September, strong performances were seen by the district's junior boats including the Augusta team of Putnam/Paschal/Appel and the Raleigh team of Rees juniors. Harkrider caught the last shift for the victory with John Sawyer of Wrightsville Beach close behind.

The Atlanta Cup closed out the district season with Floridian Steve Hayden sailing to victory.

The Augustans dominated the overall district series results having competed in at least five regattas. Jim and Connie Harris took top honors while Bob and Sharon Harkrider were runners-up.

The North Americans were attended by Lenny, Bob and Pierce Barden, who proudly represented our district in each of the blue, green and yellow fleets!

We appreciate the loyal participation of all those members mentioned above as well as other skippers in the district such as Carter Utzig, Sam and Cindy Booke, John Sawyer, Richard Waldkirch, Dick Mayne, Bill Sloger, Richard Johnson, Michael Rees, Tom Wynn, Terry Tyner, and Josh Putnam to mention only a few.

We have big plans for the 1999 season and invite everyone to come join us in the sunny Southeast! There will be 9 district qualifiers with the District Championship in Augusta in May. See you there!

Jim Harris, District Commodore

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District CommodoreJohn Marion
District SecretaryBarney March III
District ChampionRobert Bernhardt
District Runner-UpBarney March III

Fleets: Southern Yacht Club 62; Mobile Bay 135;
Shreveport Yacht Club 175; New Orleans Yacht Club 209

The 1998 Southern District sailing season was awash in storms. The year started out with the Holiday In Dixie regatta. This event is hosted by the Shreveport Yacht Club and draws boats from Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and Shreveport. The early Spring dates usually blow in tremendous weather fronts that come across the Texas Plains. This year was no exception. The winds were 25mph with much carnage.

As usual the next stop was the spring regatta at Buccaneer YC in Mobile, AL. Six boats sailed in this unusually light and fluky regatta. Local sailor Robert Bernhardt won convincingly with all firsts and one second. The Wacker family returned to Lightning sailing after years of being idle. The Wacker brothers, Jimmy, Johnny and Sammy, along with their niece sailed an excellent event.

The Schools Out and Jubly Wynne regattas require four boats for a class to compete. Both events saw three boats interested so we did not sail.

The Districts were held in June at Buccaneer YC. The club and race officials did a great job. This YC is a total corinthian effort and it's always enjoyable to sail on Mobile Bay. Eight boats registered and the competition was fierce. Robert B. won this but Barney March sailing with his father Dr. March was close behind at every mark. It's been a few years since Dr. March has sailed and it was great to see him back in the boat.

Down here in the South the Hurricane Season starts in August. There were numerous storms that canceled regattas all over the coast. The annual Lightning GYA Championship and Wadewitz regattas were no exception. Two boats traveled to Nashville for the Bluenose Regatta. Robert B. and John Marion with their crew had a great time. This event is known for the hospitality and excellent Saturday steak dinner. If you haven't been to Hickory Lake you need to go.

Our last event of the year is the Nokia Sugar Bowl regatta. This year the New Orleans YC is host. We are expecting boats from Florida, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, and Illinois. Let's just hope the fog stays away.

Happy Sailing

John Marion, District Commodore

SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

Switzerland Vice PresidentGilbert Despland
District CommodoreJacques Perret
District SecretaryKathy Cairns-Herzog
District TreasurerMargrit Graf
District MeasurerUrs Wyler
District ChampionUrs Wyler
District Runner-UpJacques Perret

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel 169;
Sempacher/Hallwiler/Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee 250;
Murtensee 358

One time more we couldn't organize two springs regattas this year because of availability of the two sailing clubs Murten and Sempach on the same week-end. We decided to go to Sempach for our first competition this year. Five boats are present to race on the 9 May, but we aren't lucky: no wind during all the week-end !!!

Three crews are deciding to meet in Neuchâtel for the "Semaine du Joran"-Regatta to train crews for the international regattas.

We have had very good conditions to sail in front of Neuchâtel every evening this week.

International activity:

-1 crew at the Italian Championship in Porto San-Giorgio.

Our veteran crew Desplands-Lambelet-Monnier decided once again to travel to the South and have had a very pleasant trip.

-2 Swiss boats at the European Championship in Finland.

The 46th European Championship was organized in Järvenpää on the lake Tuusula for the 50th anniversary of the Lightning-Class in Finland.

In spite of the absence of any Italian crew, very good participation of 21 boats for this championship, with the presence of the US crew of Dick Hallagan.

After 12 races, sailed in middle and heavy airs conditions, the Swiss crew of *Meltemi* Wyler-Dürr-Dürr finished first and won the title of European Champion for the third time. Congratulations !!!

-1 Swiss boat at the first European Master Championship.

After the decision of the crew Desplands-Lambelet-Monnier not to travel to Finland at the last moment, your commodore with his wife and the Finnish crew Ollila have been the only foreigner European crew to participate at this master.

Encouraging participation of 13 boats for this first European master.

At the end of the 6 races the US crew Hallagan-Foster-Craig won the championship and the Swiss crew Perret-Ollila-Perret, as first European, carried back the title of European Master 1998.

Thanks at all our Finnish friends who wonderfully organized these two great events and "rendez-vous" in Switzerland next year on the Murten lake.

Activity in Switzerland:

Sempach 9/10 May

Participation of five boats at our spring regatta. No air all the weekend !!!

Neuchâtel 17/18 October

Five boats at our District Championship in Neuchâtel hold by our traditional "Fondue" regatta.

Very heavy airs and waves on Saturday with three boats capsizing, light airs on Sunday but just enough to sail three races.

We are preparing the next season with highest event in summer with the European and European Master Championships in Murten and are expecting an increase of activity for this occasion.

Very good season 99, welcome in Switzerland !

Jacques Perret

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore Steve Harris
District Secretary John Waskom
District Champion Steve Harris
District Runner-Up Scott Anderson

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club 35;
Rush Creek Yacht Club 435; Lake Conroe Association 505

1998 was a year of challenge for the Texas District. We spent more than the usual effort attempting to keep our current members actively participating in the sailing program. Spring brought the season openers and the beginning of the travel season. The annual Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta at the Shreveport (LA) yacht Club attracted 6 boats with Steve Harris and Scott Anderson from our District taking the honors.

In our efforts to stimulate District-wide participation, we broke a long-standing tradition and moved the 1998 District Championship to the Houston area. The Seabrook Sailing Club on Galveston Bay was kind enough to conduct the races and proved an abundance of wind and wave on the very shallow bay. The windy conditions were met with mixed results including the usual problems of: rudder detached from the transom, foredeck crew overboard, capsize with bent spreader, and for some of you old hands, one boats sailing with a reefed main. When the spray cleared it was: Steve Harris (Fleet 505), Scott Anderson (Fleet 435), Bryce Mowbray (Fleet 505), Billy Bennett (Fleet 505), Ralph Bilnoski (Fleet 35), Chris Shipman (Fleet 505), John Waskom (Fleet 35).

Scott Anderson went on to represent the Texas District at the North Americans and sailed in the Governor's Fleet.

We concluded the '98 season December 5th at the Conroe Yacht Club's annual Toys for Tots Regatta. The sailing was great and the competition close with Steve Harris again providing the sailing lessons. At the close of the day it was: Steve Harris (Fleet 505), Scott Anderson (Fleet 435), Chris Shipman (Fleet 505), John Waskom (Fleet 35).

As the '98 season comes to a close, we reflect upon the good times and comradeship of this season and look forward with anticipation to the upcoming season in 1999.

John Waskom

US @ LARGE DISTRICT

Rocky Mountain Fleet 488 (See Fleet Report)

URUGUAY DISTRICT

District Secretary Guillermo Rondini Meneses

No Report.

FIRST INTERSECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES **BEST FOUR OF FIVE REGATTAS, SCORED ON RANK FINISH**

Long John
 Monmouth Boat Club
 Red Bank, NJ
 METROPOLITAN
 April 25-26

Spring Classic
 Pymatuning Yacht Club
 Jamestown, PA
 OHIO
 May 9-10

60th
 Skaneateles Country Club
 Skaneateles, NY
 CENTRAL NEW YORK
 July 4-5

Red Flannels
 Chicago Corinthian YC
 Chicago, IL
 MIDWEST
 September 26-27

Bluenose
 Harbor Island Yacht Club
 Nashville, TN
 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
 November 7-9

Final

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Dick Hallagan
 Sean Fidler
 Jack Elfman
 Jeff Hagman

THE FIRST INTERSECTIONAL CIRCUIT

Dick Hallagan won the first Intersectional Circuit, and was the only one to travel to all five of the regattas on the schedule.

This is a new circuit, originated by Bill Faude, designed to promote more traveling between Districts. For 1998 we selected five regattas. The best four of the five were scored, using the finishing rank for each contestant, and trophies were presented at the final regatta, the Bluenose. The five regattas were:

Long John in Red Bank, NJ, April 25-26
 Pymatuning Spring Classic, May 9-10
 60th Anniversary, Skaneateles, NY, July 4-5
 Red Flannels, Chicago, September 26-27
 Bluenose, Nashville, TN, November 7-8.

Results are posted at left.

THE 1999 INTERSECTIONAL REGATTA CIRCUIT

For 1999, we are looking for a better name for our Intersectional Regatta Circuit. Bill Faude is calling it "The Road Show" for now.

For 1999, The Road Show will count the best 4 out of six regattas:

- ◆ Long John
 Monmouth Boat Club
 Red Bank, NJ
 METROPOLITAN
 April 24-25
- ◆ Mid-Continent
 Carlyle Sailing Association
 Hazlet, IL
 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
 May 1-2
- ◆ Canadian Open Championship
 Buffalo Canoe Club
 Ridgeway, Ontario
 LAKE ERIE
 June 19-20
- ◆ Devils Lake
 Devils Lake Yacht Club
 Manitou Beach, MI
 MICHIGAN
 September 18-19
- ◆ Borderline
 Kerr Lake, NC
 SOUTHEASTERN
 October 23-24
- ◆ Bluenose
 Harbor Island Yacht Club
 Nashville, TN
 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
 November 6-7

Have some fun! Boldly go where you may not have been before! See strange new worlds and experience the thrills they can offer! Get into The Road Show!

For 2000 we plan to include 7 regattas and count the best 5, starting with Miami or Savannah.

