

AFRICA DISTRICT

District Contact Helmut Braun

Fleet: Lagos 510

No Report.

ARGENTINA DISTRICT

Argentina Vice President Hector Longarela

District Commodore Osvaldo Bordino

Fleets: Club Nautico Olivos 206; Buenos Aires 446

The fleet here is growing stronger. At this moment we have 9 boats active, almost all of them are in the Yacht Club. New owners are very interested in the class.

Last year for the Sudamerican's we had 7 boats and Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela & Pepe Bettini was the winner crew with "Gaucho Negro"(Arg 11649). Roberto Ricoveri, Gabriel Berberian & Rolando Turrado with Marmolin (Arg 11037) was the Runner up and Pablo Bordino, Roberto Gomez, Jolly & Emilio finished 3rd.

The junior team with Pepe Bettini, Franco Valette & Juan Coffone finished 3rd in the Youth Worlds in Greece.

The crew who represented us in the Southern Circuit, The North Americans & The Orange Bowl Regatta was Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela & Victor Lobos. They finished 9th in Savannah, 3rd in Miami & 16th in St Pete. They finished 7th overall in the circuit!!!

They had excellent qualifiers at the North Americans and finished 18th in the Championship Fleet.

During the excellent Orange Bowl Regatta they worked very well and finished 3rd with two bullets!! Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the next one.

This year Argentina will be represented at the Worlds in Italy and the South American's in Chile. The next year we have the Sudamerican games in Cordoba and our class will be present.

The Argentina Team would like to say "Thanks a lot for your support." A la Reina del Grove, Fay Regan and the Lightning Class and The Lightning people.

Hector Longarela, Vice President from Argentina.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

District Commodore Claudio Biekarck

District Treasurer John Julio Jansen

District Measurer Claus Bromberg

Fleets: Sao Paulo 147; Guanabara 401; Guarapiranga 462

No Report.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore Jim Sears

District Secretary Elissa Hall

District Measurer Bruce Arnold

District Champion Scott Finkboner

District Runner Up Wendell Harter

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

Our premiere event, the California Circuit, was once again a great week. Although the format was slightly different from prior years, thirteen races over five days in four different venues were sailed in beautiful weather, perfect winds, only to be topped by the best Mahi-Mahi dinner on the planet! Teams came from Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Missouri, and of course, there were all the locals. This week was a ton of fun both on and off the water.

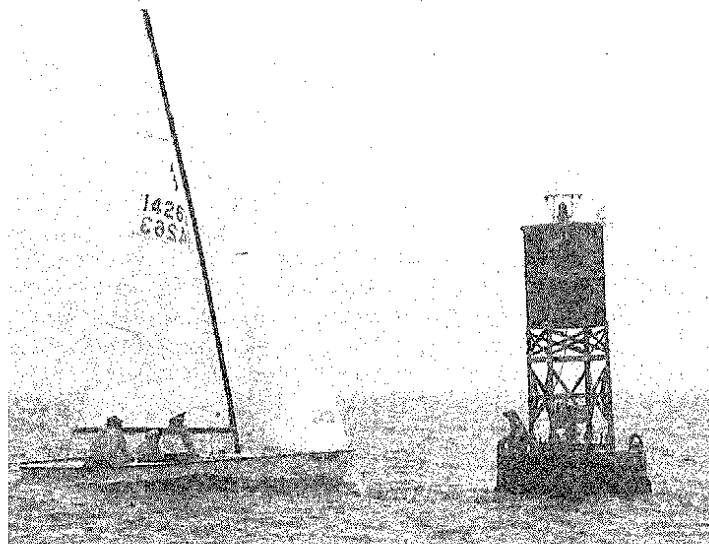
King Harbor hosted the first "leg" of the series with five perfect races in typical California weather. Matt Burridge, from Saint Louis, used the excuse of a business trip to Los Angeles as an alibi to sail in the circuit. Jim Sears teamed up with his Lightning mentors Dan Moriarty and Matt to sweep King Harbor.

The Circuit then moved south to Coronado for the Marathon up to Mission Bay. This is always a challenge, even to the locals and circuit regulars, as you never know what the Pacific has to offer. When all was sailed and done, Jim and Dan, sans Matt, won, again. Day four is up to three ocean races, two, were sailed this year. Jim and Dan squeaked out another win. Last year's circuit winner, Jerry Neuberger from Vancouver Lake, Oregon, got his new mast tuned, and showed the kids how to sail the short, inside the Bay courses.



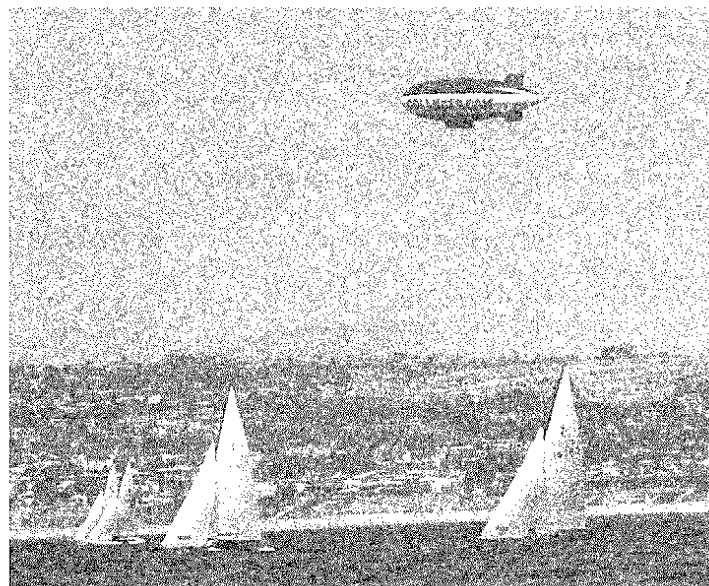
Dan Moriarty and crew at the Bay Series of the CA Circuit.

Jim and Dan won three of the four events to take the overall circuit. Joel Humphrey and Mark Allen from Michigan, were co-skippers of the second place team with Mark Wray crewing. Local ace, Scott Finkboner with Tom Davies and Jill Carman finished third. Jerry's wife Sandy, received the Susan B. Arnold Trophy, for being the top female sailor that raced the entire Circuit. This week of sailing featured everything from long, windward-leeward courses in the ocean, to short 30-minute five lap races, to the 26-mile marathon. It is a must for your Spring Break.



The foggy Marathon Race. Note the seal on 'Green 3' keeping track of roundings!

The California District Championship was held at King Harbor YC in conjunction with the Tom Collier Memorial regatta. The big winner of the weekend was cancer research, but on the race course, it was Scott Finkboner hands down! The Tom Collier was a multi-class, reverse start race with about 50 boats ranging from San Juan 20's to Ultimate 20 catamarans to larger keelboats. At race's end Scott was able to fend off the fast charging cats to take the bullet and Jim Sears was able hold onto third place. The next day came our three race district regatta with Scott taking the win. Wendell Harter won the last race to secure second place.



The California Ocean Series is such a huge event it even pulls the blimp!

The San Francisco Fleet was relatively quiet this year, with their fleet members off sailing other boats! They will be back sailing the Lightnings in 2001, now that they got that out of their systems. They will

be hosting the Pacific Coast Championship in September and look forward to traveling to their sister fleets for additional sailing.

2000 was a nice year out here in California. We have several new young faces in the fleets and this has added a few new boats to the starting lines. We have continuous inquiries for boats, but have a severe shortage. If you are thinking of selling your boat, send it our way.

Elissa Hall and Jim Sears

photos by Edna Johnson

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore Bill Bogardus
District Secretary John Demming
District Measurer Jim Carson
District Treasurer Jack Elfman
District Champion Jack Elfman
District Runner-Up Mark Schneider

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;
Tohickon Creek 491

CENTRAL ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

June 16	Metedeconk Tune-Up Brick, NJ
June 23	Leukemia Cup Lake Nockamixon, PA
July 14-15	Central Atlantic District Championship Harvey Cedars, NJ
July 18	Sears Cup Finals-Area C Brick, NJ
August 11-12	Little Egg Down Bay Beach Haven, NJ
August 19-24	Sears Cup Brick, NJ
August 25	New Jersey State Championship Ocean City, NJ
September 22	Manahawkin Bay Cup Surf City, NJ

The Central Atlantic District (CAD) kicked off the 2000 sailing season in June with its Championship Regatta and North American qualifier at Riverton Yacht Club, Riverton, NJ. Jack Elfman of Surf City Yacht Club successfully navigated the Delaware River's strong currents and frequent tides to win the championship and top the fleet of 22 boats. Mark Schneider of the host club sailed extremely well and placed a close second. Ron Baerwitz, also of Riverton, finished third.

In July, Barnegat Light Yacht Club, Harvey Cedars, NJ, was the host of The New Jersey State Championship. A record 35 boats participated in the regatta on Barnegat Bay. Jack Huntsman of Monmouth Boat Club played the light-air shifts well in the morning and cruised through the strong gusts in the afternoon to win the regatta. Jack Elfman finished second and Steve Warren, also representing Surf City, placed third. Carib Beer sponsored the regatta and provided race participants with bottle-opener key chains, t-shirts, and refreshments after a hard fought day on the water.

The New Jersey State Junior Championship was also held in July at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Metedeconk, NJ. Andrew Brennan of

Metedeconk won all three races over Cortney O'Connor also of Metedeconk. We're looking forward to the participation of these rising stars at future CAD regattas.

The CAD had nine boats participate in the North American Championship at Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, MD, in August. Jack Elfman represented the CAD in the Championship series and placed thirteenth overall. In The President's Cup, Brian Taboda of Metedeconk led the CAD fleet with a second place finish, followed by Jim Carson (Metedeconk; 6), Paul Gelenitis (Metedeconk; 12), Mike Hnatt (Metedeconk; 19), and John Faus (Barnegat Light; 28). The Governor's Cup had Joe Buczkowski of Metedeconk at the head of the CAD pack with a fourth place finish, followed by Daryl Waskow (Surf City; 24), and Dick Moyer (Riverton; 25).

Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, Beach Haven, NJ, hosted their annual Down Bays Regatta on Barnegat Bay. Rich Warren of Surf City took top honors while Mitch Hnatt of Metedeconk placed second. Andy Temme, also of Surf City, finished third.

The 2001 CAD Championship will be hosted by Barnegat Light July 14-15, 2001, and the New Jersey State Championship will be held at Ocean City Yacht Club on August 25, 2001.

2000 was a terrific year for the CAD as many regattas received record turnouts. We're looking forward to building on that enthusiasm in 2001 with Bill Bogardus at helm as our new Commodore. Stay tuned for CAD announcements and our schedule of regattas in upcoming issues of Flashes.

CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT

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

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

No Report.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Commodore Jesse Miller
District Secretary Daniel Koretz
District Measurer Ed Seyerlein
Assistant Measurer John Atkins
District Champion Federico Meira
District Runner-Up Dick Hallagan

Fleets: Skaneateles 1; Lake Delta 4; Onondaga 10;
Newport Yacht Club 77; Great Sodus Bay 108;
Willow Bank 164; Henderson Harbor 225;
Keuka Lake 252; Galway Lake 338; Ithaca 484

Racing for 7 CNY skippers started with the Southern Circuit in March. Dick Hallagan, Jack Jones and Jed Dodge did all three venues. Chad Atkins, Jesse Miller, Bob Wardwell and Ed Seyerlein also sailed in one or more events.

Sailing in the district began with the traditional opener at the Newport Yacht Club the first weekend in June. Eighteen boats sailed in beautiful breezes. Mark Sertl with Dave Baum and Tom Hart swept the series with

5 bullets. Dick Hallagan was second, Matt Simpson third, Jean Palm and Peter Hallagan co-skipping were fourth, and Clay Murphy was fifth.

A Junior trophy was given this year. That was won by Matt Simpson from Toronto with Dan Sprague and Jessica Simpson as crew. Logan McReynolds was second, and Billy Farmer third.

The CNY District Championship was held June 10th and 11th at Willow Bank Y.C. 22 CNY District boats and 2 from out of the district competed. 4 races were sailed Saturday in gusty, shifty conditions and one race on Sunday was in the rain. Federico Meira from Cazenovia with Cherylanne Kirchenheider, and Mark Lesinski won the district championship. Dick Hallagan was second, Bob Wardwell third, John Boxberger fourth, and Jed Dodge fifth. Bill Fastiggi from the New England District was first overall.

The next Regatta was the Champagne Regatta held at Keuka Y.C. on June 24th and 25th. Fifteen boats competed. Two long races were sailed on Saturday and three quick races sailed in building breezes were sailed on Sunday. Jean Palm won the regatta with Bob Bush second, Dick Hallagan third, Clay Murphy fourth, and Landy Atkinson fifth. Keuka YC as usual threw a great party with wine tasting in addition to the usual keg and hors d'oeuvres before dinner and a swinging old time band afterward.

The Central NY Regatta was the fourth two day regatta in our series. It is a multiclass regatta that has been held since the early part of the century. It was held at Skaneateles YC this year. Seventeen lightnings participated in less than ideal conditions. One race was held on Saturday in a light, steady rain. No races were started on Sunday because of lack of wind. Dick Hallagan won, with Bob Wardwell second, Clay Murphy third, Peter Schwartz fourth, and Corey Sertl fifth.

The last CNY two day regatta was held on August 5th and 6th at Sodus Yacht Club. It was part of the larger LYRA Leukemia Cup regatta. Saturday was sailed in beautiful weather on Lake Ontario. Sunday races were sailed in Sodus Bay. Eighteen Lightnings participated. Jed Dodge from Sodus won it, Bob Wardwell was second, Dick Hallagan third, Peter Schwartz fourth, and Ed Seyerlein fifth.

The CNY Blue Jacket Trophy is a season trophy based on a system of scoring the number of boats beaten for each of the five two day regattas. Dick Hallagan won it again, Clay Murphy was second, Landy Atkinson third, Ed Seyerlein fourth, and Bob Wardwell fifth. A total of 50 CNY boats participated during the season.

In addition to the two day regattas we also scheduled five one day regattas. They were:

WJM at Henderson Harbor on 7/22/00. We had a beautiful sunny day and 14 boats. Sterling Bush won the women's with Jean Palm second. Billy Farmer won the Jrs. with Brad White runner up. Dick Hallagan won the Masters with Jesse Miller second.

Onondaga Lake One Day on 8/25/00. We had 25 boats due to Craig Thayers persistence. We sailed 5 quick races in manageable breezes. Bob Wardwell was first and Jed Dodge was second.

Skaneateles Lake One Day 9/9/00. 20 boats raced 4 races in manageable breezes. Jed Dodge was first and Dick Hallagan was 2nd. At the end of the day we relaxed with Mick Barnes tasty homemade brew.

Caz One day on 9/23/00. Blown out, No Races. We did enjoy home made venison chilli by Clay Murphy and others.

Ithaca Frostbite 10/15/00. 14 boats sailed two races in light breezes. Dick Hallagan won and Jesse Miller was second.

CNY Junior Sailors John Boxberger (skipper), Robin Ghertner, and Robert King participated in the Lightning Youth World Championship in Athens, Greece in July. They finished 6th out of 18 boats.

We plan to use the Fierce Competitor scoring system from the Border Line Regatta in 2001 for an additional series of awards in several of our regattas. This system awards bonus points for boats with lower hull numbers and should help to level the playing field.

Many thanks to Dr. Dan Koretz for 18 years of excellent service as the District's Sec./Treasurer. Eileen Lob-Fontier is the new Sec./Treasurer.

Jesse Miller

CNY District Commodore

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CHILE DISTRICT

Chile Vice President Tito Gonzalez Mas
District Commodore Eric Velasquez Beltran
District Secretary Ignacio Bazaure
District Class Secretary Guillermo Arriagada

Fleets: Antofagasta 318; Aculeo Lake 490

No Report.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

Columbia Vice President Roberto Laignelet
District Commodore Mauricio Valenzuela
District Measurer Felipe Castillo
. Rodolfo Salmang
National Champion Solmar Bermudez
National Runner Up Roberto Laignelet
District Champion Juan Carlos Uscategui
District Runner Up Mauricio Valenzuela

Fleets: Club Nautico El Muno 73; Club Nautico
El Portillo 501

During this year the class was very active; we did have three major regattas. The average fleet was 15 boats with a high of 19. This seems to be not very good participation, but regarding the economical problems that still affect our country the number is significant. We hope next year we will have better attendance at our events.

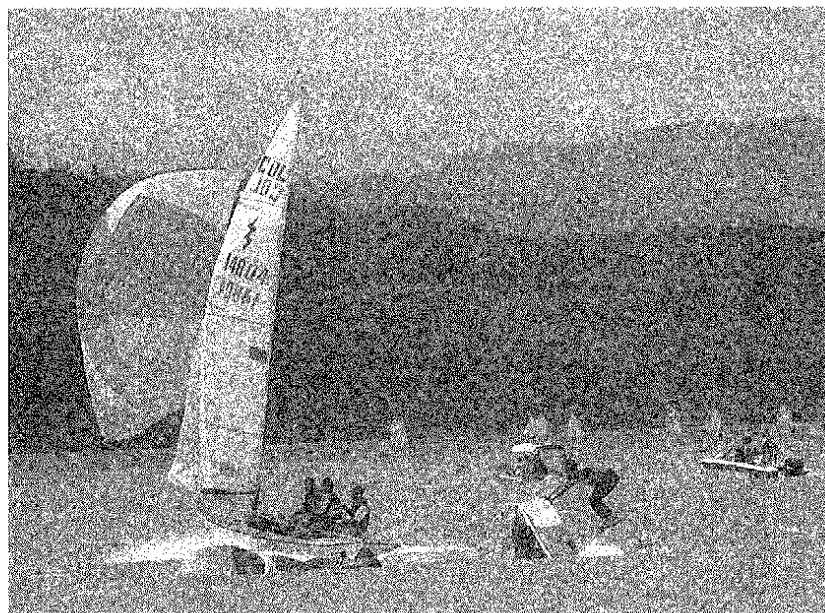
The highlight of the year was the 55 Years Celebration of Fleet 073, Club Nautico Muna, on October 14th-16th. The Class Organization did a terrific job to welcome every body to this regatta party. We did have a very good time. We had 19 boats at this event. Sebastian Higuera, Camilo Salcedo and Nicolas Deeb won this Championship.

Results:

1. Juan Sebastian Higuera/Camilo Salcedo/Nicolas Deeb
1 4 1 6 6
2. Juan Carlos Uscategui/Juan Camilo Bustos/Paula Douat
4 1 3 7 8
3. Solmar Bermudez/Pedro Londono/Roberto Londono
5 3 6 1 9
4. Mauricio Valenzuela/Alberto Valenzuela/Tomas Valenzuela
3 8 4 3 10
5. Gustavo Tamayo/Nevardo Guerrero/Juan Carlos Herkrath
6 5 2 4 11
6. Roberto Laignelet/Rodrigo Mora/Maritzza Vargas
11 2 5 5 12

7. Mauricio Mutiz/Javier Higuera/Camilo Escallon
2 7 8 14 17
8. Catalina Deeb/Dany Delgado/Alex Bermudez
12 12 7 2 21
9. Felipe Recaman/Carolina Plazas/Tatiana Plazas
7 6 10 11 23
10. Hernando Ramirez/Nestor Parra/Carlos Abisambra
9 9 9 12 27
11. Roberto Londono/Yolanda Sarmiento/Arturo Leyva
10 10 14 9 29
12. Alvaro Bustos/Santiago Nebel/Nicolas Higuera
8 11 13 18 32
13. Jaime Loboguerrero/Fernando Plazas/Catalina Loboguerrero
14 14 11 15 39
14. Andres Iriarte/R. Gutierrez/Alejandro Gomez
15 13 15 17 43
15. Santiago Uscategui/Jorge Uscategui/Jan Martinen
DNC DNC 16 8 44
16. Andres Hernandez/Jorge Londono/Vicky de Hernandez
DNS 17 17 10 44
17. Jaime Castillo/Manuel Varon/Javier Delgado
17 16 12 16 44
18. Mauricio Ortiz/Natalia Ramirez/Benoit Bichon
16 15 DNS 13 44
19. Fernando Diaz/Marcela Sanjinez/Alejandro Cardenas
13 18 18 DNF 49

Two South American Championships took place during the past year. The first one in Salinas Ecuador (for 1999) where Sebastian Higuera, Camilo Salcedo and Nicolas Deeb from Bogota took 1st place and the second in a row. The second Championship in San Pablo, Ecuador (for 2000) where Mauricio Valenzuela, Alberto Valenzuela and Tomas Valenzuela took 3rd place. The participation of Colombia in the South American Championship has been very successful in the last few years.



Race Five at the District Championship

The District Championship was held in Club Nautico Portillo on April 29th- May 1st in perfect weather. The winds varied from 5 to 15 knots throughout the weekend, except in race 5 where we had 20 to 24 knots of stormy winds. We had four capsizes and many DNF's in that race. Juan Carlos Uscategui, Juan Camilo Bustos and Paula Douat won the event. The runner up was Mauricio Valenzuela, Alberto Valenzuela and Tomas Valenzuela.

Results:

1. Juan Carlos Uscategui/Juan Camilo Bustos/Paula Douat	1	6	1	1	1	5	9
2. Mauricio Valenzuela/Alberto Valenzuela/Tomas Valenzuela	3	3	4	8	3	3	16
3. Felipe Castillo/William Kemens/Mauricio Mutis	4	2	5	7	5	2	18
4. Loreana Jacob/Jessica Jacob/Phillipe Jacob	2	1	11	5	7	4	19
5. Miguel Ribon/Santiago Douat/Daniel Borrero	8	8	3	11	4	1	24
6. Rafael Tamayo/Camila Isaza/Gustavo Tamayo	9	7	7	2	2	6	24
7. Roberto Laignelet/Rodrigo Mora/Maritza Vargas	6	4	9	3	DNF	DNS	36
8. Alvaro Bustos/Ana Bustos/Susana Salcedo	10	12	2	6	8	DNS	38
9. Richard Deeb/Catalina Deeb/Rafael Chavez	7	5	6	10	DNF	DNS	42
10. Juan Sebastian Higuera/Camilo Salcedo/Nicolas Deeb	5	10	10	4	DNF	DNS	43
11. Roberto Londono/Yolanda Sarmiento/Nevardo Guerrero	11	9	8	12	6	DNS	46
12. Martin Isaza/Juan Carlos Herkrath/Manuel Isaza	12	11	12	9	DNF	DNF	58
13. Rafael Gutierrez/Andres Iriarte/Juan Camilo Iriarte	13	13	13	DNS	DNS	DNS	67

In September, at Club Nautico el Portillo, with 14 sailboats, the National Championship was held. Solmar Bermudez, Pedro and Roberto Londono won this event. Second was the team of Roberto Laignelet, Pedro Latiff and Maritza Vargas. We had light winds and much friendship.

Starting line at the National Championship

Results:

1. Solmar Bermudez/Pedro Londono/Roberto Londono	2	1	9	2	5	1	11
2. Roberto Laignelet/Pedro Latiff/Maritza Vargas	6	6	2	1	2	3	14
3. Juan Carlos Uscategui/Carlos Andrade/Paula Douat	7	8	1	13	1	2	19
4. Rafael Tamayo/Gustavo Tamayo/Nevardo Guerrero	1	2	7	3	7	9	20
5. Sebastian Higuera/Camilo Salcedo/Nicolas Deeb	8	5	5	10	6	4	28
6. Mauricio Valenzuela/Alberto Valenzuela/Tomas Valenzuela	5	4	4	9	8	16	30
7. Mauricio Mutis/Javier Higuera/Camilo Escallon	9	13	6	4	3	10	32
8. Richard Deeb/Catalina Deeb/Rafael Chavez	3	11	16	5	10	8	37
9. Felipe Recaman/Carolina Plazas/Tatiana Plazas	13	3	8	7	11	13	42
10. Hernando Ramirez/Nestor Parra/Hernando Ramirez	11	14	15	8	4	6	42
11. Felipe Castillo/Camilo Yamin/Juan P. Castillo	10	12	3	12	13	7	44
12. Juan Herkrath/Alex Bermudez/Andrei Quintero	4	7	12	14	12	12	47
13. Alvaro Bustos/Ana Bustos/Susana Salcedo	15	10	13	6	9	14	52
14. Roberto Londono/Arturo Leyva/Yolanda Sarmiento	12	9	11	11	14	11	54

We are now preparing ourselves with great enthusiasm for the coming year. Thanks to every body and good luck.

Mauricio Valenzuela



COLOMBIAN DISTRICT SCHEDULE

January 21	Regata Mensual Distrito Colombia
March 3-4, 10-11	Campeonato Nacional Colombia Y Ecuador
April 28-May 1	Campeonato Ecuador-Colombia
May 20	Regata Mensual Distrito Colombia
June 9-10	Copa ACC Distrito Colombia Y Selectivo Norteamericano
July 28-29	Regata De La Armada Distrito Colombia
August 26	Regata Mensual Distrito Colombia
September 29-30	Selectivo Suramericano Chile 2001
October 13-15	Campeonato Distrital Colombia
October 27-28	Copa Livesa Distrito Colombia
December 2	Regata Obregon Distrito Colombia

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

Fleets: Housatonic 6; Niantic Bay Yacht Club 85;
Cedar Point 126; Madison Beach Club 129

No Report.

DIXIE DISTRICT

Fleets: Washington DC 50; Susquehanna 253;
Sassafrass River 314; Rehoboth 325; Severn
River 329; Swift Creek 496; Fishing Bay 509

The highlight of 2000 for the Dixie District was the combined effort of several clubs and Fleets to hold the 2000 North Americans, Women's, Junior's and Master's Regattas. Fishing Bay, home of Fleet 509, in Deltaville, VA ran the Women's, Junior's and Master's. Severn Sailing Association, home of Fleet 329, and neighboring Eastport Yacht Club held the North Americans on the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis MD. The efforts of these organizations made both events a success. Fleet 329 is very appreciative of the members of other Fleets who traveled to Annapolis to assist in measurement and registration for the North Americans.

The Dixie District is generating more activity with new boats and new owners. We are seeing a greater interest in one design small boat racing as some of the big boat sailors have discovered that small is fun. In addition to Annapolis, we have other wonderful venues for sailing. If you have never been to Solomons (Fleet 508) or Fishing Bay (Fleet 509), we recommend that you come.

Fleet 50 (Potomac River Sailing Club) sails from the Washington Sailing Marina and races every Sunday on the Potomac River. It is led by Fleet Captain Nabcel Alsalam and Fleet Secretary Joe Warren. Fleet 50 has been a strong force within the District. They sponsored the Doc Gilbert in Leesylvania State Park on the Potomac River. Jeff Storck of Fleet 50 organized the first Lightning Labs for the District. Twelve boats participated in a well run and very beneficial training session with Bill

Pastiggi as instructor. It was great to see the improvement as the weekend progressed. Joe Warren wrote an article that was published by "Spinsheer", a publication focusing on Chesapeake Bay area sailing. Fleet 50 also sponsored the Leukemia Cup in September.

Fleet 253 (Susquehanna River) with Starling Mikell III as Fleet Captain held a second reconstituted Sweet Corn Regatta the weekend before the North American's. There were 7 visitors and 8 locals. This was a wonderful turnout as several teams were unable to participate due to the closeness of the 2000 NA's. It is a fun place to go. Camping is available at the clubhouse, and the Sweet Corn picnic is a great family party. Let's get more boats next year! The date is August 4-5, 2001.

Fleet 325 (Rehoboth Beach), led by Dave Racine, held the Delaware Governor's Cup regatta the first weekend of June on Rehoboth Bay. This is a good place to sail with thermal generated sea breezes and little wave action. We anticipate that this regatta will continue to grow over the next few years, and hope that it can become a major inter-District event.

DIXIE DISTRICT SCHEDULE

May 5-6	Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup Leesylvania State Park, VA
May 19-20	SSA No Gas Regatta Annapolis, MD
May 26-27	PRSA Spring Regatta Washington, DC
June 9-10	Delaware Governor's Cup Rehoboth, DE
June 16-17	Dixie District Championship Annapolis, MD
July 21-22	SSA Summer Regatta II Annapolis, MD
August 4-5	Sweet Corn Regatta York-Lancaster, PA
September 8-9	Leukemia/President's Cup Washington, DC
September 15-16	SSA Fall Regatta Annapolis, MD
September 15-16	SMSA Small Boat Regatta Solomons, MD
October 20-21	50th SSA Frigid Digit Annapolis, MD

Fleet 329 (SSA), led by Phil Grotheer, ran a successful North Americans. The Fleet is healthy with several new owners and one new boat. The Frigid Digit was held in October and was a fitting end to a very active year. Holding the 2000 North Americans was a positive shot in the arm for the Fleet. There will be at least one new boat, and there are serious inquiries by several individuals for 2001. Outgoing Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer and incoming Fleet Captain Joe Guth are expecting great things in 2001.

Members of Fleet 508 (Solomons), led by Fleet Captain Dave Meiser and Fleet Secretary Don Behrens, have upgraded their fleet with new purchases and recycling of one boat within the fleet. There is more local interest as the fleet becomes more active. They sponsored the Dixie Districts in June and an open regatta in September.

Fleet 509 (Fishing Bay) has suffered the loss of Bob Wardwell, who moved to New York State. Ron Buchanan has ably filled those shoes. They held the 2000 Women's, Master's and Junior's in a new format that increased participation. Ron reports that he is looking for boats for club members who have expressed an interest in the class.

Looking forward to next year, we see opportunities for growth and fun. With the Lightning Labs, we expect the District sailors to take another positive step forward. Attending more inter-District regattas early in the year will provide our members with more exposure and chances to grow before the Districts and NA's.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

Class Secretary Francisco Sola Tanca
Ecuador Vice President Carlos LeCaro
District Champion Jaime SantaCruz
Runner-Up Juan Santos

Fleets: Salinas Yacht Club 405; San Pablo 447

No Report.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Vice President Pentti Laitinen
District Commodore Martti Lahtinen
District Secretary Maija Karhusaari
District Measurer Jari Aromaa
District Champion Kari Huusko
District Runner-up Kimmo Aromaa

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

No Report.

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore Barr Batzer
District Secretary Amy Smith Linton
District Measurer Steve Hayden
District Champion Jim Alman
District Runner-Up Steve Hayden

Fleets: Biscayne Bay 226; Cedar 478; North Florida 461;
Suncoast 502

*District Commodore
Barr Batzer, right
after
the election.*

Hey, this year wasn't ALL about disputed elections and dimpled chads. It looked like another year of Lightning growth and ambition in the Sunshine State. Again in 2000, we strengthened the ties between Fleet 502 and Fleet 226 through e-mail



(click on www.mastheadsailinggear.com/fleet502) to see what we've been up to.), shared practices, and of course, Alligator Alley.

A well attended Southern Circuit started our year with all the conditions a sailor could expect. Florida teams led by Steve Hayden and Jeff Linton made the top three in Savannah, and Bill Mauk and Steve Hayden finished in the top fifteen in the other two venues.

The real excitement this year centered on the District Championships. With this NA's a Worlds qualifier, the districts were hotly contested. Sixteen boats were vying for our limited number of spots to the 2000 NA's. How limited was a serious question, as the district scrambled to register sufficient skippers to earn another spot and then another for the NA's. Just before the registration deadline, the class granted us something like eight spots and we didn't fill them. Dang! Next time!

This year's districts were held in Tampa, in mid-May, which was a few weeks past Tampa Bay's prime wind conditions. Jim Alman won in a nail-biter finish in light air. Weather aside, the Districts did, however, host a very lively annual meeting and some good eating. Barr Batzer, who usually crews with Steve Hayden, was elected Commodore, much to his surprise. At the meeting, we voiced unanimous support for a Worlds Championship bid for Miami in 2003 as well as for the use of electronic compasses.

In any case, Florida sent a bumper crop of skippers to the NA's: Steve Hayden (3rd place), Bill Mauk (9th), Jeff Linton (17th), Eamonn DeLisser (29th), and Jim Alman (31st and Fallon Trohpy, a.k.a. the "Pickle" trophy) in the Championship Fleet. Dave Helmick finished 17th in the President's Cup Fleet, and Joe Buczkowski, sailing on a bye, finished 4th in the Governor's Cup Fleet. (Joe also took an extraordinary thru-hull hit to the bottom of his boat at the regatta. He could have charged admission for the steady stream of gawkers who came by to cervaas the situation.)

In addition to the "regular" NA's, Florida was represented by Carol Ewing (5th) in the Women's NA's, by the Davey Helmick (12th) in the Junior NA's, and by Bill Mauk (4th), Fisk Hayden (5th), and John Ewing (21st) in the Master's NA's. Wow! We don't have the biggest roster in the country, but we have players!

FLORIDA DISTRICT SCHEDULE

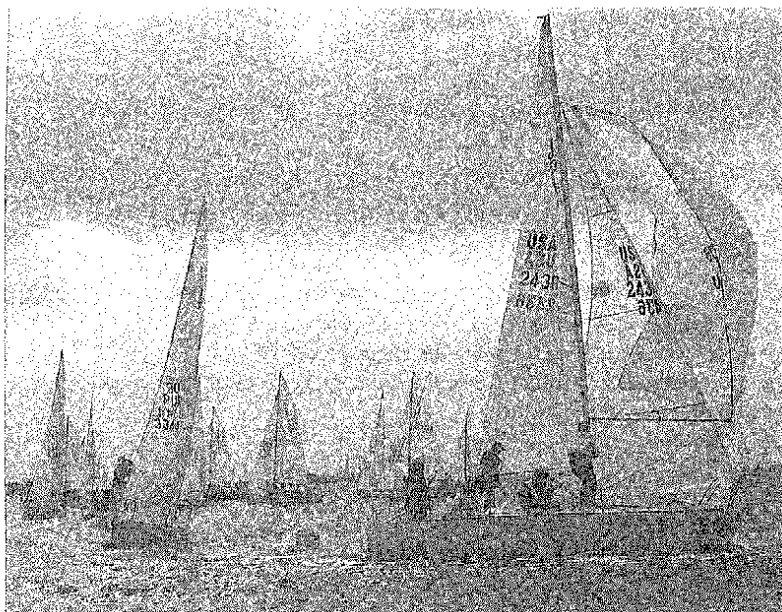
May 4	Florida District Masters Championship BBYC, Miami
May 5-6	Florida District Championship BBYC, Miami
October 20-21	Chris Young Memorial Regatta CGYC, Miami
December 8	Miami Fall Series MYC, Miami
December 26-30	Miami Orange Bowl Regatta CGYC, Miami

Some other highlights of the year: We are very proud to have our own Carol Ewing elected Commodore of the Coral Reef Yacht Club. It's a feather in several caps, and it's a real benefit for the Lightning class. Fleet 502 skipper Jeff Linton won the Sunfish North Americans this year and second at the Sunfish Worlds. Jeff was also named Sailor of the Year at Davis Island Yacht Club. Miami boy Bill Mauk was named ILYC Vice President of Rules, so don't forget to salute him! By the way, it's interesting to note how many VP's live here in our district: Snowbirds Colin Park and Karen Park, Laura Jeffers, Jim Alman, Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden, Carol Ewing, and Bill Mauk.



left- John Ewing
of Miami
right-Dave
Hemick and Bill
Meyer at 2000
Districts, Davis
Island

below- Multi-
talented Lightning
sailors;
Jeff Linton, Steve
Hayden, Barr
Batzer and Mark
Taylor at J24
2000 Midwinters.



The Florida Triple Crown this year included just two venues, Miami and Tampa. Bill Mauk nipped away with the victory, with a single point lead over John Rouse. Team Helmick came in third. Commodore Batzer promises a revised Florida Triple Crown format for next year.

Thanks to the hard work of Dominic Marsden of Fleet 226, the Orange Bowl Regatta this year will include Lightnings, and it looks as if we'll have a very strong international fleet. Looking forward to another year of racing in the subtropics, we hope to see you-all in the coming year.
Amy Smith Linton

Florida Triple Crown results:

1. Bill Mauk (Chris Young: 1,3,13,2,5, Thanksgiving: 1,1,2,7 total 22)
2. John Rouse (Chris Young: 3,5,5,1,1, Thanksgiving: 3,8,4,1 total 23)
3. Dave Helmick (Chris Young: 7,4,7,7,13, Thanksgiving: 7,3,3,2 total 40)
4. Taylor/Linton (Chris Young: 13,2,1,13,13, Thanksgiving: 2,4,1,6 total 42)
5. John Bigham (Chris Young: 5,7,6,4,3, Thanksgiving: 6,12,7,5 total 43)

GREECE DISTRICT

Fleets: Salamis 251; Parthenon 286

No report.

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore Ken McGinity
317-846-6320

District Champion Craig Cobbum

District Runner-Up David Schmahl

Fleets: Lake Wawasee 154, Indianapolis Sailing Club 270

We continued this year with two Fleets in the District; #154 located on Lake Wawasee in the northern part of the State and #270 in the central Indianapolis area. At one time, we had boats in the Michigan City, Mississinewa and Lake Monroe areas. We would like to expand again into those areas. The best way to do this will be to strengthen the two existing Fleets. We ask any Lightning sailors throughout the State of Indiana to contact the District Commodore for help in becoming more active.

As in past years, the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta was held in the Spring. In 2001, it will be held on May 5th & 6th at the Indianapolis sailing Club on Geist Lake in Indianapolis. The Fall Hoosier Regatta will be hosted by Fleet 154 on Lake Wawasee. In 2001, it will be held one week earlier than in the past, on Sept. 29th & 30th.

The District Regatta was held on Geist Lake on June 17th & 18th 2000. Five boats from Fleet 154 and three from Fleet 270 participated. Winds for all five races were from the north, 5-10 knots on Saturday and 8-12 on Sunday morning. Craig Cobbum repeated as District Champion with 4 firsts and a fifth. Dave Schmahl was 2nd in a tie breaker with Joe Lassaux who finished 3rd followed by Brad Wagnon in 4th. The Districts in 2001 will be held again in mid-June but on Lake Wawasee. Brad Wagnon will be the 154 Fleet Captain and Pete McGinity Fleet Captain for 270. While no District sailors participated in the 2000 North Americans, both Craig Cobbum and Jeff Schmahl traveled to the Bluenose in Nashville in November where they finished 23rd and 14th respectively in a 45 boat fleet. In 2001, our goal is to get at least 4 boats to both the North Americans and the Bluenose.

Ken McGinity, District Commodore

ITALY DISTRICT

Vice President Franco De Regis
Commodore Antonio Marino
District Secretary Sergio Rustichelli
District Champion Mario Noto
District Runner-Up Carlo Iommi

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

The 2000 has been a great year for our District. We have been sailing all the year through and we have enjoyed our marvellous boats which next year we will sail together in the Europeans and Worlds at the Circolo Velico Marsala.

In the Youth World Championship in Athens, two Italian crews sailed even if the success was not so great. In the month of July we had the pleasure to have in Marsala the President Mary Huntsman and her husband, Sandy. We talked and settled all of the most important items concerning the 2001 Worlds. Mary's visit was a great pleasure for everybody at the Circolo Velico Marsala and a brand new lightning #15013, made by Gianni Pellegrino, was presented to Mary, Sandy and to all the lightning fans of the club.

The Italian District Championship was held in the Lake Trasimeno in September and Mario Noto was the winner, Carlo Iommi was the runner-up and Marcello Attinà was third.

The Italian District Meeting was held in Falconara in November. We set up the results of the qualifying series for the Worlds, as well as the details concerning the incoming events.

Antonio Marino

ITALIAN DISTRICT SCHEDULE	
ITALIAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	28-30 APRIL ANZIO
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP	18-23 JULY MARSALA
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	24-29 JULY MARSALA

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore Bob Starck
District Champion Dave Starck
District Runner-Up Tom Allen, Jr.

Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club 12; Chautauqua 19;
Silver Lake Yacht Club 47; Niagara Sailing Club 59;
Cuba Lake 115; Flying Beaver Club 118;
Toronto Bay 146; Conneaut Bay 180; Chautauqua 198

Five LED boats kicked off the 2000 preseason by sailing the entire Southern Circuit. These boats were Larry MacDonald Jr., Tom Allen Jr., Tom & Dave Starck, David Sprague and Matt Simpson. Larry won the overall series, with Tom Jr. finishing 4th and Tom/Dave 8th.

The regular season began with the BCC Eby Invitational in warmer than usual mid-May waters. Dave Starck led the fleet in this affair, with Toronto's Matt Simpson finishing runner up and the venerable Ed Roseberry garnering third.

Chautauqua's 36th Annual Cornball Regatta, again hosted by the irreplaceable Jim MacDonald, was the next stop on the LED's schedule. Five races in nearly perfect conditions saw Dave Sprague come away with the win, followed by Matt Simpson and Bob Starck.

Attendance at the Districts, hosted by the BCC, was down a bit this year as Dave, Joe and Becky Starck throttled the fleet with a convincing 10 point cushion over runner-up Tom Allen Jr., who, in turn, had 11 points on third place finisher Jody Swanson. Pat Hylant and Kevin Robinson rounded out the top five.

For the first time in a number of years, the LED hosted a Junior Districts which turned out to be a big success. Despite virtually no experience in sailing Lightnings, the learning curve during the two day event was remarkably steep, and by the last couple of races the kids were sailing like old pros. Congratulations to Rachael Maloney, Eryn Whistler and Drew Bergan, the top three finishers. Kudos also go out to Matt Simpson who placed 7th in the Youth World Championship in a tough 18 boat fleet.

The Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake was a heavy air affair this year with plenty of capsizes on Saturday and a cancellation of Sunday's races. After the carnage was sorted out, Cuba Lake's Skip Wilday accepted the winner's hardware, with Dave Sprague finishing second and the host club's John Humphrey third.

The final event on the LED menu, the BCC Fall Regatta, saw Ed Roseberry sail a steady series to take the first place trophy. Pat Hylant and Dick Aubrecht rounded out the top three.

We were all shocked and saddened by the untimely death of long-time district competitor Scott Warrenner who succumbed to a fire at his home in August. Scott, an active Lightning sailor and all-around nice guy, will be dearly missed by his many LED friends and fellow sailors in many neighboring districts.

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

Fleets: Great South Bay 178; Southampton 431;
Orient Yacht Club 506

District Championships were held at Orient Yacht Club. High winds in the morning calmed down to 10 to 15 knots for a perfect sailing day. After 6 races, and a very close point spread, John Lewandowski wins the district trophy that dates back to the mid 40's. Second place was Malcolm Hendry, third was Bruce Hendry, fourth was George Koch.

Southampton Yacht club had 2 fall regattas. The traditional Fall Classic and a new fall inter-fleet regatta. The Fall regatta was run by Jim McCarrick and there were 8 boats. On Saturday we had 5 races. The wind was 12 to 15 knots. On Sunday there were 4 races and the wind was a shifty and puffy 12 to 15 knots. Judy Hanlon from Nyack was the winner. Tom Conners from SHYC was there to help Jim. Tom came out with his own boat to help the regatta be a success. He set the marks and was crash boat. We would like to thank Tom for his help. We would also like to thank Jim McCarrick, for outstanding race committee. Both these men are a testament to how good sailing is possible at a YC. Saturday night dinner consisted of imported Octoberfest beer, lobster, clams, mussels, corn on the cob and plenty of melted butter. After everyone was stuffed, we sat around the fireplace and drank beer. There was talk of creating a series trophy, consisting of the Nyack Last Blast, The SHYC Fall Classic and the Cedar Point Fall Classic. To be continued....

The inter-fleet regatta was created to sail with and socialize with our friends from the other local fleets. Three boats from OYC came and three



Long Island District Members hanging out in Annapolis.

from SHYC. Some sailed shorthanded which was handy, for the winds were light. Beverages were supplied on the water. Salad, Steak on the Barbie, baked potatoes, and corn on the cob was served. First was Malcolm Hendry, second George Koch, third Rachel Sorenson. Hopefully, participation will be improved now that word has gotten out.

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT: On June second of this year Malcolm Hendry and Terri Bouchard are finally getting married.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Gary Hurban
District Secretary / Treasurer J. P. Mann
District Champion Judy Hanlon
District Runner - Up Robert Sengstacken

Fleets: North Shrewsbury River 11; Paupack 16;
Lake Mohawk Yacht Club 25; Chelsea Yacht Club 39;
Monmouth Boat Club 70; Nyack 75;
Awosting Yacht Squadron 95

No Report.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District Commodore Bill Thomas
District Secretary Jeff Hagman
District Treasurer Kevin Nickels
District Measurer Sean Fidler
District Champion Colin Park
District Runner-Up Jim Allen
Traveling Champion Colin Park
Doc Gilbert Award Bob Mathers

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 Yacht Club 204, Saginaw Bay 216;
Burt Lake 254; Grand Traverse Yacht Club 326;
Douglas Lake 374; Lansing Sailing Club 387

The Michigan District started it's season in May. We had lighter than average wins and turnout. Low turnout appeared to have many reasons,

poor weather forecasts, young families of the age with competing interests (soccer, baseball etc.), as well as a bit of apathy among district sailors. We did have a nice District turnout though and hope this bodes well for the coming season.

May 20 and 21st was our regatta at North Cape, just north of Toledo, Ohio and host of the 1989 North American Championship as well as the coming 2002

NA's. North Cape is one of the best places we get to sail on our district and the spring breezes usually hand us strong to excessively strong breezes. This year was light to lighter. We had a bad weather forecast for the weekend and believe this hindered turnout. The Chicago Mafia turned up in full force with the usual cast of characters; Faude, Irving, Stix. Dick Hallagan came in from Rochester, NY. Bill Mauk came up from Miami to crew with the Parks (and see his folks). Colin Park won with Sean Fidler second and Bill Faude third.

Lake Lansing followed North Cape on the first weekend of June. Lake Lansing is a small inland lake near the Michigan State University and home to their sailing team. It has a growing fleet with enthusiastic and innovative members. This year we had very light wind conditions and had three races on Saturday and none on Sunday. Sunday was not a loss though as we decided to prevail upon Colin Park to hold an impromptu tuning clinic to the benefit of all. Team Marshall and Team Park tied for first with Colin winning the tie-breaker.

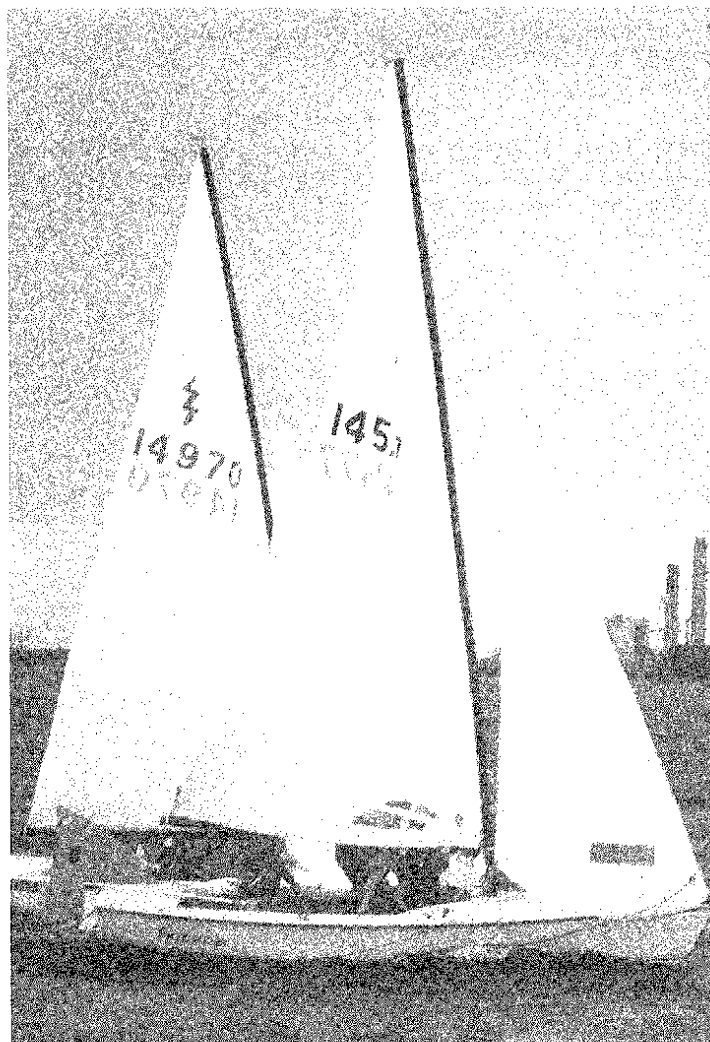
The windy day at Michigan Districts on Saginaw Bay.





Happy participants at Bay City District Raffle- Everybody wins Something!

Next on our calendar is the Lake Fenton Team Races. This is a very fun event that is a break from the traditional regatta format. 2000 was the 31st consecutive team race for the Club. The record attendance was 10 4-boat teams! Unfortunately we haven't seen those numbers in many



Hey Bobby! You gotta leave marks to port!

years. Fleets in the district used to send multiple teams from their home fleets, now we seed the teams upon arrival. We will sail with 3 or 4 boat

teams depending upon participation. The 2001 event has been renamed to the "Herm Nickels Team Race Challenge". The club and district want to honor Hermie, a past International Champion, past boat builder and mind behind the idea of the regatta. There should be a new trophy unveiled at this years event.

Our Districts were held the end of June at Bay City Yacht Club. We had 30 boats in attendance. Fleet 216 did a great job in sometimes trying conditions. After two races on Friday, Mark Whatley and Colin Park were tied with 5 points and Jim Allen held 6. It promised to be a competitive series with Sean Fidler, Jon Bennett,

George Sipel and Mike Thomas also sailing quite well. After a bizarre day of sailing on Saturday, and the first race on Sunday jumbling up the finishes a little, we had a virtual tie between Allen, Fidler and Park. Park was able to split from the other two after the start and turns out he picked the correct side to win the District Championship.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT SCHEDULE

April 28	Tune Up Regatta (One Day)
	Lake Lansing
May 19-20	Great Lake Championships
	North Cape Yacht Club
May 26-27	Memorial Day Race
	(Crescent SYC- Multi-class)
June 9-10	Herm Nickels Team Race
	Challenge
	Lake Fenton SC
June 16-17	Bay City
	BCYC
June 23-24	Michigan District Championship
	Crescent Sail Yacht Club
	Grosse Pointe Shores
July 7-8	Macatawa Bay YC
July 14-15	Tawas Bay YC
July 28-29	Higgins Lake BC
August 25-26	DRYA One-Design
	Crescent SYC
September 8-9	Whitecap
	Pontiac Yacht Club
September 15-16	Devils Lake
October 6-7	Ice Breaker
	Crescent
October 13	Fall Blowout
	North Cape YC

Our next event was the Macatawa Regatta. Although this is one of our best sailing sites they've been struggling with attendance as of late. This year was no exception. There was an absolutely horrid weather forecast and the travelers stayed home. We hope for better weather next year.

We are fortunate that some hard workers out of the Bay City Fleet have put in the effort to revive our Tawas Bay Regatta. This has also been a North American Championship site and is a beautiful place to sail. This year the event grew from fourteen boats to twenty! Word is getting around. Winds were light and Colin/ Karen Park and Glenn Hallett were the winners.

We next move along to Higgins Lake, a crystal clear, spring fed lake in Northern Michigan with the sailing site on an island. Jim Allen from Pontiac was first with George Peet of Bay City second.

The District mostly takes a break for the rest of August for North Americans and some well deserved 'down time'. We pick back up in September with a very nice Fall Series. The first stop is the Pontiac White Cap. Pontiac is home to the largest Lightning fleet in the world! The regatta is always well attended and this year was no exception. Sean Fidler was the victor with Charlie Hess second.

Devils Lake was won by the Jim Allen/Dan Norton Combo. Pretty tough to beat! Crescent and North Cape also had fall regattas but I don't have the results. Michigan District members are pretty good travelers and tend to put in a showing at both Chicago and Wawasee.

At the fall meeting, Jeff Hagman was elected Commodore and Jon Bennett Secretary, effective fall 2001. Kevin Nickels agreed to stay locked to his treasurer position and Sean Fidler is District Measurer.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore Doug Steffenson
District Secretary Steve Adamski
District Treasurer Doug Olson
District Champion Paul Coleman
District Runner Up Bill Faude

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

The Lighthouse Regatta on June 3 & 4 in Fond du Lac brought Lightnings out of their Midwest District hibernation. Ed Coleman of Green Bay's Fleet 112 secured first place with three bullets. Paul Wurtzebach of Chicago's Fleet 5 and Ric Larson of Sheboygan's Fleet 187 took second and third, respectively. The regatta gave Lightning sailors a chance to socialize with 120 sailors who also competed in their own class. As always, Fleet 442 ran a great regatta. Thanks, Mike and Sue.

The Evans Regatta was hosted by Fleet 112 in Green Bay on June 10 & 11. Martha Cushman, a recent transfer to Milwaukee's Fleet 69 from Chicago, won the regatta. Jim Gagnon of Green Bay took second and Jim Hertel of Green Bay came in third.

Fleet 112 then played host to the Midwest District Championship Regatta from June 23 to 25. The District, in an effort to maximize sailing time, decided to run races on Friday evening to take advantage of the long summer days and Green Bay's northern latitude. After racing in a variety of wind conditions, Paul Coleman of Green Bay was crowned the District Champion. He was followed by Bill Faude of Milwaukee's Fleet 69 in second and Paul Wurtzebach in third.

Our 2000 season then moved south down Wisconsin's east coast for our next two events. The Brotz Regatta was presented by Fleet 187 in Sheboygan on July 29 & 30. Milwaukee's P&T Regatta moved to a new weekend (August 5 & 6) to coincide with a larger sailing event, the Grand Prix, at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. The District Commodore must apologize to all of the competitors in these two regattas, especially the winners, because a variety of factors prevented him from obtaining the final results for this report prior to the Yearbook deadline.

MIDWEST DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Lighthouse Regatta	June 2 & 3
	Fond du Lac, WI
Evans Regatta	June 9 & 10
	Green Bay, WI
P & T Regatta	June 23&24
	Milwaukee, WI
Midwest District Championship Regatta	July 6,7&8
	Milwaukee, WI
Brotz Regatta	July 28&29
	Sheboygan, WI
Hobelman Regatta	Aug. 4 & 5
	Chicago, IL
Red Flannels Regatta	Sep. 22&23
	Chicago, IL

During that same August 5 & 6 weekend, Chicago hosted its Hobelman Regatta. Doug Steffenson of Chicago took first place, followed by David Stix in second and Dennis Burke in third, both also of Chicago.

A number of Midwest District sailors then headed east for the ILCA North American Championships. Congratulations go out to Adrian Irving of Chicago who sailed with Colin and Karen Park of Michigan to win the Master's North American Championship at Deltaville, Virginia. Both Don Johnson and Dr. John Esser also were in the hunt for silver at Deltaville. During the Women's North American Championship at Deltaville, Amy Simonsen with Amy Cermak and ILCA's own Karen Johnson represented the Midwest District.

Four teams from the Midwest District competed in the North Americans in Annapolis, Maryland. The district was well represented in that every team from the Midwest brought home a top ten trophy after the NA's concluded on August 18. No other North American District, except for California, matched this performance. Bill Faude took seventh and Paul Wurtzebach came in eighth in the Championship Fleet. Paul Coleman secured a ninth place finish in the President's Cup Fleet. Doug Steffenson came in tenth in the Governor's Cup Fleet.

Our 2000 regatta season ended with the Red Flannels regatta hosted by Fleet 5 in Chicago. Bill Faude won the regatta and a personal pair of cozy red flannels for the cold Chicago winter. Skip Dieball of Chicago and Jim Allen of Pontiac, Michigan rounded out the top three.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

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

No Report.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Lisa Brauer
District Secretary Christy Sorenson
District Champion Bill Fastiggi
District Runner-Up Ray Harrington
District Woman Champion Heather Rowe

District Junior Champion Jeff Templeton
District Master Champion John Hughes

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club 14; Merrimac River 121;
Spofford Lake 145; Annisquam Yacht Club 151;
Marblehead 189; Bombaseen 227;
Lake Massabesic 273; Wellfleet 280;
Lake Champlain 301; Squam Lake 332; Bow Lake 493

The year 2000 was the year of Fastiggi. Bill finished first in the Spring Regatta, first in the Districts, first in Squam Lake Regatta, first in the Brian Hughes Regatta, second in the Leaf Peeper, and a super second in the North Americans. Congratulations to Bill and his teams!

Bill also brings his enthusiasm and talents to the ILCA as its Treasurer. Bill's extra effort does not stop there. The 2001 North Americans are being hosted by his fleet 301 at Mallet's Bay Boat Club, Burlington, VT.

This year the Districts were held in Wellfleet, MA. It was an overnight to get to the starting line from Newburyport for Robert Cutting, his son Will, and myself on the Gulfstar. Bill Fastiggi raced flawlessly to win the New England Districts. It was also a good regatta for Heather Rowe, Woman Champion; Jeff Templeton, Junior Champion; and John Hughes, Master Champion. The other fast boats were: Don Brush, 2nd; Kurt Kling, 3rd; Georges Peter, 4th; and David Gorman, 5th.

The Brian Hughes Memorial Regatta was raced at American Yacht Club in Newburyport, MA with excellent weather, racing, cocktails and dinner. Twenty-eight boats attended. Bill Fastiggi was on top again, followed by Stu Nickerson with his new crew member, Mark Nickerson.

We thank Commodore Lisa Brauer and District Secretary Christy Sorensen, along with her new daughter, for their outstanding service to the New England District. With the 2001 North American Championship coming to our district at Mallets Bay Boat Club, we look forward to a year of great fun and participation.

We will all miss Dave, Bud, Eve and Hud.
John Hughes

NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT

District Contact Raymond Killops

Fleet: Killyleagh 427

No Report.

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore Kay Varley
District Secretary/Treasurer Don Schregardus
District Champion George Fisher
Ohio Governors Cup Kurt Andrews

Fleets: Indian Lake 23; Leatherlips 27; Turkeyfoot 33;
Pymatuning 36; Rocky River 71;
Mansfield Sailing Club 150; Atwood Yacht Club 212;
Cowan Lake 303; Hoover 353; St. Mary's 400

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore John DeBenedetti

Fleets: Kitsilano Yacht Club 90; Lake Washington 132;
Eugene 229; Columbia 283; Prairie 507

This year's District Championship was hosted by the Eugene Yacht Club, Fleet #229. I (Gerry Neuburger) first want to thank John Mahoney and the rest of the fleet for their hospitality. Everybody seemed to have a great time; especially us-we won!

Saturday started out as a very light air day with the breeze from the south. This is not a good thing. They set up a course close to the shore near the clubhouse with a fairly long windward leg. We got our usual mediocre start and found ourselves working our way towards the back of the pack during the first third of the leg. The air was very light and the fleet split with some taking the shoreline (John DeBenedetti) and some to the left middle with us. We tried to catch the slight wind lines to work our way back into contention. There were many crossings and position changes by the first mark. John and Doug Hickman rounded, one, two with us in third. John Mahoney pushed a port/starboard or he would have been right in there too.

We made up some room on Doug on the reach and nearly had him at the mark. The wind went totally bozo on us. We couldn't tell where it was coming from. We tried jibing. Wrong! Take it down! We finally made it around the mark. Doug had worked his way past and away from us and had regained a sizable lead. John was way ahead of him. The fleet behind had made up a lot of ground but got stopped by the same hole at the mark.

We reached our way down the next leg with the jib and then the chute with some wind filling from the middle of the lake. As we approached the next mark, we noticed that John and Doug literally stopped in a hole just past the mark. We had just come from wind in the middle so we rounded and tacked back toward the middle. We ghosted out of the hole towards the wind and caught what was left to open a sizable lead. This leg was now a reach and the rest of the race was a parade.

For the second race the RC reset the course in the middle of the lake with a "sort of" northeasterly. This is still not the normal wind. We got a great start at the boat end and played the light to moderate air up the first leg to round in first. We were able to maintain our lead through the two reaches. We had a downwind finish and were able to maintain clear air to hold our first.

The third race was similar to the second except for our start- not as good. We chased Roger Hicks around the course but were never able to catch him. Roger won that race with us second.

We shared the regatta with the Star fleet but their courses were very long and they were never a problem for us. The evening festivities included a steak barbecue and very good beer! Last year at this event the Hickman Team decided the best strategy was to get our Team drunk so that we would be in trouble the next day. They decided to try this strategy one more time. Like last year, they came up with this game plan after they had quite a head start! We countered by filling their glasses every time they filled ours. Remember, especially on the last leg of a race you are leading; cover, cover, cover! Things were going along swimmingly until Roger Hicks and Dave Weber 'roll tacked' the picnic table. Both were caught on the low side. Gail Hickman pulled out all the stops with some sort of dance and bump. There was also some forest nymph impersonation. The Star fleet left early again, leaving us to ourselves.

Sunday handed us more light air but the sun was unusually bright. We fought our way to third in the fourth race. In the last race we managed a fifth (we weren't drinking). We took a few wrong turns that race! We were able to maintain a first overall.

Results:

1. Neuburger	1	1	2	3	5	12
2. DeBenedetti	5	2	3	1	4	15
3. Hicks	3	4	1	4	3	15
4. Hickman	4	3	4	2	2	15
5. Busby	2	5	5	5	1	18
6. Mahoney	6	6	6	6	6	30

Our District also held the Pacific Coast Championship at Eugene in September. Many thanks to the members of the Eugene fleet, again. We were expecting windy conditions, as there had been on this weekend the last three years. No, it was light again! We managed to get in only three races. Phil Parshley from Portland won. Phil sailed consistently while the rest of us had at least one poor race. Thanks to Mike Molina and Wendell Harter for coming from California.

Other District events included sailing at other fleet locations for circuit awards in Vancouver, BC; Kelowna and Calgary. Some members also traveled to Southern California for the California Circuit- had a great time!

PERU DISTRICT

Peru Vice President Francisco Ayulo

Fleets: Yacht Club LaPunta 265; La Pinta 424

No Report.

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

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

No Report.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore John Sawyer
 District Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Boone
 District Measurer Carter Utzig
 District Champion Jim Harris
 District Runner-Up Carter Utzig

Fleets: Savannah 127; Clarks Hill 257; Lake Lanier 348;
 Catawba 365; High Rock 415; Greater Charleston 429;
 Palmetto 440; Lake Waccamaw 463; Wake 481;
 Tennessee Valley 500

SED Web Site: members.tripod.com/selighting/

Our District members in the year 2000 sailing season enjoyed a great set of regattas in some beautiful places. The district has about 60 ILCA full members, and 30 of them sailed in at least one of the regattas on our district circuit. Our circuit runs from April through October and covers

North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The sailing venues include inland lakes, the coastal sound areas, and the Atlantic Ocean so there is a lot of variety in the sailing conditions.

For the absolutely lightning smitten sailor you could have sailed in 9 regattas and a total of 47 races in our district. A few of us actually tried to do that because we have a "need to race". We are also trying to catch up to and beat the superior sailors at the top of the district. The final series standings as recorded and calculated by Bill Sloger; our race results spin-doctor, are in the books and show the following:

1st	Bob Harkrider	10889	sailed 25 races
2nd	Lenny Krawcheck	14935	25 races
3rd	Carter Utzig	14947	31 races
4th	John Pelosi	14396	34 races
5th	John Sawyer	14318	30 races
6th	Richard Waldkirch	14695	34 races
7th	Ed Michaels	14950	29 races
8th	Pam Barron	14067	24 races
9th	Paul Jueschke	14980	24 races
10th	Jim Harris	14701	17 races

Jim Harris would have been in the top three, however Jim and Connie were having a baby this summer, some things really do take precedence. Scott James Harris arrived June 26th, and Jim is now anchored down a bit and moving a little slower (my wish).

The Carolina Yacht Club in Wrightsville Beach, NC hosted the District Championship Regatta, June 2-4. The sailing was in the Atlantic Ocean and seven races were completed over three days. Jim Harris and crew Chris Wingard & Chris Pulgram really worked well in the waves and moderate sea breeze conditions to win five out of seven races and won the regatta. Carter Utzig and crew Josh Crosby & Phil? Also sailed well winning the other two races and finishing no less than 5th to place second overall.

Other important developments in our district this year include the High Rock Lake fleet relocating to Lake Norman Yacht Club near Charlotte, NC. The move will put Lightnings on Lake Norman where a lot of competitive sailing occurs. The district is also hosting the 2001 SED Championship Regatta at the Lake Norman Yacht Club. We hope to see more Lightnings soon in the Charlotte area.

Also, the group at Wrightsville Beach is gradually turning into a real fleet, with lightning sailors moving to our area and one boat purchase in the works. Seven active boats will be in the Wilmington area in 2001.

John Sawyer

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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

No Report.

SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore Jacques Perret
 District Secretary Kathy Cairns-Herzog
 District Treasurer Margrit Graf
 District Measurer Urs Wyler
 District Champion Urs Wyler



District Runner-Up Jacques Perret

Fleets: Lac de Neuchâtel 169; Sempacher/Hallwiler/
Vierwaldstätter/Greifensee 250; Murtensee 358

2000: End or beginning of Millennium? That is the question.
In fact a year of poor activity for the Swiss District.

No Swiss crew at the Europeans and Juniors World in Athens. No international activity.

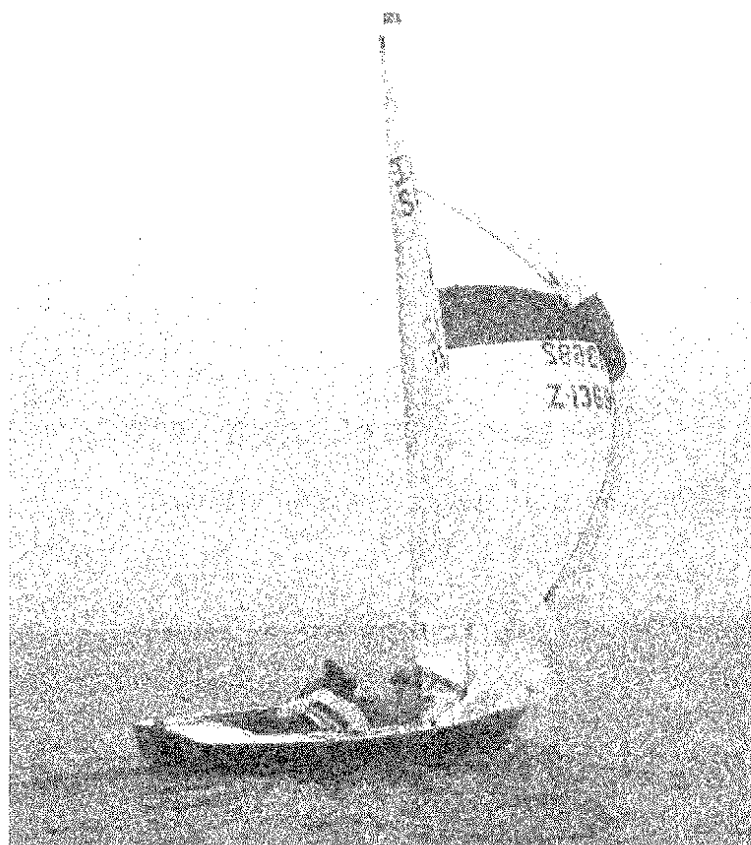
Championship in Neuchâtel hold by our traditional "Fondue" regatta with the participation of new crews who were sailing on the boats of Gilbert and Claude.

Gilbert is getting better and better and will be able to sail again next year.
All our wishes of health recovery for our friend Jean-Pierre Monnier who couldn't sail this year.

The family Graf is getting each year greater!
Long life for Elvira and felicitations to Margrit and Peter.

Next year I'm sure that we will see more activity and I hope that a minimum of five crews will participate at the Europeans and Worlds in Marsala.

Jacques Perret



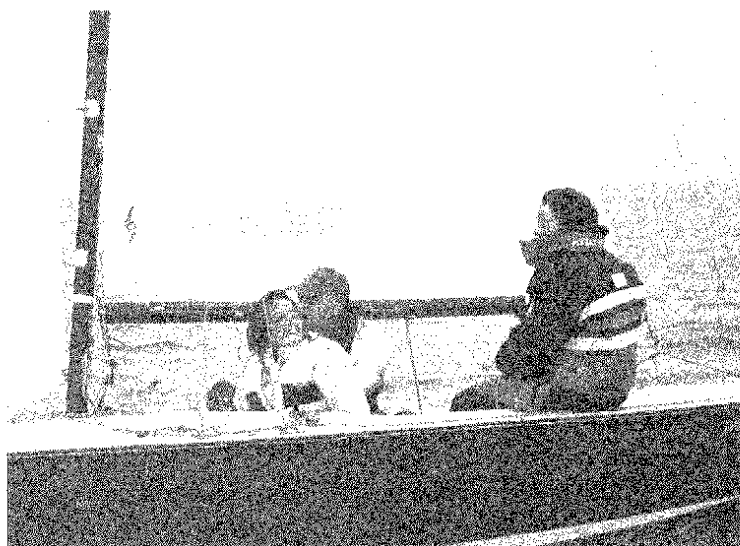
Regate Fondue, October 14-15 2000

1.	13790	Urs Wyler/Gilbert Durr/Michel Durr	1	1	1	2	3
2.	14530	Jacques Perret/Peter Gfeller/Yvonne Gfeller	2	2	2	3	6
3.	13840	Alain Perret/Francois Buchegger/Jean-Pierre Geiser	3	4	4	1	8
4.	13692	Hans Peter Schmid/Jurg Menzi/Roland Baumgartner	4	3	3	5	10
5.	12860	Laurent Lambelet/Annika Vuithier/Veronique Lambelet	5	5	5	4	14
6.	13705	Francois With/Elisabeth With/?	6	6	6	6	18

National activity:

20-21 of May - Springs regatta in Sempach. Only 4 boats have found the way to Nottwil this year !! Light wind on Saturday but regular which allowed to run three races. On Sunday morning the conditions are looking the same, but suddenly the wind came stronger. In the fifth race just two boats were crossing the finishing line.

14-15 of October --- Fondue regatta in Neuchâtel. Six boats at our District



TEXAS DISTRICT

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

No Report.

U.S. @ LARGE DISTRICT

Fleets: Rocky Mountain 488

The US @ Large District covers a very large region of 11 western states. A growing number of boats are located at lakes throughout the District.

US @ LARGE SCHEDULE

Hornblower	May 19-20
	Cherry Creek Res., Denver
Carter Open	June 2-3
	Carter Lake, Loveland, CO
Wyoming Governor's Cup	June 16-17
	Alcova Res., Casper, WY
Aspen Open	July 21-22
	Reudi Reservoir
Dillon Open	Aug. 4-5
	Lake Dillon
CORC	Aug 25
	Union Res., Longmont
Nebraska Governor's Cup	Sept 1-2
	Lake McConaughy, Ogallala
Colorado Governor's Cup	Sept. 15-16
	Lake Granby
Frostbite	Sept. 29-30
	Cherry Creek Res., Denver
For further information contact Fleet 488.	

URUGUAY DISTRICT

District Secretary Guillermo Rondini Meneses

No Report.

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