



## DISTRICTS

### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Jim Sears
District Secretary.....	Bruce Arnold
District Champion.....	Scott Finkboner
District Runner-up.....	Michael Molina

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

The Santa Monica Bay and Mission Bay fleets co-hosted the California Circuit this year. The Circuit attracted teams not just from California and Oregon but also from Colorado and Michigan. Mark Bryant joined Steve Davis on the race course, but was the regatta guru for boat fixes. Fourteen races sailed in five days on four different venues is not only a challenge but incredibly fun.

The Circuit starts at the King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach. Five races were sailed on Sunday and Monday. The wind was perfect at 15 knots and provided just enough puffs for the off wind legs for some moderate planing. Steve Davis won, followed by Mike Molina and Jerry Neuberger. Tuesday is a travel day to San Diego where the Marathon, Ocean Series and Bay Series are held.

The Marathon starts at the Coronado Bridge and finishes at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. Sailing out to Point Loma is at best tricky and getting on the wrong side of a shift disastrous. Then there is the challenge of the occasional submarine to contend with. Once out of the bay and in the ocean, there would be the boat swallowing kelp beds to deal with. This year the kelp bed was more of a ranch that took most of us by surprise

and allow some to pick off boats. Jerry Neuberger emerged victorious, followed by Mark Allen and Scott Finkboner. The Marathon is followed by Scott's infamous Mahi-Mahi dinner.

Thursday three races are sailed on the Ocean at Mission Bay to which the five bay races sailed on Friday are added. Steady winds on the ocean and shifty winds on the bay kept everyone on their toes. When all was said and done Joel Humphrey won with Steve Davis and Mike Molina in second and third. The Mission Bay Series also had the honor of being a qualifier for the Pan-Am Trials.

Overall, Mike Molina won the Circuit by one point over Jerry Neuberger who took second by one point over Scott Finkboner who was third.

In the thirteen years I have been in California this was the first time I was able to sail in the Circuit. Now I know what everybody is talking about. It is a fabulous week of sailing. With the exception that it was a little cooler than normal it is a tremendous amount of fun.

Our districts were held at Clear Lake State Park. The winds were perfect and the temperature just right for five races to be sailed. Scott Finkboner with a brand new crew won, followed by Mike Molina in second and Mike Brewer in third.

Our final event was Lake Cachuma in early October. Only a handful of us were able to make it to this regatta, it was still a ton of fun. Jeff Coppens won followed by Peter Beecher and Mike and Dick Brewer.

The Circuit is once again scheduled for April 27 - May 2 and should be put on your calendars as must.

### CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Bill Bogardus
District Measurer.....	Jim Carson
District Treasurer.....	Jack Elfman
District Champion.....	Rich Warren
District Runner-up.....	Michael Buczkowski

**Fleets: Bay Head 3; Little Egg Harbor 26; Metedeconk 34;  
Lavellette 104; Brant Beach 173; Surf City 196;  
Riverton 228; Barnegat Light 335; Ocean City 430;  
Tahickon Creek 491.**

#### 2003 Tentative Schedule:

Leukemia Cup at Lake Nockamixon, June 7.  
CADs at Metedeconk, June 28-29.  
ACCs at Burlington, VT, July 26-27.  
Downboys at LEHYC, August 9-10.  
WJLM NAs at Niantic, CT, August 12-15.  
NAs at Cedar Point, CT, August 16-22.  
NJ States at Metedeconk, September 6.  
Manahawkin Bay Cup at SSYC, September 20.  
Riverton Fall Regatta October 4.  
Pumpkin Bowl at BLYC October 25.

2002 was a great year for the Central Atlantic District. We saw our membership increase and we have a very strong contingent of junior and under-35 sailors that should keep the District racing competitively for years to come.

#### Highlights:

-12 boats made the trip south to participate in at least one regatta of the Southern Circuit. Jody Lutz showed no rust in a dominating win at St. Pete.  
-Jack Elfman hosted a Lightning Lab at Surf City featuring Greg Fisher. Over 15 boats traveled from as far as New York to participate in drills and review tuning.

-Rich Warren won the Districts at Little Egg with a superior performance in light air on Saturday. Mike Buczkowski was the runner up, whipping the 20 boat fleet in heavy air on Sunday. The race management was great and Long Beach Island is always a great place to visit in the summer.

-Brian Taboada bested a 12 boat fleet to earn the United States Pan Am berth. Metedeconk hosted and many of the District sailors volunteered to measure and offered housing.

-Andrew Brennan raced in the Junior Worlds in Rochester, NY.

-6 boats made the trip to the NAs in North Cape, while the qualifiers were disappointing. Jack Elfman won the Presidents Cup and District members took 4 of top 7 spots in the Green fleet. Wade Schon placed in 3rd in the Junior NAs.

#### Other Central Atlantic District regattas in 2002:

NJ States at Monmouth.....Allan Terhune  
Metedeconk Tune Up.....Mitch Hnatt  
Little Egg Down Bay Championship.....Glen Reitinger  
Manahawkin Bay Cup.....Allan Terhune  
Riverton Fall Regatta.....Cancelled due to restoration  
Pumpkin Bowl.....John Faus

-We look forward to possibly two regattas at Riverton next year in their newly restored club.

#### Goals for 2004

-Increase membership to over 75 boats (our current membership is in the 60s).  
-Fill our quota for the NAs, Connecticut is only 2-3 hours away.  
-Send 3 boats to the Junior NAs.  
-Schedule another Lightning Lab.  
Finally, I would like to thank all of the people that help organize the District, especially the Fleet Officers listed above and the Executive Committee.

Bill Bogardus, 14889



## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

<i>District Commodore.....</i>	<i>Bob Wardwell</i>
<i>District Secretary.....</i>	<i>Eileen Loh-Fontier</i>
<i>District Measurer.....</i>	<i>Ed Seyerlein</i>
<i>Assistant Measurer.....</i>	<i>John Atkins</i>
<i>District Champion.....</i>	<i>Jed Dodge</i>
<i>District Runner-up.....</i>	<i>Bob Wardwell</i>

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



The big event within our district in 2002 was the hosting of the Youth Worlds by Newport Yacht Club. This event being planned for the beginning of July, we altered our usual district regatta schedule in order to facilitate the arrangements, especially the transporting of loaner boats to the site of the competition. So our season kicked off with the Champagne Regatta on Keuka Lake. It was an exciting kickoff: twenty boats turned out to compete in heavy winds for 2 days. We were all very tired (& happy) at the end of the weekend at which time Bob Wardwell went home with the first place trophy, followed by Jed Dodge. Two weeks later we gathered 19 boats on Cazenovia Lake for another 2 days of good competition, with Bob Wardwell again emerging as champ, this time followed by Dick Hallagan. Following Cazenovia we went on to Newport Yacht Club, where we held our District Championships on June 29 & 30. Twenty eight boats entered the competition. Winds were light, but we managed to have 2 races on Saturday, & a third on Sunday, all on the lake. Our District Champion this year is Jed Dodge, with runner-up being Bob Wardwell. Centrals, a district-wide multiclass regatta, was held this year

at Sodus Bay. Twelve Lightnings competed at this event, with Mark Sertl taking first place and Jed Dodge followed him in second place. Our final 2-day regatta was held at Ithaca (the Gorges Regatta).

Breezes were light, but sufficient to complete 5 races in 2 days. This time, first place went to Matt Richter, and second to Steve Little.

We award a district trophy, the Blue Jacket, to the CNY sailor who has the best total score for all the 2-day regattas for the season. The scores for 47 skippers were tallied, and the trophy went to Dick Hallagan.

In addition to the 2-day regattas, we had five 1-day regattas in CNY, at Henderson Harbor in July, on Onondaga Lake in August, at Skaneateles in September, Cazenovia in late September, and then we return to Ithaca in mid-October for the frostbite regatta, which for many of us wraps up our sailing season in Central New York.

We were glad of the opportunity to offer hospitality to young Lightning sailors from around the world. Thirteen teams competed in a very well run event, thanks to the hard work put in by Newport Yacht Club.



# DISTRICTS

## COLOMBIA DISTRICT

Colombia Vice President.....Felipe Castillo  
District Commodore.....Camilo Salcedo & Nicolas Deeb

**Fleets: Club Náutico Muña 73;  
Club Náutico El Portillo 501.**

During 2002 The Colombian district didn't have too much activity, but the few regattas we did have were great. At the beginning of the year we held the District Championship with 10 boats and excellent competition, and in the second half of the year we had the opportunity to have our national Championship with 18 boats.



At the end of September we accepted to be the South American Championship hosts, which was organized by Club Náutico Muña at the end of November with 6 crews from Ecuador, One from Chile and 9 from Colombia (3 of them were a Junior crews) with very good sailing level. Of course we had terrific parties, you may ask our friends from Chile who taught us how to make a very good PIZCO.

### South American Championship top-five results:

1. Sebastian Higera, Calimo Salcedo, Nicolas Deeb (COL)
2. Juan Carlos Uscategui, Jochen Raute, Pedro Londoño (COL)
3. Felipe Castillo, Camilo Yamin, Juan Pablo Castillo (COL)
4. Carlos Luis Lecaro, Juan Carlos Vidal, Jaime Calderón (ECU)
5. Juan Santos Sr., Juan Andrés Santos, Arturo Iturralde. (ECU)

Congratulations to the winners, and hope to see all of you very soon.

On 2003 we hope to meet again at the beginning of the year in Colombia with our good friends from Salinas, and at the end of the year we'll be in Ecuador for our international championship SALINAS - TOMINE.

Felipe Castillo



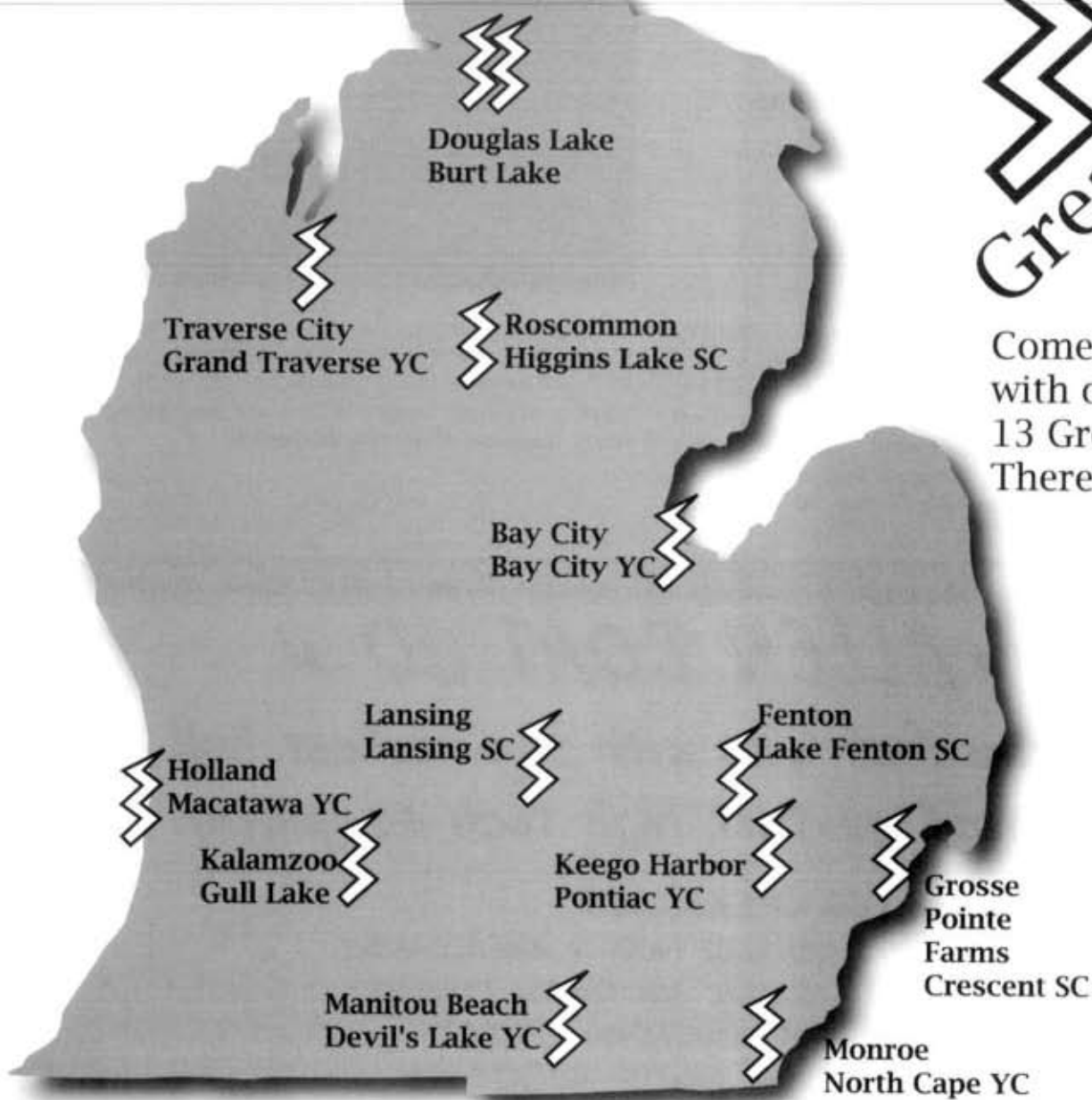
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Pos.	S#	Crew	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	17	JUAN CARLOS USCATEGUI, ANA MARIA USCATEGUI & JOCHEN RAUTE	Muña	1	[8]	1	1	1	4	5	13
2	34	ANDREI QUINTERO, NESTOR PARRA & HERNANDO RAMIREZ	Hansa	3	1	[13]	2	2	1	6	15
3	7	SEBASTIAN HIGERA, CAMILO SALCEDO & NICOLAS DEEB	Muña/Portillo	6	2	2	3	3	3	[11]	19
4	50	SANTIAGO UZCATEGUI, JORGE USCATEGUI & CARLOS ANDRADE	Muña	2	4	[12]	9	5	7	2	29
5	33	PHILIPPE JACOB, PAULA DOUAT & CAMILO ESCALLON	Muña/Portillo	[13]	6	6	4	4	6	3	29
6	78	FELIPE CASTILLO, CAMILO YAMIN & JUAN PABLO CASTILLO	Muña	5	3	4	8	[9]	2	8	30
7	85	MAURICIO VALENZUELA, ALBERTO VALENZUELA & NICOLAS HIGUERA	Muña	4	5	[10]	5	6	10	4	34
8	72	RICHARD DEEB, CATALINA DEEB & SUSANA SALCEDO	Portillo	[17\DNF]	7	3	6	[17\OCS]	5	1	39
9	111	DANY DELGADO, JOAQUIN TAMAYO & GUILLERMO GALVEZ	Muña/Portillo	11	[12]	8	7	11	8	7	52
10	36	FELIPE RECAMAN, CAROLINA PLAZAS & TATIANA PLAZAS	Portillo	7	10	9	10	7	9	[13]	52
11	99	PEDRO LONDOÑO, ROBERTO JOSE LONDOÑO & NEVARDO GUERRERO	Portillo	9	9	11	[15]	8	12	10	59
12	21	ANDRES HERKRATH, JOSE D. SERRANO & ALEJANDRO ROMERO	Portillo	12	11	5	11	[17\DNF]	13	12	64
13	16	RAFAEL ESGUERRA, MATEO OBREGON & MARITZA VARGAS	Muña	8	13	[14]	13	10	11	9	64
14	31	JAIME LOBO GUERRERO, FERNANDO PLAZAS & EMMA GASKILL	Portillo	[17\DNS]	17\DNS	7	14	12	14	14	78
15	32	ERNESTO BORDA, MARIA A. CAMARGO & MIGUEL AGUILERA	Portillo	10	[17\DNS]	17\DSQ	12	13	17\DNS	17\DNS	86

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Crescent Sail Yacht Club Fleet 51 on Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms  
Lake Fenton Fleet 53 at Fenton  
Pontiac Yacht Club Fleet 54 sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor  
Higgins Lake Fleet 110 at Roscommon

**For more info, visit <http://www.lightningclass.org/Calendar/index.htm>**

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## DISTRICTS

### DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Jamie Brickell
District Sec/Treas.....	Frank Gallagher
District Champion.....	Phil Grotheer
District Runnerup.....	Jon Guth

#### Fleets:

**Washington, D.C. 50;**  
**Northern Chesapeake...Harve-de-Grace 192;**  
**Susquehanna 253;**  
**Sassafras River 314;**  
**Rehoboth 325;**  
**Severn River 329;**  
**Swift Creek 496;**  
**Solomons 508;**  
**Fishing Bay 509.**

The Dixie district is doing very well overall..... fleet 192 continues to grow very nicely... Ron Buchanan plans to move the fishing bay fleet to the Hampton Yacht Club to increase participation..... the sweet corn regatta at susquehanna was a great party.... solomon's had a great fall regatta..... rehoboth had a montereous atlantic coast championship.... fleet 50 has record



numbers at the potomac cup...the Sasafras fleet keeps to themselves, but stays very active at home... and 329's Phil continues to kick out collective butts .... life is good..... especially hanging around with the lightning family.....see more detail in the fleet reports.....

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# ECUADOR DISTRICT

*District Vice President.....Carlos Luis Lecaro*  
*District Commodore.....Jaime Calderón*  
*District Champion.....Juan Santos*

**Fleets: Salinas Yacht Club 405;  
 Club Náutico San Pablo 447.**

Este año tuvimos la suerte de tener un programa de navegación muy amplio y variado, pensando en prepararnos de la mejor manera para el mundial de Miami 2003. No nos podemos quejar, tenemos la suerte de poder correr todo el año y contamos con pistas con todo tipo de condiciones, mar con poco o mucho viento y lagos con frío o con calor.

Arrancamos la temporada como siempre en Salinas, con campeonatos de fines de semana, mucha sol, poco viento, arena y mucho Ron. Las competencias estuvieron de lo mas entretenidas, básicamente por la cantidad de competidores en cada campeonato, cantidad que se ha incrementado, por la motivación de las tripulaciones mas inexpertas, a quienes les conformamos una flota verde, con la idea de que se creen sus propios duelos y compitan con capitanes de su mismo nivel, logrando tener una excelente acogida a la idea.

Esta temporada de invierno, culminó en Mayo con el campeonato del distrito que también se lo corrió en Salinas, teniendo como ganador a Juan Santos Sr, con Enrique Granja y Juan Andrés Santos, quienes corrieron en el "Black Beauty". Este campeonato también sirvió como parte de la clasificación para el mundial 2003.



*Lightnings went sailing in Manta for the first time in twenty+ years. Scary way of hoisting boats.*

Con el ánimo de aventurarnos un poco, decidimos hacer un campeonato intermedio en la ciudad de Manta, otra ciudad costera del Pacifico, donde nos encontramos la cancha de nuestros sueños, vientos constantes de 15 nudos con una ola mediana y un rico sol. No nos podemos olvidar de los exquisitos "ceviches". Campeonato para repetirlo!!!

El campeonato de Manta, nos sirvió de excusa para llevar los botes hasta guayaquil, donde tenemos un lago artificial a solo 30 minutos de nuestras casas. Condiciones ideales, buen viento, bastante franco para ser lago, agua dulce y buen sol.



*Carlos Luis Lecaro ECU 14676 leads the pack at the 2002 South Americans in Taminé.*



*The team from Salinas at the Nationals in San Pablo.*



*Sailing in Chongon damn at sunset. Great conditions and fresh water!*

Aquí corrimos prácticamente saltando un fin de semana desde Julio hasta finales de Octubre. Las parrilladas estuvieron a la orden del día y ni que decir de los ronchitos al final de la tarde.

Seguimos con el formato de correr 2 flotas, lo que mantuvo la concurrencia de competidores. Durante este periodo corrimos un clasificatorio para un campeonato amistoso que corremos contra Colombia todos los años, alternándonos la sede todos los años.

En Noviembre nos movilizamos hasta San pablo, flota 447, a correr en un lago a 2,500 metros sobre el nivel del mar, rodeados de montañas y volcanes. Aquí corrimos el campeonato nacional de la clase, teniendo nuevamente como Campeón a Juan Santos Sr, con Enrique Granja y Juan Andrés Santos. Este último campeonato también sirvió para la clasificación al mundial de Miami, donde estarán 7 tripulaciones Ecuatorianas. Terminamos el mes corriendo el campeonato Sudamericano en Colombia, donde la mejor tripulación ecuatoriana formada por Carlos Lecaro, Jaime Calderón y Juan Carlos Vidal, obtuvieron el 4to lugar.

Finalmente en diciembre se organizó la 1ra. Copa del Pacifico Juvenil, campeonato que tiene por finalidad promover la navegación en un Lightning a tripulaciones juveniles, esperamos para el próximo año contar con mas países y mas tripulaciones.



*8 teams sailed the 2002 Pacific Cup.*



*A nice and tight leeward rounding at the Pacific Cup.*



# DISTRICTS

## FINLAND DISTRICT

District Vice President.....	Antero Punttila
District Commodore.....	Maija Karhusaari
District Secretary.....	Pekka Bollström
District Measurer.....	Jari Aromaa
District Champion.....	Samppa Salminen
District Runner-up.....	Kimmo Aromaa

**Fleets: Helsinki 166;  
Jyväskylä 238;  
Tuusulanjärvi 456;  
Kemi 310.**

Our district had a good and eventful sailing season. The season started already in February as we participated the Boat Show of Helsinki having our own stand with a Lightning (Burgundy) and a couple of us giving people information about the boat type and our activities.

We had 6 Ranking Regattas held in different locations around Finland. Helsinki, Turku, Espoo, Kemi, Jyväskylä and Tuusula.

We also took part in the On The Rocks Regatta of Tuusula in the beginning of May.

Some of our members took part in the Keitele Regatta and Päijännepurjehdus which are more or less long distance races.



A "family portrait" after the Jyväskylä Ranking Regatta and Sauna

In Päijännepurjehdus the fastest boat was Nikea (skipper Samppa Salminen), with a sailing time of 17 hours, 50 minutes, 39 seconds. This race is sailed in one leg.

In Keitele Regatta the fastest Lightning was Gamma (Skipper Matti Leppänen).

We held practice races every Tuesday evening in Tuusula. There were about 5 boats on average in these events.

This year we tried to stretch the sailing season to the end of October, but as we went to our sailing club on the 20th we noticed that the lake was frozen. So the sailing is over for this year.

### Finland Lightning Ranking Series 2002

		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	TOTAL
1	Matti Leppänen	7,75	5,00	6,14	5,91	9,00	10,00	38,80
2	Niko Lappalainen		10,00	8,71	7,95	7,00	7,00	35,67
3	Thomas Weckström	5,50	6,00	4,86	5,50	8,00	(1,00)	33,86
4	Pertti Pyy			3,57	9,18	6,00		24,75
5	Lauri Hemming	1,00		7,43	7,55		8,50	24,47
6	Samppa J. Salminen				10,00	10,00		20,00
7	Kimmo Aromaa		8,00	10,00	9,59			19,59
8	Olli Lähteinen				8,77			16,77
9	Sakari Pesola	3,25	9,00	2,29	4,27	3,00	2,50	15,31
10	Matti Bruun				4,68			13,68
11	Kaarlo Jaskari				6,32		5,50	11,82
12	Markku Paloma				5,09	5,00		10,09
13	Rainer Korhonen	10,00	1,00					10,00
14	Henry Elfving				3,45	1,00	4,00	9,45
15	Kari Huusko		4,00	1,00	8,36			9,36
16	Esko Lehtinen				1,00	4,00		9,00
17	Aulis Näykkä		7,00		7,14			7,14
18	Kalle Ahola							7,00
19	Juha Hämäläinen				6,73			6,73
20	Harri Raikamo				3,86			3,86
21	Johannes Junes		3,00		3,05			3,05
22	Jaakko Herttua							3,00
23	Mauri Jestilä				2,64			2,64
24	Taimo Huusko				2,23			2,23
25	Hannu Kolehmainen		2,00			2,00		2,00
26	Pekka Bollström							2,00
27	Seppo Posti				1,82			1,82
28	Juha Savola				1,41			1,41

# FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Dr. Steve Horwitz
District Secretary.....	Amy Smith Linton
District Measurer.....	Steve Hayden
District Champion.....	Steve Hayden
District Runner-up.....	Jeff Linton
District Masters Champion.....	Bill Mauk
World Champion.....	Jeff Linton

## Fleets: Biscayne Bay 226; Suncoast 502.

As ever, we are working hard to attract sailors to the class. The 226 and 502 websites (thanks respectively to Bob Hannau and Mark Taylor!) get a lot of traffic. We have had quite a few specific referrals through people visiting the website. Person-to-person contact is even more effective, and we have seen that by posting the results of even small regattas helps draw attention to the Lightning. As ever, the attractions away from the class include other boat racing, family, and general attraction. We saw several youth sailors jump aboard this year - thanks in great part to Mark Bryant's coaching efforts - which is heartening, and yet we still worry about our numbers.

### The 2001 Orange Bowl

In the second year of Lightnings at the Orange Bowl regatta in Miami, we had a field of 27 boats. While the winds were unusually unpredictable for Miami, the event was a success: an early clinic with celebrities Steve Hayden and Jeff Linton started things on a cooperative, fun note, and the elements - Coconut Grove, Florida in December, the band-camp team from Annapolis - combined to make the rest of the event a blast. Congratulations to Bill Faude who won the event! And thanks to Fleet 226 who hosted the delicious potluck supper and annual auction we all enjoyed so much.

### The Southern Circuit

We had a decent District turnout for the event: We sent four boats to Savannah (Hayden, Linton, Mauk, and Dave Bell), ten boats to Miami (Linton, Hayden, Colin Park, Frank Atkinson, Mauk, Jim Bigham, Horwitz, Travis Maier, Dave Kurtz, Jon Ewing), and nine to St. Pete (Mauk, Linton, Hayden, Park, Horwitz, Bigham, Atkinson, Bell, Bill Meyer). We had two top-ten representatives in each regatta. Steve Hayden won the Savannah regatta, while Bill Mauk took top Masters honors at St. Petersburg.

### Florida Districts

The Districts regatta nail-biter was held in Miami in April. Steve Hayden, sailing with wife Angie and middle-man Barr Batzer, beat Team Linton by one point for the win. Bill Mauk won the District Masters regatta, which is held the Friday preceding the Districts. 18 boats came to Biscayne Bay for the regatta, including youth Team Travis Maier, returning Lightning sailor Jim Alman (with Morgan Reeser), newbie Charlie Virgin, and Michigan visitor Paul Wurtzbach. Our Districts are open (meaning that all Lightnings are invited, though only Florida boats qualify for a spot at the North Americans). We feel that the level of competition improves by having guests from out of town, and plan to continue to do so.

### Youth Worlds

The District is very proud of the Lightning Youth team of Travis Maier, Meredith Pelton, and Robert Ramirez, of Fort Myers, Florida. Ably coached by former NA Champ Mark Bryant, the youngsters had support from around the District in the form of cheers, cash, and lent boats. They tied for second at the Youth Worlds, finishing in third place. We hope they'll stick with the boat, and we look forward to their next adventure.



Angie Hayden  
and Jeff Hayden at  
Barr Batzer's wedding.



Dave "Red" Hood at  
Batzer's wedding.



Southern Circuit 2001. A  
nice view of the fleet!

### Other events

Jeff Linton represented the Lightning class in Italy this summer at the Coppa dei Campioni (the "Cup of Champions"). Thanks to funds raised through match-racing practice sessions (\$100 got you a fully crewed J-24, a smoked fish dinner, and one match-race complete with on-the-water judging against Team Coppa) the team got to the Sardinia, Italy in July.

The Sardinia Yacht Club hosts a match race open to current World Champions, and Jeff and his team (Lightning middle-man Mark Taylor and Prince-of-Wales teammate Mike Gable) competed against nine others who held in total 27 world titles. The Lightning team finished fourth, the top centerboard boat, while Italian Vasco Vascotto won.

The District sent a half dozen skippers to the North Americans, including Steve Hayden (who finished 10th), Dave Helmick, and Colin Park in the Blue Fleet, Bill Mauk, Dave Kurtz, and Charlie Virgin in the Yellow fleet. Steve thus qualified for the Miami Worlds, while Bill Mauk earned his spot through being chairman of the event, and Jeff Linton, who was unable to attend the NA's, has a spot because he won last time.



Team Helmick.



Team Lightning at  
"Coppa dei Campioni"  
in Sardinia, July 2002.

### 2002 Orange Bowl

The year closes with the 2002 Orange Bowl regatta, which had 33 teams, including past World Champ Tisa Gonzalez, who won the event.



Shannon Taylor  
and Lilly - Ann  
cheer on dad Mark  
at Southern Circuit.

This race keeps getting better and better, with a growing, competitive fleet on the line, plenty of racing, and pleasant socializing after races.

The race is held the weekend following Christmas, which presents scheduling challenges for some, but a flock of Northerners flew South for the event with a blizzard on their heels. Many of the sailors left their boats in Miami in preparation for Worlds practice races as well as the Southern Circuit. Notable this year, a number of parent-children teams came to Miami, with the grown-ups sailing Lightnings while the youngsters sailed in the huge fleet of Optis, 420's and Lasers.

Hope to see you on our warm waters sometime soon. We look forward to welcoming you to our Worlds in April!  
Amy Smith Linton.





## DISTRICTS

### INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Ken McGinity
District Champion.....	Jeff Schmahl
District Runner-up.....	Craig Cobbum

**Fleets: Lake Wawasee 154;  
Indianapolis Sailing Club 270.**

The 2002 sailing season in Indiana was made memorable by the lightest winds in recent memory. All three of our major regattas were affected. For the Indiana Open in early May, the RACE Chairman had to wait until late on Saturday afternoon to squeeze in 2 races. Then two on Sunday morning were also run in very light air. 15 boats stuck it out with Debby Probst the winner.



*Indiana Distric Commodore Ken McGinity (r)  
with crew Moira McGinity and Pete McGinity.*

For the first time, we hosted a Lightning Lab on Friday afternoon before the Indiana Open. It was



*2002 Indiana District Champion Jeff Schmahl  
with crew Stuart Webster and Doug Schmahl.*

conducted by Skip Dieball with both on and off water sessions.

The Indiana Districts held in mid June also attracted 15 boats including our Lightning Class President Colin Park with his wife Karen and Bill Thomas as crew. Once again, the wind was very, very light forcing cancellation of the Saturday pm races and only allowing one light air RACE on Sunday morning. Jeff Schmahl, our Fleet 154 captain won to defend his title as District Champion. We took advantage of Colin's presence with an impromptu racing seminar on Saturday afternoon.

The third major regatta in our District, the Hoosier, was held on Lake Wawasee on September 28th and 29th. 20 boats again struggled with very light winds.

As the season ended, there were three new members in Fleet 270 and we are hopeful this will be the start of a trend for our fleets.



## LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Billy Neal
District Secretary.....	Brian Starck
District Treasurer.....	Anne Allen
District Champion.....	Jody Swanson

**Fleets:** Buffalo Canoe Club (12);  
Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club (19);  
Silver Lake Yacht Club (47);  
Cuba Lake Yacht Club (115);  
Flying Beaver Club (118);  
Toronto Bay (146);  
Conneaut Bay (180).

Our district hosted five regattas this summer. We were supposed to kick things off with the Cornball regatta at the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club. Winds were forecast "light and variable," but it never even got close to that! So we spent the weekend swimming in the club's brand new lakeside pool and drinking at the bar. Past ILCA Prez Cal Schmiede presented the event's only award to Regatta Chairman Jim McDonnell for organizing the Cornball every year since 1968. The Canoe Club hosted the NFIR and its annual Fall Regatta, which was won by David Starck. The BCC will host the Canadian Open in 2003 and the NA's in 2004.

The District Championship was held at the Cuba Lake YC in conjunction with their annual Bolde Mothers' Intergalactic Championship. This lake is shaped like the letter "y" and conditions were rather tricky, but moderate winds kept us moving quick enough to finish five races. Jody Swanson dominated the series. Tommy Allen was runner-up. Silver Lake held their Harvest regatta in early September. As usual, I'm having difficulty remembering the scores for this one. (I think Tom Allen, Sr. might have won it.) I am sure it was in the 90's all weekend long and that the beer was free. There were probably around 15 boats at this one. There were also a lot of kids sailing - Degolyers, Neals, Wildays, Humphreys and so forth and so on. All of a sudden they're getting real good!

**Happy sailing in '03!**

## LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	George W. Koch
District Secretary.....	Terri Hendry
District Treasurer.....	John Holzapsel

**Fleets:** Great South Bay 178;  
Orient Yacht Club 506.

A very brief report from the Long Island district this year. The district champions were as follows:

1. Malcolm B Hendry III
2. Bruce Hendry
3. George Koch
4. John Holzapsel





## DISTRICTS

### MIDWEST DISTRICT

<i>District Commodore.....</i>	<i>Steve Adamski</i>
<i>District Secretary.....</i>	<i>Steve Cushman</i>
<i>District Treasurer.....</i>	<i>Doug Olson</i>
<i>District Champion.....</i>	<i>Bill Faude</i>
<i>District Runner-up.....</i>	<i>Dan Reichelsdorfer</i>

#### **Fleets:**

**Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club 5;  
Milwaukee Yacht Club 69;  
Green Bay Sailing Club 112;  
Lake Daven Port 167;  
Sheboygan 187;  
Fond Du Lac / Winnebago 442.**

During 2002, the Midwest District experienced a year full of fun, friendship, celebrations and a new regatta. Our year begins during the frosty month of January during our winter meeting at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. As the wind howls outside, we can only dream of Lightning sailing until the ice leaves and the lake opens again. Although outside it is frigid, the day is warm with friends, laughing and catching up as we build the groundwork for the upcoming season. This year we saw some changes in the schedule hoping to build stronger participation in the regattas. We decided to switch the Milwaukee P&T and Green Bay Evans in the hopes of creating a more travel friendly schedule. This year we also decided to host an open district for the first time.

Sheboygan was the site of our district regatta, and we were pleased to see participants all the way from Lake Carlyle. Another milestone was reached this year in Sheboygan, as they welcomed us back to their 40th anniversary Brotz Regatta. The two remaining regattas on the schedule had a tough act to follow, but both the Evans and Red Flannels



*"One Happy Moose!" Hans Graf and crew Dean Cady & Todd Wake, Winners 2002 Wandering Moose.*

were a success as always. Normally, Lightnings are packed up and taken off to the barn in late September, but not this year. In early October, we found ourselves racing in front of the Milwaukee Art Museum inside the break wall on a cool and breezy Saturday for the first Wandering Moose Regatta. This regatta, originally a Laser regatta, had fallen off of the schedule the last few years. Bill Faude and Hans Graaf were instrumental reviving the regatta and including Lightnings. Congratulations to Hans, the 2002 winner of the Wandering Moose Regatta, and to Ric Larson for winning the 2002 Lake Michigan championship. Soon we will be meeting in Milwaukee to plan 2003. Until then ... happy daydreams!



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### 2002 officers

District Commodore.....John Hughes

District Secretary.....Patrick Gallagher

### 2003 officers

District Commodore.....Patrick Gallagher

District Secretary.....Bill Fastiggi

District Champion.....Bill Fastiggi

District Runner-Up.....Ray Harrington

### Fleets:

**Merrimac River 121;**

**Spofford Lake 145;**

**Annisquam Yacht Club 151;**

**Marblehead 189;**

**Bomoseen Yacht Club 227;**

**Massabesic Yacht Club 273;**

**Chequesset 280;**

**Malletts Bay 301;**

**Square Lake 332;**

**Bow Lake 493.**



The 2002 season got off to an early start for many New England boats at the Southern Circuit. In attendance were Don Brush, Bill Dutcher, Bill Fastiggi, Patrick Gallagher, Mark Gardner, Dave "Doc" Gorman, Ray Harrington, John Hughes, and Bob Shapiro. Dave Gorman finished 3rd in Savannah!

In April, few of our boats traveled to the Long John Regatta in Red Bank, NJ and Erik Johnson, with Kate and Don Brush crewing won the event going away! Erik is the only Junior skipper to ever win this classic event.

The New England District racing schedule got underway with the MBBC Spring regatta. As usual, this was a great event with strong winds, good racing and a good turnout. The regatta was won by Bill Fastiggi, Alan Ouellette, and Suzy Coburn. Don Brush, Tris Wallace, and Erica Beck were second and Alain Boucher, Chantal Leger, and Jay Deacon were third.

The Maple Leaf Classic was held at Lake Bomoseen thanks to Toni and Ray Harrington. Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Noah Pasackow won the gallon of VT gold just nosing out Ray and Toni Harrington and Karl Fjeld. Don Brush's team was third. The highlight of the weekend was Tim and Heather's engagement.

Spofford Yacht club held the Dave Fitch Memorial regatta the last weekend of June. The NE Districts Women's, Junior and Masters were scheduled for Friday, but a combination of no wind, squall, and no wind postponed the regatta until later in the season. Brian Hayes gave a great tuning clinic on Friday. Bretton Gardner won his first District event just nipping out Ben, Karen, and Tris Wallace.

One of our great New England Junior teams of Erik and Karl Johnson and Kate Brush spent the first week of July in

Rochester, NY and finished a close second in the Lightning Youth Worlds. We are really proud of them!

The New England District Championships were held in Malletts Bay after a last minute change of venue due to a scheduling conflict. Thanks to Dave

White for all his efforts! We are still hoping to get back to Maine soon. Although the wind looked very promising early on, the breeze didn't remain solid for any of the five races and the series ended up light and shifty. Doc Gorman sailed a great series and seemed to have it in the bag until a 4th race OCS opened the door for everyone else. After the dust settled, visiting skipper Joel Humphrey from Pontiac Michigan had an amazing comeback in the last race and consistently good finishes to win the regatta with his brother Rick and Molly Hopkins crewing. Rounding out the top five were Bill Fastiggi, Ray Harrington, Erik Johnson, and Don Brush.

Squam Lake hosted a late June Lightning Lab with Bill Fastiggi as the instructor. Even though it was the wettest weekend of the summer, everyone got a lot out of it. Special thanks to Doug DeCluit for organizing this clinic!

We're looking forward to hosting the Atlantic Coast Championships next summer as Malletts Bay sailors Bill Fastiggi, Karl Johnson, and Carrie Howe won the ACCs in Rehoboth, DE the last week of July. Don and Kate Brush and Erik Johnson finished 4th at this 63 boat event!

New England was well represented at the junior North Americans with Erik, Karl and Kate finishing 1st, and Bretton Gardner, Scott Thibault, and James Unsworth finishing 4th.

Eight New England teams made it to the NAs with Don, Bill, and Doc sailing in the Blue fleet, Bretton, Erik and Ray sailing in the Green fleet, and Bill Dutcher and Joe Ray sailing in the Yellow. Doc sailed a great qualifying series and won the McDermott trophy as the most improved qualifier from 2001 to 2002, and Bill Dutcher finished 5th in the Governors Cup. Don and Bill managed to qualify for the Worlds in Miami.

The weekend of August 18+19 was the annual Squam Lake regatta which was won by Christian Whatley, with Art Cunningham in second, and Commodore John Hughes in third.

The American Yacht Club in Newburyport hosted the Brian Hughes Regatta with Bill Fastiggi just nosing out Joel Humphrey and Patrick Zachary.

The Bow Lake One Day doubled as our rescheduled NE Women's, Juniors, Masters and Bob Shapiro won the event, followed by Ned Hinds and Todd Cox. Kika Bronger won the Women's, John Hughes won the Masters, and James Unsworth won the Juniors.

The last NE district regatta on the schedule was the Leaf Peeper at Malletts Bay. Don Brush beat Bill Fastiggi on a tiebreaker in the 7 race series with Peter Hall finishing 3rd.

We're looking forward to a great 2003 with lots of activity in the Squam, Newburyport, and Malletts Bay Fleets, and the potential for increase in activity in the Spofford and Bow Lake fleets. We're hopeful that Bomoseen, Massabesic, and Wellfleet will show more activity than we've seen in the past few years.





## DISTRICTS

### OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Dave Werley
District Secretary.....	Mike Brock
District Champion.....	Matt Fisher
District Runner-up.....	Dave Viereg

#### Fleets:

**Indian Lake Yacht Club 23;**  
**Leatherlips Yacht Club 27;**  
**Turkey Foot Lake 33;**  
**Pymatuning Yacht Club 36;**  
**Buckeye Lake Yacht Club 43;**  
**Mansfield Sailing Club 150;**  
**Cowan Lake Sailing Association 303.**

#### Districts

Districts were held at Pymatuning with a strong and very competitive fleet of 28 boats vying for 9 NA spots. The weather was not cooperative on Saturday (light and variable) and only one race was scored. Sunday brought in better air and the race committee got off four races. In the end Matt Fisher, along with Greg as crew, won the regatta. The other top finishers included Dave Viereg, John Werley, Jed Dodge (out of district) and Kurt Andrews.

2003 districts will be held at Indian Lake.

#### Junior World's

Ryan Ruhlman qualified and represented the U.S. in the Junior World's in Rochester, NY.

#### NA's

The Ohio District was well represented at the 2002 NA's. For Ohio it

started off well with George Fisher winning the masters and Ryan Ruhlman placing second at the juniors. In the Championship fleet Matt Fisher placed 5th followed by Rob Ruhlman (17th), James Taylor (23rd), Ryan Ruhlman (29th) and George Fisher (35th). In the President's fleet Dave Werley placed 4th. And in the Governor's fleet Dave Viereg placed 3rd followed by John Werley (4th) and Mike Brock (24th). Matt Fisher, James Taylor and Rob Ruhlman qualified for the World's.

#### Pan Am Trials

James Taylor (Cowan) qualified by placing third at the Atlantic Coast Championship. Rob Ruhlman qualified via the NA route. Rob sailed the Trials with Abby and Meagan and placed 8th.

#### Ohio Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup is awarded annually to the skipper with the highest four finishes in the district's eight sanctioned regattas. This year we voted back in the practice of requiring the district score to be counted as one of the four regattas. Five qualified (Kurt Andrews, Eric Brandt, Dan Hertz, Mike Brock, Dave Gall) with Kurt Andrews taking the cup followed by Eric Brandt.

#### Other News

- **Weddings:** We had two marriages this year. Nate Ireland (Mansfield) and Bridget Creamer (Indian Lake) had impeccable timing and were married the weekend of the Atwood regatta. Many were thankful to be in an air conditioned church and reception hall versus suffering through a drifter in 90F heat. The other marriage was Dave Gall (Atwood) to his steady crew Julie Moore in the fall.
- **Moves:** Dan Hetzer (Leatherlips) was transferred to Boston. As a regular regatta skipper, he will be missed on the Ohio circuit. We hear he is looking at joining one of the fleets in Connecticut.
- **New Boats:** James Taylor (Cowan) purchased a new Allen and he expects to have it ready for the World's.
- **Regrets:** Carl Clipp (Leatherlips) passed away in November. He was active in the class.

#### District Leadership

Dave Werley (Pymatuning) and Mike Brock (Cowan) will represent the Ohio district as Commodore and Secretary respectively for 2003.

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore/Secretary.....	John DeBenedetti
District Champion.....	Philip Parshley
District Runner-up.....	Jerry Neuburgel

#### Fleets:

**Maple Bay 64;**  
**Kitsilano Yacht Club 90;**  
**Columbia 283;**  
**Okanagan 368;**  
**The Prairie 507.**

The year started with Neuburgers and DeBenedettis traveling to San Diego in April for a typically great time there. But the Northwest District had a usual season this year, with conditions being near normal, compared to 2001.

District regattas were held at Kelowna, Eugene, Vancouver Lake and Kitsilano.

The District championships were held at Vancouver

Lake, with Philip Parshley, and crew of Phil and Lois, winning - an all family team. Conditions were good at VLSC, good winds and water.

We had the Pacific Coasts at Eugene again this year. Very good winds on Saturday left Doug Hickman and John DeBenedetti tied for the lead. However Sunday showed up with very light winds, drifting conditions, and Doug picked his way through to win.

We saw a fairly new boat going into Kitsilano, Mat Henley buying #14841. Perhaps we will see him traveling a bit next year.



## SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore.....	Pete Marriott
District Sec/Treas/Webmaster.....	Ron Wright
District Measurer.....	Carter Utzig
District Champion.....	Pierce Barden
District Runner-up.....	Bob Harkrider
Traveling Series Champion.....	Bob Harkrider
2003 World's Qualifier.....	Bob Harkrider

**Fleets: Savannah 127; Clark's Hill 257; Lake Lanier 348; Catawba 365; Lake Norman 415; Greater Charleston 429; Lake Waccamaw 463; Wake 481; Cape Fear 511.**

Bob Harkrider posted a huge year in the Southeastern District as he won the Traveling Series and qualified for 2003 Miami World's.

2001 commodore John Sawyer started the season as he did 2001, with a win at the Catawba Regatta on April 27-28.



*John Sawyer jockey's for position on the starting line at Catawba.*

In May, 2002 Commodore, Pete Marriott won the second annual Voodoo Regatta on his home Lake Norman. Pete also had a fantastic year as he added second and fourth place finishes at the prestigious Bluenose and Borderline Regattas late in the season.

When September arrived, we went back to the lakes. First it was the Augusta Regatta where Bob Harkrider won his second regatta of the season. Augusta provided one unwanted thrill as a stout thunderstorm came up between the fleet and the club. With no way out but to sail through it, we teamed up for a few tense moments and got everyone safely out of the water.

At September's end, Bob won his third regatta at Lake Waccamaw.

Lenny Krawcheck became skipper number five to win a traveling regatta as he took the Atlanta Cup in early October.

That left our largest regatta – The Borderline. Ed Michels, John Pelosi, and the Wake Fleet host a great regatta. The Borderline annually attracts national caliber sailors. 2002 was no different as former NA champions Dick Hallagan and Tom Allen were in attendance. SELD put on quite a show though



*Pete Marriott scouts the competition at the Bluenose.*

taking three of the top four positions as Marriott, Krawcheck, and Harkrider finished two, three, and four.

It was a solid season in the Southeastern District. Participation was down a tad and we are working to make increases. But a dedicated cadre of sailors made all the regattas a real success, whether we won or lost. We were well represented at the NAs and are real proud of our World Qualifier.

June rolled in and we all converged on Atlanta for the SELD District Championships. Pierce Barden returned after a couple seasons off and won the District Championship by a scant two points over Bob Harkrider.



*Ron Wright, Jason Bell, and Christianne Cormier tame Wrightsville.*

Our district turns to the ocean sea breeze for summer racing. In late June we all learned two valuable lessons from Bob at Beaufort. Lesson 1: Once you arrive, don't leave! After four of us hit the road in the face of bad weather, a great sailing window opened and Bob won the regatta with three bullets. Lesson 2: Well, here it is in Bob's words.... "Several hours out of Augusta, we turned on the RV cam to check out the boat. Boo Noo was gone! Thinking our Lightning was sitting somewhere smashed to bits, or worse yet, the instigator of an accident, we doubled back to find Boo sitting upright in a ditch waiting for it's owners to come back! There is a guardian angel for Lightnings." Amen.

John Sawyer took his second regatta of the year off the coast of Oriental, NC. At the end of July, Terry Tyner became the fourth skipper of the year to win a regatta as he captured the crown in Charleston.

Wrightsville Beach turned out to be one of the biggest regattas of the year. Cape Fear Fleet 511 hosted one of our larger events in August. Pierce Barden posted three bullets on his home course to win. The trip in and out to the race course alone is a beautiful sight to see at Wrightsville as the small harbor and trip through the jetties gave us all a chance to show off our boats and spinnaker technique to onlookers from the beach and docks. An extra treat was afforded participants as Dr. Stuart Walker spoke at the evening reception.

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# DISTRICTS

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

<i>District Commodore</i> .....	<i>Dr. Larry Frost III</i>
<i>District Secretary</i> .....	<i>John B. Waskom</i>
<i>District Champion</i> .....	<i>Dr. Larry Frost III</i>
<i>District Runner-up</i> .....	<i>Robert Bernhardt</i>
<i>District Measurer</i> .....	<i>Dr. Larry Frost III</i>

### Fleets:

**Southern Yacht Club 62;**

**Mobile Bay 135.**

2002 revealed several encouraging signs for continued health of our district. Fleet 388 has been re-activated at the Jackson Ms. Yacht Club, we have gained a couple of new younger skippers under 40, and traveling by fleet members to District and regional Lightning Invitational events has been up.

### Our District Level 2002 Competitions included:

The District Championship; sailed June 1 & 2 on Lake Pontchartrain at the Pontchartrain Yacht Club, Mandeville, La. in conjunction with the "Schools Out Regatta". 4 Races were held on Sat. in 10-12 knot winds and 2 races on Sunday in light and variable winds. Dr. Larry Frost III turned an unbeatable performance with 4 bullits followed closely by Robert Bernhardt. New skipper Ian LaCour sailing in only his 3rd Lightning event took home 3rd. The "official regatta results".



10812 Dr. Larry Frost III.....	Fleet 62.....	8 points
14736 Robert Bernhardt.....	Fleet 138.....	10 points
13703 Ian LaCour.....	Fleet 388.....	20 points
14136 Mitch Bohnenkamp.....	Fleet 135.....	25 points
12335 Larry Frost Jr.....	Fleet 62.....	27 points

The GYA Championship; sailed 27 & 28 July on the Gulf of Mexico at the Pass Christian Yacht Club, Pass Christian, Ms. 3 races were sailed on Sat. in light air and high heat conditions, and one race on Sunday in very light air and high heat conditions.

The Results were:

10812 Dr. Larry Frost III.....	Fleet 62
14736 John Marion.....	Fleet 62
11311 John Waskom.....	Fleet 388
14136 Mitch Bohnenkamp.....	Fleet 135

By winning both events, Dr. Larry Frost III repeats as the Combined Trophy winner.

All lightning sailors are invited and welcome to attend our District events in 2003:

Schedules are being developed and will be announced in the Flashes & on the web.

Spring Fling Regatta; Jackson Yacht Club, April  
Southern District Regatta; Jackson Yacht Club, Time TBD  
GYA Championship Regatta; Location TBD, Time TBD  
Hospitality Regatta; Jackson Yacht Club, October  
Sugar Bowl Regatta, Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, December.

## SWISS DISTRICT

<i>District Commodore</i> .....	<i>Jacques Perret</i>
<i>District Treasurer</i> .....	<i>Margrit Graf</i>
<i>District Measurer</i> .....	<i>Urs Wyler</i>
<i>District Champion</i> .....	<i>Urs Wyler</i>
<i>District Runner-up</i> .....	<i>Jacques Perret</i>

### Fleets: Lac de Neuchâtel (169);

**Sempacher-Hallwiler-/ Vierwaldstätter-Greifensee(250);  
Murtensee (358).**

### National activity:

Our activity in the season 2002 was the same as last year. For the second time we didn't succeed to bring more than 3 boats in Sempach and we decided to cancel the regatta!

Two crews have participated in Neuchâtel at the "Semaine du Joran"-Regatta to train crews for the Europeans.

Neuchâtel 19/20 October

Seven boats at our District Championship in Neuchâtel held by our traditional "Fondue" regatta.

This year we have had two boat owner changes:

- 13099 Christoph Lüthy sold his boat to Frederick Huck

- 11858 Pierre Grandguillaume sold Gargantua

We hope to see these boats next year at our District regattas.

We have a new captain for the fleet 250: François With. Congratulation François for your election.

Thank you Chistoph for all the work you did for the class during your lightning sailing activity of more than 40 years. I hope to see you the next years crewing on other Swiss boats.

### International activity:

Two Swiss crews did the big journey to the north to participate at the European Championship near the arctic circle in Kemi, Finland. In spite of an insufficient international participation, it was a perfect organized championship in very good wind conditions.

Congratulations to our 2002 European Champions: Urs Wyler, Walter Dürr, Gilbert Dürr.

I wish to all Swiss Lightning sailors, active and not so active, a very good season 2003.

Jacques Perret