

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore.....Gene Matthews
 District Secretary.....Vicki Matthews
 District Measurer.....Bob Smither
 District Champion.....Bruce Goldsmith
 District Runner-Up.....Derek Ettie

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian (5); Burnham Park (56); Milwaukee Yacht Club (69); Green Bay (112); Lake Davenport (167); Sheboygan (187); Lake Geneva (345); Manitowoc (393).

This year's regatta season got off to a great start with 28 Lightnings on the starting line at the Evans Regatta in Green Bay. That number was soon reduced to 25 when three boats tangled their masts. A good time was had by all.

All boats were re-rigged in time for the following regatta in Lake Geneva. First place went to John Esser, second to Byron Roe and third to Jim Robinson.

The next regatta was in Lake Geneva where Bruce Goldsmith took advantage of the excellent sailing conditions to capture first place with four consecutive firsts over the 26 boat fleet. Second place went to Gordon Ettie and third to a returning favorite from Decatur, Greg Florian.

The P & T Regatta was scheduled next in Milwaukee with 21 boats competing in the light and variable winds. First place was won by Rick Larson. While Gordon Ettie was away for the summer at school he gave his boat to the kids and they placed respectably well, pulling off a second. John Esser was third.

Many left their boats at the Milwaukee Yacht Club for the Districts which were held the following week. Again there was light to no wind for the first races with wind and seas to make up for it in the last races. This year saw Bruce Goldsmith and girls with a comfortable lead for first. Derek Ettie used his knowledge from Dad and experience from many summers of racing on Long Island Sound to finish second. Bob Smither was third.

Ronnie (no protests this regatta) Blair was fourth, and John Esser was fifth. We then sent Ron Blair, Bob and Gail Norstrom as our district representatives to the North Americans. David Blair went to the Junior NA's.

This year the Brotz regatta provided just about everything in weather except for snow. Saturday's races saw fog, rain, cold temperatures and plenty of wind, while Sunday provided sun, warmer temperatures and dying wind. But, John Esser came away the winner through it all, with Dan Olson from Decatur (in Dad's boat) second, while John Morley borrowed Mary Whalen's boat and took third.

While our representatives were heading to San Diego, others were competing in the Hobleman in Chicago. This was mainly a fleet regatta. Rodger Seitz was victorious over Dennis Burke and Fred House was third.

The Ice Breaker, which is normally held in the beginning of June, was switched to mid-August this year because they usually get fogged out. For a pleasant change they were able to get in three races. Rick Larson and Ron Schaper changed position from last year so Rick won, Ron was second and Karl Miller was third.

It was then back to Chicago for the Red Flannels where Gordon Ettie reigned victorious as he limped across the finish line with consistent second place finishes. In the brisk winds, which were a bit much for six boats who managed to capsize or have equipment failure, Lal Burridge from Carlyle held together for second place. Fred House and Ron Blair tied for third with Fred getting the nod.

To wind up the season several traveled to Davenport on the Mississippi and battled the current and fluky winds. Jim Flick showed his local knowledge winning the tie over Hank Hodgson from Michigan. Greg Florian of Decatur was third. Not enough wind combined with a strong current cancelled races on Sunday.

The Lake Michigan Championship comprising of the Districts and three other Regattas was won this year by John Esser, with Gene Matthews, second, and Dennis Burke, third.

It seemed that many more locals were out for their own regattas this year which was great, however, fleet racing was down. Let's keep up the enthusiasm and get out there for both the fleet races and regattas next season.



MIDWEST DISTRICT 1981 Regatta Schedule



* June 20-21 June 27-28	Evans Regatta Oxie	Green Bay Lake Geneva
* July 11-12	P & T DISTRICTS	Milwaukee To Be Announced
* July 25-26	Brotz	Sheboygan
August 1-2	Hobelman	Chicago Corinthian
* August 15-16	Ice Breaker	Manitowoc
* September 19-20	Red Flannels	Chicago Corinthian
* September 26-27	Polar Bear	Davenport

**Lake Michigan Championship To quality, the Districts and 3 other *Regattas must be sailed.*

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT 1981 REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 18, 19	Tennessean	Nashville
* May 2, 3	Hernando Desoto	Memphis
* June 12, 13, 14	Lightning Districts	Ken Lake, Murray, Ky
* June 20, 21	Inter City	Decatur
* September 5, 6	Impromptu	Carlyle (St. Louis)
September 5, 6	McDougal	Nashville
September 12, 13	Whale of a Sail	Carlyle (St. Louis)
* November 7, 8	Blue Nose	Nashville
* Prime Lightning Regattas		

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore Bill Baxter
 Vice Commodore Bob Ohlsen
 District Measurer Stuart Bernstein
 District Champion Matthew Burrige
 District Runner-Up Greg Florian

Fleets: Decatur (74); Harbor Island (262); Carlyle Sailing Association (266); Memphis (274).

1980 was generally a year of good weather over most of the District. It was a drought year for much of the mid-west, and we saw very little rain. The winds were better than they have been the last few summers, in that the summer doldrums were not insurmountable.

Regatta attendance was generally a bit down over the District. Each fleet in the District had a Regatta, with Memphis holding their Hernando Desoto on May 3rd and 4th, Decatur holding their Inter City June 21st and 22nd. Going into the Fall, Carlyle had its Impromptu over Labor Day and Nashville continued the grand Bluenose tradition November 1st and 2nd. We believe the reason for lessened regatta attendance is the increased cost through gasoline, lodging, food, etc., and the distances necessary to travel over a fairly wide-spread district. Fleet activities seemed healthy and while there is always some ebb and flow of membership up and down, on the whole, all fleets seemed to be prospering.

The remaining regatta was of course, The District Championships which were held June 13, 14, and 15 at Carlyle, just 50 miles east of St. Louis, Lake Carlyle is a relatively open lake for the mid-west, in that it is approximately 12 miles long by 3½ miles wide. Traditionally, the District Championships have been blessed with wind and this year was no exception. We measured the boats on the 13th, Friday. We raced four races in moderate to heavy winds Saturday. Sunday morning found a 25 mile an hour wind with gusts over 30, and we raced two more races for a five race plus one

throw-out series. Matthew Burrige of Carlyle Sailing Association, iced down the District Championship again with two bullets on Sunday in the heavy going. Greg Florian of Decatur, was Runner-up in the second spot, Brad Currie, of Memphis, was third. Todd Sternman of Decatur, was fourth and Mitch Bohnenkamp of Carlyle Sailing Association was fifth. Don Sherburne of Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville, was sixth. It was interesting to note, that the first four are all the new generation of Lightning sailors and the first four were all encompassed within three points in the final standings. Don Sherburne attained the sixth spot in spite of a DNF and a DSQ. Mitch Bohnenkamp was fifth in spite of the cares and responsibilities of running the regatta, as the outgoing District Commodore. On the Saturday night of the Districts we held our annual District Meeting, dinner and ya-hoo session. We also elected officers at that time. The Vice-Commodore, Bill Baxter, of Memphis, moved up to become the new District Commodore, and Bob Ohlsen of Decatur, was elected as a new Vice Commodore. The announcement was made that the 1981 districts will be the same weekend of June, 1981, at Kentucky Lake. The even-year-Lake Carlyle, odd-year-Kentucky Lake, has become somewhat of a tradition in our District for the District Championship.

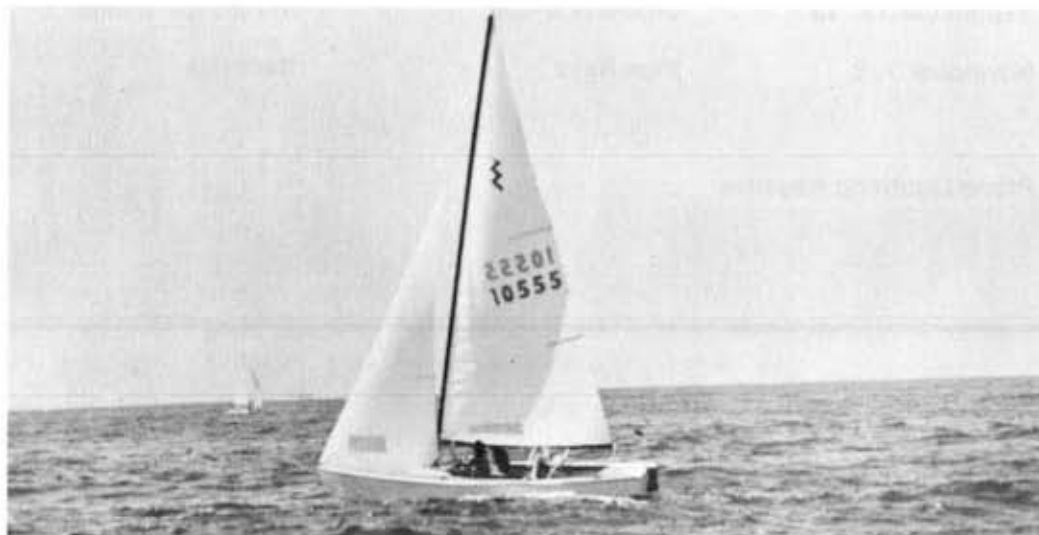
Only two boats made the long haul out to San Diego for the North Americans. Matthew Burrige and Brad Currie, Matt Burrige, with his father, Lal Burrige, and friend David Jones crewing, qualified in the Blue Fleet and finished 8th in the Blue Fleet. Brad Currie, of Memphis, had some problems in the early going, but did some fine racing and had good finishes in the President's Cup, finishing 8th. Those who made the trip to San Diego, came back to regale the rest of us with Sea Stories and Tales of marvelous hospitality at Mission Bay Yacht Club.

The 1980 season is now closed. Our planning of the 1981 season, is beginning. We hope to continue the trend of strengthening the fleet racing in each of the fleets in the district. Hopefully, we can do something to encourage more participation in the district's various regattas, as we would love to see you and have you sail upon our waters.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

LOOKING BACK — THE 1980 WINNERS

- State of Mass. — Newburyport, Mass. — *Dave Curtis*
- Vermont-New Hampshire — Bomoseen, Vermont — *Don Brush, Jr.*
- State of Maine — S. Portland, Maine — *Hale Walcott*
- **Districts — Marblehead, Mass. — *Dave Curtis***
- Mallet's Bay Race Week — Vermont — *Kurt Kling*
- Wellfleet, Cape Cod, Mass. — *Kurt Kling*
- N.A.'s at San Diego, 2nd Place — *Dave Curtis*
- Massabesic — New Hampshire — *Dave Fitch*
- Connecticut Governor's Cup — Niantic, Conn. — *Bob Pinard*
- Spofford — New Hampshire — *Jay Lutz*



District Champion — *Dave Curtis*

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1981 — TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- May 16-17 — Early Bird, Cedar Point, Conn.
- June 20-21 — State of Mass., Newburyport
- July 11-12 — State of Maine, Centerboard Y.C.
- July 17-18-19 — Districts, Mallet's Bay, Vermont**
- July 26 — August 1 — Marblehead Race Week
- July 30 — August 1 — Juniors, Wellfleet
- August 1-2 — Seniors, Wellfleet
- August 8-9 — Mallet's Bay Race Week
- August 19-21 — Women's & Junior North Americans
- August 22-29 — Senior North Americans
- September 12-13 — Massabesic, New Hampshire
- September 19-20 — Cedar Point, Conn.
- September 26-27 — Spofford, New Hampshire



Dave Curtis of the New England District, second place North American Championships at Mission Bay, California.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore David H. Fitch
 District Secretary Richard W. Hale
 District Champion Dave Curtis
 District-Runner-Up John Collins

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Merrimac River Fleet (121); Spofford Yacht Club (145); Annisquam Yacht Club (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake S.C. (227); Hattaraskeet Yacht Club (224); Masebesic Yacht Club (273); Chequesset (280); Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Pontoosuc (417); Androscoggin Lightning Fleet (450); Granite Lake (457); Casco Bay Lightning Fleet (471).

The New England District opened the circuit at Newburyport, Mass. June 14-15th. Probably the most pleasant weather of the season agreed with Dave Curtis, Dick Hale, John Collins and Len Pratt who finished in that order.

This year's Vermont-New Hampshire Championship on Lake Bomoseen saw the twenty boat fleet unable to get a race off Saturday, while Sunday's light air affair saw the one race go to defending Champion Don Brush, Jr. with Ed Zeimer, Jim Leamy and Tom Heilman rounding out the first four. It was pleasant for the District to be back on this pretty lake after several years away.

The Wind Gods were too kind for the liking of some as a cold front moved across Casco Bay, Friday night, producing 20 knot plus winds and a few swims for the unwary in the Maine Championships. Hale Wolcott sailed good races to best Don Brush, Jr., Georges Peter and Stu Nickerson. The members of the Centerboard Yacht Club make our visit with good fellowship, food and arrangements.

Our Districts were held at Marblehead, Mass. this year, and a special thanks goes to the members of fleet 385 for everything that made for a perfect three days of sailing. Locals Dave Curtis and John Collins were locked in a close duel up to the final race. The rest of us all lacked consistency. Our congratulations to Dave Curtis for winning the Championship with John Collins, Stu Nickerson, Hale Wolcott, Don Brush, Jr., and Dick Hale completing the silverware winners.

August 9-10th featured 25 knot plus winds and trouble for the Lightning insurance companies. Ann Brush in the absence of Don (in San Diego) took a quick dip before the first race — then proceeded to take two very convincing wins while drying out. Sunday's no air saw a lot of the Lightnings finish before the J-24's (hee-hee) but it wasn't Ann's day. The finals: Kurt Kling, over Peter Hubbard, Ann Brush, and John Hughes.

Does the wind have to blow so hard so often?! Wellfleet's great party, Dick Hale's submarine act, Kurt Kling nosed out local Stu Nickerson and C. H. Ritt in borrowed Georges Peter's boat finishing a nice third. Alex Webb and John Hughes finished out the top five.

The District salutes Dave Curtis in sailing to a second in the North Americans in San Diego. He went on to finish second at Cedar Point fall regatta over 67 boats.

Sometimes we get to expect to read the names of the same Lightning sailors, but sometimes a fresh new name appears on the scene. September 6 & 7 at the Connecticut Governor's Cup sailed in Niantic Conn., Bob Pinar bested some very good competition in capturing the Cup. The same weekend saw Dave Fitch the close winner over the combination Steve Fram — Al Lavender boat with Dick Hale and Russ Cavanaugh just behind at Lake Massabesic.

Our season wound up with thirty boats at Lake Spofford enjoying near perfect conditions (yes, there were seven capsize!!) Jay Lutz (crew Shore and Shore), Stu Nickerson, Dick Hallagan, John Hughes and Dick Hale won prizes but that all seemed incidental to the fellowship and comradeship of all!!

Dave Fitch has been elected District Commodore ably assisted by Dick Hale as Secretary-Treasurer. The administrative thrust will be to promote Junior racing in Lightnings — this is where our future will be made!!

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore Carl Clipp
 District Secretary Dr. John P. Borland
 District Measurer .. Ralph (Bucky) Powless
 District Champion Jim Dressel
 District Runner-Up Matt Fisher

Fleets: Indian Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Toledo (42); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Northeast (207); Atwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover (353); St. Mary's (400).

The 1980 season got underway with our annual winter meeting hosted by Atwood Lake Fleet 212 at the beautiful Atwood Lake Lodge. The meeting was chaired by Jack Mueller and Jim Crane presented a very worthwhile seminar for the group.

The racing season began at Pymatuning Yacht Club on May 10 & 11 with Fleet 36 sponsored a seminar and regatta. Chuck Maltbie, Seminar Chairman, called upon Bruce Goldsmith to share his talents at a lecture on Friday evening and a sail-shape demonstration Saturday morning. This was followed by two mini-races for the seminar participants. The three race regatta held Saturday afternoon and Sunday was sailed in heavy air with Bruce Goldsmith winning the series, Jack Mueller placing second, and Hank Hodgson, third.

The Great Lakes Championship was held the following weekend at North Cape Yacht Club. The races were sailed in heavy air and rain. Jack Mueller was first, with Bruce Goldsmith, second; and Bill Buckles, third.

Heavy air reduced the St. Marys 400 to one race. Ron Schulster won with Dick Pugh, second; and Mark Wilkins, third.

Leatherlips Yacht Club held the Windshift Regatta June 14 & 15. Dick Pugh came out on top followed by Warren Schieser and Ron Schulster.

District racing returned to Pymatuning for the Fleet 36, July 4th Regatta. Twenty-six boats turned out for the three-race series which found Chuck Maltbie the winner; Don Courtsal, second; and Jed Dodge, third.

The Ohio District Championships were hosted by Buckeye Lake Fleet 43 on July 11, 12, & 13. The five-race series found the host fleet capturing the first four portions: Jim Dressel, first; Matt Fisher, second; Willie Petersilge, third; and George Fisher, fourth. Jack Mueller from Cleveland Yacht Club was fifth.

1981 OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

DISTRICT SEMINAR & REGATTA	— Pymatuning	—	May 9 - 10
GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP	— North Cape Y. C.	—	May 16 - 17
ST. MARY'S 400	— St. Mary's Boat Club	—	May 30 - 31
WINDSHIFT REGATTA	— Leatherlips Y. C.	—	June 6 - 7
INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA	— Pymatuning Y. C.	—	July 4 - 5
OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP	— To Be Announced	—	
C. Y. C. REGATTA	— Cleveland Y. C.	—	July 25 - 26
HARVEST MOON REGATTA	— Atwood Lake Y. C.	—	September 12 - 13
SANDUSKY FALL INVITATIONAL	— Sandusky Sailing Club	—	September 19 - 20
SNOW BALL REGATTA	— Buckeye Lake Y. C.	—	October 10 - 11
FALL IN REGATTA	Cowan Lake Sailing Club	—	October 17 - 18

The Harvest Moon Regatta was sailed in light air at Atwood Lake. Jack Mueller was the winner; Bill Buckles, second; Carl Clipp, third; Dick Brown, fourth; and Tom Varley, Jr., fifth.

The Columbus Mayor's Cup is an intra-city regatta between Hoover Yacht Club, Buckeye Yacht Club, and Leatherlips Yacht Club. The heavy air series was won by Dan Dressel for the second year in a row. Our District Commodore, Carl Clipp was second, and Scott Savage, third.

The Ohio Governor's Cup is based on finishes at the St. Marys 400, Leatherlips Windshift, and the Cowan Lake Fall-In Regatta. Dick Pugh won the series, with Mike Hien placing second, and Carl Clipp, third.

Buckeye Lake's Annual Snowball Regatta was held October 11 and 12. Heavy air reduced the series to three excellent races. The twenty-seven boat fleet raced together, but awards were given for previously declared competition in blue and white fleets. The blue fleet was won by Mark Bryant with three firsts. Jim Dressel placed second and Chuck Maltie was third, with George Fisher, fourth, and Tom Allen, fifth. The white fleet was won by Dan Dressel, Jack Borland, second; and Carl Clipp, third.

The final regatta of the season was sailed at Cowan Lake on October 18th and 19th. Jack Mueller was first; with his dad, Papa John, capturing second; and Dick Pugh, third.

PERU DISTRICT

District Commodore Dr. Hector Sabogal H.
 District Secretary Dr. Carlos Navarro, M.D.
 District Champion (1979) Dr. Jose Barrera-Moller
 District Runner-Up . Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich
 District Youth Champion Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich

Fleets: Club Regatas Lima (261); Yacht Club Ancon (464); Yacht Club Peruano (265); Universitario de Regatas (424); Peruvian Naval School (452).

Aside from the usual fleet activities which as in previous years gathers them together in the same locations, namely Callao, Ancon and Chorrillos, the only important championship that can be reported up until the present

printing is the 1980 District Youth Championship, which again this year was won by Hector Sabogal Valazza, his sisters Gisella and Lorena among crews.

This year Hector managed to win 5 out of the six races plus a third place on the first race (his throw-out race) so it was not as emotional a finish as last years competition. The final results were as follows:

1st — Hector Sabogal V., Lorena and Gisella Sabogal V. — 5 points, 2nd — Carlos Navarro-Mulanovich, Antonio Fortunio and Enrique Ocampo 11 points, 3rd — Augusto Navarro-Mulanovich, Bruno Levaggi T. and Javier Callirgos 13 points, 4th — Miguel Chavez, Carlos and Jorge Villalobos — 17 points, 5th — Emilio Levaggi T., Enrique and Alfredo Conterno — 22 points, 6th. Cadet AP Gonzalo Rios — 47 points, 7th — Cadet AP Fernando Cerdan — 57 points.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore Tom Waters
 District Secretary Mickey Boyd
 District Measurers Bert Berry &
 Paul Rodesiler
 District Champion Tom Waters
 District Runner-Up Lenny Krawcheck

Fleets: Savannah (127); Clark Hill (257); Lake Murray (341); Lake Lanier (348); Catawba (365); Lake Hartwell (391); Triad (415); Greater Charleston (429); Palmetto (440); Wateree (459); Waccamaw (463); Wake (481).

Turned out to be a good year down this way under Commodore Harry Hintz — a small but steady group made the circuit of 9 regattas, with a good District Championship at Charleston. 20 eager skippers, none of whom were able to go to the NA's.

Sixteen skippers qualified for the circuit — and our families still stuck pretty much together. The smallest regatta was High Rock (Triad) with 13 and a tie -24- for the largest at Lake Murray and Lake Hartwell, both of which are centrally located. Tom Waters recaptured the circuit trophy, with Will Sloger, Lenny Krawcheck, John McIntosh, and Sputter Howard following in that order.

Our big problem seems to be getting sailors who sail only in their own regatta out on the road. They don't know what fun they are missing. We are losing the St. John's River fleet back to Florida where Lightning activity is picking up, but we have a new Fleet — Wake — in North Carolina. We welcome them and are looking forward to a year of good sailing in '81.

SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore Christoph Luthy
 District Secretary Ernst Schar
 District Measurers Urs Whler & Oscar Weber
 District Champion Urs Schar
 District Runner-Up Gilbert Despland

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zuerichsee (219); Sempachersee (250); Greifensee (309); Murtensee (358).

For the Swiss District 1980 was again a good sailing season, although seldom more than 10 boats took part at the different Fleet Championships and the four District Regattas, the latter ones, held at Sempach, Grandson Murten and Fallanden were counted for the annual trophy 'Kami-Kaze-Cup', which again was won by Urs Wyler followed by H. P. Schmid, Ch. Luthy and Urs Schar.

In Spring our new Junior Team: Urs Schar, and Thomas and Stefan Scharer surprisingly won the Swiss Championship on the lake of Sempach winning over G. Despland; J. C. DuPasquier, and H. K. Rahn. Because of this good result the Swiss District sent this team to the second World Youth Championship at Buffalo. There they finished 10th place in the final standings.

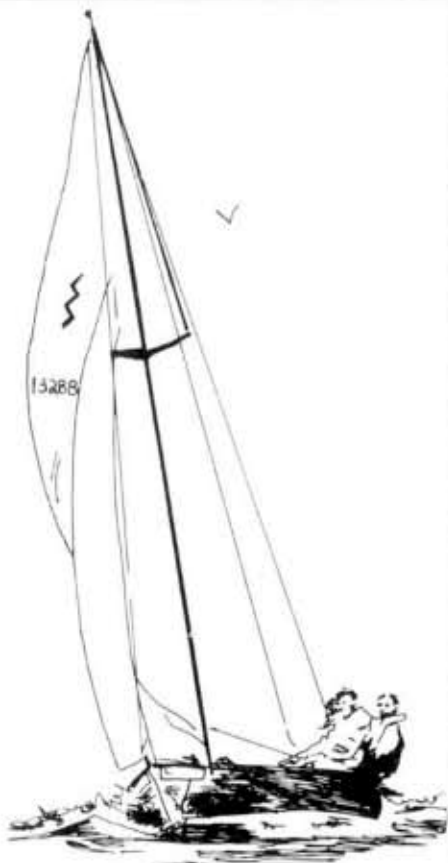
The Swiss District finally had to organize the 28th European Championship, 27 boats from Finland, Italy and Switzerland met at Neuchatel. With one low point in front of Roberto Crucitt, Jean-Claude DuPasquier won this title for the third time. It was very close.

We are looking forward to a good sailing year, although we are aware of having some problems: The last new boat built in Switzerland was three years ago, although we have a quite competitive boat in the EURO-Lightning; it became hard to get more young sailors joining our class, as they get surfboards today. Without this we will probably no longer have the opportunity to be a national A-class representative in the USY anymore. But, a hard core of the founders of the Swiss District in the early fifties such as Claude Lambelet, Hans Luthy and Oscar Weber still are taking care of the good spirit in the Swiss Lightning Class. Today, we are up in the second and third Lightning sailor generation and we all believe in sailing a modern and interesting boat — the Lightning.

The former District Commodore was Urs Wyler. The Vice President for the Swiss District still is Hans-Konrad Rahn.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT SCHEDULE

May 2-3	Lake Murray
May 16-17	Wateree
June 6-7	High Rock
JUNE 19-21	AUGUSTA District Championship
July 18-19	Savannah
Aug. 1-2	Charleston
Aug. 29-30	Waccamaw
Sept. 19-20	Lake Hartwell
Oct. 3-4	Lake Lanier



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