



Southern District Champion Cal Herman (R) and Gulf Yachting Association Champion Buck Ballatin (L).

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

1984 Regatta Schedule

March 3-4	Mardi Gras Regatta	New Orleans Y.C.
April 14-15	Holiday in Dixie	Shreveport Y.C.
May 12-13	Spring Regatta	Buccaneer Y.C.
May 26-27	One Design Regatta	Southern Y.C.
June 8-10	Southern Districts	Mobile Fleet
June 30-31	Gulf Yachting Assoc.	T B A
October 6-7	Wadewitz Regatta	Fairhope Y.C.
October 20-21	G.R.I.T.S. Regatta	Jackson Y.C.
October 27-28	Frostbite Regatta	Pass Christian Y.C.
Dec. 29-30	Sugar Bowl Regatta	New Orleans Y.C.

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SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore Jurg Weilenmann
District Secretary Paul Gmuer
District Measurers Urs Wyler, Oscar Weber
District Champion Gilbert Despland
District Runner-Up Urs Schaer

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Zurichsee (219); Sempachersee (309); Murtensee (358).

1983 was one of these mediocre years, regarding both wind and participation: We rarely had more than 12 boats on the starting line and I don't remember using our hiking straps except for the very last race of the season.

Nevertheless, the year was highlighted by the European and World Championships in Italy where seven Swiss crews took part and didn't even finish too badly considering Schmid's 17th and Wyler's 18th which are the best results any Swiss boat has achieved since the '77 Worlds at Spiez, Switzerland.

The first weekend in September saw nine Swiss boats crossing the Alps to find fresh wind in Gravedona for the traditional Italian-Swiss friendship trophy. Competition has grown stiff in Italy this year and everybody was looking forward to the usually excellent racing conditions on Lake Como. However, the wind didn't care to show up and, although two races with light air (shifting 360 degrees) were forced on us, the prime issue was clearly "friendship, spaghetti and vino".

But wait! This season has not yet finished. More sailing is to be done at the "Winter International Criterium" at Marsala in Sicily where the wind never blows below force 4 and Europe's top Lightning sailors will certainly give us a hard time. We look forward to it!



The Swiss Fleet at the '83 Worlds in Ischia.

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TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore John B. Waskom, III
District Secretary Regina Ploch
District Junior Commodore ... Gretchen Hanover
District Measurer Dr. Sylvan Newman
District Champion Rick Tears
District Runner-Up Greg Gust

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

Fleet 35 uses its longer summer series, April to August, to determine the Fleet Champion with a separate trophy for its fall series in October and November.

Fleet 435, following the pattern of previous years, has a spring series (March, April & May), a summer series (June, July & August) and a fall series (September, October & November). The Fleet Championship is determined by points earned for the entire year thus encouraging participation all summer.

Vern Goldberg was District Commodore until June and thus was responsible for organizing the Districts. I only hope we can do as well next year. You had a report on the District races in the August *Flashes*, but I will mention that Rick Tears was first with Greg Gust second and Greg Hatfield third.

Event of the year for us was the North American Championships which were held in the Texas District for the first time. The races were held on Lake Ray Hubbard, and we owe our thanks to the Rush Creek Yacht Club for use of its facilities and to virtually the entire club membership who helped in some way. Juniors helped with weighing and measurement, skippers of other classes from Sunfish to Auxillary did race duty and other chores and the wives helped with planning, registration, bartending and in many other behind the scenes ways. Our thanks also to the Old Salts Buck Ballatin, Crit Currie, Stu Anderson and Marshall Walker who pitched in and helped get the weighing and measurement completed on schedule after the heavy rain delayed things Tuesday morning. August is far from our best sailing month, but we do hope you enjoyed the races and will come back to our Thanksgiving Regatta.

Fleet 435 plans to give special emphasis to their Juniors' program next year.

We have about 10 unaffiliated Lightning owners scattered over the District, and as suggested, we are going to contact as many as possible. Vern Goldberg had started on this and we intend to continue the project.

I.L.C.A. ADDRESSING SERVICE

Most of the Fleet and District Officers listed in this Year Book held office during the calendar year 1983. Names and addresses of current officers may be obtained from I.L.C.A. Headquarters.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Richard Hale
District Secretary	Stu Nickerson
District Champion	Peter Hubbard
District Runner-Up	Hale Walcoff
Junior Champion	David Pinard

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club (14); Newburyport (121); Spofford Yacht Club (145); Annisquam Yacht Club (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoseen Lake Y.C. (227); Massebesic Yacht Club (273); Chequeset (280); Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Androscoggin Lightning Fleet (450); West End Racing Club (487).

Several New England District Sailors started off the 1983 sailing season by participating in the Southern Circuit. Congratulations to Dave Curtis who repeated as overall champion with Hale Walcoff and Betsy Gelenitis crewing. Also attending were John Hughes, Don Brush, and Stu Nickerson.

In May, New Englanders showed the way at the Early Bird Regatta at Westport, Connecticut with Kurt Kling placing first, Dick Hale second, and Stu Nickerson, fourth.

The First New England District Regatta was hosted by the Massabesic Yacht Club near Manchester, New Hampshire. Light and shifty winds prevailed with Bill Shore placing first, Stu Nickerson, Phil Lotz, Ed Hines, and Dick Hale following. Saturday nights' dinner was preceded by fresh popcorn to help pave the way for many beers and good times.

In early June, many New Englanders traveled to Newport, Rhode Island for the First Annual Newport Regatta. Excellent winds helped Stu Nickerson to finish first, followed by Jay Lutz and Edson White. Don Brush was fifth. Len Pratt, a many times N.E.D. Champion served as race committee chairman. At one point in the Regatta, the Lightning course overlapped the twelve meter course. Twelve meters go very fast!

Back to New England in late June, the Newburyport Fleet hosted 17

boats for the State of Massachusetts Championship. Georges Peter was able to master the fickle winds on Sunday to win, with Don Humphrey second and Hale Walcoff and John Collins tied for third. Pusser Rum sponsored this Regatta and served an excellent rum punch on Saturday evening.

The next stop was Lake Androscoggin in Maine, where high winds were to the liking of Dick Hale and Russ Cavanaugh. This regatta marked the end of the season for Russ as he suffered a foot injury.

Twenty-four boats traveled to Harraseket Yacht Club in South Freeport, Maine at the invitation of "old" friend Jack Burwell to compete in the District Championship. The sailing was extremely challenging with currents, islands, and shifty winds causing everyone to have a taste of being in the weeds. In the end, a new district champion was crowned. Peter Hubbard, from the Lake Champlain Fleet, sailed an amazingly consistent series to take home the Gold. Rounding out the top five were Hale Walcoff, David Jones, Jim Allman, and Ken Read. Many thanks go to Jack and Marilyn Burwell and Dave White for conducting a fine regatta.

Wellfleet, Massachusetts, long known for its high winds was the next stop for those who enjoy all the Cape has to offer. Three races in 20 to 30 knot winds found Bill Shore first, with three straight bullseyes. Bill was followed by Stu Nickerson, Dave Jones, Phil Lotz and John Ruykhaver.

Sailing at home, Dick Hale took first place at the Massabesic Fall Regatta and David Pinard won the Junior District Championship.

Many New Englanders traveled to the Fall Regatta at Westport, Connecticut. Stu Nickerson finished fourth, Don Brush fifth, Dave Jones ninth, and "Fast" Fred Hamblet came out of "Retirement" to finish tenth overall. Dick Hale, Stafford Fraizer and Peter Schiffenhaus also participated.

The Grand Finale, held at Spofford Yacht Club attracted 28 boats for some sailing and lots of partying. Dick Hallagan, for the fourth year in a row, showed us how to sail on a small lake in the Fall. Bob Pinard, Chris Hamblet and Dave Fitch followed.

Enthusiasm in New England is high, with a revived fleet in Provincetown on the outer tip of the Cape, leading the charge. Come join us in 1984!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

1984 Schedule

May 19-20	Early Bird	Westport, Conn.
June 16-17	Newburyport	Newburyport, Mass.
June 23-24	State of Massachusetts	Marblehead, Mass.
June 30-July 1	Provincetown	Provincetown, Mass.
July 7-8	State of Maine	Lake Androscoggin, Me.
July 20-21-22	District Championship	Burlington, Vt.
July 28-29	Wellfleet	Wellfleet, Mass.
August 4-5	N.E. Juniors	Massabesic, N.H.
August 11-12	New Hampshire/Vermont Championship	Bomoseen, N.H.
August 12-18	North Americans	Seattle, Wash.
September 8-9	Massabesic Fall Regatta	Masabesic, N.H.
Sept. 15-16	Eastern Champoinship	Westport, Conn.
Sept. 22-23	Spofford Regatta	Spofford, N.H.

1981 OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SCHEDULE

<p>SPRING REGATTA ST. MARY'S 400*</p> <p>WINDSHIFT REGATTA*</p> <p>OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY-REGATTA</p> <p>C.Y.C. REGATTA</p> <p>HARVEST MOON REGATTA</p> <p>SNOWBALL REGATTA</p> <p>FALL IN REGATTA*</p>	<p>Pymatuning</p> <p>St. Mary's Boat Club</p> <p>Leatherlips Y.C.</p> <p>Buckeye Lake</p> <p>Pymatuning Y.C.</p> <p>Cleveland Y.C.</p> <p>Atwood Lake Y.C.</p> <p>Buckeye Lake Y.C.</p> <p>Cowan Lake Sailing Club</p>	<p>May 19 - 20</p> <p>June 2 - 3</p> <p>June 9-10</p> <p>July 3-4</p> <p>July 28 - 29</p> <p>September 8 - 9</p> <p>October 13 - 14</p> <p>October 20-21</p>
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*Included in Ohio Governors Cup Series

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore Matt Fisher
 District Secretary Will Petersilge
 District Champion Will Petersilge
 District Runner-Up Dan Dressel

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

The Ohio District held its winter meeting in Columbus in conjunction with the Snipe District. Jay Lutz spoke to the combined group on racing tactics. We look forward to meeting with the Snipe group again this year.

The annual spring symposium was hosted by Atwood Fleet 212 on April 23-24. Roughly 50 people were in attendance to hear the presentation by George Fisher.

The district was once again well represented at the midwinters. District Commodore Matt Fisher finished third in this Pan-Am qualifier. Jim Dressel, Dan Dressel, Carl Clipp, and George Fisher were also in attendance.

The first District Regatta was held by St. Mary's Fleet 400 on June 5-6. Varley, Pugh, and Hein took the top three spots respectively. The following weekend Ohio sailors traveled to Leatherlips (Fleet 27). Dick Brown took the honors with Dick Pugh and Carl Clipp rounding out the top three.

The Ohio District Championships were hosted by the Cleveland Yacht Club who once again came through with a well organized and enjoyable weekend. John and Janice Mueller held another of their wonderful cocktail parties and other fleet members put together free taco and hot dog parties. The racing was equally as exciting. Six boats went into the final race within two points of each other. In the end Will Petersilge came out on top followed closely by Dan Dressel, Jim Dressel, George Fisher, Matt Fisher, and Jack Mueller.

The Dressel family lead the district's North American's contingent with finishes of third and thirteenth. Dan's thirteenth place finish was good enough to win him the Thermos trophy. The rest of us found ourselves better suited to tackle Wet-n-Wild than the Texas winds.

The Atwood Harvest Moon Regatta was held September 10-11. Matt Fisher, Jay Mueller, and Tom Varley took the top three positions.

The Snowball Regatta held at Buckeye Lake (Fleet 43) on October 8-9 was won by North American Champion Bill Shore. Tom Allen took a close second and Jack Mueller, Matt Fisher, and Will Petersilge rounded out the top five positions.

The Fall-In Regatta at Cowen marked the end of our sailing season. The top three positions were taken by Tom Allen, Dick Pugh, and Carl Clipp.



Ohio District Champions — Will Petersilge, Kelly Ottenweller, and Roel Hoekstra.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore Bruce Deitz
 District Secretary Matthew Henley
 District Measurer Dave Hickman
 District Champion Phillip Parshley

Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Vancouver (90); Lake Washington (132); Chinook (229); Columbia (283); Okanagan (368); Klamath (455).

The big news in the District was the announcement that the '84 North Americans would be in Seattle. Having them in our District is new for us, as the North Americans have never been held in the Northwest, and on the west coast only 3 times. We hope you'll join us, and spend some time in one of the country's most scenic areas.

Our District Champion is Phillip Parshley, Portland, winning in a tight series at Vancouver, B.C.

At the Pacific Coast Championships on San Francisco Bay, Dave Hickman of the Portland fleet dominated the fleet in good air conditions.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore William R. Sloger
 District Measurer Paul Rodesiler
 District Champion Lenny Krawcheck
 District Runner-Up Tom Waters

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

We did not have an Ice Breaker Regatta at Charleston this year. This tuneup for the Savannah Deep South was missed and hopefully it will be resumed in 1984.

The District Regatta circuit consisted of nine regattas starting in April at the Augusta Sailing Club and concluding in October at the Wateree Sailing Club in Camden, S.C.

At Augusta, Lenny Krawcheck was first, Will Sloger second and Bill Sloger third. The Lake Murray fleet hosted their regatta in May. Finishers were Lenny Krawcheck first, Tom Waters second and Bill Sloger third.

The Western Carolina Sailing Club hosted the annual Jib 'n Tonic regatta in mid May. The cocktail party of all the free gin and tonics you can drink was enjoyed by all. The winds and weather were good both days. Bill Sloger first, Del Foster second and Gordon Kellogg third.

The Triad Lightning fleet at High Rock Lake, N.C. was the site of the next regatta. Top finishers were Bill Sloger first, Tom Waters second and Del Foster third. Sloger owes this win to a Waters/Foster luffing match to "Kingdom Come."

The District Championship Regatta was held this year at Savannah. The wind and weather were exceptional and allowed us to sail three races on Saturday afternoon and two races on Sunday morning. Because of a lack of racers this will probably be the last summer regatta at Savannah for some time. Lenny Krawcheck emerged as the District Champion with 11 points, Tom Waters was second with 12 points and Will Sloger was third with 13 points. A close, hotly contested series.

Charleston had their regatta in Mid August. The weather was very hot (100° F) and humid. Two races were completed Saturday in light winds. Sunday after sitting on shore until noon with no wind and high temperatures the regatta was called and scored based on Saturdays two races. The three top finishers were Bill Sloger first, Will Sloger second and Tom Waters third.

Mid September had the racers at the Waccamaw Sailing Club, N.C. Lenny Krawcheck completely dominated the regatta with three firsts, Bill Sloger was second and Tom Waters third.

The Lake Lanier fleet held their annual Atlanta Cup Regatta the first weekend in October. Under sunny skies and light winds Fisk Hayden of Florida again showed us around the race course. Lenny Krawcheck was second and Bill Sloger third.

The last regatta of the year was at Camden, S.C. on Wateree Pond. This was to be the districts annual meeting. Only six boats participated, but the cocktail party and breakfast put on by Sam and Nancy Cheek made up for the lack of sailors. Top finishers were Tom Waters first, Bill Sloger second and Craig Thayer and his gang of termites third. Craigs #736 is probably the best restored wooden Lightning around.

The District Circuit trophies were awarded at Camden. Based on the entire seasons racing the finishes and average scores were first, Lenny Krawcheck (2.06); second Bill Sloger (2.33); third Tom Waters (2.65);

fourth Del Foster (4.67); fifth, Craig Thayer (5.50); sixth, Rick Ferguson (6.1875); and seventh, Paul Rodesiler (6.1904).

Lenny Krawcheck was again the outstanding skipper in our district having won both the District Championship Regatta and finishing first overall in the Regatta Circuit Scoring.

Rick Ferguson of the Raleigh fleet was elected the Southeastern District Commodore for 1984.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT SCHEDULE 1984

April 28-29	Augusta Lightning Invitational, Augusta, Ga.
May 5-6	Lake Murray Lightning Invitational, Lake Murray Sailing Club, Columbia, SC.
May 19-20	Western Carolina Sailing Club Open Anderson, SC
June 1-2-3	S.E. District Championship Regatta Carolina Sailing Club, Kerr Lake, NC
June 23-24	Beaufort (SC) Open, Beaufort, SC
July 7-8	High Rock Lightning Invitational, High Rock Lake, NC
July 28-29	Charleston Lightning Invitational, Charleston, SC
Sept. 8-9	Waccamaw Lightning Invitational, Lake Waccamaw, NC
Sept. 22-23	Y-Flyer/Lightning Regatta, Columbia Sailing Club, Lake Murray, SC
Oct. 6-7	Atlanta Cup for Lightnings, Lake Lanier, GA (S.E. District Annual Meeting)

These events count toward the District Season Championship. See District newsletter for additional regattas.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore Glen Higgins
 District Secretary Roger Evans
 District Measurer John "Buck" Ballatin
 District Champion Cal Herman
 District Runner-Up Buck Ballatin

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

1983 was characterized by two major District events, the Gulf Yachting Association Championship and our own Southern District Championship in Shreveport.

The Southern District Championship was won by Cal Herman followed by Buck Ballatin, Marshall Walker and Larry Frost.

The trophy for best in both series went to Buck Ballatin.

New officers for the Southern District were elected as follows: Glenn C. Higgins, Commodore; Roger Evans, Secretary.

The state of this District is not the best that it has ever been. With over thirty boats registered in the District, less than 1/3 are really active. Maybe it is today's economy, but I doubt it. For example, local fleet activity in the New Orleans area has diminished greatly yet those few that are active are travelling to the big regattas throughout the southeast. I feel that it is up to the local fleet officers to get the members out and get them sailing.

I would like to suggest that ILCA establish a long range planning committee to look at the Lightning's image, and what can be done to improve it. That image could be improved if the ILCA office had a public relations branch which could provide more information on Lightning activities to the trade magazines. I for one, would certainly like to see more Lightnings in boat shows with film strips of our boats in action.