

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore	Frank Kelly
District Secretary	Gerry Paoli
District Measurer	Bill Baxter
District Champion	Cully Ward
District Runner-Up	Matt Burrige

Fleets: Decatur (74); Harbor Island (262); Carlyle Sailing Association (266); Memphis (274); Valley Sailing Association (486).

The 1992 Mississippi Valley District Championship Regatta was held June 13-14 on lovely Lake Decatur in the midst of the Central Illinois cornfield. Thanks to the usual expertise of Jack Caldwell and associates, we got in six races. Cully Ward and his competent light air crew proved unbeatable with five second place finishes after his ninth place throwout. Matt Burrige, Gerry Paoli, Crit Currie and Bill Hofmeister rounded out the top five. Doug Floyd and his committee did an outstanding job of organizing and running the regatta and social activities. Even if you didn't take home the silver the memory of those world famous Grohne brownies made the Districts unforgettable.

The year saw the introduction of a brand new regatta, Carlyle Sailing Association hosted the "Mid" Continent, May 9-10. Twenty four boats representing nine clubs and six states gathered for the inaugural event. The first five finishes were Ken Kniepmann, Paul Wurtzebach, Matt Burrige, Bill Faude and Dan Reichelsdorfer, in that order. Carlyle is a first rate sailing facility and it is hoped this regatta will become an annual event attracting sailors from far and wide.

HIYC hosted the Jr. Districts on July 18-19 with the winds never getting above five knots; a test of junior sailing skills were shown admirably. Five boats competed with Mark Sanford finishing first, followed by Tobi Heisler, Wade Threatt, Robert Howell and Jennifer Ajets. Stacey Heisler gets chaperone and good sport of the year award for her help over the weekend. Sanford, Howell and Heisler went on to Buffalo to represent the District in the North American Jr. Championship and gained more experience.

To close out the District sailing season the famous Bluenose Regatta was

held the first weekend in November. 52 boats competed, down from a high of 67 in 1991. We suspect the forecast of unseasonal polar conditions contributions to this. This usual "heavy air" regatta saw uncharacteristically light to nonexistent winds prevail. For the first time in 25 years a Harbor Islander won first place. Chan Owen and crew sailing *Lord Jim Yahoo* in memory of Doc Gilbert, found the elusive wind and sailed consistently in two seconds and a first place finish to wrap up the regatta.

The usual southern hospitality prevailed, however the much anticipated second annual Round the Island Race did not take place because Bad Seed, last year's champ couldn't handle the pressure and failed to show up to defend his title. Disappointment was alleviated somewhat by the first annual Bruce Goldsmith Auction Yard Sale.

Other highlights of the 1992 season included the Tennessean in Nashville and McDougal, the Hernando DeSoto and Cotton Pickin' in Memphis, The Intercity in Decatur, and the Muddy Rudder in St. Louis. District members express thanks and gratitude to all who helped make this a successful sailing season.

As 1992 ends we eagerly anticipate traveling south for the Southern Circuit and the start of another great year.



1992 Mississippi Valley Junior District Champion, Mark Sanford, waiting to start race.

Mississippi Valley District 1993 Regatta Schedule

The Tennessean	April 10-11
Harbor Island, Nashville	
Mid Continent	May 8-9
Lake Carlyle, Carlyle, IL	
Hernando DeSoto	May 15-16
Lake Arkabutla, Memphis	
District Championship	June 11-13
Harbor Island, Nashville	
Intercity	June 26-27
Lake Decatur, Decatur, IL	
Junior Championship	(TBA)
The Muddy Rudder	September 11-12
Alton Lake, St. Louis	
The Cotton Pickin'	September 25-26
Lake Arkabutla, Memphis	
The Bluenose	November 5-7
Harbor Island, Nashville	

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Janice Lange
District Secretary	Toni Harrington
District Measurer	Donald Brush, Jr.
District Champion	Brad Read
District Runner-Up	Donald Humphrey, Jr.
District Junior Champion	Andy Horton
District Women's Champion	Ann Brush
District Masters Champion	John Hughes
District Circuit Champion	George Deyett

Fleets: Merrimac River (121); Spofford Yacht Club (145); Annisquam Yacht Club (151); Marblehead Harbor (189); Bomoosen Lake Yacht Club (227); Massabesic Yacht Club (273); Chequesset (280); Lake Champlain (301); Squam Lake (332); Cosco Bay (471) Bow Lake (493).

The New England District got off to a good start with 23 boats attending the first regatta of the season, on the last weekend of May, at Mallett's Bay Boat Club in Burlington, Vermont. We had good air for four (4) races on Saturday with Bill Fastiggi taking the lead, Jean-Francois Simard (from Quebec, Canada) in second, Stuart Nickerson third, Larry Colantuono (from New Jersey) fourth, and George Deyett fifth.

Everyone gathered again Sunday morning with high hopes of a nice breeze again, but it was not to be. We all waited around in the rain praying for a break in the weather that never came.

The second regatta of the season was hosted by the Bomoseen Yacht Club on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont. There was another good turnout of boats with 18 attending including three (3) boats from neighboring Central New York District, Dick Hallagan, Dave Bull and Jack Jones.

In a shifty breeze the all female race committee (it is about time) was able to get off three (3) races on Saturday. The sailors all had a lot of fun trying to figure out which side of the course the wind was going to fill in from. The sailing was followed by a barbecue at the Bomoseen State Park.

Sunday brought a southerly breeze with the leaders constantly changing. In the end after four (4) races the results were Dick Hallagan first, Ray Harrington second, John Hughes third, George Deyett fourth, and Bruce Atkinson fifth.

For our District Championship in July we returned to Mallets Bay in Burlington. The wind did not seem to be cooperating, but the decision was made to take us out to the outer bay, where we would be sailing, so that when the wind did fill in we could get in as many races as possible. Unfortunately, we had to wait a couple of hours for enough wind to get a race started. The wind held for the first three (3) legs and part of the fourth leg of the first race, ending with only a whisper of air.

As we all waited expectantly for the air to fill in again, it started looking more and more like it was not going to. The race committee opted for trying to get a second race in with what little wind there was since the Districts were being sailed in two (2) days. It was a long grueling second race with only a slight breeze. The race committee then towed us back to the Yacht Club for the evenings festivities.

Luck was not with us Sunday morning as we all showed up to wait for the wind again. The race committee again towed us out, this time to the inner bay, to wait for the wind, which never showed. The final standings after only two (2) races were Brad Read first, Rick Humphrey second, Robert Cutting third, Kurt Kling fourth and George Deyett fifth. Special mention was made to Moe L'Heureaux for middle of the fleet, Janice Lange for the most improved over last year, and Dave Fitch for the sportsmanship award.

Next on the regatta schedule was a one dayer at Wellfleet. Six boats showed up for 20-25 mph wind, causing a few people to go swimming, unintentionally, of course. Stuart Nickerson took first and John Hughes was second.

Squam Lake hosted a regatta "On Golden Pond" in August with a 15 boat turnout. It also served as the "return of Ned Hinds" (sequel to follow), welcome back Ned, we hope to see more of you next year. Moe L'Heureux took first, George Deyett second, John Hughes third, Ken Deyett fourth, and Dwight Gertz fifth.

Newburyport provided some of the best wind of the season. They had boat flipping, rig breaking wind with the top four boats sailing very consistent races. Ray Harrington took four bullets out of four races (unfortunately for Ray he had a premature start in the second race that he did not know about until he was back on shore). Tom Doran from Oswego, New York had four seconds, John Hughes four thirds, Moe L'Heureux four fourths. The final standings after two days of back breaking sailing were: Tom Doran first, John Hughes second, Moe L'Heureux third, Ray Harrington fourth, and George Deyett fifth.

The Massabesic Regatta in September saw a fleet of 13 boats. With the usual steady (?) breezes we were able to get three races in on Saturday with some quick thinking maneuvers by skippers and crew alike. Saturday night the "men" got together and threw a bachelors' party for George Deyett (who was married October 4 to Sharon Rakip — Congratulations), and showed up Sunday bright eyed and bushy tailed, as the saying goes. The sailors showed up but the wind did not, another windless Sunday.

The results after three races were Ken Deyett first, George Deyett second, Norman Deyett third, Ray Harrington fourth, Bill Berry fifth.

For the last regatta of the season there was a six boat turnout at Spofford Lake. Three boats showed up from off the lake, Dick Thackaberry from New York, Robert Cutting and Stuart Nickerson. After four races the results were Stuart Nickerson first, Robert Cutting second, and Dave Fitch third.

NEW ENGLAND LIGHTNING DISTRICT

1993 SCHEDULE

May 15-16	Massabesic Lake	Manchester, NH
June 5-6	Champlain, Mallet's Bay	Burlington, VT
June 12-13	Maple Leaf Classic	Bomoseen, VT
July 16-17-18	NEW ENGLAND DISTRICTS (Hosted by Wellfleet)	Provincetown, MA
July 31-August 1	Squam	Squam Lake, NH
August 6-13	'93 North Americans	Milwaukee, WI
August 21-22	Newburyport	Newburyport, MA
September 25-26	Spofford Lake	Spofford, NH

OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore	Ken Irwin
District Secretary	Dean Caley
District Measurer	Ralph Powless
District Champion	George Fisher
District Runner-Up	Matt Fisher

Fleets: Indiana Lake (23); Leatherlips (27); Turkeyfoot (33); Pymatuning (36); Buckeye Lake (43); Rocky River (71); Mansfield (150); Atwood Lake (212); Cowan Lake (303); Hoover (353).

The Ohio District saw evidence of a reawakening in 1992 perhaps best exemplified in our receiving the Steketee Trophy as the District with the greatest percentage increase in membership over the previous year.

A congratulatory letter from ILCA President Mike Huffman informed us that a wager had been made between himself (Midwest District) and Robert Harkrider (Southeastern District) over which of their districts would secure top honors. I suppose an apology may be owed these gentlemen for interfering in their wager, but than again perhaps they should each submit their ante to the Ohio District treasury — small unmarked bills in plain brown bags, please.

The Ohio season began in February with a District Meeting held in Columbus. Our speaker Matt Fisher related his recent Pan Am Games victory in Cuba, and passed on some of his latest racing techniques. We are very fortunate to have the Fisher family in our District, and their contribution to Lightning racing in Ohio would be difficult to measure.

A proposal made at the District Meeting resulted in a District Newsletter issued monthly through the season to promote and report on regatta activity. Focusing on the social aspect rather than the racing, this newsletter was sent to over 100 Lightning sailors and class supporters as an encouragement to travel.

The racing began with the "Spring Classic" held by Pymatuning Yacht Club on May 9th and 10th. This regatta always draws some big names from out of the area and provides an opportunity to be measured by a higher standard. The twenty six boat fleet was the largest in our district during the season. Matt Fisher took the top honors followed by George Fisher, Rob Ruhlman, Mark Sertl and Dick Hallagan.

The social highlight was a karaoke party with a rendition of "Mommas,

Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Sailors" appropriately delivered on Mother's Day eve.

On May 30th a fleet of 12 gathered at Leatherlips Yacht Club on the O'Shaughnessey Reservoir in Columbus for the "Windshift". The Columbus Zoo just across the river may cause those who camp on the club grounds to awaken wondering how they came to be on a safari.

The lake is somewhat small and allows 12 boats to create some traffic at the start. Though George Fisher scored five bullets several skippers were taking runs at him from time to time just to keep his interest up. Second through fourth places had Dick Pugh, Dean Caley, and David Gall all with 18 points. Does it get closer than that? As a result of the generosity of Pymatuning skipper John Werley, his crew Leslie Frymier was able to skipper in her first regatta.

Our District Championships were held at Pymatuning Yacht Club over July 4-6th. Great food and a live band helped make this three day event the high point of the season. A nineteen boat fleet also welcomed Craig Kvale who traveled in from the Columbus area to sail in his first regatta.

The racing saw George and Matt Fisher tied for the Championship with George emerging ahead after tie breaking. Third went to Rob Ruhlman.

The "B" fleet was won by David Gall, with Herb Jestle second and Scot Werley third. Our District Sportsmanship Award went to long time Lightning sailor Herb Jestle, and the award for the highest placing skipper sailing their first District Championship went to Phil Wedemeyer.

The summer meeting held during the districts elected Ken Irwin as District Commodore, and Dean Caley as District Secretary.

The Cleveland Yacht Club's regatta represents our districts only opportunity for open water racing. Friday evenings "Hee Haw" theme show lampooned CYC club officers in good natured fun. The racing saw light air Saturday which filled in Sunday to provide a certain amount of chop. Tom Varley finished first overall, with David Gall second and Ken Irwin third.

Seven of our district skippers sailed in the NA's this year with Matt Fisher, George Fisher, and Rob Ruhlman sailing in the blue fleet and John Werley, Dean Caley, Tom Varley and David Gall sailing in the yellow fleet, also known as the "Gold" fleet or the "No Beer Fleet" depending on who you talked to.

Indian Lake revived it's Stumpbuster Regatta after a 15 year absence with a major success. Ten boats travelled in to compete including Stephen Jolly and family, first year racers taking in their first regatta. Steve Weeber

1993 Ohio District Regatta Schedule

May 8-9	Pymatuning Yacht Club	Spring Classic
June 5-6	Leatherlips Yacht Club	Windshift
June 12-13	Hoover Yacht Club	Hoover Regatta
June 26-27	Atwood Yacht Club	Districts
July 3-4	Pymatuning Yacht Club	Independance Day
July 24-25	Cleveland Yacht Club	CYC Regatta
Aug 21-22	Indian Lake Yacht Club	Stumpbuster
Sept 11-12	Atwood Yacht Club	Harvest Moon
Oct 2-3	Buckeye Lake Yacht Club	Snow Ball
Oct 16-17	Cowan Lake Sailing Assn.	Fall In

bested the 16 boat fleet to take first for the home club, with Bill Young, Dick Pugh, and Paul Howald taking second through fourth honors.

Stephen Jolly was awarded the Mr. Stumpbuster trophy representing the Spirit of the Sport after sailing the regatta with his wife and two small children as crew.

With Indian Lake right on the heels of the NA's the Ohio District had 17 boats on the road that weekend. Nearly three times that of recent years and evidence of what we could be seeing at our regattas.

The Harvest Moon regatta held by the Atwood Yacht Club saw a fleet of 11 boats racing underneath three high pressure cells. Nuff said about the racing. The local fleet came to the top led by David Gall the first home fleet winner of the event in some time. Yes, David was thrown into the lake. Dave Huber and Dean Caley of AYC were second and third with Tom Varley from LYC fourth.

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club hosts the "Snow Ball" on the second weekend of October. This years regatta saw Matt Fisher take first with George Fisher second and Dave Werley of PYC capturing third.

Cowan Lake Sailing Association closes our season with the "Fall In" held October 15th and 16th. This regatta was straddled by a couple high pressure cells but fall colors were at their peak and provided by incredible backdrop to the racing.

First place went to Steve Thomas sailing *Happy Boat??* with Tom Varley, Jim Young, Dick Pugh and David Gall taking trophies for second through fifth.

Cowan also scores the top three boats from any club as a team with top honors this year going to Cowans own though the Atwood group was just two points back with the Leatherlips contingent in third.

The Ohio District Governors Cup was won by Tom Varley. Again. Awarded for the best compilation of finishes at all of our District regattas, it recognizes both good sailing and a dedication to the road.

The 1993 season will begin the cycle over again at the District Winter Meeting. Hope to see you there.



Ohio District Champion George Fisher with crew Joyce Ferguson and Barry Vanderhorst.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore Bruce Deitz
 District Champion Darrell Peck
 Circuit Champion Darrell Peck

Fleets: Maple Bay (64); Vancouver (90); Seattle (132); Chinook (229); Portland (283); Okanagan (368).

This season saw the reactivation of our fleet at Vancouver, BC, Kitsilano 90; and the reinstatement of Fleet 64 at Maple Bay. It will be good to see increased activity in western B.C.

Our season starts with a few members of the Portland Fleet, with John Mahoney of Eugene, traveling to San Diego for the Claifornia Circuit in April. Our own season was clearly dominated by Darrell Peck, of Fleet 283. He won circuit regattas at Vancouver Lake, Kitsilano, and Seattle, providing a nice cushion over Phil Parshley. Darrell Peck also won our District Championship held at VLSC.

Our district held the Pacific Coast Championships, at Klamath Falls, which was won by Scott Finkboner of San Diego. The annual District Team Races were held at VLSC, which was won by a combination team of women from the Portland area, and Phil Parshley.

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore Tony McBride
 District Secretary Terril Scott
 District Measurer Bill Layton
 District Champion Jean Francois Simard
 District Runner-Up Mark Osterman

Fleets: Lake Deschenes (188); The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (215); Hudson Yacht Club (376); Pointe Claire Yacht Club (499).

"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." 1992 was a tough year for the economy and the weather was awful. But that didn't stop the Lightning sailors from having a great time.

Once again, our district kicked off the year with a winter meeting and social get together. This year, we invited Brad Dellenbaugh to come to Montreal to speak on the racing rules. The event was opened up to all sailors in the region, as a way to promote the class. The evening was a great success. Brad proved himself to be an excellent speaker and very knowledgeable. We had over 150 people in attendance. And we raised over \$750 for the Russ Scrim Youth Development Fund.

Our Youth Fund is now in its second year. So far we have raised close to \$3,000, to pay regatta expenses for young sailors and thereby encourage them to compete in the Lightning Class. Thanks to the fund, we attracted four crews in the Montreal area this summer. These twelve rising stars practiced diligently and then traveled to Hamilton on the weekend of July 4th and 5th, to compete in the Canadian Youth Lightning Championship. This was our qualifier for the Worlds in Chile. At the end of the hard fought regatta, Nick Brown with Guillaume Bedard and Patrick Brown as crew, finished third and qualified for Chile. When school obligations prevented them from going, Jennifer Blanchard, with her crew of Lindsay Staniforth and Allison Mathews took their spot. This all female crew had never sailed a Lightning before this summer. Yet they went to Hamilton and sailed in winds ranging from 18 to 25 mph and finished fourth in a very competitive fleet. The other Juniors who joined us this year were Jamie Allen, with Kevin Vines and Scott Mullins as crew and Jamie Stafford, with Patrick Leger and Ian Scott crewing.

One of our initiatives this year had as its objective, to help the newcomers to our class upgrade their skills. We invited Bill Fastiggi, of Shore Sails, to drive up from Burlington and coach us one weekend, at the beginning of the season. Bill arrived in the evening of June 19th and proceeded to spend the rest of that day and all of Saturday, coaching and cajoling us into being better racers. Thanks go to Bill and Mark Osterman for organizing this wonderful event.

We were very pleased to be able to travel to Ottawa for our District Championship this year. The fleet there has been inactive for about twenty years. But thanks to the enthusiasm and efforts of Terril Scott, it was re-activated last year. For our regatta, Terril enlisted Bob and Joan Yuile to chair the event and their many years of experience organizing regattas showed through. They did a wonderful job on the registration, racing and social sides. Bob sailed Lightnings in his youth and we are hoping to see him back with us on the water next summer. Of course, he and Joan didn't do it all alone. Denny Foy ably ran the measurement process. Don Tucker did a great job as R.C. Chairman, under very trying conditions. And Craig Hadley took care of publicizing the event to Lightning and non-Lightning sailors alike. There wasn't a member of the host club that didn't know the Lightning Class is where the action is. Congratulations to Jean-Francois Simard, for winning the championship and to Mark Osterman, the first runner-up.

Ours is a very full schedule. In addition to the four Lightning regattas we hold every year, everyone also tried to attend the annual regattas at each of our clubs. This in a season which really only lasts twelve weeks. Still, in spite of these commitments, three boats from the District drove eighteen hours to Thunder Bay, Ontario, site of the 1992 Canadian Championships. Congratulations to Peter Hall, who finished second and to Mark Osterman and Tony McBride. They finished the three day, six race regatta, tied with Dave Sprague of Toronto, for third place. Dave won the tie breaker and Tony ended up fifth. Mark, with his wife Jane Lalonde and Guillaume Bedard, took fourth and earned the last qualifying spot for Canada at next year's Worlds in Brazil.

Our final event wasn't a race, but a pot luck supper at the home of Peter and Margo Hall. On a windy and cold November evening, we gathered in their living room, with a beautiful view of Montreal from the top of Mount Royal. Included in our happy group were several people that we are encouraging to join the class. The food was delicious, the company was great and the conversations revolved around the fun we had this year and the things we were looking forward to next year.

Now, if we can just do something about the economy and the weather,

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Pam Suter
District Secretary	Richard F. Mayne
District Measurer	John Pelosi
District Champion	Robert E. Harkrider
District Runner-Up	Lenny Krawcheck
Junior Champion	JBeau Samuelson

Fleets: Savannah (127); Clark Hill (257); Lake Lanier (348); Triad (415); Greater Charleston (429); Palmetto (440); Waccamaw (463); Wake (481); Tennessee Valley (500).

Eleven Regattas were held in the Southeastern District in 1992, with sixty-five Lightning skippers sailing in at least one event, an all time high for the region. Fifteen skippers sailed in at least six events to qualify for the District Traveling Championship. This is down from the sixteen in 1991. Those qualifying in order of finish were: Robert E. Harkrider, Lenny Krawcheck, Neff McIntosh, Will Sloger, John Pelosi, Terry Tyner, John Bohnenkamp, Karl Suter, Jim Taylor, Michael Rees, Richard Mayne, Jeff Brault, Bob Wilkins, Gil Klemann, and Avid Bridgers. One of our qualifiers, Gil Klemann, celebrated his 80th birthday August 17 this year. All fifteen competing skippers and crews received very nice wooden bound photo albums with their finishing place embossed on them.

The season opener was held at Augusta Sailing Club by the Clark Hill Lightning Fleet, April 25-26. The weather was the heaviest of the season and was won by Lenny Krawcheck, Neff McIntosh was second followed by Robert Harkrider. Seventeen boats survived.

The second series, May 2-3, was at Highrock, with honors going to Bob Harkrider, followed by John Bohnenkamp, then John Pelosi.

Then two weeks later, May 15-17, we traveled to Knoxville where twenty boats registered for the SE Districts. This three day regatta was a mixture of wind and weather conditions, and with a little current. In a five race series, Bob Harkrider became Southeastern District Champion over Will Sloger, Lenny Krawcheck was third.

Half a month later, June 6-7, we were at Lake Murray SC with no wind, Bill Sloger, followed by Ed Michels, and Neff McIntosh won the single race sailed by the fourteen boat fleet.

At Carolina Yacht Club two weeks later, June 20-21, Bob Harkrider took first, followed by Michael Rees in second, Jim Taylor was third, in the fourteen boat fleet.

We then went to Beaufort, SC to get used to salt water and prepare for the Savannah and Charleston. Bob Harkrider showed he had not forgotten about tide, Will Sloger was second, Patrick Hogan finished third. All enjoyed the "FROGMORE STEW" Saturday night. Seventeen boats.

Savannah was a new location on the recent circuit, July 11-12. The three race series was won by Bob Harkrider, followed by Lenny Krawcheck, third was taken by 1996 Olympic Committee Sailing Chairman, John McIntosh of Savannah. The course suited us to a "T".

July 25-26 saw us at historical Charleston, with a course out toward Fort Sumter. The wind was brisk, and the tide confusing to us "lakers". "Tide Water" Lenny Krawcheck finished first, followed by Patrick Hogan, then Bob Harkrider. The event was well attended, with 13 Lightnings competing in the multi-fleet regatta. This will be the site of our 1993 Districts.

Nine District crews traveled to the North Americans in Buffalo. Finishes: Lenny Krawcheck C21, Bob Harkrider P6, Kenneth Krawcheck P7, John McIntosh P22, Karl Suter P42, John Pelosi G11, Neff McIntosh G12, Carter Utzig G31, Carr Boyd G37. (See Championship listing for worthy crews.) One of our Juniors, Beau Samuelson sailing with Will and Josh McIntosh of Savannah Y.C. finished third in the Junior Championships. Carr Boyd also competed, John McIntosh was ninth in the Masters, and John Pelosi was fourteenth.

In September, off to Waccamaw with memories of earlier drifting in heat in 1990. We were to be surprised with great wind, maybe the best of the year. Will Sloger romped to first, with Lenny Krawcheck close behind. Bob Harkrider was third, and this being the largest attendance of the year, awards were made to fourth John Pelosi, and fifth to Richard Mayne, a newcomer to the hardware. Twenty four boats.

Then back to Lake Murray, Columbia YC, September 19-20, with good weather, but spotty wind. The small but blue ribbon fleet was closely contested with the prize going to Terry Tyner, one point ahead of Bob Harkrider, and one point later John Bohnenkamp. Twelve boats.

To finish up the circuit we traveled to Lake Lanier out side Atlanta for the Atlantic Classic. No drifter here, good wind in a gray drizzle, but it kept the power boat crowd at home. Fisk Hayden took first, followed by Neff McIntosh. There was a tie for third, with the breaker going to Lenny Krawcheck over Bob Harkrider. Twenty three boats sloshed thru.

The district thanks Pam Suter, District Commodore, for a great season. John Bohnenkamp will lead the Southeastern District in 1993.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Larry Frost, III
District Secretary	Fran Frost
District Measurer	Larry Frost, III,
District Champion	Robert Bernhardt
District Runner-Up	Mitch Bohnenkamp

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

The Southern District sailed a number of regattas this year. Participation was up somewhat this year. The first was the Mardi Gras Regatta hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club. Larry Frost, III won this one. Holiday In Dixie was the next one. Boats from Southern District and the Texas District sailed in the regatta. This was a great regatta and a good time was had by all. The best finisher from the Southern District was Larry Frost, III. He was second to Steve Harris. Southern Yacht Club hosted their annual Opening Regatta. SYC is the home of the now inactive Fleet 62 which was active for many years. Frost won this one also. Lake Charles hosted their annual Contraband Days. Sailors from the Texas District came for this one also and walked away with first. Larry Frost, III was second with Larry Frost, Jr. coming in third. SYC hosted their One-Design Regatta on Memorial Weekend. Buck Ballatin won this one with Frost again finishing in the top with a third.

Southern District Championships were held at Buccaneer Yacht Club in Mobile, Alabama. There was a nice turn-out and, for the most part, the weather cooperated. Robert Bernhardt won the regatta with consistent finishes. Mitch Bohnenkamp came in second with Larry Frost coming in third. The Gulf Yachting Association Championships were sailed at the Pass Christian Yacht Club on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Larry Frost, III walked away from this one with three bullets. Robert Bernhardt finished second in the regatta to give him the best overall finishes in the Districts and GYA. With that, he was presented the John Curran Memorial Trophy.



Kam Mitchell, Will Tetre, and skipper Larry Frost, III — Gulf Yachting Association Champion.

SWISS DISTRICT

District Commodore	Jacques Perret
District Secretary	Kathy Herzog
District Measurer	Urs Wyler
District Champion	Urs Wyler
District Runner-Up	Jacque Perret

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel (169); Sempachersee/Hall-Wilersee (250); Murtensee (358).

Our sailing activity during the 1992 season was quite the same as in 1991.

We organized three regattas for our championship with a participation of six crews. Our District Champion is once more Urs Wyler.

In spite of a meagre participation in Switzerland, a big delegation of four boats (with twenty-six persons!!!) travelled to Finland to sail the European Championship in Kuopio. A great championship with good wind conditions and 31 Lightnings. Congratulations to the "perpetual" Runner-Up Urs Wyler and his crew G. Durr / W. Durr who lost the title by just one point after a big fight with Noto. Congratulations also to my juniors, Alexandre and Ludovic, who worked hard to raise the Commodore to seventh place. Thanks to Claude Lambelet, our patriarch, who was sailing for the first time in Finland, and to Gilbert Despland and crew who are always active.

Next year we plan to train some junior crews to prepare the participation at the next World Youth Championship in Neuchatel.

TEXAS DISTRICT

District Commodore Arthur M. Wilson
District Secretary Ardis Good
District Measurer Dr. Sylvan Newman
District Champion Steve Harris
District Runner-Up Wayne Catoe

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian (35); Rush Creek Yacht Club (435); Lake Conroe (505).

Lightning sailing in Texas seems to be on a definite upswing again this year with more sailors participating in even more events. The continuing efforts to promote the class saw the birth of Fleet 505 at Conroe Yacht Club on Lake Conroe giving us a presence in South Texas.

With Steve Harris and Robert Mitchell of Fleet 505 promoting activities, three new regattas at Lake Conroe were added to the growing list of regattas for district sailors. Members of all three fleets participated in a total 13 regattas with Steve and crew travelling to nine and the North Americans. Practice, practice, practice does seem to pay off as Steve came in the winner in seven regattas — Toys for Tots Regatta at Lake Conroe, Texas A&M Regatta at Lake Conroe, Spring Dinghyfest at Lake Ray Hubbard, Contraband Days at Lake Charles, Louisiana, Texas Districts at White Rock Lake, State Fair Regatta at White Rock Lake, and Commodore's Cup at Lake Conroe. Other winners for the year were Warren Lewis of Fleet 435 winning Fall Dinghyfest at Lake Ray Hubbard and Kurt Schuler of Fleet 435 was a name seen often in the top three finishes in four regattas. Not leaving out Fleet 35, Wayne Catoe finished second in Districts and Joel Good finished fourth. Participation was good with a minimum of five or six boats competing to 11 competitors in Spring and Fall Dinghyfests and 14

boats in Districts and the State Fair Regatta. A District MacGyver Award was created for creativity at sea with Steve Harris being honored as the inspiration and first recipient for his repair of a broken spinnaker pole with a paddle during a race in the Toys for Tots Regatta — and he still won the regatta.

Adams Cup competition saw the birth of a women's team from Fleet 435 — Jennifer Eldridge, Liz Harvener and Deanna Gronke. They finished first in TYA and second in a shortened series for Area F. Although we would have liked to see the Area F go the full round robin (the series was shortened due to a blow of 20 to 30+ and no doubt the Fleet 435 team would have overcome the first place Austin team), those of us in Fleet 35 who loaned boats were glad to see our boats back at the dock with only minor damage. The Fleet 435 women's team had such a good time they added another team member, Christine Corbin, and took off for the Women's Keel Boat Championship (Invitational) held in Sonars at St. Pete in November.

At this writing, activity continues with boats packing up for the Toys For Tots Regatta again and the concept of a Texas District Awards Banquet is under consideration to further promote comradery among fleets.



The Adams Cup team from Fleet 435, Jennifer Eldridge, Liz Harvener, and Deanna Gronke.

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