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The attached news release describes the Regional Youth Championship that will be held in your geographical area this summer. This is a new event designed to attract young people to inter-club racing, and I think it will be a great success.

The release has been sent to the major boating publications that cover racing and to the secretaries of the classes involved. I wonder if you could arrange to have the championship publicized in your association newsletter.

Thanks for your help.

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REGIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULED

Four United States Yacht Racing Union Regional Youth Championships have been scheduled for this summer. The regattas, which will be held for the first time, will be the championships for the New England, Middle Atlantic, Southeast and California regions.

The bring-your-own-boat regattas will be open to aM sailors who will not have turned 20 during 1976. Youngsters may participate in more than one of the championships. Management will be by host clubs, and locally popular one-design classes will be used. Among the classes used at the four championships will be the Laser, Sunfish, Hobie Cat, Force Five, Fireball, Flying Junior, Lightning, M-Scow and Y-Flyer.

In addition to three to five race regattas, racing seminars will be conducted by guest experts.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point, N.Y., has donated a "best performance" prize for each championship.

When he announced the Regional Youth Championship program in February, USYRU president Lynn Stedman Jr. said that the champmonships would parallel the Sears Cup eliminations, in which only one junior crew from each yacht club may participate. In the regional championships, the only restriction on participation is the "under 20" age limit.

In addition, Stedman said, "The championships are significant because they will permit USYRU

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Offshore KENNETH B WELLER to demonstrate its concern for the local club and sailor by helping to run these important regattas. Many sailors have thought that USYRU was only concerned with national and international championships, but here we are going to the regions and clubs and asking how we can help them."

Yacht clubs and associations interested in hosting regional championships for young people in the Pacific Northwest, Texas and Plains States, and Midwest regions should contact the following:

John Rousmaniere Room 600 50 West 44th St. New York, N.Y. 10036 (212) 391-1000

The scheduled regattas will all be held over summer weekends. They are:

NEW ENGLAND: Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport,
Conn. July 17-18 in Fireballs, Lasers
and Sunfish. Contact Pat Johnston,
Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport,
Conn. 06605

MIDDLE ATLANTIC: Brant Beach Yacht Club, Brant
Beach, N.J. June 19-20 in Lightnings,
M-Scows, Lasers and Sunfish. Contact
Robert Stephan, 6115 Bayview Ave.,
Brant Beach, N.J. 08008

SOUTHEAST: Columbia Sailing Club, Columbia, S.C.

July 31-Aug. 1 in Hobie Cats, Y-Flyers,
Force Fives, Lasers and Sunfish. Contact
Peter A.B. Holloway, 500 Harmon Street,
Lexington, S.C. 29072

CALIFORNIA: Sausalito Yacht Club, Sausalito, Cal.

Aug. 28-29 in Flying Juniors and Lasers.

Contact Larry Harris, Sausalito Yacht Club,

Box 267, Sausalito, Cal. 94965