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A FABULOUS EXCITING EVENT – LIGHTNING INTERNATIONAL MASTERS

Peter Hall and Crew

Higuerillas Yacht Club, Con Con, Chile, November 15-19

What a more can you ask for? High drama, 25 knots of breeze, crazy big and steep waves, final results decided on last leg of last race, friends, sun, all this within 10 minutes of the great Higuerillas Yacht Club in Con Con near Vina del Mar in Chile.

Before summarizing the racing, all the competitors are very appreciative and thankful to Pablo and his race committee for running excellent races; for good wine, food, and friendship ashore; and most importantly, “arranging” challenging, exciting sailing conditions! For those of you who did not make it, you missed a great event in a wonderful venue. Even the massive remote control crane and its operator were spectacular! Our accommodations were first class within walking distance of the club and with a spectacular panoramic view of the race area. The hospitality and food of the Chilean's is “to die for”. As a country, Chile is on a roll – no deficit, electing democratically a single mother, doctor President, construction development everywhere along the coast, and ten years of prosperity.

Although the final results are not the most important – great fun sailing in every wind condition is – I would like to credit all the masters and their “experienced” crew in navigating in those tough windy conditions. We raced 5 races, no discards, and the final top 6 competitors were (1) Peter Hall, (2) Jim Carson, (3) Bill Mauk, (4) Mario Buckup, (5) William Hofmeister, and (6) Kip Hamblet. None

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Our World Champions

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Time to write up your YEARBOOK REPORTS!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Carter Utzig

It has been awhile since I have written something for the Flashes. I like to wait till I have something meaningful to say. So now I have lots to talk about.

- eFlashes: The current method of sending eFlashes and reconciling email problems does not work for lots of reasons and therefore many of us have not been receiving the eFlashes. In the future, an eFlashes email will touch on highlights of the Flashes and a link will direct members back to the website to download the complete eFlashes. By doing this, there should be a lot fewer reasons to have the eFlashes emails bounce due to mailbox limitations. Please remember to check email filters on your computer and provided by your internet provider.

- Web site:

- Space: The ILCA has one of the more successful website which is great! However we ran out of space faster than anyone realized (including our host provider). A number of housekeeping chores have been done to free up space and the web site is being moved to a new server. The latest eFlashes should be out there now.

- Membership information: The website is being changed to allow members to view their information on-line and query on key fields to look up another member's information (except for the email address). Members will be able to change their membership information on-line using a password. This will also provide a vehicle for regatta chairs to register people at regattas or after a regatta and a source for the class office to mail or email information. Most importantly it provides a vehicle for members to make sure that their information is correct. This should eliminate some of the communication problems with the class office. This change should hopefully be completed by the end of January.

- Content: A while ago the sections of the web site were assigned to individuals to keep the content fresh and accurate. There are a number of volunteers need to maintain these sections. If you are interested please contact the VP for the Internet Jim Allen or the webmaster.

- Class office: We are still evaluating the class office and how we get the most for our dollar. A number of people have "strongly" asked us to



communicate more details. Since we are evaluating both individuals and groups we can not legally and ethically communicate more at this time. The executive committee will make a recommendation and implement any change of action needed in January which is on track with the original schedule.

- Worlds: First and heartfelt thank you to the Chileans for putting on three successful regattas: The World Championship, The Masters World Championships and the South American Championships. Not only did they host these regattas, they successfully hosted a large number of their Lightning family. I hope everyone realizes what a huge commitment this was and how much we appreciate their hospitality in hosting our premier racing events. THANK YOU! For those competitors from the US, we owe Allan Terhune a enormous thank you for his work getting the boats down and back to South America and then working to negotiate down the additional fees. Allan, I got to see all the emails – you went above and beyond the call of duty. THANK YOU!!

- Southern Circuit: Lot of new exciting things coming your way. Amy Linton has worked quite hard on this and there are some new ideas being tried this year so plan on attending if you can and remember this is the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Savannah and the SYC is trying to pull out all the stops for an unforgettable weekend.

- North American Championships: Remember we are off to the west coast this year. Make your plans early. This is going to be a really fun. The quotas are being adjusted so qualifying at your Districts will be a breeze. Look for more information on the web and in future Flashes.

- Yearbook: We have a number of volunteers but could always use more. Details on where to send articles, District reports, fleet reports and photos will go out January. ●

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CHIEF MEASURER'S COLUMN

Bill Clausen

Dear Folks:

I write this column with the temperature at about 0 degrees. Just a few weeks ago it was 75 on land in CONCON and we were all enjoying the Chilean hospitality as well as their wind and waves.

It was a great regatta in many ways. The people were great the committees all functioned very well and the races were exciting as well as very well run.

The measurement procedure went smoothly with the help of committee members and the contestants as well. There were very few problems that arose during the Worlds. Those that did were very careful to have the hardware that was replaced re measured.

The one item that was NOT done to my satisfaction was that many sailors did not bring their Measurement Certificate! I need to see if there have been any changes to the original boat when it was made and if it has gained weight have you remove it and change your certificate. Without

the certificate I cannot allow changes to the weight added to the boat when it was new.

Please bring your Measurement Certificate to any major regatta so changes can be made to it so it is up to date. On the same topic. When you sell your boat please sell the certificate with it so the new owner has a starting point to go by.

The Worlds was the first International regatta we enforced the new sail number rule as well as graphics on spinnakers. It worked well also.

There have been some questions raised as to continuing measurement at major regatta. I feel we MUST continue to check the boats each regatta. If you come ready to be measured. That is cover off safety equipment visible as well as all the parts needed for weighting measurement will take less than 15 minutes. I think to keep the class one design we must do this check on a continuing basis.



I want to thank all the competitors at the NA'S as well as the Worlds for there cooperation in the measurement process.

Let's try to do some at the District level next year so at San Diego there will be no measurement problems.

As always I will be glad to answer any questions concerning measurement as best I can at any time.

I hope your Holidays went well and we will meet where it is warm soon.

● Bill Clausen Chief Measurer ILCA

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2005

Club de Yates Higerillas

ConCon, Chile

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

In attendance: Chief Measurer Bill Clausen, Treasurer Steve Davis, Executive Committee Member Rob Ruhlman;

Vice Presidents: Jim Allen, Amy Smith Linton, Bill Mauk, Alberto Gonzalez Mas, Allan Terhune Jr., Jim Carson;

District Commodores: Fernando Gallyas, Sakari Pesola, Bill Fastiggi;

Technical Committee: Ched Proctor, Tom Allen

Past Presidents: Paco Sola, Bill Faude, Anne Allen, Paul Gelenitis

Others in attendance: Jody Swanson, Larry McDonald Jr., Diego Gonzales, Susie Coburn, Mario Buckup, Jane Allen, Pablo Barahona.

Treasurer Davis welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He asked everyone to review the officers reports printed in the handout. He reported that the Class is in good financial condition but that the membership numbers were down. Chief Measurer Bill Clausen thanked the competitors for their cooperation and said the measuring process had gone well.

A quorum of the Governing Board Members was established. There were 53 votes represented at the meeting.

The Proposed Amendment to the Rules Governing on VHF/ radios to allow a competitor to carry VHF and GPS for emergency reasons only was discussed. Those speaking in favor of the use of radios included Larry McDonald Jr. and Bill Mauk. Those speaking against the use of radios included Jim Carson, Bill Fastiggi and Allan Terhune Jr. The voting was 37 FOR, 14 AGAINST and 2 ABSTAIN. As the required number of votes to pass this Proposal is 75 %, or 40 votes, this Proposal was defeated. Discussion after the vote indicated that some of the AGAINST votes would have moved to FOR votes if the GPS had been eliminated from the Proposal. Amy Linton, Rob Ruhlman, & Jim Carson volunteered to look at the wording other classes use with respect to the allowed use of the VHF and they will submit a proposal to the appropriate committee for further review and study.

The Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing concerning Worlds Entry Procedures was introduced and explained by Jim Carson who

authored the Amendment. There was no opposition. Motion passed.

Treasurer Davis asked for any reports from the Vice Presidents present.

Bill Mauk, Worlds VP, advised everyone of the next Worlds event in Greece in 2007. Additionally, there have been three proposals (Buffalo, Malletts Bay and Sheboygan) received for hosting the 2009 Worlds in North America.

Amy Smith Linton, Southern Circuit VP, updated us on the plans for this year's event. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Deep South Regatta at Savannah Georgia. There is a huge effort afoot to make this a spectacular event and encourage maximum participation. Five new trophies will be awarded as follows: Middle of the Fleet at each location, Overall Newcomer, and Highest Junior Sailor. Treasurer Davis is hard at work producing wooden models for this effort and other supporters are funding the balance of monies needed to complete the trophies.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jan Davis ●

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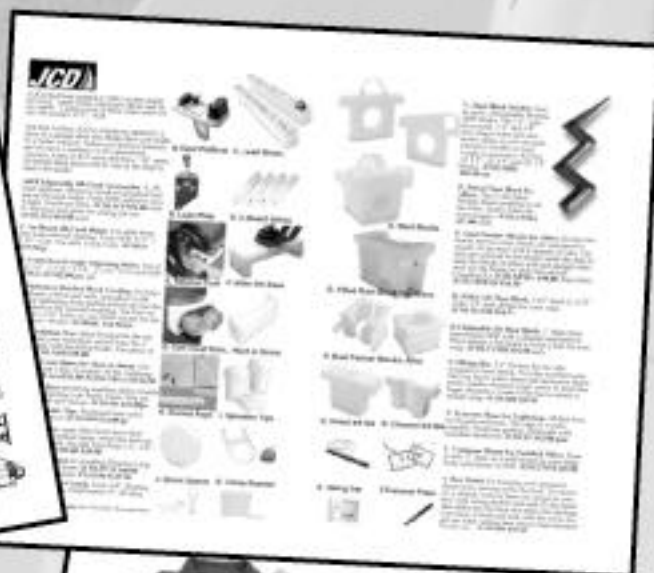
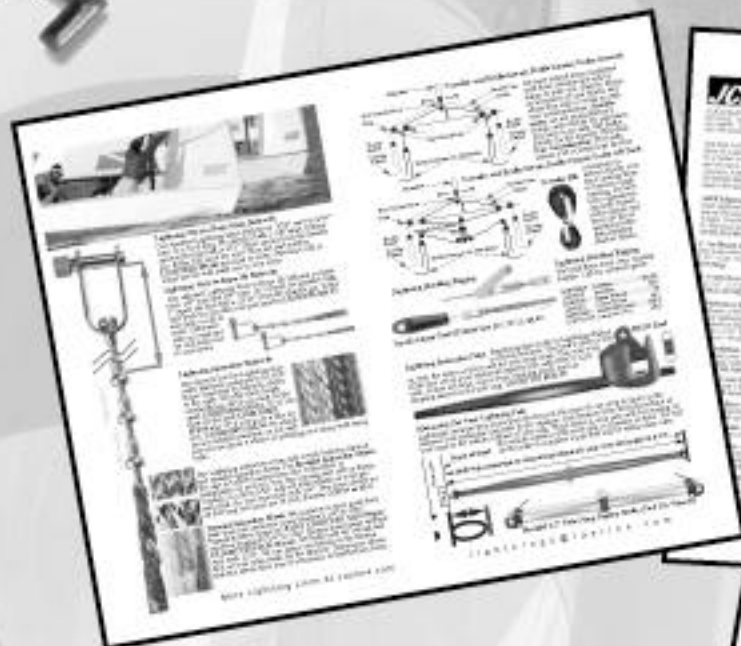
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Treasurer Davis called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Chief Measurer Bill Clausen, Treasurer Steve Davis, Executive Committee member Rob Ruhlman

Treasurer Davis conducted a roll call of fleets represented or proxies held for: 5,11,12,16,34,36,42,43,47,54,69,70,77,99,109,126,145,226,228,253,301,318,329,332,342,405,447,456,488,491,502

The required quorum was reached of 25% of the Active Fleets.

The minutes of the last meeting, in Sheboygan, were printed in the handout for review. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to forgo reading of the last meeting's minutes.

Reports by the officers were in the printed handout.

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution concerning the election of the Fifth Executive Committee

Member was introduced. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer Davis announced that Rob Ruhlman has agreed to serve as the Fifth Member of the Executive Committee.

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution concerning the Technical committee was presented. Bill Clausen recommended its passage as written. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution concerning District Distribution of Executive Officers was addressed. Jim Carsen voiced his support, there was no opposition. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

The Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws concerning Outlawed Races was introduced. There was no opposition. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

New Business:

Allan Terhune raised the issue that we are one of the only classes that require numbers on both sides of the spinnaker. He feels it is unnecessary and makes changing numbers difficult. This issue was referred to the measurement committee for its consideration.

Amy Smith Linton reported that plans for the Southern Circuit were underway. She is working with the St. Pete Yacht Club with respect to changing the banquet menu. The Deep South Regatta entry fees will be \$50 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary this year. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to a number of people who have made donations in order to make this possible. The Oyster Buffet will be a highlight of the social events planned in Savannah. Miami will feature a hula hoop contest...get practicing!!

Submitted by Jan & Steve Davis ●

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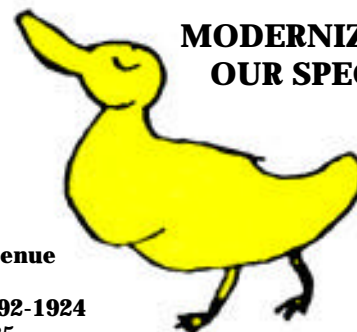
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Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championship	Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego CA	August 7-11
North American Championship	Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego CA	August 12-19

2006 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

50th Annual Deep South Regatta	Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah GA	March 11-12
Miami Midwinter Regatta	Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami FL	March 14-15
St. Petersburg Winter & Winter Masters Championships	St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St; Petersburg FL	March 17-19

2006 CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT

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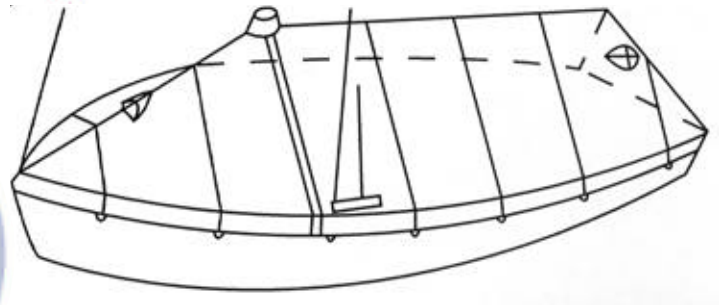
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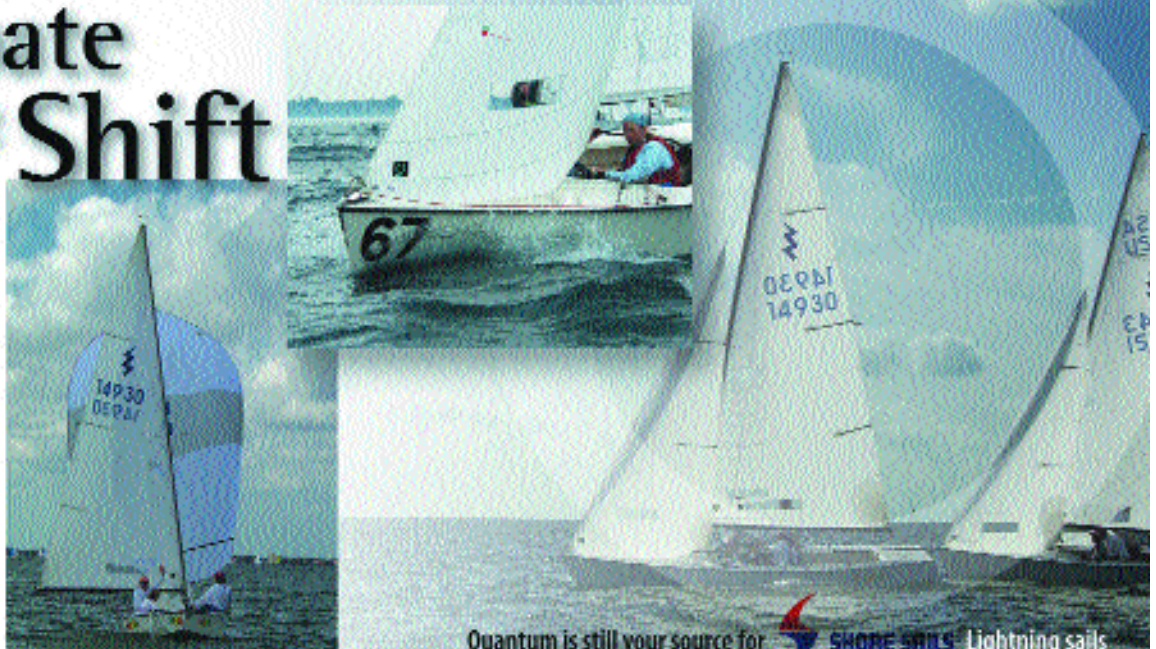
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BLUENOSE 2005

Todd and Kristine Wake

**Harbor Island Yacht Club,
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The weather was sunny and warm for the 40th Annual Bluenose Regatta, held Nov 4&5, 2005 at Harbor Island Yacht Club. Thirty-five teams from as far away as New York, Michigan and Wisconsin attended. Those fortunate enough to arrive early were treated to an on the water clinic by Greg Fisher Friday afternoon. The rest of us benefited from his videotape analysis that evening.

Our good fortune started months before the regatta when Matt Burridge, the current NA's Champion, emailed asking us if we needed crew. Since we're not completely crazy, we took him up on his offer before he had a chance to change his mind.

Saturday was forecast to be sunny, warm and windy. Bill Hofmeister and his race committee team got us off the dock on time in puffy southerly winds that ranged from 10-20 knots. We found out early on that the right shoreline seemed to have bigger puffs and a favorable shift on the beats, and we rounded the first mark in the top three. Our light crew weight allowed us to get on a plane and ride a big puff into the lead as we approached the leeward gate. We finished first after an exhausting battle trying to hike the boat flat so Bill Faude wouldn't get past. Race two was won by Craig Cobbum with Bill Faude again taking second. Sean Fidler, who missed the first race due to a breakdown, came back to take a third.

Race three saw the wind let up slightly and give our burning thigh muscles a nice break. Conditions remained quite shifty with big puffs



Todd and his supercrew

and lulls across the course. We were pleased to see fourteen year old Ian Moriarty, with crew Dan and Tobi Moriarty, up in the lead pack. Thanks to Matt's ability to pick the correct shifts and puffs, we found ourselves in the lead on the last beat. On one of the last tacks before the finish, Matt executed a beautiful roll tack and attempted to jump into his hiking strap on the windward side. Unfortunately, he missed the strap and fell out of the boat. Thanks to quick reactions and his and Todd's part, he was back in the boat within a few seconds. We maintained our lead over Sean Fidler and won the race. Ian Moriarty sailed a beautiful race and finished third.

Race four saw the wind kick back up. We rounded the final leeward mark in first with Bill Faude and Tom Allen Sr. right behind. Bill, along with crew Ernie Dieball and Jared Drake, sailed a beautiful last beat and, with superior boatspeed, they passed us despite our desperate attempt to cover them. We're all rooting for Bill and his team to keep sailing just as fast at the worlds in Chile later this month.

Thankfully the race committee sent us in for the day after race four, which was five exhausting, long legs. We were greeted by a "beer boat" on the water, always a nice touch. Saturday's evening's traditional steak dinner lived up to its reputation as one of the best regatta meals on the Lightning circuit.

We woke early Sunday AM to severe thunderstorms which passed over well before our pre-race breakfast at the Waffle House. Sunday brought another warm day with westerly wind of 10-15 knots. After two general recalls, race five began with Charlie Hess and his sons Alex and Andrew taking the early lead. By the third and final beat Tom Allen Sr. had the lead. We had been grinding our way back the whole race after a disappointing start, but couldn't quite catch Tom, who held on to beat us by a couple of feet. Tom, sailing with his wife Anne and Mark Grinder, showed why he's considered one of the greatest lightning sailors of all time. Our second place finish in race five assured us of first place for the regatta.

Race six took a while to get started, with a postponement due to a big shift and three general recalls before the race committee go fed up and flew the black "hefty bag" flag. Winds were patchy, with big lulls. Sean and his team of Randy Shore and Gaalen Phyfe played the shifts beautifully to win, with Craig Cobbum second and Pat Dolan third.

We'd like to give a big thanks to HIYC for the hospitality that we all enjoyed, and to Matt Burridge for teaching us some of the tricks that make him so fast. Despite the ten hour drive, we'll be back next year!

All Bluenose Photos Dan Lindstrom



Randy isn't *really* jumping ship, but...

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The tall skinny guys



Tom Allen with the best crew
he's ever had (wife Anne)



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of these "mature" helmsmen would have survived without great crew keeping the boat upright most of the time! I particularly would like to congratulate three boats (1) Bill Mauk (and crew Bill Fastiggi and Suzie Coburn) for tough competition until the last moment, (2) Jim Carson (Jay Lutz and Michael Schon) for coming second in incredible conditions, and (3) the enlightened Champion Tito Gonzalez (Diego Gonzalez and Cristian Herman) for winning the South American Championships, World championships and teaching all of us who the KING is! I am glad I will be too old when Tito really becomes the MASTER.

We arrived Sunday afternoon, November 13 dead tired but happy to see the boats, sun, and some wind. Phil Kerrigan, Jay Deakin and I got organized quickly, went sailing in 20 – 25 knots of breeze and quickly recognized that Con Con had tough steep waves. Allan Terhune practiced with us Monday and Tuesday, and getting good sailing time helped us. Chartering Ched Proctor's boat gave me a high comfort level that everything would work in all conditions.

Sailing day 1 - In the first race in 10 – 15 knots, our start was underwhelming, everyone went hard left, and we clawed our way back to win a tight race over Jim Carson and Bill Mauk. In the second race the wind was dying, the waves were brutal on port tack, and the jib was often folding in, and our (my) extra ballast was not helpful in slowing us down to eight spot in the masters and 16th in the overall South Americans! My crew asked me to loose 50 pounds that night! Dick Hallagan won, with Mario Buckup and Bill Mauk in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Sailing day 2 - The next race was in very light, flat conditions – Bill Mauk led most of the race, we passed him on the fourth leg (downwind), and the race was abandoned on the fifth leg. It was apparent that Bill Mauk and crew were sailing incredibly well in all conditions.

A massive breeze rolled in from the south, and we started the 3rd race in 18 knots which was to build to 25 knots with bruising waves. While we were well in front, Allan Terhune passed us, and we eventually finished 2nd in the South Americans and 1st Master. Bill Mauk posted a second (Masters) in this race and continued to lead the Masters event.

Sailing day 3 - Race 4 in heavy wind



International Masters Champions

has everyone going left and again we finish 3rd in South Americans, 1st in Masters, with Bill 5th in South Americans and 2nd in Masters. Bill is still leading, but we are not ready to give up!

Race 5 – final race, SHOW DOWN – BIG WIND! We start at the committee boat, get forced to tack six times, and look up to see Bill Mauk 100 yards ahead of us upwind, and 300 yards ahead of us downwind. This is TROUBLE – but we have an extended 8 leg course. Jay Deakin won't give up – he suggests that I might consider hiking a little!! Now the wind starts to build to 27 knots at the weather mark, 8 foot steep waves, and boats are tipping everywhere! This is really exciting. But Bill is way ahead of us. Every leg we pull in the distance, and half way up the 7th leg and last windward, we finally grind him down. The last run is a nautical survival test. I forgot to pull up the centre board; Bill Mauk closes to 50 yards, and its time to jibe! HELP! Both boats execute an out of control jibe, we steer through 2 dumped boats and 5 rescue dinghies, and Bill crashes. Thankfully no one is hurt and the finish line is 300 yards off. We survive to win the Masters and place 3rd in the South American championships, but Bill, Bill and Sue made this a classic dramatic finish – REALLY GREAT RACING at its best.

Most importantly, my loyal crew Phil Kerrigan and Jay Deakin did a fantastic job of never giving up, sailing fast in all conditions, staying upright, and having lots of fun.

The Lightning Class deserves congratulations on celebrating yet another event with challenging and exciting conditions, good friends, and everyone a CHAMPION. We look forward to Greece in 2007. ●

International Masters Runners-Up



3rd International Masters



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LIGHTNING INTERNATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Club de Yates Higuierillas

12 Boats, 5 Countries, 5 Races, 0 Discards

	Bow/Sail	Helm/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Nett
1	03 CAN 14768	Peter Hall/Philip Kerrigan & Jay Deacon	1	8	1	1	1	12
2	02 USA 15122	Jim Carson/Jay Lutz & Michael Schon	2	6	4	5	3	20
3	09 USA 14866	Bill Mauk/Bill Fastiggi & Suzie Coburn	3	3	2	2	DNF	23
4	18 BRA 14378	Mario Buckup/Telma Buckup & Marc Buckup	7	2	7	3	4	23
5	11 USA 15265	William Hofmeister/Marc Schillebeeckx & Mandy Hofmeister	6	7	3	7	2	25
6	16 USA 15257	Kip Hamblet/Abby Ruhlman & Rob Ruhlman	4	5	6	6	5	26
7	15 USA 15255	Richard Hallagan/Craig Thayer & Rick TenEyck	9	1	8	4	7	29
8	01 SUI 13790	Urs Wyler/Walter Durr & Gilbert Durr	5	4	5	9	6	29
9	12 USA 15205	John Atkins/Alan McReynolds & Lori Foster	8	10	DNF	10	DNF	54
10	17 BRA 14845	Torsten Ralf Bojlesen/Sergio Krausz & Mario Barila	10	11	DNF	8	DNF	55
11	14 USA 14811	Thomas Allen Sr./Anne Allen & Mark Grinder	12	9	DNF	11	DNF	58
12	04 CHI 14864	Pablo Gallyas/Pablo Gallyas Jr. & Valentina Gallyas	11	12	DNF	DNS	DNS	62



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Club de Yates Higuierillas

22 Boats, 6 Countries, 5 Races, 0 Discards

Bow/Sail	Helm/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Nett
1 35 CHI 11011	Alberto Gonzalez/Diego Gonzalez & Cristian Herman	6	3	4	1	1	15
2 28 CHI 14794	Cristóbal Pérez/Cristián Pérez & Francisco Perez	4	2	7	9	2	24
3 03 CAN 14768	M Peter Hall/Philip Kerrigan & Jay Deacon	3	16	2	3	4	28
4 06 CHI 14742	Alejandro Pérez/Cristóbal Grez & José Miguel Pérez	7	6	8	4	5	30
5 07 USA 15232	Allan Terhune/Katie Terhune & Jarret Lynn	1	7	1	16	6	31
6 27 CHI 14454	Pablo Herman/Claus Engel & Luis Felipe Herman	OCS	4	3	2	3	35
7 10 CAN 15246	Larry MacDonald/Ian Jones & Jody Swanson	2	8	6	11	9	36
8 21 CHI 14709	Juan Eduardo Reid/Matías del Solar & Pablo Lorca	9	1	DNF	10	8	51
9 09 USA 14866	M Bill Mauk/Bill Fastiggi & Suzie Cobrun	8	10	5	5	DNF	51
10 02 USA 15166	M Jim Carson/Jay Lutz & Michael Schon	5	13	11	12	10	51
11 18 BRA 14378	M Mario Buckup/Telma Buckup & Marc Buckup	13	9	15	6	11	54
12 11 USA 15265	M William Hofmeister/Marc Schillebeeckx & Mandy Hofmeister	12	15	9	15	7	58
13 16 USA 15257	M Kip Hamblet/Abby Ruhlman & Rob Ruhlman	10	12	13	13	12	60
14 15 USA 15255	M Richard Hallagan/Craig Thayer & Rick TenEyck	16	5	16	7	18	62
15 01 SUI 13790	M Urs Wyler/Walter Durr & Gilbert Durr	11	11	12	19	15	68
16 08 CHI 14795	Ignacio Pérez Vergara/Edmundo Pérez & Felipe Guerrero	15	19	10	14	13	71
17 13 ARG 11037	Roberto Ricoveri/Federico Mera & Manuel Ladogana	17	14	DNF	8	14	76
18 22 USA 14654	Bob Bush/Sterling Bush & Carlos Ortiz	14	17	14	17	16	78
19 19 CHI 14236	Maximiliano Vera/Rodrigo Meza & Stanley Franz	19	18	17	20	17	91
20 17 BRA 14845	M Torsten Bojlesen/Sergio Krausz & Mario Barila	18	20	DNF	18	DNF	102
21 05 CHI 13282	Alfred Sherman/Pablo Ramirez & German Ehrenfeld	OCS	21	DNF	21	19	107
22 30 CHI 14295	Cristian Barahona/Patricio Flores & Andres Perez	20	22	DNF	22	DNF	110

M denotes Master

South American Champions

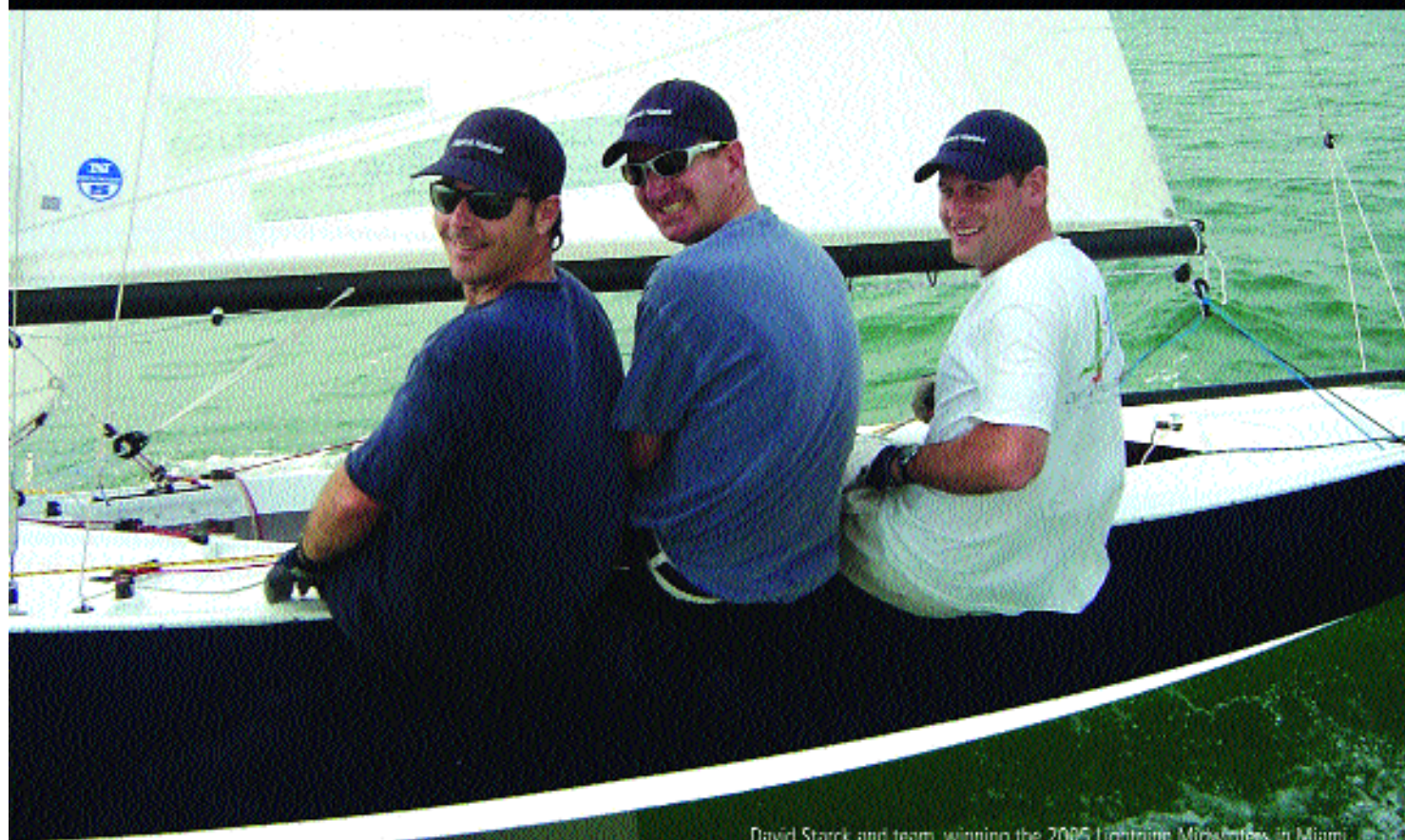


South American Championship Runners-Up



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Fast sails, big smiles



David Starck and team, winning the 2005 Lightning Midwinters in Miami.

- 2005**
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 - SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - St. Pete 1,2,3,5
 - SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Miami 1,2,3,5
 - SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Savannah 2,3,4,5
 - PYMATUNING SPRING CLASSIC 1,2,3,4,5
 - LONG JOHN REGATTA 1,2
- 2004**
- NORTH AMERICANS - CHAMPIONSHIP 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9
 - NORTH AMERICANS - PRESIDENT CUP 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 - NORTH AMERICANS - GOVERNOR CUP 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 - SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - OVERALL 1,2,3,4,5
 - SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - St. Pete 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 - SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Miami 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10
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23° CAMPEONATO MUNDIAL DE LIGHTNING**HIGUERILLAS – CHILE – 2005****Tito González, Rey de los Mares**

El timonel chileno confirmó su condición de monarca del velerismo, conquistando su sexto campeonato mundial, el quinto en el Lightning y el cuarto como timonel, igualando el record del mítico Thomas Allen III.

El chileno Alberto González lo hizo de nuevo. Después de adjudicarse el Campeonato Sudamericano de Lightning con un espectacular repunte en la última jornada de competencia, en el Club de Yates Higuierillas (Concón) Chile, Tito González ganó su sexto Campeonato Mundial en vela, el quinto en la clase Lightning y el cuarto como timonel, igualando el record que el estadounidense Thomas Allen III ostentaba desde 1977 y que hasta ahora parecía irreplicable.

Aunque tuvo que reemplazar a uno de sus tripulantes apenas dos días antes del Sudamericano y diez días antes del Mundial, el chileno soportó con éxito esa mala noticia, la presión del mundo náutico chileno - ansioso por ver un triunfo en casa -, el gran nivel de sus rivales y las cambiantes condiciones del viento en Concón, que parecía no favorecer a los deportistas dueños de casa.

En la primera jornada, con una flota de 45 embarcaciones de representando a Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Estados Unidos, Canadá, Brasil, Suiza y Finlandia, Tito clasificó 1º y 2º, pasando de inmediato al primer lugar de la competencia, acompañado por su hijo Diego (18 años) y por Cristián Herman, con 3 puntos negativos, seguido por el estadounidense Jody Lutz, con 9 (3-6) y por el chileno Cristóbal Pérez, también con 9 (5-4).

Sin embargo, el segundo día del torneo, una descalificación por partida adelantada y un 10º lugar en la siguiente prueba dejaron a González en el 12º lugar, con 59 puntos, y entregó el liderazgo del torneo a la esta-

dounidense Amanda Clark, con 25 unidades, escoltada por sus compatriotas Ched Proctor, con 27; y Jody Lutz, con 31.

Al día siguiente ni siquiera hubo regatas. Un frente de mal tiempo provocó un temporal que afectó a toda la zona central de Chile y dejó a los yates en la marina. El Comité de Regatas decidió adelantar el Día de Descanso de la flota y retomar las pruebas 24 horas después.

Ese sería el día de Tito. Ganó la primera regata, pero los fuertes vientos obligaron a postergar el inicio de la segunda carrera. En ese momento, el chileno había subido del 12º al 8º puesto. Pero quería más. Por la tarde, se corrió la sexta regata del torneo, donde clasificó 4º, y además se aplicó el único descarte de la competencia, con lo que recuperó el primer puesto, con 18 puntos, seguido por el estadounidense David Starck, con 20; y el chileno Pablo Herman, con 34.

De regreso a la cima, González estaba feliz, pero preocupado por no poder cometer un solo error más. En la jornada siguiente, se anotó otros dos triunfos parciales, y estiró las diferencias con Starck. A falta de una sola regata, el chileno sumaba 20 puntos, mientras que el estadounidense acumulaba 40. Más atrás se ubicaba el chileno Pablo Herman, con 41, y con toda la ilusión de alcanzar el vicecampeonato.

Pero la regata final estaba destinada a Tito. Aunque pensaba realizar una navegación conservadora, y tocó la primera boya, pasando a lugares secundarios, González terminó avanzando pierna a pierna, para ganar la regata y el 23º Campeonato Mundial de Lightning 2005, donde no sólo revalidó el título planetario que obtuvo en 2003, sino que además sumó su quinta corona del orbe en esta especialidad y el sexto triunfo

planetario de su carrera (en septiembre había ganado el Mundial de Etchells, en Estados Unidos).

El chileno se proclamó pentacampeón mundial y además entró en la historia del Lightning, con cuatro cuarto títulos como timonel, logro que le permitió igualar el registro histórico del estadounidense Thomas Allen III (ganador en 1961, 1963, 1965 y 1977), y que a sus 74 años también se hizo presente para competir en Higuierillas. González ya contaba con lo campeonatos de Colombia 1987; Finlandia 1995; Ecuador 1999 y Estados Unidos 2003, las tres últimas como timonel,

En el recuento final, el chileno sumó 21 puntos negativos (1-2-10-46*-1-4-1-1-1), seguido por el estadounidense David Starck, con 41 (33*-10-4-1-2-3-15-4-2). Tercero finalizó el chileno Pablo Herman, con 48.

Más atrás se ubicaron los estadounidenses Jody Swanson (52 puntos), Allan Terhune (64), Jody Lutz (67), Ched Proctor (73), Bill Mauk (78), Amanda Clark (83) y el chileno Juan Eduardo Reid (84).

El canadiense Larry MacDonald fue 17º (134); el suizo Urs Wyler, 22º (162); el argentino Roberto Ricoveri, 24º (184); el brasileño Tommy Sumner, 29º (209); el finlandés Skari Pesola, 40º (281); y el ecuatoriano Carlos Lecaro, 41º (285).

Con estos resultados, Tito González se consolidó como el velerista chileno más exitoso de todos los tiempos, con seis campeonatos mundiales (cinco en Lightning y uno en Etchells), seis títulos sudamericanos (cinco en Lightning y uno en J-24) y cuatro medallas panamericanas (en Lightning plata 1983, plata 1991 y oro 1995; y en J-24 bronce 2003).

A Tito González, la prensa chilena ya lo llama el Rey de los Mares... y con razón. ●

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LIGHTNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Club de Yates Higuierillas

45 Boats, 8 Countries, 9 Races, 1 Discard

	Bow/Sail	Helm/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Nett
1	35 CHI 11011	Alberto Gonzalez /Diego Gonzalez & Cristian Herman	1	2	10	OCS	1	4	1	1	1	21
2	50 USA 15252	David Starck /Ian Jones & Scott Ikle	33	10	4	1	2	3	15	4	2	41
3	27 CHI 14454	Pablo Herman /Luis Felipe Herman & Claus Engell	4	15	14	12	3	1	5	2	7	48
4	42 USA 15125	Jody Swanson /Skip Dieball & Tom Starck	21	7	11	3	6	8	4	9	4	52
5	07 USA 15232	Allan Terhune /Katie Terhune & Jarrett Lynn	24	23	3	9	5	5	2	8	9	64
6	02 USA 15166	Jody Lutz /Jay Lutz & Derek Gauger	3	6	6	16	18	DNF	3	10	5	67
7	03 USA 14821	Ched Proctor /Ned Roseberry & Jay Lurie	6	5	5	11	17	16	13	7	10	73
8	09 USA 14866	Bill Mauk /Bill Fastiggi & Suzy Coburn	2	14	26	14	7	12	10	16	3	78
9	25 USA 14740	Amanda Clark /Victor Lobos & Will Brown	9	1	9	6	13	15	7	27	23	83
10	21 CHI 14709	Juan Eduardo Reid /Pablo Lorca & Matias del Solar	8	8	8	18	14	6	18	6	16	84
11	24 USA 15083	Jeff Linton /Amy Smith Linton & Mark Taylor	20	24	1	26	9	11	20	3	13	101
12	39 USA 15260	Bill Faude /Jared Drake & Ernie Dieball	16	31	7	13	32	7	8	14	8	104
13	06 CHI 14742	Alejandro Perez /Sebastian Bejide & Cristobal Grez	15	3	17	10	19	9	19	17	15	105
14	32 USA 15168	Thomas Allen Jr. /Jim Allen & John Humphrey	23	29	12	20	4	2	9	12	24	106
15	28 CHI 14794	Cristobal Perez /Cristian Perez & Francisco Perez	5	4	40	OCS	8	14	21	11	6	109
16	47 USA 14957	Ryan Ruhlman /Patrick Wilson & Nick Turney	12	27	13	34	25	10	16	5	11	119
17	10 CAN 15246	Larry MacDonald /Joy MacDonald & Kevin Robinson	7	11	2	OCS	12	33	6	DNF	17	134
18	12 USA 15205	Bob Wardwell /Mike Healy & Billy Healy	10	12	16	19	27	13	35	21	20	138
19	16 USA 15257	Rob Ruhlman /Abby Ruhlman & Maegan Ruhlman	13	13	25	5	11	20	DNF	20	32	139
20	38 CHI 14734	Jorge Gonzalez /Claudio Gonzalez & Tmas Depolo	17	37	18	17	10	17	11	23	29	142
21	11 USA 15265	Steven Davis /Travis Maier & Mike Ledger	34	21	15	7	22	18	12	26	26	147
22	01 SUI 13790	Urs Wyler /Walter Durr & Gilbert Durr	22	36	22	4	31	23	31	15	14	162
23	43 USA 15241	Pierce Barden /Paul Whitesides & Doug Sherwood	18	16	43	2	30	26	DNF	19	22	176
24	13 ARG 11037	Roberto Ricoveri /Manuel Ladogana & Federico Mera	32	17	23	27	21	RDG 24	RDG 24	RDG 24	RDG 24	184
25	15 USA 15255	Richard Hallagan /Tammi Jamison & Hendrix TenEyck	31	9	33	28	15	29	22	24	27	185
26	44 USA 15220	Ryan Flack /Jennifer Flack & David Spira	29	19	24	24	20	24	23	28	38	191
27	26 USA 14888	Bob Sengstacken /Daniel Zitin & Mino Tsutsui	14	30	20	35	28	DNF	26	32	18	203
28	41 USA 15235	John Faus /Sarah Mergenthaler & Ian Gilliland	28	32	21	29	29	30	14	22	35	205
29	49 BRA 14894	Tommy Sumner /Guatavo Harada & Felipe Brito	19	26	19	23	34	DNF	30	DNF	12	209

30	22	USA	14654	Bob Bush /Sterling Bush & Dan Egan	37	20	29	30	36	35	17	18	25	210
31	20	CHI	14609	Andres Gomez /Cristian Winkelman & Nicolas Lewin	42	38	32	8	23	DNF	29	13	36	221
32	08	CHI	14795	Ignacio Perez /Edmundo Perez & Thomas Elton	35	22	28	OCS	37	19	24	25	34	224
33	17	BRA	14893	Geroge Rider /John Jansen & Peter Comber	11	34	35	32	33	25	27	34	31	227
34	33	USA	14881	Paul Gelenitis /George Francis & L.D.	27	28	27	15	26	21	37	DNF	DNS	227
35	36	USA	14942	Richard Moyer /John Townsend & Dave Sharp	30	35	30	21	38	DNF	33	35	21	243
36	37	CHI	14255	Rodrigo Amunategui /Santiago Lorca & Juan Francisco Amunategui	26	25	31	25	DNF	27	DSQ	DNF	19	245
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38	45	CHI	14632	Felipe Guerrero /Fabio Bojlesen & Jorge Salgado	38	40	38	37	35	22	25	30	33	258
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41	23	ECU	24676	Carlos Lecaro /Paco Solá & Oscar Viteri	39	18	36	38	16	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	285
42	31	USA	14415	George Glenn /James Glenn & Chappy Hopkins	44	45	44	39	DNF	31	36	29	41	309
43	40	ECU	14160	Marcelo Leon /Maria Clara Ordoñez & Ole Emmick	36	44	42	36	42	DNF	39	DNF	30	315
44	14	USA	14811	Thomas Allen Sr. /Jane Allen & Mark Grinder	43	41	37	31	39	DNF	38	DNF	40	315
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