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From THE LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

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## Theodore Maher New National Lightning Class Champion Buffalo Canoe Club Holds Superb National Regatta

A record of 33 skippers from 26 fleets accepted the invitation of the Buffalo Canoe Club, Point Abino, Ontario, Canada, to compete in the Sixth Annual National Championship of the Lightning Class Association on Lake Erie, on September 8th and 9th, 1944.

Theodore Maher, 17 years old, of Riverside, Conn., member of the Western Connecticut Fleet No. 7, won the championship by capturing 95 points out of a possible 99, taking a second in the first race, first in the second race and fourth in the final race. Sailing with Ted were crewmen, Dave Sinclair, also 17 years old and from Riverside, and Don Kelley of Greenwich, Conn. Karl Smither, with Bob Crane and Reg. Pegrum as crew, finished second. They are well known as the 1943 champion and championship crew, and represented the home fleet, Buffalo Canoe Club No. 12. Dr. John S. McIntosh with Herb. Sinnhoffer and Bus. Reichard as crew, of the Irondequoit Bay Fleet No. 46, finished third.

Three former National champions competed, Karl Smither, defending champion; Dave G. Cluett, 1942 champion; John M. Stern, 1941 champion; as well as the 1944 Lake Michigan District champion, Leonard Ladenburger, and the 1944 Atlantic Coast champion, J. Carl Behler, VI. In addition, to make the competition the toughest in any Championship Regatta yet, the racing skippers included the 1943 National Championship Runner-up, John W. Orelup; the 1942 National Runner-up, Walt E. Swindeman, Jr., who also won the 1942 Lake Michigan District Championship; Carver C. Dumke, Runner-up in the 1942 Southern New York and New England District Championship; and William A. Straub, who finished third in the 1943 Nationals. Many of the other competitors sailed in former National Championship, District or Atlantic Coast Championship Regattas.

### SUMMARY

| Pos. | Fleet No. | Fleet                      | Location                    | Sail No. | Skipper             | Points by Races |     |     |       |
|------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|
|      |           |                            |                             |          |                     | 1st             | 2nd | 3rd | Total |
| 1    | 7         | Western Connecticut        | Riverside, Conn.            | 252      | Theodore Maher      | 32              | 33  | 30  | 95    |
| 2    | 12        | Buffalo Canoe Club         | Abino Bay, Ont., Can.       | 588      | Karl Smither        | 25              | 32  | 32  | 89    |
| 3    | 46        | Irondequoit Bay            | Point Pleasant, N. Y.       | 79       | John McIntosh       | 28              | 31  | 26  | 85    |
| 4    | 42        | Toledo Yacht Club          | Toledo, Ohio                | 800      | Walt Swindeman, Jr. | 31              | 29  | 24  | 84    |
| 5    | 14        | Centerboard Club           | Portland, Me.               | 1054     | Albert E. Moore     | 30              | 30  | 23  | 83    |
| 6    | 12        | Buffalo Canoe Club         | Abino Bay, Ont., Can.       | 680      | John M. Stern       | 24              | 24  | 28  | 76    |
| 7    | 24        | Erie Yacht Club            | Erie, Pa.                   | 589      | William Walker      | 33              | 18  | 22  | 73    |
| 8    | 34        | Metedeconk River           | Barnegat Bay, N. J.         | 351      | Dave Berry          | 20              | 27  | 21  | 68    |
| 9    | 2         | Cedarhurst Yacht Club      | Lawrence, L. I., N. Y.      | 131      | Dave G. Cluett      | 29              | 12  | 25  | 66    |
| 10   | 46        | Irondequoit Bay            | Point Pleasant, N. Y.       | 508      | William A. Straub   | 23              | 28  | 12  | 63    |
| 11   | 43        | Buckeye Lake               | Buckeye Lake, Ohio          | 953      | Russ Luchtenberg    | 8               | 21  | 33  | 62    |
| 12   | 3         | Barnegat Bay               | Barnegat Bay, N. J.         | 882      | John W. Orelup      | 26              | 3   | 31  | 60    |
| 13   | 1         | Skaneateles Country Club   | Skaneateles, N. Y.          | 453      | Donald B. Dolan     | 17              | 25  | 17  | 59    |
| 14   | 39        | Chelsea Yacht Club         | Chelsea-on-Hudson, N. Y.    | 568      | Carver C. Dumke     | 14              | 17  | 27  | 58    |
| 15   | 57        | Cincinnati Sailing Club    | Cincinnati, Ohio            | 380      | Frank H. Pfefferle  | 22              | 6   | 29  | 57    |
| 16   | 42        | Toledo Yacht Club          | Toledo, Ohio                | 961      | Art C. Burtscher    | 19              | 16  | 19  | 54    |
| 17   | 45        | Edgewater Yacht Club       | Cleveland, Ohio             | 291      | Gordon Schuller     | 27              | 5   | 18  | 50    |
| 18   | 24        | Erie Yacht Club            | Erie, Pa.                   | 364      | Frank W. Zurn       | 11              | 26  | 13  | 50    |
| 19   | 56        | Burnham Park Yacht Club    | Chicago, Ill.               | 487      | C. N. Crall         | 10              | 19  | 14  | 43    |
| 20   | 3         | Barnegat Bay               | Barnegat Bay, N. J.         | 383      | J. Carl Behler      | 18              | 23  | DNF | 41    |
| 21   | 39        | Chelsea Yacht Club         | Chelsea-on-Hudson, N. Y.    | 82       | J. L. Jova          | 16              | 10  | 15  | 41    |
| 22   | 59        | Niagara Sailing Club       | Grand Island, N. Y.         | 276      | Jean Bowen          | 13              | 20  | 8   | 41    |
| 23   | 58        | Hewlett Bay                | Hempstead Bay, L. I., N. Y. | 432      | Alex Dougan         | 21              | 2   | 16  | 39    |
| 24   | 44        | Canandaigua Yacht Club     | Canandaigua, N. Y.          | 366      | Harold Hutchens     | 3               | 15  | 20  | 38    |
| 25   | 50        | Washington                 | Washington, D. C.           | 36       | William P. Welch    | 7               | 22  | 7   | 36    |
| 26   | 30        | South Haven Yacht Club     | South Haven, Mich.          | 753      | L. Ladenburger      | 9               | 13  | 10  | 32    |
| 27   | 19        | Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club | Lakewood, N. Y.             | 520      | Bun Bourne          | 15              | 11  | 6   | 32    |
| 28   | 47        | Silver Lake Yacht Club     | Perry, N. Y.                | 410      | Gordon Meyer        | 12              | 9   | 3   | 24    |
| 29   | 18        | Tri-State Yacht Club       | Essington, Pa.              | 545      | G. Baylie Tompkins  | 4               | 14  | 4   | 22    |
| 30   | 52        | Rochester Yacht Club       | Rochester, N. Y.            | 470      | Karl Seeman         | 5               | 7   | 9   | 21    |
| 31   | 19        | Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club | Lakewood, N. Y.             | 521      | Walter J. Crocker   | 6               | 1   | 11  | 18    |
| 32   | 33        | Turkeyfoot Lake            | Akron, Ohio                 | 554      | G. C. Johnston      | 2               | 8   | 5   | 15    |
| 33   | 23        | Indian Lake                | Lima, Ohio                  | 120      | Chuck Siferd        | 0               | 4   | 2   | 6     |





### RECORD FLEET RACING AT BUFFALO CANOE CLUB

Through the efforts of Dwain E. (Buck) Weaver and his Committee, and the wholehearted cooperation of nearby fleets and owners, thirty-three measured Lightnings were on hand for the competitors. Boats were drawn by lot by Buffalo Canoe Club officials Thursday evening for each race, so that Friday morning arriving skippers knew the numbers of the three boats they would sail in the Regatta.

#### FIRST RACE

Starting at 3:30 p.m., on Friday, September 8th, the first race was sailed in a diminishing northwest breeze over course 2—1—5 twice around, leaving buoys to port. The wind really had been blowing for the past 24 to 48 hours leaving a severe chop in the bay. After the first beat and reach William Walker of Erie, Pa., had worked into a lead, followed closely by Ted Maher of Riverside, Conn., and Gordon Schuller of Cleveland, Ohio. Smither, Stern, McIntosh and Straub followed in order. The third leg, with a good breeze blowing, was a beam reach making the skipper's decision of whether or not to carry a spinnaker a difficult one. Ted Maher, with no hesitation, ordered a spinnaker, and from the committee boat at the mark, it was the conclusion that the sail was up and pulling within

fifteen seconds. Walker was a little slower but nevertheless fast. About the next ten boats carried spinnakers but the rest of the fleet did not.

After the reach finishing the first round and after the beat and reach the second time around, Walker had increased his lead by several boat lengths, followed by Maher, Walt Swindeman, Albert Moore, Gordon Schuller and Dave Cluett. Swindeman had moved up from eleventh to third and Moore from twelfth to fourth.

Beginning the run home, Maher was the only skipper to fly a spinnaker and again had it pulling in record time. Ted obviously was out to win and his crew was giving him superb help. This move didn't put Ted in front, as Bill Walker retained his first place, but it was an indication to everyone that here was a lad who was working to win.

Bill Walker crossed the finish line 37 seconds ahead of Ted Maher, with Walt Swindeman only 23 seconds behind. Albert Moore finished 1 minute 39 seconds later, then Dave Cluett in 50 seconds, then Dr. McIntosh in 9 seconds, and Gordon Schuller in 2 seconds. The time indicates better than anything how closely the first race was contested.

Walker sailed the six mile course in 1 hour, 5 minutes, 19 seconds. A fast race.



## SECOND RACE

When Shorty Holzworth (B.C.C. Fleet Captain Ernest H. Holzworth, standing about 6' 6" and a grand fellow) arrived at the dock Saturday morning, the wind was fresh out of the North and a course was decided upon of 4—1 twice around. By the time the committee boat arrived at mark 4 the wind had shifted to Northwest and was variable, making a change in course necessary. Course 4—5—3 twice around, leaving buoys to starboard, was decided upon and the start was made at 10:40 a.m.

On the second leg, a run with all spinnakers flying, the wind flattened for a short period and then picked up. While the wind was resting the fleet had its troubles. Spinnakers blanketed—no wind to draw—positions changed with great rapidity. Some went wind hunting toward the beach and won out, but those who kept off shore lost their chance as the breeze came in again. Dave Cluett, a grand sailor, was one of the latter and rounded the mark last. John Stern on the other hand, moving in towards shore, moved from last to sixth by the time he reached the mark.

As the fleet rounded mark 3, Al Moore was in the lead. After a fourth in the first race Al had a good chance at the crown. Dr. McIntosh followed in second place, Ted Maher, third, Karl Smither, fourth, Frank Zurn, fifth, John Stern, sixth, and Bill Walker, seventh.

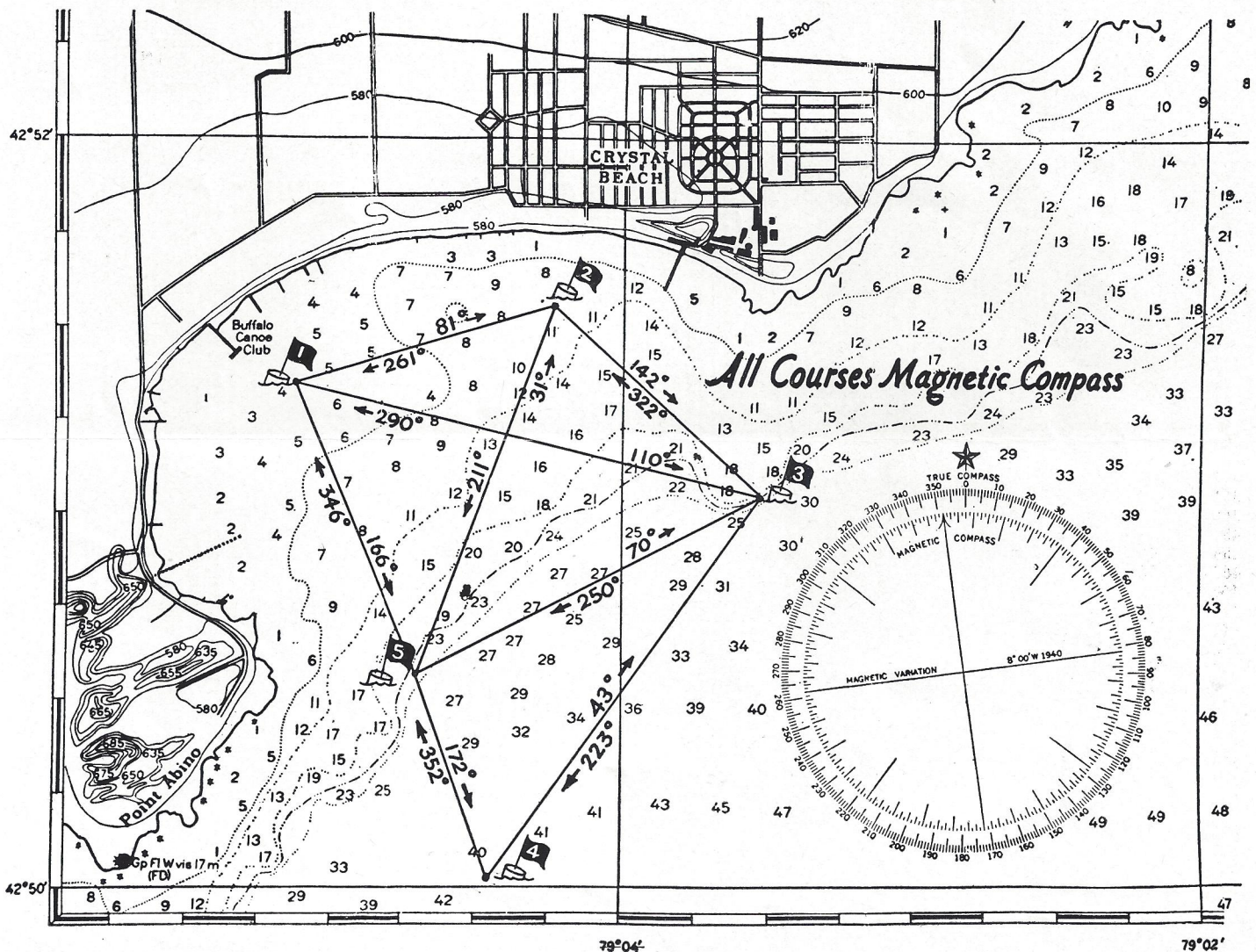
During the second round the breeze remained fairly steady but variable. Somewhere along the line, we couldn't be sure where, Al Moore and Dr. McIntosh were passed by Ted Maher and Karl Smither, with Walt Swindeman mov-

ing up. The finishes were Maher, first, with Karl Smither, second, 1 minute, two seconds later; Dr. McIntosh, third, 1 minute, 8 seconds after Smither; Al Moore, fourth, 35 seconds later; Walt Swindeman, fifth, 1 minute, 21 seconds later; Bill Straub, sixth, 1 minute, 26 seconds later, and Dave Berry, seventh, 12 seconds later.

Maher sailed the course, six miles, in 2 hours, 15 minutes, 25 seconds, a slow race due to the calm on the first round.

## FINAL RACE

By Saturday afternoon the breeze had shifted more southerly and was variable out of the Southwest. Trying to have a windward start, Shorty Holzworth finally decided on course 1—5—2 twice around as the best bet and correct he was. As there were a number of skippers holding an excellent chance to win the Championship—Maher 65 points, Moore 60 points, Swindeman 60 points, McIntosh 59 points, and Smither 57 points—the start of the last race was bound to be closely contested. Many skippers were early at the line and a few seconds before the start saw a sea of luffing sails. Dave Cluett, endeavoring to make up for the morning race was but a few inches from the line when the gun sounded, but did not have much way on and was rapidly dropped behind by the skippers who arrived at the line hard on. Maher also was anxious and right beside Cluett, while Karl Smither was just early enough to have to jibe for a second try. As a result John Stern was out in front of the fleet on the first leg.



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At the second mark (mark 2) on the first round, Jack Orelup had worked into the lead with Luchtenberg, second, Cluett, third, Moore, fourth, Smither, fifth, Stern, sixth, and Maher, seventh. It was still anyone's championship. Orelup lost two boats as a result of having trouble dropping his spinnaker, and Jean Bowen, rounding twelfth, had plenty of trouble as her jib fouled. Chuck Siferd passed five boats when he obtained an overlap at the mark.

For the next four legs the racing was nip and tuck with everything depending on the skill of the leading skippers and crews. As the boats ran down on the spinnaker leg the second time around, everyone realized that barring accidents, Ted Maher was the new champ, because he was in fourth place and pushing Jack Orelup.

The finishes were Luchtenberg, 4:59:29, Smither, 5:01:41, Orelup, 5:04:26, Maher, 5:05:31, Pfefferle, 5:06:17, Stern, 5:11:30, Dumke, 5:14:35, McIntosh, 5:15:45, and Cluett, 5:17:30. A six mile race, sailed by the winner in 1 hour, 29 minutes, 29 seconds.

## WINNERS

Ted Maher, with an enviable record of a second, first and fourth, competing against the strongest field ever racing in Lightning competition, won the Championship with 95 out of a total of 99 points. Karl Smither, as could be expected, was right at the top and pushing with 89 points. Dr. John S. McIntosh, a newcomer as a skipper in National competition, although he has sailed as crew, finished third with 85 points, and is a man to be reckoned with in competition from now on.

Walt Swindeman again proved his mettle by being right in there with a fourth. Albert Moore, fifth, another new skipper in National events, was a danger all the time and could well have won. John Stern is always a threat in any Regatta and a sixth proves it. Bill Walker, just a youngster, started with a bang—a first—but could not quite hold it and finished seventh, a grand start in topnotch competi-

tion. (Incidentally, Bill, Ted Maher finished seventh in 1941 and is now the National Champion.) Dave Berry, also a new name in National Regattas, was in there pitching with an eighth ahead of the 1942 champion Dave Cluett, who finished ninth. Bill Straub finished tenth, not quite up to his record of last year.

## RACING TEAMS

| <i>Fleet</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Skipper</i>    | <i>Crewmen</i>          |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|              | 1          | Donald B. Dolan   | Major T. J. Angell      |
|              | 2          | Dave G. Cluett    | O. W. Roosevelt         |
|              | 3          | John W. Orelup    | George Hull             |
|              | 3          | J. C. Behler VI   | Don Turner              |
|              | 7          | Theodore Maher    | Dave Sinclair           |
|              | 12         | John M. Stern     | Philip Stern            |
|              | 12         | Karl Smither      | Robert Crane            |
|              | 14         | Albert E. Moore   | O. C. Faulkingham       |
|              | 18         | G. B. Tompkins    | R. H. Gaul              |
|              | 19         | Walter J. Crocker | Roy Hanks               |
|              | 19         | Bun Bourne        | Dr. M. G. Bourne        |
|              | 23         | Chuck Siferd      | Mrs. Jean Siferd        |
|              | 24         | Frank W. Zurn     | Jack Quinn              |
|              | 24         | William Walker    | James Walker            |
|              | 30         | L. Ladenburger    | Howard Dart             |
|              | 33         | G. C. Johnston    | Mrs. G. C. Johnston     |
|              | 34         | Dave Berry        | Wm. J. Moriz            |
|              | 39         | Carver C. Dumke   | Dr. A. C. Dumke         |
|              | 39         | J. L. Jova        | Idda Jova               |
|              | 42         | Art. C. Burtscher | Harold Crites           |
|              | 42         | W. Swindeman, Jr. | Walt Vogel              |
|              | 43         | Russ Luchtenberg  | Mary J. Luchtenberg     |
|              | 44         | Harold Hutchens   | Bill Place              |
|              | 45         | Gordon Schuller   | Carl G. Schuller        |
|              | 46         | Wm. A. Straub     | Bert Wiedel             |
|              | 46         | John McIntosh     | Herb. Sinnhoffer        |
|              | 47         | Gordon Meyer      | Fred Embury             |
|              | 50         | Wm. P. Welch      | P. N. Ross              |
|              | 52         | Karl Seeman       | Ed. Crane               |
|              | 56         | C. N. Crall       | Chester Parks           |
|              | 57         | F. H. Pfefferle   | Jack Siekmann           |
|              | 58         | Alex Dougan       | Joseph Grimmig          |
|              | 59         | Jean Bowen        | Bernard Starck          |
|              |            |                   | Robert Waterbury        |
|              |            |                   | J. J. Ryan, Jr.         |
|              |            |                   | Elroy Hull              |
|              |            |                   | Norman Ottley           |
|              |            |                   | Don Kelley              |
|              |            |                   | Russell W. Crawford     |
|              |            |                   | Reginald H. Pegruin     |
|              |            |                   | Granville Dyer          |
|              |            |                   | H. E. Geissinger        |
|              |            |                   | Chester Johnson         |
|              |            |                   | Barry Bourne            |
|              |            |                   | Peggy Siferd            |
|              |            |                   | Paul B. Root, Jr.       |
|              |            |                   | Richard Loesel          |
|              |            |                   | Frank Fisher            |
|              |            |                   | Rita Carmany            |
|              |            |                   | Hank Magierski          |
|              |            |                   | Thomas Plimley          |
|              |            |                   | Henry J. Abreu          |
|              |            |                   | Cal Yandas              |
|              |            |                   | Al. Burns               |
|              |            |                   | Bob Harrison            |
|              |            |                   | Eleanora Place          |
|              |            |                   | Ralph Wightman          |
|              |            |                   | A. Marquardt            |
|              |            |                   | Bus. Reichard           |
|              |            |                   | Harry Brown             |
|              |            |                   | Ensign Katherine Graff, |
|              |            |                   | U.S.N.R.                |
|              |            |                   | Jack Bartlett           |
|              |            |                   | Delano Lawson           |
|              |            |                   | Marilyn Pfefferle       |
|              |            |                   | Donald Dougan           |
|              |            |                   | Herman Haller           |

## SUMMARY OF BOAT DRAWING AND FINISHING RESULTS

### Competing Boats National Lightning Regatta September 8-9, 1944 RESULT OF DRAWING

| Boat No. | Fleet No. | Owner                            | Boat Name         | 1st Race    | Pts. | 2nd Race    | Pts. | 3rd Race    | Pts. | Total |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------|
| 32       | 12        | W. H. Church, J. W. Johnson..... | SHINE .....       | Swindeman   | 31   | Hutchens    | 15   | Meyer       | 3    | 49    |
| 79       | 46        | J. S. McIntosh.....              | BLUE JACKET ..... | Meyer       | 12   | Walker      | 18   | Smither     | 32   | 62    |
| 85       | 12        | J. E. Seubert.....               | FIREFLY .....     | Bowen       | 13   | Orelup      | 3    | Moore       | 23   | 39    |
| 132      | 46        | J. Watkins .....                 | PHANTOM .....     | Straub      | 23   | Tompkins    | 14   | Burtscher   | 19   | 56    |
| 246      | 12        | A. F. Logan.....                 | BARDUC .....      | Schuller    | 27   | Welsh       | 22   | Seeman      | 9    | 58    |
| 276      | 59        | Jean Bowen .....                 | JAY BEE .....     | Walker      | 33   | Straub      | 28   | Stern       | 28   | 89    |
| 354      | 12        | F. P. Weyler.....                | WILDCAT .....     | Stern       | 24   | Zurn        | 26   | Welsh       | 7    | 57    |
| 364      | 24        | F. W. Zurn.....                  | MELMAR .....      | Behler      | 18   | Swindeman   | 29   | Pfefferle   | 29   | 76    |
| 366      | 12        | H. Hutchens .....                | JOSHUA .....      | Ladenburger | 9    | Crall       | 19   | Swindeman   | 24   | 52    |
| 456      | 59        | E. C. Johnson.....               | OLIVE M .....     | Moore       | 30   | Berry       | 27   | Crocker     | 11   | 68    |
| 458      | 46        | E. J. Hamilton.....              | QUEST .....       | Berry       | 20   | Siferd      | 4    | Behler      | 0    | 24    |
| 467      | 12        | R. W. Graf.....                  | RAMPAGE .....     | Orelup      | 26   | Ladenburger | 13   | Jova        | 15   | 54    |
| 469      | 12        | E. C. Roseberry.....             | JUDITH .....      | Burtscher   | 19   | Moore       | 30   | Dolan       | 17   | 66    |
| 470      | 52        | K. Seeman .....                  | BOBBY II .....    | Pfefferle   | 22   | Meyer       | 9    | Dougan      | 16   | 47    |
| 471      | 12        | S. Thompson III.....             | SLALOM .....      | Crocker     | 6    | Dolan       | 25   | Johnston    | 5    | 36    |
| 472      | 12        | P. S. Savage.....                | TOMAHAWK .....    | Jova        | 16   | Cluett      | 12   | Zurn        | 13   | 41    |
| 508      | 46        | W. A. Straub.....                | CYGNUS .....      | Luchtenberg | 8    | Maher       | 33   | Walker      | 22   | 63    |
| 519      | 12        | F. D. & J. Leopold.....          | ALBATROSS .....   | Dougan      | 21   | Smither     | 32   | Cluett      | 25   | 78    |
| 520      | 19        | M. G. Bourne.....                | CUTTY SARK III..  | Cluett      | 29   | Stern       | 24   | Maher       | 30   | 83    |
| 521      | 19        | W. J. Crocker.....               | VULCAN .....      | Johnston    | 2    | Jova        | 10   | Hutchens    | 20   | 32    |
| 573      | 12        | J. H. Betz.....                  | PASTIME .....     | Zurn        | 11   | Pfefferle   | 6    | Schuller    | 18   | 35    |
| 574      | 12        | A. F. Eby, P. S. Hedley.....     | GINGER .....      | Smither     | 25   | Luchtenberg | 21   | Straub      | 12   | 58    |
| 584      | 46        | E. S. Coy.....                   | DAISY MAE .....   | Dolan       | 17   | Bourne      | 11   | McIntosh    | 26   | 54    |
| 588      | 12        | K. Smither, R. L. Crane.....     | THERMIS TWICE ..  | Bourne      | 15   | Bowen       | 20   | Dumke       | 27   | 62    |
| 589      | 24        | W. Walker.....                   | JIMBIL II .....   | Dumke       | 14   | McIntosh    | 31   | Tompkins    | 4    | 49    |
| 680      | 12        | J. M. Stern, R. L. Wood.....     | THUNDERBOLT ..    | Siferd      | 0    | Behler      | 23   | Orelup      | 31   | 54    |
| 693      | 12        | C. Pearson, Jr.....              | LIVELY LADY ..... | McIntosh    | 28   | Schuller    | 5    | Ladenburger | 10   | 43    |
| 739      | 12        | A. F. Reif.....                  | ALGLO II .....    | Maher       | 32   | Seeman      | 7    | Luchtenberg | 33   | 72    |
| 746      | 12        | C. & H. Kolb, W. O'Hern.....     | DAUNTLESS .....   | Tompkins    | 4    | Johnston    | 8    | Crall       | 14   | 26    |
| 748      | 12        | R. Wallace.....                  | .....             | Seeman      | 5    | Crocker     | 1    | Bowen       | 8    | 14    |
| 750      | 12        | D. E. Weaver.....                | BUCKO .....       | Welsh       | 7    | Burtscher   | 16   | Bourne      | 6    | 29    |
| 752      | 59        | F. A. Winters.....               | WHIZZERBOO .....  | Crall       | 10   | Dumke       | 17   | Siferd      | 2    | 19    |
| 829      | 44        | William Place.....               | MISPLACE II ..... | Hutchens    | 3    | Dougan      | 2    | Berry       | 21   | 26    |





TED MAHER AND CREW  
AFTER WINNING NATIONAL CROWN

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MEASURER

As a result of the opinions expressed at the Annual Meeting, Vice President and Chief Measurer John W. Orelup is planning to publicize all measured Lightnings so that the entire membership will know which are the measured boats. The Year Book will indicate in the Registry just which Lightnings are measured and which are not. There are only 506 measured Lightnings out of 1215. Let's make it 750 by the time the Year Book goes to press next spring. Write John W. Orelup, 1 Cross Gates, Short Hills, N. J., if you have any questions.

## FUTURE FLASHES

This is the last issue of FLASHES from the City of New York. Hereafter, and regularly, FLASHES will come from the office of Secretary-Treasurer Len Ladenburger. You can help by continuing to send in material for publication. Ted Maher, the new Champion, has promised to write his version of the 1944 Regatta for publication soon. More material is needed—mail to Leonard Ladenburger, 37 Cass St., South Haven, Michigan. Every little item counts—every photograph is welcome.



CHAMPION TED MAHER WITH CREWMAN  
DAVE SINCLAIR AND DON KELLEY



## ANNUAL MEETING

Ted Siferd, Association President, called the annual meeting to order on Friday night, September 8, 1944. There was a roll call of the fleets. Vice Presidents Jack Orelup, Len Ladenburger, and Al Dumke, and Secretary-Treasurer Trenary were present. Vice President and Chief Measurer A. J. Webb, was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

The written report of Chief Measurer Webb was read showing a total of 506 Lightnings measured. Mr. Webb recommended that a complete study of the measurement problems of the class be reviewed by a committee. There was a full discussion of the problems involved with many of the members taking part. It was finally resolved that all measurement questions be referred to a measurement committee for study and with power to act.

Several questions concerning interpretations of rules and by-laws were brought up and it was recommended that a rules committee be appointed by the President to study the rules and by-laws, issue interpretations and make such changes as are deemed necessary by the committee.

Some of the points to be decided upon by these committees are: Should the rules be changed to permit the use of spinnakers made of nylon weighing less than two ounces—should the straight line mast rule be changed—should measuring tolerances be changed—should the method of issuing measurement certificates be changed—define what is meant by temporary relief—can a whisker pole be used and, if so, what are the limitations—should the defending National Champion always be permitted to race and defend his title whether he qualifies in his fleet or not—etc.

The Secretary-Treasurer made a financial report, a summary of which appears elsewhere in this issue of FLASHES. He also reported the formation of nine new fleets during the past year and pointed out the tremendous increase in paid memberships during the year as follows:

### September 10, 1943

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Active members .....         | 127 |
| Active co-owner members..... | 4   |
| Associate members .....      | 31  |
| Isolated members .....       | 2   |

TOTAL PAID MEMBERSHIP..... 164

### September 6, 1944

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Active members .....         | 577 |
| Active co-owner members..... | 27  |
| Associate members .....      | 205 |
| Isolated members .....       | 8   |

TOTAL PAID MEMBERSHIP..... 817

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The nominating committee reported the following nominations:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Honorary Commodore.....                | Ted Siferd (Fleet 23)                       |
|  | 712 South Main Street, Lima, Ohio           |
| President.....                         | James M. Trenary (Fleet 7)                  |
|  | 45 Wall Street, New York 5, N. Y.           |
| Vice President and Chief Measurer..... | John W. Orelup                              |
|  | (Fleet 3) 1 Cross Gates, Short Hills, N. J. |
| Secretary-Treasurer.....               | Leonard Ladenburger (Fleet 30)              |
|  | 37 Cass Street, South Haven, Michigan       |
| Vice President.....                    | Arthur J. Burtscher (Fleet 42)              |
|  | 3525 Harley Road, Toledo, Ohio              |
| Vice President.....                    | Dwain E. Weaver (Fleet 12)                  |
|  | 1900 Rand Building, Buffalo, N. Y.          |

The nominations were closed and the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for their unanimous election. The ballot was cast and these men were declared duly elected.

## LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Close of Business September 6, 1944

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Cash on hand September 9, 1943.....          | \$1,842.65 |
| Accounts receivable (1943 Year Book Ads).... | 160.00     |
| Reserve for outstanding check.....           | 2.00       |

#### GROSS CURRENT ASSETS ON HAND

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| SEPTEMBER 10, 1943..... | \$2,004.65 |
|-------------------------|------------|

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1943 Regatta announcement..... | \$ 54.75     |
| 1943 Year Book.....            | 551.72       |
| 1943 Regatta flags.....        | 54.22        |
| 1943 Regatta cups.....         | 21.85        |
| Misc. printing .....           | 14.15        |
| Postage .....                  | 40.80        |
| Salary—F. B. Tompkins for      |              |
| September 1943 .....           | 40.00 777.49 |

NET CURRENT ASSETS SEPTEMBER 10, 1943 \$1,227.16

#### RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 10, 1943 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 1944:

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| (31) Associate Dues 1943      |                  |
| Season .....                  | \$ 31.00         |
| (205) Associate Dues 1944     |                  |
| Season .....                  | 205.00 \$ 236.00 |
| (97) Active Dues 1943         |                  |
| Season .....                  | \$ 291.00        |
| (577) Active Dues 1944        |                  |
| Season .....                  | 1,731.00         |
| (27) Co-owners .....          | 27.00 2,049.00   |
| (8) Isolated Dues 1944        |                  |
| Season .....                  | \$ 8.00 8.00     |
| Royalties on plans .....      | 2,701.00         |
| Advertising 1944 Year Book..  | 442.98           |
| Advertising 1945 Year Book    |                  |
| (Sparkman & Stephens)....     | 20.00            |
| Sale of books, royalties on   |                  |
| sails, etc. ....              | 26.60            |
| Gift—Lake Michigan District.. | 20.00            |
| Refund on sale of old post    |                  |
| cards .....                   | 1.66 5,505.24    |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS .....          | \$6,732.40       |

#### DISBURSEMENTS SEPTEMBER 10, 1943 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 1944:

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Blue Prints .....                 | \$ 109.59     |
| Postage, etc. ....                | 501.38        |
| Salaries .....                    | 395.00        |
| Printing & Supplies (Flashes).... | 699.77        |
| Advertisements .....              | 15.60         |
| Lightning Thoughts .....          | 652.03        |
| Year Book 1944.....               | 2,037.17      |
| By Laws Booklet.....              | 144.43        |
| Films 900' for Regatta.....       | 80.67         |
| 1944 Regatta Flags.....           | 49.62         |
| Insurance .....                   | 10.00         |
| Model to N. Y. Yacht Club.....    | 50.00         |
| Dues N. A. Y. R. U.....           | 10.00         |
| Overpayment of Dues.....          | 2.00 4,757.26 |

NET ASSETS SEPTEMBER 6, 1944..... \$1,975.14

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. TREMARY,  
Secretary-Treasurer.



## APPRECIATION TO BUFFALO CANOE CLUB

The hearty thanks of all the officers and members of the Lightning Class Association are extended to the following hard working officers and committeemen of the Buffalo Canoe Club for the best Regatta yet held and for the ship-shape way every detail was conceived and executed.

### BUFFALO CANOE CLUB Officers — 1944

Commodore.....Gilbert R. Blehdon  
Vice-Commodore.....Arthur A. Ward  
Fleet Captain.....Ernest H. Holzworth  
Secretary.....Herbert L. Moershfelder  
Treasurer.....Harry E. Care

#### Directors

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| George J. Hager         | Arthur A. Ward      |
| Edward M. Scheu         | Dwain E. Weaver     |
| Bert F. Wertman         | Harry E. Care       |
| Richard N. White        | Ernest H. Holzworth |
| James B. Wilson         | Allan F. Reif       |
| Gilbert R. Blehdon      | Ferris T. Wentworth |
| Herbert L. Moershfelder | Fred P. Weyler      |

John M. Stern

### National Regatta Committee

#### Chairman and Assistants

Dwain E. Weaver, 1900 Rand Bldg., Buffalo 3, N. Y.  
Ernest H. Holzworth      Edward M. Scheu

#### Publicity and Printing

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Fred P. Weyler | Karl Smither         |
| R. B. Warman   | Herbert M. Hill, Jr. |
| Adam F. Eby    | Reginald H. Pegrum   |

## HIGHLIGHTS

We are delighted to mention that a few of the committee on the committee boat anchored off mark 5 in the first race, began to turn green before the race was over—there was a sea.

Ted Maher, the new champion, began his Lightning career in the 1940 Nationals, when he crewed for one of the Riverside entries. His debut was marked by being knocked overboard when the skipper allowed an accidental jibe near the finish line, and without warning. Ted then skippered in the 1941 Nationals and finished seventh in a fleet of 25. At one point in the present series Ted thought he was lost when the crew started to drop the main instead of the jib. It's difficult on the crew when different boats are sailed and their halliards lead on different sides.

Mrs. Karl Smither suggested the Association should provide more prizes in a National Regatta, and we think she is right. Next time we will, and especially provide prizes for the winning crews.

Four out of seven District Secretaries were present, Granville Dyer, Ernest Hamilton, Karl Smither and Walt Swindeman.

## A NEW HONOR

Critchell (Bob) Rimington, Associate Editor of Yachting, and Boris Lauer-Leonardi, Editor of Rudder, were on hand to see the Regatta for themselves and not depend upon second hand reports. Both Boris and Bob made a big hit with everyone. If they enjoyed themselves as much as we did having them, then we can call it a perfect weekend. Thanks to you Boris and Bob.

## INVITATION TO AUTHORS

The Association will welcome articles written by Lightning Skippers or crewmen on any subject pertaining to tuning, handling, racing, cruising or maintaining a Lightning, as well as on any subject relating to Lightning affairs. One immediate need is an article, with sketches, on how to build a trailer for a Lightning. It is everyone's hope that next year we can trail our own boats to Regattas, so a trailer article would be timely.

## Photography

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Herbert L. Moershfelder | Sheldon Thompson, Jr. |
| Adam F. Eby             | Walter E. Bertling    |

## Transportation and Customs

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Edwin C. Roseberry | Benjamin Rath         |
| William C. O'Hern  | Frederic H. Federlein |

## Information and Lodgings

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Arthur A. Ward | Fred J. De Mars    |
| Carl J. Kolb   | Theodore C. Knight |
|                | Robert Maytham     |

## Measurement of Sails

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Harry E. Care  | William J. McGennis |
| Robert W. Graf | Warren Hunt         |
|                | Austin F. Logan     |

## Boats and Repairs

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Robert L. Crane | Philip Stern        |
| Arthur C. Betz  | W. Russell Crawford |
|                 | John E. Seubert     |

## Dock and Boat House

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Allan F. Reif | Benjamin Rath |
|---------------|---------------|

## Coast Patrol and Safety

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Robert J. Woods | R. B. Warman            |
| Oscar L. Miller | Alfred F. Crone         |
|                 | Herbert L. Moershfelder |

## Entertainment

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Fred P. Weyler, Chairman | Karl Smither       |
| Dr. Francis D. Leopold   | Theodore C. Knight |

## Scorekeepers

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Freda Pegrum | Ida G. Smither |
|--------------|----------------|

## CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT REGATTA

Lack of entries and enthusiasm made the cancellation of this regatta a necessity. Come on, Central New York, show us what you can do next year.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The B.C.C. Photography Committee was certainly on the job. They followed the races and took 1,000 feet of 16 MM kodachrome for the Association, as well as many hundreds of feet on their own account. In addition, many still photographs were taken of the races, the skippers and crews, and inside events.

The movie films will take some months to process, but they will be made available to fleets for showing just as soon as possible, and on the same basis as heretofore, the cost of postage and insurance. Still photographs will be published from time to time.

## PARTIES AND PRIZES

After the last race on Saturday there was a cocktail party for skippers, crews and guests with Buffalo's two former champions, Karl Smither and John M. Stern, as hosts. Following this, there was a banquet at which time the trophies and prizes were awarded.

Each participating skipper received a plaque to be affixed to his boat, noting his participation in the National Regatta. Flags were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each of the three races, as well as for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Series. Unique in Wartime Regattas, silver prizes were awarded to the owners of the three boats which scored the highest number of points in the series—won by Jean Bowen, Dr. M. G. Bourne and Dr. F. D. and J. Leopold, respectively.

As the climax, Ted Maher and his crew, Dave Sinclair and Don Kelley, were called to the microphone, and the large National Championship bowl, with its accompanying miniature bowl, was awarded. Ted, Dave and Don received a tremendous ovation.

Dancing followed.



## LIGHTNINGS SAILED IN REGATTA

We remain amazed at the wholehearted cooperation of Lightning owners in the Buffalo area. Boats were trailed in and sailed in under much difficulty and strain, but 33 measured boats were on hand and ready to sail. Buck Weaver and his associates must have been as grateful as we are, because they conceived the unique idea of giving prizes to the owners of the winning boats as well as to winning skippers. If we could we would give 33 boat owners a prize, but we can't, and instead we print elsewhere a summary of the boats used and their performance.

## HURRICANE DAMAGE

The hurricane which hit the Atlantic Seaboard on September 14th raised hob with yachts up and down the coast, including Lightnings. Reports are coming in that much damage was done; the most prevalent report being that of lost masts. Every Lightning in Western Connecticut Fleet 7 was dismasted, and one broke loose from its moorings, hit the rocks, and is a total loss.

If you are among the unfortunate, save your sail track and fittings. A new mast will be easier to obtain than the fittings.

## BOUQUET FROM THE SPREADER

The Spreader is the official organ of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association. It is edited by Commodore D. E. Hobelman of Chicago, and gives a complete illustrated coverage of all yachting activity on Lake Michigan.

Our thanks go to The Spreader and its editor for the following paragraph appearing in the August 1944 issue:

"Much of the above data is compiled from *Lightning Flashes*, an excellent house organ printed at regular intervals, and which contains worth while news about Lightnings, their owners, clubs, etc. There are few publications of its type more complete or reliable."

## VISITORS FROM AFAR

When you get a Lightning enthusiast you really get something. W. E. (Bill) Schwartz of Topeka, Kansas, owner and skipper of Ann S., the only Lightning at present on Lake Shawnee, turned up at Buffalo Canoe Club to see what kind of people make up this Lightning gang. Bill received a

great hand from everyone and we hope he likes us as much as we like him. Bill, by the by, won the season's handicap championship on Lake Shawnee, and promises to get more Lightnings on the lake so he can sail in class races and participate in the next Nationals.

We are sure we met Walter Wellman of Madison, Wisconsin, in Buffalo, but then he disappeared. We wanted reports on the likelihood of a fleet at Madison as well as a good gabfest.

A hearty welcome was also extended to William H. Rothe, a lone wolf Lightning sailor on the lower Hudson River. Bill promises a fleet at Ossining, N. Y., soon.

## FLEET REPORTS

We urge all fleet officers to prepare their reports of activities for the past season and send them in to Secretary Len Ladenburger just as soon as possible. Reports should contain a complete list of fleet memberships, boat numbers, boat names, owners, results of races, fleet officers, fleet champion and runner-up, details of any interesting occurrences during the summer, and action photographs taken recently. Give too much rather than too little. It will help make the 1945 Year Book more interesting than ever and it will provide material for magazine publicity.

## REGATTAS FOR 1945

Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside, Conn., home of Ted Maher and Fleet 7, is already making plans for the National Regatta next Fall. Commodore Clifton A. Hipkins and Race Committee Chairman Russell J. Nall, have their heads together early. Riverside was host for the 1940 Nationals, the 1942 Southern New York and New England District Championship, and the 1944 Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta.

Shore Acres Yacht Club on Barnegat Bay, New Jersey, home of J. Carl Behler VI, is making preliminary investigations into holding the 1945 Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta.

South Haven Yacht Club, South Haven, Michigan, Len Ladenburger's home club, has already given the go ahead for the 1945 Lake Michigan District Championship.

We still must hear from Central New York and Lake Erie Districts, but we feel certain events will be arranged. Next summer is still a year away.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Beginning at once all general correspondence, fleet reports, dues payments, inquiries, orders for plans or literature, etc., should be addressed to

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Secretary-Treasurer

37 Cass Street South Haven, Michigan

All correspondence regarding measuring, measurement certificates, substitute materials, etc., should be addressed to

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